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Now Europe is still the center of the world. It is not only the center of economy and culture, but also the center of science and technology. Although the last world war caused blood to flow across the European continent, countless people died in the war, and countless cities were destroyed.

However, after Germany dominated the entire European continent, it was able to integrate the strength of the European continent. The outstanding talents of the mainland are all playing for Germany. This has enabled Germany's technological strength to be further improved. Especially after more than 20 years of development, German technology has developed by leaps and bounds. In particular, the existence of the cheating device of the German Emperor Qin Tian saved the German scientists from taking a lot of detours. Especially in the field of military industry, it has far surpassed other countries.

Although the island country began to make continuous progress after the Meiji Restoration. However, because of their poor background, they were unable to catch up with Europe even after decades of hard work. And this is also well reflected in the war.

Now, facing the German fleet, the island nation's fleet has a deep sense of powerlessness. It's not that they are greedy for life and afraid of death, or that their quality is worse than that of the German Navy. It is really lost in other places!

"Order the fleet to turn further and close the distance with the Germans! From a long distance, it is impossible for us to hit them. If we compete with them for the long-range hit rate, there is only a dead end. Only continue to close the distance, Only by bayoneting the Germans will we be able to win!" Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Major General Suzuki Yoshio replied.

"In addition, let our lightning strike formation be prepared. After the distance is shortened, if the Germans are not prepared, then launch a lightning strike!" Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro said viciously.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander." Major General Suzuki Yoshio nodded.

Although, in terms of capital ships, they are not the opponents of the German fleet due to the advanced technological strength of the German Navy. However, in other aspects, the navy of the island country also has considerable advantages. If you are lucky, you also have the chance to come back.

At least, the generals of the island navy are still very confident in their spear torpedoes. Among the capital ships equipped by countries around the world, none of them can withstand the spear torpedo. Even if it is a "Yamato-class" battleship, once it is hit by a spear torpedo, it will not die.

The 533mm heavy-duty torpedoes equipped by European and American countries have a warhead charge of only 370 kg. The charge of the spear torpedo warhead is as high as 490 kg. Moreover, this is only the Type 93 torpedo Type 1. And the Type 93 torpedo 2 they are developing, by shortening the

voyage and increasing the charge, the charge of the warhead has been increased to a frantic 780 kg. Once it hits the target, the consequences will be even more unimaginable.

In order to reverse the situation and regain the disadvantage. The island fleet kept turning, trying to shorten the distance from the German fleet. However, every move of the island nation's fleet was completely seen by the German fleet through radar. The several capital ships of the German fleet are all battlecruisers with extremely high speeds. Except for the two "Kii-class" battleships of the island nation fleet, which have a speed advantage when facing the two "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers of the German fleet, the other two battleships are completely at a disadvantage.

After all, the speed of the fleet depends on the slowest warship in the fleet.

The German fleet is also speeding up and changing its course in a targeted manner at any time. This made the German fleet not necessarily able to seize a very favorable combat position, but it was able to control the combat distance to more than 15 kilometers. It is simply impossible for the island fleet to shorten the combat distance.

Time passed little by little, and the battle became more intense. The artillerymen on both sides are trying their best to fire, trying to sink the enemy's warship. However, the difficulty of sinking a huge capital ship in a night battle is undoubtedly conceivable.

"Boom!"

At 2:08, the German fleet hit the battleship 'Suruga' again. A 380mm artillery shell fired from the battlecruiser "Von der Tann" slammed into the midship of the battleship "Suruga".

This shell penetrated the armor of the superstructure of the battleship before it exploded. Not only did it blow up the superstructure of the battleship 'Suruga' to pieces, it also caused a raging fire.

"Very good, this time the warship of the Minister of the Islands must be ordered!" Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt ordered.

Almost an hour has passed since the battle broke out. Although they have hit the enemy ship many times, they have never been able to sink it. This made the officers and soldiers of the German fleet almost lose confidence.

The fire blazed on the battleship 'Suruga', illuminating the entire hull. Even if the German fleet is fifteen kilometers apart, they can clearly see them. This also further improved the hit rate of the German fleet.

Several battlecruisers of the German fleet are seizing this opportunity, frantically firing at the battleship 'Suruga', trying to sink it.

For a while, the sound of cannons rumbled on the sea, and bullets rained down. Several warships of the German army opened fire crazily, smashing heavy shells one by one towards the battleship 'Suruga' fiercely.

Shells fell like raindrops around the battleship 'Suruga', splashing high water columns.

Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro's face was frighteningly dark. Being hit one after another made him feel very bad. He even had a premonition that the battleship 'Suruga' might not be able to escape this time.

"Your Excellency, Commander, do we want to transfer to the battleship 'Omi' behind?" Rear Admiral Suzuki Yoshio asked in a low voice. Obviously, Major General Suzuki Yoshio also felt that the battleship 'Suruga' might not last long.

Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro gave Major General Suzuki Yoshio a vicious look.

"Are you asking me to be a coward who runs away? Even if I get sunk, I will never run away!" Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro said righteously.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Major General Suzuki Yoshio had no choice but to reply.

"Boom! Boom!"

Suddenly, two consecutive violent explosions sounded on the battleship 'Suruga'.

The complexions of Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro and Major General Suzuki Yoshio suddenly turned pale. From the vibration of the hull just now, they could clearly feel that the battleship 'Suruga' might really be destroyed this time.

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"Your Excellency, Commander, please leave the 'Suruga' immediately. We were hit again. The stern steering gear was blown up, and a large amount of water is being flooded. A bomb was also blown out near the waterline on the side. Big hole. What's more terrible is that most of the holes that have been blocked before have been shaken open." The captain reported with a look of despair.

In the previous battles, the battleship 'Suruga' has been hit many times. This caused the battleship 'Suruga' to suffer great damage. Even with the efforts of the damage control personnel, the battleship was able to continue fighting. However, the two shells that had just been hit made them no longer hopeful.

Now, sea water is pouring into the hull from various holes. Soon the battleship would have to sink. This is undoubtedly a very big blow to the island fleet.

"Your Excellency, Commander, why don't we go to the 'Omi'?" Rear Admiral Suzuki Yoshio suggested.

Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro thought for a while, then shook his head: "Go directly to the 'Mutsu' behind!"

Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro knew that after the battleship "Suruga" was sunk, the battleship "Omi" behind the battleship "Suruga" would become a new target for the Germans. In terms of the strong firepower of the German fleet, it is estimated that the battleship "Omi" will not last long. At that time, do they need to escape from the battleship 'Omi' again? Instead of that, it's better to do it in one step and escape directly to the battleship 'Mutsu'.

Of course, if you wait until the battleship "Omi" is sunk, the navy of the island country will lose two capital ships in this naval battle. Such a loss is undoubtedly very heavy. In order to preserve their strength, they might have to choose to retreat and give up this mission. Otherwise, the island country will also pay a greater price for this.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Major General Suzuki Yoshio replied.

After Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro and Suzuki Yoshio evacuated the "Suruga" battleship, less than five minutes later, this huge battleship with a displacement of more than 40,000 tons sank into the sea.

"Great job! We have already sunk one of the Islanders' main ships! Now, change the target and sink their second main ship!" Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt's face beamed with joy.

The island nation's fleet has only four capital ships in total. After one is sunk, there are only three left. The German fleet still has five capital ships. They will undoubtedly have a greater advantage in the next battle.

The five capital ships of the German fleet stopped their bombardment one after another, and began to shift their targets, pouring shells at the battleship "Omi" of the island fleet. In this naval battle, the advantage of the German fleet became more and more obvious.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Five battlecruisers of the German Navy, with a total of 45 381mm main guns, began to fire on the island fleet. The dense shells continuously hit the battleship 'Omi', and then fell around it, splashing high water columns.

"According to the current speed, if we are lucky, we will be able to deal with another battleship of the Islanders in half an hour! In this way, we can finish off all the battleships of the Islanders before dawn, and then calmly evacuate from this coast." Lieutenant General Otto Schneewent said with a smile.

If they can solve the four battleships of the island nation in this battle, this will undoubtedly be a heavy blow to the island nation's navy. This will make the situation in the Pacific region further develop in favor of Germany. Although the navy of the island country is building warships vigorously, more warships will soon be in service. However, the construction of battleships is inherently very time-consuming. Perhaps by then, Germany will have been able to free its hand to reinforce the Pacific battlefield.

"Yes, General. But we have to prevent the islanders from escaping. If they want to escape, it will be very difficult to keep them. Not to mention the torpedoes of the islanders are very terrifying." Major General Abraham said .

Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt nodded: "I hope these islanders can fight to the death like their army compatriots! If this is the case, we will be able to kill them all."

Major General Abraham couldn't help laughing, the island army's madness, although very scary. But in the face of the powerful firepower of the German army, there is still only one way to die.

"In addition, order our cruiser formation and destroyer formation to be careful of the lightning strikes of the islanders! The speed can reach 50 knots, the range can reach 22 kilometers, and the torpedo with a

caliber of 610 mm is really terrifying. I really don't know how those islanders developed it. Such a terrifying torpedo." Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt was a little speechless.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we will have the same torpedo soon. The empire's ordnance research department has made a breakthrough. By then, all warships of the empire will be able to replace this large-caliber torpedo. Even Our torpedo attack aircraft will also be able to carry large-caliber torpedoes. By then, the strength of the Imperial Navy will be even stronger." Rear Admiral Abraham said.

Otto? Schneewent lieutenant will agree with this. The current German navy is definitely the most powerful navy in the world. Even if the island navy has a good torpedo, it is not enough to make them have the strength to defeat the German navy.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The fierce naval battle continued. The five capital ships of the German Navy concentrated their firepower on the battleship 'Omi' of the island navy. Naturally, the navy of the island country will not sit still. Their three battleships are also firing on the battlecruiser 'Blücher'. However, maybe the German fleet had better luck tonight, or the artillery sighting radar is really powerful in the night combat environment, which makes the bombardment of the island fleet have little hit rate at all.

Even the battlecruiser "Blücher" was indeed hit. However, none of those injuries were fatal. On the other hand, under the guidance of the artillery radar, the hit rate of the German fleet is relatively impressive.

When the naval battle was going on at 2:38 in the morning, the German fleet frequently hit the battleship 'Omi', and the superstructure had been completely ignited, just like a burning torch. The shells of the German fleet are still hitting the battleship "Omi" continuously, which further deepens the injury of this battleship, and it seems that it will soon follow in the footsteps of the battleship "Suruga".

And the situation has undoubtedly become more unfavorable for the island fleet.

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On the battleship 'Mutsu', Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro looked very ugly. The flames on the battleship 'Omi' made his heart seem to be bleeding.

You know, before the "Yamato-class" battleships entered service, the "Ki-class" battleships were the most powerful battleships of the Japanese navy. However, in the last naval battle, they had already sunk two "Ki-class" battleships. And in this naval battle, they will sink the remaining two "Kii-class" battleships. And, I'm afraid they will lose more battleships. This is undoubtedly a particularly heavy blow to the island nation's fleet.

"Your Excellency, the battleship 'Omi' has been hit many times, and they may not last long." Major General Suzuki Yoshio said with a pale face.

Once the battleship "Omi" is sunk, it means that they have completely lost in this naval battle. This is undoubtedly another unacceptable result for the navy of the island country.

"It seems that we really shouldn't engage in night battles with the Germans! In night battles, no matter how powerful our battleship is, it is useless if we can't hit the opponent." Admiral Shiro Takasu sighed.

The capital ships of the island nation's fleet are mostly newly built after the end of the last war. Much newer than those capital ships of the German Navy. And the caliber of the main gun is also larger, and it seems to be more powerful. However, the results of the naval battle made these generals of the island navy almost start to doubt their lives. Their cutting-edge warships were severely beaten by the old warships of the German Navy, and suffered heavy losses.

Rear Admiral Suzuki Yoshio nodded. In the night battle, the island nation's fleet was indeed at a disadvantage. They couldn't hit the German fleet, but the German fleet was able to hit their warships with advanced electronic technology. This puts the island nation's fleet in a completely passive state of being beaten. No matter how powerful the island nation's battleship is, it can't handle it!

Of course, if it is fighting the German fleet during the day, it may be different. At least the hit rate and effective range of the island fleet can be greatly improved, and it may not be without the strength to compete with the German fleet.

However, if it is really necessary to fight during the day, the powerful carrier-based aircraft force of the German Navy may become the nightmare of the island navy again. At least, the current carrier-based aircraft of the navy of the island country simply cannot compete with the carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy. At that time, the warships of the island nation's fleet will inevitably be besieged by the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft.

"Boom!"

Suddenly, a violent explosion sounded on the battleship 'Omi'. At this moment, the dazzling fire seemed to illuminate the entire surface of the sea.

Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro and Major General Suzuki Yoshio, their expressions became even more ugly. They all know what happened. The battleship "Omi" is probably doomed.

Soon, Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro and Major General Suzuki Yoshio got reports. In the battle just now, the battleship 'Omi' was hit by the ammunition depot of the former main turret. As a result, a large number of 410mm artillery shells in the ammunition depot exploded. The violent explosion directly tore up the entire front half of the battleship 'Omi'. Such injuries are completely irreparable for the battleship 'Omi'.

"Your Excellency, the battleship 'Omi' has been sunk." Rear Admiral Suzuki Yoshio reported.

Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro also knew this, because he almost watched the battleship 'Omi' sink little by little. This is undoubtedly an extremely heavy blow to the island nation's fleet.

After losing two battleships successively, they only had two battleships left. The German fleet, however, is still five battleships. It can be said that the German fleet has achieved an overwhelming advantage.

"Order the fleet to turn around and withdraw from the battle!" Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro ordered.

Obviously, if they continue to fight, their only fate may be to be sunk one by one by the German fleet.

"Your Excellency, the German warships are faster than ours. I am afraid it will be difficult for us to get rid of them." Rear Admiral Suzuki Yoshio said.

The sunken battleships "Suruga" and "Omi" are the fastest capital ships, with a maximum speed of 29 knots. However, for the next battleships "Mutsu" and "Ise", the maximum speed can be increased to 25 knots, which is already very good. It is almost impossible to get rid of the pursuit of the five battlecruisers of the German fleet.

"I know! The Germans gathered this time should be their battlecruisers. In terms of speed, we are indeed no match for the Germans." Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro said.

Even the "Yamato-class" battleship's maximum speed is only 27.5 knots. If you want to compete in speed with the battlecruisers of the German Navy, you can't do it.

"Order the 'Kitakami' and 'Oi', as well as other destroyer fleets, to get ready! As long as the Germans dare to pursue them, let them taste the power of our Type 93 torpedoes!" Lieutenant General Takasushiro ordered. .

Although two capital ships were sunk, this caused heavy losses to the island fleet. However, Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro still did not give up. If they can rely on lightning strikes to cause the German fleet to pay heavy losses, maybe they will be able to reverse the situation.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Major General Suzuki Yoshio immediately went to give the order.

The light cruiser 'Kitakami' and the light cruiser 'Oi', these are the secret weapons of the island nation's fleet. Both of these light cruisers can belong to the "Kuma-class" light cruisers. It's just that they all accepted the modification. The original "Kuma-class" light cruiser was equipped with four 140mm main guns. However, the light cruiser "Kitakami" and the light cruiser "Oi" canceled three 140mm main guns. With the saved displacement and space, 10 quadruple 610mm heavy torpedoes were installed.

This also means that the light cruiser "Kitakami" and the light cruiser "Oi" can launch forty 610mm torpedoes at one time. Judging from the terrifying power of the 610mm torpedo, this is undoubtedly extremely abnormal. Once under such an attack, I am afraid that no warship can resist it at all.

These two light cruisers also have a new title, called heavy mine cruisers. Once these two light cruisers lead a group of destroyers to launch a lightning strike, it will undoubtedly pose a very big threat. Especially in the night combat environment, the threat will be further increased.

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"I hope the Germans can be fooled! If we can use torpedoes to sink the German capital ships, then we will win!" Major General Suzuki Yoshio looked forward to it.

The spear torpedo with a caliber of 610 mm is very powerful. As long as a torpedo hits a battlecruiser of the German Navy, it can be severely damaged. If a vulnerable part is hit, it is even more likely to sink it.

What's more, there are secret weapons such as heavy mine-equipped cruisers, which will greatly increase the possibility of their lightning strikes succeeding.

"Command the fleet, turn!" Admiral Takasu Shiro ordered.

He is not sure whether the German fleet will launch a pursuit. If the German fleet closes as soon as it is good and does not pursue it, then their losses will not be recovered. The loss of two capital ships is undoubtedly another heavy blow to the current island navy. Even with the addition of the two battleships still under repair, there are only five battleships left in the Japanese navy. Compared with the 16 capital ships at the beginning of the war, the loss has been too much.

Therefore, Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro undoubtedly hopes that the German fleet will launch a pursuit. In this case, they may have a chance to sink the German fleet in one fell swoop and reverse the situation.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Major General Suzuki Yoshio replied.

Under the command of Lieutenant Admiral Takasu Shiro, the island fleet immediately began to turn, trying to break away from contact with the German fleet, and turned to sail north to escape the battlefield.

The movement of the island nation's fleet was clearly discovered by the German fleet through radar.

"General, the islanders are going to flee? Are we going to pursue them? If we pursue them, at the speed of our battlecruisers, they won't be able to escape!" Major General Abraham said excitedly.

The maximum speed of the three "Blücher-class" battlecruisers is above 30 knots. The two "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers can also run a maximum speed of 27 knots. At such a speed, it is almost impossible for the battleships of the island navy to escape.

Lieutenant General Otto Schneewent hesitated. Being able to sink two battleships of the island navy is undoubtedly a great victory for the German navy. If you give up the pursuit now, it will already be an impeccable victory. However, Lieutenant Admiral Otto Schneewendt was also a little unwilling. He wanted to sink the remaining two capital ships of the island nation's fleet. In that case, they would have won a big victory. Moreover, the five battlecruisers of the German fleet, except for the "Blücher" which was hit by a few shells, were considered unscathed. Even the 'Blücher' did not suffer much loss in combat effectiveness.

But similarly, Lieutenant General Otto Schneewent was also worried that it would be a trap. After all, the torpedoes of the Japanese navy are very terrifying. Once it is attacked by intensive torpedoes from the island fleet, the consequences will be unimaginable. If it is not done well, the fleet will pay a big price for it. The victory at your fingertips will also fly away.

"General, are you worried about the lightning strikes from the islanders?" Major General Abraham asked.

Lieutenant General Otto Schneewent nodded: "The 610mm torpedoes of the islanders are too terrifying, we have to guard against them! Once our battlecruisers are hit by the torpedoes of the islanders, they will not die. It will also be seriously injured."

"General, we also have quite a few destroyers and cruisers. With their protection, there shouldn't be any problem." Major General Abraham said. After all, the torpedoes of the island nation's navy are

powerful, but they can only show their powerful power after hitting a hit. If there is no hit, then naturally there is no threat. Even with the ease of the night battle, it is not so easy to use lightning strikes to deal with capital ships. Especially when these capital ships are still sailing at high speed.

Lieutenant General Otto Schneewent thought about it, and it was indeed the case.

However, neither Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendts nor Major General Abraham knew that there were crazy lightning strike ships such as heavy mine-equipped cruisers in the navy of the island country.

"Order the fleet and start the pursuit. This time, we must make persistent efforts to kill the remaining two capital ships of the islanders!" Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendts ordered.

"Yes, General." Major General Abraham replied excitedly. In his opinion, they seem to be only one step away from the final victory. Soon, they will be able to eliminate all the capital ships of the island navy.

"Let the cruiser formation and the destroyer formation, the main islanders be struck by lightning!" Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendts is still worried about this. So he wants the fleet to be ready for lightning strikes. In this case, even if the island nation's fleet launched a lightning strike, they might be able to withstand it. At least, the fleet will not suffer too much loss.

"Yes, General." Major General Abraham nodded.

Under the orders of Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendts, the German fleet accelerated and began to chase the fleeing island fleet. The three 'Blücher-class' battlecruisers and the two 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers all began to speed up continuously. For these battlecruisers whose speed already has an advantage, catching up with the warships of the island nation's fleet does not seem to be a big problem at all.

The German fleet began to pursue, and the battlecruisers began to speed up one after another. The heavy cruisers, light cruisers and destroyers escorted these battlecruisers to provide them with protection. Once they are really struck by lightning from the island nation's fleet, and it is really impossible to avoid them, these cruisers and destroyers will even choose to stand in front of the battlecruisers, sacrifice themselves, and keep these precious capital ships. After all, those capital ships are more valuable and more expensive to build than cruisers and destroyers. The loss of each ship is a huge loss for the German Navy.

"Your Excellency, the Germans are catching up!" Major General Yoshio Suzuki smiled happily.

The German fleet launched a pursuit, which means that they don't have to worry that the German fleet will not be fooled. Their powerful lightning strike formation also seems to be ready to use.

"Very well, let our lightning strike formation get ready! Ten minutes later, turn around and launch a lightning strike. This time, we will make the Germans pay the price." Lieutenant General Takasushiro ordered. The original decadence on his face seemed to be much less.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Major General Suzuki Yoshio replied.

The light cruiser 'Kitakami' and the light cruiser 'Oi' of the Island Fleet, led more than a dozen destroyers, turned in an emergency and rushed towards the German fleet. Inside the torpedo tube, a 610 mm caliber spear torpedo has been filled.

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"General, the islanders' cruisers and destroyers have turned around, and they are about to launch a lightning strike!" Major General Abraham exclaimed.

"Damn it! The islanders took the initiative to retreat, it really is a trap. Order the fleet and prepare for lightning strikes!" Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt ordered. The horror of the 610mm torpedoes of the Japanese navy made Vice Admiral Otto Schneewent's heart ache. Once hit by these terrifying torpedoes, the consequences will be very serious.

The five battlecruisers that were speeding up began to turn. At the same time, the speed is also further improved. And those cruisers and destroyers began to prepare for battle. Both the main gun and the secondary guns began to turn, aiming at the direction in which the light cruisers and destroyers of the island navy were attacking.

Although it is night, the line of sight has been greatly affected, and the light cruisers and destroyers cannot be seen at all. However, relying on the guidance of the gun-sighting radar, these light cruisers and destroyers could barely be found. It's just that, because these light cruisers and destroyers of the island fleet are very fast, it is almost impossible to hit the target.

Several battlecruisers did not fire, and a blackout was also carried out. In this case, it is difficult for the light cruisers and destroyers of the island fleet to see these battlecruisers clearly, and cannot accurately release torpedoes. If the torpedoes were released indiscriminately, the threat would naturally be much smaller.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The heavy cruisers and light cruisers of the German fleet, as well as the destroyers, all began to shoot. Intensive artillery shells enveloped the lightning strike formation of the island fleet. It's just that almost all of these shells fell into the water and never hit the target at all.

"Order the light cruisers and destroyers, split a part, and attack the islanders' lightning strike formation! If you fire from too far away, it will be difficult to hit the target. Since the islanders want to defeat us with lightning strikes, let's fight bayonets with them! Lieutenant General Otto Schneewent ordered with a serious face.

"Okay, General." Major General Abraham nodded.

Anyway, the number of cruisers and destroyers in the German fleet is very large. The number of light cruisers is as high as 20, and the number of destroyers is as high as more than 30. This was originally to deal with the lightning strike of the island nation's fleet.

After receiving the order, the 10 light cruisers of the 2nd light cruiser formation and the 10 destroyers of the 3rd destroyer formation immediately rushed to the battlefield. Although the sky is very dark, if the distance is shortened to a few kilometers, the target can still be seen. Moreover, the

150mm main gun of the light cruiser and the 105mm main gun of the destroyer can both give full play to their firepower advantage at a distance of several kilometers.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Fierce battles ensued, and the German fleet invested a large number of light cruisers and destroyers to encircle and suppress the lightning strike formation of the island fleet. The light cruisers of the German Navy generally have a large displacement, generally close to tens of thousands of tons, or more than 10,000 tons. The displacement of destroyers is also larger than the 2,000 tons of the island fleet, and they are often more than 3,000 tons. Larger displacement enables warships to be equipped with more weapons. This also makes the air defense combat capabilities of the German Navy's warships very powerful.

The light cruiser's three triple-mounted 150mm main guns, 105mm and 88mm dual-purpose guns are all firing crazily. The two 105mm main guns and 88mm dual-purpose guns on the destroyer are also firing continuously.

For a while, under the encirclement and suppression of the superior force of the German fleet, the lightning strike formation of the island navy was hit continuously, and it suffered great losses.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The destroyer "Chuxue" of the island navy was hit by intensive firepower from two destroyers and a light cruiser of the German fleet. The shells rained down on the destroyer 'Chuxue', making this warship with a displacement of more than 2,000 tons like a small boat in a storm, which might capsize at any time.

"Boom!"

A 150mm artillery shell hit the destroyer "Chuxue", a large hole was blown out in the bow of the ship, and a raging fire ignited.

Although the destroyer "Chuxue" was also fighting back with naval guns, it was defeated by two fists. Under the siege of the warships of the German fleet, the situation of the destroyer "Chuxue" was very difficult.

The light cruiser 'Kitakami' and the light cruiser 'Oi', as the core of the lightning strike formation of the island fleet, were naturally also targeted by the light cruiser formation and destroyer formation of the German fleet. Although the German side did not know that the two light cruisers had been converted into heavy mine-equipped cruisers, it was always right to sink the enemy's light cruisers with a larger displacement.

Several light cruisers and destroyers of the German fleet even launched a siege to these two heavy mine-equipped cruisers.

"Baga! The Germans have too many **** warships. Our lightning strike formation was besieged by them. It is impossible to get close to the German battleship formation, let alone launch a lightning strike." Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro was furious.

Originally, he thought that his lightning strike would be successful and achieve great results. But now he suddenly discovered that everything was not as he imagined. The huge **** fleet of the German fleet is providing protection for the capital ship formation from their lightning strikes.

"Your Excellency, the Germans may know the power of our torpedoes. That's why they are equipped with so many **** warships." Rear Admiral Suzuki Yoshio guessed.

"Damn it! If we had known earlier, we should have prepared more lightning strike ships. In that case, it wouldn't be like this now." Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro regretted it a bit.

However, there is no regret medicine in the world.

"General, shall we turn around and attack the Germans?" Major General Yoshio Suzuki asked.

After all, these capital ships, heavy cruisers and light cruisers of the island fleet are also equipped with 610mm heavy torpedoes. They can also participate in lightning strikes.

However, Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro thought about it, but shook his head. He believes that it may be difficult for the lightning strike formation to succeed. Under such circumstances, if the remaining fleet is put into it, once it loses, the consequences will be very serious. It is better to take advantage of this opportunity and retreat.

In order to avoid the lightning strike of the island nation fleet, the capital ship formation of the German fleet is turning in an attempt to distance itself. There was no further pursuit of the island fleet. For the main force of the island nation's fleet, this is a good opportunity to evacuate. Otherwise, once the lightning strike formation is wiped out by the German fleet, the German capital ship formation will probably catch up with its speed advantage. At that time, it may be difficult for them to escape.

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"Boom!"

A 105mm shell hit the light cruiser Kitakami. Although for a warship with a displacement of more than 6,000 tons, a 105mm shell cannot cause much damage to it.

However, the siege of the German fleet and the continuous falling shells have already driven the officers and soldiers of the island nation on the light cruiser 'Kitakami' almost crazy.

"Your Excellency, the German blockade is very strong, and we can't rush through it at all!" A staff officer reported.

Masao Ueno, the builder of the light cruiser 'Kitakami', had a serious face. If you can't break through the blockade of the German fleet, you can only watch the capital ship formation of the German fleet evacuate safely. What's more, under the onslaught of these light cruisers and destroyers of the German fleet, they are also very likely to be sunk. After all, the entire Thunderbolt formation only had two heavy mine cruisers and ten destroyers. The German fleet invested ten light cruisers and ten destroyers. The strength gap between the two sides is obvious.

"Order the torpedo launch! Launch all the torpedoes in a fan shape. Sink the German light cruisers and destroyers in one fell swoop, let them know how powerful we are!" Masao Ueno ordered.

Since we want to pursue the capital ship formation of the German fleet, we must break through the blockade of the German fleet. When there is no other way, it can only launch an attack. If it goes well, it may be able to cause heavy losses to the German light cruisers and destroyers blocking them. This allows them to break through the blockade.

"Order the sailors to get ready. After the torpedo is launched, it must be reloaded in the shortest possible time!" Masao Ueno ordered.

The ten quadruple torpedo tubes equipped on the light cruiser 'Kitakami' gave it an extremely terrifying lightning strike capability. But at the same time, it is not so easy to reload after launch, and it often takes a lot of time.

"Hi, Your Excellency!" The staff officer immediately went to give the order.

The ten quadruple 610mm torpedo tubes of the light cruiser 'Kitakami' began to launch torpedoes one after another.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Accompanied by a dull sound, one after another torpedoes were launched from the torpedo tubes and fell into the sea. Then these torpedoes shot towards the front of the light cruiser 'Kitakami' at high speed. A total of forty torpedoes were distributed in a fan shape, almost covering all the light cruisers and destroyers of the German fleet.

The rate of fire of the spear torpedo is very fast, and the maximum rate of fire can reach a terrifying 50 nautical miles. Even the light cruisers and destroyers of the German Navy are much worse than this.

At this moment, the German light cruisers and destroyers besieging the light cruiser "Kitakami" did not realize that the crisis had come.

"Very good, keep attacking, we have already hit the damned light cruiser of the islanders. As long as we maintain the strength of our firepower, we will be able to sink them soon!" On a German light cruiser, the captain Said with satisfaction.

Although, using a light cruiser with a displacement of more than 10,000 tons to bully an island country light cruiser with half its displacement seems a bit too bullying. However, this is war, there is no such thing as fair or unfair.

"Boom!"

Suddenly a huge explosion sounded on the bow of the light cruiser. The violent explosion seemed to lift the entire bow of the battleship out of the water, and then hit the sea hard.

The sailors on the battleship were stunned one by one. Even the officers in the command tower fell to the ground.

"Shit! What happened? Have we been hit?" The captain asked angrily.

"Sir, the situation is not good. Our bow was hit by an islander's torpedo." An officer reported.

"What? We were hit by a spear torpedo from the islanders?" The captain's face suddenly turned pale.

"Damage control is trying to do damage control. But I'm afraid it will be very difficult. The torpedoes dealt with are too powerful. The underwater armor of the bow is completely torn apart, and a big hole is blown out. Several adjacent compartments have been blown up. The spear torpedoes of the islanders are really amazing!" The officer looked terrified.

Even if their light cruiser has a displacement of tens of thousands of tons, it is also unbearable to be hit by a spear torpedo.

"Asshole! Order all crew members to prepare to evacuate." Although the captain was unwilling, he could only give the order to abandon the ship for the sake of the lives of most people. After all, warships are expensive though. But with Germany's industrial strength, these warships were built in batches. In comparison, these experienced sailors are the most important.

At this moment, explosions sounded continuously.

I saw an explosion on the side of a destroyer. Under the dazzling fire, the destroyer was directly broken into two pieces, and soon sank into the sea. None of the more than 200 German sailors on board survived.

"Boom!"

Another light cruiser was also hit, and the stern of the ship was blown to pieces. A large amount of sea water poured into the battleship, causing the battleship to finally sink into the sea with the stern down and the bow up.

In this round of lightning strikes launched by the light cruiser "Kitakami", two light cruisers and two destroyers of the German fleet were sunk. Such a result is undoubtedly very terrifying.

Although the cost of forty torpedoes is not cheap, it is not even comparable to a destroyer. Not to mention the more expensive light cruisers. Being able to sink two light cruisers and two destroyers at once is already a very good result.

"Yoxi! Great job!"

Masao Ueno watched as several warships of the German fleet were sunk and sank into the sea, he could not help but smile. Although there is no capital ship that can hit the German fleet, it is undoubtedly very good to be able to send two light cruisers and two destroyers to the bottom of the sea at one time.

"Hurry up and load the torpedoes, let's go after the German battleship!" Masao Ueno ordered.

The light cruiser 'Kitakami' can reach a maximum speed of 34 knots. The maximum speed of the "Fubuki-class" destroyer can also reach 35 knots. If they speed up to catch up, they will be able to catch up with the capital ship formation of the German fleet.

Of course, even if they catch up, it is still very difficult to say whether they can successfully sink the capital ship of the German fleet with torpedoes. After all, around the capital ship formation of the German fleet, there are now 12 heavy cruisers, 10 light cruisers and 20 destroyers.

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Not far from the light cruiser "Kitakami", the light cruiser "Oi" is also being besieged by several German light cruisers and destroyers. However, several German warships were hit one after another, and both sides on the entire battlefield were stunned for a moment.

"God! What happened? Why were two of our light cruisers and two destroyers sunk?" The captain of a light cruiser asked in surprise.

Of course, the German Navy often lost warships in naval battles. However, it is absolutely impossible to lose several warships at the same time like this.

"Torpedoes, the islanders launched torpedoes. Those warships were all sunk by torpedoes! Otherwise, they would never have been damaged at the same time."

"How many torpedoes can that island country light cruiser launch at one time? It's so powerful."

The officers and soldiers of the German Navy were all shocked by the strength of the light cruiser 'Kitakami'. Obviously, none of them expected that the other party could launch dozens of torpedoes at one time, directly sinking two light cruisers and two destroyers of the German fleet.

"Sir, the 'Kitakami' launched a lightning strike and sank two German light cruisers and two destroyers in one fell swoop!" An officer reported to the captain of the light cruiser 'Oi' Maotai Nishioka.

"Yo Xi! Order the torpedoes to launch. The Germans have too many light cruisers and destroyers and are too difficult to deal with! After sinking them, go after the German main fleet!" Commander Nishioka Maotai ordered.

Although, reloading after launching a torpedo can be time consuming. However, it is better than being sunk by the German fleet.

"Hi, Your Excellency Captain!" The orderly immediately conveyed the order.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The ten quadruple 610mm torpedo tubes of the light cruiser 'Oi' also launched an attack. Forty torpedoes were fired at several light cruisers and destroyers of the German Navy in a fan shape.

These heavy torpedoes are advancing at high speed, leaving water marks on the sea surface. It's easy to spot if it's daylight. However, at night, everything is under the cover of night, and the German fleet simply cannot detect these deadly threats in the first place.

However, because of the previous lightning strike of the light cruiser "Kitakami", the German fleet has already suffered a lot of losses. Other German warships have also become vigilant.

Although they didn't know that the light cruiser 'Oi' had launched a torpedo, they all increased their speed and performed snake-like maneuvers. In this way, most of the torpedoes launched by the light cruiser "Oi" missed, and only a very small number of torpedoes hit the target. Of course, even so, it also caused a lot of damage to the German fleet.

During this round of attacks by the torpedo of the "Oi", a light cruiser and a destroyer in the German fleet were sunk. Although it was less than half of the German warships sunk by the previous light cruiser "Kitakami". But such a loss is still unacceptable to the German fleet.

"Damn! The torpedoes of the islanders are too powerful. We must sink every one of their warships! Otherwise, we will be sunk by them if we don't pay attention."

"Sir, request to launch a lightning strike to the island fleet. Although our 533mm heavy torpedoes are not as powerful as the 610mm heavy torpedoes of the islanders, they are still not something the light cruisers and destroyers of the islanders can withstand." An officer suggested.

The 610mm heavy torpedoes of the island navy are mainly aimed at large surface warships. Whether it is a battleship or an aircraft carrier, as long as it is hit, it will at least be severely damaged.

The 533mm heavy torpedo of the German Navy is relatively weaker. But at the same time, the defensive power of those light cruisers and destroyers is still unable to resist this type of torpedo.

"Launch torpedoes! Tackle the warships of the islanders!" the captain ordered.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

A destroyer of the German fleet fired a torpedo at the light cruiser 'Oi'. The three double-mounted 533 mm heavy-duty torpedo tubes on the bow fired a total of six torpedoes.

Six torpedoes quickly shot towards the light cruiser 'Oi'. Although the rate of fire of these torpedoes is not as fast as that of spear torpedoes, they can also soar to more than 45. It's just that the charge is not as much as the spear torpedo, and the range is far less terrifying than the spear torpedo.

After the light cruiser 'Oi' launched a torpedo, it is loading torpedoes. At the same time, the battleship is also accelerating.

Captain Shigeru Nishioka was not satisfied with this shooting. Only forty torpedoes were exchanged for a light cruiser and a destroyer in the German fleet. Although, judging from the cost, they still made a lot of money. However, General Maotai Nishioka did not think so. After all, the light cruiser "Kitakami" sank two light cruisers and two destroyers of the German fleet in the previous shooting.

"Order the soldiers, speed up the loading! If the Germans dare to intercept again, then fire again and finish them off!" Commander Maotai Nishioka ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency Captain!"

"By the way, what about the 'Kitakami'?" asked General Maotai Nishioka.

"Your Excellency, Captain, the light cruiser 'Kitakami' has taken the opportunity to break through the interception of the German fleet, and led two destroyers to pursue the German main fleet."

"Baga! Let the battleship accelerate further, we can't fall behind the 'Kitakami'!" Commander Nishioka Maotai ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency Captain!"

"Boom!"

Suddenly, an explosion sounded. The light cruiser 'Oi' shook violently. General Maotai Nishioka lost his footing and fell directly on the deck. His face at this moment has turned pale. Because he obviously knew what had happened.

"Your Excellency, we were hit by a German torpedo!"

A 533mm heavy torpedo hit the light cruiser 'Oi'. Although the light cruiser "Oi" has been refitted, its displacement has risen to more than 6,000 tons. However, it is still unable to resist heavy torpedoes. A 533 mm heavy torpedo is enough to cause it to be severely damaged. Even if it didn't sink, it was lying on the sea like a dead fish.

During the ensuing battle, other warships of the German fleet also fired torpedoes or fired at the light cruiser 'Oi', and soon sank the heavy mine-equipped cruiser.

On the battlefield, other warships also started to launch lightning strikes one after another. The 610mm heavy torpedoes of the Japanese fleet and the 533mm heavy torpedoes of the German fleet all started firing. Warships were constantly being hit and then sank, making this naval battle very tragic.

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"Boom!"

A destroyer of the German fleet was hit by a 610mm heavy torpedo, and the entire battleship was broken into two pieces during the explosion. The power of the spear torpedo is fully displayed in the battle.

But unfortunately, despite the amazing power of the island navy's spear torpedoes, they still couldn't win this naval battle for them. The strength gap between the two sides is too great, and it cannot be reversed by relying on a single weapon.

"Boom! Boom!"

A destroyer of the island nation's fleet was continuously hit by 150mm artillery shells, and the entire destroyer burned like a burning fireball. And this also allowed more German warships to accurately drop shells on the destroyer.

Soon, the island destroyer sank due to too many shots.

Although, the 610mm spear torpedoes of the island navy caused considerable damage to the German fleet. But in the final result, most of the warships in the lightning strike formation of the island nation's fleet were sunk.

Except for the light cruiser "Kitakami" leading two destroyers to the capital ship formation of the German Navy, the remaining 1 light cruiser and eight destroyers were all sunk by the German fleet. Of course, the German fleet also paid a lot of losses for this, four light cruisers and five destroyers were sunk. Such a loss is already greater than that of the island nation's fleet.

However, if the loss of the two capital ships of the island nation's fleet is included, the loss of the German fleet will be relatively small. After all, capital ships are much more expensive than other small and medium warships.

From another perspective, if it weren't for the light cruiser formation and destroyer formation of the German fleet to block the lightning formation of the island fleet. Once these lightning strike formations launched a lightning strike against the capital ship formation of the German fleet. The dense 610mm heavy torpedoes are enough to make the capital ship formation of the German fleet drink a pot.

Once a capital ship is hit by torpedoes from the island nation's fleet, or even sunk, the consequences will undoubtedly be even more serious. Therefore, it is undoubtedly very worthwhile to lose a few light cruisers and destroyers to eliminate this crisis for the German fleet.

Of course, although the lightning strike formation of the island nation fleet suffered heavy losses. But they still did not give up. The light cruiser "Kitakami" with two destroyers is speeding up to catch up with the capital ship formation of the German fleet.

On the battleship 'Mutsu', Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro and Major General Suzuki Yoshio were waiting for the news of the Thunderbolt formation. They hoped that the Lightning Strike formation would be successful in this attack, severely damaging or even sinking many capital ships of the German Navy in one fell swoop. In that case, they might be able to regain their disadvantage. It can even turn defeat into victory.

However, they soon realized that all this was just their extravagant wish. Although their lightning strike formation is very strong, it is undoubtedly very difficult to achieve the victory they expected.

"Your Excellency, there is news of the lightning formation." A staff officer reported.

"Say it!" Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro said.

"The lightning strike formation sank four light cruisers and five destroyers of the German fleet. However, except for the light cruiser Kitakami and two destroyers, all the battleships in our lightning strike formation were also sunk," the staff officer reported. road.

Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro frowned involuntarily. Although the result of the Thunder Strike Formation was not small, such a result was obviously far from his expectation.

"Your Excellency, the German light cruisers are all huge warships of tens of thousands of tons. It is already very good to be able to sink four of their light cruisers and five destroyers." Major General Suzuki Yoshio said. Although a little disappointed, this is the result after all, and they can only accept it.

Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro nodded: "Yes! It seems that I was too extravagant. In this naval battle, we still lost and failed to win, let alone help the army."

"Your Excellency, Commander, we have tried our best. The Germans are too powerful, and there is nothing we can do." Major General Suzuki Yoshio relieved.

"Where are the light cruiser Kitakami and the other two destroyers? Are they out of danger?" Lieutenant Admiral Shiro Takasu asked.

For the island fleet, every warship is now very precious.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the light cruiser Kitakami and two destroyers have broken through the blockade of the German fleet and are chasing the capital ship formation of the German fleet." The staff officer said preciously.

Lieutenant Admiral Takasu Shiro couldn't help but his eyes lit up. He originally wanted to order the light cruiser 'Kitakami' and the two destroyers to return. However, he still held back when the words came to his lips. He still had a glimmer of hope in his heart, hoping that the light cruiser 'Kitakami' and the two destroyers of the Japanese navy would perform miracles again.

"Send a telegram to Ueno-kun and tell him to be safe! If he can sink the German battleship, he will be the hero of the entire empire!" Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro said.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" The staff officer immediately went to send a telegram.

On the battleship "Blücher" of the German fleet, the commander, Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt, and the chief of staff, Major General Abraham, both had ugly faces. The loss reports of the light cruiser and destroyer formations were before them. Such a loss was completely beyond their expectations.

"My God! It's unbelievable. Those broken ships of the islanders can actually cause us such a big loss!" Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt looked unbelievable. In his eyes, the light cruisers and destroyers of the island nation's navy are indeed no different from broken ships. At least compared with the light cruisers and destroyers of the German Navy, the gap is really too big. However, the lightning strike formation of the island navy has caused the German fleet to pay huge losses.

"General, it seems that the spear torpedoes of the islanders are indeed too powerful! According to reports from the surviving warships, almost all of our light cruisers and destroyers were sunk by their torpedoes. A single torpedo can let our light cruiser or destroyer sink. The power of the spear torpedo is much stronger than our heavy torpedo!" Major General Abraham said.

Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt nodded: "Even if our battlecruisers are hit by the spear torpedoes of the islanders, the consequences would be unimaginable!"

Although the battlecruisers of the German fleet have strong defenses, if they are hit by spear torpedoes, they will not sink, but at least they will be severely damaged. I have to admit that the spear torpedo of the Japanese navy is indeed a dangerous weapon worthy of vigilance.

Chapter 1379

The light cruiser "Kitakami" of the Japanese navy is currently chasing the German battleship formation with two destroyers. Their speed has increased to 34 knots. This is already the maximum speed of the light cruiser 'Kitakami'.

The ten quadruple 610mm torpedo tubes of the light cruiser 'Kitakami' have been reloaded and can be launched again. It's just that Masao Ueno is not going to launch casually this time. He would not waste any more ammunition until he caught up with the German fleet. Because he knew that maybe they only had such a chance this time. If you miss it, you will never get another chance. The German fleet would definitely have sunk them all before they could finish their next reload.

"Your Excellency Captain, a telegram from your Excellency Commander!" A communications officer reported.

Masao Ueno received the telegram and looked at it, and his face became serious.

Putting down the telegram, Masao Ueno glanced at the naval officers of the island nation in the command tower, and then said: "Masters, the lightning strike formation is over. Apart from us, only the destroyer 'Asagiri' and 'Amagiri' are left." 'The destroyer. The rest of the warships have all been sunk!"

A group of officers all turned serious. Everyone knows that this time they are probably close to death.

"However, when the other battleships were sunk, they killed four light cruisers and five destroyers. This has already caused huge losses to the Germans. Judging from the exchange ratio, we even made a profit. The only regret is that we have not been able to complete the goal so far. That is to sink the German capital ship! In this naval battle, we have already sunk two capital ships. If we can't do it in the next battle If we sink the German capital ship, then we will lose completely! This naval battle is of great importance, and we must defeat the Germans! So, now we can only rely on us." Masao Ueno continued.

"Although the German fleet is very powerful, their capital ships are protected by many cruisers and destroyers. However, even if we try our best this time, we must completely defeat the Germans! Only in this way can we provide The empire brought victory. Maybe we will be killed by the Germans in this attack. However, as warriors of the empire, it is our honor to sacrifice our lives for the future of the empire!" Masao Ueno looked enthusiastic . At this moment, he is completely a person who has been poisoned by the spirit of Bushido.

"For the sake of the empire, sink the German capital ship!" The other officers also shouted.

"Very well, send a telegram to the destroyers 'Amagiri' and 'Amagiri' to let them charge with us!" Masao Ueno ordered. Although weak, they were too weak in the face of the German fleet. However, Masao Ueno and others are extremely confident. Anyway, they have put their own life and death aside. As long as they can sink the capital ship of the German fleet, they don't care even if they are killed.

"Empire shall prevail! His Majesty the Emperor onboard!"

Shouting slogans, the remaining light cruiser 'Kitakami', destroyer 'Asagiri' and destroyer 'Amagiri' of the island nation's lightning strike formation began to accelerate their charge. When the battleship was charging at a high speed of 34 knots, the distance between them and the capital ship formation of the German fleet was constantly getting closer.

On the battlecruiser 'Blücher', Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt and Rear Admiral Abraham are discussing whether to continue to pursue the island fleet. Although they avoided the lightning strikes of the island nation's fleet, it also made them farther away from the island nation's fleet. Although the battlecruisers of the German fleet are relatively fast, there is no problem in catching up with the island nation's fleet. However, that also takes a lot of time. By then, by the time they catch up, it may already be dawn.

Once it dawns, I am afraid that it will have to face the attack of the carrier-based aircraft of the navy of the island country or the aircraft of the Army Aviation Corps. Although the German fleet has a strong air defense capability. But no one can guarantee whether it will be sunk under the attack of planes all over the sky. Therefore, it is better not to take such a risk.

In addition, the lightning strike strength of the island nation's fleet also made the German fleet fearful. If the attack is launched again and the island nation's fleet seizes the opportunity to launch a large-scale lightning strike, the problem will be serious.

In the end, Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt decided that the fleet would withdraw from the battle from now on. Finally, before dawn, join your own aircraft carrier formation. In this case, not only can it provide a stronger air defense firepower network for the aircraft carrier formation. At the same time, it can also take shelter under the **** fighter jets of the aircraft carrier. Relatively speaking, it is undoubtedly much safer.

As for the attack on the island nation's fleet, let the carrier-based aircraft of the aircraft carrier do it. The number of carrier-based aircraft that can take off on the two "Constellation-class" aircraft carriers is already very impressive.

After making this decision, Lieutenant General Otto Schneewent ordered to return. It was also at this time that they discovered the light cruiser 'Kitakami' and two destroyers of the island fleet approaching at high speed.

"General, the light cruiser of the islanders sank our two light cruisers and two destroyers in one fell swoop. We have to guard against it!" Major General Abraham looked vigilant.

Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt nodded: "Let our escorts face the warships that were dispatched to sink the islanders. Let everyone pay attention and be careful. Don't be hit by their torpedoes again."

"Yes, General!" Major General Abraham nodded.

Subsequently, the German fleet dispatched three light cruisers and six destroyers, and launched a siege to the light cruiser "Kitakami" and two destroyers of the island navy.

Although, these three warships of the island nation's fleet performed very bravely. They maintained a high speed and wanted to break through the blockade of the German fleet and launch a lightning strike on the capital ship formation of the German fleet.

However, the shells all over the sky fell like raindrops. Even later the heavy cruisers and battlecruisers of the German fleet joined in. The 210mm main gun of the heavy cruiser and the 380mm main gun of the battlecruiser are fatal threats to the light cruisers and destroyers of the island navy.

Just ten minutes later, all three warships were hit one after another. The two destroyers were the first to be sunk. The light cruiser "Kitakami" was also seriously injured soon, and in the end, it had to release the torpedo at a long distance. However, when the German fleet was already prepared, it did not achieve any results at all.

Chapter 1380

Northern coast of Borneo, the front line of Bafo, the headquarters of the 18th Front Army of the Island Army. Commander Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura, Chief of Staff Major General Seiji Moriya. Lieutenant General Shojiro Iida, commander of the 15th Army of the Japanese Army, and Major General Haruki Masakiyama, chief of staff, are also here.

The Southern Army Command has sent a telegram telling them that the island navy will send a fleet to provide them with fire support tonight. Therefore, the generals of the 18th Front Army are all waiting. Waiting for the powerful large-caliber naval guns of the Japanese navy to completely destroy the defense line of the 226th Infantry Division of the German Army in one fell swoop. In this case, they can easily break through the German defense line and march towards Brunei.

The 23rd Army of the German Army, although only deployed a 226th Infantry Division to resist the attack of the Japanese Army. However, the narrow defense line, intensive firepower, and powerful artillery fire have already caused heavy losses to the 18th Front Army. So far, only two divisions of the 15th Army remain intact. Almost all the other divisions have been lost. Although the 18th Front Army

still has two divisions and an independent mixed brigade, it also dare not use it easily. If they are all lost, then there will be no way to continue this battle.

It is precisely because of this that Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura, the commander of the 18th Front Army, chose to ask for help from the navy of the island country, requesting the navy to send warships to bombard the German army's defense line, destroying the German army's defense line in one fell swoop.

"Mr. Moriya, what time is it?" Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura was a little impatient.

"Your Excellency, Commander, it is already 1 o'clock in the morning. Calculating the time, the fleet is about to arrive. Soon, they will start shelling." Major General Moriya Seiji said.

Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura nodded: "I hope that the navy's firepower strike this time can destroy the German defense line in one fell swoop! We don't have many troops to lose in vain."

Although the generals of the island army have never put the lives of ordinary soldiers in their eyes, they think that ordinary soldiers are just consumables. However, on the battlefield in Borneo, the loss of troops made them very distressed. These well-trained soldiers are also precious wealth! If there are too many losses, the combat effectiveness of the island nation's army will continue to decline. Although mobilization has begun in the country, can the new recruits who joined the army compare with the experienced veterans?

"Your Excellency, the German defense line is very strong, but it is too short, only less than five kilometers. On these defense lines, the Germans have deployed a large number of artillery and machine guns. This makes their defense line very strong. It is very difficult for us to break through their defense lines. However, these are nothing in front of the large-caliber naval guns of the naval capital ships. The large-caliber naval guns of the navy can easily destroy the German defense lines. At that time, we will be able to easily break through the German defense." Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro said.

His 15th Army suffered heavy losses, and he didn't want to let the troops lose in vain. It would be great if it could easily break through the German defense line with the help of the navy.

"Well! This time it is imperative to turn to the navy. If we hadn't given up a lot of resources to the navy, we must have been equipped with powerful firepower that is not inferior to the Germans. In that case, we would not have been at a disadvantage in the battle and were suppressed by the Germans," Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura said.

Turning to the navy seems to be a shameful thing. Therefore, Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura still had to find himself a step down.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander. After we conquer Southeast Asia and Australia, we will be able to obtain a large amount of resources. At that time, our army will be able to equip a large number of artillery and machine guns. When we are fighting, we can Don't rely on the support of the navy anymore." Rear Admiral Seiji Moriya also said.

The army generals of other island countries also spoke one after another. Everyone insisted that seeking help from the Japanese navy this time was nothing more than a stopgap measure. Soon, their army will be able to upgrade their equipment. At that time, their strength will be further improved, and they will not be worse than the German Army.

Of course, all of this is nothing more than the delusion of the Japanese army. It is not so easy for them to gain the strength to match the German Army. Even if they occupy parts of Southeast Asia and Australia, it is not so easy to transport a large amount of materials back to the mainland of the island country. The German navy will use various means to attack the transportation lines of the islanders. Those resources, even if they sink into the sea, are better than transporting them back to the mainland of the island country. In this regard, the German Navy is undoubtedly very experienced. After all, that's what they did when they dealt with the world's largest naval power, the British Empire, during the last world war.

Time passed bit by bit, and soon an hour passed. However, the shelling expected by the generals of the 18th Front Army of the Japanese Army did not start, which made these army generals look at each other in blank dismay.

"What's going on? Why haven't those naval warships arrived yet?" Vice Admiral Akito Nakamura frowned.

"Your Excellency, there may be some delays on the navy side! After all, sailing at sea will not be as accurate as on land." Rear Admiral Moriya Seiji said.

"Send a telegram to ask them!" Lieutenant General Iida Shojiro suggested.

"The navy is probably still in radio silence. Even if we send a telegram, they won't reply." Rear Admiral Moriya Seiji said.

Immediately, the generals of the army stopped talking. There seemed to be nothing for them to do but wait.

As time passed, the large-caliber bombardment of the naval warships they were expecting still did not start. This made the faces of these army generals even uglier. Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura, in particular, was already as dark as the bottom of a pot.

At this moment, no matter how stupid they are, they know that something is wrong. Otherwise, the navy's fire support will not be delayed.

While the generals of the 18th Front Army of the island country were waiting for the fire support from the navy, Major General Friedley, commander of the 226th Infantry Division of the German Army, and Brigadier General Georg, chief of staff, had already fallen asleep peacefully.

They have been notified by the German fleet long ago that the fleet will intercept the island navy, so they don't have to worry at all. So, they naturally don't have to worry about it. This sleep was also very sweet.