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"General, the battleship formation of the Atlantic Fleet has completed the mission. The battleship 'Baden' was severely damaged and has withdrawn from the battle. However, they have eliminated all four of the American 'South Dakota-class' battleships. It is." Major General Rudolf reported.

"The battleship formation of the Atlantic Fleet has done a good job. In addition to our results, we have killed seven American battleships this time. Now, the Americans have eight battleships left. And we deducted the There are still 19 capital ships that Shen He was injured and returned to the mainland. In terms of numbers, we still have a firm advantage." Lieutenant General Gerke said.

"Yes, General. However, the American 'Montana-class' battleships are too powerful. It may be very difficult to sink their 'Montana-class' battleships. In this way, our losses may be very heavy." Major General Rudolph said. Thinking of the power of the American "Montana-class" battleships, Major General Rudolph felt a little worried.

Lieutenant General Gerke nodded. The powerful "Montana-class" battleships did indeed cause a great shock to the German fleet. This also makes the officers and soldiers of the capital ships of the German Navy a little regretful. Why didn't Germany build a powerful capital ship? However, such thoughts are only fleeting.

Like the "Montana-class" battleships of the US Navy, the cost is very high. The construction of such a battleship is enough to build two "Essex-class" aircraft carriers, plus all the carrier-based aircraft. Obviously, a "Montana-class" battleship is definitely not an opponent of two "Essex-class" aircraft carriers. No matter how strong the defense is, the 200 carrier-based aircraft of the two aircraft carriers are enough to sink it.

It is precisely because of this that the German Navy did not build battleships, but invested all limited resources in the research and development and construction of aircraft carriers. Let the aircraft carrier become the main force in this naval battle.

"The American 'Montana-class' battleships are very strong. However, I don't believe they can survive under the siege of our shore-based and carrier-based aircraft. Send a telegram to the flagships of each fleet, Our mission has been completed. Next, it is up to them. I hope that after dawn, shore-based aircraft and carrier-based aircraft can be dispatched to kill all the "Montana-class" battleships of the Americans!" Gerke said the lieutenant general.

"The American capital ships will definitely not be able to escape this time. Even if they evacuate westward at full speed now, they cannot escape the strike radius of our carrier-based and shore-based aircraft." Rear Admiral Rudolf said.

Although it is not possible to sink the American "Montana-class" battleship in the way of capital ship duel, it seems a little regrettable. But as long as the capital ship of the US Navy can be solved in other ways. Then, the German Navy also won in this naval battle.

After the main fleets of both sides withdrew, the naval battle this time came to an end.

In any case, the German Navy sank seven battleships of the U.S. Navy at the cost of sinking one battleship and damaging three battleships. This is undoubtedly a huge victory for the German Navy. You know, the capital ships of the German Navy are all old warships that have been in service for more than 20 years. And the capital ships of the U.S. Navy are all cutting-edge battleships!

Moreover, the remaining battleships of the US Navy are not out of danger yet. Once dawn, the siege of the German Navy's shore-based aircraft and carrier-based aircraft will be a bigger test for them.

On the aircraft carrier "Poseidon", the flagship of the German Navy's home fleet, the fleet commander, Marshal Lütjens, and the chief of staff, Lieutenant General Karl Weitzel, stayed up all night. They have been waiting for the result of the battle between their own capital ship formation and the U.S. Navy's capital ship formation.

Although, they have already made all preparations. And it has lured the U.S. Navy's capital ship formation into a trap. However, it is still very difficult to say whether it can defeat the US Navy's capital ship formation in one fell swoop and cause it to suffer heavy casualties. After all, the strength of the US fleet is too strong. Those cutting-edge battleships all have strong defense and firepower. These are not available in the capital ship formation of the German fleet.

"Your Excellency Marshal, Your Excellency Chief of Staff, the naval battle is over." A communications officer reported.

"How was the result?" Marshal Lütjens asked immediately.

"We won. In this naval battle, we sank four US Navy 'South Dakota-class' battleships and three 'Iowa-class' battleships. Of our own, only one 'Caesar'-class battleship was destroyed. Sinking. In addition, three capital ships were injured. Now, the fleets of both sides have disengaged." The officer reported.

"Great, it was able to sink seven American capital ships." Marshal Lütjens couldn't help but heaved a sigh of relief, and a smile appeared on his face.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, it seems that our plan this time can be regarded as a success!" Lieutenant General Carl Witzel said.

Marshal Lütjens nodded, took the telegram from the communications officer, and read it carefully. However, after reading the telegram, the smile on his face disappeared and his face became serious.

"The American 'Montana-class' battleships are even stronger than we expected! Our capital ships are powerless against them." Marshal Lütjens sighed.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, the American 'Montana-class' battleships can be called the most powerful battleships in active service, right?" Lieutenant General Carl Weitzel asked.

"Almost! However, no matter how strong their 'Montana-class' battleships are, they must not let them go this time! Order the bases on the Azores to prepare for the attack. Take off after dawn Fighter planes, attack the American capital ship formation. Sink all those capital ships as much as possible!" Marshal Lütjens ordered.

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

"In addition, the fleet began to move westward. After dawn, take off a group of carrier-based aircraft to assist shore-based aircraft in launching an attack." Marshal Lütjens then ordered.

After discovering the strength of the "Montana-class" battleships of the US fleet, Marshal Lütjens has decided to get rid of them at any cost.

At the same time, the Atlantic Fleet and the Mediterranean Fleet already knew the results of the battle. They are also very satisfied with the capital ship formation that can defeat the US fleet. They all ordered the fleet to start preparing to send carrier-based aircraft to launch an attack after dawn, completely destroying the American capital ship formation.

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In a sea area more than 600 kilometers away from the western waters of the Azores, the main force of the US fleet is cruising in this sea area. They arrived here before dark. However, the fleet did not go any further.

If you continue to move forward, I am afraid that you will enter the strike radius of the shore-based aircraft of the German Navy on the Azores. Although the US fleet's aircraft carrier formation has a total of 24 capital ships, there are more than 1,500 large and small carrier-based aircraft. However, it would undoubtedly be very uneconomical to compete with the German Navy's shore-based aircraft on the Azores. No matter how much the shore-based aircraft of the German Navy lose, they can be quickly replenished.

After all, from the islands in the east of the Azores to Europe, it is only more than 1,600 kilometers. Both fighters and bombers can fly directly from Europe to the Azores. This also means that as long as the airports on the islands are not destroyed, the German navy can continuously mobilize reinforcements from the country to reinforce the Azores. The U.S. Navy does not. Once the carrier-based aircraft loses too much, there is no aircraft carrier in the sky, and it will not be able to exert much combat effectiveness. Only after returning to the homeland and replenishing the carrier-based aircraft can the combat effectiveness be restored.

Not to mention that the three major fleets of the German Navy still have a full twenty aircraft carriers watching. Once these aircraft carriers also start to take off carrier-based aircraft to attack the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation, the situation will become even more dangerous to the US Navy.

After nightfall, Admiral Nimitz, the commander of the fleet, did not go to rest, but stayed in his office, drinking coffee one after another, trying to keep himself awake.

Admiral Nimitz is very concerned about this main fleet operation. If Admiral Hasben Kimmel can lead the capital ship formation to destroy the German Navy's airports on Flores Island and Corvo Island in one fell swoop, then the US fleet's activities in the waters west of the Azores will be relatively easy. It's safe to say. The carrier-based aircraft taking off from the central and eastern islands of the Azores cannot pose any threat to them. The enemies they have to face are only the three major fleets of the German Navy.

But Admiral Nimitz was worried again, what should we do if the capital ship formation fails, or even fails? In that case, the US fleet will be in a more disadvantaged position in this naval battle.

"Your Excellency, it's late now, go and rest first. I will keep an eye on the capital ship formation." Lieutenant General Halsey walked into the office.

Lieutenant General Halsey is the commander of the 1st aircraft carrier formation. After Admiral Nimitz also established the fleet headquarters on the USS Essex, Lieutenant General Halsey even played the role of Nimi This is the position of Chief of Staff of the Admiral.

Admiral Nimitz shook his head: "It's okay, I don't want to sleep yet. Although I am old, staying up late occasionally will not have any effect."

"Commander, are you worried about General Kimmel and their side? I believe that General Kimmel will succeed. The fleet he leads is the most powerful main fleet in the world. Even if it is against the Germans, The decisive battle of the main fleet will definitely win. In particular, our five 'Montana-class' battleships have powerful firepower and defense. The Germans have no battleship that can compete with our 'Montana-class' battleships Yes," Lieutenant General Halsey said.

This is not just to comfort Admiral Nimitz, but Lieutenant General Halsey really has great confidence in the capital ship formation of the US fleet. They all know the performance of the 'Montana-class' battleship very well, and they also believe that this is definitely the most powerful battleship in the world.

Admiral Nimitz nodded: "Our main fleet is indeed very strong, and the 'Montana-class' battleships are definitely the most powerful battleships in the world. But, never underestimate our opponents. The Germans can The British took down the throne of maritime supremacy, and after so many years of development, their background is also very strong."

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander!" Lieutenant General Halsey replied.

"Are our carrier-based aircraft and pilots ready? They will have to start at dawn tomorrow." Admiral Nimitz asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, you are ready. Now the pilots are resting. At 5 o'clock in the morning, they will get up and start preparing for takeoff." Lieutenant General Halsey replied.

"I hope this time our F4U fighter can live up to expectations!" Admiral Nimitz said.

According to the agreement, when the capital ship formation returns, the aircraft carrier formation will take off a group of F4U fighter jets to **** them. And this is also the most advanced carrier-based aircraft of the US Navy to deal with the carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy. The U.S. Navy hopes that the F4U fighter jets, which they have high hopes for, will perform well in combat. Among other things, they must at least be able to withstand the German carrier-based fighter jets. Otherwise, it would be very difficult for the U.S. Navy to confront the German Navy.

"The performance of the F4U fighter is much better than that of the F4F fighter. According to the assessment, it should be able to deal with the German carrier-based BF-109 fighter. However,

there may be a certain gap in the quality of the pilots. This is our disadvantage. But after the battle with the Germans, our pilots will grow up soon." Lieutenant General Halsey said.

Admiral Nimitz nodded, this is exactly where he felt helpless. Although the United States has begun to strengthen its armaments since the beginning of the economic crisis. However, compared with Germany, which has become the world's hegemon, they still have a big gap in this regard. Over the years, the United States has been playing catch-up. The results are also impressive. Whether it is on a battleship or an aircraft carrier, the United States has become a powerful maritime power second only to Germany. But it is a pity that because of the poor foundation, the United States still has a big gap compared with Germany in many aspects. The performance of carrier-based aircraft is one aspect, and the quality of pilots is another aspect. The gap between these two aspects is likely to affect the outcome of the war.

Fortunately, the United States is a big country, and one or two defeats will not hurt them. Even, it will make them stronger and stronger in the war. Admiral Nimitz also hoped that the pilots of the U.S. Navy would become stronger through the battle with the German Navy. At the same time, American engineers can also develop advanced aircraft for them that can catch up with the carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy. In that case, they will have the confidence to confront the German navy.

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"Your Excellency, an urgent telegram from the capital ship formation!" A staff officer rushed into Admiral Nimitz's office with a look of panic. He even forgot to knock on the door and rushed in.

"What happened?" Admiral Nimitz asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, General Kimmel and the others failed. The fleet was first ambushed by the German high-speed torpedo boats and submarines, and then the fleet that dispersed its mission was besieged by the German main fleet. The fleet suffered heavy losses. Seven One battleship was sunk, and the remaining eight battleships were also wounded," the staff officer reported.

"What? Such a big loss?" Admiral Nimitz exclaimed.

Lieutenant General Halsey on the side also had a look of disbelief. In any case, they believed that the U.S. Navy's capital ship formation was very powerful. But now, the result of the naval battle gave them a resounding slap in the face.

"What about the German losses?" Lieutenant General Halsey asked quickly.

"According to the telegram sent back by the capital ship formation, they only sank one German capital ship during the naval battle. They also damaged three German capital ships." The officer reported.

"Damn, how could this happen?" Lieutenant General Halsey was very annoyed. The capital ship formation not only failed to complete the task, but also paid heavy losses. This will undoubtedly put the US fleet in a more disadvantageous position in the next battle!

"Your Excellency, Commander, General Kimmel has ordered the capital ship formation to retreat. However, he hopes that we can send fighter jets to **** them after dawn. The Germans

will definitely not let them go, and will take off a large number of aircraft to besiege them. Theirs," the officer continued.

Admiral Nimitz nodded, although the fiasco of the capital ship formation is undoubtedly a bad news for the entire US fleet. However, since things have already happened, it is necessary to accept the result. What they need to consider now is how to minimize the loss of the capital ship formation. The remaining capital ships must be safely withdrawn. Otherwise, once these capital ships are also lost, the loss of the US Navy this time will be too great. This will put them at a complete disadvantage in the next confrontation with the German Navy. Even, it will have the most fundamental impact on this naval battle.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I will prepare immediately. After dawn, we will take off a batch of fighter planes to **** the battleship formation!" Lieutenant General Halsey said. Obviously, it is now an emergency, and the US fleet must go all out.

"Well, General Halsey, we must do our best to ensure the safety of the remaining battleships in the capital ship formation. In addition, the air defense of the aircraft carrier formation must also be done well." Admiral Nimitz urged.

"Yes, Your Excellency, Commander." Lieutenant General Halsey replied, and then he left the office to prepare to go.

The staff officer put down the telegram and left, leaving Admiral Nimitz alone in the office.

"It seems that the Germans are still underestimated! They were able to defeat our battleship formation, and they also made our battleship formation pay a heavy price. If we want to defeat the Germans in this battle, it will become more and more difficult Already!" Admiral Nimitz said secretly.

Before, they had strong confidence in the U.S. Navy's capital ship formation, believing that the strength of the capital ship formation was enough to confront the German Navy's capital ship formation, and they could even defeat the German Navy in one fell swoop by virtue of its advanced performance. capital ship formation. But now, the result is completely different from what they imagined.

What's more terrible is that although the U.S. Navy's capital ship formation has begun to evacuate. However, at the current speed, it is certainly impossible for them to escape the strike radius of the German Navy's shore-based aircraft and carrier-based aircraft after dawn. This also means that after dawn, the German Navy will dispatch a large number of aircraft to besiege the US Navy's capital ship formation. At that time, will those capital ships survive the overwhelming blow? That's obviously very difficult. Even if the U.S. Navy dispatches carrier-based aircraft to carry out rescue, it is still very difficult to say how much can be rescued in the end. In addition, if the U.S. Navy's carrier-based aircraft loses too much, it will directly have a very adverse impact on the U.S. Navy's subsequent operations.

It can be said that the situation of the U.S. Navy in this naval battle is already very unfavorable.

On the island of the "Essex" aircraft carrier, Lieutenant General Halsey issued an order to prepare for combat. Each of the four aircraft carriers of the 1st aircraft carrier formation is equipped with 36 F4U fighters. These fighter jets are all ready to take off. However, in order to

leave enough air defense combat power for the fleet, Lieutenant General Halsey will only require half of the fighters to be dispatched. That is, each "Essex-class" aircraft carrier took off 18 fighter jets, and the four aircraft carriers took off a total of 72 fighter jets.

As for the F4F fighter jets carried on other aircraft carriers, they will not be dispatched for the time being. If the F4U fighter group cannot withstand the German attack, the F4F fighter will only become the target of the German massacre.

The airports of the German Navy located in the Azores are now brightly lit. Ground crews are refueling and ammunitioning the planes. Once dawn, these planes will set off to attack the US Navy capital ship formation.

The airports on Flores Island and Corvo Island were severely damaged by the previous shelling of the US Navy's capital ship formation. The runway, in particular, was riddled with holes.

When the main fleet of the German Navy stopped shelling, the ground crew at the airport immediately began to repair the shells. They drove various machines, poured mud and gravel into the crater, and then compacted it. Try to fix those runways before dawn if possible. Although a lot of fighter planes at the airport were also destroyed, those fighter planes hiding in the underground hangars and caves were still safe and sound. As long as the runway is repaired, they will be able to take off smoothly.

The three major fleets of the German Navy distributed in the waters surrounding the Azores are also preparing to attack. With the help of the ground crew, the carrier-based aircraft is ready for take-off. At the same time, these three major fleets are also sailing westward. They not only want to kill the US Navy's capital ship formation, but also want to kill the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation in one fell swoop. In particular, several aircraft carrier battle groups of the Atlantic Fleet have already searched a lot westward.

Time passed little by little, when the sun appeared on the horizon, the planes of the German Navy began to take off from the airport.

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Flores Island, the airfield of the German Navy. The airport runway that was originally destroyed by the battleship of the US Navy has been repaired thanks to the efforts of the ground crew. Although it looks very simple, it does not affect the take-off and landing of the aircraft. Airplanes of this era are not as expensive as those of later generations, and the poor runway conditions will not affect the take-off of the aircraft.

A plane drove out of the underground hangar and cavern and came to the ground. Seeing the bombed and devastated airport, the pilots of the German Navy trembled with anger. For pilots, the airport is their second home. They work and live here. But now, Americans have destroyed their homes.

"Damn Yankees, I must send you to the bottom of the sea to feed the fish!" A bomber pilot looked angry.

"Last night, it was their home court. But now, it is our home court. This time, we will definitely kill them all."

"Fighter brigades, dive bomber brigades, and torpedo attack brigades will start to take off in five minutes! The target is located in the sea area 260 kilometers west of us, and is fleeing westward. This time, we must not let them go!" The commander's voice sounded from the loudspeaker at the airport. After the U.S. fleet withdrew, the German Navy dispatched light cruisers and destroyers to track and ensure that it could determine the position of the U.S. fleet after dawn, strike and point out the direction for its own aircraft.

"Yes, sir!" All the pilots replied.

Subsequently, the planes at the airport began to take off one by one. The first to take off were torpedo attack aircraft with heavy aviation torpedoes. The 533mm heavy-duty torpedo under the belly of the aircraft emitted a cold light under the rising sun.

After the torpedo attack planes, the dive bombers, and then the fighter jets.

In order to strengthen the combat power of the Azores, the fighters deployed by the German Navy on the Azores are all FW-190 fighters. This makes the combat strength of the Azores even stronger.

After the fleet took off, it flew west immediately. On the way to the target of the attack, they will be organized into groups.

The size of the aircraft fleet is not very large. A total of 5 squadrons of fighter jets took off from the two islands, namely sixty FW-190 fighter jets, three squadrons of dive bombers and three squadrons of torpedo attack aircraft.

In addition to the airports on Flores Island and Corvo Island, several islands located in the central waters of the Azores also took off fighter planes to participate in this attack. The German Navy also has many airports in the central waters of the Azores. Moreover, these airports were not attacked by the capital ships of the US Navy. So, more planes take off.

A total of 8 squadrons of fighter jets, 6 squadrons of dive bombers and 6 squadrons of torpedo attack aircraft took off from the airport in the central island. Such strength is enough to submerge the capital ship formation of the US fleet.

Even if the "Montana-class" battleship is very powerful, it will still be severely damaged or even sunk under the overwhelming attack of aerial bombs and torpedoes. In this world, it is impossible to have an unsinkable battleship. As long as the damage is large enough, the same will be sunk.

As for the aircraft carriers of the three major fleets of the German Navy, they stood still. Although the U.S. Navy's capital ship formation is powerful, among the commanders of the three major fleets, the U.S. Navy's aircraft carrier formation is the biggest threat. The German Navy dispatched shore-based aircraft to attack the U.S. Navy's capital ship formation, and it was impossible for the U.S. Navy's aircraft carrier to turn a blind eye to this. They will definitely launch a carrier-based aircraft to support them. The three major fleets of the German Navy can use this opportunity to find out the location of the US Navy's aircraft carrier. In this case, it will be able to launch an attack on the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation in one fell swoop.

If the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation can be severely damaged or even eliminated, the German Navy will completely win this naval battle.

For this reason, the German Navy has specially dispatched a large number of light cruisers and destroyers, and has already patrolled the waters west of the Azores with submarines, using air search radar and sea search radar to look for the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation.

At this moment, as another protagonist of this naval battle, the battleship formation of the US Navy is fleeing for its life like a bereaved dog.

Five "Montana-class" battleships and three "Iowa-class" battleships are all scattered, and they are surrounded by cruisers and destroyers, ready for air defense.

The officers and soldiers of the U.S. Navy are very clear that once dawn, the German Navy will launch revenge. At that time, they will have to face the attack of the fighter planes of the German Navy.

The air search radars on each fighter plane of the U.S. Navy capital ship formation are turned on to ensure that they can be accurately found after the arrival of the German Navy fighter planes.

On the battleship 'Montana', Admiral Hasburn Kimmel looked a little tired. On the one hand, he didn't sleep all night, so he could only drink coffee to refresh himself. On the other hand, it was because the fleet suffered a disastrous defeat, which was undoubtedly a blow to Admiral Hasben Kimmel.

"Your Excellency, the fleet is ready for air defense operations. With the anti-aircraft firepower on each ship, if the Germans dare to send planes to attack us, they will definitely pay a heavy price." Rear Admiral Cowell said.

Admiral Hasben Kimmel nodded: "I hope so! The aircraft carrier formation will also take off carrier-based aircraft to **** us. No matter what, we will send the last eight capital ships Bring back."

"Your Excellency, we will succeed." Major General Kevil said.

"Woo! Woo!"

At this moment, the shrill air defense siren sounded. Everyone's complexion changed drastically.

"General, the air search radar found a group of aircraft attacking from Dongdong, and it was determined to be the aircraft of the German Navy. The number is about 120!" An officer reported.

"The Germans' revenge has finally come! Now, for us, it will be a test of life and death. Order all ships to prepare for air defense." Admiral Hasben Kimmel cheered up and issued an order combat order.

"Yes, General!"

All warships in the U.S. Navy's battleship formation have received combat orders. Although the enemy is still more than two hundred kilometers away, it does not prevent them from making preparations in advance. One by one, the air defense soldiers rushed to their posts. A series of anti-aircraft guns and anti-aircraft machine guns have been aimed at the sky.

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"Send a telegram to the 'Essex', telling them that the Germans have sent fighter planes to attack us. We urgently need the air defense cover of fighter jets!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel looked serious.

"Your Excellency, the Germans only sent over a hundred planes to attack us. With our anti-aircraft firepower, we should be able to withstand them. After all, among the over one hundred planes, the ones that really pose a threat to our armament There should be only about half of the dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft." Major General Keweier said.

All warships of the U.S. Navy are equipped with a large amount of anti-aircraft firepower. Especially the "Montana-class" battleships and the "Iowa-class" battleships, the number of anti-aircraft guns is as high as dozens. This can be regarded as being armed and no different from a hedgehog. It is undoubtedly very difficult for idle enemies to threaten them.

"Hmph! Will the Germans let us go? That's impossible. The batch of planes they sent is only a part of it. I'm sure there will be more German planes soon!" Ha Admiral Siben Kimmel said.

Major General Keweier nodded, he also wanted to understand the question. The German Navy will never let go of this opportunity to eliminate the US Navy's capital ship formation in one fell swoop. Therefore, the German Navy will definitely send a large number of fighters to attack them. These more than one hundred fighters are just appetizers. The real big dish is yet to come.

The battleship 'Montana' once again sent a telegram to the aircraft carrier 'Essex'. It's just that the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation is still in radio silence at the moment, and even if it received the telegram, it did not respond to them.

In fact, just after dawn, the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation had already taken off its carrier-based aircraft.

On the four "Essex-class" aircraft carriers of the US Navy's 1st aircraft carrier formation, 18 F4U fighter jets took off from each aircraft carrier to support the capital ship formation and provide them with air defense cover.

The other fighter jets are also waiting seriously and can take off at any time.

When the telegram from the "Montana" was received, the 72 F4U fighter jets that took off had completed their formation and flew to the capital ship formation.

"Your Excellency, Commander, a telegram from the capital ship formation. Their air search radar has detected the German fleet. Although the fleet is not large, there are only more than a hundred fighters. But, Haas General Ben Kimmel is worried that this is just the vanguard of the Germans, and the Germans will definitely take off more fighter planes to attack them." Lieutenant General Halsey said.

Admiral Nimitz nodded: "The Germans should not let go of this opportunity to severely damage or even wipe out our capital ship formation. Therefore, they will definitely seize this opportunity and do their best."

"So, general, do we need to take off more carrier-based aircraft to reinforce the capital ship formation?" Lieutenant General Halsey asked.

Admiral Nimitz thought for a while, then shook his head: "Our real enemy hasn't shown up yet, so we can't dispatch our main force so quickly. There are 72 F4U fighter jets to reinforce them in the battleship formation. That's enough. Besides, the capital ships and the escorting battleships all have dense anti-aircraft firepower. Even if the Germans dispatch a large number of aircraft groups, they can resist one or two. We need to find the Germans at this time. The aircraft carrier formation, and then attack, sink their aircraft carrier, this is the key!"

When the capital ship formation did not complete the scheduled mission, Admiral Nimitz could only find a way to win the naval battle by sinking the German Navy's aircraft carrier formation. Only in this way can the US fleet have a chance to turn defeat into victory.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander." Lieutenant General Halsey nodded. The capital ship formation has strong anti-aircraft firepower, even if the German navy launches a fierce attack, it may not be able to sink it. There is indeed no need to waste a large number of carrier-based aircraft in the aircraft carrier formation.

If they really want to win this naval battle, the German Navy's aircraft carrier is their biggest enemy.

"Send more aircraft and seaplanes to search for the location of the German aircraft carrier. Other carrier-based aircraft are also ready. Once the German aircraft carrier is discovered, attack immediately!" Admiral Nimitz ordered.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander." Lieutenant General Halsey replied.

At this moment, in the sky, the F4U fighter jets of the US Navy are rushing towards the capital ship formation of the US fleet. Seventy-two F4U fighter jets, flying at high altitude. Their speed was kept above 600 kilometers.

F4U fighter, code-named "Pirate", is a fighter that the U.S. Navy has high hopes for against the advanced carrier-based fighters of the German Navy. The maximum speed can reach 640 kilometers without being scared to death, and even when diving, the limit speed can be increased to 710 kilometers. Coupled with the powerful firepower of six 12.7mm machine guns, this fighter is very suitable for air combat. Of course, this refers to air battles between fighter jets. If you want to deal with bombers, especially large bombers, the power of the 12.7mm aviation machine gun is still a little weak, not as easy to use as a machine gun. However, the advantage of the aviation machine gun is that it has a large ammunition load and can continue to attack. Unlike machine guns, which carry less ammunition, you have to save every time you fire. Otherwise, if the shells run out, you can't drive the plane to hit the enemy's plane, right?

The performance of the F4U fighter is even completely comparable to that of the German Navy's carrier-based BF-109 fighter. However, if compared with the carrier-based FW-190 fighter, there are still some gaps. However, the gap is not huge. This also means that the U.S. Navy's carrier-based aircraft pilots are no longer helpless when facing the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft.

With the eager expectation of the U.S. Navy, 72 "Pirate" fighter jets rushed to the battlefield. These pilots are also elites selected from the US Navy carrier-based aircraft pilots.

They also hope to defeat the German navy in one fell swoop in the naval battle and achieve brilliant results.

"General, the air search radar has detected a group of fighters coming towards us from the west. That should be our carrier-based fighter." Rear Admiral Cowell said.

Admiral Hasben Kimmel couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief after hearing the news. The arrival of their own carrier-based aircraft will make their pressure relatively less. Coupled with the anti-aircraft firepower on the battleship, it should be no problem at all to resist the attack of the German Navy's fighter planes.

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"General, can our F4U fighter jets handle the German fighter jets?" Major General Cowell asked.

Although Rear Admiral Cowell can be regarded as a high-ranking official of the US Navy, as the chief of staff of the capital ship formation, he does not have much contact with carrier-based aircraft. Although he knows that the F4U fighter is the most advanced fighter of the US Navy. However, whether this kind of fighter can compete with the advanced fighters of the German Navy, he has no idea. After all, the Germans are far ahead in terms of aircraft. Since the beginning of this world war, the German Navy has been hanging aircraft from other countries around the world.

"I don't know either! I have to admit that the paper data of the F4U fighter is still very good. However, whether it can fight against the German aircraft needs to be tested in combat." Admiral Hasben Kimmel Said.

"May God bless us!" Major General Cowell said.

Although the shore-based aircraft of the German Navy are a little closer to the US battleship formation. However, the speed of the US Navy's carrier-based aircraft is as high as 600 kilometers. The German fleet has to take care of dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft, and its maximum speed is less than 400 kilometers. Therefore, the US Navy's carrier-based aircraft finally intercepted the German fleet before they arrived.

The ***** formation adopted by the German Navy's fighter jets is that fighter jets are at high altitude, and bombers and torpedo planes are below. In this way, once the enemy is spotted, the fighter can immediately dive and attack. However, the F4U fighter jets of the US Navy are also at an altitude of tens of thousands of meters. So much so that the fighter jets of both sides discovered each other almost at the same time.

"Found American planes, fighter jets attack, cover bombers and torpedoes!" The commander of the German army immediately issued an order.

"Attack, give priority to killing the dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft of the Germans!" The commander of the US Navy's carrier-based aircraft also issued an order. When intercepting the enemy's fleet, dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft, which pose a fatal threat to warships, often become the primary targets of attack. After all, the heavy aerial bombs carried by these bombers and the heavy aerial torpedoes carried by torpedo planes can pose a deadly

threat to one's own warships. Only by shooting them down can the safety of our own fleet be ensured.

Fierce air battles started immediately. The dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft of the German Navy scattered in all directions to avoid the attack of the F4U fighter jets of the US Navy. The FW-190 fighter jets of the German Navy bravely rushed towards the U.S. fleet.

Although, in terms of quantity, the number of **** fleets of the German Navy is a little smaller. However, they are not afraid.

"Da da da!"

"Boom boom boom!"

A fierce air battle broke out immediately, and the fighters of both sides used aviation machine guns and cannons to attack the fighters they were dealing with.

Fighter planes are chasing, rolling, climbing or diving in the sky, trying their best to shoot down the enemy's plane or get rid of the enemy's lock.

I have to admit that both F4U fighters and FW-190 fighters are very advanced fighters. Especially the FW-190 fighter. Except for the TA-152 fighter, which is the pinnacle of propeller fighters, it is estimated that no fighter can really surpass this fighter. Even the F4U fighter jets of the US Navy are also not good.

Coupled with the fact that these F4U fighter jets of the U.S. Navy have targeted the dive bombers and torpedo attack airframes, this gave the German Navy's FW-190 fighter jets more opportunities.

"Go to hell, German!"

A U.S. F4U fighter seized an opportunity to lock a German dive bomber.

The dive bomber also found the danger, swaying left and right, trying to get rid of the US fighter. However, a dive bomber carrying two heavy aviation armor-piercing shells weighing up to 500 kilograms is inherently clumsy, and it is almost impossible to get rid of a flexible fighter.

"Da da da!"

After setting the target into the front sight, the U.S. military pilot pressed the fire button.

"Da da da!"

Six 12.7mm aviation machine guns began to fire, and tracer bullets drew white lines in the air. The dense bullets left bullet holes on the body of the dive bomber.

A series of bullets hit the wing of the dive bomber. The wing was directly broken by the bullet, which caused the dive bomber to lose its balance and plummet towards the sea.

"Haha, the first result!" The American pilot cheered.

But before he could laugh, his plane was attacked. A FW-190 fighter jet of the German army swooped down from above and launched an attack.

"Da da da!"

A bullet from an aviation machine gun penetrated the cockpit glass of the aircraft and hit the pilot. Blood sprayed from the pilot's body, staining the entire cockpit red. After the plane lost control, it fell towards the sea surface at high speed, hit the sea surface, and splashed high water columns.

"Boom boom boom!"

An F4U fighter was hit by a FW-190 fighter with cannon shells. Even if the body structure of the FW-190 fighter jet is very strong, it cannot withstand machine gun shells.

During the explosion, the F4U fighter was almost torn to pieces. The pilot was killed instantly, let alone escaped by parachuting.

The air battle was very fierce. The F4U fighter jets of the U.S. Navy almost chased the dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft of the German Navy. One after another, the bombers and torpedo planes were shot down. The bombers and torpedo planes carrying bombs and torpedoes are even more clumsy, and they cannot withstand the American F4U fighter jets at all. But at the same time, these F4U fighter jets were chased by the FW-190 fighter jets of the German Navy. Under the attack of the FW-190 fighter jets, one after another was shot down.

Although the F4U fighter jets of the US Navy have tried their best, they still cannot get rid of the pursuit of those FW-190 fighter jets. On the one hand, there is still a certain gap between the fighters of the two sides. Although this gap is not large, it puts the U.S. Navy's F4U fighter jets at a disadvantage in combat. Many times they cannot escape the pursuit of the German FW-190 fighter jets and are shot down. On the other hand, there is a gap in the quality of the pilots of the two sides. The quality of the pilots of the German Navy is obviously higher than that of the pilots of the US Navy. The combination of these two factors makes the U.S. Navy's F4U fighter jets gradually fall into a disadvantage even though they are superior in number.

As more and more F4U fighter jets were shot down, the U.S. Navy's disadvantages in air combat became more and more obvious.

"Damn, I'm bitten, I can't get rid of it!" A US military pilot exclaimed.

"Roll, roll now!"

The pilot did so, but the German FW-190 fighter jet followed suit and began to roll, still holding on. Until the last fire is fired, the F4U fighter is sunk.

Chapter 1417

"Stop the American fighter jets, and scatter the dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft." The carrier-based aircraft of the U.S. Navy desperately wanted to bring down the German dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft to ensure the safety of their own warships.

This also made the German **** fighters have to intercept and hunt down these US carrier-based aircraft with all their strength.

F4U fighters were shot down one after another. Even though the performance of this aircraft is not bad, it is still not the opponent of the German naval aviation flying the FW-190 fighter.

Fierce battles were staged over this sea area, and fighter planes were constantly shot down. Some pilots were lucky enough to skydive after being shot down. But there are still many pilots who don't even have the chance to skydive.

While the fighter planes of the two sides were fighting fiercely, the fighter planes that took off from the central island of the Azores also came over. Moreover, the size of this batch of fighters is larger than the fighters that took off from the western islands of the Azores.

8 fighter squadrons, 96 FW-190 fighters, 6 dive bomber squadrons, 72 dive bombers, 6 torpedo attack squadrons, 72 torpedo attack aircraft, a total of 240 fighters, forming a huge fleet. When this fleet flew across the sky, it covered the sky and covered the earth, as if it was going to cover the sun.

When the huge fleet was detected by the air search radar of the US fleet, the faces of those radar soldiers changed drastically.

"Oh my God! The German fleet has appeared. The densely packed fleet definitely exceeds two hundred!" A radar officer asserted.

"Quick, report to the general!"

Two minutes later, the news was delivered to Admiral Hasben Kimmel.

"More than two hundred planes? The Germans really want to eat us all!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel's face also became very ugly. He knows that this is undoubtedly a great test for the US fleet. If their anti-aircraft firepower fails, the consequences will be disastrous. Those battleships that were not sunk during the duel with the battleships of the German Navy, this time I am afraid it will be more ominous. Even the mighty 'Montana-class' battleship may not be able to keep it.

"General, the current situation is even more critical for us." Major General Keweier said.

Admiral Hasben Kimmel nodded: "Order the anti-aircraft artillery positions of each ship and prepare for battle. Next, it depends on everyone's performance. If you don't want to die, you must resist the Germans." Human attack."

"Yes, General. Can we still request more fighter support from the aircraft carrier formation?" Rear Admiral Cowell asked.

Admiral Hasben Kimmel thought for a while, then shook his head: "This time the aircraft carrier formation has reinforced 72 of our F4U fighter jets, which is already half of the number of F4U fighter jets owned by the entire aircraft carrier formation. , now it seems that even these F4U fighters are not the opponents of the Germans. If more fighters are deployed from the aircraft carrier formation to reinforce it, it will cause a greater burden on the aircraft carrier formation. They also bear the heavy responsibility of defeating the Germans ."

Admiral Hasben Kimmel still decided to rely on his own strength to face the large fleet of the German Navy. He believed that with the huge anti-aircraft firepower of the US fleet, it would definitely be able to withstand the attack of the German Navy's fleet.

"Yes, General." Major General Kevill nodded heavily, and he also wanted to understand this point.

In the sky, the fierce battle is still going on. But as the U.S. Navy lost more and more F4U fighter jets, they could no longer pose much threat to the German Navy. Even, under the pursuit of the German FW-190 fighter jets, these F4U fighter jets had to flee in all directions. At this moment, the offensive and defensive momentum has completely changed.

"How many dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft do we have left?" asked the German commander in charge of the attack after dispersing the US Navy's F4U fighters.

"Sir, there are 22 dive bombers left. 18 torpedo attack aircraft left."

"Damn it!" The commander couldn't help but cursed. The original 36 dive bombers lost 14, and the torpedo attack aircraft lost 18. This loss is not insignificant. Even, the attack power of their fleet has been greatly reduced. The warships of the US fleet must be ready for battle. If you continue to attack, it will undoubtedly be very difficult to break through the dense air defense network and sink the American warship.

"Attention all planes, suspend the attack, I will contact the base!" Commander ordered.

However, it was later learned from the base that the fighter planes that took off from the islands in the central archipelago will arrive soon. The base ordered that after the first wave of fleets converge with the second wave of fleets, they will attack together.

The 2nd wave fleet originally included 96 FW-190 fighter jets, 72 dive bombers and 72 torpedo attack aircraft. Including the remaining fighters in the first wave of the fleet, there will be a total of 142 FW-190 fighters, 94 dive bombers and 90 torpedo attack aircraft, and the strength will become even stronger.

In less than twenty minutes, the second wave of aircraft arrived. After the two waves converged, they rushed towards the US fleet.

As for the 72 F4U fighters that the U.S. Navy lined up before, after more than 50 were shot down, the remaining F4U fighters had already fled with their tails between their legs.

Moreover, what these U.S. F4U fighter pilots did not know was that a German light cruiser located to the west of the U.S. battleship formation detected these U.S. fighter jets with air search radar, and based on where they landed, it was deduced that the U.S. fleet The location of the aircraft carrier.

"General, the German fleet is coming!" Admiral Keweier reminded.

Actually, Admiral Hasben Kimmel had already seen it without reminding him. In the eastern sky, swarms of small black spots, shining on the sun, came towards them. The densely packed small black dots represent dense aircraft. Obviously, this undoubtedly means a life-and-death test for the capital ship formation of the US fleet.

"Woo! Woo!"

The shrill air defense sirens have already sounded, and countless air defense soldiers manipulated anti-aircraft guns and anti-aircraft machine guns, aiming at the direction of the attacking German fleet.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The 127mm anti-aircraft guns opened fire first. Although the rate of fire of these large-caliber anti-aircraft guns is very slow, they have a long range and the power of the shells is also very large.

Almost every warship in the US fleet is equipped with this type of artillery. Even the destroyers of the US Navy directly use this type of artillery as their main guns.

"Boom! Boom!"

The shell exploded in the air, leaving clouds of black smoke. The huge fleet of the German Navy has dispersed and began to attack the US fleet.

Chapter 1518

"Attack! Fighters suppress the enemy's anti-aircraft firepower, dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft launch an attack, and sink the American battleship!" The commander of the German army issued an order.

FW-190 fighter jets accelerated towards the US warship.

"Boom boom boom!"

On the US warship, anti-aircraft guns started firing one after another. Whether it was a 40mm anti-aircraft gun or a 20mm anti-aircraft gun, they all started firing. Even those 12.7mm anti-aircraft machine guns were thrown into the mix.

Intensive artillery fire formed a series of air defense nets in the sky, trying to envelop the German fighter planes and shoot them down.

However, the German FW-190 fighter is very flexible. The pilots manipulated these fighter jets and shuttled among the anti-aircraft firepower of the US military, just like Haiyan in a storm.

The air defense soldiers of the U.S. Navy also have no combat experience. They manipulated anti-aircraft guns and chased those German fighter planes. However, they found that they couldn't catch up at all. Moreover, their air defense firepower network was torn apart.

"Damn Germans, go to hell!" A 20mm anti-aircraft gun chased a German FW-190 fighter jet amidst the roar of the air defense soldiers. But the shell exploded in the air, leaving the FW-190 fighter unscathed.

"Da da da!"

The FW-190 fighter jet fired, and the aviation machine guns fired wildly. The bullets hit the anti-aircraft gun positions, and sparks burst out. The US air defense soldiers, hiding under the gun shield, shivered.

"Ah!" There was a scream, and I saw several US air defense soldiers who had been hit by bullets and fell into a pool of blood. The bullets of the powerful aviation machine gun are enough to tear the fragile bodies of these air defense soldiers to pieces.

"Idiots! Don't worry about those fighter jets, your targets are German bombers and torpedo planes. They are the ones that pose a fatal threat to us!" A US military officer shouted loudly.

While the U.S. air defense net was torn apart, the German dive bombers and torpedo attack planes had already taken the opportunity to launch an attack.

"Woo! Woo!"

Accompanied by a shrill roar, several dive bombers launched an attack on a US destroyer.

This destroyer is located on the outskirts of the defensive circle of the US Navy's "New Hampshire" battleship. The German fleet needs to open a channel, and then attack the battleship "New Hampshire" at the core. Instead of directly attacking the battleship at the core. In that case, the anti-aircraft artillery fire from all directions would easily tear the German fighter planes into pieces.

A dive bomber was hit by anti-aircraft fire as soon as it entered the dive channel. The powerful anti-aircraft fire directly blew up the obedience bomber to pieces.

But the other dive bombers dropped their bombs smoothly.

Several bombs hit the destroyer at an almost vertical angle. The destroyer was quite unlucky and was hit by two heavy aviation armor-piercing shells. For a destroyer with a displacement of 2,500 tons, two heavy aviation armor-piercing shells were enough to kill him.

Two heavy armor-piercing projectiles easily penetrated the deck armor and exploded inside the battleship. The huge power almost tore the destroyer into pieces. There are loopholes everywhere, and sea water is pouring into the hull like crazy.

Soon, the destroyer sank into the sea.

After the destroyer was dealt with, the fleet of the German Navy began to attack the cruiser on the inside.

This ship is a "Cleveland-class" light cruiser named "Santa Fe".

At this moment, the two quadruple-mounted 40mm anti-aircraft guns, two twin-mounted 40mm anti-aircraft guns, and 21 20mm anti-aircraft guns on this battleship are all firing crazily.

The entire battleship looks like a hedgehog.

A German torpedo attack aircraft was hit by intensive anti-aircraft fire while it was still descending altitude. The wing of the fighter plane was broken, and the plane lost its balance and fell headlong on the sea.

But other fighters are still attacking.

"Woo! Woo!" Amidst the sharp roar, the dive bomber smashed the warship of the US Navy with aerial bombs.

The torpedo attack plane took advantage of the chaos to launch a torpedo attack on those warships.

Heavy aviation armor-piercing shells smashed into the warships of the US fleet. A series of heavy aviation torpedoes strewn across the sea.

The entire sea area is in chaos. The fleet of the German Navy is desperately trying to sink the warships of the American fleet. The anti-aircraft firepower of the US fleet opened fire frantically, trying to shoot down those German planes.

This was originally a life-and-death battle. If you don't kill and deal with it, you have to die.

"Boom!"

A violent explosion sounded from an American light cruiser, and the light cruiser was already surrounded by flames and thick smoke. Two heavy aviation armor-piercing shells hit the middle and tail of the hull respectively, and exploded inside the hull. The adjacent cabin was blown up into a mess, and it also caused a raging fire.

Immediately afterwards, two 533mm heavy torpedoes hit the side of the light cruiser. The weak waterline armor was easily torn open with two big holes, and seawater poured into the hull frantically.

Although the "Cleveland-class" light cruiser is known as the heaviest light cruiser in the US Navy, it has powerful firepower and extremely high speed. But like other light cruisers, the defense is not strong. Facing the siege of German planes, the light cruiser was clearly at the end of its life.

The German Navy dispatched more than two hundred carrier-based aircraft to besiege the U.S. fleet. Even though the fleet had strong anti-aircraft firepower, it still suffered heavy losses during the siege.

A large number of warships are on fire and burning, and thick smoke is billowing on the sea, as if this sea area has already burned.

However, the warships currently sunk and severely damaged are mainly cruisers and destroyers. Those capital ships have not yet been besieged.

The "Montana-class" battleships and "Iowa-class" battleships of the U.S. Navy have very powerful anti-aircraft firepower. If they attack rashly, they will inevitably suffer heavy losses. In addition, without disarming the cruisers and destroyers around these capital ships, it will be very difficult to sink those capital ships under intensive anti-aircraft fire. The price paid will be so great that the German Navy will find it difficult to bear.

Therefore, the fleet of the German Navy is to first disintegrate the air defense firepower network of the US fleet, open the attack channel, and then attack the US capital ships that are guarded at the core.

Of course, although the German fleet has achieved good results. But during the attack, many fighter planes were still shot down, and the losses paid were not small.

Chapter 1519

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

On the U.S. battleship, anti-aircraft guns were still firing crazily, and the shells exploded in the air, shooting shrapnel in all directions.

The radio proximity fuze has not been invented yet, so the shells of these anti-aircraft guns use timing fuzes or collision fuzes. The former will explode at a predetermined altitude, while the latter will explode after hitting the aircraft. This also makes it very difficult to hit enemy aircraft with only the anti-aircraft firepower on the warship.

The German aircraft shuttled through the rain of anti-aircraft artillery shells and anti-aircraft machine gun bullets. It seemed dangerous, but in fact it was relatively safe. Especially for flexible fighter jets, they look very heroic and chic as they shuttle through the air defense firepower net. American anti-aircraft artillery shells chased these planes, but there was nothing they could do.

These fighter jets sometimes use aviation machine guns or machine guns to attack exposed anti-aircraft positions, suppress the anti-aircraft firepower on US warships, and create favorable conditions for the attack of dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft.

"Boom!"

A violent explosion sounded, and a "Cleveland-class" light cruiser exploded violently. The huge hull was broken into two pieces during the explosion. Then, it quickly sank into the sea. This is a heavy aviation armor-piercing projectile dropped by a dive bomber, which penetrates the deck armor and explodes inside the battleship. Moreover, it also triggered an explosion in the ammunition depot. As a result, the hull of the "Cleveland-class" light cruiser was blown apart.

Although, the German aircraft did not launch an attack on the capital ship of the US fleet. However, as the losses of these cruisers and destroyers increased, the air defense network around the US battleships had been torn apart by German fighter planes. Once these outer air defense nets are completely torn apart. Then, the next German fighter planes will inevitably attack the battleships at the core.

"General, the German planes are too powerful. We have lost quite a few warships. The 'Baltimore-class' heavy cruisers, the 'Cleveland-class' light cruisers, and the 'Fletcher-class' destroyers are not German at all. Opponents of fighter jets." Major General Kevill looked frustrated.

This feeling of watching one's own warships being sunk one after another is really unacceptable. Although their anti-aircraft firepower is very powerful, it now seems that those anti-aircraft firepower are shooting in vain.

"The Germans also lost a lot of fighter planes! They want to get rid of our cruisers and destroyers first, then attack us, and finally sink all our battleships. This is simply wishful thinking!" Hasben Jinmei Admiral Er said.

Although the loss of the American fleet was great, he also noticed that under their anti-aircraft firepower, the loss of German aircraft was not small. If you continue to fight like this, it is still very possible to resist the attack of the German fighter planes.

What's more, even if all the **** warships on the periphery are lost, the capital ship of the US military is not a lamb to be slaughtered. All of these capital ships have very strong anti-aircraft firepower, and at the same time have stronger defenses. It will be more difficult for German fighter planes to sink these capital ships.

Admiral Hasben Kimmel is still very confident about his battleship.

The battleship "New Hampshire" became the target of a fierce attack by German fighter planes.

Realizing that the loss of his own fighter planes was not small, the commander of the German army issued an order to concentrate his forces to besiege the "New Hampshire". The reason why the target was on the battleship 'New Hampshire' was because the cruisers and destroyers around the battleship had almost been dealt with. Siege of this battleship is relatively less difficult.

"Da da da!"

Several FW-190 fighter jets began to attack the anti-aircraft firepower of the "New Hampshire" battleship in an attempt to suppress the anti-aircraft firepower on this huge battleship.

The bullets from the aviation machine guns strafed the anti-aircraft gun positions of the battleship 'New Hampshire', shooting sparks one by one. Some air defense soldiers were hit and fell screaming in a pool of blood.

However, the anti-aircraft firepower on the "New Hampshire" battleship is also very powerful. In addition to 20 127mm dual-purpose guns, there are also 10 quadruple 40mm anti-aircraft guns and 50 20mm anti-aircraft guns. Supplemented by a large number of anti-aircraft machine guns, the battleship "New Hampshire" can be protected very well.

"Woo!"

There was a shrill howl, and a total of eight dive bombers began to attack the battleship 'New Hampshire'.

Almost at the same time, four torpedo attack aircraft also launched an attack from the left.

"Whoo! Whoo!"

Eight heavy aviation armor-piercing shells slammed into the battleship "New Hampshire". On the surface of the sea, four 533mm heavy torpedoes were rapidly firing at the USS New Hampshire.

At this moment, the battleship "New Hampshire" has already started to turn the rudder, like a bison, rushing from left to right on the sea.

"Boom! Boom!"

There was an explosion, and out of the eight aerial bombs, three hits. Suddenly, thick smoke billowed on the battleship "New Hampshire", and the flames shot into the sky.

At the same time, a 533mm heavy torpedo hit the midship of the USS New Hampshire. Even the 409 mm side armor cannot withstand heavy torpedoes. The explosion tore a hole in the side of the USS New Hampshire. Although, the trauma caused was not great. Especially for a huge battleship with a full load displacement of 72,000 tons, such a loss is insignificant. It is also very difficult to sink it.

However, in the previous battle, when the German Navy dispatched torpedo boats and submarines to launch a sneak attack, the battleship "New Hampshire" had already been torpedoed. It's just that the damage control personnel blocked all the previous damage. Now, being hit by a torpedo again, this is undoubtedly an injury.

The damage control personnel on the battleship "New Hampshire" are also very heroic. Risking their lives, they entered the leaky cabin and tried to plug the leak. Only by plugging the loopholes, and then using the motor to discharge the seawater entering the hull, will it not have a great impact on the performance of the battleship. Otherwise, the only option is to close the watertight compartment. Once the watertight compartment is closed, a large amount of seawater will pour into the hull, which will cause the reserve buoyancy of the battleship to decrease, and will also affect the battleship's combat power. Therefore, they will choose to close the watertight compartment of the battleship only as a last resort.

Chapter 1520

"General, the 'New Hampshire' is about to fail!" Rear Admiral Cowell looked worried.

Admiral Hasben Kimmel nodded: "Almost all the ***** warships of the 'New Hampshire' were sunk. The Germans assembled a large number of fighter planes to besiege. This time, they may really be in danger. ."

"General, can we dispatch some ***** warships to reinforce the 'New Hampshire'?" Major General Cowell suggested. Obviously, if there is no reinforcement, the battleship "New Hampshire" will definitely be finished.

Husband? Admiral Kimmel hesitated. Before he had made a choice, the situation on the battlefield changed again.

"General, the air search radar found that a large fleet of aircraft appeared in the east, more than 200 aircraft!" A staff officer reported.

Admiral Husband Kimmel's complexion suddenly became even uglier. There is no doubt that the Germans once again dispatched a large number of fighters to attack them. The fighter planes dispatched by the German army before have caused heavy losses to the US fleet. Although the capital ship has not been sunk, the battleship "New Hampshire" is already in danger. Now, the Germans have dispatched more than two hundred fighters to attack them. This is undoubtedly determined to catch them all!

"General, what should we do?" Major General Keville's expression also changed drastically.

Although the German plane is still more than two hundred kilometers away. However, it only takes more than half an hour for those planes to arrive at the battlefield. The U.S. fleet can sail a maximum of 20 to 30 kilometers in more than half an hour.

"Command the fleet, prepare for air defense!" Admiral Hasben Kimmel ordered.

This is the only choice they can make. As for whether to send warships to reinforce the battleship "New Hampshire", no one has mentioned it anymore.

Under the circumstances that it is difficult to protect themselves, naturally no one will care about other things.

"Boom! Boom!"

The explosion sounded on the battleship 'New Hampshire', and the German dive bombers continued to dive down from high altitude, smashing heavy aviation armor-piercing shells on the huge battleship.

The flames spread on the battleship "New Hampshire", and the thick smoke reported the entire battleship inside. This has even affected the bombing of the German dive bombers.

Four torpedo attack planes approached the battleship 'New Hampshire' from the side, and dropped torpedoes only a kilometer away from the battleship. The 533 mm heavy torpedo rushed towards the battleship "New Hampshire" at high speed.

"Torpedo, evade!"

The sailors on the battleship 'New Hampshire' shouted in horror.

In order to avoid these torpedoes, the battleship "New Hampshire" dragged the severely damaged hull and began to turn, trying to avoid torpedoes. However, it is undoubtedly very difficult for the huge hull to complete the turn in a short time.

"Boom boom boom!"

Some sailors even used anti-aircraft guns to shoot at the sea surface, hoping to destroy those torpedoes and protect the battleship. However, this is still futile.

"Boom! Boom!"

Among the four torpedoes, two hit the side of the USS New Hampshire. The violent explosion tore apart the underwater armor of the USS New Hampshire.

In the case of continuous torpedo hits, the damage control personnel on the battleship "New Hampshire" could not control these losses even though they tried their best.

With no other choice, the watertight compartments had to be closed and let the seawater fill all these compartments.

"Boom! Boom!" The aerial bomb exploded in the hull of the "New Hampshire" battleship, and the torpedoes kept hitting the side of the battleship. This huge battleship suffered serious injuries during the attack of German aircraft.

But even so, the American sailors on the battleship have not given up. They did not give up saving their warships, nor did they give up fighting back. They were still using the anti-aircraft firepower on the battleships to fire at German aircraft.

"Boom boom boom!"

A torpedo attack aircraft was preparing to launch an attack on the USS New Hampshire, but it was hit by anti-aircraft fire before it could drop the torpedo. The torpedo attack plane disintegrated directly during the explosion. The pilot was killed on the spot.

It's just that although the American sailors are very brave, they cannot save the fate of the battleship "New Hampshire".

Before the third batch of German planes arrived, the German fighter planes finally sank the battleship "New Hampshire".

With 17 533mm heavy torpedoes and 38 heavy aviation armor-piercing shells, even a huge warship with a displacement of more than 70,000 tons still couldn't hold on.

It can be said that after suffering so many torpedoes and bombs, the hull of the battleship "New Hampshire" is already riddled with holes. The amount of sea water that entered the battleship's hull made it impossible for the battleship to float on the sea anymore.

As the battleship continued to sink, the sea water even flooded the deck of the battleship.

Under such circumstances, the captain of the battleship "New Hampshire" issued an order to abandon the ship.

However, it is obviously impossible to take away nearly 3,000 naval officers and soldiers on the battleship with only a few lifeboats. Except for a very few lucky people who can board the lifeboat, the rest of the people can only find their own way. Perhaps, they will be rescued after this naval battle is over. But whether they can persist until then is very difficult to say.

"Well done, we have sunk an American 'Montana-class' battleship. There are also planes with bombs and torpedoes, attacking the rest of the US warships. The third batch of aircraft is coming, we want to expand as much as possible Results!" The German fleet commander ordered.

"Attack, kill these Americans!" The German pilots shouted excitedly.

This is the 'Montana-class' battleship known as the most powerful battleship in the world! But now they are still sunk by them. This undoubtedly made these German pilots very excited and proud.

The sinking of the USS New Hampshire was undoubtedly a serious blow to the officers and soldiers of the US fleet. But now they simply don't have time to grieve. Because, the battle is still going on. The third fleet of the German Navy has arrived again. This is also a fleet of more than two hundred fighters. The planes also departed from airfields on the central islands of the Azores. If the officers and soldiers of the American fleet want to survive, they must resist the attacks of these German aircraft. Otherwise, they will only have a dead end.