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Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki thought for a while, and then said: "Let the 22nd Artillery Regiment, the 100th Division Artillery Team and the 102nd Division Artillery Team get ready and go into battle in half an hour!"

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander." Major General Tomokami Miharuru replied.

The 22nd Field Artillery Regiment is an artillery unit under the 16th Division. As the artillery under the four-unit division, it is powerful, equipped with 36 75mm field guns and 12 120mm howitzers.

As for the artillery teams of the 100th Division and the 102nd Division, their strength is relatively weak. Because the strength of the 100th Division and the 102nd Division is also relatively weak. There are two infantry brigades under each of these two divisions, but there is no wing formation. Under each infantry brigade, there are four independent infantry brigades and communications teams. The artillery team under the division is only as strong as the artillery team of the independent mixed brigade, equipped with 12 75mm mountain guns and 6 75mm field guns. The reason is that these two divisions were upgraded from independent mixed brigades. This makes them stronger than independent mixed brigades, but they cannot be compared with normal divisions. Even the three-unit division is stronger than them.

While the artillery of the island country army was performing, the artillery of the German army was also busy. The 23rd Heavy Artillery Brigade, the 227th Infantry Division, the 229th Infantry Division, plus the artillery of the 225th Infantry Division and the 228th Infantry Division, are all adjusting their design orientations, preparing to give the artillery of the Japanese Army a hard time.

Less than five minutes after the artillery of the island country army ravaged, the German artillery had completed its preparations.

"Fire!" With the order of Major General Abraham, the commander of the 23rd Heavy Artillery Brigade, the German artillery immediately started shelling.

The 72 210mm heavy artillery pieces of the 23rd Heavy Artillery Brigade fired first.

These self-propelled guns have orange flames shining from the muzzle. One after another, the heavy shells have already flown out. With the help of an automatic loader, these 210mm self-propelled howitzers can fire at a rate of two rounds per minute.

Immediately after, the artillery belonging to the four infantry divisions opened fire. 72 150mm heavy howitzers, 144 105mm light howitzers and 216 75mm field guns. These artillery pieces all started shelling. So much so that shells hit the artillery positions of the Japanese army like raindrops.

"Whoo! Whoo! Whoo!" One after another, the shells flew in the air at high speed, rubbed against the air violently, and made a sharp whistling sound.

"The enemy's shelling!" The artillerymen of the island army raised their heads in horror, looking at the shells falling from the sky.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The shells fell like raindrops, and the sound of explosions sounded one after another.

I saw the artillery positions of the island country army completely covered by artillery fire. The cannons were destroyed in the explosion. The artillerymen were blown to pieces. Those artillerymen who were lucky enough not to be killed by the bombing scattered in all directions, running faster than rabbits.

Under the guidance of the calibration aircraft in the sky, the German artillery shells could accurately hit the artillery positions of the Japanese Army, causing very heavy casualties to the artillery of the Japanese Army.

Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki watched this scene with a livid face. He just praised their powerful artillery, but in a blink of an eye, their artillery was destroyed! This is undoubtedly a blatant slap in the face.

As for Lieutenant General Kobayashi Asaburo, head of the 30th Division, and Lieutenant General Hojo Tenkichi, head of the 54th Independent Mixed Brigade, their hearts were bleeding even more. The loss is all their artillery! What's more terrible is that without the fire support of the artillery, if the infantry alone launches an attack, I am afraid that all their troops will be lost, and they will not be able to break through the German defense line!

Lieutenant General Keisuke Fujie, Commander of the 16th Division, Lieutenant General Jiro Harada, Commander of the 100th Division, and Lieutenant General Fukuei Shinpei, Commander of the 102nd Division, all looked unsightly. Although it is the artillery of the 30th Division and the independent mixed 54th Brigade that is lost now. But everyone knew that soon it would be their artillery turn. The German artillery is so powerful, which naturally makes them feel lingering fear.

"Baga!" Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku couldn't help cursing.

"How could the German artillery be so powerful? Such a large crater was definitely caused by heavy artillery!" Suzuki Sosaku said with a livid face.

"Your Excellency, the German artillery has always been powerful. It has been famous all over the world since the last world war. Now, the German artillery has undoubtedly become even stronger!" Major General Tomochi Miharuru said.

"Your Excellency, if we fight the artillery with the Germans, we may not be their opponents at all. Even if we gather the artillery of the entire front army, we may not be able to win. Especially in terms of large-caliber heavy artillery, it is difficult for us to compete with the Germans." Contest!" Lieutenant General Fujie Keisuke said.

The artillery of the island country army is indeed much worse than that of the German army. The general divisions are almost all equipped with 75mm mountain guns and 75mm field guns. Only a small number of divisions were equipped with 120mm howitzers. These 120mm howitzers seem to have a larger caliber than the German 105mm light howitzers. However, the power is at most comparable to the German 105mm howitzer. This is the same as the Russian Army in that it can only increase its caliber to increase its power when there is no technical solution. As for larger caliber artillery, only the Independent Field Heavy Artillery Wing or the Independent Heavy Artillery Brigade are equipped with

150mm heavy howitzers. And these 150mm heavy howitzers are probably even worse in performance than the German 150mm heavy howitzers.

In the current Southern Army, there is no independent field heavy artillery wing or independent heavy artillery brigade. This made it impossible for the island army to compete with the powerful artillery of the German army on the battlefield.

"Can we just watch the German artillery ravage?" Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku asked.

All the generals fell silent.

"Your Excellency, to deal with the German artillery, the only way to deal with the German artillery is to dispatch the Army Air Force to bombard it. Or the Navy dispatched capital ships to bombard it with naval guns." Rear Admiral Tomokami Miharuru said bravely.

However, these two methods are obviously not feasible. The Army Air Corps of the island country cannot even seize air supremacy. If bombers are dispatched, they will only become the target of the Luftwaffe's fighter force.

As for the Navy's main fleet, it will not be so easy to participate in the war. Not only did they have to guard against the German Navy, but they also had to guard against the German Air Force.

It took only ten minutes for the German artillery to launch a counterattack, and the 30th Field Artillery Wing of the Japanese Army and the 54th Independent Artillery Brigade had been completely lost.

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"Contact with the Army Air Corps and tell them that we need fire support! If we can't destroy the German artillery positions, we don't know how many people will die under their artillery fire!" Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki ordered loudly.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander." Major General Tomokami Miharuru replied.

"In addition, let the front army also contact the navy. It would be great if the navy can dispatch capital ships to destroy the German artillery positions." Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki continued.

Although he knows that it is undoubtedly very difficult for the navy of the island country to take risks. However, there is no other way, the dead horse can only be treated as a living horse doctor.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander." Major General Tomomi Haru nodded.

A communications officer immediately sent a telegram to request support from the Front Army Command. However, all the army generals of the island country knew very well that such a request for help would probably not have any effect. Let alone Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma, the commander of the 14th Front Army, there is nothing he can do. Even General Hisao Nishio, the commander of the Southern Army, probably has no way to solve such troubles.

"Your Excellency, Commander, do the 22nd Field Artillery Regiment, the 100th Division Artillery and the 102nd Division Artillery still need to enter the battlefield?" Major General Tomomi Haru asked.

Suddenly, Lieutenant General Fujie Keisuke, Lieutenant General Harada Jiro, and Lieutenant General Fukue Shinpei all gave Major General Tomokami Miharuru a vicious look. Knowing that the German artillery is so powerful, and let their artillery enter the battlefield, wouldn't that let their artillery go to death?

Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki was very angry, but he was not a fool. He knew that if he sent out artillery again, he would undoubtedly send them to their deaths. This is obviously hitting a stone with an egg, and only a fool can do it.

"Not for the time being! Let them dispatch at night. At night, the Germans will not be able to suppress our artillery so easily!" Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku said. At the same time, he raised his head and cast a vicious glance at the school shooting plane in the sky. He knew that the reason why the German artillery shells were able to hit their artillery positions so accurately was because of the school firing planes.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Major General Tomokami Miharuru replied.

The eyes of Lieutenant General Asaburo Kobayashi and Lieutenant General Hojo Tenkichi fell on the face of Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki. Their artillery has been completely lost. So, is there still a need to attack with infantry? If they could choose, they would definitely choose to give up the offense. However, it is a pity that they cannot take the lead. Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku has the final say on everything.

Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki also obviously knew the intentions of the two. However, at this juncture, it is definitely impossible for him to give up the attack. Otherwise, how would he explain to the front army headquarters? Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma asked him to launch an attack without stopping after he arrived at the front line, and to launch an attack at all costs, even if he paid a huge loss, he had to break through the German defense line.

Obviously, the island army intends to launch an attack regardless of casualties in order to defeat the German army.

"Kobayashi-kun, Hojo-kun, let's attack! Even without artillery support, we have to break through the German defenses and defeat them!" Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki said expressionlessly.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Lieutenant Generals Asaburo Kobayashi and Lieutenant General Hojo Tenkichi replied. Facing Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki's orders, they had no way to disobey them, they could only obey them.

"Attack!" The troops of the island country army immediately issued the order to attack.

The 74th and 77th Infantry Regiments under the 30th Division independently formed four infantry brigades under the 54th Brigade. A total of ten infantry brigades supported more than 10,000 people and launched an attack on the German defense line. .

The island army soldiers, wearing khaki military uniforms, lined up in sparse skirmish lines along the road, and launched an attack on the German defense line on the other side of the valley.

It's just that what greeted them was heavy shelling by the German army. As the headquarters of the German 23rd Army, Brunei City has stored a large amount of weapons and ammunition. There is no

need to worry about running out of ammunition. Therefore, the artillerymen threw off their arms and opened fire wantonly. No matter how expensive these shells are, even if they exchange ten shells for the life of an islander, they will not lose money.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The shells fell like raindrops, and there were continuous explosions in the valley.

Soldiers of the island country army were constantly blown up into the air. The shrapnel shot in all directions harvested the lives of these island soldiers.

"Boom!"

A 210mm artillery shell exploded, leaving a large crater on the ground. All the surrounding island soldiers were killed. Remnants of limbs and broken arms flew everywhere, looking very bloody.

"Come on! Break through the German defense line and kill them all!" Countless island soldiers were not frightened by the fierce German shelling. Under the leadership of the officers, they violently attacked the German defense line. Although their bowed legs were not running very fast, no one took half a step back. I have to admit that the courage of these island soldiers during the battle is undoubtedly amazing.

However, courage often does not bring victory. Facing the fierce shelling by the German army, the island army paid a huge price during the offensive. Many soldiers were killed before they even reached the edge of the German defense line. If this continues, the island army will have no other effect at all except for consuming some German artillery shells.

Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki and others hid behind and watched this scene with binoculars. Their faces were ashen, watching their own officers and soldiers being killed in the artillery fire. However, although the loss of the troops was staggering, Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku and others did not have the slightest intention to stop the troops from attacking. In their view, the lives of these ordinary soldiers are not that important. As long as the final victory can be obtained, it doesn't matter even if all of them die.

"Damn it, the German artillery fire is too fierce. Such an attack is no different from death!" Lieutenant General Kobayashi Asaburo couldn't help cursing.

"Mr. Kobayashi, there is no way. I hope the sacrifices of our warriors are meaningful!" Lieutenant General Hojo Tenkichi said.

"Tsk tsk! The islanders are really crazy. Could it be that because they have enough troops, they can send soldiers to die unscrupulously?" Major General Leizer, commander of the German 227th Infantry Division, said with a smile.

"The more islanders die, the better! Even if they are all killed by our shells, I have no objection!" Major General Manteoffel also had a smile on his face.

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"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

When the mortars and grenade launchers on the German positions also started shooting, the island army finally realized what it meant to be raining bullets. Almost the entire valley was enveloped by German shells. Shells fell on almost every inch of the place. Such a high-density explosion made it impossible for the army of the island country that invaded the valley to escape, and people were constantly killed.

"Massacre! This is clearly a massacre!" Lieutenant General Hojo Tengji said with a dark face.

This feeling of watching one's troops being massacred by the enemy with powerful firepower is indeed very uncomfortable, as if bleeding from the heart. The entire independent and mixed 54th Brigade has only six infantry brigades in total. If all the four brigades participating in the attack are lost, it will undoubtedly be a devastating blow to the independent and mixed 54th brigade.

Lieutenant General Asaburo Kobayashi, who was standing beside Lieutenant General Hojo Tenkichi, also had a very ugly expression. As a three-unit division, the 30th Division has only three main infantry regiments. If the 74th and 77th Infantry Regiments were lost, plus the previously lost 30th Field Artillery Regiment, the 30th Division would also be considered a devastating blow.

Under the intensive firepower of the German army, the Japanese Army suffered heavy losses. The more than 10,000 people who invested in the attack were severely injured when they couldn't even reach the edge of the German defense line. If this continues, no matter how many troops they send out, I am afraid they will not be able to break through the German defense line, and they will add more results to the German army.

As the casualties increased, the island army participating in the attack was inevitably defeated. The officers and soldiers of the Japanese army who survived turned around and fled in embarrassment. The shells of the German army almost chased them, and people were constantly killed by shells falling from the sky.

In just half an hour, only a little over one-third of the more than 10,000 people who invested in the attack this time were left. The rest of the people had already died on the battlefield. It can be seen how powerful the German firepower is.

Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki, the commander of the 35th Army, looked very ugly, although the German artillery fire was very fierce, causing a lot of losses to their troops. However, the army eventually collapsed, which made him very dissatisfied. From Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki's point of view, the officers and soldiers of the island country army should fight to the death without retreating. Such a defeat is a complete shame.

"Your Excellency, the German artillery fire is too fierce! If we attack rashly now, our losses will increase!" Lieutenant General Kobayashi Asaburo bit the bullet and explained.

"Kobayashi-kun, this is not the reason for their defeat. I can accept that our troops suffered heavy losses and were even defeated. However, I cannot accept that our troops are greedy for life and afraid of death!" Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki said with a dark face.

Suddenly, the face of Lieutenant General Kobayashi Asaburo turned red. The words of Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki are a complete insult to the entire 30th Division. However, he had no way to refute. Who caused their troops to fail?

"Your Excellency, Commander, why don't we wait until night to launch an attack? In that case, our losses may be smaller." Chief of Staff Major General Tomomi Haru suggested.

Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku thought for a while, but still shook his head: "We have no time! Your Excellency Commander Masahiro Honma asked us to break through the German defense line in the shortest possible time. We can't delay for a moment. Even if the loss is no longer Great, let's fight!"

"However, Commander, if our troops are exhausted, but still unable to break through the German defense line? What should we do?" said Lieutenant General Fujie Keisuke, head of the 16th Division.

Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku glanced at Lieutenant General Fujie Keisuke, and then said: "If all the soldiers are dead, then the officers will go! If all the officers are killed, then the generals will go! In short, as long as there is one alive in the 35th Army People, our offensive will not stop. All I know is that I have been ordered to break through the German defenses regardless of casualties. I don't care about everything else!"

From the words of Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki, one can feel his determination. It can be seen that this time the island army is really going to break through the German defense line regardless of losses.

"Kobayashi-kun, Hojo-kun, continue to attack!" Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Lieutenant General Kobayashi Asaburo and Lieutenant General Hojo Tenkichi could not disobey the order, so they could only continue to send troops to attack.

The other main infantry wing of the 30th Division, the 41st Infantry Wing, and the remaining troops of the other two infantry wings, plus the remaining troops of the independent and mixed 54th Brigade, launched an attack again.

"Go! Kill all the Germans!"

"Empire Onboard! His Majesty Onboard!"

Under the leadership of the officers, the soldiers of those island countries were once again imposing, shouting slogans, and launched an attack on the German defense line. What awaited them was nothing more than heavy German artillery fire.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The shells kept falling, and after almost every shell exploded, it could take the lives of some island army soldiers. It's just the difference between more and less.

Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki watched the whole battle with binoculars from behind. He could clearly see that the officers and soldiers of the Japanese army were torn to pieces by the German artillery shells during the attack. However, Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku didn't have any expression on his face. He was like a hard-hearted devil, constantly sending his troops to die.

"Your Excellency Commander, Your Excellency Commander Masaharu Honma asked about our progress." Major General Tomokami Miharuru reported.

"Tell your Excellency, the battle is continuing, and our warriors are attacking the German defense line without fear of death. However, the German army's firepower is too strong, and it is very difficult to break through the German defense line! We are Work hard. Please rest assured, Commander, we will do our best to launch an attack, and we will definitely be able to break through the German defense!" Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki said.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Major General Tomomi Haru immediately went to send a telegram.

The heads of divisions and brigades under the 35th Army were very upset after hearing Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku's words. This style of play is to let their troops die! Even though the 35th Army has nearly 80,000 troops, if it continues to fight like this, it may not be long before all of them will be lost.

However, they had no way to disobey Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku's order. Even if they were to die, they could only die. In the army of the island country, disobeying the orders of the superiors is an unforgivable taboo.

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The commander of the 14th Front Army Command of the Island Army, Lieutenant General Masaharu Honma, is listening to the report by Lieutenant General Masami Maeda, Chief of Staff of the Front Army.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the 35th Army has launched an attack on the German army. Their attack is very fierce, and the officers and soldiers are also very brave in combat. However, the firepower of the German army is very powerful. They have assembled hundreds of artillery pieces, many of which are of caliber Heavy artillery of more than 200 millimeters. Therefore, the 35th Army suffered a very large loss." Lieutenant General Maeda Masami reported.

Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma nodded. The German army would deploy powerful firepower on the defense line, which did not surprise him. Although this is the first time that the 14th Front has fought against the Germans. But by reading the information about the battle between the Lanyin front army and the German army, we can see how powerful the German army is.

However, even so, Lieutenant General Masharu Honma has great confidence in his troops. After all, the 14th Front Army he led had a total strength of more than 300,000 troops. Not to mention the assistance of the 7th Front Army and the 18th Front Army. Therefore, Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma believes that they will be able to defeat the German army in this battle.

"Send a telegram to Suzuki-kun, asking him to continue to attack, and not let the Germans relax in the slightest. Even at night, they must continue to attack. Even if the entire 35th Army is lost, the attack cannot be stopped. In addition, send a telegram to Yokoyama-kun to make the 41st Army ready. Once the 35th Army loses its combat effectiveness, they will go up!" Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma ordered.

Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma's tactics are very simple, that is, to use their superiority in strength to continuously attack the German army, making the German army exhausted. In this case, no matter how powerful the German defense line is, there will inevitably be loopholes. Once the island country army grasps this loophole, it can break through the German defense line. Lieutenant General

Masahiro Honma believes that under their fierce attack regardless of losses, the German defense line will eventually be broken by them. Of course, such tactics will cause very large casualties of the troops. However, Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma didn't care. As long as he can win in the end, he doesn't care no matter how big the loss is.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Lieutenant General Maeda Masami replied.

At this moment, an officer reported that Lieutenant General Shizuo Tanaka, commander of the 7th Front Army, and Major Tachibana Ayabe, chief of staff, had arrived.

Lieutenant General Masaharu Honma and Lieutenant General Maeda Masami greeted them immediately.

"Tanaka-kun, hello!" Honma Masahiro had a smile on his face. Although the 7th Front Army is now under his control. However, he didn't have a stern expression at all. He hopes to cooperate closely with the 7th Front Army in the next battle and defeat the German army in one fell swoop.

"Honma-kun, let's take a look, how is the situation on the front line?" Lieutenant General Tanaka Shizuki said.

"Tanaka-kun, our attack has already begun. Now, the 35th Army is attacking the German defense line. However, the German firepower is so strong that our losses are very large." Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma said.

"Mr. Honma, it doesn't matter if the loss is a little bigger. As long as we can defeat the Germans in the final battle, everything will be worth it." Lieutenant General Tanaka Shizuki said.

Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma nodded: "I think so too. We have much more troops than the Germans. Therefore, we can withstand greater losses. On the other hand, the Germans, in a short period of time, have no If there is a way to send reinforcements to Nanyang, one loss will be one less. Therefore, even if it continues like this, we will definitely be able to consume them to death in the end. In order to win as soon as possible, I have ordered the front line to launch an attack regardless of losses. "

"Well, Honma-kun, this arrangement is very correct. If there is a need for the 7th Front Army to take action, Honma-kun just order it!" Lieutenant General Tanaka Shizuki said.

"Tanaka-kun, don't worry, the 14th Front Army is fully capable of breaking through the Germans' peace of mind!" Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma said. He seemed very confident in the troops under his command.

Actually, the battle on the front line is already very fierce. At the request of Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki, the 30th Division of the Japanese Army and the 54th Independent Mixed Brigade launched a fierce attack on the German defense line. This caused the two troops to suffer very large losses under the powerful firepower of the German army.

When night fell, Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki gave the order to stop the attack. It's just that at this time, the 30th Division and the independent and mixed 54th Brigade have almost been lost.

However, Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku didn't care about this. In his view, the high-intensity fighting in an afternoon certainly caused a lot of losses to the island army. But at the same time, it also

made the German army very tired. In this case, as long as new troops are deployed to launch an attack in the night battle, the possibility of them breaking through the German defense line is undoubtedly very high.

"Mr. Harada, Mr. Fukui, let the 100th Division and the 102nd Division launch an attack tonight! Do your best to launch an attack. I believe that victory must belong to us!" Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki ordered.

In the battle tonight, General Suzuki Sosaku plans to invest in two divisions at once. Even though the combat effectiveness of the 100th and 102nd Divisions is weaker than that of ordinary divisions. But when the two divisions add up, there are a total of sixteen independent infantry brigades. This is already a very strong force. Under the cover of night, the German army's firepower advantage could not be fully utilized. Therefore, the possibility of the island army winning this battle is undoubtedly very high.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Lieutenant General Harada Jiro and Lieutenant General Fukui Shinpei both replied.

They have also expected that their troops will soon participate in the attack. However, being able to launch an attack at night, they also have great confidence in defeating the Germans.

That night, the 100th and 102nd Divisions of the Japanese Army launched an offensive. The artillery units of these two divisions, together with the 22nd Field Artillery Regiment of the 16th Division, launched a heavy shelling of the German lines.

However, the German artillery then launched a counterattack. Even under the influence of night, the accuracy of shelling is not high. However, relying on the large number of artillery and the larger caliber of the artillery, the German army still easily suppressed the artillery of the island country army. Not only did the army of the island country fail to complete the task of fire support, but it suffered heavy losses.

As a last resort, the 100th and 102nd Divisions of the Japanese Army had no choice but to attack without sufficient fire support. However, the mine arrays and barbed wire fences deployed by the German army had a great impact on them. When blocked, the German army on the ground used powerful firepower to harvest the lives of the Japanese army.

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The 100th Division and 102nd Division under the 35th Army of the Island Army suffered heavy losses in a night of fierce fighting. More than half of the sixteen independent infantry brigades were lost. The remaining independent infantry brigades also suffered heavy losses. It can be said that these two divisions have almost been disabled. The loss is not insignificant!

However, after paying such a large loss, the island army did not get the results they wanted. They still failed to break through the German defenses. It's just that the minefields and barbed wire in front of the line of defense are almost destroyed. Such a result naturally made Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki, commander of the 35th Army of the Japanese Army, very angry.

However, three successive divisions and an independent mixed brigade suffered heavy losses. This made the combat effectiveness of the 35th Army not much left, and only the 16th Division remained with a strong combat effectiveness.

The German army fought for a day and a night, although the losses of the troops were not large. But the officers and soldiers on the front line were very tired. High-intensity combat is a very big test for the physical strength and energy of the soldiers. During the continuous offensive of the Japanese army, the physical exertion of the officers and soldiers was also very serious.

Therefore, after repelling the attack of the island country army, Major General Leizer, commander of the 227th Infantry Division of the German Army, and Major General Manteuffel, commander of the 229th Infantry Division, decided to let the German troops stationed on the second line of defense go to the first line of defense to replace that Two infantry regiments, let them take a good rest. In this case, it is undoubtedly possible to ensure that the combat effectiveness of the troops is in a high state as much as possible, and it will not leave opportunities for the island army.

Lieutenant General Masaharu Honma, commander of the 14th Front Army of the Island Army, also had an uneasy face when he learned that the 35th Army still failed to break through the German defense line despite heavy losses. He had previously boasted in front of Lieutenant General Tanaka Shizuo, commander of the 7th Front Army, claiming that they could break through the German defenses without the help of the 7th Front Army. With the result now, isn't that a slap in the face? However, the 35th Army has lost too much now, and it is no longer suitable for continuing to attack. Otherwise, once the 35th Army is completely lost, I am afraid it will have to withdraw to the country to rest like the Lanyin Front Army.

After careful consideration, Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma ordered the 35th Army to suspend the attack, and let the 41st Army who rushed to the front line take their place and launch the attack. This made Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki and Lieutenant General Keisuke Fujie, head of the 16th Division, heave a sigh of relief. Especially Lieutenant General Fujie Keisuke, he knew that if he continued to attack, the 16th Division would soon follow in the footsteps of several other divisions.

Now being able to withdraw temporarily, this undoubtedly gave them a chance to breathe.

The 41st Army of the Island Army took over the task of the 35th Army and began to attack the German defense line. The 41st Army has relatively fewer troops than the 35th Army. In addition to the 8th Division, which is the main force, there are only a few corps and detachments, including the Fuji heavy corps, the Kobayashi corps, the Matsuoka detachment and so on.

However, in front of the strong defense line of the German army, the role played by the 41st Army is not much stronger than that of the 35th Army.

While the 14th Front Army of the Island Army was fighting the Germans, another Army of the Island Army was advancing westward along the coastal road. The German 226th Infantry Division, on the other hand, built a position on the front line of Beaufort, ready to stop the Japanese army.

Although the 26th Infantry Division has only more than 18,000 people, its strength has also greatly increased after receiving the support of the artillery regiments and field artillery battalions of the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division. Even the 18th Front Army of the Japanese Army has several times their strength. However, the 226th Infantry Division still has the confidence to resist the attack of the Japanese Army.

Of course, this refers to normal circumstances. If there is an element of surprise, then the situation is different. However, those unexpected factors should not be considered by the 226th Infantry Division. The 23rd Army Command has already taken everything into consideration.

It is almost five kilometers from the coastline to Crocker Mountain. The 226th Infantry Division of the German Army spent half a month building a solid line of defense. Deep trenches, fixed firepower points, and artillery positions behind the line of defense make this line of defense extremely powerful. Once the island army launches an attack, the German army will be able to use the fortifications to make the island army smash their heads and suffer heavy losses on their defense line. It's like the 227th Infantry Division and the 229th Infantry Division did it.

"Chief of Staff, is there any news about the islanders?" Major General Friedley asked.

"General, according to the latest information we have received, the forward troops of the islanders have arrived in Bapa, only more than 20 kilometers away from our defense line. It is expected that they will launch an attack on our defense line tomorrow afternoon at the latest "" replied Chief of Staff Brigadier General Georg.

"Tomorrow afternoon? It looks like the battle will start soon. Are our troops ready?" Major General Friedley asked.

When he thinks that the war is coming soon, he has a feeling of excitement. Especially when he learned that the 227th Infantry Division and the 229th Infantry Division fought very well and caused heavy losses to the island army, he couldn't wait to watch the islanders smash their heads in front of their defense line. up.

"General, all units are ready. The 2261st Infantry Regiment is stationed on the first line of defense. The other two infantry regiments, stand ready to replace them. Our Artillery Regiment and from the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division The artillery reinforced by the infantry division is also ready. Once the islanders launch an attack, our powerful artillery will make the islanders pay a heavy price!" Brigadier General Georg said.

"Very good! Where's the navy? Are there any warships from the Islanders nearby?" Rear Admiral Friedley asked.

Their defense lines are all on the coast. Once they are bombarded by the enemy's naval guns, the consequences will undoubtedly be very serious. Whether it is the main guns of battleships or cruisers, they can cause great damage to their troops.

"General, our planes have already searched the nearby waters, and we have not found any ships of the island nation's navy. However, it is still unclear whether the island nation's navy will send warships after nightfall. Our fleet is already arriving. We are on our way. Even if the navy of the island country really dares to come, our fleet can resist them, and even make the navy of the island country pay a heavy price!" Brigadier General Georg replied.

"In this case, we have nothing to fear. We just need to stop the islanders in the next battle!" Major General Friedley said with a smile.

Bapa, a small coastal town in northern Borneo. Now, the whole small town has been surrounded by a piece of khaki. The reason for this situation is entirely because this small town is already crowded with soldiers from the 18th Front Army of the Japanese Army.

The 15th Army under the 18th Front Army of the Island Army has arrived here. Other units of the 18th Front Army are still on the way. However, the 15th Army has 5 divisions, which already account for 70% of all the troops of the 18th Front Army.

15th Army Headquarters, Commander Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro read the information provided by the intelligence department. Chief of Staff Major General Haruki Masamune stood aside respectfully, waiting for Lieutenant General Shojiro Iida's order.

"The Germans are ready. They have built a solid line of defense, and they are waiting for us to hit it. Don't even think about it. Once we launch an attack on the German line of defense, the loss of troops will definitely not be small. Go." Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro said.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander. The Germans have been building their defenses for a long time. Obviously, they have expected us to attack from here. However, no matter how strong the German defenses are, we must attack before we can attack." Alright. The commander of the front army is already urging him." Major General Haruki Haruki said.

Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro nodded. Such arbitrarily relying on military strength and sacrifice to defeat the Germans made him very shameless. However, Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro had no other choice. In the face of the German army with strong combat effectiveness, they have no other way except this way.

Combined with the constant urging of Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura, the commander of the front army, this made them only able to use such brutal tactics to launch an attack.

"Your Excellency, no matter what, the Germans have only deployed one infantry division on the front line of Baofer, with a total strength of less than 20,000 troops. Our 15th Army has five divisions, with a total strength of 100,000 troops." There are more than 80,000 people. We have an absolute advantage in terms of military strength, and it will not be too difficult to defeat the German defense line. Besides, the navy has dispatched a fleet and is rushing to this sea area. If the German defense line is really indestructible, you can also ask the navy to bombard the German defense line with naval guns. I believe that no matter how strong the German defense line is, it will definitely not be able to withstand the bombardment of naval guns!" Chun Shanchun Major General Shu looked confident, as if he was full of confidence in their attack this time.

"For the navy, it would be best not to use them. It is not necessary to ask them for help!" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro said.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Major General Haruki Sayama nodded. As a major general of the army, he is naturally very aware of the contradictions between the island country's army and navy. Even because of the outbreak of war, the conflict between the army and navy has eased. However, the hatred accumulated by the two sides over the past decades cannot be easily resolved.

"Your Excellency, Commander, a telegram from the Front Army Command!" A communications officer walked in and reported.

Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro took the telegram and looked at it, and his face was a little unsightly.

"What's the matter? Your Excellency, Commander." Major General Haruki Sayama asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander of the Front Army, asked us to launch an offensive before tomorrow. It seems that the 14th Front Army's **** encounter in front of the German defense line has made Your Excellency, Commander, feel the pressure." Lieutenant General Shojiro Iida said .

Major General Satoyama Haruki nodded, agreeing with Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro's statement.

"Order the troops to speed up the march! We must arrive at Baofu before tomorrow morning. We will start fighting in the afternoon! This time, we must defeat the Germans! What the 14th Front Army cannot do, our 18th Front Army may not be able to do." No!" On the contrary, Lieutenant General Shojiro ordered.

"Hi, Commander!"

On the contrary, after Lieutenant General Shojiro's order was issued, the 15th Army of the Japanese Army accelerated its march. The 4th Division, 72nd Division, 73rd Division, 81st Division and 84th Division under its jurisdiction all ensured that they could arrive at the battlefield in time.

On the morning of April 13, the 15th Army of the Japanese Army arrived in Beaufort.

On the contrary, Major General Shojiro ordered the troops to rest for a while, and then began to attack the defense line of the German 226th Infantry Division.

The 5 divisions under the 15th Army all have their own artillery regiments, including the 4th Field Artillery Regiment, the 72nd Field Artillery Regiment, the 73rd Field Artillery Regiment, the 81st Field Artillery Regiment and the Field Artillery Regiment 84th Wing. There are a total of 5 artillery and field artillery regiments. Even though the field artillery regiments of the subsequent four divisions are relatively small in size, their overall strength is still very strong.

These five field artillery regiments add up to 12 120mm howitzers, 132 75mm field guns, and 112 75mm mountain guns. Such artillery strength is undoubtedly quite powerful.

If the 226th Infantry Division of the German Army had not been reinforced by the artillery of the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division, it might not be as good as the 15th Army of the Japanese Army in terms of the number of artillery.

But now, after the strengthening of the 226th Infantry Division, the artillery strength commanded has been greatly strengthened. Including 54 150mm heavy howitzers, 108 105mm light howitzers and 162 75mm field guns. Not only is it dozens more than the 15th Army of the Japanese Army in terms of the number of artillery pieces. At the same time, the caliber and performance of the artillery are far stronger than the 15th Army of the Japanese Army.

Of course, before the artillery of both sides opened fire, the island army did not know that the artillery of the German 226th Infantry Division had been strengthened.

"Is our artillery ready?" Lieutenant General Shojiro Iida asked.

"Your Excellency, the five field artillery regiments are ready to launch an attack at any time! The five field artillery regiments add up to a total of 254 artillery pieces. We can use powerful artillery to Smash the German defenses!" Major General Haruki Masama said.

"Yo Xi! It would be great if we could directly destroy the German defense line. However, don't be careless. The German artillery is quite powerful!" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro said.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander. Please rest assured, according to the information we have, each infantry division of the Germans is equipped with 18 150mm heavy howitzers, 36 105mm light howitzers and 54 75mm field guns. Strong. However, compared with the entire 15th Army, they are still at a disadvantage!" Major General Haruki Haruki said.

Major General Iida Shojiro looked deeply impressed, and didn't know that their next bombardment was completely hitting a stone with an egg.

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"Fire!" Following the order of Colonel Senribang of the 4th Field Artillery Wing, the 12 120mm howitzers and 36 75mm field guns of the 4th Field Artillery Wing, as well as the four subordinate infantry wing A total of 16 75mm mountain guns fired first.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Shells roared and smashed towards the defense line of the German 226th Infantry Division.

Several other field artillery regiments also started shelling immediately after.

For a while, the guns rumbled, and the shells hit the German positions like raindrops.

"Boom! Boom!"

Shells kept hitting the German defense line, falling like raindrops. Intensive explosions sounded on the German defense line, and the smoke and flames almost enveloped the defense line less than five kilometers long.

Behind the German defense line, Major General Friedley, commander of the German 226th Infantry Division, is watching the battle with a telescope.

"Tsk tsk, more than two hundred cannons, right? The islanders are really willing to spend this time, and actually pulled out all the cannons. Aren't they afraid that we will seize this opportunity and wipe out all their artillery?" There was no worry on Major General Leadley's face. He is still very confident in his own defensive position.

"General, maybe the islanders don't know that the artillery of the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division have been strengthened for us. That's why they dared to launch such unscrupulous bombardment. However, for us, this is undoubtedly It's a great opportunity!" Brigadier General Georg also had a smile on his face.

"Give orders to the artillery, let them seize this opportunity, and launch an attack! This time, we must kill all the artillery of the islanders. After killing their artillery, we will have less pressure in the next

battle. Much more. Especially at night, strong artillery support can allow us to successfully resist the attacks of the islanders!" Major General Friedley said.

The generals of the German army have already grasped the tactics of the Japanese army very clearly. Once they cannot win the battle during the day, they will inevitably choose to attack at night. Only in that way can the islanders give full play to their military advantages.

"Yes, General. However, it is best to send a telegram to the Air Force. Our artillery alone will hardly catch the islanders' artillery. Once they are in a disadvantageous situation, their artillery will definitely evade. If the bombers of the Air Force launch an attack, the effect will be different. Even if all the artillery of the islanders cannot be eliminated, I am afraid there will not be much left for them." Brigadier General Georg suggested.

Major General Friedley nodded: "Then do this, send a telegram to the Air Force for support!"

"Yes, General." Major General Georg immediately went to send a telegram.

At the same time, the German artillery also launched a counterattack.

The 150mm heavy howitzer and 105mm light howitzer, relying on the advantage in range, directly suppressed the artillery positions of the island army. As for the large number of 75mm field guns, they remain silent for the time being. Because of the range, these field guns are not enough to reach the artillery positions of the island army. When the island army launches an attack, their power will be better revealed.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

One by one, the shells flew out of the barrel, and the chemical energy was converted into kinetic energy, allowing these shells to quickly hit the island army's position.

"Whoo! Whoo! Whoo!"

When the sharp and piercing whistle sounded overhead, the expressions of the artillerymen of the island army changed drastically.

"Large-caliber heavy artillery! Eight Ga! This is the German heavy-caliber artillery!"

"Boom! Boom!"

The explosion sounded on the artillery position of the island country army, and the shock wave swept across the entire artillery position. The artillery of the island country army was continuously swept into the sky, just like fallen leaves in the autumn wind.

The cannons of each door were blown up and down during the explosion, and were even blown up directly. The barrels of some cannons have been twisted into a twisted state.

The shells of the German army, as if they had eyes, kept hitting the artillery positions of the Japanese army. Artillery positions one after another were destroyed in the explosion. Not only the cannon suffered heavy losses, but even the artillery also lost a lot.

"Baga! How could this be? How could a German infantry division have so many heavy artillery?" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro said through gritted teeth. Needless to say, the German artillery obviously has much more artillery than an infantry division has.

"Your Excellency, the Germans have obviously deployed other artillery to strengthen the 226th Infantry Division. The German artillery we are facing is stronger than we imagined!" Major General Haruki Shiyama smiled wryly.

"Let our artillery, the artillery that suppresses the Germans, not let them continue to attack like this unscrupulously." Lieutenant General Shojiro Iida ordered.

If they continue to be attacked by the German artillery in this way, I am afraid that it will not be long before their artillery and artillery will be completely lost. In that case, this battle will be even more difficult to fight.

However, Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro soon got a reply that the German artillery positions were far beyond the range of their artillery, and they were simply out of reach. If they want to pose a threat to the German artillery positions, their artillery has to continue to move forward. But in that case, the German army will definitely have more artillery to join in to attack them.

Such a result made Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro very angry. However, he has no other way.

At this time, the fighter planes of the Luftwaffe rushed to the battlefield. Thirty-six dive bombers and thirty-six ground attack aircraft, under the cover of 48 BF-109 fighter jets, launched an attack on the artillery positions of the Japanese Army.

"Woo!"

Accompanied by a sharp and piercing whistling sound, the dive bomber accurately dropped heavy aerial bombs on the artillery positions of the island army.

These aerial bombs weighing 500 kilograms are extremely powerful. A bomb explosion can often severely damage an artillery position, destroy multiple artillery pieces of the Japanese Army, and kill countless artillerymen.

The ground attack aircraft continuously used machine guns and light aerial bombs to attack the artillery positions of the island army, destroying each artillery position one by one.

After the German Air Force joined in, the artillery losses of the island army began to rise sharply. A large number of guns were destroyed and artillerymen were killed.

"Retreat! The artillery is immediately concealed!" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro immediately issued an order. He knew that if he didn't order the artillery to retreat, he might really be wiped out by the German army.

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"Damn it! Bastard! Where's our plane? Why don't they come? Do they really have to wait for us to be killed by German bombers before they come to collect our bodies?" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro was furious.

Watching his own artillery and artillery being continuously destroyed by the bombers of the Luftwaffe, his heart felt as if he was bleeding. The artillery of the island country army is not strong in the first place. After such a large loss, I am afraid that these artillery will be useless in the next battle. In the end, they will have to use the lives of soldiers to pile up, so that they may be able to break through the German defense line. And that kind of tactic is also the tactic that Lieutenant General Shojiro Iida does not want to use.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the fighter planes of the Army Air Force need to take off from the Philippine Islands. Compared with the German fighter planes, they are slower." Major General Haruki Haruki said.

"Hmph! There is no need to explain to those idiots. If we lose to the Germans in the end, those idiots must bear the greatest responsibility!" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro said bitterly.

When the fighter jets of the Army Air Force of the island country arrived late, the dive bombers and ground attack aircraft of the Luftwaffe had completed their mission and evacuated the airspace. Only those BF-109 fighter jets stayed and started an air battle with the fighter jets of the Japanese Army Air Corps. However, the battle was almost as one-sided as ever. The Type 1 fighters and Type 97 fighters of the Japanese Army Air Force are not at all the opponents of the BF-109 fighters of the Luftwaffe. The exchange ratio should be at least one to five.

Under the joint attack of the German Air Force and artillery, the artillery of the 15th Army of the Island Army was almost completely lost. There were more than two hundred cannons, and only a few dozen were left in the end. The rest of the artillery were all destroyed by the Germans. Without these artillery, in the face of the strong defensive positions of the German army, the island army may have to use human lives to fill them.

When the artillery of the island country army withdrew from the battlefield and hid, the artillery of the German army also stopped shelling. Although the German army does not lack artillery shells, it cannot be wasted casually! Those cannonballs can only be regarded as not wasted if they hit the heads of the islanders.

"Your Excellency, what should we do next?" Major General Haruki Sayama asked.

"What else can we do? Order the troops to attack! Your Excellency Commander Nakamura has issued an order to break through the German defense line as soon as possible. Without artillery, we can only fight with our lives!" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro said somewhat helplessly. He didn't like to use such tactics, but when he was forced to do nothing, he could only ignore the lives of the soldiers. This is the normal psychology of the generals of the Japanese army.

Major General Sayama Haruki nodded. If the artillery was still there, it might be possible to use violent shelling to destroy the German defense line. In this way, when attacking, you can pay less loss. However, when the artillery was completely lost, they could only use their lives to pile up. Through the attack regardless of casualties, break through the German defense line.

"Kitano-kun, the 4th Division is the Empire's standing division. Then, the first round of attack will start with the 4th Division! I hope you can break through the German defense line in one go!" Lieutenant General Shojiro Iida ordered .

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Lieutenant General Kenzo Kitano, head of the 4th Division, replied.

The 4th Division is one of the standing divisions of the Japanese Army. It is a powerful division with four main infantry wings. Because most of the officers and soldiers of the 4th Division come from the Osaka area. Therefore, there are rumors that the officers and soldiers of the 4th Division are the sons of merchants, and their combat effectiveness is vulnerable. But in fact, the combat effectiveness of the 4th Division should not be underestimated. Even if it is not as good as the 2nd and 6th Divisions, it is still a powerful division.

After receiving the order from Lieutenant General Shojiro Iida, Lieutenant General Kenzo Kitano gave the order to attack. The 8th Infantry Regiment, the 37th Regiment, the 61st Regiment and the 70th Regiment of the 2nd Division entered the attacking positions in turn.

"The warriors of the empire, for the victory of the empire, charge!"

When the commander gave the order to attack, more than 10,000 officers and soldiers of the island country army marched with bowed legs and launched an attack on the German position. They shouted slogans loudly, as if they didn't know that their artillery suffered a devastating blow just now.

"What a heroic unit! If our artillery is not destroyed, after sufficient artillery preparations, it is enough to easily break through the German defense line!" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro watched the attack of the infantry of the 4th Division, A look of regret. He knew that these attacking troops would definitely be smashed in front of the solid German defense line.

"Yes, Commander! The warriors of the empire are the most fearless. If we have the same sophisticated weapons as the Germans, the final victory will be the imperial army. We can easily defeat the Germans!" Shan Shan Major General Haruki said.

In the opinion of many island country army generals, the main reason why the German army can become the world's number one is undoubtedly that the German army's equipment is the strongest in the world. If this factor is deducted, the island army can easily defeat them. After all, the Japanese army is definitely the most fearless army in war. With such a tenacious will to fight, few countries' armies can confront them.

It's just that this is just their guess, or it's just an excuse for their failure. In this world, there is no real fairness. Germany's technology is advanced, can't the soldiers of the German army be equipped with the same weapons as the island army? That would be unfair to them.

The scene of more than 10,000 people launching an attack is undoubtedly spectacular, especially after the island army launched the "pig sudden attack". The so-called pig sudden attack is to charge forward bravely like a wild boar. The Japanese army has always emphasized offense, and mechanically believes that offense is the only means. Its "Combat Essentials Order" requires all troops to completely "believe" the will to attack, and even if there is a huge difference, they must decisively launch a charge. By the outbreak of World War II, this theory reached its peak.

Material scarcity is the congenital deficiency of the island country. The experience gained by the island country army from the island-Russia war is: a brave spirit and skillful fighting can completely defeat a strong enemy. They believe that the one-sided emphasis on spiritual education for the troops,

high-intensity training, the spirit of dying for the country and brave and fearless attacks are enough to make up for the lack of equipment and materials.

But in fact, this is undoubtedly very ridiculous.

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"It's really spectacular! I have to admit that the charge of the islanders is still very imposing. So many people are brave enough to launch an attack, and the army of an ordinary country can't do it!" Major General Friedley said. admiration.

"General, the islanders are obviously too stupid. Their attack style is completely a living target for our intensive firepower. We can easily slaughter them all with intensive firepower!" Georg said the brigadier general.

"So, it is indeed admirable that the islanders can be so stupid!" Major General Friedley said with a smile.

"Fire!"

Following the order of the German artillery commander, the German artillery, which had been silent for a while, once again began to show off. This time, not only the 150mm heavy howitzers and 105mm light howitzers fired, but those 75mm field guns finally got a chance to perform. Although the shells of the 75mm field gun are not very powerful, there is no doubt that there is no problem in shredding a fragile human body.

"Whoo! Whoo! Whoo!"

The shells shuttled through the air one by one, making a sharp and piercing whistling sound.

The soldiers on the Daoguo Road who were attacking on the ground turned a deaf ear to these whistling sounds, and still charged, as if they were not afraid of these shells falling into their queue at all.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

One by one shells fell into the queue of the island army and exploded violently. The shock wave swept around with shrapnel, reaping the lives of the officers and soldiers of the island army. In the queue of the island country army, there were gaps left.

However, the island country army has a large offensive force, and these gaps are quickly filled.

However, the German shelling was also continuous. Those shells fell like raindrops, constantly taking away the lives of officers and soldiers of the island nation. Many island country soldiers were even torn to pieces in the explosion.

"The German artillery fire is more intense than before!" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro's face was livid. Any general who saw his soldiers being blown to death like this would probably feel bad.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the field artillery of the islanders has also joined in. When dealing with our artillery before, their field artillery did not fire. Now, they pour all their firepower on our infantry." Haruki Masamayama The major general said with an ugly face.

Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro didn't say much, maybe in his heart, he would think that this war was wrong from the beginning. With the strength of the island country army, fighting against the German army that has been armed to the teeth, what is the difference between hitting a stone with a pebble! It's a pity that so many young people have to be sent to the battlefield and let them die with their own hands.

"Come on! Onboard the Empire, onboard His Majesty the Emperor!"

The brave officers and soldiers of the Japanese army are still charging even in the face of heavy German shelling. Their attacks continued until they were killed by shells.

"Mortar, grenadier fire!"

When the officers and soldiers of the island country army finally broke through the German artillery blockade, what awaited them was still continuous firepower. The mortars and grenades of the 2261st Infantry Regiment on the position have already been prepared.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The attack continued, shells and grenades smashed into the ranks of the island army, taking the lives of those island soldiers.

"Machine gun fire! Kill those islanders!"

As the officers and soldiers of the island country army approached the German defense line more and more, the various weapons of the German army also opened fire at various levels.

Large-caliber heavy machine guns, general-purpose machine guns, and squad machine guns started firing one after another. The dense bullets shot at the officers and soldiers of the Japanese army like a storm.

The army of the island country that is attacking frantically, if it hits an invisible wall, countless people will fall to the ground. Their bodies were full of bullet holes. Some island army soldiers were even beaten into sieves.

"Bang! Bang! Bang!"

When the automatic rifles, semi-automatic rifles and sniper rifles in the hands of the soldiers started shooting, the battle had reached its climax. The officers and soldiers of the island army who rushed to the front of the German defense line after paying a heavy price were knocked down to the ground under the intensive firepower and lost their lives. The soldiers of these island countries fell to the ground unwillingly, their eyes could not be closed for a long time, but they had already lost their spirits!

"Go to hell, Germans!" A brave island soldier raised his 38-type rifle and wanted to fire at the German army. However, a German sniper opened fire first. A bullet from a large-caliber sniper rifle hit him in the head, and the whole head exploded. Red and white mixed things are scattered everywhere.

"Massacre, this is no longer a battle, but a massacre!" Lieutenant General Kenzo Kitano, head of the 3rd Division of the Japanese Army, closed his eyes in pain. Those soldiers who were killed were all

young lads! However, for the sake of the empire, they are now dying here, thousands of miles away from their hometown.

"Kitano-kun, there is no way around this. If there is war, there will be death. The firepower of the Germans is too strong. If we want to break through their defense line, we will have to pay a heavy price! As long as we can win, even if we pay more The big price is worth it!" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro said.

Lieutenant General Kenzo Kitano nodded. Indeed, in order to win, casualties are inevitable. However, what if they suffered heavy casualties and still could not break through the German defense line? Isn't that loss in vain? It's just that such words are obviously not something he can say as the head of the division.

The attack of the 4th Division of the Island Army was very violent. But the German defense line is still strong. Just as the rocks on the seaside easily resisted the impact of the waves, they stood still.

When the sky darkened, the four main infantry regiments of the 4th Division had already suffered heavy losses. Until this moment, Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro gave the order to stop the attack. However, the combat effectiveness of the 4th Division is not much left. The losses of several main infantry regiments exceeded 70%. If it were in the West, these troops would have lost their combat effectiveness long ago.

"Chiba-kun, Kawada-kun, you are responsible for the attack at night!" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro gave the order.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander." Lieutenant General Chiba Kumaji and Lieutenant General Kawada Suesaburo replied.

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Lieutenant General Chiba Kumaji and Lieutenant General Kawada Suesaburo are the commanders of the 72nd and 73rd Divisions of the Japanese Army, respectively. It's just that these two divisions are also divisions formed by the island army just before the outbreak of the war, and they belong to the division of the three-unit system. Compared with the 4th Division, which belongs to Type A Division, the strength and strength of the 72nd and 73rd Divisions are both weaker.

However, in the afternoon battle, the 4th Division has been completely lost. Therefore, the battle at night can only be handed over to them.

Although they had already guessed such a result, Lieutenant General Chiba Kumaji and Lieutenant General Kawata Suesaburo were still a little nervous and worried. It can be seen from the battle situation of the 4th Division that there is no difference between their battle and death. The firepower of the German defense line was so strong that the island army's attack had no other effect except for the head-to-head smashing in front of the strong German defense line. Of course, the 4th Division consumed a large amount of German ammunition at a huge cost, and this may be the only effect.

"Chiba-kun, Kawata-kun, take it easy! The Germans consumed a lot of ammunition during the afternoon's battle. At the same time, after an afternoon of high-intensity fighting, those Germans must have been very tired. If you launch an attack at night, it is still very possible to break through the German defense line." Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro looked confident.

Chiba Kumaji and Lieutenant General Kawada Suesaburo nodded, but they obviously didn't take Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro's words seriously. It is true that the 4th Division consumed a great deal of German ammunition. However, in terms of the ammunition reserves of the Germans here, it is nothing at all. The officers and soldiers of the German army were indeed very tired after an afternoon of fierce fighting. But who stipulated that those tired soldiers must stick to the night? The Germans also had enough men to replace tired troops. In fact, the German 226th Infantry Division did the same. After nightfall, Major General Friedley, commander of the German 226th Infantry Division, ordered the 2262nd Infantry Regiment to replace the 2261st Infantry Regiment.

The only advantage may be that when the attack is launched at night, the firepower of the Germans will be greatly reduced! In that case, their losses will be relatively small. If you concentrate all your strength, it is indeed possible to break through the German defense line.

Of course, all of this is just their guesswork. The real result will not be known until after the attack is launched.

"Chiba-kun, Kawada-kun, let your troops take a good rest and have a good dinner! The attack will start at eight o'clock. I hope that this time the 72nd and 73rd divisions will do their best to defeat Germany People!" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro exhorted.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Lieutenant General Chiba Kumaji and Lieutenant General Kawada Suesaburo replied.

When the sun went down, the island army's dinner began. The remnants of the 4th Division that retreated from the frontline battlefield received good food. As for the soldiers of the 72nd Division and the 73rd Division, in addition to rice balls, each of them was also given a piece of luncheon meat. In addition, the soldiers also received some candy or fruit. This is already a very good dinner for these soldiers.

Of course, some soldiers felt a little heavy when they ate these foods. They knew that this might be their last supper. Soon they would attack and die on foreign soil like their comrades massacred by the Germans this afternoon.

At 7:30 in the evening, the 72nd and 73rd Divisions of the Island Army began to prepare for the attack.

Lieutenant General Chiba Kumaji and Lieutenant General Kawada Suesaburo, after discussing, decided to send two regiments each in the first wave of attack. After the first wave of attack begins, the remaining wing will also be put into battle.

After all, the German defense line was only less than five kilometers long, and it would be impossible to deploy too many troops at once. If they are crowded together, they will only become the target of the intensive firepower of the German army, just like the 4th Division was easily slaughtered by the Germans in the afternoon.

When the hour hand on the watch points to eight, the island army's attack begins. The 152nd Infantry Regiment and the 155th Regiment of the Infantry under the 72nd Division. The 197th Infantry Regiment under the 73rd Division, the 198th Regiment, started the attack.

More than 15,000 soldiers of the Japanese army bent their waists and carefully touched the German positions. Although the island army still has some artillery pieces left, for the sake of confidentiality, none of these artillery pieces fired.

Although the generals of the island country army also know that the German army must be on guard, it is almost impossible to touch the front of the German army's position silently. But even if the result of being discovered cannot be avoided, as long as it can be closer to the German defense line, perhaps the loss of the troops can be reduced.

However, the island army soon knew that their expectations were simply impossible to achieve.

The German army planted a large number of mines in front of the defense line. Although some mines have been cleared during daytime fighting. But the remaining landmines still blocked the way forward for the island army.

"Boom! Boom!"

When the soldiers of the island country army unfortunately stepped on a landmine and caused an explosion, a fierce battle ensued.

Illumination bombs were launched one after another, and a large number of shells fell like raindrops, taking the lives of countless island soldiers.

Although the island nation's troops accelerated their attack, minefields and barbed wire fences became obstacles in their way. When the officers and soldiers of the island country army were blocked, all kinds of firepower of the German army were frantically pouring bullets at them, harvesting the lives of these island country army officers and soldiers.

The 2262nd Infantry Regiment, which replaced the 2261st Infantry Regiment, entered the position, full of energy and tenacious fighting will. They used powerful firepower to block the attack of the island army. Even though the 72nd and 73rd Divisions of the Japanese Army devoted all their main forces, they were still blocked. At the same time, the powerful firepower of the German army wiped out a large number of officers and soldiers of the island country, causing extremely heavy losses to the 72nd and 73rd divisions of the Japanese army.

The fierce battle lasted until sunrise. The German 72nd and 73rd Divisions suffered heavy losses and had to stop their offensive. The German defense line still exists, but some defensive facilities in front of the position have been cleared by the Japanese army.

"Send a telegram to the headquarters of the front army, we need the fire support of the navy! Let the navy use their large-caliber naval guns to tear the German defense line for us!" Shojiro Iida said through gritted teeth.