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A huge fleet is heading south in the eastern Atlantic Ocean. This fleet is the German Navy's home fleet departing from Germany. Eight battleships and eight aircraft carriers, divided into fleets, headed south quickly under the ***** of cruisers and destroyers.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, we are only two days away from the northern waters of the Azores. An hour ago, the seaplane that took off from the Azores just flew over our heads." Lieutenant General Carl Witzel said.

Marshal Lütjens nodded, and now they are not far from the Azores. It will soon be within strike range of shore-based aircraft in the Azores. In this case, the safety of the fleet will be more guaranteed. After all, the local fleet itself is not weak. If it is supported by more than a thousand combat aircraft on the Azores, it will even have the strength to compete head-on with the entire US fleet.

"Pay attention to searching the surrounding area!" Marshal Lütjens ordered.

Although we will soon arrive at the Azores, we still cannot take it lightly. Otherwise, once they are raided by the US fleet, they will be in big trouble.

Marshal Lütjens didn't know whether the US fleet had the guts to ambush them. Of course, this possibility is very low. Because the time it takes to get to the Azores from the east coast of the United States is not shorter than the time it takes them to get to the Azores from Germany. However, the U.S. fleet should know that the German navy has already deployed heavy troops in the Azores, and if they want to start a decisive battle with the German navy in the waters near the Azores, the possibility of their victory is not too high.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Marshal!" Lieutenant General Carl Witzel nodded.

"Has the Mediterranean Fleet arrived yet?" Marshal Lütjens asked.

"The Mediterranean Fleet arrived in the Azores three days ago. They are now cruising in the southern waters of the Azores as planned." Lieutenant General Carl Weitzel replied.

"How far is the American fleet from the Azores now?" Marshal Lütjens then asked.

"This morning, one of our submarines spotted the US fleet. They are just west of the Azores. It is estimated that there are only two days' voyage away from the Azores."

"It seems that the decisive battle between us and the Americans will break out in two days! Let us gather some of the submarines we obtained in the waters near the Azores and set up ambushes around the islands of the Azores! If the Americans dare If we send battleships to attack those islands, the Americans will definitely not be able to afford it!" Marshal Lütjens ordered.

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

The German Navy is in the Atlantic Ocean, but there are many submarine activities. The furthest active area of these submarines has even reached the east coast of the United States. However, because the two sides did not go to war, the submarines of the German Navy did not

start hunting down American ships. Once the navies of the two countries start to fight this time, the two countries will be considered to be at war. At that time, the submarines of the German Navy will never show mercy to the Americans. On the busy east coast route of the United States, it is unknown how many ships will be sunk by the submarine force of the German Navy.

Marshal Lütjens ordered the submarine force to gather on the various islands of the Azores in order to prevent the U.S. Navy from using the tactics of the island navy and using the battleship's guns to destroy the German Navy's base on the Azores. For this reason, the German Navy had to find a way to stop it, and even planned to use submarines to set up an ambush to deal a heavy blow to the US fleet.

If the US fleet really takes such an action, then, once they enter the waters near the Azores, they will attack the German base on the Azores. Well, what awaits them is not only the coastal fortifications built by Germany on the island, but also the capital ships of the German Navy and the submarines ambush underwater. There are even secret weapons deployed by the German Navy on the Azores. At that time, the U.S. Navy will definitely be able to steal chickens without losing money.

The submarines of the German Navy operating in the waters around the Azores began to gather in the Azores after receiving orders from Marshal Lütjens. The officers and soldiers of these submarines are very interested in ambushing the US fleet. Sinking enemy warships, especially battleships, is more fulfilling than sinking merchant ships that are unable to fight back.

In fact, since the last world war, the submariners of the German Navy have no chance of achieving great results. Unless Germany and the United States can really go to war this time, they will be able to become active again in the Atlantic Ocean. Therefore, this is also an excellent opportunity for submariners who are eager to gain military exploits.

Time passed little by little, and the US fleet was getting closer and closer to the Azores.

On the afternoon of June 11, the US fleet had already appeared in the waters more than 600 kilometers west of the Azores. F4U fighter jets and F4F fighter jets took off from the aircraft carrier of the US Navy to guard the sky above their fleet. Once the seaplanes or reconnaissance planes of the German Navy are found, they will pounce on them like hungry wolves and shoot down those planes to ensure that their positions will not be revealed.

However, since a large number of seaplanes and reconnaissance planes were shot down, the German Navy could also feel that the US fleet had obviously arrived. However, the German fleet is not worried. Their three major fleets have also gathered in the waters around the Azores. I am fully prepared, and I am waiting for the American fleet to deliver it to my door.

Aboard the USS Essex, Admiral Nimitz is giving orders.

"Everyone, we are not far from the Azores. I believe that the Germans already know that we are coming. The war will officially start from now on. I have decided to dispatch three capital ship formations and three heavy cruiser formations, Launch an attack on the bases of the German Navy on Corvo Island and Flores Island, destroying their airfields on these two islands in one fell swoop. Ensure that in the decisive battle with the Germans in the western waters of the Azores Islands, there will be no Threat to their shore-based aircraft!" Admiral Nimitz ordered.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the three major fleets of the Germans may have already reached the Azores at this time. Would it be risky to attack rashly? Once they fall into their trap, it will be troublesome." Lieutenant General Halsey was a little worried.

"I believe in the strength of our capital ship formation!" Admiral Nimitz insisted.

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"Your Excellency, our capital ship formation will definitely be able to complete this mission!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel said confidently.

He believes that the 15 capital ships he leads are definitely the most advanced capital ships in the world. Even if they encounter all 23 capital ships of the three major fleets of the German Navy, they can deal with it. Even if the main fleet of the German Navy cannot be defeated, it is not a problem to injure it severely and then retreat completely.

As long as it is fighting at night, it will not be besieged by shore-based and carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy. Admiral Hasben Kimmel is undoubtedly very sure. After all, the reason why they chose to attack the German naval base on the Azores at night instead of during the day was to avoid being besieged by German naval aircraft.

Once under siege by shore-based aircraft and carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy, Admiral Hasben Kimmel has no confidence in being able to escape safely. After all, no matter how powerful the anti-aircraft firepower of the capital ship is, it cannot withstand the overwhelming aircraft.

Admiral Nimitz nodded. He was also very confident in his capital ship formation.

"However, Your Excellency Commander. I hope that when we withdraw from the battle, we can get the air defense cover of fighter jets once dawn. If we succeed, the Germans will definitely send a large number of carrier-based planes to chase us after dawn." said General Husband Kimmel.

"General Kimmel, please rest assured about this. After dawn, the 1st aircraft carrier formation will take off F4U fighter jets to provide air defense cover for the capital ship formation!" Admiral Nimitz said.

Husband? Admiral Kimmel breathed a sigh of relief. After all, the F4U fighter is already the best carrier-based fighter of the US Navy. Moreover, at present, only the four aircraft carriers of the 1st aircraft carrier formation are equipped with F4U fighter jets. Other aircraft carriers are currently only equipped with F4F fighter jets.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I request that we depart now! In this way, we can arrive in the early hours of the morning, destroy the German bases on Corvo Island and Flores Island, and then evacuate. By dawn, we have already We are far away from the Azores. Even if the Germans dispatch carrier-based planes to attack us, they may not be able to catch up." Admiral Hasben Kimmel said.

Among the 15 capital ships of the third tier of the U.S. Navy, the speed of the "South Dakota-class" battleship is a little slower, only 27.8 knots. The maximum speed of the "Montana-class" battleship is only 28 knots, but the speed of the "Iowa-class" battleship is very terrifying, reaching 33 knots. Therefore, once Admiral Hasben Kimmel leads the fleet to attack,

the overall speed of the fleet can reach more than 25 knots. This is undoubtedly a very fast speed. Many capital ships of the German Navy, especially those old capital ships that have been in service for 30 years, cannot be compared with them in terms of speed.

"Well, Admiral Kimmel, I wish you victory!" Admiral Nimitz nodded.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I will definitely win!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel seemed confident.

Half an hour later, Admiral Hasben Kimmel led the three battleship formations of the US fleet to leave. Also leaving at the same time are the 1st Heavy Cruiser Formation, the 2nd Heavy Cruiser Formation, the 1st Light Cruiser Formation, the 2nd Light Cruiser Formation and the 1st Destroyer Formation, the 2nd Destroyer Formation and the 3rd Destroyer Formation.

Heavy cruisers are equipped with 203mm main guns, and light cruisers are also equipped with 152mm main guns. The ground strike capabilities of these heavy cruisers and light cruisers are also very amazing. They could also take part in the bombardment of German naval bases. In addition, these heavy cruisers and light cruisers are also equipped with a large number of air defense weapons, which can provide air defense protection for capital ships. Once they are besieged by shore-based aircraft and carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy, they can also rely on powerful anti-aircraft firepower to resist.

In this time and space, the United States prepared for war much earlier than in another time and space. Therefore, the warships that were built at the end of another time-space war or even after the war, in this time-space, the U.S. Navy has already been built and equipped in advance. Therefore, the strength of the U.S. Navy is much stronger than that of another time and space.

The 1st and 2nd heavy cruiser formations of the US fleet are each equipped with six "Baltimore-class" heavy cruisers. This heavy cruiser has a displacement of up to 17,000 tons, and is equipped with three triple-mounted 55-caliber 203mm main guns, six double-mounted 127mm naval guns, 48 40mm anti-aircraft guns, and 24 20mm anti-aircraft guns. Quite a few 12.7mm anti-aircraft machine guns. Both the main gun firepower and the anti-aircraft firepower are very powerful.

The 1st light cruiser formation and the 2nd light cruiser formation are each equipped with six "Cleveland-class" light cruisers. This is the largest mass-produced light cruiser in the United States, and the U.S. Congress approved the construction of 39 light cruisers of this class. However, nine of the ships were converted into aircraft carriers, namely the "Independence-class" light cruisers. The remaining 30 ships have all been completed. This class of light cruiser, with a full load displacement of up to 14,000 tons, is equipped with four triple-mounted 47-caliber 152mm main guns, six double-mounted 38-caliber 127mm secondary guns, 12 40mm anti-aircraft guns and 20 20mm guns. Anti-aircraft guns. Whether it is the sea strike capability or the air defense capability, they are very powerful.

The 1st Destroyer Formation and the 2nd Destroyer Formation are each equipped with 12 "Fletcher-class" destroyers. This is the destroyer led by Lieutenant General Fletcher, so this class of destroyer is named after him. It is also a mass-produced destroyer for the U.S. Navy. Before the outbreak of the war, the U.S. Navy had completed the construction of up to 175 "Fletcher-class" destroyers. This class of destroyers has a displacement of 2,500 tons. Equipped with 5

single-mounted 38-caliber 127mm main guns, 10 40mm anti-aircraft guns and 12 20mm anti-aircraft guns. The sea strike firepower and air defense firepower are also very powerful.

The battleships of the U.S. Navy at all levels, whether they are capital ships, cruisers, or destroyers, pay special attention to air defense. This point is even more important than the US Navy in another time and space. The main reason is that the German Navy's achievements on aircraft carriers have made the U.S. Navy extra vigilant. After all, the German Navy began to use aircraft carriers in the last world war. For more than 20 years after the war, more attention was paid to the development of aircraft carriers. This also makes the U.S. Navy pay more attention to the fleet's air defense firepower when vigorously developing aircraft carriers.

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Admiral Hasburn Kimmel stood on the bridge of the battleship 'Montana', facing the sea breeze, looking at the huge main fleet, extremely excited. He is a believer in giant ship cannons, even if the combat effectiveness of aircraft carriers and carrier-based aircraft has been proven in naval battles. However, Admiral Husband Kimmel still has a sincere love for battleships with huge artillery.

"This is definitely the most powerful main fleet in history!" Looking at the huge ships, Admiral Hasben Kimmel expressed emotion.

Indeed, although in terms of main gun caliber, the U.S. Navy's "Montana-class" and "Iowa-class" battleships, as well as the "South Dakota-class" battleships, are not as good as the "Yamato-class" battleships that will be served by the Japanese navy. However, in terms of soft power, such as radar and fire control systems and sighting and targeting equipment, these capital ships of the US Navy are even better. In particular, the "Montana-class" battleships and "Iowa-class" battleships are equipped with 50-caliber 410mm main guns, which are not much worse than the "Yamato-class" battleships of the island navy in terms of power.

'Montana-class' battleships are the most powerful battleships of the US Navy. Although the speed cannot be compared with the 33 knots of the "Iowa-class" battleships, the speed of 28 knots is already very good. This is why the 'Montana-class' battleship has one more main turret than the 'Iowa-class' battleship, and the reason why the armor is thicker.

'Montana-class' battleships are equipped with four triple-mounted 50-caliber 410mm main guns. The "Iowa-class" battleships are only equipped with three triple-mounted 50-caliber 410mm main guns. In terms of armor, the side armor of the "Iowa-class" battleships has a side armor belt as thick as 307 mm, the front armor of the turret is 495 mm thick, and the armor of the conning tower is 445 mm thick. However, the armor of the "Montana-class" battleships is thicker, with a side armor belt armor thickness of 409 mm, plus a second layer of 35 mm bulkhead. The frontal armor of the turret is as thick as 571 mm, and the armor of the conning tower is also more than 500 mm thick. This makes the 'Montana-class' battleships not only lower in speed than the 'Iowa-class' battleships, but also stronger in firepower and armor than the 'Iowa-class' battleships.

If the "Montana-class" battleships compete head-on with the "Yamato-class" battleships of the island navy, the "Montana-class" battleships will definitely not fall into a disadvantage. It can be seen how powerful this class of battleships is.

"General, those old battleships of the Germans are definitely not our opponents! Whether it is a 'Montana-class' battleship or an 'Iowa-class' battleship, they can easily tear those old German battleships into pieces. Fragments. I even seriously doubt that the main guns of the German battleships can penetrate the armor of our 'Montana-class' battleships?" Rear Admiral Cowell, chief of staff of the battleship formation of the US Fleet, said with a smile.

"Haha!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel couldn't help laughing.

"Indeed, the main guns of the old battleships of the Germans may not be able to do anything against the armor of our battleships. Especially those old battleships equipped with 380mm main guns, it is impossible to penetrate our 'Montana' Class' battleship's main armor. At that time, our 'Montana-class' battleship will be enough to kill them easily!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel was very proud.

Hasben? Kimmel Admiral knows that they want to successfully destroy the German Navy base in the Azores, the difficulty is not small. It may even be intercepted by the battleship formation of the German Navy. However, he can't wait for this. In that case, he can lead the capital ship formation of the US fleet to engage in a sea duel with the capital ship formation of the German Navy. He believed that with the strength of these battleships of the U.S. Navy, those battleships of the German Navy could easily be defeated.

Although, the capital ship formations of the Pacific Fleet and the Indian Ocean Fleet of the German Navy beat the capital ship formations of the island navy in the Pacific battlefield, and the capital ships of the Ang Island Navy were almost lost. As a result, countries all over the world have to face up to the old battleships of the German Navy that have been in service for many years. However, General Husband Kimmel dismissed this. In his opinion, the capital ships of the island nation's navy are completely rubbish.

The capital ship of the island navy followed the shipbuilding ideas of their teacher, the British Navy. Emphasis on firepower and speed, despise defense. The defense is insufficient, and the electronic equipment is far from being able to compete with the German Navy. This made the capital ship formation of the Japanese navy easily slaughtered by the German navy's capital ship formation in night battles.

In contrast, the capital ships of the US Navy are not only powerful in firepower, but also very strong in defense. In terms of electronic equipment, although compared with the German Navy, there is a certain gap. However, such a gap is not very large. Therefore, Admiral Hasben Kimmel is confident that he can defeat the German Navy in one fell swoop in the capital ship duel.

"Command the fleet, switch to air defense mode, and speed up!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel ordered vigorously.

It is still a few hours before it gets dark. Relatively speaking, it is more dangerous. Once they are besieged by shore-based aircraft or carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy, their situation will be more dangerous. At that time, we can only rely on the fleet's anti-aircraft firepower for defense. Admiral Hasburn Kimmel preferred to act after dark if possible. But unfortunately, if that is the case, I am afraid that they will have just destroyed the bases of the German Navy on Corvo Island and Flores Island before dawn. At that time, they will be besieged

by shore-based and carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy. In that case, no matter how powerful the capital ship of the U.S. Navy is, it will undoubtedly be very difficult to escape.

"Yes, General!" Major General Keweier immediately went to give the order.

The capital ship formation of the US fleet, under the protection of a large number of cruisers and destroyers, headed towards the Azores at high speed.

The destroyers located in the front, left and rear of the fleet have all turned on the air search radar. The rich and powerful U.S. Navy equips every destroyer with air search radar and sea search radar. This allows them to detect the enemy with these radars. Similarly, the German Navy also equipped a large number of radars on its warships. Even, the radar performance of the German Navy is more advanced than that of the US Navy.

The U.S. Navy's air search radar can only detect targets 250 kilometers away. The German Navy's air search radar can detect targets 300 kilometers away. Even large-scale air search radars on the ground can already detect targets four hundred kilometers away.

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In the waters southwest of Flores Island, the main force of the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet is cruising in this area. On the flagship "Zeus" aircraft carrier, Admiral Rolf Karls, the fleet commander, was looking at the chart.

"Three of our seaplanes have disappeared in this sea area one after another. Then, it is almost certain that the US fleet has arrived in this sea area." Admiral Rolf Karls said.

"General, should we take off fighter jets to search this sea area? If FW-190 fighter jets carry auxiliary fuel tanks, they can go back and forth!" Fleet Chief of Staff Lieutenant General George Friedberg said.

Admiral Rolf Karls thought for a while, then shook his head: "Forget it, there is no need to scare the snake away."

"Since we can already conclude that the US fleet is here, there is no need to disturb them anymore. Go to the seaplane to end the news to the local fleet and the Mediterranean fleet, and let them be prepared!" Admiral Rolf Karls Said.

"Yes, General." Lieutenant General George Friedberg nodded.

"The Americans appear in this position, so their targets are likely to be Corvo Island and Flores Island. Perhaps, the American capital ship formation is already on the way. We must be prepared. Once the Americans really dare to send battleship formations to attack Corvo Island and Flores Island, they must pay a heavy price!" Admiral Rolf Kars said.

"But general, the American capital ships are very powerful, and our capital ship formation may not be able to deal with them." Lieutenant General George Friedberg was a little worried.

The capital ship formation of the Atlantic Fleet of the German Navy has five "Bavaria-class" battleships and three "Makensen-class" battlecruisers. In the last world war, these capital ships equipped with 380mm main guns with 50 times the caliber were undoubtedly a symbol of invincibility. However, after more than two decades, in front of the U.S. Navy's capital ships equipped with 50-caliber 410mm main guns and very thick armor, these capital ships of the

German Navy appear much weaker. Even, using five "Bavaria-class" battleships and three "Mackenson-class" battlecruisers to counter the 15 capital ships of the US fleet is no different from hitting a stone with a pebble.

Admiral Rolf Carlson nodded. He also knew the gap between the two sides. However, he is not a fool. He can't do the death-seeking thing of hitting a stone with a pebble.

"Then we will set up an ambush in the waters near Corvo Island and Flores Island, and wait for the Americans to sneak into our ambush circle. Let the capital ships of the Home Fleet and the Mediterranean Fleet also come to reinforce us. In addition, in this sea area Deploy submarines and torpedo boats. Once the US fleet dares to come, let them fall into our siege. I don't believe that they can hold it!" Admiral Rolf Karls said.

Even the main guns of the German Navy's main fleet can hardly pose a threat to the U.S. Navy's capital ships. However, if the torpedo is used to launch a surprise attack, it will be different. Submarines can hide underwater and attack. Even if the U.S. Navy's warships are equipped with sonar, if the submarine is suspended in the sea, stationary or sailing at a low speed, the sonar on the U.S. Navy's warships may not be able to detect it. In addition, the Atlantic Fleet also has a lot of torpedo boats, which are the secret weapons they deployed in the Azores. These torpedo boats have a displacement of only a few tens of tons, but they are fast and can be equipped with four 533 mm heavy torpedo tubes. These 533 mm heavy torpedoes are very powerful. Even the "Montana-class" battleships that focus on defending against torpedoes will pay a high price once they are hit. Even sinking it is not out of the question if hit by multiple torpedoes.

Lieutenant General George Friedberg nodded. If they carefully set up this ambush circle, once the U.S. fleet is fooled, it will undoubtedly make the U.S. fleet pay an unimaginable price.

"However, General, this may cause losses to the bases on Corvo Island and Flores Island." Lieutenant General George Friedberg said.

"Let combat aircraft hide in underground hangars and caverns as much as possible. Even if the airport is blown up, it will not be too difficult to repair. Once the US fleet attacks the islands of Corvo Island and Flores Island If the base launches an attack, we can take the opportunity to attack them. At that time, the Americans will pay an unbearable price for their actions!" Admiral Rolf Karls said.

"General, if this plan is successful, we may really be able to severely damage the main fleet of the US Navy. This will give us a greater advantage in this naval battle!" George Fredberg said the lieutenant general.

"Yes, in terms of aircraft carriers and carrier-based aircraft, the U.S. Navy is simply impossible to compare with us. After solving the American capital ship formation, our aircraft carrier and carrier-based aircraft can further launch attacks on the U.S. fleet. Attacked." Admiral Rolf Karls said.

"General, does this plan require the consent of His Excellency Marshal Lütjens?" Lieutenant General George Friedberg asked.

Admiral Rolf Karls nodded: "Send a seaplane to notify Marshal Lütjens!"

Marshal Lütjens is the supreme commander of this naval battle, and such an action must obtain his consent. In addition, the attack on the main fleet of the US Navy also requires the support of eight capital ships of the local fleet. The eight capital ships of the local fleet are equipped with a 50-caliber 410mm main gun, which can pose a fatal threat to those capital ships of the US Navy. The 50 times the caliber of the 380mm main guns equipped on the capital ships of the Atlantic Fleet and the Mediterranean Fleet has always been much less powerful.

Because the fleet is in radio silence, the transmission of messages is mostly done by seaplanes. Or the Azores will be notified by a seaplane, and then forwarded by a telegraph on the Azores. Avoid exposing the position of your own fleet as much as possible.

Marshal Lütjens fully agrees with the plan of the Atlantic Fleet. It would be great if we could get rid of the capital ship formation of the US fleet first. In this case, the German Navy will be able to occupy a greater advantage in this naval battle.

The three major fleets of the German Navy began to actively prepare. The capital ships of the Home Fleet and the Mediterranean Fleet also began to go to the waters west of the Azores, preparing to ambush the capital ship formation of the US Fleet.

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Time passed little by little, and the sun gradually sank below the sea surface. The sunset glowed red on the sea, and the scenery was very beautiful.

It's just that many officers and soldiers of the U.S. Navy in the battleship formation of the U.S. fleet have no time to appreciate these beautiful scenery at all. Most of the officers and soldiers of the U.S. Navy are on the battlefield for the first time. This makes many of them very nervous. Especially fighting against the powerful German navy made them very worried.

The German navy rose from the last world war and defeated the then world overlord, the British Royal Navy. Later, in the German-American conflict, it almost wiped out the main fleet of the U.S. Navy. In addition, in this world war, the German navy was madly flattening the navy of the island country in the Pacific Ocean. This makes the officers and soldiers of the U.S. Navy somewhat fearful of the strength of the German Navy.

Although, their officers declared to them that the main fleet of the U.S. Navy is the most powerful, much stronger than the old warships of the German Navy. However, after actually going to the battlefield, these officers and soldiers will still worry and be afraid.

"Boys, cheer up. Although the Germans are very strong, we are not weak. The final victory will definitely be ours!" A captain began to patrol on his battleship, cheering for the sailors of the US Navy Cheer up.

However, the effect received is very small.

"General, it's getting dark. There are no German planes flying over us during this time, and the Germans may not even know that we have come." Major General Keweier looked excited.

If it is possible to sneak to Corvo Island and Flores Island without anyone noticing, and then launch an attack, then the possibility of the US fleet capital ship formation safely evacuating after success will be very high.

There was also a smile on Admiral Hasben Kimmel's face: "This is indeed good news for us. However, we also need to be cautious. The Germans did not send any more reconnaissance planes. It doesn't mean they don't know we're here. On the contrary, maybe the Germans are aware of our arrival. They should be dispatching troops to deal with us. However, fighting in the night environment, we don't have to be afraid of the Germans at all People. Even, if we find the German aircraft carrier formation, it will make them pay an unimaginable price!"

Admiral Hasben Kimmel seemed very confident. He admitted that the combination of aircraft carrier and carrier-based aircraft has replaced capital ships and become the main force in naval battles. But he still believes that under certain circumstances, capital ships are more powerful than aircraft carriers. For example, during a night battle, the carrier-based aircraft of an aircraft carrier cannot take off. Under such circumstances, the aircraft carrier will only become the target of the battleship. If the aircraft carrier is approached by the capital ship, the capital ship can easily sink the aircraft carrier with its powerful main guns.

"Let General Ingersoll, General Ingram, General Harry, General Thomas, General Edward, General Crowder, General Richardson, and General Carr come to the 'Montana'. We need to assign the task of attack!" Admiral Husband Kimmel ordered.

"Yes, General." Major General Keweier immediately went to make arrangements.

Vice Admiral Ingersoll is the commander of the 2nd battleship formation, Rear Admiral Ingram is the commander of the 3rd battleship formation, Rear Admiral Harry and Thomas command the 1st heavy cruiser formation and the 2nd heavy cruiser formation respectively . Rear Admiral Edward and Claude commanded the 1st Light Cruiser Formation and the 2nd Light Cruiser Formation respectively. As for Brigadier General Richardson and Commodore Carl, they commanded the 1st Destroyer Formation and the 2nd Destroyer Formation respectively.

Half an hour later, these generals gathered in the conference room of the battleship 'Montana'.

"Everyone, we are not far from the Azores. In a few hours, we will reach the target waters. However, I have to tell you that the Germans may have guessed that we have arrived. Therefore, in the next battle, we must be cautious!" General Hasben Kimmel said.

A group of generals of the U.S. Navy have serious expressions on their faces. They know that the German navy is very strong. It is not easy to defeat the German Navy.

"However, fortunately, it is night. With the strength of our battleship formation, even if we encounter the battleship formation of the German Navy, we have enough strength to defeat them! No matter how bad it is, we will make them pay a heavy price." Admiral Husband Kimmel continued.

"Yes, General. We are much stronger than the main fleet of the Germans, and it is impossible for them to fight us!" Lieutenant General Ingersoll smiled.

The other generals also laughed. The originally dignified atmosphere has been diluted a lot.

"Gentlemen, the targets we are going to deal with this time are mainly the German bases on Corvo Island and Flores Island. According to the information we have received, the Germans are on Corvo Island, only in the south of the island. There is only a small airport built in the town of

Corvo, which is not large. However, they have three airports on the island of Flores, which are located in Ponta Delgada in the north of the island and Ponta Delgada in the east of the island. Santa Cruz and Dafajan on the west side of the island. Moreover, the scale of these three airports is larger than the airport on Corvo Island, and there are more planes parked. Therefore, the main target of our attack will be Three airfields on Flores Island," said Admiral Hasburn Kimmel.

"Therefore, I decided that the 1st battleship formation would attack the Ponta Delgada airfield in the north of Flores, and the 2nd battleship formation would attack the Santa Cruz airfield located in the east of the island. The 3rd battleship formation would attack the island Dafarang airfield in the west. As for the airfield on Corvo Island, the 1st heavy cruiser formation is in charge. The rest of the cruisers and destroyers provide protection for the fleets. Light cruisers can also join the attack. We must Destroy these airports in the shortest possible time, and then evacuate. In this case, the Germans will have no shore-based aircraft to rely on in the waters west of the Azores." Admiral Hasben Kimmel continued.

"Yes, General." Several formation commanders replied one after another.

"During the operation, pay attention to prevent the torpedo attack of the Germans. The Germans are in the Atlantic Ocean, but there are many submarines. In addition, if you encounter the German main fleet, use the speed advantage to shake them off. After meeting with other battleship formations , and then deal with them." Admiral Hasben Kimmel urged.

The other formation commanders nodded again and again.

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Time passed little by little, and when the sun completely sank below the sea surface, the last afterglow also disappeared on the sea surface little by little. Darkness replaced light, and night began to envelope the sea.

Dozens of warships in the US fleet are advancing on the dark sea. The radar on the mast of the warship is constantly rotating, searching the nearby sea. In order to avoid being besieged by the German Navy, the US fleet has to search radars, which have been working all the time. However, in terms of electronic equipment, the United States is still a bit behind Germany. Even the most advanced sea search radar they are equipped with can only detect a distance of 25 kilometers from the sea surface.

Gun sighting radar has also been developed by the United States, and it is equipped on battleships and heavy cruisers. However, compared with the artillery sighting radar equipped by the German Navy, its performance is slightly behind. It can be regarded as solving the problem. In the night battle, you won't be like a blind man, firing indiscriminately.

"General, no German ships have been found yet. Could it be that the Germans really don't know that we have come?" Rear Admiral Cowell said. They traveled all the way, and they didn't encounter any ships of the German Navy, and they didn't find any, which made people feel a little incredible.

Admiral Hasben Kimmel's expression also became serious: "It is impossible for the Germans not to know that we have come. Perhaps, they have assembled a large number of troops in the waters west of the Azores Islands and are waiting for us." ."

"Then... General, shall we continue to act as planned?" Major General Kevill was a little worried.

"Hmph! Even if the Germans know we are coming and are prepared, so what? Even if they assemble all the 23 capital ships of the three major fleets, they will not be able to resist our attack. Let the fleets, Continue to act according to the predetermined plan!" Admiral Husband Kimmel ordered. He can be regarded as fearless. Fighting in the night environment, the aircraft cannot take off to fight, and the German navy is at most using capital ships to besiege them. This made Husband Kimmel not afraid at all.

Rear Admiral Kevill nodded. Indeed, if it is only a duel between battleships, the US fleet really has nothing to fear. They have great confidence in these powerful capital ships of the US fleet.

In the sea area 20 kilometers west of Flores Island, a German light cruiser is cruising in this sea area. The sea search radar on the mast of the battleship is rotating, detecting the nearby sea area.

Suddenly, the sea search radar of this light cruiser found targets one by one.

"Sir, the US fleet was discovered. The fleet is very large!" the radar soldier reported.

"The Americans are indeed here! The battleship immediately turned around and headed for Flores Island at full speed to avoid being discovered by the Americans. Inform the capital ship formation that the Americans have arrived!" The captain immediately issued an order.

Subsequently, the light cruiser began to accelerate and broke away from contact with the US fleet. The US fleet's sea search radar did not detect the light cruiser, so they did not know that it had been spotted by the German fleet.

The light cruiser quickly went to Flores Island, put down a small boat, and notified the defenders on the island that a telegram had been sent to the capital ship formation, and turned south by itself, leaving here.

They knew very well that after the arrival of the US fleet, they would definitely attack Flores Island. A light cruiser is simply vulnerable in front of the huge American fleet.

When the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet, Home Fleet and Mediterranean Fleet received the telegram, these three fleets, which had been prepared for a long time, immediately took action. In other words, the battleship formations of these three fleets began to move.

"We are going to arrive at Flores Island soon, let the 3rd battleship formation set off. However, don't rush to fire. Wait until the other troops arrive at the predetermined sea area, and then fire!" Husband Kimmel entered At this time, they still didn't realize that the German navy had discovered them, and they were still dreaming of launching a surprise attack.

"Yes, General." Major General Cowell replied.

After Rear Admiral Ingram received the order, he led the four "South Dakota-class" battlecruisers of the 3rd capital ship formation to break away from the formation and prepare to go to the nearby waters near Dafarang in the west of Flores Island to stand by. When the time is up, immediately open fire to attack the German airport in Dafarang.

At the same time, the six "Iowa-class" battleships of the 2nd battleship formation of the US fleet also began to accelerate. They needed to go to the waters near Santa Cruz in the east of Flores Island and bombard the airport there.

The 1st battleship formation of Admiral Hasben Kimmel continued to rush to Ponta Delgada in the northern part of Flores Island to attack the German airfield there.

The six "Baltimore-class" heavy cruisers of the 1st heavy cruiser formation led by Major General Harry headed to Corvo Island, preparing to attack the German airfield there.

The huge American fleet was divided into four parts for a while.

At this moment, the capital ship formations of the three major fleets of the German Navy are also rushing to Flores Island and Corvo Island.

Because the capital ships of the US fleet are all cutting-edge warships, the German Navy has also specially assigned tasks. The capital ship formation of the Atlantic Fleet will launch an attack on the US fleet attacking Dafa Rang. Although it is not yet known how many warships the US fleet will commit here. However, presumably not too much. After all, the capital ship formation of the US fleet is divided into four parts.

As for the capital ship formations of the home fleet and the Mediterranean fleet, they will join hands to besiege the US fleet attacking Santa Cruz. The U.S. fleet in the other two directions temporarily gave up.

This is a tactic adopted after careful consideration. The capital ships of the US fleet are all cutting-edge warships with powerful firepower and amazing defense capabilities. Therefore, the German fleet had to gather strength to deal with them. If the German fleet is also dispersed, even if it can damage the capital ship of the American fleet, it will undoubtedly be very difficult to sink. It is expected that it is better to cut off one finger than to hurt its ten fingers. Only by sinking the capital ship of the US Navy can it be regarded as a real loss to them.

Of course, when the capital ships of the two sides are dueling, other means prepared by the German Navy will also be used first. It would be great if it could cause certain losses to the US fleet. In that case, the chances of the German fleet winning will be even greater.

At 0:30 am on June 12, the capital ship formation of the US fleet began to attack the German Navy's airport.

Chapter 1497

"Fire!"

On the battleship 'Montana', the flagship of the U.S. Navy's battleship formation, Admiral Haspen Kimmel personally gave the order to fire.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The four triple-mounted 50-caliber 410mm main guns on the battleship 'Montana' began to roar.

Orange flames shone at the muzzle, and shells whizzed one after another towards the German base in Ponta Delgada.

After the "Montana" battleship opened fire, the remaining four "Montana-class" battleships also started firing.

For a time, five "Montana-class" battleships, with 60 410mm main guns, frantically poured shells into the base of Ponta Delgada. With such powerful artillery fire, it only takes one hour to blow up the German base in Ponta Delgada into ruins.

The heavy cruisers, light cruisers, and destroyers accompanying the five "Montana-class" battleships also started firing.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The shells fell on the airport in Ponta Delgada, blowing out huge craters. The hangar was also hit by shells, and some fighter planes that hadn't had time to be transferred to the underground hangar or cave were blown to pieces. Even some buildings on the airport were inevitably destroyed. In front of the 410mm main gun of the naval battleship, everything looks so fragile, like paper.

"Damn, the Americans are really coming. Fight back! Kill them!" The German base commander issued an order.

After receiving the order, he stayed in the fortress by the sea, waiting for the arrival of the Americans.

"Boom! Boom!"

This fortress deployed two triple-mounted 50-caliber 410mm coastal defense guns, four triple-mounted 50-caliber 380mm coastal defense guns, and many small and medium-caliber coastal defense guns. After being attacked by the US fleet, these coastal defense guns all began to fight back.

"General, the Germans actually built a fort here." Major General Kevill looked shocked.

"Hmph! What if there is a fortress? They don't have many large-caliber coastal defense guns. With our firepower, they are enough to destroy them!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel said nonchalantly.

Indeed, the powerful artillery fire of the five 'Montana-class' battleships is enough to submerge the German fortress here. Although the defense of the fortress is amazing, if it is hit continuously, no matter how strong the fortress is, it will be destroyed.

When the US Navy's 1st battleship formation began to attack, the 2nd battleship formation also began to attack the base in Santa Cruz, and the 3rd battleship formation also began to attack the base in Dafarang. The six "Baltimore-class" heavy cruisers of the 1st heavy cruiser formation also began to attack the German base on Corvo Island.

It's just that these fleets were also fired back by the German fortress artillery. A fierce artillery battle broke out between the two sides.

"General, the American attack has already begun. They only have four battleships attacking Dafa, and only six battleships attacking Santa Cruz." Atlantic Fleet Chief of Staff George Friedberg The lieutenant general had a smile on his face.

"Very well, it seems that our arrangement is considered a success. This time, the Americans must pay a heavy price!" Admiral Rolf Karls had a smile on his face.

The eight capital ships of the Atlantic Fleet of the German Navy rushed towards Dafarang, and the eight ships besieged four ships, which still had a considerable advantage. The 15 capital ships of the Home Fleet and the Mediterranean Fleet are heading for Santa Cruz and will arrive there soon. 15 to 6, the German fleet still occupies an absolute advantage.

Even if the other five capital ships of the U.S. fleet rushed immediately after hearing the news, it would probably be too late. By the time they arrived, the capital ship formation of the US fleet had already paid a heavy price.

"Our submarines and torpedo boats should launch an attack after calculating the time! It would be great if they can eliminate some of the capital ships of the US fleet." Admiral Rolf Karls said.

"General, submarines and torpedo boats are ready. They will choose their own time to attack. When fighting at night, our submarines and torpedo boats are easier to launch a surprise attack. Once hit by a heavy torpedo, it is considered an American. The new-style battleships we have now won't be able to eat and walk around." Lieutenant General George Friedberg said.

Admiral Rolf Karls nodded, this is a trap they carefully set for the Americans. Now the Americans have fallen into the trap unknowingly, and it is time for them to harvest their prey.

"Boom!"

A 410mm artillery shell hit the German Navy's fortress in Ponta Delgada. However, in the face of the thick fortress, the armor-piercing projectiles were not able to penetrate it. But the violent explosion shook the artillery of the German Navy inside to the ground.

Although the fortress of the German Navy fought back fiercely, the hit rate was very low when fighting at night. Coastal fortresses are not equipped with artillery radar. In addition, the warships of the US Navy are still on the move, and it is even more difficult to hit them.

"Huh! The Germans are just wasting shells in vain. Soon, we will destroy them!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel looked confident.

Although the German Navy actually built a coastal defense fort here, it was somewhat beyond their expectations. However, these coastal defense fortresses generally did not cause them much trouble.

But what Admiral Hasben Kimmel didn't know was that real trouble was about to begin.

In the bay a few kilometers away from Ponta Delgada, torpedo boats tore off their camouflage. These torpedo boats have already started and started to sail out of the bay and rush towards the battlefield.

The torpedo boat with dozens of tons can reach a speed of 40 knots under the power of a powerful diesel engine. Coupled with the 533mm heavy torpedo, it is undoubtedly an extremely powerful threat. This is especially true when fighting back at night.

In addition, under the surface of the sea, one after another, German submarines also extended their periscopes and began to observe their surroundings. And start to move slowly, adjust the position, and strive to enter the best launch position.

"What it is?"

The sea search radar on the battleship 'Montana' discovered the target that was attacking them at high speed from the coast.

"What? A German warship?" The officer in charge of the radar also frowned.

"Could it be a torpedo boat?" A soldier asked suspiciously.

"Torpedo boat? Bastard, call the police immediately!" The officer shouted loudly.

Chapter 1498

"Woo!"

The shrill siren sounded on the battleship 'Montana'. After hearing this voice, everyone's expression changed drastically.

"Damn, what's going on?" Admiral Hasben Kimmel was furious. He was admiring the US Navy's 1st capital ship formation destroying the German naval base with powerful artillery fire. Now, suddenly the alarm bells sounded.

"General, the radar has detected dozens of torpedo boats approaching us at high speed!" A staff officer ran into the commander and reported.

"What? Torpedo boat?" Admiral Hasben Kimmel's expression changed drastically.

"Damn the Germans, did they ambush the torpedo boat here? It's really despicable!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel's face became very ugly. He knew very well that those torpedo boats were no different from mosquitoes in front of the huge battleship. However, the heavy torpedoes carried by those torpedo boats pose a fatal threat to these huge capital ships. Although the armor of the "Montana-class" battleship is very thick, the underwater mine protection is also very good. But if it is hit by a heavy torpedo, it will also pay a heavy price.

"Order the peripheral destroyers and light cruisers to intercept the German torpedo boats, and absolutely not let them pose a threat to us!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel ordered through gritted teeth.

"Yes, General."

In fact, the destroyers and light cruisers of the American fleet began the attack without an order from Admiral Hasburn Kimmel. They also spotted German torpedo boats approaching at high speed.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The main guns and secondary guns of the light cruisers and destroyers are all firing crazily. Dense shells fell like raindrops, hitting the German torpedo boats.

The shell exploded in the sea, splashing a high column of water. The torpedo boats, like small boats in a storm, may be overturned by strong winds and waves at any time.

However, these German torpedo boats are not ordinary torpedo boats, but high-speed torpedo boats, with a maximum speed of 40 knots. These high-speed torpedo boats are like arrows leaving the string, approaching several US battleships at high speed.

"Boom!"

A torpedo boat was hit by a 127mm artillery shell fired by a destroyer. For a torpedo boat with a displacement of only a few tens of tons, this has already posed a fatal threat to it. A large hole was blown in the hull and a fire broke out.

However, more torpedo boats are still advancing at high speed.

These torpedo boats were originally ambushed not far from the US fleet. After that, sail at high speed again. By the time the U.S. fleet found them and intercepted them again, it was too late.

"Launch the torpedo!" The captain of a torpedo boat ordered.

At this moment, they are less than three kilometers away from the battleship 'Ohio' of the US Navy. Although, if you get closer, the hit rate will be a little higher. But the defensive firepower of the U.S. fleet is too strong. If you continue to approach, I am afraid that it will be torn to pieces by the artillery fire of the U.S. fleet before it arrives.

"Boom, boom!"

Four torpedoes were fired from the launch tube, fell into the sea, and then rushed towards the battleship 'Ohio' at high speed.

After launching the torpedo, the torpedo boat immediately turned to escape. With the small size of these torpedo boats, they are too invulnerable in front of the US fleet. As long as they are hit, they are often fatal. Therefore, after launching the torpedo, it is better to escape as soon as possible. As for whether he can escape, it is very difficult to say.

The other torpedo boats of the German Navy also started to launch torpedoes.

For a while, heavy torpedoes were launched one after another, rushing towards the battleships of the US fleet at high speed. Of the twenty-five torpedo boats, five were destroyed before they could launch torpedoes, and the remaining twenty successfully launched torpedoes. A total of eighty 533mm heavy torpedoes were fired at the battleships of the US fleet.

"A torpedo was found on the port side, avoid it!" The sailors of the battleship "Ohio" shouted loudly after discovering the torpedo approaching at high speed.

Although the "Montana-class" battleships have specially strengthened mine protection. However, no one wants to really try to see if they can withstand torpedoes. This is tantamount to making a joke of his own life! Once the torpedo hits and causes great damage to the battleship, the consequences will undoubtedly be very serious. Even if the speed of the ship is only affected by this, it will be very fatal. After all, after dawn, both shore-based and carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy will definitely participate in the attack. At that time, will the capital ships of the US Navy under siege be able to escape?

The full-load displacement of the battleship 'Ohio' is as high as 72,000 tons. This is already an out-and-out giant at sea.

After discovering the torpedo boats of the German Navy, the battleship "Ohio" had already given up its attack on the German base, and began to accelerate, preparing to evade torpedoes. Now, the speed of the battleship has increased to more than 20 knots.

However, in front of heavy torpedoes with a speed of up to 40 knots, the battleship "Ohio" could only watch the enemy's torpedoes approaching.

However, the battleship "Ohio" was relatively lucky. None of the four 533mm heavy torpedoes could hit it. Three torpedoes missed directly, and the other torpedo passed under the belly of the battleship "Ohio" without causing any damage to it.

"God bless!" The American sailors on the battleship "Ohio" couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief when they found that the torpedo did not explode. Everyone has a feeling of survival after disaster. After all, if the torpedo exploded under the belly of the battleship "Ohio", the consequences would be disastrous. The armor on the bottom of the ship is not too thick, once it is hit by a heavy torpedo, it is powerful enough to blow a big hole in the bottom of the ship. At that time, the battleship 'Ohio' will not be able to eat and walk around.

However, when the sailors on the battleship "Ohio" relaxed, they did not realize that the crisis was approaching them again.

A German submarine ambushing in this sea area, staring at them. This submarine is less than two kilometers away from the battleship 'Ohio'.

"Torpedo ready, launch!" The captain decisively gave the order to launch the torpedo.

A total of six 533mm heavy torpedoes were launched from the submarine's torpedo tubes and attacked the battleship 'Ohio' at high speed.

Chapter 1499

When the high-speed torpedo boats of the German Navy launched an attack, the submarines of the German Navy ambushing in this sea area were also waiting for an opportunity. They took advantage of the fact that the U.S. fleet was dodging torpedoes and the U.S. fleet on the sea was already in chaos, so they launched an attack.

"Torpedoes! God! There are so many torpedoes!" The American sailors on the battleship "Ohio" screamed in fright after discovering the few torpedoes that were coming quickly.

"Damn, dodge torpedoes! Dodge torpedoes!"

The battleship 'Ohio' is already in chaos. A total of six torpedoes were coming at them, and they were only spotted so close. This will undoubtedly pose a fatal threat to the battleship "Ohio".

The battleship 'Ohio' immediately began to turn, but for a huge battleship with a length of 280 meters, it was very difficult to turn, and it took a lot of time.

"Boom!"

A 533mm heavy torpedo hit the waterline armor of the battleship 'Ohio'. Touching the fuze detonated the warhead of the torpedo, and the high explosive inside exploded immediately.

The waterline armor of the battleship 'Ohio' is as thick as 409 mm. Moreover, there is also a special lightning protection compartment.

The violent explosion tore apart the waterline armor of the battleship 'Ohio'. However, the powerful mine protection capability of the battleship 'Ohio' was still shown. After the explosion of this heavy torpedo, it only made a small hole in the waterline armor of the battleship 'Ohio'. For the huge battleship 'Ohio', such injuries are nothing at all.

However, this is just the beginning.

Among the six torpedoes, four were hit. Explosions occurred on or below the waterline armor of the battleship 'Ohio' respectively. The huge power blasted a series of holes on the battleship 'Ohio'. However, these openings are not big.

"Damage control! Immediately perform damage control!" The captain of the battleship "Ohio" ordered.

Although these injuries are not serious, if they are not dealt with, once more and more seawater pours into the hull, it will also cause huge damage to the battleship 'Ohio'.

"Boom! Boom!"

The torpedoes launched by other torpedo boats and submarines of the German Navy also began to hit the target.

One after another, US Navy battleships, cruisers or destroyers were hit.

'Montana-class' battleships can also withstand these torpedoes with their strong protection capabilities. Even if the waterline armor is penetrated, it will not cause much loss. However, those cruisers and destroyers are different. Whether it is a cruiser or a destroyer, in front of a 533mm heavy torpedo, once it is hit, it will either be sunk or severely damaged.

A 'Fletcher-class' destroyer was hit by a 533mm heavy torpedo in the midship. The destroyer with a displacement of 2,500 tons broke in two and sank quickly.

Destroyers are almost powerless in the face of these heavy torpedoes. Once hit, the consequences will be irreversible.

A "Cleveland-class" light cruiser was also hit. Even though this was the heaviest light cruiser built in the history of the U.S. Navy with a displacement of 12,000 tons, it was still severely damaged. The torpedo easily pierced through its underwater armor, blasting a big hole, and sea water poured into the hull frantically. Damage control personnel immediately carried out damage control, but it still ended in failure. There is no other way but to close the watertight compartment. However, due to too much water entering the hull, the battleship has tilted. How long it can last on the sea is very difficult to say.

Even the "Baltimore-class" heavy cruiser with a full load displacement of more than 17,000 tons, after being hit by a 533mm heavy torpedo, couldn't afford to go around.

The attack by the torpedo boats and submarines of the German Navy caused the US fleet to pay an unimaginable price.

"General, the Germans not only sent torpedo boats to attack us, but also submarines under the sea!" Major General Kevill's face was ashen.

"This is predictable! Since the Germans have prepared torpedo boats, it is impossible for them not to take the opportunity to dispatch submarines. Only in this way can they pose a greater threat to us!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel looked pale Black as the bottom of the pot.

Although none of the five "Montana-class" battleships were sunk. However, without exception, they were all torpedoed. The injuries can also be mild or severe, and have more or less affected the battleship's combat effectiveness.

Those cruisers and destroyers were more severely damaged. After all, these cruisers and destroyers do not have the same powerful mine protection capabilities as the 'Montana-class' battleships, and after being hit, they will be severely damaged if they are not sinking.

After the initial chaos, the US fleet began to counterattack in an orderly manner. Like hounds, the destroyers searched for the submarines of the German Navy. After discovering suspicious targets, they fired depth charges to sink them.

After the submarines of the German Navy ambushed the US fleet, several submarines were also sunk. However, compared to the results they achieved, such a small loss is nothing at all.

After discovering that they could not take advantage, the submarines of the German Navy also withdrew from the battle one after another.

"What about our losses?" Admiral Hasben Kimmel asked after the battle on the sea subsided.

"General, all five battleships were hit by torpedoes, with varying degrees of injury. The 'Ohio' was a little more serious, suffering four torpedoes. However, other than the decrease in speed, the rest of the combat power was not affected. As for the cruisers, one heavy cruiser was severely damaged, one light cruiser was sunk, and one was severely damaged. Three destroyers were sunk!" Major General Cowell reported.

Admiral Hasben Kimmel nodded. The loss was not too great, and he was relieved. At least, the combat effectiveness of several capital ships has not been affected, which means that even if they encounter the main fleet of the German Navy, they can still fight.

Admiral Hasben Kimmel believed that the German Navy dispatched torpedo boats and submarines to ambush them, and it was certainly impossible to just let it go. In the next step, the German Navy will definitely have other actions.

"General, the 2nd capital ship formation, the 3rd capital ship formation, and the 1st heavy cruiser formation report that they were also attacked by torpedo boats and submarines of the German Navy, and the losses were not small." A staff officer reported.

"Trap, this is clearly a trap set by the Germans." Admiral Hasben Kimmel's face was livid.

Chapter 1500

It was not only the 1st battleship formation of the US fleet that was ambushed by the German Navy's torpedo boats and submarines, the 2nd battleship formation that attacked Santa Cruz, the

3rd battleship formation that attacked Dafagen, and the attack on Corvo Island The first heavy cruiser formation was ambushed by torpedo boats and submarines of the German Navy.

Especially the 1st heavy cruiser formation, there is no capital ship, so these six "Baltimore-class" heavy cruisers suffered great losses under the siege of the German navy.

"General, what should we do now? The Germans dispatched torpedo boats and submarines to attack us, causing us a lot of losses. Obviously, their capital ship must be nearby." Major General Keweier was a little worried.

The situation is now very clear. The Germans set a trap in the west of the Azores, waiting for the Americans to drill into it. And the Americans were really fooled, and fell into the trap foolishly.

Although, judging from the intelligence gathered so far, the loss of the US fleet does not seem to be large. At least, none of the 15 capital ships were sunk. However, neither the 'Iowa-class' battleships nor the 'South Dakota-class' battleships can compare to the 'Montana-class' battleships in terms of lightning protection. This also caused the battleships of the two battleship formations to be severely damaged.

In addition, the cruisers and destroyers of the US fleet also suffered heavy losses in the battle. This will make the US fleet lack the protection of cruisers and destroyers in the next battle. Not only is the lightning protection capability limited, but even the anti-aircraft firepower will be restricted.

"General, shall we continue to attack the German naval base?" Rear Admiral Cowell asked.

"Continue! Hurry up and destroy these bases of the Germans, and then evacuate!" General Hasben Kimmel ordered.

Destroy the base of the German Navy, which is the intended target of the US fleet. If these bases are not destroyed, the US fleet will be in a very disadvantageous position in the next battle.

"Yes, General." Major General Cowell nodded. Immediately arrange for someone to send a telegram.

After being ambushed by the German navy, the position of the US fleet has actually been exposed. Breaking the radio silence at this time is no big deal.

But, will the German Navy watch them destroy the German Navy's base with fierce artillery fire? That is obviously impossible. The capital ship formation of the German fleet has arrived on the battlefield.

The German Navy dispatched torpedo boats and submarines to attack the U.S. fleet, just to further weaken their strength and create better opportunities for their capital ship formation in the next battle.

"General, we destroyed some American cruisers and destroyers, and also hit their capital ships. However, I have to admit that the defense of these three American capital ships is very strong, even if they are hit by torpedoes, and It was hit by more than one torpedo. However, it was not sunk, at most it was severely damaged. The American battleships, at least in terms of defense, are stronger than our battleships!" George Frey Lieutenant General De Berg sighed.

Admiral Rolf Kars nodded: "This is the latecomer advantage of the Americans! Their capital ships are all newly commissioned warships. And our capital ships, even if they have been modernized, but after all It is an old hull. No matter how it is refitted, it still has a big gap compared with the US fleet in many aspects."

"General, can our capital ships destroy the American capital ships?" Lieutenant General George Friedberg was a little worried.

"It should be possible! After all, the strength of our capital ship formation is not weak. What's more, we only choose to attack the two capital ship formations of the US Navy. It is not a duel with all the capital ships of the US Navy .We have great advantages on every battlefield!" General Rolf Karls said.

"I hope we can win! May God bless us!" Admiral George Friedberg prayed to God.

"Our capital ship formation will definitely win!" Admiral Rolf Karls was even more confident in the general's capital ship formation.

Flores Island, Dafarang, the four "South Dakota-class" battleships of the 3rd battleship formation of the US Fleet are still firing on the base of the German Navy. Although, the coastal defense fortress of the German Navy is also fighting back. It's just that, compared to the powerful firepower of the US fleet, the counterattack of the coastal defense fortress seems a bit insignificant.

However, under the ambush of the previous high-speed torpedo boats and submarines of the German Navy, the US Navy's 3rd capital ship formation still paid a big price. The four "South Dakota-class" battleships were all hit by torpedoes. Among them, the battleship 'South Dakota' and the battleship 'Indiana', the flagship of the formation, were slightly injured. The battleships "Massachusetts" and "Alabama" suffered moderate trauma. Two light cruisers and three destroyers were also sunk. This made the U.S. Navy's 3rd battleship formation be extra careful in the ensuing battle, for fear of being attacked by the German Navy again.

It's just that they didn't expect that it was not the torpedo boats and submarines of the German Navy that appeared again, but the battleship formation of the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet.

The battleship "Bavaria", the flagship of the battleship formation of the Atlantic Fleet, took the lead, followed by the remaining four battleships of the "Bavaria-class" and three battlecruisers of the "Makensen-class". There are many cruisers and destroyers around to provide them with protection.

When the German fleet appeared in the sea 25 kilometers away from the 3rd battleship formation of the US Navy, it was immediately discovered by their sea search radar.

"General, we found the battleship of the German Navy. A total of eight battleships are telling us to approach us!" A staff officer reported to Rear Admiral Ingram, commander of the US Navy's 3rd battleship formation.

"What? The eight German battleships are here?" Rear Admiral Ingram's face suddenly became very ugly.

He also realized that this was clearly a trap set by the Germans. Use torpedo boats and submarines to attack them first, causing losses to them, and then dispatch capital ships to try to destroy them in one fell swoop.

"Stop shelling the German naval base, turn around immediately, and leave this sea area!" Major General Ingram ordered.

If there is a duel with the capital ships of the German Navy, if you fight in the coastal waters, there is too little room for maneuver, which is obviously not very beneficial.