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The fighter jets of the 5th Aviation Group of the German Air Force slaughtered the carrier-based aircraft groups of the island navy. In front of the FW-190 fighter jets and BF-109 fighter jets of the Luftwaffe, the Zero-type carrier-based fighter jets may still have a little resistance. However, those ninety-nine ship explosions and ninety-seven ship attacks are no longer opponents.

Estimated at this rate of loss, I am afraid that the carrier fleet of the island navy will be completely lost before the location of the German Navy's aircraft carrier is found.

This is undoubtedly a good thing for the German Navy. After losing a large number of carrier-based aircraft, even if the aircraft carrier of the island navy is still there, its combat effectiveness has been greatly weakened. After all, the combat power of an aircraft carrier is reflected in the carrier-based aircraft. The aircraft carrier itself is nothing more than providing a platform for taking off and landing at sea, as well as the role of an ammunition depot, acting as a sea airport for carrier-based aircraft to take off and land. Once the aircraft carrier has no carrier-based aircraft, the aircraft carrier will naturally have no combat effectiveness.

The loss of nearly 200 carrier-based aircraft is undoubtedly a great loss for the first aircraft carrier team of the island navy. Especially the pilots of carrier-based aircraft are not so easy to train. In the case where the Japanese navy's carrier-based aircraft pilots take the business route, each of them is a baby bump, and the loss of one is less than one, which is enough to make people feel distressed.

While the fighter jets of the German Air Force were massacring, the second wave of carrier-based aircraft that took off from the two aircraft carriers of the German Navy was rushing to the position of the 1st aircraft carrier team of the island navy at high speed.

"Sir, our radar has detected a large-scale fleet, probably the German carrier fleet." On the "Ibuki" aircraft carrier, a staff officer reported to Lieutenant Admiral Chuichi Nagumo.

"Your Excellency, the German carrier-based aircraft has been found. It seems that the previous German submarine has indeed exposed our position." Major General Kusakaka Ryunosuke looked very ugly.

"Order the air defense fighter jets to attack immediately to intercept the German fleet! The fleet maintains an air defense formation and resists the German attack!" Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Chuichi ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Major General Kusakaka Ryunosuke immediately went to convey the order.

The more than 30 Zero fighters flying over the 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron of the island nation's navy, after receiving the order, immediately pounced in the direction of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft.

At the same time, the 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron of the Japanese Navy is also urgently changing its formation. The four aircraft carriers were separated from each other, and cruisers and destroyers

guarded these aircraft carriers in the middle. The air defense soldiers have rushed to the air defense positions, and the anti-aircraft guns and anti-aircraft machine guns have been aimed at the sky. Everyone has entered a state of emergency combat readiness, ready to shoot into the air at any time.

"Attention all squadrons, give priority to shooting down German bombers!" The fighter commander of the island navy ordered.

"Hi, sir!" The pilots all replied one after another.

They all know that with the performance of the Zero fighter, if they want to fight against the German Navy's carrier-based fighter, it is undoubtedly a little bit worse. If you are entangled or even shot down by the German Navy's carrier-based fighter jets, you can only watch the German Navy's bombers and torpedo planes attack their aircraft carrier. Therefore, for the sake of the safety of their own aircraft carrier fleet, they must try their best to shoot down the bombers and torpedo planes of the German Navy. Only in this way can one's own aircraft carrier be protected.

"Find the fighters of the island navy! Squadron 4 and 6, disperse the fighters of the islanders! Other fighters, cover dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft continue to move forward. We are not far from the aircraft carrier of the islanders." German Navy The carrier-based aircraft commander ordered.

"Yes, sir!"

24 carrier-based BF-109 fighter jets swooped down from a high altitude and attacked the Zero fighter jets of the island navy.

Fierce air battle broke out immediately.

Under the attack of the German Navy's carrier-based BF-109 fighter jets, the island navy's Zero fighter fleet lost several aircraft in the first contact. The rest of the fighters quickly dispersed and rushed towards the dive bombers and torpedo attack planes of the German Navy.

Although these Zero fighters are not opponents of carrier-based BF-109 fighters in air combat, they can still deal with those dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft carrying heavy aviation bombs and heavy aviation torpedoes. After all, these dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft were originally inflexible, and after carrying heavy bombs and torpedoes, they became even more clumsy.

It's just that the German Navy's carrier-based BF-109 fighter jets have been chasing and attacking these Zero fighter jets, not giving them the chance to attack those bombers and torpedo planes. There are also 12 carrier-based BF-109 fighter jets protecting these torpedo planes and attack planes. This caused the attacks of the Japan Navy's Zero fighter jets to be disintegrated time and time again.

Fighters were shot down continuously, but most of them were Zero fighters of the Japanese navy. Although these Zero fighters can get rid of the pursuit of the German Navy's BF-109 fighters by virtue of their excellent maneuverability. But they wanted to attack those bombers and torpedo planes, which undoubtedly gave the BF-109 fighter jets of the German Navy a chance.

When the Zero fighters of the island navy tried to attack the bombers and torpedo planes of the German Navy, the BF-109 fighter jets of the German Navy would seize the opportunity to launch an attack, and directly shot down these Zero fighters with powerful firepower.

Soon, the Zero fighter group of the Japanese navy suffered heavy losses. The German Navy's carrier-based fleet suffered minor losses.

The battle between the two sides is getting closer and closer to the 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron of the Japanese Navy, and they are about to enter the range of their air defense firepower.

"Your Excellency, our air defense fighters have suffered heavy losses. So far, there are less than ten of them. And only four German carrier-based aircraft were shot down." Major General Kusakaka Ryunosuke reported.

"Baga! Let our air defense fighters withdraw from the battle to avoid being accidentally injured! The anti-aircraft fire is ready to fire and shoot down the German plane!" Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi ordered with a dark face.

When the air defense fighters are useless, you can only rely on the fleet's air defense firepower. Lieutenant General Nanyun Zhongyi knew that this time they might have to pay a lot of losses.

"Dispatch two teams of fighter jets to continue to deal with the islanders' Zero fighters. The other fighters suppress the islanders' anti-aircraft firepower and cover the bombers and torpedo planes to attack. The bombers and torpedo planes are ready to attack, and first solve the **** on the periphery of the aircraft carrier Battleships, and then deal with aircraft carriers! This time, we must kill these German aircraft carriers!"

"Yes, sir!" The carrier-based aircraft pilots of the German Navy replied one after another.

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"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The anti-aircraft guns of the 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron of the island nation's navy fired, and the 127mm anti-aircraft guns were the first to attack.

The shell exploded in the air, leaving clouds of black smoke. Shrapnel shoots out, attacking surrounding targets.

The anti-aircraft shells used at this time are still time-delayed fuzes. After reaching a certain height, the shell will explode. Therefore, the power of anti-aircraft guns is naturally not as powerful as that of the invention of the proximity fuze.

The carrier-based aircraft group of the German Navy has been dispersed. BF-109 fighter jets use aviation machine guns and cannons to straf the anti-aircraft firepower, suppress them, and create opportunities for the attack of dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft.

"Attack the outer **** warships first, and then attack the aircraft carrier!"

"Woo!" Four dive bombers launched an attack on a destroyer of the Fubuki class.

"Evade! German aerial bombs!" the sailors on the destroyer 'Dawn' roared loudly.

"Boom boom boom!" Although the anti-aircraft guns on the destroyer "Xiao" were still firing crazily, they couldn't stop the four dive bombers.

Four heavy aerial bombs hit the destroyer 'Xiao' fiercely.

A heavy aviation armor-piercing shell hit the rear deck of the destroyer 'Xiao'.

"Boom!"

The bomb exploded, almost destroying the rear half of the stern of the destroyer 'Akatsuki'. Seawater poured into the hull through the leaks. The destroyer, with a displacement of less than 2,000 tons, quickly sank into the sea.

Under the attack of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft, the **** warships of the Island Navy's 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron were sunk one after another.

A small warship like a destroyer is almost completely powerless to resist. Once hit, it means sinking. Light cruisers and heavy cruisers can't last long. Both heavy aviation armor-piercing bombs and heavy aviation torpedoes pose a deadly threat to them.

"Woo!"

Four dive bombers launched an attack on the heavy cruiser "Chokai" of the island navy.

A dive bomber was hit by an anti-aircraft artillery shell while diving, and fell into the sea before it could drop the bomb, and the pilot was killed on the spot.

But the other three dive bombers dropped bombs.

An aerial bomb hit the heavy cruiser 'Chokai', causing the heavy cruiser with a displacement of more than 10,000 tons to ignite a raging fire.

"Baga!" Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Chuichi was on the "Ibuki" aircraft carrier, watching his warships being severely damaged or sunk one after another, his face was as dark as the bottom of a pot.

Although, right now several aircraft carriers are not under attack. However, he believed that when their escorts suffered heavy losses, it would be the aircraft carriers' turn. At that time, the fate of these aircraft carriers will not be much better. Without the support of the anti-aircraft firepower of the **** warships, the huge flight deck of the aircraft carrier is just a target for the German carrier-based aircraft to attack.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the German carrier-based planes have begun to attack the 'Togakushi'." Major General Kusakaka Ryunosuke reported in panic.

"Damn it!" Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi couldn't help cursing.

Through the binoculars, Lieutenant Admiral Chuichi Nagumo could clearly see that the aircraft carrier 'Togakushi' had fallen into the siege of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft. Swarms of carrier-based planes of the German Navy are dropping bombs and torpedoes on the "Togakushi" aircraft carrier.

When the **** warships around the aircraft carrier "Togakushi" suffered heavy losses, the German Navy's carrier fleet focused on the aircraft carrier.

"Boom boom boom!"

Although there are 22 twin 25mm anti-aircraft guns and 30 13.2mm anti-aircraft machine guns on the "Togakushi" aircraft carrier. But it still couldn't stop the attack of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft.

"Woohoo!"

There was a shrill howling sound, and a total of eight dive bombers were diving and dropping bombs on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier "Togakushi".

The aircraft carrier Togakushi, with a displacement of nearly 40,000 tons, desperately evaded, rushing left and right like a bison. However, it still couldn't be avoided.

Eight aerial bombs hit the flight deck of the "Togakushi" aircraft carrier at an almost vertical angle. Three of the bombs fell into the sea, but the remaining five bombs hit the flight deck of the "Togakushi" aircraft carrier.

Although the flight deck of the "Togakushi" aircraft carrier has a layer of 38 mm thick armor. However, under the attack of heavy aerial bombs, it still couldn't resist and was easily penetrated.

After the aerial bomb penetrated the flight deck, it exploded in the hangar. The violent explosion left the entire hangar in a mess. At the same time, a raging fire was ignited.

The damage control personnel on the aircraft carrier immediately began to think of ways to put out the fire. However, the fire is very large, and it is undoubtedly very difficult to extinguish the fire and prevent the fire from spreading.

What's more terrible is that the attack of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft group is not over yet.

Another eight dive bombers attacked the aircraft carrier Togakushi. At the same time, four torpedo attack aircraft also took the opportunity to cooperate with each other.

This time, the "Togakushi" aircraft carrier only escaped four aerial bombs, and the other four aerial bombs scored hits again, which further aggravated the "Togakushi" aircraft carrier's injuries.

Four torpedo attack aircraft also dropped four 533 mm heavy torpedoes. While evading aerial bombs, the aircraft carrier Togakushi could not evade torpedoes at the same time. As a result, three of the four aviation torpedoes scored hits. The 152 mm waterline armor of the "Togakushi" aircraft carrier was easily blasted into big holes. A large amount of seawater frantically poured into the "Togakushi" aircraft carrier.

Under the onslaught of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet, the aircraft carrier "Togakushi" was hit continuously, and soon died.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the 'Togakushi' is too severely damaged, I'm afraid it won't last!" Major General Kusakaka Ryunosuke looked sad. This is the main aircraft carrier of the Japanese Navy! To lose one is to lose one.

"Let the "Togakushi" aircraft carrier abandon the ship! The other **** warships should be added around the other three aircraft carriers." Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Chuichi ordered. In doing this, he obviously wanted to preserve the other three aircraft carriers as much as possible.

After the order to abandon the ship was issued, the aircraft carrier "Togakushi" seemed to give up resistance, allowing the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft group to launch an attack. Soon, the aircraft carrier with a displacement of nearly 40,000 tons sank into the sea because of too much damage and too much water.

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The 'Togakushi' aircraft carrier became the first aircraft carrier lost by the Japanese navy in this battle. Of course, this will definitely not be the last one. The other three aircraft carriers of the Island Navy's 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron are also targets of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet.

"How much ammunition is there?" The German Navy's carrier-based aircraft commander asked.

Some pilots who still had bombs and torpedoes reported one after another.

"The ammunition is running out. Focus on attacking the aircraft carrier on the left! Even if it can't be sunk, it must be severely damaged. The plane without ammunition should return first!" the commander ordered.

"Yes, boss!"

The attack started again, but this time the target was changed to the aircraft carrier 'Hodaka'. This is an aircraft carrier with a larger displacement, with a full capacity of more than 42,000 tons.

Because it is an aircraft carrier refitted with the hull of a capital ship, its displacement is generally much larger. But carrier-based aircraft are not as good as purpose-built fleet aircraft carriers. However, the advantage of an aircraft carrier converted from a battleship hull is that it has a stronger defense force, and therefore has a stronger survivability in naval battles.

However, if it receives more bombs and torpedoes, it will also be sunk.

"Woohoo!"

The dive bombers of the German Navy launched an attack again. These dive bombers dived down from a high altitude, and smashed the heavy aerial bombs on the aircraft carrier 'Hodaka'. At the same time, several torpedo attack aircraft also took the opportunity to launch an attack.

Although the "Hodaka" aircraft carrier escaped some aerial bombs and torpedoes, it was still inevitably hit.

"Boom! Boom!"

The sound of the explosion sounded on the aircraft carrier 'Hodaka', and large holes were blown out of the flight deck, and a raging fire ignited. At the same time, the waterline armor on the side was also penetrated by torpedoes, causing the aircraft carrier to start flooding.

Fortunately, the German Navy's carrier fleet does not have much ammunition left. Although it caused a lot of trauma to the "Hodaka" aircraft carrier. But there was no way to sink this defensive aircraft carrier.

After dropping all the bombs and torpedoes, the German Navy's carrier fleet had to return. They need to hurry back to the aircraft carrier, and then launch another attack.

At the same time, the two aircraft carriers of the German Navy have dispatched the third wave of carrier-based aircraft groups to the island navy's 1st aircraft carrier fleet. Originally their goal was the capital ship fleet of the navy of the island country, but the value of the aircraft carrier is definitely greater than that of the capital ship. So the target was changed.

In addition, the second wave of carrier-based aircraft launched by the 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron of the Japanese Navy was also discovered by the German Navy's air search radar. The aircraft fleet consisting of 56 Nine-Nine Ship Explosives and 80 Nine-Seven Ship Attacks is undoubtedly very large and possesses extremely strong attack power.

But unfortunately, they were intercepted by the German Air Force before they could find the location of the German Navy's aircraft carrier.

A huge fleet of hundreds of FW-190 fighter jets and BF-109 fighter jets directly attacked the carrier-based aircraft of the navies of these island countries. Without the **** of Type Zero fighters, these 99 Ship Explosions and 97 Ship Attacks, although they have certain air combat capabilities. But in front of the Air Force's specialized fighter jets, it undoubtedly looks too weak, and it can even be said that it is completely the gap between a baby and an adult.

"Da da da! Boom boom boom!"

Aviation machine guns and machine guns fired crazily, and one after another the carrier-based aircraft of the island nation were shot down.

"Haha! This kind of air combat is so simple, I like it so much!"

"It's not difficult at all. Are the islanders so stupid? They don't send **** fighters for their bombers and attack planes. Or, do they think our air search radar won't find them? ?"

"Who knows what the islanders think. Anyway, we just need to shoot them all down. In that case, we will become ace pilots in no time!"

Obviously, the pilots of the 5th Aviation Group of the Luftwaffe regard the carrier-based aircraft of these island navies as a copy of their experience. This is undoubtedly a very safe and easy way to succeed.

"Damn, I was bitten by the Germans, who will help me?" An island country pilot said desperately.

However, the other island country carrier-based aircraft pilots are all overwhelmed, how can they have time to help him?

"Boom boom boom!"

The German fighter plane opened fire, and the shells from the cannon broke the wings of the nine-nine ship. The plane lost its balance and crashed into the sea.

"The Germans have too many fighter planes. Without the **** of fighter jets, we can't get through at all."

"Yeah! It's not fighting anymore, it's death. German fighter jets are killing us!"

"We can't go on like this anymore, we have to return! Otherwise, everyone will die here."

Under the threat of death, the pilots of the island navy no longer cared about the orders they accepted. Throwing aerial bombs or torpedoes into the sea one by one indiscriminately, and then accelerated to escape.

Although after dropping bombs or torpedoes, their speed has increased a lot. However, in front of the fighter jets of the Luftwaffe, this speed is still as slow as a snail.

Under the pursuit of the fighter planes of the Luftwaffe, these carrier-based aircraft of the island navy were shot down one after another, and few were able to escape.

The only trouble is probably that the fighter jets of the Luftwaffe have a short range and insufficient endurance. After running out of fuel, I had to turn back. This left a glimmer of life for the carrier-based aircraft of the Japanese navy. A very small number of carrier-based aircraft of the island nation survived until that time before returning safely. It's just that, without bombs and torpedoes, it is impossible to launch another attack on the German Navy's aircraft carrier. Moreover, the carrier-based aircraft pilots of these island navies are not fools. They knew very well that with these carrier-based aircraft alone, it was impossible to even break through the air defense firepower of the German Navy. If they launched an attack, they would also die.

The third wave of the German Navy's aircraft fleet caught up with the island navy's 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron, and launched an attack on them again. Without the interference of the island navy's carrier-based fighter jets, these carrier-based aircraft directly launched an attack on the island navy's surface warships. The "Hodaka" aircraft carrier, which has been severely damaged, has undoubtedly become the key target of attack.

Even if the navy of the island country has assembled a large number of **** warships, it still cannot resist it. Although they shot down some carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy, they still did not save the sinking of the "Hodaka" aircraft carrier. At this time, the navy of the island country had already suffered a complete defeat in this naval battle.

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"Your Excellency, Commander, the 'Hotaka' has been sunk!" Major General Kusakaka Ryunosuke reported.

"I see!" Nagumo Chuichi clenched his hands tightly into fists, and his knuckles were a little white because of too much force. The nails were even embedded in the flesh of the palm, and they were already bleeding. However, Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi didn't seem to feel any pain at all.

In the sky, the carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy continued to launch attacks, and some **** warships of the island navy were burning or sinking. This time, the island nation's naval task force suffered heavy losses. The capital ship battle team sank three capital ships, and one was severely damaged. On the side of the aircraft carrier team, two aircraft carriers have already been sunk. Whether the remaining two aircraft carriers can escape safely is still very difficult to say. No one knows how much the German Navy's aircraft carrier will cost them in the next team.

"Boom!"

A destroyer was hit, and the entire bow was shrouded in smoke and flames.

There is no doubt that this ship has been battered to do it. Maybe it will be sunk soon.

Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi couldn't help but raise his heart in his throat. Because this destroyer is the outer **** battleship of the aircraft carrier 'Ibuki'. Once the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft sank the outer **** warships of the "Ibuki" aircraft carrier, they would definitely attack the "Ibuki" aircraft carrier. At that time, will the aircraft carrier 'Ibuki' be able to withstand it? In this regard, Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi has no confidence at all. The sinking of the "Togakushi" aircraft carrier and the "Hodaka" aircraft carrier has already caused a great shadow in his heart.

"Where's our carrier-based aircraft? Haven't found the German aircraft carrier yet?" Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Chuichi asked.

In the case of the Japanese Navy's 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron suffering heavy losses, Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Chuichi especially hoped that their carrier-based aircraft would be successful. In this way, they may be able to avoid failure.

"Your Excellency, our carrier-based aircraft group has failed. Both waves of carrier-based aircraft groups were intercepted by fighter jets of the Luftwaffe. The carrier-based aircraft was almost completely lost. The seven-ship attack is returning. The other carrier-based aircraft have been shot down by the Germans." Major General Kusakaka Ryunosuke reported.

Hearing the news, Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi staggered and almost fell to the deck. This news was undoubtedly a bolt from the blue for him. The sinking of the two aircraft carriers has already caused heavy losses to the naval aviation of the island navy. Now, the loss of more than 300 carrier-based aircraft undoubtedly made them worse again. In the last naval battle, the carrier-based aircraft and pilots of the island navy's aircraft carrier team had been completely lost. After finally returning to China to supplement the carrier-based aircraft and pilots, I didn't expect to lose everything again this time. You know, the carrier-based aircraft pilots of the island navy are very valuable. It is not so easy to add again. In addition, the navy of the island country will soon have a new aircraft carrier in service. At that time, I am afraid that there will be an embarrassing situation where there are aircraft carriers and carrier-based aircraft, but no carrier-based aircraft pilots!

"It seems that the gap between us and the Germans is too big, so big that it is completely beyond our expectations. Even, we are not ready for this war at all. In this state of war with the Germans, we really Can you win?" Lieutenant General Chuichi Nagumo has already doubted this war.

Major General Kusakaka Ryunosuke did not speak. It is not their decision for the island country to declare war on Germany. That is something that the upper-level rulers should consider. And what they have to do is to work hard to help the island nation win this battle. However, judging from the current situation, it may be very difficult for the island country to win.

"Your Excellency, Commander, although we have lost a lot, we will soon have new aircraft carriers and battleships in service. At that time, our strength will definitely be stronger than the Germans. We can still defeat them!" Grass Major General Shika Ryunosuke is full of confidence.

Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi didn't say much. Although he also knows that the strength of the island nation's navy will soon be further strengthened. However, no one can guarantee that the German Navy will reinforce the Pacific battlefield. In that case, it may be even more difficult for the island nation to win the final victory.

The third wave of the German Navy's fleet failed to sink the aircraft carriers 'Ibuki' and 'Kurama' in the end. There are too many escorting warships, and after one is sunk, other warships will immediately make up for it. This makes the island navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet have to spend a lot of ammunition on these **** warships. At the same time, the number of German carrier-based aircraft sunk by intensive anti-aircraft fire is also increasing.

After dropping all the bombs and torpedoes, the German Navy's carrier fleet had to return.

This also relieved Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi and others, and quickly ordered the fleet to evacuate at an accelerated pace.

In order to further cause greater damage to the island nation's fleet, the two aircraft carriers of the German Navy still launched the fourth wave of attack aircraft groups. It's just that at this time, the 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron of the Japanese Navy has already fled north for a long distance. It is almost out of the strike radius of the German Navy's carrier-based fleet.

In the end, the fourth wave of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft group had to launch a round of attacks in a hurry, and then returned. Because if they don't return, they may fall into the sea due to exhaustion of fuel.

This round of attacks did not achieve much results, but only caused the aircraft carrier 'Ibuki' and 'Kurama' to suffer some aerial bombs and torpedoes. Although it was severely damaged, it was not actually fatal.

After this round of attacks by the German Navy's carrier-based fleet, this naval battle is over. Because the island navy's fleet has left the strike radius of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft. Even if you want to launch an attack again, it is impossible.

Although in the end, the aircraft carriers 'Ibuki' and 'Kurama' were not able to be sunk. But the German Navy still won a great victory in this naval battle. In this naval battle, they not only sank three capital ships of the German Navy, but also severely damaged another one. Of the four aircraft carriers of the Japanese navy, two were also sunk, and the remaining two were also severely damaged. In terms of heavy cruisers, four were sunk, and 11 light cruisers were sunk. There are countless destroyers lost.

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"General, the last carrier-based aircraft has returned! This naval battle is over!" Major General Berger's face was full of smiles.

"Hmm! Are the battle results calculated?" Lieutenant General William Canaris asked.

"General, in this naval battle, we sank three of the islanders' capital ships and severely damaged one. We sank two aircraft carriers and severely damaged the remaining two. We sank four heavy cruisers and severely damaged one Heavy cruiser. It sank 11 light cruisers and more than 20 destroyers." Major General Berger was already familiar with these data.

"Haha, it seems that our results are pretty good. The navy of the island country was hit hard again in this battle. This time, it is even more difficult for the navy of the island country to fight us. Maybe we can easily Until the empire wins the European battlefield. At that time, the empire will be able to send a large fleet to the Pacific battlefield." Lieutenant General William Canaris smiled.

"Yes, General. In addition, the pilots of the carrier-based aircraft of the island navy also lost a lot. I think this will weaken the strength of the carrier-based aircraft of the island navy again. If we engage in the next battle, we can easily Beat them," Major General Berger said.

"That's true. Not only are the performance of the islanders' carrier-based aircraft lagging behind ours, but there is also a huge gap in the quality of their pilots. With their pilots suffering heavy losses, the new pilots will not be ours. opponents. Our advantage in this war has become bigger and bigger." Lieutenant General William Canaris said.

"By the way, what about our losses?" Lieutenant General William Canaris asked.

"The battleship formation lost four light cruisers and five destroyers. The losses on our side were mainly carrier-based aircraft. During several attacks, carrier-based aircraft were shot down. They were mainly attacking the islanders. It was shot down by anti-aircraft fire when it was a surface warship. According to the final statistics, we lost a total of 15 carrier-based BF-109 fighter jets, 18 dive bombers and 11 torpedo attack planes." Rear Admiral Berger continued.

Lieutenant General William Canaris couldn't help but frowned. Although, compared with the results achieved by the German Navy, such a loss does not seem to be a big deal. However, the loss of more than forty carrier-based aircraft at one time still made him feel a little distressed. After all, although the number of pilots in Germany is very large, the pilots of carrier-based aircraft are also very precious.

"Find a way to ask for support from the country, and add a batch of carrier-based aircraft and pilots to us! After all, our enemies are still growing. If our eyesight is damaged but cannot be replenished, it may be difficult to fight against them Yes." Lieutenant General William Canaris said.

"General, this should be no problem. Although the country cannot send more navies to reinforce us. However, it should be no problem to add a batch of carrier-based aircraft and pilots to us." Rear Admiral Berger said.

"Is the loss of the air force big? This time we have to thank them well. If the air force hadn't intercepted two batches of carrier-based aircraft of the islanders, our losses would definitely not be small under the crazy attacks of the islanders." Where did you go?" Lieutenant General William Canaris said.

Lieutenant General William Canaris had lingering fears when he thought that the navy of the island country had dispatched two batches of carrier-based aircraft successively, with more than 300 aircraft to attack them. If it hadn't been for the 5th aviation group of the Air Force to intercept the carrier-based aircraft group of the island navy, maybe both of their aircraft carriers were sunk. In that case, their losses will be great.

"General, the loss of the air force is not too big, there are about a dozen aircraft losses. The performance of the carrier-based aircraft of the island navy is too bad, and it is not an opponent of the air force's advanced fighters at all."

"No matter what, we still have to thank the Air Force. After returning to Lion City, I will treat General Hubert Weiser to dinner." Lieutenant General William Canaris said. Lieutenant General Hubert Weiser was the commander of the 5th Aviation Group of the Luftwaffe. The defense zone of the 5th Aviation Group is the entire Nanyang. As for Australia, it is the defense zone of the 6th Aviation Group.

While the German navy and air force were rejoicing for the victory, the island fleet seemed to have collapsed.

A huge task force, more than half of the warships were damaged in battle. In particular, capital ships and aircraft carriers suffered heavy losses. Such a price is not even much less than the previous naval battle. This is undoubtedly a serious blow to the island nation's navy, whose strength has already been damaged.

When Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro arrived on the aircraft carrier 'Ibuki' in a seaplane, Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi and him began to discuss how to report to the country.

Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro has always had a lump in his heart about the fact that the aircraft carrier team did not send fighter jets to reinforce him. But when he saw that the aircraft carrier team also suffered heavy losses, he was relieved. After all, the aircraft carrier team was already unable to protect itself.

"Nagumo-kun, it's impossible to hide it. Let's report directly to Commander Yamamoto! We have done our best in this battle. It's not because we are greedy and afraid of death, but because the Germans are too powerful. That's why there is such a loss." Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro said.

"Okay, Takasu-kun." Lieutenant General Chuichi Nagumo nodded. Such a huge loss cannot be concealed. It's just that Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi didn't know how to deal with them when the country learned of such a loss. Now, they are all left to their fate.

Island country, Kure port naval base. Combined Fleet Commander General Yamamoto Fifty-Six is here to inspect the construction progress of several major aircraft carriers and battleships of the Navy.

"Your Excellency, Commander, according to the current progress, the navy will have five refitted aircraft carriers in service in three months. By the second half of the year, more aircraft carriers and capital ships will be in service. By then, the strength of the navy will be further enhanced Upgrade!" Said Lieutenant Admiral Seiichi Iwamura, head of the Naval Headquarters of the island nation.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six nodded. He knew that if the navy of the island country wanted to defeat the German navy on the Pacific battlefield, it had to have more aircraft carriers and battleships. Fortunately, the scale of warship construction of the island nation's navy is now very large, and the further strengthening of the island nation's navy can be expected.

"After these aircraft carriers and capital ships are in service, we will have the capital to fight the German fleet. And, we will have an overwhelming advantage!" Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six said confidently.

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"Iwamura-kun, how is the construction progress of the 'Yamato-class' battleship?" General Yamamoto asked.

Although, General Yamamoto, after seeing the extremely powerful combat effectiveness of the combination of aircraft carrier and carrier-based aircraft, thought that it was a bit too wasteful to build such an expensive capital ship as the "Yamato-class" battleship. The construction cost of a "Yamato-

class" battleship can almost build two or even three aircraft carriers. And the combat strength of a "Yamato-class" battleship obviously cannot be compared with two or even three aircraft carriers.

However, when the capital ships of the Japanese navy suffered heavy losses in naval battles, if the four "Yamato-class" battleships can serve, it will undoubtedly alleviate this dilemma. In this case, at least in battles between capital ships, the navy of the island country will no longer be at a disadvantage. The powerful 460mm main gun of the "Yamato-class" battleship is enough to tear apart all opponents. The thick armor can also withstand the shelling of most battleships very well. This will allow the island nation's navy to regain its advantage in terms of capital ships.

"Your Excellency, the construction progress of the 'Yamato-class' battleships has been accelerated again. It is expected that they will be able to serve before the end of this year. In addition, the construction of the 'Kai Yamato-class' battleships and the 'Super Yamato-class' battleships has also begun. Only However, it will take at least one and a half years before the 'Kai Yamato-class' battleships can enter service. It will take two and a half or even three years for the 'Super Yamato-class' battleships." Lieutenant General Seiichi Iwamura replied.

The "Kai Yamato-class" battleship is equipped with a 460mm main gun with 50 times the caliber, while the "Super Yamato-class" battleship is equipped with a more powerful 510mm main gun. Moreover, the displacement has also been further increased.

It is almost impossible to build these huge warships only by relying on the strength and resources of the island navy itself. However, with the support of the Americans, it will be different. Even the U.S. Navy restarted the construction of new capital ships after learning of the powerful strength of the old ships of the German Navy. They exchanged resources for a full set of design and construction blueprints for the 'Yamato-class' battleships from the island nation's navy. Then make modifications on this to build your own battleship with 460mm main guns. This has never happened in the real history of another time and space.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six nodded, although he thought in his heart that having four Yamato-class battleships was enough, and other resources should be used to build aircraft carriers. However, there are still a large number of capital ships in the navy of the island country. This made General Yamamoto fifty-six can only watch helplessly as a large amount of resources were used to build huge battleships. What he can do is to fight for more resources for the aircraft carrier.

Fortunately, the external environment of the island nation's navy in this time and space is much better than that of another time and space. With the generous support of the Americans, many warships that were originally only on the design drawings can be started to be built. This also makes the strength of the island nation's navy will soon grow further. The possibility of them winning this war has also increased a lot because of this.

"Iwamura-kun, what about the aircraft carriers we converted from merchant ships and cruise ships? I hope they can serve within half a year!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

While the main fleet aircraft carrier of the island navy is still under construction, he has to focus on those modified aircraft carriers. Although the survivability of those modified aircraft carriers is worrying. But if they can all serve in service, at least the strength of the navy of the island country can be greatly

improved. In a short period of time, the navy of the island country can have an advantage in the Pacific Ocean.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I will urge the shipyards to work overtime. Within six months, the seven aircraft carriers will be built." Lieutenant General Seiichi Iwamura assured.

Under such circumstances, it is obviously impossible for him to say no. Otherwise, General Yamamoto Fifty-Six will be quite dissatisfied.

"Yo Sai! Iwamura-kun, I will leave the construction of our battleship to you. If the empire can win this battle, you will be indispensable!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander. I will do my best in this humble position!" Lieutenant General Iwamura Seiichi replied.

At this moment, the adjutant of General Yamamoto Fifty-Six ran over in panic. Seeing his appearance, General Yamamoto Fifty-Six could not help but frown. He likes that his subordinates can handle things calmly, but now the adjutant's performance obviously makes him very dissatisfied.

"Your Excellency, the task force's telegram." The adjutant did not notice the expression of General Yamamoto Fifty-Six at all.

Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six did not dare to neglect when he heard the news of the task force. He immediately took the telegram and began to read it carefully. After all, the current task force can be said to have gathered all the main forces of the combined fleet. If there is something wrong with the task force, it will cause the combined fleet to suffer heavy losses. And for a long time to come, I am afraid they will not be able to launch a counterattack.

After the Fifty-Sixth General Yamamoto read the telegram, his face was as dark as the bottom of a pot. He never expected that it would be such a bad news!

"Hachi! Nagumo Chuichi and Takasu Shiro, what are they doing! Those bastards, are they going to bury the Imperial Navy?" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six roared angrily.

The admirals of the other island nations all bowed their heads in silence, and no one dared to touch Admiral Yamamoto's brow at this time.

"Prepare the plane and return to Tokyo immediately!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" The adjutant immediately went to make arrangements.

"Iwamura-kun, I will leave the matter here to you!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six commanded coldly.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Lieutenant General Iwamura Seiichi nodded heavily.

Although he didn't know what happened, he could guess from General Yamamoto's expression. Obviously, the Japanese navy may have suffered another defeat this time. And the loss is not small. Otherwise, the 56th National Congress of Yamamoto would not be so gaffe.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six quickly left the Wugang Naval Base with his own people, and returned to Tokyo by plane. The Navy suffered such a disastrous defeat, and it must have been a mess long ago. He needs to rush back to discuss countermeasures with the third chief of the Navy.

As for all the affairs of the new battleship, he can't take care of it for the time being, and can only hand it over to the people below. Of course, in the case of the island nation's navy suffering heavy losses, the construction progress of new warships must be further accelerated.

Chapter 1397

The capital of the island country is Tokyo, the Ministry of the Navy. Admiral Yoshida Zengo, Minister of the Sea, and Admiral Fushimi Miyahiro, Chief of the Naval Command, frowned, and the expressions on their faces were very ugly. The news of the defeat of the task force sent by the United Fleet undoubtedly dealt them a heavy blow.

"Is Yamamoto-kun back?" General Fushimi Gong Hiroshi asked.

"Yamamoto-kun has already taken the plane and rushed back. It is expected to be back in the afternoon." Marine Minister Yoshida Zengo said.

Although Admiral Yoshida Zengo served as Minister of Trust and Navy. Became the head of the three chiefs of the Navy. However, his qualifications are relatively low. General Fushimi Gong Hiroshi and General Yamamoto Fifty-six were both his former bosses. Therefore, his posture is very low.

"Yoshida-kun, the fiasco of the task force has put us in a very dangerous situation. Our main fleet has almost been lost. This battle is probably very difficult to fight!" General Fushimi Gong Hiroshi A look of grief.

If the previous naval battle was a traumatic injury to the navy of the island country, then the fiasco of the task force this time was a fatal blow. This almost destroyed the construction of the island nation's navy for more than 20 years.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo nodded: "Yes, Your Royal Highness. Before the war broke out, we all overestimated our own strength and underestimated the strength of the Germans. Even if they only deployed two fleets in the Pacific, We couldn't beat them either. If we could, we shouldn't have gone to war with the Germans so early. If we could have been on board for another year, maybe the situation would have been different."

If the war between the island country and Germany can be postponed for one year, the strength of the island country's navy will be improved again. In terms of aircraft carriers, they will add a full fifteen more. Two of them are medium-sized aircraft carriers and one is a heavy-armored aircraft carrier. Although the other twelve are all modified aircraft carriers. But it can also carry a large number of carrier-based aircraft and has extremely powerful strength. In terms of capital ships, four 'Yamato-class' battleships can also join the combined fleet, making the combined fleet have a stronger battleship fleet.

But sadly, they all know this is impossible. The American master behind the island country cannot allow them to delay for such a long time. The Americans just hope that the island countries will participate in the war, consume Germany's strength, and lay a better foundation for the United States to participate in the war. Therefore, it is impossible for them to let the island countries act according to

their own strategies. Otherwise, once the United States cancels its support to the island country, the development momentum of the island country's navy will be curbed immediately.

"Yoshida-kun, this is impossible. Besides, it's too late to say this now." General Fushimi Gong Hiroshi said.

General Yoshida Zengo nodded.

"Now, what we should do is how to restore the situation." General Fushimi Gong Hiroshi said.

"His Royal Highness, now we only have two aircraft carriers and four battleships left. Moreover, both aircraft carriers have to enter the shipyard for repairs for a few months, and the battleship 'Mutsu' also needs to be repaired. The only remaining Only the battleship 'Yamashiro' is left with combat capability. But the battleship 'Yamashiro' is too weak, and once it goes to sea to fight, it may be easily killed by the Germans. In these three months, I am afraid it will become a battleship. The window period for our navy." Admiral Yoshida Zengo said.

"The army will definitely be furious. Without the support of the navy, their operations in Nanyang will be even more difficult. At that time, they will pay huge casualties." King Fushimi Gong Hiroshi said.

"There is no way to do this, we have already paid an extremely heavy price. Besides, this is not what we want." General Yoshida Zengo said. He also knew that the army would definitely attack. Even if the current prime minister is Mitsumasa Minai, the former Minister of the Navy. But on this issue, I am afraid that it is impossible to favor the navy.

But Admiral Yoshida Zengo said it well, and the navy of the island country does not want to lose this naval battle. The reason why they lost was entirely because the German navy was too powerful.

That afternoon, Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six rushed back to Tokyo by plane from the Kure Port Naval Base. After returning to Tokyo, he did not go to the Joint Fleet Command, but went directly to the Ministry of the Navy. Admiral Yoshida Zengo, Minister of the Navy, and Admiral Fushimi Miyahiro, Chief of Naval Command, are still waiting here.

"Yoshida-kun, His Royal Highness!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six greeted the two with a dark face.

"Yamamoto-kun, you have worked hard all the way!"

"Sit down, Yamamoto-kun."

The topic didn't get to the point until the Fifty-Sixth General Yamamoto took his seat.

"Yamamoto-kun, the strength of the navy has been hit hard again. This time, our situation may be very bad!" said Admiral Fushimi Gong Hiroshi.

Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six nodded: "There is no way! The strength of the navy has been greatly damaged, and it is no longer able to fight against the Germans for the time being. Even after three months, our damaged warships can be restored. At the same time, We can also get five new aircraft carriers. But in terms of overall strength, we can't compete with the Germans. Before other new aircraft carriers and "Yamato-class" battleships enter service, we may only be able to deal with the Germans in the Pacific Ocean gone."

General Yoshida Zengo and King Fushimi Miyahiro Kyoko nodded repeatedly, and they also knew that there was no way to do it. Before those damaged warships were repaired, they simply had no strength to fight against the Germans. Even if five new aircraft carriers enter service, they are all modified aircraft carriers that can only carry more than 30 carrier-based aircraft. The five aircraft carriers together only have more than 150 carrier-based aircraft. Including the re-repaired "Ibuki" and "Kurama" aircraft carriers, the total number of carrier-based aircraft that can go to sea for the navy of the island country is only more than 330. In terms of quantity, it cannot be compared with the German Navy at all. In terms of quality, the two sides are completely incomparable. Unless they wait for a while, until the subsequent aircraft carriers and capital ships are in service one after another, then they will be able to challenge the German Navy.

"I have asked the Shipping Administration Headquarters to speed up the construction of warships as much as possible. I will strive to have the strength to challenge the German Navy within half a year!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

"In half a year, the army will definitely be quite dissatisfied." Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

"So what? They can't let our navy go out to sea and fight the Germans right now? What's the difference between that and death? The navy is completely lost, can they defeat the Germans alone?" Yamamoto Fifty-Six The general sneered.

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The heavy loss of the island nation's navy in the South China Sea this time has indeed given the island nation's top government a big slap in the face. At the same time, it also made them realize the reality. That is, this battle will not be as easy as they imagined. Germany's military power in the Pacific region is far stronger than the island government imagined.

Before the war broke out, the strength of the island nation's navy was enough to rank third in the world. But now, in just two months, their powerful navy has been almost completely wiped out. This is a complete blow to the island nation. If the navy of the island country wants to make a difference, I am afraid it will have to wait patiently for a few more months. After the island navy's follow-up capital ships and aircraft carriers are in service, they will have the strength to challenge the German navy again and regain control of the sea in the Western Pacific.

However, it is very difficult to say whether the world situation will change in a few months. After all, Germany is now attacking Bu Russia with all its strength. The war between the two countries is in full swing. Once Germany wins on the Bu-Russia battlefield, it will completely defeat Bu-Russia. Then, Germany will be able to free up its hands and devote more military strength to other battlefields.

The army of the island country was also very angry at the fiasco of the navy. After the failure of the navy, the army of the island country was fighting alone in Southeast Asia and Australia. This will make them pay a greater price in the war in Nanyang. Even after paying heavy losses, it may not be possible to win, which naturally made it unacceptable for the island army.

The island country's army minister Hata Toshi and the six generals even spoke publicly, believing that the island country's navy has failed the people's long-standing support and expectations. The whole navy of the island country has to apologize for this.

Of course, this is just what they said in a fit of rage. If the island nation's navy is completely disbanded, can the war be won by relying solely on the strength of the army? That is obviously impossible.

The Prime Minister of the island country, Mitsumasa Yonei, immediately started a cabinet meeting. Although he was the previous Minister of the Navy, he was also the leader of the navy of the island country. But in the case of successive defeats by the Navy, he also needs to express his attitude. After all, after becoming prime minister, he not only represents the navy, but also needs to consider the interests of the entire island country.

"Yoshida-kun! The task force suffered a disastrous defeat this time, what is the navy going to do next?" asked Minai Mitsumasa.

"Your Excellency, the fiasco of the task force this time has made the Imperial Navy no longer have the strength to fight again in a short period of time. Therefore, we hope to be able to recuperate in the next few months. Wait until our strength is restored, and then launch an offensive to try to defeat the Germans, seize the sea dominance in the Western Pacific, and drive the Germans out of the Pacific Ocean and even the Indian Ocean!" Admiral Yoshida Zengo said.

"Hmph! Who knows if it will be a disastrous defeat? Anyway, isn't the navy already used to losing? The powerful navy built by the empire with all the efforts of the whole country will not let you lose it in just two months. Are you clean?" Lu Xiangjun's six generals had a sneer on his face.

"The navy has done its best in this war! The reason why we lost is because the Germans are too strong! This time the naval battle, the task force has tried its best. The Germans not only dispatched the navy, the air force was also dispatched. The more than 300 carrier-based aircraft pilots of the naval aviation force were all killed in battle!" Admiral Yoshida Zengo said.

"Is it considered to be the best effort if more than 300 people died? The army has killed more than 200,000 soldiers in Borneo. Now, the army still has hundreds of thousands of soldiers fighting in Borneo. And, there will be more soon. Soldiers will be thrown into the battle. It is all because of the failure of the navy that the soldiers of the army have to fight with their own lives! If the navy can live up to it and defeat the German navy, the army will not have to pay such a big price. Yes. The reason why the army has suffered such a large loss is entirely because of the navy!" The six generals of Hata Jun looked angry.

You must know that the losses of the island army on the Nanyang battlefield are definitely heavy. They pessimistically predicted that on the entire Borneo battlefield, the army of the island country might suffer more than 500,000 casualties. You know, these troops are standing armies! It can be regarded as an elite unit of the Japanese army. If the navy of the island country can defeat the German navy, perhaps their losses will be much smaller than this.

"Master Lu, the navy doesn't want to lose the war either! The loss of the army is indeed huge, but for the future of the empire, we must do our best. Both the army and the navy are the armed forces of the empire. In order to defeat the Germans, we all have to work together." Minai Mitsumasa said. After becoming prime minister, of course he can no longer just favor the navy. In that case, his prime minister may soon come to an end.

"Huh!" The six generals of Toshiro Hata snorted coldly, obviously unacceptable to this statement.

In the beginning, in order for the island country to win the war, the army of the island country has been gritting its teeth to support the development of the navy for more than 20 years. The military expenses they get are even just enough for the daily expenses of the army. There is no money to replace weapons and equipment. The purpose is to hope that the navy can defeat the Germans after the outbreak of the war, so that they can win the battles in Southeast Asia and Australia.

But what I didn't expect was that the navy lost so cleanly. In the end, it still needs the army to fight with the lives of its soldiers. This made the generals of the Japanese army feel betrayed.

Admiral Yoshida Zengo's complexion suddenly became very ugly. The accusation of the sixth Admiral Toshi Hata is undoubtedly a shame for the entire navy. However, he had no reason to refute. Everyone knows that in order to support the development of the navy, the island army has paid a huge price over the years. Such a result of the island navy is indeed very disappointing.

However, General Yoshida Zengo is also suffering and cannot tell! The island navy also does not want to lose this war. They also wanted to defeat the German navy and win the naval battle. However, I can't do what I want!

"The navy needs six months. At that time, we will do our best to defeat the Germans. Our four 'Yamato-class' battleships, 12 modified aircraft carriers and three main aircraft carriers will all be in service within six months!" General Yoshida Zengo said.

"Gentlemen, please give the navy another six months! I believe they will be able to defeat the Germans." Admiral Minai Mitsumasa said.

The other island cabinet ministers had no choice but to say nothing more. After all, although the navy did not perform well in this naval battle, it is also an indispensable and important combat force.

Chapter 1399

The disastrous defeat of the island nation's navy made the battle situation of the island nation's army in Borneo even more confusing. The 14th Front Army and the 7th Front Army of the Japanese Army also stormed the defense lines of the German 23rd Army at Crocker Hill. However, every attack was hit and bloody, and the losses were heavy. Even if the two front armies are strong and strong, if such losses continue, they will soon have no strength to continue their offensive.

Even more embarrassing is the 18th Front Army. Ask the Japanese navy to provide them with fire support and tear apart the German defenses. This was proposed by the 18th Front Army. However, the island navy has not been able to do this. Not only that, but also suffered heavy losses. This completely ruined the expectations of the 18th Front Army.

Bao Fo, the front line, the headquarters of the 18th Front of the Island Army.

Now, all the main generals of the 18th Front Army are gathered here. Including the division heads of the divisions under its jurisdiction, the commander and chief of staff of the 15th Army, and the brigade head of the independent and mixed 29th Brigade, etc.

The commander, Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura, looked very ugly. The 18th Front Army had already suffered heavy losses in front of the defense line of the German 226th Infantry Division. As the main force of the 15th Army, there are only two divisions left. Plus two divisions directly under the 18th

Front Army and an independent mixed brigade. Their remaining total strength is only more than 80,000 people. This is not a small loss for the 18th Front Army, which has a total strength of only 130,000.

What's more terrible is that after losing so many troops, they haven't even made a breakthrough on the battlefield. If this continues, if they want to defeat the German army on the battlefield, I am afraid they will have to pay more. At that time, how many troops will the 18th Front Army have left? In other words, even if all of them die, they may not necessarily be able to win. Such a result is absolutely not acceptable to Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura.

"Gentlemen, the navy's attack failed! Under the obstruction of the German navy, they did not launch an attack on the German defense line at all. Not only that, but the task force also suffered heavy losses and had no combat power. In the next long For a period of time, I'm afraid I won't have the strength to fight again. What should we do next?" Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura asked as he looked at the crowd.

"Your Excellency, the navy guys are too incompetent, right? They have such a powerful fleet, but they still lost to the Germans. They are too incompetent. Now without the support of the navy, I'm afraid we have to rely on our own strength Yes. However, the German firepower is too strong, if we want to break through the German defense line with our own strength, I am afraid we have to be prepared to pay more losses." Lieutenant General Shojiro Iida said.

"Over the years, in order to support the development of the navy, the army has been tightening its belt. Now, they have such a result, which is really disappointing. If the resources consumed by the navy are returned to the army, Maybe we already have powerful weapons and equipment that can rival the Germans. Even if we confront the Germans head-on, we will not lose!" Lieutenant General Tosa said.

With the loss of the 4th Division, the strength of the 15th Division has become the most powerful among the divisions under the 18th Front Army. Although the 15th Division was not one of the standing divisions of the Japanese Army, it was one of the first divisions to be reorganized later. It also has two infantry brigades and four infantry regiments, belonging to a powerful four-unit division.

The other generals of the army of the island nation nodded repeatedly. They are very dissatisfied that the island nation's navy has taken up most of its resources, but the island nation's army can only tighten its belt to live. You know, this makes the equipment of their troops not much changed compared with the last world war. Now on the battlefield, they are not the opponents of the German army at all. Many island army generals believe that if the army had not ceded resources to the navy, they would not be what they are now. Their strength can definitely confront the German army head-on.

After all, once the island army is really equipped with extremely advanced weapons. Coupled with the fearless fighting style, there are really not many troops that can withstand their attacks.

"Okay, there is no need to talk about this issue again. Supporting the development of the navy is a national policy set before, and it is not something we can control!" Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura said.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" The generals of the island country army had no choice but to stop worrying about this issue.

"Your Excellency, without the support of the navy, if we continue to attack, I am afraid we will suffer heavy losses." Lieutenant General Hirata Masatoshi, head of the 22nd Division, said.

This is undoubtedly the obvious thing. Without the support of the navy, the army of the island country may have to use human lives to fill it up again. Use human sea tactics to counter the powerful firepower of the German army. Naturally, one can imagine what the result would be.

"The 14th Front Army and the 7th Front Army are still attacking the German defenses. Obviously, we can't do nothing! If there is no other way, even if we use human lives to fill it, we must break through the German defenses. Alright. This battle is about the survival of the empire. Therefore, we will definitely not be able to preserve our strength any longer!" Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura said.

Although, he does not want his troops to be almost wiped out like the Lanyin front army. However, for the sake of the overall situation, in order to be able to win the final victory, there is no other way but to fight like this.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I'm afraid we have missed one thing." Major General Moriya Jinger said suddenly.

"Mr. Moriya, what's the matter?" Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura asked.

"Your Excellency, our navy has suffered a disastrous defeat and we are unable to fight anymore. However, the German navy may be able to fight at any time! Once the Germans send out their navy to bombard us, what should we do?" Major General Moriya Seiji asked road.

Suddenly, Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura's face became very ugly, and all the generals of the Japanese army also had the same expression. Obviously, they also thought of this. That is undoubtedly an extremely terrifying result.

Once the German Navy dispatches a large number of capital ships to bombard the 18th Front Army, they will simply be unable to resist. At that time, I don't know how many people will die under the large-caliber naval guns of the German Navy. Not to mention breaking through the German defense line, I'm afraid even I have become a mud bodhisattva crossing the river - I can't protect myself.

Chapter 1400

On the other side of the Baofer Line, the division headquarters of the German 226th Infantry Division. The division commander, Major General Friedley, and the chief of staff, Brigadier General Georg, slept very soundly last night. Although they have already learned the news of the island navy's invasion, they have great confidence in the German navy. They believed that the German navy would definitely defeat the Japanese navy.

When Major General Friedley arrived at the division headquarters, Brigadier General Georg had already arrived one step ahead.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, is there any good news?" As soon as Major General Friedley entered the division headquarters, he saw a smile on Brigadier General Georg's face.

"General, there is a telegram from the navy. The islanders' fleet was severely damaged by our fleet last night. They sank three of the islanders' capital ships and severely damaged another one. Now, the navy is dispatching ships The carrier aircraft launched further strikes against the navy of the island country. The results of the navy's battle must be able to be further expanded." Brigadier General Georg said.

"Oh? The Navy has achieved such great results?" Rear Admiral Friedley was a little surprised.

Although the German navy resisted the attack of the island navy, he fully believed in this. However, he did not expect that the German Navy could achieve such a great victory.

"General, here is the battle report." Brigadier General Georg handed the telegram to Major General Friedley.

Major General Friedley also laughed after reading the telegram. He is also very satisfied with the navy's victory.

"It seems that after the navy's victory, our threat from the sea has been completely eliminated. For a long time, the navy of the island country will no longer be able to pose a threat to us. Next, we can let the people of the island nation In front of our defense line, we have paid a greater price." Major General Friedley said with a smile.

"General, I'm afraid we can do more than that. We have caused great losses to the 18th Front Army of the Japanese Army before. Now, the Navy has won again. Then, the time for us to counterattack the 18th Front Army of the Japanese Army, It also seems to have matured. If there is fire support from the naval fleet, then we can definitely mobilize part of our forces to launch a counterattack against the islanders. After we have defeated the 18th Front Army of the Island Army, we must defeat the remaining two fronts of the Island Army. It is much easier in comparison," Brigadier General Georg said.

Major General Friedley nodded again and again: "Yes, now is indeed a good opportunity to counterattack. However, whether to launch a counterattack or not is up to the Commander."

In fact, in Brunei City, the German 23rd Army Command. Commander Lieutenant General William Adam, Chief of Staff Major General Erwin Willow and 23rd Armored Division Commander Major General Paul are discussing the current battle situation.

"The navy did a very good job last night, causing the islanders to pay heavy losses at a small price. Next, our navy will continue to have an advantage in the Pacific Ocean. This is also very helpful for our next actions ." Lieutenant General William Adam smiled.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander. The navy's attack is still going on, and they are dispatching a large number of carrier-based aircraft to launch a new attack on the navy of the island country. By then, their results should increase further. Our threat will be completely eliminated." Major General Erwin Vilo also said with a smile.

The navy was able to win so cleanly, which was also a great help to the 23rd Army of the German Army. It is even very beneficial to the German Army in Southeast Asia and Australia. With the support of the navy, their advantage in this war is even more obvious.

"Your Excellency, Commander, since the Navy has won the victory, can we consider taking action against the 18th Front Army of the Japanese Army? There are not many troops left in the 18th Front Army of the Japanese Army. If we can use the 23rd Armored Division and the 221st Mechanized If the Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division launch a counterattack as the main force, there will be no problem in defeating them in one fell swoop. After we have defeated the 18th Front Army of the Japanese Army, we can turn around and deal with the 14th Front Army and the Japanese Army. The 7th Front Army. In this way, we will be able to occupy a greater advantage in this war." Major General Paul, the commander of the 23rd Armored Division, said. His eyes were full of eagerness to try. Before, the

23rd Army took the initiative to launch an offensive and wiped out the Lanyin Front Army of the island country army in one fell swoop, which made the generals under the 23rd Army very satisfied. They all hope that they can win more victories in the next battle.

"Your Excellency, Commander, this can be considered. The 18th Front Army of the Japanese Army has been severely damaged in previous battles. If we can request the navy to dispatch and bombard the 18th Front Army of the Japanese Army, we will defeat them more easily. !" Major General Erwin Willow also said.

Lieutenant General William Adam nodded. This is indeed a very good idea.

"With the 23rd Armored Division, the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division as the main force, they attacked the 18th Front Army of the Japanese Army. With a strong armored force, it is indeed very important to tear apart the Japanese and their defenses. Easy. In addition, the navy has already won the victory, and we can get the fire support of the navy. In this case, the possibility of our victory is undoubtedly greater." Lieutenant General William Adam said.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we must prepare as soon as possible, and then launch as soon as possible. Once the islanders feel the danger and take the initiative to retreat, then we will miss the opportunity." Major General Erwin Vilo said.

"Okay, let's do it like this. 23rd Armored Division, 221st Mechanized Infantry Division, 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division, move towards Beaufort. Navy side, send them a telegram requesting support." William Adam The lieutenant general ordered.

"Yes, Your Excellency, Commander." Both Major General Erwin Willow and Major General Paul replied.

"If all goes well, then launch a counterattack tomorrow morning. This time, we will eliminate the 18th Army of the Island Army in one fell swoop." Lieutenant General William Adam ordered.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander."

After Lieutenant General William Adam gave the order, the 23rd Armored Division, the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division, which were the absolute main force of the German 23rd Army, immediately left the station and marched towards the Beaufort front. As for the 23rd Heavy Artillery Brigade, it will continue to stay on the Crocker Hill front. After receiving the fire support of the navy, the German army has gained an absolute advantage in terms of artillery.