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"Come on, call Comrade Shaposhnikov!" Joseph ordered.

"Okay, Comrade Joseph." The secretary immediately went to make a phone call.

Ten minutes later, Marshal Shaposhnikov, Chief of the Russian Army's General Staff, arrived at Joseph's office. The general was relieved of his post and exiled to Siberia. Shaposhnikov knew that Joseph was now in a rage. It's best to follow his wishes, otherwise, you will be affected.

"Comrade Shaposhnikov. Novikov and Glovanov fought badly, caused heavy losses to the air force, and lost air supremacy. I have dismissed both of them. So, who is suitable to take over The positions of Air Force Commander and Chief of Staff?" Joseph asked.

Shaposhnikov thought for a while, and then said: "Comrade Joseph, the current situation of the Air Force is very bad. Even if someone else takes over as the commander and chief of staff of the Air Force, I am afraid that the current situation cannot be reversed."

Joseph frowned, he understood what Shaposhnikov meant. Obviously, Shaposhnikov was worried that after he changed the leader of the Air Force, he would be replaced again because of the unfavorable air force operations. In that case, I am afraid that the air force will be panicked.

"I know the situation of the Air Force. With our strength, it is too difficult to defeat the Germans. However, I hope that the Air Force can continue to fight and work hard to defend our airspace. We cannot turn around and run away in fear of the strength of the Luftwaffe. In that case, What's the use of using them?" Joseph looked angry.

"Yes, Comrade Joseph." Shaposhnikov nodded. Since Joseph also understands this meaning, he has nothing to worry about.

"Comrade Joseph, what do you think of Comrades Skripko and Comrades Faraleyev?" Shaposhnikov asked.

The former is the deputy commander of the Russian Air Force, and the latter is the deputy chief of staff. After Admiral Novikov and Admiral Glovanov were dismissed from their positions, it is undoubtedly very appropriate to have them advance in sequence.

Joseph thought for a while, then nodded: "Comrade Shaposhnikov, so be it, and give the promotion order in my name."

"Yes, Comrade Joseph!"

"Tell them that our enemy is very powerful, but the great Bu-Russian fighters will never be easily defeated. Let them not be afraid of sacrifices, not afraid of difficulties, and resolutely fight against the Germans. I will do my best to help them. On the factory side, I will say hello and let them increase the production of Yak-1 fighters as much as possible." Joseph said.

Although Joseph still very much hopes that the Russian Air Force can regain its disadvantage and defeat the Luftwaffe. But he knew that this was almost impossible. The only thing that can be done is to continue to fight. In that case, there might be a turning point.

"Yes, Comrade Joseph."

Admiral Skripko and Admiral Faraleyev served as Air Force Commander and Chief of Staff respectively, but they did not have a little joy. If they could make their own decisions, they would certainly not be willing to take over such a position. Because they are worried that Admiral Novikov and Admiral Glovanov will serve as a lesson for them.

No matter how angry Joseph is, it is an indisputable fact that the Russian air force suffered a disastrous defeat. On April 15th, the Russian Air Force was shot down by the Luftwaffe and destroyed more than 2,000 aircraft on the airport. And all the Yak-1 fighters were lost. Although the Russian Air Force still has a lot of aircraft left, most of them are old I-16 fighter jets and P-40 fighter jets aided by the United States. Previous air battles have proved that the I-16 fighter jets and P-40 fighter jets are not opponents of the Luftwaffe's BF-109 fighter jets. Not to mention facing the more powerful FW-190 fighter jet.

Combined with the bombing of a large number of field airports of the Russian Air Force, the German Air Force has completely seized the air supremacy of the battlefield.

That night, Marshal Albert Kesselring, Minister of the Imperial Air Force, reported the situation of the air force to Emperor Qin Tian.

Knowing that the Air Force has achieved air supremacy, Qin Tian was very satisfied. Although the air force also suffered a lot of losses during the battle, after seizing the air supremacy, it will be very beneficial to the next battle of the imperial army.

"The air force has won the victory. Then, it's up to the army. Marshal Manstein, give the order to attack! Early tomorrow morning, the five army groups of the Imperial Army will launch an attack, tearing apart the Russians in one fell swoop." The line of defense, wipe out their vital forces, and advance steadily towards Moscow!" Qin Tian ordered.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Marshal Manstein replied.

"Marshal Kesselring, the army still needs the strong support of the air force for the next battle." Qin Tian continued.

In the process of launching an offensive, if the army can get the support of the air force, casualties will be effectively controlled.

"Yes, Your Majesty, this is our responsibility!" Marshal Kesselring replied.

On the morning of April 16, just before dawn, the five German army groups launched a large-scale artillery attack on a front thousands of kilometers long. The German army plus the servant army, more than 20,000 howitzers and field guns, frantically poured shells into the Russian defense line. 20 heavy artillery brigades and 1,440 210mm self-propelled howitzers performed very well in battle. The defense line built by the Russian army was easily destroyed under the heavy shelling of the German army.

Although, the artillery of the Russian army is also fighting back tenaciously. The 203mm self-propelled howitzer, 152mm howitzer, 122mm howitzer, and 76.2mm field gun, known as Joseph's heavy hammer, are all fighting back. The Russian army also attaches great importance to the construction of artillery. It's just that they are a bit behind the German Army in terms of the number and performance of artillery.

Soon after the bombardment started, fighter planes of the Luftwaffe appeared on the battlefield. FW-190 fighter jets, also carrying bombs or rockets, participated in the offensive of the Russian artillery. Not to mention those dive bombers and ground attack aircraft carrying bombs.

The powerful air strikes made the artillery losses of the Russian army even heavier, and they were completely at a disadvantage in the artillery battle. Under such circumstances, the losses of the Russian troops deployed on the front line were very large.

But even so, those Russian officers and soldiers are still fighting back desperately. Under the political commissar system, there is no way to dare to escape. In that case, you will only seek your own death. Coupled with the love for the country and the leader, many Russian officers and soldiers knew that the enemy was very strong, but still chose to fight to the end.

It's just that the German offensive has just begun.

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The western front of the Russian army, after being reorganized and strengthened, has become the most powerful front in the Russian army. Under its jurisdiction are 24 infantry armies, two tank armies and two air force armies, with a total strength of more than three million troops.

Marshal Voroshilov, a member of the Russian Politburo, served as the commander of the Western Front. However, for this position, Marshal Voroshilov resisted from the bottom of his heart. If he was facing a weaker opponent, perhaps he would gladly accept this order. However, the current enemy is the mighty Germany! Moreover, the previous fronts were defeated, and even Marshal Budyonny was killed. This made Marshal Voroshilov very worried, fearing that after the defeat, he would follow the example of Marshal Budyonny.

The headquarters of the Western Front is located in Dorokhovo, a small town about 50 kilometers away from Moscow. A road passes through this town, belonging to a gateway to the west of Moscow.

Of course, there is only one important gateway to the west of Moscow, and that is Smolensk. But unfortunately, during the battle last year, the Russian army captured Smolensk.

"Comrade Commander, the German army launched a large-scale bombardment. At the same time, their air force also launched a large-scale bombardment of our artillery. Now, our artillery has been completely suppressed, and the losses are very large!" Lieutenant General Ma Lanjin, Chief of Staff of the Front Army, reported.

"Damn it! The guys in the Air Force are too inexperienced? They lost a lot in one day, and they don't even have the courage to fight the Germans anymore. If this continues, how can we continue to fight the Germans?" Before Marshal Voroshilov could speak, Lieutenant General Ponomarenko, the political commissar, began to complain.

Voroshilov sighed. He had served as the People's Commissar of National Defense before, and he also knew something about the strength of the Russian Air Force. He is well aware of the strength of the Luftwaffe, and with the strength of the Russian Air Force, it would be too difficult for him to compete against the Luftwaffe.

"The gap between the strength of the Air Force and the Germans is too great. Although the Jacques-1 fighter jets have begun to be deployed, the number is too small to play a big role at all. They suffered a disastrous defeat in the air battle yesterday. It is inevitable. However, even without the support of the air force, we still have to resist the German attack. Behind us is Moscow! Now, we have no way to retreat. If the Germans are attacked again If we are defeated, Comrade Joseph will never forgive us!" Marshal Voroshilov said.

Even though he is a member of the Russian Politburo, he is still a marshal. But if he lost the battle and Joseph wanted to deal with him, he would also die. Through the purge and the political commissar system, Joseph has firmly controlled the army of Bu Russia. Now, no one can defy Joseph's will.

Lieutenant Generals Ponomarenko and Lieutenant General Malankin nodded again and again. Last year's disastrous defeat has caused many Russian generals to be disposed of. It can be seen that Joseph is serious. If they are defeated by the Germans this time, the consequences can be imagined.

"Order the armies on the front line to defend their positions. The 3rd Army and 4th Tank Army must resist the German armor!" Marshal Voroshilov ordered.

He is well aware of the strength of the German armored forces. If they cannot withstand the German armored forces, the Russian army's defense line will be easily broken by the Germans like a piece of paper.

The 3rd Tank Army suffered a disastrous defeat in the previous battle and almost lost everything. But after supplementation, the strength was restored. However, a tank army of the Russian army has only more than a thousand tanks when it is full. Not to mention that the current Russian army simply does not have enough tanks to equip them. Therefore, under the severe shortage, a tank army of the Russian army has only more than 600 tanks, which is only equivalent to the tanks owned by an infantry army of the German army.

Even if the 3rd Tank Army and the 4th Tank Army combined, it is estimated that it is not an opponent of the German armored army. Not to mention that the German Army Group B has four infantry armies in addition to one armored army. The tigers and leopards owned = the number of tanks, more than 3,000!

"Yes, Comrade Commander." Lieutenant Generals Ponomarenko and Lieutenant General Malankin reported.

Marshal Voroshilov's order reached the front-line armies, but the front-line army commanders were also miserable. Facing the heavy bombardment of the German army and the indiscriminate bombing of the Luftwaffe, their artillery losses were very large. One artillery position after another was destroyed, a large number of artillery were blown into scrap iron, and countless artillery were torn to pieces. German artillery and aircraft are destroying their fortifications. The defensive positions built with great difficulty in the winter are becoming fragmented under the heavy shelling and bombing of the German army.

The simultaneous fierce attack by the five German army groups suddenly caused all the defense lines of the entire Russian army to be hit by fierce firepower. The Russian Northwest Front, Western Front, Southwest Front, Josephgrad Front and Caucasus Front were successively attacked by five German army groups. Only the reserve front army of General Zhukov, with heavy troops in hand, stayed behind the western front army and the northwest front army and used it as a reserve force. Joseph would not easily agree to the front army's participation in the war. Because, if the frontline battle is unfavorable, this front army will become Moscow's last steadfast force.

"Your Excellency Marshal, with the help of the Air Force, our artillery has completely suppressed the Russian artillery. Moreover, the Russian artillery has suffered heavy losses." Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert, Chief of Staff of the Eighth Army reported.

Marshal Guderian nodded: "Let all the armies get ready. Launch an attack in an hour. Use armored troops to tear apart the Russian defense line, and then implement division and encirclement tactics!"

"Yes, Your Excellency the Marshal!" Lieutenant General Carl Hilpert immediately went to convey the order.

In the next hour, the German artillery and air force worked harder, almost using shells and bombs to repeatedly plow the Russian army's position several times, destroying the Russian army's fortifications and at the same time losing troops heavy.

Afterwards, the 3rd Armored Division, the 8th Armored Division, the 88th Armored Division, the 13th Armored Division, the 14th Armored Division, the 15th Armored Division, and the 12 Mechanized Infantry Divisions under the jurisdiction of the B Army took the lead to attack the Russian army. The defense launched an attack.

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"Attack! Attack!"

The commanders of the German armored division and mechanized infantry division issued orders to attack one after another.

For a time, six armored divisions and twelve mechanized infantry divisions took the lead and rushed to the Russian position on the hundreds of kilometers of defense line of the German Army Group B. Each armored division of the German army has more than 300 tanks, and the mechanized infantry division also has more than 100 tanks. All armored divisions and mechanized infantry divisions add up to 3,000 tanks.

Moreover, these tanks are advanced tiger and leopard tanks. Behind the Tiger and Leopard tank, there are also a large number of armored vehicles, including tracked infantry fighting vehicles, half-track armored personnel carriers and so on.

A large number of tanks and armored vehicles formed a torrent of steel and rushed towards the Russian defense line.

The 8th Panzer Army, as the only two armored armies of the German army, has a strong armored assault capability. Under the jurisdiction of the 8th Armored Division, the 88th Armored Division, the 81st Mechanized Infantry Division, the 82nd Mechanized Infantry Division, the 83rd Mechanized Infantry

Division and the 84th Mechanized Infantry Division. The armor strength it possesses is equivalent to the other two infantry armies.

"Attack, crush the Russians!" Countless German tanks and armored vehicles formed a torrent of steel and rushed towards the Russian defense line.

"Anti-tank gun ready to fire!"

On the position of the Russian army, the frontline commanders all had solemn expressions. Facing the attack of so many tanks and armored vehicles of the German army, it is almost impossible for their defense line to resist. However, under strict orders, they cannot retreat, they can only fight to the end.

"Comrade commander, our anti-tank guns were destroyed in the previous German shelling!" An officer reported.

"What? Damn it!" Hearing these words, the head of the group turned even paler. Without anti-tank guns, are their soldiers going to fight the German tanks with bare hands?

"Organize party members and regiment members, and when the German tanks come up, blow them up for me!" The regiment leader issued an order.

Under unavoidable circumstances, he can only use this method.

"Yes, Comrade Leader!"

Not only did this regiment encounter such a situation, the situation of other nearby troops was also similar. The Russian army did not have many anti-tank weapons, and it was attacked by the German artillery and air force before. There are indeed not many anti-tank guns that can survive.

It was the 88th Armored Division of the German Army that attacked this line of defense. Behind more than 300 tanks, many armored vehicles followed.

"Attention all companies, there is no movement on the Russian defense line, be careful of traps!" A tank battalion commander ordered.

Although, the German armored soldiers did not think that the Russian army could threaten their Tiger and Leopard tanks. But everyone cheered up. After all, the closer to the Russian defense line, the more dangerous it is.

"Boom!"

Anti-tank guns opened fire on the defense lines of other regiments. But the tanks rushing to the front are often "tiger" tanks with thick armor. The 37mm tank guns of the Russian army simply cannot penetrate the armor of these tanks. Even the more powerful 57mm tank gun can only penetrate the armor of the "Tiger" tank after the distance is further reduced to within 300 meters. As for larger-caliber anti-tank guns, the Russian army is still developing them, and they are not equipped at all at present.

The anti-tank guns of the Russian army not only failed to destroy the German tanks, but instead attracted the German tanks to fight back.

"Boom!"

A high-explosive bomb flew out of the barrel of the German tank, and hit the Russian anti-tank gun in the blink of an eye, blowing it into parts.

Immediately afterwards, the battle became fierce. The surviving anti-tank guns on the Russian defense line opened fire one after another.

Some German tanks were unlucky, they were shot through, and became a pile of burning scrap iron.

But more tanks crossed the wreckage of these destroyed tanks and rushed into the Russian line of defense.

"Attack, destroy German tanks!"

Countless brave Russian soldiers rushed to the German tanks with explosive packs or cluster grenades, trying to blow them up.

But what greeted them was the machine gun fire of tanks. Coaxial machine guns, directional machine guns, and even the machine gun that the captain leaned out to control were all firing crazily. The intensive firepower directly sieved the Russian soldiers who tried to get close to the tank. Their dynamite packs, or cluster grenades, exploded before they could blow up the German tanks, blowing themselves to pieces.

This brave suicide attack by the Russian army, except for a very small number of people who succeeded by chance, most of them failed. In particular, the armored vehicles also followed up. The infantry armed to the teeth got off the armored vehicles and provided close protection for the tanks and armored vehicles.

The defense line of the Russian army, in the face of the powerful armored force of the German army, if it is just like paper, it will be broken through without much effect at all. German tanks rushed into the Russian line of defense and massacred these Russian soldiers.

Even with the repression of the political commissar, it could not prevent the defeat of the Russian army's front-line troops. In front of ferocious steel beasts, human beings undoubtedly appear very small. In order to escape for their lives, those Russian soldiers could only choose to flee.

"Your Excellency the Marshal, our armored forces have torn through the Russian defense line. The Russian army's first-line position has been broken through and is being routed." Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert reported.

"Very well, order the infantry of each group army to start attacking, cooperate with the armored forces, and destroy those Russians who are stubbornly resisting!" Marshal Guderian ordered.

Before advancing to Moscow, the main task of the German army was to eliminate as much of the Russian army as possible during the battle. Only the more Russian troops are eliminated, the more likely the German army will win in the next battle.

"Yes. Your Excellency the Marshal!"

The infantry of several German armies, after the armored troops tore through the Russian defense line, also entered the battle and began to further expand the results of the battle.

Facing the fierce attack of the German army, the Russian army was defeated across the board. The infantry armies deployed on the front line could not withstand the attack of the German armored forces at all, and were defeated one after another with heavy losses.

Under such circumstances, Marshal Voroshilov issued an order for the 3rd Tank Army and the 4th Tank Army to launch a counterattack. In order to smash the German offensive in one fell swoop, the goal of the two armies was the 88th Armored Division of the German army. At this moment, the 88th Armored Division, like a sharp knife, was inserted into the belly of the Russian army. If it can be destroyed, the Russian army may be able to launch a counterattack in this direction.

On the morning of February 17, the German 88th Armored Division encountered the Russian 3rd Tank Army.

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"Comrade Commander, Comrade Marshal Voroshilov ordered us to wipe out the 88th Armored Division of the German Army!" Major General Rybalko, chief of staff of the Russian 3rd Tank Army, reported.

"We wiped out the 88th Armored Division of the German Army? How is that possible?" Lieutenant General Romanenko, commander of the Russian Third Tank Army, looked shocked.

Although, after the reconstruction of the 3rd Tank Army of the Russian Army, it has jurisdiction over the 12th and 15th Tank Army, the 1st Guards Motorized Infantry Division, the 154th and 264th Infantry Divisions, and the 179th Tank Brigade. There are more than 600 tanks in total, which is already twice the number of tanks owned by the German 88th Armored Division.

However, Lieutenant General Romanenko has no confidence in the complete annihilation of the 88th Armored Division of the German Army. He knew that if they fought against the German 88th Armored Division, they would be the ones who would be defeated in the end. The "Tiger" tanks and "Black Panther" tanks equipped by the German army were not something their tanks could handle. Even though, the 3rd Armored Division has replaced a brigade of T-34 tanks, a battalion of KV-2 tanks, and a battalion of KV-1 tanks.

"Comrade Commander, in addition to us, the 4th Tank Army will also participate in the attack. After we entangle the German 88th Armored Division, the 4th Tank Armored Division will launch an attack from the flank, and cooperate with us to wipe out the German 88th Armored Armored Division. Division." Major General Rebarco reported.

Lieutenant General Romanenko thought about it, if this is the case, then he can try it. After all, the two tank armies add up to more than 1,200 tanks, which is more than four times the number of tanks owned by the German 88th Panzer Division. Even if the performance of the German tanks is more advanced, they can still be defeated if they encounter a siege. After all, the German tanks have strong defenses, which is also relative. Once the combat distance keeps getting closer, Russian tanks can also penetrate German tanks.

"Command the troops, get ready to go!" Lieutenant General Romanenko gave the order.

Facing the order from Marshal Voroshilov, Lieutenant General Romanenko had no way to refuse. If he disobeyed the order, he might be arrested immediately. The final result will definitely not be any better. Instead of that, it's better to fight. If you are lucky, you may be able to win a victory.

"Yes, Comrade Commander!" Major General Rebalco immediately issued an order.

The 3rd Tank Army of the Russian Army set off from the station and rushed to the battlefield.

At 9 am on April 17, the heavy tank battalion of the German 88th Armored Division encountered the 12th Tank Army under the Russian 3rd Tank Army. Although, the German heavy tank battalion is only equipped with more than fifty tanks. The number is only equivalent to a quarter of the 12th Russian tank army. However, the tanks equipped by the German heavy tank battalion are all "Tiger" heavy tanks.

"Boom! Boom!"

After the tanks of both sides met, they immediately launched an attack. Although the distance is more than one thousand meters, the advanced targeting equipment on the German "Tiger" tank can still easily aim at the Russian tank and get a hit.

The 88mm tank gun is so powerful that it can still penetrate the armor of Russian tanks even at a distance of more than one kilometer. The BT-5 and T-26 tanks that rushed towards the German army were destroyed one after another.

"Pay attention to maintaining speed, and try to destroy the Russian tanks at a long distance!" The battalion commander of the German heavy tank battalion ordered.

Relying on advanced sighting equipment and powerful artillery, the German "Tiger" tank can destroy Russian tanks at a long distance. Under such circumstances, the German army would naturally not give up this advantage.

And the tank troops of the Russian army naturally know this advantage of the German army. Therefore, the only thing they can do is to run at full speed and desperately shorten the combat distance between the two sides. In this way, their tank guns could destroy the German tanks. The 45mm tank gun of the BT-5 tank and the 45mm tank gun of the T-26 tank can only penetrate the armor of the German "Tiger Leopard" tank after the speed is shortened as much as possible. Moreover, in most cases, it can only be penetrated by hitting the flank or rear armor. In terms of frontal armor, the 45mm tank gun is powerless.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The German tanks kept firing, and one after another the Russian tanks were smashed into a pile of burning scrap iron.

"God! Are the Russians really not afraid of death? Don't they know that their tanks are not our opponents at all?" A German commander said with a look of surprise.

"The Russians are all lunatics, we can only be safe if we wipe them all out!"

"Such a battle is too boring!"

Indeed, the performance of the German "Tiger Leopard" tanks completely crushed the Russian BT-5 tanks and T-26 tanks. Using such advanced tanks to deal with these backward tanks of the Russian army can completely form a crushing advantage.

"Boom!"

A Russian BT-5 tank opened fire at a distance of 600 meters. An armor-piercing projectile hit the front armor of a German Tiger tank, making a scalp-numbing heavy impact sound.

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When the sound sounded, the crew members in the tank all turned pale.

"God! We were hit." Some armored soldiers shouted in horror.

"Idiot, we have not been penetrated. Aim quickly, he is at your two o'clock direction. Don't give him a chance to fire a second shot!" The commander ordered angrily.

The armor-piercing projectile fired by the BT-5 tank of the Russian army only left a shallow pit on the frontal armor of the "Tiger" tank. For the 'Tiger' tank, it is basically no threat at all.

The tank gun of the 'Tiger' tank quickly rotated and aimed at the target.

The driver immediately stepped on the brakes, and the tank stopped.

In less than two seconds, the gunner fired the shell.

"Boom!"

The 88mm armor-piercing projectile penetrated the frontal armor of the BT-5 tank. Under the action of huge kinetic energy, the armor-piercing projectile easily penetrated the frontal armor of the BT-5 tank like a sharp knife cutting tofu. The fragments shot out in the narrow space inside the tank, killing all the tank soldiers inside.

"God! We almost died. Pay attention, there is a T-26 at 11 o'clock, kill them!" The commander continued to issue orders.

The heavy tank battalion of the German army has a small number of tanks, but it completely crushes a Russian tank army with more than 200 tanks. In front of the advanced "Tiger and Leopard" tanks of the German army, those BT-5 tanks and T-26 tanks were basically powerless to fight back. Under the bombardment of the tanks, those tanks are quickly turning into piles of scrap iron.

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"Comrade Commander, the 12th Tank Corps requests reinforcements. They encountered a German heavy tank battalion, and the troops suffered heavy losses!" reported a staff officer.

Lieutenant General Romanenko couldn't help but twitched the corners of his mouth. Although the 12th Tank Army was not the most powerful unit under the 3rd Tank Army, a German tank battalion caused heavy losses to the tank army. It can be seen how powerful the German armored forces are, and the next battle will undoubtedly become more difficult. It is undoubtedly more difficult to defeat the German armored forces.

"Order the 15th Tank Army, the 179th Tank Brigade, to go into battle! No matter what, we must entangle the Germans." Lieutenant General Romanenko ordered.

The battle has already begun, and now it is impossible to get out of the battle. The only thing they can do is to continue to carry out the mission and hope that their battle plan will be successful.

"Yes, Comrade Commander!"

The 179th Brigade of Russian Tanks is a unit that has been replaced with T-34 tanks. There are 70 tanks in the brigade, all of which are T-34 tanks that have just been produced. Even though the tank is nothing more than a medium tank, it performs quite well. In other words, the performance in all aspects is very balanced. Although the body armor is only 45 mm behind, the inclination angle reaches 60 degrees, which greatly improves the armor performance of the tank to a certain extent. The frontal armor of the curved turret also has 52 mm. This kind of defense is naturally incomparable with the German tiger and leopard tanks. The 76.2mm tank gun is also quite powerful. However, Russia is developing and preparing to replace the T-34 tank with an 85mm tank gun so that this tank can have more powerful firepower.

The small body carries the cannon, which is undoubtedly one of the main ideas of Russian tanks. Unlike German tanks, which value defense, Russian tanks put firepower first. This makes the survivability of Russian tanks on the battlefield very low, and once they are hit, they are often destroyed directly. Unlike German tanks, they have thick armor. If the combat distance is not too close, they will not be pierced through the armor, so they can survive the cruel battlefield.

The reason why the T-34 tank is called the greatest tank is because the manufacturing process of this tank has been simplified and can be mass-produced on a large scale. This is why in just a few years, Russia in another time and space was able to produce tens of thousands of such tanks. Even in this time and space, Russia's industry was severely damaged by the strategic bombing of the German airspace. However, there is still no problem in producing 500 T-34 tanks a month. It's just that due to time constraints, the tank troops of the Russian army cannot equip too many T-34 tanks, and can only replace a very small number of troops with this new type of tank. Other troops are still equipped with T-26 tanks and BT-5 tanks. It's just that the performance of these two tanks is indeed too bad, so Russia has stopped producing these two tanks and turned to full production of T-34 tanks.

In addition, the tank code-named IS is also under intensive development. After possessing a light tank such as the T-34 tank, Russia also hopes to have a heavy tank that can truly compete with the German "Tiger" tank. However, because the research and development time is too late, it will take a long time to equip the troops.

After Lieutenant General Romanenko gave the order, the 15th Russian Tank Army and the 179th Tank Brigade entered the battle one after another. At the same time, Lieutenant General Romanenko also urged the 4th Tank Army to get them into the battle as soon as possible. Otherwise, when the 3rd Tank Army suffered heavy losses, they would not be able to deal with the Germans alone.

"Attention all companies, the Russian reinforcements are coming. Reverse, get out of contact with them, and increase the distance!" The German heavy tank battalion commander issued an order after discovering that the Russian reinforcements had arrived on the battlefield.

On the battlefield, the German "Tiger" tanks began to reverse one after another in order to maintain a combat distance. Destroy Russian tanks while ensuring your own safety.

"Speed up and rush up. As long as we can fight with the Germans, we will win!" The commander of the 12th Russian Tank Corps ordered. Although they have lost half of their tanks, the entire tank army is still fighting desperately.

The 15th Russian Tank Army and the 179th Tank Brigade finally arrived on the battlefield. The 15th Tank Army launched an attack from the front to cooperate with the 12th Tank Army, while the 70 T-34 tanks of the 179th Tank Brigade attacked from the side.

"Boom!"

A retreating 'Tiger' tank shook violently. Then, the whole tank burst into flames. The armored soldier covered in fire crawled out of the tank and rolled on the ground, trying to extinguish the fire on his body.

This 'Tiger' tank, although the armor is very thick. However, that refers to the frontal armor. The side and rear armor is much weaker than the frontal armor. A T-34 tank, at a distance of 600 meters, used a 76.2 mm tank gun to penetrate the side armor of this 'Tiger' tank.

"My God! There's a Russian tank on the left too. It's a new tank we haven't seen!"

"That's a T-34 tank! We have already obtained information about this tank before!"

"Turn, you can't face this kind of tank with the side, their 76.2mm tank gun can destroy our side armor!"

After the 179th Tank Brigade of the Russian Army appeared on the battlefield, the heavy tank battalion of the German 88th Armored Division was caught off guard, and several 'Tiger' tanks were pierced through the side armor.

The Russian army also discovered this situation and cheered. It seemed that they were about to win.

However, the German heavy tank battalion immediately adjusted its formation, facing the 179th Russian tank brigade head-on. Although the power of the 76.2mm tank gun is not weak, it cannot penetrate the frontal armor of the "Tiger" tank. On the contrary, it was destroyed a lot by the "Tiger" tank with an 88mm tank gun.

The battle became more intense. After the two tank corps and one tank brigade of the Russian 3rd Tank Army joined the battle, the heavy tank battalion of the German 88th Armored Division could only speed up its retreat. If they are caught up by the Russian tank troops, they will definitely be wiped out.

However, the German heavy tank battalion was not without reinforcements. In less than ten minutes, the 881st Tank Regiment arrived on the battlefield. Two tank battalions and one armored battalion went into battle. More than a hundred "Black Panther" tanks were put into battle. Although the performance of the "Black Panther" tank is weaker than that of the "Tiger" tank, it can still crush the Russian tanks.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

As the German tanks opened fire, Russian tanks were destroyed one after another, not only the T-26 tanks and BT-5 tanks were destroyed, those T-34 tanks were also smashed into piles of scrap iron .

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"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Several T-34 tanks that were charging furiously turned into a pile of burning scrap iron. More than a hundred "Black Panther" tanks from the 881st Tank Regiment of the 88th Armored Division of the German Army who rushed to the battlefield in time joined the battlefield.

Suddenly, the 179th Russian Tank Brigade, which was storming the heavy tank battalion of the German 88th Armored Division, suffered heavy losses. A dozen tanks were destroyed in less than two minutes. The rest of the tanks were also terrified, and almost scared the **** out of them.

"Comrade Brigadier, something is wrong, the German reinforcements are here. Hundreds of 'Black Panther' tanks are attacking us!" A staff officer reported to the brigade commander of the 179th Russian Tank Brigade.

"What? How could this happen?" The commander of the 179th Russian Tank Brigade was dumbfounded. It seemed that victory was about to be achieved, but now such an accident occurred. Although the entire 179th Russian tank brigade is equipped with seventy T-34 tanks. But as an officer of the tank unit of the Russian army, he certainly knows that although the performance of the T-34 tank is not bad, there is still a big gap compared with the "Black Panther" tank. Not to mention the more powerful 'Tiger' tank.

Encountered the attack of hundreds of "Black Panther" tanks from the German army, which was definitely a disaster for the 179th Russian Tank Brigade.

"Hurry up and call for support, we can't stop the Germans!" The brigade commander ordered immediately.

"Yes, Comrade Brigadier!"

It's just that the 12th and 15th Russian tank armies are also overwhelmed now. The 882nd Tank Regiment and the 883rd Mechanized Infantry Regiment under the German 88th Armored Division also rushed to the battlefield. More than 150 'Black Panther' tanks joined the battle. Together with the 'Tiger' tanks of the heavy tank battalion, the two tank armies suffered heavy losses.

Some T-26 tanks and BT-5 tanks had to retreat. Because, if they continue to move forward, they will only pay a greater loss. The burning tank wreckage seems to have verified this point.

The tank units of the German 88th Armored Division changed their previous defensive posture and began to advance step by step.

The speed of the German "Tiger" tank and "Black Panther" tank is not slow. Although the thick armor makes the tank heavy, the powerful engine enables the tank to have a greater speed.

The retreating T-26 tanks and BT-5 tanks, and even the KV-1 tanks and KV-2 tanks that arrived on the battlefield later, could not escape and were constantly destroyed by German tanks.

The entire 3rd Russian Tank Army suffered heavy losses under the attack of the German 88th Armored Division.

At this time, a squadron of 12 dive bombers rushed to the battlefield. These fighters directly attacked the Russian tanks.

Accompanied by sharp and piercing whistles, dive bombers began to dive and drop bombs. The heavy aerial bombs are powerful, not to mention hitting those tanks directly, even if they explode near the tanks, the huge power is enough to destroy those tanks.

Under the attack of the German dive bombers, the Russian tanks suffered heavy losses. Many tanks even jumped the front of the car directly, facing the German tanks with their weak rear, trying to escape at the maximum speed.

In fact, as far as the German tanks are concerned, whether it is the 88mm tank gun of the "Tiger" tank or the 75mm tank gun of the "Black Panther" tank, they can easily defeat the Russian T-26 tank and BT-5 tank. Therefore, even if they face the enemy head-on, they will only be destroyed, let alone turn their backs on the enemy now.

"Comrade Commander, our troops are routing. The German armored forces are too powerful. So far, we have lost nearly half of our tanks!" Major General Rybalko reported.

Lieutenant General Romanenko's face was as dark as the bottom of a pot. In less than an hour, the Russian 3rd Tank Army lost more than 300 tanks. In particular, the 179th Tank Brigade equipped with T-34 tanks was almost completely lost. This caused the 3rd Russian Tank Army to be fatally damaged.

"Damn, what about the 4th Tank Army? If they don't participate in the war, we will all die!" Lieutenant General Romanenko cursed.

Although the 3rd Tank Army still has a mechanized infantry division and two infantry divisions under its jurisdiction, once the tank units are lost, it is impossible for them to resist the attack of the armored units.

"Comrade Commander, I will contact the 4th Tank Army immediately!" Major General Rebalco said.

At this moment, the 4th Russian Tank Army is rushing to the battlefield. However, they were discovered by the Luftwaffe on the road. So, a large group of Stuka dive bombers and a large group of ground attack aircraft attacked them.

A dive bomber dropped bombs around these tanks precisely, and the ground attack aircraft even directly attacked the weak top of the Russian tank with its cannon. Most of the Russian tanks have only a thin layer of steel on the top. The 20mm cannon equipped with a ground attack aircraft is enough to destroy it.

Under the massacre of the aircraft of the two brigades of the Luftwaffe, the Russian Tank 4th Army suffered heavy losses. The two tank armies under its jurisdiction, one tank brigade, one destroyer brigade and one infantry division, all suffered considerable losses. In particular, the tank unit suffered heavy losses, with more than 600 tanks and less than 400 left.

After finally waiting for them to rush to the battlefield, they discovered that the 3rd Russian Tank Army had been defeated. The battlefield is littered with the wreckage of leftover tanks. More than 70

percent of the tanks of the 3rd Tank Army were lost here. The rest of the tanks also fled in embarrassment.

That was because the 88th Armored Division took the initiative to stop the pursuit. Otherwise, the 3rd Russian Tank Army probably wouldn't have many tanks left at all.

The reason why the 88th Armored Division voluntarily gave up the 3rd Russian Tank Army was precisely for the 4th Russian Tank Army. Under the notification of the Air Force, the 8th Panzer Army learned that a large number of Russian tanks were turning to the flank of the 88th Panzer Division. Therefore, the 88th Armored Division was specially ordered to prepare to meet the enemy. At the same time, the 882nd Mechanized Infantry Division, which was closest to the 88th Armored Division, also rushed to reinforce it.

After the 4th Russian Tank Army arrived on the battlefield, it was hit head-on by the 88th Armored Division. Although the 4th Army of Russian tanks is also equipped with a lot of T-34 tanks. But when the German armored forces were already prepared, they were simply vulnerable, and one after another was smashed into scrap iron.

Major General Kryuchokin, commander of the 4th Russian Tank Army, issued an order for an emergency retreat, but was pursued by the German 88th Armored Division and intercepted by the German 882nd Mechanized Infantry Division. In the end, the tank army was wiped out.

Chapter 1437

"Comrade Commander, the operations of the 3rd Tank Army and 4th Army failed. They were attacked by the German 88th Panzer Division, the 882nd Mechanized Rifle Division and the Luftwaffe. The tank units of the 4th Tank Army were completely lost, There is only one infantry division left. Thirty percent of the tanks in the Third Tank Army are left." The chief of staff of the Western Front, Lieutenant General Malankin, reported.

Marshal Voroshilov's face was as dark as the bottom of a pot. An armored division and a mechanized infantry division of the German army actually killed their two tank armies. Although the two tank armies were not completely wiped out, the tank units were almost lost. In the next battle, it is obvious that it will not play a big role.

"Are the German armored units really that powerful? In front of them, our tank units are completely powerless!" Marshal Voroshilov said.

"Comrade Commander, according to the report of the 3rd Tank Army, our tanks, except for the T-34 tank, which can pose a certain threat to the German 'Tiger' and 'Black Panther' tanks, the rest of the tanks are not at all. The opponent of the German 'Tiger Panther' tank. But the number of T-34 tanks is too small, it can be easily destroyed by the Germans!" Lieutenant General Marankin reported.

In fact, the reason why Russia was able to defeat Russia in another time and space was entirely due to the tactics of the sea of tanks. The tank sea formed by tens of thousands of T-34 tanks, no matter how powerful the "Tiger" tanks and "Leopard" tanks of the head of state, they can't hold it! After all, although German tanks are powerful, it is a flaw that their output cannot increase. The Russian army abruptly used its quantitative advantage to crush Germany's quality advantage.

But for this air force, Germany has not lacked resources, and at the same time, it has not embarked on another wonderful path in time and space in the research of tanks. This made Germany's tank output very large. The 36 group armies formed alone have more than 18,000 tanks. If you count the spare replacement tanks, the number is even higher. In addition, Germany also sold many obsolete tanks at low prices to the armies of the protectorate and slave states. This makes the armored forces possessed by the German side more powerful. You must know that even the tanks eliminated by Germany are still very powerful, enough to fight against the T-34 tanks, and even have some advantages.

In addition, the infantry divisions of the German Army are generally equipped with assault guns and tank destroyers. Although the number is not large, an infantry division only has a dozen assault guns and tank destroyers, but this is also a very powerful armored force. This makes the overall armor strength of the German army completely above that of Russia. Even if Bu Russia is now starting to go crazy and produce T-34 tanks, it is too late.

"I will call the General Staff and ask them to find a way to reinforce our batch of T-34 tanks! It's just that it takes time." Marshal Voroshilov said.

Now, what the Russian army lacks most is time. The German army that has broken through their line of defense will certainly not stop like this. The six armored divisions and 12 mechanized infantry divisions of the German Army Group B will be inserted into the heart of the Russian Western Front like a sharp knife with a handle.

Facing the powerful armored forces of the German army, the Russian army simply couldn't resist it. There is probably only one final result, that is, the entire defense line will be beaten to pieces under the German attack. The German infantry will follow behind the armored troops, break through the Russian defenses, and destroy those Russian troops surrounded by armored troops.

"How is the situation with the other front armies?" Marshal Voroshilov asked.

Now that the Western Front is under the attack of the German Army Group B, it can be said that it has been devastated. Marshal Voroshilov also had no time to care about other fronts. The reason for asking this question is entirely because I want to know whether the Western Front is the worst. If not, then he has already figured it out. Even if he would be reprimanded by Joseph, it would not be too serious.

"Comrade Commander, the situation of several other front armies is also very serious. The defense lines of the Northwest Front Army and the Southwest Front Army have been breached. The German Army Group A and Army Group C are rapidly breaking through. The defense line of the Josefgrad Front Army, It was also broken through, and the troops were shrinking towards Josephgrad. Obviously, they were preparing to defend Josephgrad. The Caucasus Front Army used the terrain to resist the German attack. But under the indiscriminate bombing of the German army, the Caucasus The front army also suffered heavy losses. It is very difficult to say how long it can resist. In short, the current situation is very unfavorable to us!" Lieutenant General Ma Lanjin said.

Marshal Voroshilov nodded. After learning that the performance of the other front troops was also very bad, he finally put his heart back into his stomach. The so-called law does not blame the public, if Joseph wants to deal with the generals who performed unfavorably on the battlefield, wouldn't he have

to deal with all the generals of the front army? In that case, the Russian army will fall into chaos, let alone resist the German attack.

The armored division and mechanized infantry division of the German Army Group B did not stop after breaking through the Russian defense line. After replenishing ammunition and fuel, the attack continued.

At this moment, the defense line of the Russian Army's Western Front has been torn open by them more than a dozen gaps. A large number of German infantry are pouring into the Russian defense line from these gaps.

At the same time, the German armored divisions and mechanized infantry divisions also began to intersperse continuously. They used the powerful assault capabilities of the armored forces to continuously break through the Russian defense line and divide the Russian army into pieces.

The armies under the Western Front of the Russian Army are constantly being divided and surrounded. The command of the troops has become chaotic, and the superior can no longer command the subordinate. Under such circumstances, the Russian army could not resist the German attack at all.

"Your Excellency the Marshal, the five armies of Army Group B are all engaged in combat. However, our strength is still too small. Although the armored forces and mechanized forces have completed interspersed and surrounded many Russian troops. However, To eliminate these Russian troops, a lot of troops are needed. And our troops may not be enough!" Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert said.

Marshal Guderian thought for a while, and then said: "Let the army of the slave country go into battle! There are so many people, it is impossible to use them all to protect the supply line and maintain law and order!"

The commanders of several other army groups chose the same as Marshal Guderian. In the case of insufficient troops, they also put the troops of the slave country into the battle.

Chapter 1438

During last year's battle and the winter's defensive battle, some of Germany's protectorate and vassal state troops participated in the fierce battle on the front line. Although, the combat effectiveness of the servant army is not as good as that of the German army, and its equipment is not as good as that of the German army. But they performed very well in battle. Facing the fierce attack of the Russian army, they not only held the line of defense, but also caused great casualties to the Russian army.

Even in the brutal street fighting, he performed very well. Although the casualties were a little higher, they had gone through the test of blood and fire after all. Compared with those troops that have not been on the battlefield, there is definitely an essential difference.

At least, the combat effectiveness of the armies of the Kingdom of Ukraine, the Kingdom of Poland, the Kingdom of Belarus, the three Baltic countries, and Finland is guaranteed. Therefore, the commanders on the front line boldly use these servants to participate in the attack.

"Order the infantry divisions to set off immediately. The German army has surrounded those Russians. Next, we just need to kill those Russians!" Lieutenant General Saker, commander of the Polish 1st Army, issued an order.

The ten infantry divisions and one mechanized infantry division of the Polish 1st Army immediately followed the German army, broke through the Russian army's defense line, and entered the Russian army's position.

Other Polish troops and Belarusian troops also participated in the attack. Even the Hungarian army and the Bohemian army, although they had not been on the battlefield, sent some troops to attack together. Although these troops are not considered elite, they are barely able to display some combat effectiveness after being baptized on the battlefield.

Several other groups also sent servants to the battlefield. There is no way around this, the German army still has too few troops. Five group groups, a total of only twenty German army groups, only four million people. The current strength of the Russian army exceeds 10 million. Even if the German army can defeat the Russian army with its strong combat effectiveness, its own casualties will obviously not be too small. In that case, it is not very cost-effective. Besides, under the strong demand of Germany, these slave countries formed a huge army. Wouldn't it be too wasteful if left unused? Even if ten soldiers from the slave state were killed in battle, it would be worthwhile to reduce the loss of one German soldier.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

In an encirclement circle, the two infantry corps of the 20th Army under the Western Front of the Russian Army were surrounded here. Only one mechanized infantry corps and one infantry division were lucky and escaped early.

At this moment, the German armored forces outside the encirclement have withdrawn, and two German infantry divisions and five Polish infantry divisions have taken over the battle here. Under the leadership of the German infantry division, the Polish army launched a fierce attack on the Russian army in the encirclement.

The cannons fired fiercely into the encirclement, and the shells fell on the Russian positions in the encirclement, reaping the lives of those Russian soldiers. The Russian artillery was completely lost at the beginning of the German offensive. So much so that they had to bear passively in the face of the fierce German shelling. Even the artillery strength of the servants of the German army is higher than that of the Russian army.

"Attack!" The shelling lasted less than half an hour, and the commander of the German infantry division gave the order to attack.

Two German infantry divisions and five Polish infantry divisions immediately launched an attack.

"Quick, quick! The Germans are coming up, counterattack!" The officers of the Russian army issued combat orders. They drove the soldiers who survived the heavy German shelling into positions to resist the German attack.

Although, the two Russian infantry corps in the encirclement have a total of six infantry divisions with a strength of more than 50,000 people. However, they were attacked by German armored forces before, and the troops suffered heavy losses. At the same time, heavy weapons were also lost, and now the morale of the troops is in a low state again. Under such circumstances, it is almost impossible to resist the German attack.

Under the continuous attacks of the German and Polish armies, the 61st and 69th infantry armies under the Russian 20th Army suffered increasing losses and smaller defense areas.

Three days later, the two infantry armies were annihilated by the Germans. More than half were killed, and the rest surrendered.

Another mechanized infantry corps and an infantry division of the 20th Russian Army Group Army did not escape bad luck. The Russian 7th Mechanized Army was attacked by the German 884th Mechanized Infantry Division and suffered heavy losses. The remaining troops were also surrounded. In the ensuing battle, the German army dispatched an infantry division and four Belarusian infantry divisions to launch a fierce attack on the Russian army in the encirclement. After paying some price, all the Russian troops in the encirclement were wiped out.

Although, the German army has far fewer troops on the Eastern Front than the Russian army. However, after adding the army of the slave country, the balance of military strength between the two sides changed fundamentally immediately.

This allowed the German army to have enough troops to annihilate the Russian army in the encirclement. Otherwise, relying solely on the strength of the German army, it would be difficult to take care of every encirclement. If the input of troops is not enough, it will not only be difficult to destroy the Russian army in the encirclement, but it will further increase its own casualties.

Under the attack of the German army and its servants, the Russian army, which was divided by the German armored forces, was wiped out bit by bit. As a result, the strength of the Russian Army's Western Front began to lose continuously.

The Russian army was not only attacked by the Western Front, but also by the Russian Northwest Front, Southwest Front, and Southern Front. Although the Russian Caucasus Front Army relied on the terrain, it withstood the attack of the German Army Group E. However, under the indiscriminate bombing of the German army, the losses of the Russian Caucasus Front Army have also increased, and the defense line has become precarious.

A week has passed, and the two sides are still fighting fiercely on the battlefield. However, as the losses of the Russian army increased, the German army began to gradually grasp the initiative on the battlefield. The balance of victory also began to tilt towards the German army. If this development continues, there will be almost no problem for the German army to win the war.

"Your Excellency, the Marshal, the troops under the 3rd Army have just wiped out an infantry army of the Russian army and defeated a mechanized infantry army." Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert reported.

Marshal Guderian nodded, and the German army is now constantly destroying the vital forces of the Russian army. Even if the Russian army has a huge force, but more and more troops are lost, in the end, they will be wiped out by the German army.

Chapter 1439

Don't care about the gains and losses of a city or a place, and put the main combat goal on the vital strength of the Russian army. This is the core purpose of the German "Plan Barbarossa".

Russia has a vast land and a huge number of soldiers. This is doomed to the war with Russia will be a protracted war. It is almost impossible to launch a lightning attack like dealing with other small European countries, defeat Russia in a short period of time, and destroy Russia. Another head of time and space has already proved this point with the defeat of the German army and the demise of Germany.

The German army under the rule of the Führer is also powerful. But they underestimated the Russians too much. At the same time, the formulated combat plan also has a lot of loopholes. In the early days of the war, the German army took the capture of Moscow as its goal, and all combat plans were directed towards this goal. But in fact, this is beyond the capabilities of the German army. The German army's logistical supply capabilities simply cannot guarantee the supply of troops. As a result, although the German army has gone through all kinds of difficulties and dangers, and finally hit the city of Moscow, it is actually powerless to continue. However, the Russian army has exploded with extremely strong fighting will and combat effectiveness. After the Russian troops passed the military parade on Red Square, they drove directly onto the battlefield, and launched a head-on blow to the difficulties.

In the middle of the war, in order to solve the embarrassment of lack of oil, the German army set its combat target on Josephgrad. In other words, they want to conquer the Caucasus in one fell swoop through Josephgrad, so as to obtain oil from the Baku oilfield and alleviate Germany's lack of oil. However, the Russian army, whose strength has gradually recovered, fought a tragic decisive battle with the German army in Josephgrad, which prevented the German army from occupying Josephgrad, and at the same time paid heavy losses. In the subsequent counterattack of the Russian army, the German army suffered heavy losses.

In the end, the strength of the two sides reversed. The Russian army turned from a disadvantage to an advantage and defeated the invading German army.

As the time traveler, Emperor Qin Tian of the Empire understood these things very clearly. Therefore, he tried his best to avoid such an end. When formulating the "Barbarossa Plan" to attack Russia, the mistakes made by the head of state were fundamentally avoided.

In addition, the German Empire in this time and space is also very different from the Third Reich in another time and space. The German Empire was stronger than the Third Reich. In terms of resources, the two sides are completely one heaven and one underground. Oil from Libya and the Middle East enabled the mechanized troops of the German army to give full play to their attack power. Unlike the Third Reich, which was the head of state, it could only rely on Romania's oil production, and even had to invest a lot of energy in research and development of coal-to-oil technology.

The number and military strength of the vassal states of the German Empire are also much larger than those of the vassal states of the Third Reich. This made the army of the German Empire not afraid of fighting the Russian army for a long time.

Although, quickly attacking Moscow and occupying Moscow will inevitably be a heavy blow to Russia. But if you can't annihilate the huge number of Russian troops and want to destroy Russia, it is impossible.

The combat philosophy that the German Empire is now adhering to is to continuously eliminate the vital forces of the Russian army through attack after attack. When the Russian army is almost wiped out, Russia will naturally perish.

"Comrade Commander, so far, five infantry armies have been wiped out, and two tank armies have lost their combat effectiveness. The number of lost troops is more than half a million. In addition, there are millions of people in the German army. The current situation is very unfavorable to us." Lieutenant General Ponomarenko, political commissar of the Russian Army's Western Front, said.

Marshal Voroshilov was also devastated by the bad situation. The German army attacked powerfully and directly tore through the Russian army's defense line, and they couldn't resist it at all. Even the speed of retreat was not as fast as the German attack, so that a large number of troops were divided and surrounded by German armored forces. Now, relying on their huge strength, the German army and its servants began to eliminate the Russian army in the encirclement. As more and more Russian troops are eliminated, the strength of the Western Front is constantly declining.

Although the total strength of the Western Front Army is as high as more than 3 million people. But if all the Russian troops in the encirclement were wiped out, they would directly lose half of their troops. In the ensuing battle, facing the fierce attack of the German army, they couldn't hold on even more.

"Can the troops be organized to launch a counterattack to meet the troops in the encirclement?" Marshal Voroshilov asked. If you continue to let it go, it will obviously not work. That would cause heavy losses to the Western Front of the Russian Army, and it would be even more unable to withstand the German attack in the following war.

"Comrade Commander, I'm afraid it's impossible. The huge German armored forces are still attacking. Our hastily built defense line was easily broken by them. The troops are continuing to retreat. And, more and more troops are falling into the German army surrounded by armored forces." Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Malankin said.

Marshal Voroshilov's face became even uglier. Obviously, the current battle situation is extremely unfavorable to the Western Front. If things go on like this, the entire Western Front Army's more than 3 million troops will probably be completely lost soon.

"Is there any other way?" Marshal Voroshilov asked.

"Comrade Commander, we need reinforcements. Especially powerful armored forces. If we can confront the German armored forces head-on, we can ease the current crisis." Lieutenant General Malankin said.

"An armored force that rivals the German army?" Marshal Voroshilov frowned.

Although the Western Front still has some armored units, the number is relatively small, and it is simply impossible to confront the armored units of the German Army Group B with 3,000 tanks.

"I will send a telegram to Moscow, asking the reserve front to reinforce us!" Marshal Voroshilov said.

The reserve front commanded by General Zhukov has 11 infantry armies and two tank armies. If their reinforcements can be obtained, the situation may be quickly stabilized and the German attack can

be resisted. However, General Zhukov has no confidence in whether Joseph will let the reserve front army join the battle.

"Order the troops in the encirclement to try their best to break through. Even if they cannot break through, they must fight to the death! For the sake of the country, they must sacrifice themselves!" Marshal Voroshilov ordered.

He hopes to hold down the main force of the German army through such a battle.

"Yes, Comrade Commander." Lieutenant General Ponomarenko and Lieutenant General Marankin both replied.

Chapter 1440

Russian Northwest Front Command, Commander General Kurochkin, Political Commissar Lieutenant General Bogatkin, and Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Vatutin were frowning. Although after the fall of Ulyanovgrad, the Northwest Front was rebuilt and strengthened at the same time. The current Northwest Front Army has eight infantry armies and one tank army, with a total strength of nearly 1.5 million people.

But unfortunately, the German Army Group A they encountered included, in addition to the three German Army Groups, a Finnish Army Group and three Army Groups from the three Baltic States, with a total strength of 1.4 million people. The strength of the two sides can be said to be almost the same. The combat effectiveness of the Finnish army and the armies of the three Baltic countries is no worse than that of the Russian army. Even the newly formed troops of the Russian army may not be as powerful as the armies of Finland and the three Baltic countries. This also made them unable to resist the fierce attack of the German Army Group A, and they were beaten back steadily.

With the continuous loss of positions, the Russian Army's 1st Tank Army was also hit hard by the two German armored divisions, and the Russian Northwest Front Army was even more unable to withstand the German attack.

"Comrades, the front line of defense is constantly being breached by the Germans, and our losses are very heavy. However, Comrade Joseph has issued a death order, prohibiting us from retreating! Now, what should we do?" Admiral Kurochkin said blackly said the face.

Lieutenant General Bogatkin and Lieutenant General Vatutin also have no good solutions. After all, facing the current situation, they are also helpless. If they retreat, they may be able to retain part of their troops. However, that would defy Joseph's order. Joseph, who was furious, would definitely not let them go easily. But if you stick to it, the entire Northwest Front Army may be eaten by the German army. In that case, the situation will be even more unfavorable to them.

Like the leaders of the Northwest Front, the commander of the Russian Southwest Front, General Kirponos, Political Commissar Lieutenant General Zhertov, and Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Pulkayev are also worried. In last year's battle, several group armies under the Southwest Front Army were disabled and suffered heavy losses. However, after a winter, several armies were replenished and regained their strength. In addition, three armies were also strengthened, bringing the total strength of the Southwest Front to eight infantry armies and one air force army. However, their opponent is the powerful C Army Group of the German Army. In addition to the five German armies, this army group

also includes servants from Ukraine, Hungary, Bohemia, Dalmatia, Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The number of these servants is as high as two million.

What's more, the German 9th Panzer Army with powerful attack power is also here. The German army also assembled 3,000 tanks in this army group. The number of tanks owned by several infantry armies of the Russian Southwest Front Army is less than one-third of the number of tanks owned by the German Army Group C. With such a huge gap in strength between the two sides, the difficulty for the Russian army to resist the German attack can be imagined.

Facing the fierce attack of the German Army Group C, the Russian Southwest Front Army could not resist at all. After a week, several army groups have been disabled. The remaining group armies are also in danger. The defense line of the entire Russian Southwest Front Army is undoubtedly in jeopardy. Once the Russian Southwest Front Army is wiped out, then the German Army Group C will be able to drive straight in and directly approach the city of Moscow.

"Comrades, we need reinforcements. Our enemy is stronger than us. Their strength is almost three times that of ours. The number of their tanks is also more than three times ours. Under the German attack, Our troops have lost a lot. Without reinforcements, we will not be able to withstand the German attack. Once we are defeated by the Germans, the Germans will be able to advance directly to Moscow. At that time, we will have no strength at all Come to stop the Germans." General Kirponos, commander of the Russian Southwest Front, said.

"Yes, Comrade Commander is right. The difference in strength between us and the enemy is too great. Under such circumstances, we have no way to compete with the Germans. We must get more reinforcements!" Lieutenant General Zhertov, political commissar, also said.

"Comrade Purkayev, in the name of the Front Army Command, sent a telegram to Moscow requesting reinforcements. Otherwise, we will not be able to withstand the German attack." Admiral Kirponos said.

"Yes, Comrade Commander. But, if this is the case, will Comrade Joseph be dissatisfied." Lieutenant General Pulkayev was a little worried. They all knew very well that Joseph could not tolerate the news of the defeat on the front line.

General Kirponos couldn't help hesitating for a moment. If Joseph knew that the Southwest Front Army would be defeated, these generals might not end well.

"Send a telegram! If we don't send a telegram and we are defeated by the Germans, Comrade Joseph will not let us go!" General Kirponos said.

"Yes, Comrade Commander." Lieutenant General Purkayev replied.

At the same time, less than a hundred kilometers away from the headquarters of the Russian Southwest Front Army, in the headquarters of the German Army Group C, Field Marshal Rommel, the commander of the 9th Army, was talking with the commander of the 7th Army, Franz von Admiral Loeb spoke.

"General Loeb, the Southwestern Front of the Russian Army, is about to be cornered by us. We have already wiped out their 37th and 40th armies. In addition, we have disabled two other armies. The remaining four A group army is constantly retreating. If we gather all the armored forces to launch a large-scale rapid assault, we will be able to completely defeat them. As long as the remaining troops in

the southwest of the Russian army are killed, then the road to Moscow is It's all over the place!" Marshal Rommel said.

Admiral Franz von Loeb nodded: "Your Excellency, Marshal, compared with Army Group B, we really don't have much light in this war. If we can defeat the Russian Southwest Front Army, the first It would be very nice to launch an attack on Moscow."

Marshal Rommel shook his head: "It's meaningless to fight for the first troops to attack Moscow. After defeating the Russian Southwest Front Army, we turned to attack the flank of the Russian Army Western Front Army, equipped with Army Group B, Eat them. That's the most important thing! The greatest threat to the Russians!"