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"Your Majesty, the U.S. Navy has developed very rapidly in recent years. I have to admit that they are indeed the biggest enemy of the Imperial Navy." Marshal Raeder looked serious.

As the Minister of the Imperial Navy, on the one hand, he is very pleased with the continuous strength of the Imperial Navy. On the other hand, it is worrying about the enemy's hot pursuit.

Especially the U.S. Navy on the other side of the ocean is growing stronger and has posed a great threat to the German Navy.

Qin Tian nodded, he has always regarded the United States as the main enemy of Germany. It has been implementing this thinking to the important ministers of the empire. Fortunately, the ministers of the empire seem to have listened.

"Your Majesty, according to the information we have, the U.S. Navy is very powerful. In terms of battleships, the U.S. Navy currently has 15 battleships of three tiers in service. Among them, there are four 'South Dakota-class' battleships and six 'Iowa-class' battleships. class' battleships and five 'Montana-class' battleships. These battleships are all battleships with thick armor and powerful firepower. The overall performance is very strong. Although the number of capital ships in the Imperial Navy is more than that of the US Navy, and has been carried out Modern modification. But it is also very difficult to win the battleship of the U.S. Navy in terms of overall strength. Therefore, the Imperial Navy has no advantage in comparing capital ships alone. What's more, the U.S. Navy has a more powerful The capital ship is under construction. They have gained experience from the 'Yamato-class' battleships of the islanders, and have improved a battleship equipped with 460mm main guns. Once this battleship enters service, the threat faced by the Imperial Navy will also be It will be even bigger. Fortunately, the construction of this new type of battleship started relatively late, and it will take some time before it is put into service," Marshal Raeder said.

Qin Tian nodded, because of the rapid rise of Germany, the United States in this time and space is also more powerful than in another time and space. In another time and space, the U.S. Navy has not even finished building the "Iowa-class" battleships, let alone the follow-up "Montana-class" battleships. As for battleships equipped with 460mm main guns, there are no plans. But in this time and space, the U.S. Navy has already been selling iron and steel, and has continued to build these new capital ships.

"In terms of aircraft carriers, the U.S. Navy has also achieved great success. Now, the U.S. Navy has as many as 25 aircraft carriers in service. Excluding one experimental aircraft carrier, there are as many as 24 aircraft carriers that can be dispatched to the battlefield. Among them, 8 One is an 'Essex-class' aircraft carrier. This aircraft carrier is a fleet carrier similar in performance to our 'Constellation-class' aircraft carrier. The other nine are 'Independence-class' aircraft carriers, which are small aircraft carriers , carrying limited carrier-based aircraft. The rest of the aircraft carriers are aircraft carriers built by the U.S. Navy in the early stage, and their performance is also limited. However, it has to be admitted that the U.S. Navy's large number of aircraft carriers and carrier-based aircraft units are also able to deal with We pose a very big threat. Not to

mention, the United States has now entered a wartime system. This also means that the US Navy's shipbuilding speed will be further increased. According to the information we have obtained, the US East Coast In those shipyards, there are more than a dozen 'Essex-class' aircraft carriers under construction. This means that even if we severely damage the U.S. Navy and sink their aircraft carriers, they will soon be replenished ”” Marshal Raeder said.

"It can be seen from this that it is undoubtedly very difficult to defeat an industrial powerhouse like the United States." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Marshal Raeder said.

"Doesn't that mean that we want to defeat the United States, and it may be difficult to tell the winner in a short time?" Marshal Manstein asked.

"In theory, this is the case. However, there are too many unexpected factors in naval battles. Because of the different tactics adopted by the two sides, there may also be differences. Of course, in the confrontation between the Imperial Navy and the US Navy, it still occupies the After all, the performance of our carrier-based aircraft is more powerful than that of the U.S. Navy. The carrier-based fighters of the U.S. Navy are mainly F4F fighters. The carrier-based BF-109 fighter is confronting, let alone the carrier-based FW-190 fighter. However, according to the latest information, the U.S. Navy is also serving a more powerful F4U fighter. It's just that the number of equipment is still relatively small. As for the dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft, our dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft are more powerful, but they are limited. Overall, the Imperial Navy still has an advantage in the Atlantic Ocean!" Marshal Raeder said.

Marshal Raeder's explanation reassured the important ministers of the empire a little.

"In addition, we are in the Atlantic Ocean, and currently we only have two fleets, the Home Fleet and the Atlantic Fleet. And we are in the Mediterranean Sea, as well as the Mediterranean Fleet. When necessary, the Mediterranean Fleet can enter the Atlantic Ocean to fight. In this case, our advantage will be Bigger!" Marshal Raeder continued.

"From now on, order the Home Fleet, the Atlantic Fleet, and the Mediterranean Fleet to enter a state of emergency combat readiness, ready to deal with the American attack at any time. All the warships of the Mediterranean Fleet will gather in Gibraltar. Once something happens, immediately enter the Atlantic Ocean to fight! Pay attention Well, the Americans might not declare war on us, but, like the islanders, launch a sneak attack first and adopt an undeclared war in order to severely damage the imperial navy. Therefore, we absolutely cannot give the Americans such an opportunity." Qin Tian Said.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Marshal Raeder nodded solemnly. If the Americans really surrendered to the German navy without declaring war, it would indeed pose a great threat to the German navy.

"In addition, the shipbuilding speed of our navy's major shipyards must be accelerated! The construction speed of the subsequent four aircraft carriers of the 'Main God' class must be accelerated. The construction progress of the 'Nordic God' aircraft carrier must also be accelerated." Raise it up. Once the Imperial Navy suffers losses, we must have more warships to replenish it!" Qin Tian demanded.

To some extent, the war between Germany and the United States is a war of attrition. The consumption rate of weapons and equipment on both sides is lower and the replenishment speed of weapons and equipment is faster. This is a great test for the industries of both countries. However, with sufficient resources and the integration of European industries, Germany undoubtedly has a great advantage.

Chapter 1482

"Secretary of State, when will the United States be able to enter the war? We are about to be unable to hold on under the German attack. Now, the Germans have assembled tens of millions of troops and stormed Moscow and Josephgrad. In order to defend these two In this city, we are paying huge casualties every day! If the United States does not participate in the war, then we may collapse soon." The representative of Russia to the United States complained to Hull in the office of US Secretary of State Hull.

The German army's fierce attack on the Russian battlefield caused the Russian army to pay extremely heavy casualties. Almost every day, representatives of Bu Russia would come to Hull's office and ask Hull when the United States would be able to join the war.

Burus now regards the United States as their only hope. If the United States can enter the war in time, it may allow the Germans to allocate most of their strength to deal with it. In this case, Russia will have a chance.

"On behalf of Your Excellency, I remember that I told you yesterday. We are preparing for war and will be ready soon. Please rest assured, Your Excellency, the American Republic will definitely go to war against Germany as soon as possible, and will not let Russia alone against Germany Human!" Hale said.

"Your Excellency, Secretary of State, can you have an accurate time? In this case, I will also have an explanation for the country." Representative Bu Russia said with a bitter face. Now, the battle situation in Moscow and Josephgrad is becoming more and more unfavorable to Bu Russia. Almost every day, telegrams came from home asking him to urge the United States to enter the war as soon as possible. This made him feel a lot of pressure.

"I'm sorry, on behalf of your Excellency. It is up to the President to decide when to go to war against Germany. I don't know either. However, I know that Your Excellency will never let Russia fight alone for too long." Hull said.

Of course Hull will not clearly inform Russia when the United States will enter the war. They had to prevent the Germans from getting the news from the Russian representatives. In that case, once Germany is prepared, the surprise attack by the United States may not be successful. If the U.S. Navy cannot win, it will be disastrous for the United States. Even, it will be related to whether the United States can win this war.

Did not get exact news from the US Secretary of State, and the representative of Bu Russia had to leave. It was almost a routine for him to come to Hull every day now.

After seeing off the representative of Bu Russia, the phone on Hull's desk rang. This is the call from the White House. Let Hull rush to the White House to attend the meeting.

"It's already June 1st, and it seems that His Excellency the President is about to issue an order to go to war!" Hull murmured.

A month ago, President Roosevelt issued an order to the generals of the army and navy, and gave them another month to prepare. Now, the time has come. This also means that the United States will end in person and participate in this war.

Although for this war, the United States has also been preparing for a long time. But no one can be sure whether Germany can be defeated. After all, in this war, Germany's strength was too strong. Even if the U.S. Army and Navy try their best, they may not necessarily be able to win. Therefore, Hull was somewhat worried.

When Hull arrived at the President's Office, in addition to President Roosevelt, the Secretary of War, the Chief of Army Staff, the Commander of the Army Air Force, the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Commander of the Naval Fleet, etc., had already gathered here.

"Sorry, Your Excellency, I'm late. I just sent the Russian representative away." Hull said apologetically.

"Secretary of State, I can understand. The Russians must be looking for trouble again." President Roosevelt said with a smile.

Other people also laughed, and they all knew that Secretary of State Hull was almost burned by the Russians now.

"Okay, everyone is here. So, let's start the meeting!" President Roosevelt said.

For a while, everyone stopped talking and stared at President Roosevelt.

"Gentlemen, I said last month that we are going to prepare for war against Germany. Before that, our war preparations have not been completed. So, today, one month later, have our war preparations been completed?" President Roosevelt asked .

"Your Excellency, the Army is ready." Admiral Marshall said.

However, even if the army has completed its preparations, it is of no use. If they want to go to the battlefield, they have to wait until the U.S. Navy and the German Navy decide the outcome. If the U.S. Navy wins, then they will be escorted by the U.S. Navy to the European continent and start a tragic fight with the famous German Army. However, if the U.S. Navy fails, then they may have to defend the homeland and prevent the German Army from landing on the U.S. mainland.

"Your Excellency, the fleets of the Navy are also ready for battle. All the warships have finished maintenance and are in the peak condition. All personnel have also finished their vacation and are ready for battle. Now, the fleet is ready to fight. You can go to sea to fight!" said Admiral Hadro Stark, Chief of Naval Operations.

President Roosevelt nodded in satisfaction, let alone the Army, there is still enough time for further development and growth. On the navy side, it is very urgent. They must go to sea as soon as possible to defeat the German navy.

"Very well, gentlemen. Now that we have completed our preparations, we are about to engage in this war. In the past month, the Germans have launched an attack on Moscow and Josefgrad on the Russian battlefield. In order to defend these two cities, our Russian allies have gathered most of the remaining troops in these two cities. Once the German army captures these two cities and eliminates the main force of the Russian army. Then, the Russian army will no longer be able to What threat does it pose to Germany? The destruction of Russia will be inevitable. Therefore, we must enter the war as soon as possible!" President Roosevelt said.

A group of generals nodded repeatedly, none of them wanted Russia to be defeated so quickly. Once Russia is defeated, Germany will be able to concentrate on dealing with the United States. Under such circumstances, it is undoubtedly very difficult for the United States to defeat Germany.

"It is undeniable that our enemy is very strong. However, for our country and for the people of the United States, we must do our best to defeat the Germans. Only in this way can we have a future. I hope that you can bring A victory! God will bless us!" President Roosevelt said solemnly.

Participating in the war is tantamount to betting the fate of the United States, so he can't help but pay attention to it.

"God bless us!" The other generals also said.

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U.S. Naval Operations Department, Admiral Harold Stark looked serious. Although President Roosevelt did not forcefully issue a departure time for the US Navy. However, he felt the urgency of President Roosevelt. Therefore, Admiral Harold Stark still decided to let the American fleet set off as soon as possible, enter the Atlantic Ocean, and have a decisive battle with the German Navy.

"Everyone, the situation on the Russian battlefield is not optimistic. Therefore, we must set off immediately and participate in the war. For the sake of the American Republic, we must defeat the German Navy!" Harold Stark entered will say.

The generals of the U.S. Navy also became very serious. Although, after the U.S. Navy regained its strength, they have not yet fought against the German Navy. But the previous several wars with the German navy made them deeply appreciate the strength of the German navy. In this war, the island navy, which the German navy fought with only two fleets, suffered heavy losses. It can be seen that the German navy has become stronger than before. Although the U.S. Navy is much stronger than the island nation's navy. But it is undoubtedly very difficult to defeat the German Navy.

"Gentlemen, Your Excellency and I have discussed it. The fleet will set off within three days! Are all the fleets ready?" Admiral Harold Stark asked.

"Your Excellency, all fleets are ready to set off at any time!" Admiral James Richardson replied.

"Very well. Then, we will set off on the evening of June 4. Do you have any objections to this?" Admiral Harold Stark asked.

All the generals shook their heads. In fact, they had been ready for battle since a month ago, knowing that this battle would be inevitable. Although the German navy is very powerful, they have been driven to a dead end. So, just try desperately. Even some generals of the US Navy were very excited. If the German Navy can be defeated, then the U.S. Navy will be able to replace the German Navy and become the maritime hegemony. For any admiral, this is undoubtedly a very high honor!

"In this battle against the German Navy, the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet will be attacked according to the predetermined plan. Before the Germans react, they will severely damage or even annihilate the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet in one fell swoop, and win the initiative in the Atlantic Ocean! In this way Only then can we have a greater advantage in the next battle." Admiral Harold Stark said.

All the generals nodded repeatedly. This was originally a plan that had been drawn up.

"General Richardson, who do you think will be in charge of the battle against Germany this time?" General Harold Stark asked. Although he is the chief of operations, the highest official in the Navy. But Admiral James Richardson is the commander of the fleet, and he also has great influence in the fleet. It is also very reasonable to seek the advice of Admiral James Richardson.

"Minister, if possible, I hope to personally command this war. But unfortunately, I am old. My physical condition is also very bad, and I am not allowed to go to sea to fight again." James Richard The admiral had a look of regret.

Although, this naval battle will be very dangerous. But if it can win, it will be able to leave its name in history. If possible, General James Richardson certainly did not want to let go of this good opportunity.

Harold? Stark Admiral smiled.

The other admirals also looked at Admiral James Richardson, wanting to know his choice.

Qualified to command the U.S. fleet is Admiral Nimitz, deputy commander of the fleet, and Admiral Ernest King, commander of the Atlantic Fleet. As for the commander of the main fleet, Admiral Hasben Kimmel, it was a little bit worse.

Admiral James Richardson's gaze was also on Admiral Nimitz and Admiral Ernest King. It was obvious that the candidate was between them.

"Your Excellency, I think Admiral Nimitz is more suitable to command this naval battle. After all, in this naval battle, the aircraft carrier is the main force. Among the many generals, he is very good. If he commands this naval battle, I believe he can definitely bring us a victory!" Admiral James Richardson said.

A hint of excitement flashed in Admiral Nimitz's eyes, but he tried hard to control his emotions and didn't show it.

Admiral Ernest Jin had obvious disappointment on his face.

Admiral Hadro Stark's eyes also fell on Admiral Nimitz.

"General Nimitz, are you confident of defeating the Germans?" Harold Stark Admiral asked.

"Minister, I will do my best to defeat the Germans!" Admiral Nimitz replied.

Admiral Harold Stark nodded: "Then, let General Nimitz be the commander of the war against Germany this time!"

"You must do your best in a humble position!" Admiral Nimitz said excitedly.

The appointment of the Nimitz Fleet as commander was also approved by President Roosevelt.

In order to defeat Germany, the U.S. Navy did its best this time. All capital ships and aircraft carriers will participate in this operation.

The 15 battleships were divided into three battleship formations, under the command of Admiral Hasben Kimmel, who personally served as the commander of the first battleship formation, and the commander of the second battleship formation was Royale Kimmel. Lieutenant General Ingersoll served. The commander of the 3rd battleship formation is Rear Admiral Jonas Ingram.

As for the five aircraft carrier formations, Lieutenant General Halsey served as the commander of the first aircraft carrier formation, Lieutenant General Fletcher served as the commander of the second aircraft carrier formation, and Major General Spruance served as the commander of the third aircraft carrier formation. Major General Frederick Horn served as the commander of the 4th aircraft carrier formation, and Major General Kent Hewitt served as the commander of the 5th aircraft carrier formation.

The commanders of other cruiser formations and destroyer formations were also appointed respectively. This time, the U.S. Navy can be said to have used all its main forces.

"Everyone, let's go back and prepare! Three days later, the fleet will depart from each base!" Admiral Hadro Stark ordered.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Minister!" Everyone replied.

At 9 pm on June 4, the US Navy's 1st aircraft carrier formation, 2nd aircraft carrier formation, 1st capital ship formation, and some cruiser formations and destroyer formations left the Norfolk Naval Base. Other fleets also sailed into the Atlantic Ocean from other bases on the east coast of the United States.

Chapter 1484

Berlin time, June 5, 2:00 pm.

Minister of the Imperial Army and Chief of Staff Marshal Manstein, Minister of the Navy Marshal Raeder, Minister of the Air Force Marshal Albert Kesselring rushed to the palace together to meet the emperor Qin Tian.

"Your Majesty is taking a lunch break, please go to the office and wait for a while." Qin Tian's secretary said to the three ministers.

Marshal Manstein and the others nodded and headed to Qin Tian's office.

Ten minutes later, Qin Tian appeared in the office. Although he has the habit of taking a lunch break, it depends on the situation. The three important military ministers came to see him at this time, obviously something big happened. Otherwise, they wouldn't bother him at this time.

"Your Majesty, I am very sorry to interrupt your rest!" Marshal Manstein apologized.

Qin Tian waved his hand: "What happened? Is there an accident on the front line?"

"No, Your Majesty. All American capital ships and aircraft carriers, as well as a large number of heavy cruisers, light cruisers and destroyers, have disappeared. We judge that those American warships have entered the Atlantic Ocean." Manstein said the marshal.

Qin Tian's face suddenly became serious. Of course he knew what that meant. Obviously, the main force of the U.S. Navy quietly entered the Atlantic Ocean, and it was definitely not for training. Its target must be the German Navy.

"Your Majesty, I'm afraid the Americans really want to go to war with us this time!" Marshal Raeder also said.

Qin Tian nodded: "We are on the Russian battlefield, and the Russians who have already fought are almost unable to hold on. Under such circumstances, the Americans will naturally be unable to sit still. This time, they probably really want to fight."

Marshal Manstein and others all looked at Qin Tian, waiting for him to make the final decision.

"This battle between us and the Americans has long been inevitable. Since the Americans are going to fight, we have no other way but to fight. So, order our fleet and prepare to fight! Even if the Americans do their best, they may not be able to defeat us. It is hard to say who will win in the end." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Marshal Raeder replied.

"Your Majesty, apart from the Home Fleet and the Atlantic Fleet, will the Mediterranean Fleet be dispatched?" Marshal Raeder asked. The Atlantic Ocean is the main battlefield of the Home Fleet and the Atlantic Fleet, while the Mediterranean Fleet is more of a reserve force. Whether it is necessary to use the Mediterranean Fleet at this time, Marshal Raeder is temporarily unable to make a decision.

Qin Tian hesitated for a moment, and then made a decision: "Since the Americans are going all out this time, they are obviously going to put all their eggs in one basket and defeat us. Under such circumstances, we naturally don't need to make further reservations. The United States Since people want to have a decisive battle with us in the Atlantic Ocean, let us do what they want! Let the Mediterranean Fleet also fight. Try to defeat the main force of the US Navy in one fell swoop."

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Marshal Raeder looked serious.

There is no doubt that the US Navy has dispatched the main force. And the German Navy also dispatched the main force this time. If the German Navy wins, they will be able to seize the initiative in the Atlantic Ocean in one fell swoop. It even poses a direct threat to the east coast of

the United States. After the war in Russia has a result, Germany can even directly send troops to attack the mainland of the United States. But if the German navy loses this battle, the situation will become very unfavorable to Germany. At that time, Germany will have to rely on the air base established in western Europe to block the invasion of the Americans. If you want to defeat the United States again, it will be very difficult. Therefore, Marshal Raeder, the Minister of the Navy, undoubtedly endured tremendous pressure.

Of course, Marshal Raeder also believed that it would not be so easy for the U.S. Navy to defeat the German Navy when the German Navy dispatched its main force. As long as no fatal mistakes are made, the possibility of the German Navy defeating the US Navy is very high.

"The bases of the Imperial Air Force in the west should also be prepared. No one can guarantee that the U.S. Navy will take this opportunity to attack our western coastal bases." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Air Force Minister Albert Kesselring replied.

Although the U.S. Navy is unlikely to attack western Europe until it defeats the German Navy. But no one can guarantee whether they will take the risk. Although that would not pose any threat to Germany, it could cause panic in Europe. After all, as Germany continues to win the war, the European people are mostly optimistic that Germany will win the final victory of the war. Even the people of European countries are looking forward to another victory for Germany. But if American shells and bombs fall on European soil, it will undoubtedly have a great impact on the confidence of the people of European countries. Therefore, Germany must avoid such a situation as much as possible.

"Everyone, the Americans have decided to fight. Then, the decisive battle between us and the Americans will begin. I hope we can win this battle!" Qin Tian said.

"The empire will win!" Several ministers were full of confidence.

Everyone knows that when the Americans want to do something, Germany's main energy has to be transferred from the Russian battlefield to the Atlantic Ocean. Fortunately, the German army now has an absolute advantage on the Russian battlefield. You only need to fight step by step to destroy Russia. This allows Germany to focus its main energy on the Americans.

Wilhelmshaven, the headquarters of the Home Fleet of the German Navy.

Marshal Lütjens boarded the aircraft carrier "Poseidon", the flagship of the German Navy's home fleet. The other warships in the port are also ready.

Half an hour later, the main force of the home fleet left Wilhelmshaven. Four 'Lord God-class' aircraft carriers, four 'Constellation-class' aircraft carriers, four 'Caesar-class' battleships, and four 'Brandenburg-class' battlecruisers, under the **** of a large number of cruisers and destroyers, sailed out port, into the North Sea.

Azores, Port of Heroes, Admiral Rolf Karls, commander of the Imperial Navy's Atlantic Fleet, boarded the Atlantic Fleet's flagship "Zeus" aircraft carrier. With the U.S. fleet missing, if the main force of the Atlantic Fleet continues to stay in the port, it will be courting death. Only by leaving the port and entering the vast ocean can we avoid being attacked by the US fleet, and even find opportunities for ourselves to fight back.

Soon, the main warships of the Imperial Navy's Atlantic Fleet sailed out of Hero Harbor and entered the vast Atlantic Ocean.

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Gibraltar Naval Base, Admiral Hermann Boehm, commander of the German Navy's Mediterranean Fleet, boarded the fleet flagship "Deutschland" aircraft carrier. Although compared with the local fleet and the Atlantic Fleet, the strength of the Mediterranean Fleet is much weaker. Four battleships, three battlecruisers, plus four 'Deutschland-class' aircraft carriers.

It can be said that the German Navy's Mediterranean Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet are the two weakest of the five largest fleets of the German Navy. But even so, the strength of the Mediterranean Fleet should not be underestimated.

The four battleships and three battlecruisers were all rebuilt with the hulls of the battleships and battlecruisers that captured the British in the last war. And before the outbreak of this world war, it had been modernized and refitted, making these battleships regain extremely powerful combat effectiveness. Perhaps in terms of comprehensive combat power, it is not comparable to those cutting-edge battleships of the US Navy. However, the gap will not be too large.

Four "Deutschland-class" aircraft carriers, although their performance is not as good as the "Constellation-class" aircraft carrier and the subsequent mass-produced aircraft carriers. However, the overall strength of an aircraft carrier capable of carrying 80 combat aircraft is not much weaker.

"Command the fleet, let's go! This time, since the Americans want to fight us decisively, then we will do our best to defeat them! Let them know that the Imperial Navy is the most powerful navy in the world!" Herman Boehm The general gave the order.

Soon, the seven capital ships and four aircraft carriers of the German Navy's Mediterranean Fleet, escorted by a large number of cruisers and destroyers, sailed out of the naval port, passed through the Strait of Gibraltar, and entered the Atlantic Ocean.

In order to respond to the challenge of the U.S. Navy this time, the German Navy has done its best. The three major fleets deployed in the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea were dispatched.

There are as many as 23 capital ships and as many as 20 aircraft carriers dispatched. If cruisers and destroyers are counted, the total number of ships dispatched by the three major fleets is as high as hundreds. With such strength, no navy in the world can compete with it. Even if the U.S. Navy is fully dispatched, it is still close.

Of course, the three major fleets must cooperate to fight this time, and they cannot go their own way. Otherwise, the U.S. Navy will only seize the opportunity and destroy them one by one. In order to coordinate the operations of the three major fleets, Marshal Lütjens, the commander of the Imperial Navy's local fleet, served as the commander of this operation and was responsible for fully commanding this naval battle.

The United States also pays special attention to the three major fleets of the German Navy. U.S. intelligence agencies have intelligence officers in Germany, the Azores, and Gibraltar. After these intelligence personnel discovered that the three major fleets of the German Navy had left

the port, they immediately sent a telegram to the country. Although, many intelligence personnel were exposed because of this and were arrested by German counterintelligence agencies. However, this also allowed the United States to obtain the most valuable information.

When the U.S. Naval Operations Department learned that the three major fleets of the German Navy were all out to sea, they also fell into tension.

"Damn it, why did the Germans even dispatch the Mediterranean Fleet? Are they going to fight us?" Admiral Harold Stark, the US Chief of Naval Operations, looked very ugly. In their prediction, the German Navy's Mediterranean Fleet, as a strategic reserve, will not be dispatched easily. Even if it is dispatched, it will wait for the outcome of the naval battle in the Atlantic Ocean. If the German Navy's Mediterranean Fleet is not dispatched, then the U.S. Navy only needs to deal with the German Navy's Home Fleet and Atlantic Fleet. In that case, their advantage will be greater. But now, the German Navy has dispatched the Mediterranean Fleet, which will make the U.S. Navy have no advantage at all in the Atlantic Ocean, but will be at a disadvantage.

"Minister, the situation is not good for us! Our overall strength is still unable to compete with the three major fleets of the German Navy." Admiral James Richardson also looked worried.

You know, this time the U.S. Navy is desperate and has invested all its main forces. If the battle is defeated, the efforts of the U.S. Navy over the years will be in vain. Even, it will put the United States in a more disadvantageous position in this war. Although those shipyards in the United States are already working overtime to build warships. But no matter how to speed up, it will take time. The Navy's warships, especially capital ships and aircraft carriers, are inherently very expensive. The construction period of a battleship is also very long. Therefore, if the loss is too large, it will take time to replenish it.

"Your Excellency, it is obvious that the Germans are ready now. If the fleet led by General Nimitz wants to launch another surprise attack, it may not be easy to succeed. Under such circumstances, it is very likely that they will attack. It will fail. How about letting General Nimitz and the others go back and look for another chance!" Admiral Ernest King suggested.

Admiral Harold Stark frowned. If he orders the fleet to return now, it means that the attack plan this time will be abandoned. In this case, the safety of the fleet can of course be ensured. However, it is very difficult to defeat the German Navy. After all, the Germans must have a lot of intelligence personnel in the United States. It is basically impossible for the US Navy fleet to leave the military port silently and without being discovered by the Germans. In this case, the American fleet would never have the opportunity to raid the German fleet.

The current situation is already not good for the United States. The longer the delay, the worse it will be for the United States. Therefore, it was under such circumstances that President Roosevelt would force the US Navy to go to sea to fight.

"I will ask His Excellency the President for instructions!" Harold Stark Admiral said.

Subsequently, Admiral Harold Stark rushed to the White House to ask President Roosevelt for instructions.

Although President Roosevelt was an assistant secretary of the Navy, he knew nothing about naval warfare. He just asked Admiral Harold Stark, if he gave up this time, would he find better opportunities in the future?

Admiral Harold Stark fell silent immediately. He also knew that it was almost impossible to find a better opportunity. Therefore, in the end, Admiral Harold Stark decided to continue this battle plan.

However, Admiral Harold Stark also ordered the information to be sent to Admiral Nimitz, who will be in charge of this operation with full authority.

Chapter 1486

In the western waters of the Atlantic Ocean, a huge fleet is sailing on the sea. The capital ships and aircraft carriers are divided into multiple fleets according to different formations and lined up on the sea, looking mighty.

In order to ensure the safety of these capital ships and aircraft carriers, the U.S. Navy deployed a large number of cruisers and destroyers to provide air defense and anti-submarine protection for these capital ships and aircraft carriers. After all, the performance of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft is stronger than that of the US Navy. The submarines of the German Navy are densely distributed in the Atlantic Ocean. Although the United States has not yet officially declared war on Germany, the U.S. Navy has already made a big move, and all fools know that the U.S. Navy is going to the German Navy. Therefore, once the submarines of the German Navy find an opportunity, they will inevitably attack the US fleet.

The flagship of the U.S. fleet is also the flagship of the 1st aircraft carrier formation, the "Essex" aircraft carrier. Carrier aircraft, instead of capital ships, have become the real main force of the navy. You know, the U.S. Navy plans to build thirty-two ships. If the performance of this aircraft carrier is not good enough, will the U.S. Navy make up its mind to build so many ships?

On the USS Essex, Admiral Nimitz and Lieutenant General Halsey were chatting.

After the fleet entered the Atlantic Ocean, it has been in radio silence to ensure that their position will not be found by the German Navy's radio monitoring equipment. Once traces are found, it will undoubtedly mean that there will be a fierce battle. After all, in a naval battle where aircraft carrier-based aircraft are the main means of attack, launching an attack first means being able to occupy a great advantage.

Admiral Nimitz stood on the island of the "Essex" battleship, looking at the busy flight deck and the mighty fleet, he was undoubtedly very excited. He was full of pride in being able to command such a large fleet. Of course, at the same time, he can also feel how heavy the responsibility is on his shoulders. It can be said that in this naval battle, the U.S. Navy is desperate. If it fails, the U.S. Navy will be completely finished. Even the United States will lose completely in this war. Therefore, Admiral Nimitz told himself that they must not lose in this naval battle, and must do their best to win this naval battle.

"General, it is still too reluctant to start a war with the German navy. Our strength is not enough to form an advantage over the German navy!" Lieutenant General Halsey sighed.

Admiral Nimitz nodded, he knew what Lieutenant General Halsey meant. In terms of the number of aircraft carriers and capital ships, the U.S. Navy does not have an advantage. In terms of the performance of carrier-based aircraft, they also do not have an advantage. Under such circumstances, in a decisive battle with the German Navy, the difficulty of winning can be imagined.

If you can wait for a period of time until the U.S. Navy has served more aircraft carriers, and F4U fighters have completely replaced F4F fighters and become the main force of the U.S. Navy's carrier-based fighter jets, then the possibility of the U.S. Navy defeating the German Navy is about Much bigger.

Although the German Navy is also rapidly building aircraft carriers, judging from the information obtained by the U.S. Navy, the construction speed of the German Navy is not as fast as that of the U.S. Navy.

In the US shipyard, there are still 12 "Essex-class" aircraft carriers under construction. In addition, there are a full 12 "Essex-class" aircraft carriers, which are planning to start construction. After entering the wartime system, more and more shipyards will begin to join the construction of warships, which will greatly accelerate the speed of the US Navy's construction of warships. In that case, the strength of the U.S. Navy will become stronger and stronger, and it is not impossible to catch up with the German Navy. After all, in the German Navy's shipyard, there are only four aircraft carriers under construction in the "Lord God-class" aircraft carrier, and the first batch of "Nordic God-class" aircraft carriers. The second batch of four ships is also being planned for construction.

The reason is that although Germany's industry is very strong, in addition to the navy's need to consume a lot of resources, the army's tanks, armored vehicles, artillery, guns, ammunition and trucks, and the air force's fighter jets, bombers, and transport aircraft also need a lot of resources. . Even the helicopters that Germany is mass-producing, as well as the transport ships, tank landing ships, and amphibious assault ships that the Navy is building, require a lot of resources. This also makes it impossible for Germany to use all its resources in the construction of aircraft carriers. The progress of aircraft carrier construction has also been affected. But even so, the German Navy believes that they can rely on their existing advantages to defeat the challenges of any other country.

But unfortunately, the current situation is not good for the United States, and the United States does not have so much time. Therefore, they had to enter the war as soon as possible and find a way to defeat Germany as soon as possible. Otherwise, the United States may have to fight alone by then.

"General Halsey, there is no way. Our enemies are gradually defeating our allies. Under the German attack, our allies are almost unable to hold on. Therefore, at this time we must You have to fight." Admiral Nimitz said helplessly.

As the general of the navy, he naturally hopes to launch an attack after he is fully prepared. But, at the same time, he was able to understand President Roosevelt. For the overall consideration, launching an attack now is the best choice. However, this also put the US Navy under tremendous pressure. They must try their best to win the game.

"Your Excellency, a telegram from the country!" A staff officer reported.

After Admiral Nimitz read the telegram, his face suddenly became serious.

After Lieutenant General Halsey noticed Admiral Nimitz's expression, he also had a bad feeling in his heart.

"What's the matter? General." Lieutenant General Halsey asked.

"General Halsey, it seems that the Germans are more cautious than we imagined! According to the information just obtained, the main force of the German Navy has been dispatched. The German Navy's home fleet, Atlantic Fleet and Mediterranean Fleet have all been dispatched. This Once, we might be in trouble!" Admiral Nimitz said with a wry smile.

"What? Even the German Mediterranean fleet has been dispatched?" Lieutenant General Halsey was also taken aback. Obviously, the German Navy dispatched the Mediterranean Fleet, which means that the German Navy is preparing for a decisive battle with the US Navy.

Chapter 1486

The three main fleets of the German Navy are all out to sea, which means that it is almost impossible for the U.S. Navy's sneak attack plan to succeed. Because, once they launch an attack, they will not only face the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet, but the three major fleets of the German Navy. In front of the three major fleets of the German Navy, they have almost no advantage.

"With 15 capital ships and 24 aircraft carriers, it may be very difficult to counter the German Navy's 23 capital ships and 20 aircraft carriers!" Lieutenant General Halsey sighed.

In terms of capital ships, the U.S. Navy has eight fewer ships. Although they are all cutting-edge battleships, the capital ships of the German Navy have shown extremely powerful strength in naval battles with the island navy. This makes the U.S. Navy dare not underestimate it.

In terms of aircraft carriers, although the U.S. Navy has four more. However, the nine 'Independence-class' aircraft carriers are nothing more than light aircraft carriers. The number of carrier-based aircraft carried is limited. The nine "Independence-class" aircraft carriers are at most equivalent to the three "Constellation-class" aircraft carriers or three "Lord God-class" aircraft carriers of the German Navy. Calculated, the U.S. Navy is still at a disadvantage in terms of aircraft carriers. If the disadvantages of carrier-based aircraft are added, the disadvantages of the U.S. Navy will become even more obvious.

Although, the US Navy's F4U fighter jets have been mass-produced. However, they only had time to replace the carrier-based fighters on the four "Essex-class" aircraft carriers of the 1st aircraft carrier formation with F4U fighters. The fighters on other aircraft carriers are still F4F fighters. The performance of these fighters is not even comparable to the Zero fighters of the island navy, let alone the carrier-based BF-109 fighters and carrier-based FW-190 fighters of the German Navy. Once you encounter a carrier-based fighter jet of the German Navy in a naval battle, you may only be slaughtered.

"General, are there any other orders in the country?" Lieutenant General Halsey asked.

Admiral Nimitz shook his head: "I just informed us about the situation of the Germans, and there are no other orders."

Obviously, this is for Admiral Nimitz to decide for himself. Admiral Nimitz can also guess the domestic intentions, which is to let him continue to attack, and he is doing his best to win.

"Order the other formation commanders to come to the USS Essex immediately!" Admiral Nimitz ordered.

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

Soon, the commanders of three battleship formations, five aircraft carrier formations, and the commanders of cruiser formations and destroyer formations all gathered in the conference room of the USS Essex aircraft carrier.

Admiral Nimitz glanced at these generals, and then said: "I'm sorry, everyone, I want to tell everyone a bad news."

Admiral Nimitz's opening remarks immediately gave the generals a bad feeling.

"I just got the news that the German navy has responded. The Germans may have guessed our intentions. Therefore, their three major fleets have left the naval port and entered the Atlantic Ocean. Obviously, the German navy is targeting us. Here we are. I am afraid we will face a tough battle." Admiral Nimitz continued.

"Hiss!"

There was a sound of breathing in the meeting room. Obviously, everyone did not expect that the German Navy would dispatch three major fleets at once. This also means that it may be more difficult for the U.S. Navy to win this naval battle.

"However, gentlemen. I don't need to say that everyone is very clear about the current situation. Our allies are almost unable to hold on. Therefore, we have no choice but to join the war at this time. And do our best to defeat Germany. Otherwise, once our allies are defeated, we will lose our chance of defeating the Germans forever." Admiral Nimitz continued.

The generals nodded again and again, and they knew very well that it was for this reason that they went to war with the German navy when they were not ready. Although the strength of the U.S. Navy is already very strong, there is no doubt that the strength of the German Navy is stronger. It is also more difficult for them to defeat the German navy. Therefore, this made the generals of the US Navy attending the meeting feel heavy in their hearts.

"Gentlemen, have you all been frightened by the Germans? Even if they guessed our intentions, so what? At worst, we will have a decisive battle with them. Although our strength is a bit weaker than that of the Germans, But the gap is limited. If we try our best, we may not have no chance of defeating the Germans. At least, our capital ship formation is confident of defeating the German capital ships!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel Said decisively.

Though, they had fewer capital ships than the German Navy. However, Admiral Hasben Kimmel still believes that their 15 new battleships will definitely defeat the old battleships of the German Navy.

"Yes, gentlemen. We must have confidence. The Germans are strong, but we are not weak. The final victory will definitely belong to us!" Lieutenant General Halsey also said.

Other formation commanders also expressed their opinions that they are confident in defeating the Germans.

Being able to become admirals and serve as formation commanders in such an important decisive battle, they are undoubtedly extremely capable people. Also a strong willed person. Although the German navy is very strong, they believe that if they do their best, the U.S. navy also has the possibility of winning. In the history of naval warfare in the world, there are countless examples of the less winning the more and the weak defeating the strong.

Admiral Nimitz nodded: "Very good, everyone can have confidence, that would be the best. I believe that as long as we do our best, it is entirely possible to defeat the German navy."

"So, do we need to make changes in our tactics?" Admiral Nimitz asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, if we continue to march towards the Azores, then the Germans will definitely prepare the main force there to deal with us." Lieutenant General Halsey said.

"However, the German Navy's airports and aircraft on the Azores are a serious concern to us. If we can destroy them before the decisive battle with the German Navy, it will be very beneficial to us!" Major General Spruance Said.

Admiral Nimitz nodded. The German Navy built a large number of airports on the Azores and deployed a large number of fighter jets, dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft. If it is not destroyed there, it will be very difficult for the U.S. Navy to win a naval battle.

Chapter 1488

Since the German Navy acquired the Azores from the Kingdom of Portugal, it has been transforming the Azores for more than two decades. On the islands of the Azores, a large number of airports, anti-aircraft firepower, air search radars, oil depots, ammunition depots and other living facilities have been built.

Even though, there is no way to build large airports on many islands in the Azores, such as São Jorge and Corvo Island. However, the German Navy built small airports on them, and deployed combat aircraft on these islands as much as possible. Coupled with the construction of large-caliber fortress guns, etc., it can be regarded as turning the entire Azores into an unsinkable aircraft carrier.

Although the outside world does not know how many combat aircraft the German Navy has deployed on the Azores, the only thing that is certain is that the number is very large. These combat aircraft are all part of the shore-based aviation of the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet. A total of five fighter wings, three dive bomber wings and two torpedo attack wings were included. If reconnaissance planes and transport planes are included, the number of planes in the entire Azores exceeds 1,500.

Even, in order to avoid being raided by enemy capital ships under the cover of night like those airports in the Pacific Ocean, the German Navy Atlantic Fleet deployed a large number of underground hangars in addition to deploying fortress guns on the Azores. Or hollow out the mountain to build a cavern. More than half of the combat aircraft are deployed in underground hangars or caves. There are special runways connected to these underground hangars and

caverns. These planes of the German Navy can even fill up fuel in the underground hangars and caverns, install bombs, slide out of the underground hangars and caverns directly along the runway, and then take off. Thereby avoiding greater losses under the bombardment of local warships.

Although, this series of projects cost a lot of money. However, the German Admiralty still gritted its teeth and started these projects. The geographical location of the Azores is really important. Germany hopes to control the entire Atlantic Ocean through its control here.

Although the US fleet knows that the Azores is a key base for the German Navy, it does not know the specifics of the base. However, in order to defeat the German navy in a naval battle, the U.S. fleet still hopes to destroy the bases on the Azores before the decisive battle with the German navy. In this case, their disadvantage will be relatively small.

"The base of the German Navy in the Azores will indeed pose a great threat to us. We have only two choices, either avoid it or destroy it. However, if we avoid that piece of sea, we will There are not many seas that can only fight the Germans in the Atlantic Ocean. They have bases in the United Kingdom, Norway, and Iceland. Even the main fleet of the German Navy can stay under the protection of shore-based aircraft. Continue to deal with us. In that case, the time will be delayed longer and longer. Once the Germans defeat the Russians, they will attack us with all their strength. At that time, will we be able to resist them?" Nimitz said.

Suddenly, all the generals felt a little anxious. The current situation is indeed too favorable for the Germans. Relying on the Germans to operate in the Atlantic Ocean in the early stage gave them an advantage.

"Even, the Germans can continue to procrastinate. After they defeat the Russians, they can send their navy to the Pacific Ocean first, cooperate with their fleet in the Pacific Ocean, and defeat the navy of the island country in one fell swoop. At that time, what we have to face I'm afraid it's not just the three major fleets of the German Navy, but the five major fleets. In that case, we will have no advantage!" Admiral Nimitz continued.

"The Germans cannot be allowed to defeat the islanders first! Otherwise, if the main forces of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet enter the Atlantic Ocean, then we will lose!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel said.

"So, we have no choice. We must take the initiative to launch an attack and first destroy the German base on the Azores. Then we will fight the Germans in this sea area!" Admiral Nimitz said.

All the generals nodded heavily, there is no way.

"General Kimmel, to deal with the German navy's bases in the Azores, we can only rely on the capital ship formation. At that time, we will deploy capital ships and cruisers to attack the German airport in the Azores. Attack. Try to attract the main force of the German Navy and attack it. If you can seize the opportunity, you may be able to hit the German Navy in one fell swoop! As for defeating the German Navy, you have to get more opportunities." Admiral Nimitz said .

"Your Excellency, Commander, I will do my best!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel said with a serious face.

Admiral Hasben Kimmel knows very well that it is undoubtedly very difficult for them to copy such a tactic and still succeed when the island navy has already applied such a tactic once. The Germans are not fools, how could they not be prepared?

However, Admiral Hasben Kimmel still has confidence in his fleet. Because, the fleet he led was the most powerful battleship fleet in history. The 15 capital ships are all battleships with 410mm main guns. In particular, the six "Iowa-class" battleships and five "Montana-class" battleships are equipped with 410mm main guns with 50 times the caliber. As for the 23 capital ships of the German Navy, except for the four "Kaiser-class" battleships and four "Brandenburg-class" battlecruisers equipped with 410mm main guns with 50 times the caliber, the other battleships and battleships Cruisers are equipped with 380mm main guns with 50 times the caliber.

Although, the 380mm main gun of the German Navy with a caliber of 50 times is also amazingly powerful. However, the battleships of the U.S. Navy all have thick armor, strong defense capabilities, and the survivability of the battleships is also very strong. It is not so easy for the German Navy to sink a battleship of the US Navy.

In addition, among the capital ships of the German Navy, there are 11 battlecruisers. Even the defense of the battlecruisers of the German Navy is very strong, but compared with the battleships, there is always a little gap. These are the advantages of the U.S. Navy's capital ship fleet.

"Everyone, in order to win, we have no choice but to fight the Germans with all our strength! I believe that God will bless us!" Admiral Nimitz said.

"God bless us!" A group of generals shouted one after another, as if God was really on their side.

Chapter 1489

When the U.S. Navy was doing its best to prepare for a decisive battle with the German Navy. The German Navy is also preparing for this decisive battle.

Like the U.S. Navy, the preset battlefield for the German Navy is also the sea area of the Azores. Based on the analysis of the German Navy, if the U.S. Navy wants to defeat the German Navy, those bases on the Azores will have to be removed by the U.S. Navy. Therefore, the German Navy would rather stay in this sea area and wait for the U.S. Navy to come to their door.

Fight to the death with the U.S. Navy on the battlefield preset by your side. In this case, the German navy is undoubtedly more likely to win the final victory. Even the German Navy is stronger than the US Navy. But in order to win this naval battle, they also have to be cautious. In a naval battle that concerns the fate of the two countries, there is no room for carelessness. If it fails, it will ruin the future of the country.

After the German Navy's home fleet left Wilhelmshaven, it entered the North Sea. Then cross the Shetland Islands, enter the Atlantic Ocean, and then turn south to the waters of the Azores.

The German Navy's Mediterranean Fleet, after entering the Atlantic Ocean through the Strait of Gibraltar, went all the way west to the Azores.

As for the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet, their home port was originally in the Azores. After sailing away from Hero Harbor, the fleet actually did not leave this sea area, but cruised in the nearby sea area, waiting for the other two fleets to join them. At the same time, it is also waiting for the US fleet to come.

Backed by numerous airports on the Azores, it can be supported by a large number of shore-based aircraft. Even the strength of the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet is far from being an opponent of the US Fleet, but it can still compete with the US Fleet. This is why after the strength of the US Navy has greatly increased, the German Navy can still firmly control the Atlantic Ocean with the help of the Atlantic Fleet.

The home fleet of the German Navy has the farthest distance and the shortest time to arrive. The Mediterranean Fleet will arrive sooner.

In the vast Atlantic Ocean, the American fleet and the German fleet are both heading towards the Azores. The navies of the two countries will assemble thousands of warships in this sea area and start an extremely fierce fight. The winning country will not only gain command of the Atlantic Ocean, but also gain a huge advantage in the ensuing war. It will be very difficult for a failed country to come back and regain its disadvantage.

On the aircraft carrier "Poseidon", the flagship of the German Navy's home fleet, the commander of the fleet, Marshal Lütjens, and the chief of staff, Lieutenant General Karl Weitzel, are discussing the naval battle.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, the Americans are aggressive this time! According to intelligence from China, all their battleships and aircraft carriers are no longer in the port. Obviously, the Americans want to gather all their forces this time. Come and fight us!" Lieutenant General Carl Witzel said with emotion.

Even the German navy is very powerful. But the fact that the U.S. Navy can have such a boldness is beyond the imagination of many people. This kind of courage to put the fate of the country on a big war is undoubtedly beyond the reach of many people. I have to admit that the decision-makers of the US government are still very admirable on this point.

Marshal Lütjens nodded: "It is indeed very surprising that the Americans dare to fight us desperately. But do they think they can scare us like this? It's simply fantastic!"

Lieutenant General Carl Witzel couldn't help laughing.

"Although the Imperial Navy is already the hegemon of the world, we are not lacking in aggressiveness. All along, the Imperial Navy has been fighting hard, in order to completely defeat the enemy that was not defeated in the last world war! In order to defeat We have been preparing for more than 20 years to win this naval battle. The Americans dare to do everything, why don't we dare? Even if the navy fails, we still have a strong army and air force, which can also ensure that the empire is in Asia and Europe. The supremacy on the continent. As long as it can continue to occupy Europe, most of Asia and the whole of Africa, the empire's supremacy is not so easy to be taken away. The empire still has a chance to defeat those enemies again. And our enemies? If we lose again this time, we will never have another chance. Therefore, we can afford to lose, but our enemy cannot afford to lose!" Marshal Lütjens continued.

Lieutenant General Carl Witzel nodded again and again. Compared with the United States, Germany's position in this war does indeed occupy a great advantage. It is not so easy for the United States to defeat Germany and replace Germany as the world hegemony!

"What's more, the battlefield this time is still our home field. The combined strength of our three major fleets is already stronger than that of the US Navy. And on the Azores, we still have ten aviation wings. As long as we don't make too stupid mistakes and defeat the Americans, there is absolutely no problem. The ambitions of the Americans, like their warships, will all sink to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean!" Marshal Lütjens said confidently.

Lieutenant General Carl Witzel is also full of confidence in the upcoming naval battle. He also believed that the German Navy would be able to win this naval battle.

According to the scheduled combat plan, the three major fleets of the German Navy will gather in the waters around the Azores, waiting for the American fleet to come to the door. Then, relying on the shore-based aircraft on the Azores, they launched a counterattack and tried to severely damage the US fleet. If possible, even wipe out the main force of the US fleet in one fell swoop. In that case, the German fleet will be able to occupy a greater advantage. In the next battle, it will not be a problem to wipe out the US Navy step by step.

According to the plan, the German Navy's home fleet will wait in the northern waters of the Azores. The Atlantic Fleet will go out to the waters west of the Azores. The Mediterranean Fleet will be distributed in the southern waters of the Azores.

Although, the three major fleets are still separated. However, these distances are nothing to the shore-based aircraft on the Azores and the carrier-based aircraft on the carrier. Once the enemy's situation is discovered, the carrier-based aircraft of the three major fleets can take off to meet the enemy. Of course, the distance between the capital ship formations of the three major fleets will be further shortened, and they will be closer to the Azores to prevent the US Navy from dispatching the main fleet to attack the airport on the Azores at night.

Chapter 1490

The flagship of the Atlantic Fleet is the "Zeus" aircraft carrier, which is the first of the German Navy's "Lord God" aircraft carrier. Originally, after the "Lord God-class" aircraft carrier was commissioned, it was not immediately assigned to the major fleets, but was directly under the Ministry of the Navy. It was not until the United States showed more and more obvious intentions to participate in the war that the German Admiralty assigned the first batch of four "Lord-class" aircraft carriers to the Atlantic Fleet in order to strengthen the strength of the Atlantic Fleet to deal with the threat of the US Navy .

If the "Lord God-class" aircraft carrier is added with spare fighters, it can carry a total of 120 carrier-based aircraft. Except for the "Nordic God-class" aircraft carrier under construction, there is no aircraft carrier in the world that can compare with it. In addition, the "Lord God-class" aircraft carrier also has a beveled deck, which further improves the take-off and landing efficiency of the carrier-based aircraft. It can be said that the comprehensive combat power of the "Lord God-class" aircraft carrier completely crushes the "Essex-class" aircraft carrier of the US Navy.

After the four "Main God-class" aircraft carriers joined the Atlantic Fleet, the strength of the Atlantic Fleet has been greatly improved. Admiral Rolf Karls, the commander of the Atlantic Fleet, confidently believed that even if the US Fleet attacked in a large scale, the strength of the Atlantic Fleet alone would be able to rely on the shore-based aircraft on the Azores to resist the attack of the US Fleet. . If you are lucky, it may even cause the US fleet to suffer heavy casualties. Now, the local fleet and the Mediterranean fleet are also coming, which gives the German navy a greater advantage in this sea area.

"Your Excellency, according to the distance and the speed of our fleet, the Mediterranean Fleet will be able to reach the waters south of the Azores in two days. As for the local fleet, it may take five to six days to reach the waters south of the Azores. We can make it there," said Vice Admiral George Friedberg, Chief of Staff of the Atlantic Fleet.

Admiral Rolf Karls nodded: "If the US fleet enters the Atlantic Ocean and goes eastward with all its strength, it will reach the Azores in five or six days. Therefore, we have to strengthen our defenses." Okay. Let our submarines, seaplanes, destroyers and light cruisers strengthen the search of the surrounding waters, don't wait for the US fleet to come, we don't know yet."

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander." Lieutenant General George Friedberg replied. However, he personally does not think that this will happen. After all, for this battle, the entire German Navy is on careful alert, and will never let the US fleet take advantage of such loopholes.

The submarine force of the German Navy, seaplanes and other reconnaissance aircraft have long been focusing on searching this sea area. Even, the search range has been extended to the mid-Atlantic waters. This time, the US fleet is fully deployed, and it is a very large fleet. If the huge fleet wants to hide its tracks, it is almost impossible. Therefore, the German Navy has enough confidence to believe that they will soon discover the traces of the US fleet.

"Your Excellency, Commander, will the Americans really come straight to the Azores? They won't know that we will gather heavy troops here and wait for them to come here, right? It stands to reason that the Americans will not be so stupid. "' Lieutenant General George Friedberg said.

After all, Germany's strategic intentions are so obvious that it is impossible for the Americans not to know. If the Americans knew, they would not be unaware that they were at a disadvantage in such a confrontation. If they still want to take the risk of a decisive battle with the German navy in this sea area, they will undoubtedly be at a great disadvantage. It will undoubtedly be very difficult to defeat the German navy.

"Huh! Of course the Americans know this, and they are not fools. But, do they have any choice now? Our army has already achieved a decisive victory on the Russian battlefield. Russia is already dying. Before long, Russia will be destroyed. Therefore, in order to rescue Russia, the United States has to launch an attack at this time. In this case, Russia may still have a chance. Otherwise, Russia will die. Once Russia is defeated, we will Then we can concentrate our forces to deal with them, and we can even gather our forces first to eliminate the navy of the islanders and make the island a dead island. By that time, will the US Navy be able to deal with our five major fleets? So, They must fight us as soon as possible, and try to defeat us. Otherwise, they will lose!" Admiral Rolf Karls looked confident.

Lieutenant General George Friedberg nodded: "So, now it seems that we have the chance to win."

"Yes, you can say that. However, there are too many unexpected factors. With the strength of the U.S. Navy, if we make a mistake, it is very likely that they will catch the opportunity and turn defeat into victory. Therefore, in the next step During the battle, we must be extra vigilant. Otherwise, once we lose this naval battle, we will bear the blame." Admiral Rolf Karls said seriously.

The more it is like this, the more careful it is. Especially in naval battles that are related to the fate of the country, it is necessary to have a 120,000-point spirit. Once such a sea battle is decided, there will be no chance to do it again.

"Let the airports on the Azores Islands, as well as the coastal defense fortresses, be prepared. Once it gets dark, send as many aircraft as possible to the underground hangars and caverns. Coastal defense artillery must also be done Prepare to defend against the US fleet. In the eyes of the Americans, the bases on the Azores have become a thorn in their side. If they want to defeat us, they must try to use the bases on the Azores as much as possible. It needs to be erased. And this is also our opportunity. We can use this opportunity to severely damage the Americans!" Admiral Rolf Karls ordered.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander."

The Atlantic Fleet of the German Navy not only deployed a large number of aircraft on the Azores, but also built a lot of coastal fortifications. Among these coastal defense fortresses, many coastal defense artillery were deployed. It even includes large-caliber coastal defense guns with a caliber of 410 mm. These coastal defense guns are prepared for the capital ships of the US Navy. Both 380mm and 410mm coastal defense guns can pose a fatal threat to the capital ships of the US Navy. Although in terms of quantity, it cannot be compared with the capital ships of the US fleet. However, it is not impossible to rely on a strong defense force to make the US fleet pay an unimaginable price.

What's more, the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet has another secret weapon deployed in the Azores.