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When the shore-based aircraft of the German Navy attacked the U.S. Navy's capital ship formation, the aircraft carrier formations of the three major fleets never gave up their search for the U.S. Navy's aircraft carrier formation.

The reason why the task of attacking the U.S. Navy's capital ship formation is handed over to shore-based aircraft on the Azores is to allow them to have sufficient strength when attacking the U.S. Navy's aircraft carrier formation.

It's just that if you want to attack the US Navy's auxiliary formation, you must find it. Only when the location of the US aircraft carrier is determined can an attack be launched. Otherwise, no matter how huge the fleet of carrier-based aircraft is, no matter how powerful it is, it will be futile.

The flagship of the home fleet, the "Poseidon" aircraft carrier, was on the way, and Marshal Lütjens woke up after sleeping for less than four hours.

"How's the situation?" After entering the war room, Marshal Lütjens asked.

"Your Excellency Marshal, our shore-based aircraft are currently attacking the American capital ship formation. The American warships have strong anti-aircraft firepower, and our shore-based aircraft have lost a lot. However, as the American warships we killed there are more and more, and their anti-aircraft firepower will soon weaken. At that time, our shore-based aircraft will launch a siege to the American capital ship, and they will definitely be able to sink them." Lieutenant General Carl Weitzel reported road.

Marshal Lütjens nodded. It is understandable that the warships of the U.S. Navy strengthened their anti-aircraft firepower when the German aircraft carriers had already shown extremely powerful strength in naval battles. However, in the face of the overwhelming attack of the aircraft, it is undoubtedly very difficult to resist the anti-aircraft firepower of the battleship alone.

"How many fighters are the shore-based aircraft on the Azores planning to dispatch to launch an attack?" Marshal Lütjens asked.

"So far, they have dispatched three batches of aircraft, and the total number has reached 600. This is already half of the fighter jets, dive bombers, and torpedo attack aircraft on the archipelago." Lieutenant General Carl Weitzel replied.

Marshal Lütjens thought for a while, and then said: "Order the base on the Azores Islands to dispatch all fighter planes to attack the American capital ship formation. If there are not enough fighter planes on the western and central islands, we will mobilize them from the eastern islands. We The attention of the carrier-based aircraft will be on the American aircraft carrier. Therefore, the carrier-based aircraft will not be dispatched to attack the American capital ship formation. At least, until the American aircraft carrier formation is severely damaged or defeated, it will not The use of carrier-based aircraft to attack the American capital ship formation. Therefore, the heavy responsibility of sinking the American capital ships fell on the head of the shore-based aircraft. Let them not worry about losses, all losses will be obtained from the country Make up

for it. As long as the American capital ships are killed, then the various bases in the Azores can be regarded as truly safe."

The capital ships of the U.S. Navy undoubtedly pose a great threat to the bases on the Azores. Just like their hit-and-run tactics of approaching through the night, there is simply no way to deal with them relying solely on the bases on the archipelago. If all the capital ships of the US fleet can be killed, the bases on the Azores will be free from this threat.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander." Lieutenant General Carl Witzel nodded. He immediately arranged for a seaplane to notify the Azores. When the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation was not found, the German Navy's aircraft carrier formation was still in radio silence. They must try their best to ensure that their position is not discovered by the Americans, and then they can launch an attack first, and strive to severely damage the US Navy at the lowest cost.

On the Atlantic Ocean, a light cruiser of the German Navy is cruising in this sea area. This sea area is a full 500 kilometers away from the Azores. The mission of this light cruiser is to search for the location of the US Navy's aircraft carrier.

There are still many German ships that perform the same mission as this light cruiser. It's just that it is undoubtedly very difficult to find the location of the US Navy's aircraft carrier in the vast sea.

You know, in addition to these warships, the German fleet also launched a lot of seaplanes, and even carrier-based aircraft to serve as reconnaissance aircraft. But so far, still haven't found it.

On the top of the mast of the light cruiser, an air search radar is rotating.

Suddenly, some light spots appeared on the radar screen.

"Sir, the radar has detected it." The radar soldier reported.

"Is that an American fighter?" asked the radar officer.

"Sir, these planes might be American carrier-based planes. The base in the Azores Islands was not informed before, and the Americans dispatched a group of carrier-based planes to provide air defense protection for the main fleet of the Americans. As a result, they were captured by the Azores. Have the warplanes flying over the archipelago been defeated?"

"Maybe it is really an American carrier-based aircraft. Pay attention to tracking these American carrier-based aircraft with radar and see where they land. In that case, you can find the location of the American aircraft carrier." The radar officer said.

The carrier-based aircraft group of the US military is the defeated F4U fighter that was killed by the FW-190 fighter of the German Navy. Of the 72 F4U fighters originally dispatched, the loss was as high as more than 50. The remaining 18 F4U fighters also saw something bad and withdrew early. Otherwise, the only way to wait for their final result is to be shot down.

It's just that these US F4U fighter jets don't know that they have been discovered and tracked by the German radar.

The air battles they experienced before had a great impact on them. After switching to the F4U fighter, they once thought that the performance of the F4U fighter was already very

powerful, and it could definitely be called the most powerful fighter in the world. However, compared with the FW-190 fighter of the German Navy, there is still a big gap in the performance of the F4U fighter. Coupled with the gap in the quality of the pilots, they suffered a disastrous defeat in this air battle. Of course, if these aircraft can survive this battle. As they fought against the pilots of the German Navy, they will become the baby bumps of the carrier-based pilots of the US Navy. Their experience may be able to greatly promote the improvement of the quality of other carrier-based pilots of the US Navy.

"Sir, the American plane has begun to descend and has disappeared from the radar screen." The radar soldier reported.

"It seems that the position of the American aircraft carrier is about 150 kilometers northwest of us!" said the radar officer.

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In the southwestern waters of the Azores, a large fleet of eight aircraft carriers of the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet and a large number of cruisers and destroyers is sailing in this sea area. The direction of the fleet is exactly northwest. Although the speed of the fleet is not fast, they are going deep into the ocean little by little, hoping to find the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation from the vast Atlantic Ocean, and then launch an attack.

Like the Atlantic Fleet, the carrier formations of the Home Fleet and the Mediterranean Fleet are also sailing westward. When fighter jets taking off from the Azores attacked the U.S. capital ship formation, attacking the U.S. aircraft carrier formation became the primary task of the aircraft carrier formation of the three major fleets of the German Navy. Even if the entire battleship formation of the U.S. Navy is killed, it is not considered a victory in this naval battle. Only by severely injuring or even destroying the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation in one fell swoop can it be regarded as a victory.

The eight aircraft carriers of the Atlantic Fleet are all ready for battle. The fighter jets, dive bombers and torpedo planes have all been filled with fuel, registered bombs and torpedoes, and are ready to take off.

Even in the hangar below the deck, the fighters inside are ready. Once the planes on the deck take off, the planes in the hangar can be lifted to the deck by elevators to attack as the second wave of fighters.

Aboard the aircraft carrier Zeus, the flagship of the Atlantic Fleet, Admiral Rolf Karls seemed a little anxious. Although, in the battle last night, the battleship formation of the Atlantic Fleet solved the four battleships of the US fleet at the cost of a heavy damage. However, this did not make Rolf? Carls Admiral happy long. In the eyes of Admiral Rolf Karls, the US Navy's aircraft carrier is their real goal.

The capital ship formation of the US Navy has suffered heavy losses after experiencing a duel with the capital ships of the German Navy. And now, the U.S. Navy's capital ship formation is caught in the siege of the German Navy's shore-based aircraft. You don't need to think about it to know that the US Navy's capital ship formation is over. Even if the entire army is not wiped out, the situation will not be much better.

At this time, the German Navy must make persistent efforts to find out the location of the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation and annihilate it.

"General, I just received news that the US Navy's aircraft carrier may be 350 kilometers northwest of us!" said Fleet Chief of Staff Lieutenant General George Friedberg.

"What? That place? Is it so close to us? Admiral Rolf Kars couldn't believe it.

Indeed, the distance of 350 kilometers seems relatively far. But for an aircraft carrier, this is not far away, and it is already completely within the strike radius of the carrier-based aircraft. Even after the carrier-based aircraft takes off, it only takes less than an hour to launch an attack.

"The air search radar of one of our light cruisers tracked the U.S. fighter planes providing air defense cover for the capital ship formation. It was determined that those U.S. carrier-based aircraft descended and landed. From this, the position of the U.S. aircraft carrier was deduced." George ? Lieutenant General Friedberg said.

Admiral Rolf Karls nodded. If this is the case, then the credibility of this news is undoubtedly very high.

"General, do you want to send a plane to investigate? Anyway, the distance is not far, and the investigation will not take much time." Lieutenant General George Friedberg suggested.

"Forget it, don't waste time. Order our carrier-based aircraft to take off! This is an opportunity for us. We must not let this opportunity go!" Lieutenant General Rolf Karls made a decision in his heart. choose.

"Order all the carrier-based aircraft to take off except for the air defense fighters. The spare fighters are also added to the air defense fighters! This time, we must make the Americans pay the price!" Rolf Karls said will order.

He knows that if a carrier-based aircraft is sent to launch an attack, the Americans may follow the direction of the German carrier-based aircraft, find their position, and then launch an attack. But now, he couldn't care less about it. If you can launch an attack first, and use the detection range of the American air search radar, if you want to release a large number of carrier-based aircraft to attack them, it is simply impossible.

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

"In addition, after the two batches of carrier-based aircraft have taken off, the fleet will turn to the southwest." Lieutenant General Rolf Karls then ordered.

In order to avoid the enemy's carrier-based aircraft, it is best for the aircraft carrier formation to turn away from the original sea area after releasing the carrier-based aircraft. In this case, even if the enemy searches in the direction of its own carrier-based aircraft, it may not be able to find it.

A carrier-based FW-190 fighter jet took off from the "Zeus" aircraft carrier.

On the other seven aircraft carriers, combat aircraft also began to take off. It's just that the carrier-based FW-190 fighter jets took off from the four "Lord God-class" aircraft carriers. The four "Constellation-class" aircraft carriers took off with carrier-based BF-109 fighter jets.

The eight aircraft carriers of the carrier formation of the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet, the first wave can take off 96 fighter jets, 144 dive bombers and 120 torpedo attack aircraft. The fleet of the second wave can also take off so many carrier-based aircraft. In addition, 96 fighters remained to provide air defense protection for the fleet. In addition, among the spare aircraft of each aircraft carrier, 28 fighter jets can also be raised for air defense. This means that even if it is attacked by the enemy's carrier-based aircraft, the aircraft carrier formation of the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet still has more than 120 fighter jets to meet the enemy.

This time, in order to severely damage the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation in one fell swoop, the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet has gone all out. After the first wave of aircraft takes off, the second wave of aircraft will be lifted from the hangar and then take off.

"Whoo! Whoo!"

One after another, the planes slid quickly on the flight deck, and then rushed into the sky. This scene makes people excited.

The first to take off is the fighter jet, followed by the dive bomber, and finally the torpedo attack plane. At the same time, the aircraft in the hangar also began to be lifted to the deck by elevators to prepare for the second wave of takeoff.

"Send a telegram to the Home Fleet and the Mediterranean Fleet, and ask them to dispatch their carrier-based aircraft!" Lieutenant General Rolf Kars suddenly demanded.

Lieutenant General George Friedberger on the side was stunned for a moment, as if he did not expect that Lieutenant Rolf Karls would issue such an order.

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"General, do you want to break the radio silence at this time? In that case, our position will be exposed. At that time, the Americans will dispatch a large number of carrier-based planes to attack us." Lieutenant General George Friedberg concerns.

"I know! But, even if we don't break the radio silence, after discovering our carrier-based aircraft, the Americans will take off their carrier-based aircraft to search in this direction. At that time, our position will definitely be discovered. That is only a matter of time. Rather than that, it is better to notify the local fleet and the Mediterranean Fleet now and let them participate in the attack. In this way, we can further strengthen our attack force and severely damage the American aircraft carrier formation in one fell swoop." Admiral Rolf Karls said.

The reason why he made such a choice was also after careful consideration.

"General, this is really too risky. If we don't break the radio silence. After taking off the carrier-based aircraft, then turn around. Even if the Americans want to find our position, it is not easy. And once the radio silence is broken, the United States People will immediately find our position and attack." Lieutenant General George Friedberg said.

"I know, but I have enough confidence in our air defense fighters and fleet air defense firepower. Besides, with the hundreds of carrier-based aircraft we took off, it is undoubtedly very difficult to severely damage the American aircraft carrier formation. Not to mention sinking all their aircraft carriers. Only when all the carrier-based aircraft of the three major fleets launch an attack, can it be successful!" Admiral Rolf Karls said.

Although, such a plan is a bit risky. However, if successful, it can also bring them great success.

"Okay, general. But I suggest that let the Azores take off a group of fighter jets to provide us with air defense protection." Lieutenant General George Friedberg suggested.

Although the size of the Atlantic Fleet's air defense fighters is not small, if the spare fighters are included, the total number will exceed 120. However, the strength of the American aircraft carrier is not weak. If they can get the support of shore-based fighter jets in the Azores, their air defense protection will be even stronger. The US Navy's carrier-based aircraft, if they want to pose a threat to them, are also smaller.

Admiral Rolf Karls nodded and accepted the suggestion.

Subsequently, the Atlantic Fleet broke the radio silence and sent telegrams to the Home Fleet and the Mediterranean Fleet, requesting them to dispatch carrier-based aircraft to participate in this attack.

It's just that Admiral Rolf Karls didn't expect that half an hour ago, the position of the aircraft carrier formation of the home fleet had been exposed.

In order to win this war, the U.S. Navy has also made a lot of preparations. One of them is to send a large number of submarines into the eastern Atlantic Ocean to monitor the movements of the German navy before entering the war. Especially the waters near the Azores Islands are the top priority of their surveillance.

Before the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet took off the carrier-based aircraft, a U.S. Navy submarine accidentally discovered the carrier formation of the German Navy's home fleet. They have been ambushing in this sea area, and they did not expect that the German Navy's aircraft carrier formation would pass in front of them.

The captain of this American submarine gave the order to send a telegram to the flagship without saying a word. Although, they knew that doing so would expose them to the siege of German Navy destroyers. However, in order for their own navy to win, these U.S. Navy submariners still chose to expose themselves.

When the radio signal came out, it immediately attracted the attention of the aircraft carrier formation of the German Navy's home fleet. Soon, more than a dozen destroyers rushed towards this sea area aggressively. After sending the telegram, the U.S. Navy submarine immediately sank urgently, trying to escape. However, it is still too late.

The destroyer of the German Navy rushed up and fired depth charges.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Depth charges one after another exploded in the sea, making a dull sound. The huge power stirred the surrounding sea water. The submarine of the U.S. Navy could not escape the attack of these depth charges.

Soon, **** of oil, and broken boards and the like floated to the surface of the sea. All this proves that the underwater submarine has been destroyed.

However, Marshal Lütjens, the commander of the local fleet, didn't have a smile on his face. Because he knew that the telegram had already been sent before the American submarine was sunk. Their location has been exposed. Next, they may have to prepare to resist the attack of the US Navy's carrier-based aircraft.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, should we turn around and leave this sea area." Lieutenant General Karl Witzel suggested.

"It's too late. The American carrier-based aircraft may have already started to take off. Soon, they will arrive in this sea area. Even if we turn around, we can't escape." Marshal Lütjens shook his head.

"Command the fleet, prepare for air defense!" Marshal Lütjens ordered.

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

"Your Excellency Marshal, the Atlantic Fleet has sent a telegram. They have discovered the location of the American aircraft carrier formation. They have launched all carrier-based aircraft to launch an attack. They request that we also dispatch carrier-based aircraft to destroy the American aircraft carrier formation in one fell swoop." The staff officer reported.

Marshal Lütjens' face changed immediately: "This is an opportunity for us. Immediately order the carrier-based aircraft to take off. Except for the air defense fighters, the rest of the fighters will take off!"

For the local fleet, they may not be long before they will be attacked by American carrier-based aircraft. If one's own carrier-based aircraft continues to stay on the aircraft carrier, it will be useless at all. Rather than this, it is better to take off to attack the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation.

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

Immediately, the four "Lord-class" aircraft carriers and four "Constellation-class" aircraft carriers of the German Navy's home fleet began to take off carrier-based aircraft. Like the Atlantic Fleet, they will also launch two batches of carrier-based aircraft, each batch includes 96 fighters, 144 dive bombers and 120 torpedo attack aircraft. Except for some air defense fighters left behind, all the rest of the carrier-based aircraft took off.

The Mediterranean Fleet of the German Navy also received a telegram from the Atlantic Fleet, and the commander of the Mediterranean Fleet, Admiral Hermann Boehm, also issued an order for the carrier-based aircraft to take off. However, the four "Deutschland-class" aircraft carriers equipped by the Mediterranean Fleet have limited carrier-based aircraft. Take off all the carrier-based aircraft and divide them into two batches. Each batch has only 48 fighter jets, 56 dive bombers and 56 torpedo attack aircraft.

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Aboard the aircraft carrier 'Essex', Admiral Nimitz's face was dissatisfied with tiredness, but he kept gritting his teeth and holding on. The ashtray on the desk was already full of cigarette butts. The entire office was filled with smoke. Espresso and the like, and I don't know how many cups I drank.

Since the main fleet attacked last night, he hasn't closed his eyes. Originally, he had high hopes for the capital ship formation. But I didn't expect that it ended in failure in the end. This makes the US fleet undoubtedly at a disadvantage in this naval battle. It also made Admiral Nimitz very worried that they would lose this naval battle.

"Your Excellency, the Germans dispatched a large number of aircraft to besiege the capital ship formation. The **** fleet we sent is not an opponent of the Germans. With heavy losses, they have already retreated." Lieutenant General Halsey reported.

Admiral Nimitz put down the document in his hand, a look of disappointment flashed in his eyes.

"Even our F4U fighters are not opponents of German fighters?" Admiral Nimitz asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, according to the information received, the Germans are not dispatching BF-109 fighter jets, but FW-190 fighter jets. Our F4U fighter jets can at most compete with the German BF-109 fighter jets. And FW-190 Compared with fighter jets, there is still a certain gap. Of course, the gap is not very big. It will not be completely vulnerable like F4F fighter jets. However, there is also a certain gap between the quality of our pilots and the Germans. So , we will fail miserably." Lieutenant General Halsey explained.

Admiral Nimitz nodded. If you lose, you lose. Even if there is a reason, you still lose. What's more, it may not be easy to bridge the gap between the US Navy's carrier-based aircraft and the German Navy's fighter jets in a short period of time. This also means that the U.S. Navy may still be at a disadvantage and lose in the next battle. For the U.S. Navy, this is unacceptable to them.

"Is there any news about the German aircraft carrier?" Admiral Nimitz asked.

"Your Excellency, not yet." Lieutenant General Halsey replied.

"Are the aircraft carriers ready?" Admiral Nimitz then asked.

"Your Excellency, our aircraft carrier is ready. Once the German aircraft carrier is found, we can immediately take off and land carrier-based aircraft to attack the German aircraft carrier!" Lieutenant General Halsey replied.

Admiral Nimitz nodded, and now they are just about to discover the location of the German Navy's aircraft carrier. However, it was very difficult to find the aircraft carrier of the German Navy. For a long time, the German Navy's aircraft carrier formation has been in radio silence. Although they sent many reconnaissance planes to search, so far, they have not found any.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we have discovered the location of the German aircraft carrier formation!" A staff officer suddenly broke into the office.

"Where is it?" Admiral Nimitz asked immediately. Admiral Nimitz didn't seem to notice the officer's disrespect at all. All his attention has been put on the position of the German Navy's aircraft carrier formation.

"Your Excellency, the German aircraft carrier formation is located 600 kilometers east of our fleet. A submarine happened to discover the German aircraft carrier formation. In the entire

formation, there are at least eight large aircraft carriers. However, the submarine After sending the telegram, we lost contact," the officer reported.

Admiral Nimitz and Lieutenant General Halsey were silent. They knew that the submarine that sent the telegram was most likely sunk by the Germans. However, they were able to report the position of the German aircraft carrier formation, which is undoubtedly a great contribution to the US fleet.

"The eight aircraft carriers are either the Germans' home fleet or their Mediterranean fleet. Your Excellency, this is already the main German aircraft carrier formation. We must launch an attack immediately, and we must not let them go!" Hal General West said.

Admiral Nimitz nodded: "Order our carrier-based aircraft to set off, deploy carrier-based aircraft from the 2nd aircraft carrier formation and the 3rd aircraft carrier formation, and attack with all our strength, we must destroy the eight German aircraft carriers!"

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

The US Navy's 2nd aircraft carrier formation also has four "Essex-class" aircraft carriers, each with 36 fighter jets, 36 dive bombers and 18 torpedo attack aircraft, and another dive bomber serving as a liaison mission. There are also nine spares.

The third aircraft carrier formation consists of three "Yorktown-class" aircraft carriers and one "Hornet" aircraft carrier. Each of the 'Yorktown-class' aircraft carriers carried 24 fighter jets, 36 dive bombers and 18 torpedo attack aircraft. The "Wasp" aircraft carrier carried 18 fighter jets, 36 dive bombers and 18 torpedo attack aircraft.

After receiving the order, these aircraft carriers began to take off the carrier-based aircraft. The carrier-based aircraft on the four "Essex-class" aircraft carriers of the second aircraft carrier formation departed in two waves. Each wave dispatched 18 carrier-based fighters, 18 dive bombers and 9 torpedo attack aircraft, and the four aircraft carriers dispatched a total of 72 fighter jets, 72 dive bombers and 36 torpedo attack aircraft. The four aircraft carriers of the 3rd aircraft carrier formation dispatched a total of 57 fighter jets, 72 dive bombers and 36 torpedo attack aircraft in the first batch.

In this case, the US Navy's 2nd and 3rd aircraft carrier formations, the first batch of carrier-based aircraft to take off, include a total of 129 F4F fighter jets, 144 dive bombers and 72 torpedo attack aircraft.

After the first batch of carrier-based aircraft takes off, the second batch of carrier-based aircraft will also take off immediately. The scale is the same as the first batch, including 129 F4F fighters, 144 dive bombers and 72 torpedoes. attack aircraft.

These two aircraft carrier formations didn't even keep air defense fighters. The air defense mission of the US Navy aircraft carrier formation is mainly completed by the 5th aircraft carrier formation. The "Independence-class" aircraft carrier equipped with this aircraft carrier formation is mainly equipped with fighter jets.

At this time, the radar officer of the US aircraft carrier formation reported that they had heard a radio signal, which was suspected to be the German aircraft carrier formation.

When the news was sent to Admiral Nimitz, Admiral Nimitz couldn't help but frowned.

"Is this also a German aircraft carrier formation?" Lieutenant General Halsey asked.

"Very likely! Our submarines only found eight German aircraft carriers before, which should be the German home fleet. What appeared to the southwest of us should be the German Atlantic Fleet." Admiral Nimitz Said.

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"Are the 1st and 4th aircraft carrier formations ready?" Admiral Nimitz asked.

In a very short period of time, he has already made a decision. Although it is not yet certain whether another aircraft carrier formation of the German Navy is in their southwest. However, Admiral Nimitz's intuition told himself that there must be an aircraft carrier formation of the German Navy hidden there.

Without definite information, Admiral Nimitz decided to take a gamble. If the bet wins, this will be a good opportunity for the U.S. Navy to turn defeat into victory.

"Your Excellency, Commander, should we send a plane to investigate. If it is a fighter jet, we can arrive in half an hour." Lieutenant General Halsey suggested.

In this case, it is undoubtedly safer. However, this was not what Admiral Nimitz wanted.

Admiral Nimitz shook his head: "No need, let the carrier-based planes of the 1st and 4th aircraft carrier formations take off. Divide into two waves and dispatch with all our strength. If it is found that it is indeed a German aircraft carrier, then we must Get rid of them!"

Lieutenant General Halsey nodded, he knew that Admiral Nimitz put his hope of defeating the German Navy in this operation.

"Okay, Your Excellency Commander. I will order the carrier-based aircraft to take off." Lieutenant General Halsey replied.

At the last moment, Lieutenant General Halsey chose to believe in Admiral Nimitz. He also hopes that they can completely defeat the German navy with this attack, reverse the situation in one fell swoop, and win this naval battle.

After receiving the order, the four "Essex-class" aircraft carriers of the US Navy's 1st aircraft carrier formation immediately began to take off carrier-based aircraft. Originally, each "Essex-class" aircraft carrier had 36 fighter jets. . But in order to cover the capital ship formation, they have already launched 18 fighter jets from these four "Essex-class" aircraft carriers. In the end, there were only 18 F4U fighters that came back. Moreover, these fighter jets all need to refuel and add ammunition. Pilots also need a good rest.

Therefore, on the four "Essex-class" aircraft carriers of the US Navy's first aircraft carrier formation, the first batch can only take off 9 F4U fighter jets, 18 dive bombers and 9 torpedo attack aircraft. There were only 36 fighters, 72 dive bombers and 36 torpedo attack aircraft in one wave.

The 4th aircraft carrier formation includes two "Lexington class" aircraft carriers. Each "Lexington class" aircraft carrier carries 34 fighter jets, 30 dive bombers and 18 torpedo attack

aircraft. Two "Lexington-class" aircraft carriers took off half of the fighter jets in the first wave. In addition, the fourth aircraft carrier formation also includes three "Independence-class" aircraft carriers. It's just that these "Independence-class" aircraft carriers are all light aircraft carriers, each of which can only carry 24 fighter jets and 9 torpedo attack aircraft. In the first wave of attack, these "Independence-class" aircraft carriers also took off half of the carrier-based aircraft. The entire fourth aircraft carrier formation can take off a total of 60 fighter jets, 30 dive bombers and 32 torpedo attack aircraft. In the second wave, the number of fighters and dive bombers is the same, but the number of torpedo attack aircraft is one less.

The U.S. Navy's 1st and 4th aircraft carrier formations jointly launched a joint attack. In the first wave, 96 fighter jets, 102 dive bombers, and 68 torpedo attack aircraft could be dispatched.

This is undoubtedly a very large fleet. For any surface fleet, it can pose a huge threat.

When the first wave of carrier-based aircraft of the US Navy's 1st and 4th aircraft carrier formations had just left, the air search radars of the destroyers on the periphery of the US Navy's aircraft carrier formations discovered a large number of light spots.

"Woo!"

The stern air defense sirens sounded sternly, and the entire US Navy aircraft carrier formation felt like an enemy.

"What's going on?" Admiral Nimitz asked with an ugly face.

"Your Excellency, a destroyer reported that a large number of enemy troops are coming in our direction." The staff officer reported.

"How is this possible? We have been in radio silence all the time, how would the Germans know our location?" Lieutenant General Halsey looked disbelieving.

"There is nothing impossible. The Germans must have discovered our location. Otherwise, they would not have sent so many carrier-based aircraft to attack us." Admiral Nimitz said with great certainty.

"Your Excellency, what should we do now?" Lieutenant General Halsey asked.

"Order the fleet of the second wave and accelerate takeoff. Then, release the air defense fighters and prepare for air defense operations! This time, we must not only pray that our carrier aircraft find the German aircraft carrier formation, and then sink the German aircraft carrier formation. At the same time, we have to pray that our air defense fighter jets and air defense firepower network can withstand the attack of the German carrier-based aircraft. Otherwise, the consequences will be very disastrous!" Admiral Nimitz looked serious.

There is no doubt that for the US fleet, it is time for life and death. At this time, Admiral Nimitz also hopes to dispatch as many carrier-based aircraft as possible so that their carrier-based aircraft can sink the German Navy's aircraft carrier. In this case, even if their own aircraft carrier is sunk, they will not lose. Otherwise, it would be very uneconomical if the carrier-based aircraft did not depart and one's own aircraft carrier was sunk again.

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

The aircraft carrier formation of the US fleet began to accelerate the take-off of carrier-based aircraft. The fleet of the second wave of take-off is accelerating to take off. They must fly away in the shortest possible time. Then, free up the deck for fighter jets.

At the same time, on the six "Independence-class" aircraft carriers of the US Navy's 5th aircraft carrier formation, F4F fighter jets are also ready to take off. Once the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft approached, they would take off to face the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft. Although, these U.S. military pilots know that the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft are very powerful. Even the F4U fighter jets are not the opponents of the Germans, let alone the F4F fighter jets they are equipped with.

However, they had no choice but to fight to the death. Otherwise, their fleet will pay a heavy price.

With the positions of the aircraft carriers on both sides exposed, both the U.S. Navy and the German Navy seized this opportunity and dispatched the most powerful carrier-based aircraft fleet, trying to completely defeat the opponent in one fell swoop.

Chapter 1526

On the aircraft carrier 'Essex', Admiral Nimitz and Lieutenant General Halsey looked serious, and they stared at the distant sky. Although the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet has not yet appeared, they know very well that the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet is already on the way and will arrive soon. At that time, they will face an uphill battle. Even, this is very likely to cost their fleet an unimaginable price.

"Your Excellency, the German fleet is still two hundred kilometers away from us." A staff officer reported.

"Order the air defense fighters to take off immediately to intercept the German fleet. In any case, they must be intercepted!" Admiral Nimitz ordered. Although, Admiral Nimitz knew that with their strength, it would undoubtedly be very difficult to intercept the German carrier-based aircraft group. However, at this time, they had no other choice.

After receiving the order, the aircraft carriers of the US fleet immediately began to take off the carrier-based aircraft.

Of the four "Essex-class" aircraft carriers of the 1st aircraft carrier formation, there are only 18 F4U fighter jets left. Even with the spare aircraft included, there are only thirty of them. Now these F4U fighter jets are all ready to take off from the aircraft carrier one by one.

There are only 12 F4F fighters left in the second aircraft carrier formation. As for the other fighters, they have all been dispatched to **** dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft.

The 3rd aircraft carrier formation and the 4th aircraft carrier formation also have no fighters. Their fighter planes have all been dispatched.

Instead, on the six "Independence-class" aircraft carriers of the 5th aircraft carrier formation, each aircraft carrier has 24 F4F fighter jets. After receiving the order to take off for combat, these F4F fighter jets began to take off, preparing to intercept the carrier-based aircraft group of the German Navy.

The entire US fleet now only has 30 F4U fighters and 156 F4F fighters left. Of course, this is already an extremely large fleet. However, to protect the more than 20 aircraft carriers of the U.S. Navy, the strength undoubtedly seems a bit weak. In addition, in addition to the F4U fighters, the large number of F4F fighters have poor performance, and they are simply vulnerable to the advanced carrier-based fighters of the German Navy. Of course, no matter how poor the performance of the F4F fighter is, it still has no problem dealing with the dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft of the German Navy. Bombers carrying heavy bombs and torpedoes were no match for nimble fighters. Even F4F fighter jets with relatively poor performance cannot be dealt with by dive bombers and torpedo attack planes.

"Order the fleet to switch to air defense mode!" Admiral Nimitz issued the order.

After all the **** fighter jets took off, the only thing they could rely on was the anti-aircraft firepower on the battleship. The aircraft carrier began to accelerate while separating as far as possible. Escorting warships, guarding all sides, provide air defense protection for these aircraft carriers. However, no matter how tight the air defense firepower is, it is undoubtedly very difficult to resist the blow from the air.

"Your Excellency, our air defense fighter jets will definitely be able to intercept the German fleet!" Lieutenant General Halsey said on the side.

Admiral Nimitz shook his head: "The German fleet is very large, with more than 300 fighters. There must be many **** fighters among them. What's more, our number of F4U fighters is still too small. If all If all the aircraft carriers in China are equipped with F4U fighter jets, they may still be able to compete with the Germans."

Admiral Nimitz said this, looking a little helpless. The fleets that provided air defense protection for capital ship formations have already proved that their F4U fighters still have a significant gap when facing FW-190 fighters. Not to mention those F4F fighters. Facing the pilots of the German Navy who have experienced many battles, those F4F fighter jets are estimated to be slaughtered.

"Your Excellency, even if the German air fleet can cause huge losses to us. However, haven't we also dispatched a large number of carrier-based aircraft fleets? I believe that our carrier-based aircraft fleets can also cause great damage to the Germans. Bear the loss!" Lieutenant General Halsey said.

"I hope so!" Admiral Nimitz said. Speaking of this, his confidence is obviously lacking. He can only pray to God, and pray that the carrier-based aircraft group they dispatched can severely damage the German Navy's aircraft carrier formation in one fell swoop.

As time passed bit by bit, the fleets of both sides were rapidly approaching. More than one hundred carrier-based fighter jets of the U.S. Navy are about to encounter the carrier-based aircraft fleet of the German Navy.

The first attack on the US fleet was the first carrier-based aircraft group of the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet. 48 carrier-based FW-190 fighters, 48 carrier-based BF-109 fighters, protecting 144 dive bombers and 120 torpedo attack aircraft.

At a distance of about 100 kilometers from the aircraft carrier formation of the US fleet, the huge fleets of the two sides finally encountered each other.

"Good guy, the Americans actually took off so many fighter jets!" When the German pilots saw the densely packed air defense fighter jets in front of them, they couldn't help feeling a little bit numb.

Although their carrier-based aircraft fleet is larger in scale, most of them are dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft. The number of fighter jets is not large, only 96. The American air defense fighters are already twice as large as theirs.

"Attention all squadrons! Hold back the American anti-aircraft fighter jets and cover the dive bombers and torpedo attack planes to break through!" the commander of the German carrier fleet ordered.

"Yes, sir!" The pilots of each fighter squadron replied.

"Dive bombers and torpedo attack planes, break through on their own. We will try our best to intercept American fighter jets for you. However, I am afraid that the attack on American aircraft carriers depends on you. Next, we have no way to provide you with There's fire support."

"Leave it to us, without the fire support of fighter jets, we can destroy the American aircraft carrier in one fell swoop!" said the officer in charge of the dive bomber and torpedo attack aircraft.

"The German fleet has been found, prepare to fight. Give priority to shooting down the German dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft!" The commander of the US Navy's air defense fighter also issued a combat order.

For these air defense fighters of the U.S. Navy, the dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft of the German Navy are undoubtedly the most threatening. If you want to ensure the safety of your own aircraft carrier, you must first eliminate these dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft.

"Attack!" The commanders of both sides issued orders almost at the same time, and a large-scale air battle kicked off in this sea area.

Chapter 1527

"Da da da! Boom boom boom!"

The aircraft's aviation machine guns and machine guns started firing. The fighter jets on both sides accelerated towards the enemy.

The US **** fighter jets wanted to attack the German dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft, but were intercepted by the German **** fighter jets. Although the German **** fighters are only half of the US air defense fighters, they are not afraid at all, but they are more brave.

"Boom! Boom!"

An F4F fighter jet was hit by a cannon shell, which immediately disintegrated the aircraft in the air. The pilot couldn't even do a parachute jump, so he fell into the sea with the plane.

In front of the German carrier-based FW-190 fighters and carrier-based BF-109 fighters, the F4F fighters of the US military were already vulnerable. With their advanced performance and

powerful firepower, the German carrier-based fighter jets turned the U.S. fighter planes into burning flaming birds and fell to the ground.

In the first round of the fight, more than thirty US fighter jets were shot down. The loss of the German army was only a dozen or so. Moreover, the fighters lost are almost all carrier-based BF-109 fighters. Of course, even so, the US air defense fighter fleet still occupies an absolute numerical advantage.

"Oh my God! Are the German fighter jets so much more advanced than ours? We are no match for them at all!" A U.S. military pilot said in horror.

"Forget those German fighter jets, kill their dive bombers and torpedo attack planes!"

"Yes, sir!" The U.S. pilots hurriedly drove the plane, chasing down the scattered German dive bombers and torpedo attack planes.

The German ***** fighter jets desperately intercepted. However, the number of U.S. air defense fighters is too large, so that the German ***** fighters are a bit out of control.

"Bastard, I was bitten by the Americans, brother of the fighter, who will support me!" A dive bomber pilot yelled in horror.

However, the other ***** fighter jets were stopped, and there was no fighter jet to spare.

"Go to hell, German!"

The pilot of an F4F fighter jet cursed.

"Da da da!"

Six 12.7mm machine guns started firing, and dense bullets were fired at the German dive bombers.

The bullet hit the body of the dive bomber, leaving bullet holes one by one. Soon, the dive bomber was riddled with holes.

The engine of the plane was also hit, so that the engine caught fire and smoke.

The German dive bomber pilot had to parachute immediately. Although, after skydiving, it may not be possible to survive, but at least there is a glimmer of life. Falling into the sea with the fighter plane, that is certain death.

Although the F4F fighter jets of the US military are vulnerable to the advanced fighter jets of the German Navy. However, in front of those dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft, they are still very powerful.

"Boom boom boom!"

A carrier-based BF-109 fighter jet smashed a U.S. F4F fighter jet that was trying to attack its own torpedo attack aircraft into pieces. Then they fought together with the same F4U fighter.

I have to admit that the performance of the F4U fighter is still very powerful. At least the carrier-based BF-109 fighter of the German Navy can't take advantage of it. However, relying on the quality of the pilots, the German Navy can often gain some advantages. This also makes it more likely that the F4U fighter will be shot down in the battle between the two sides.

Fierce battles are unfolding in this airspace. The **** fighter jets of the German Navy desperately shot down the **** fighter jets of the US Army. However, there is still a sense of powerlessness that cannot be defeated by two fists. This also caused the German dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft to be shot down continuously.

The battle was very fierce, and the fighters on both sides were desperately fighting. The German dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft have begun to accelerate, and want to launch an attack on the US aircraft carrier formation as soon as possible. Rather than being shot down by US **** fighter jets, they would rather be shot down by American anti-aircraft artillery fire. In that case, they can also use the aerial bombs and torpedoes they carry to attack US warships. It won't be like it is now, facing the **** fighter jets of the US military, there is no power to fight back at all.

An F4U fighter is climbing, behind him, followed by a FW-190 fighter. The F4U fighter jets of the US military tried their best to get rid of the FW-190 fighter jets of the German army.

"Goodbye, American!" The German pilot looked indifferent. After saying this, he pressed the fire button.

"Boom boom boom!"

The machine gun of the fighter plane fired, firing the shells of the machine gun, and quickly fired at the U.S. fighter plane.

Even though the F4U fighter jets of the US military made an emergency dodge, they still failed to dodge. A cannon shell hit the wing of the F4U fighter. After the shell exploded, the wing of the F4U fighter was blown off in an instant.

The carrier-based aircraft of the U.S. military generally has a relatively strong body structure, and does not pay attention to the shape, just like a flying brick. American aircraft designers believe that as long as the performance of the engine is strong enough, even a brick can fly into the sky. This also makes most of the fighter jets of the US military look very ugly. Compared with them, the German fighter planes are completely a work of art.

After the wing was blown off, the F4U fighter lost its balance and fell to the sea. The pilot also successfully parachuted at the last minute. However, the U.S. fleet is now in the midst of tense air defense, and obviously no warship will have the leisure to rescue them.

"Damn it, boys, give me your all! Our dive bombers and torpedo attack planes have lost a lot. The American air defense fighters must be intercepted. Otherwise, what do we use to deal with the American aircraft carrier?"

Seeing his own dive bombers and torpedo attack planes being shot down one after another, the commander of the German carrier-based fleet felt as if he was bleeding.

Though, their **** fighters actually did their best. But the gap in numbers made it impossible for them to provide protection for so many dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft.

This also caused heavy losses to the German carrier-based aircraft fleet. So far, more than eighty dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft have been shot down. In addition, the loss of fighter jets exceeded 30. And the number of US air defense fighters they shot down also exceeded 80.

However, the fierce battle is still going on, and the US Navy's air defense fighter jets are also desperately launching attacks, trying to shoot down all the dive bombers and torpedo attack planes of the German Navy, so as to eliminate the threat of these planes to their aircraft carriers.

Chapter 1528

"Your Excellency, our air defense fighters have suffered a lot. However, they have also shot down a lot of German aircraft. Now, they are still desperately intercepting the German aircraft fleet." Lieutenant General Halsey reported to Admiral Nimitz.

"Well! They are all warriors of the United States of America." Admiral Nimitz said.

With its backward performance, the U.S. air defense fighter jets were able to intercept the huge carrier-based fleet of the German Navy, which is undoubtedly very rare. Of course, they also paid an unimaginable price for this.

However, what worries Admiral Nimitz is only the first fleet of the German Navy. It is conceivable that there will definitely be many batches of German aircraft groups attacking them in the future. After all, the German Navy has twenty aircraft carriers, and almost all of them are large aircraft carriers. The number of carrier-based aircraft carried by these aircraft carriers is much more than the 24 aircraft carriers of the US Navy.

Now facing the first fleet of the German Navy, they have already suffered heavy losses. Next, facing the other fleets of the German Navy, what will they use to intercept them? At that time, I'm afraid they will have to rely on their own fleet's air defense firepower.

"Boom boom boom! Da da da!"

In the sky, the fierce battle between the carrier-based aircraft of both sides is still going on. However, with the passage of time, the airspace of the battle has become closer and closer to the sea area where the US fleet's aircraft carrier formation is located. Although, the dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft of the German Navy were constantly shot down. But they are always flying in that direction.

"Damn it, the Germans are about to rush over our fleet. They still have so many dive bombers and torpedo attack planes. They must shoot down more German bombers!" The US air defense fighter commander ordered.

"Yes, sir!" The remaining US air defense fighter pilots were full of momentum.

Although there are still more than a hundred of these air defense fighters left. However, the number of **** fighter jets of the German army is still more than 60. The number of those dive bombers and torpedo attack planes exceeded 180. It is undoubtedly very difficult for these air defense fighters of the US Navy to intercept those dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft. What's more, the German Navy's dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft fleets are only one step away from their aircraft carrier formations.

"Da da da!"

An F4F fighter jet hit a German torpedo attack aircraft, set it on fire, and fell into the sea. But at the same time, this F4F fighter was also disintegrated in the air by a FW-190 fighter of the German army.

The fierce battle is still going on. One after another the planes were shot down from the sky. There are not only German dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft, but also US **** fighter jets. Occasionally, German FW-190 fighter jets or BF-109 fighter jets were shot down. Even if the German fighter jets have advanced performance, they will still be shot down in melee.

"God! I was bitten, who will rescue me?" A US military pilot yelled in horror.

However, as soon as his voice fell, the German fighter jets diving from high altitude opened fire. Machine gun shells blasted the glass cockpit to pieces. Also torn apart was the American pilot. After the plane lost control, it fell into the sea.

The battle airspace of the two sides is getting closer and closer to the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation.

"God! I saw the American aircraft carrier formation. There are too many of their aircraft carriers!" A German pilot exclaimed.

"No matter how many aircraft carriers the Americans have, we will sink them all!"

"Fighter squadron, continue to intercept the American ***** fighter jets. Dive bomber squadron and torpedo attack squadron, it's up to you next." The German fleet commander ordered.

"Understood, sir!" The squadron leaders replied.

"Your Excellency, the German fleet is very close to our aircraft carrier formation, and their attack is about to begin." Lieutenant General Halsey replied.

Although the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet has been weakened, the number of aircraft fleets is still very large. Therefore, even Lieutenant General Halsey was a little nervous.

"The next battle will be handed over to our anti-aircraft firepower. Trust our anti-aircraft firepower, we will be able to withstand the German attack!" Admiral Nimitz said.

"Order the air defense fighters to withdraw from the battle to avoid being accidentally injured. The fleet's anti-aircraft fire opened fire and shot down the German planes. For the American Republic, fight to the end!" Admiral Nimitz issued an order.

"Long live the American Republic!" The officers and soldiers of the US Navy aircraft carrier formation shouted one after another.

Although, many Americans are on the battlefield for the first time, which makes them a little nervous when facing the huge German carrier-based fleet. Many people are even sweating in their palms. However, this did not prevent their eyes from being filled with determination. They are full of confidence in the next battle.

"Fire!"

Following the commander's order, the warships of the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation began to shoot.

The first to fire is the 127mm anti-aircraft guns. These large-caliber anti-aircraft guns have a long range and are also very powerful. Whether it is a destroyer, a cruiser, or an aircraft carrier, the warships of the US Navy are all equipped with this large-caliber anti-aircraft gun.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The shells of the anti-aircraft guns exploded in the air, leaving clouds of black smoke and shrapnel in all directions.

An unlucky dive bomber was hit by a 127mm anti-aircraft gun shell. Even though the body structure of the dive bomber is relatively strong, it still cannot withstand such large-caliber shells. In the explosion, the dive bomber was torn to pieces on the spot. The pilot was also killed on the spot, unable to even parachute.

The fleet of the German Navy has now been dispersed. On the sea, 24 aircraft carriers of the U.S. Navy, plus a large number of **** warships, are densely packed, occupying a large area of the sea.

Although the German Navy has a large number of carrier-based aircraft groups, it is impossible to cover everything. Therefore, they can only choose the target of the key attack.

"Attention all dive bombers and torpedo attack squadrons, attack the aircraft carriers located in the southwest corner. Our goal is to eliminate these aircraft carriers first. For the rest of the aircraft carriers, leave the follow-up brothers!" The German army said Commander orders.

"Yes, sir!"

A large number of German carrier-based aircraft began to pounce on the US aircraft carrier formation. Their goal is obviously the US Navy's 2nd aircraft carrier formation. This is mainly because the "Essex-class" aircraft carrier appears to be larger.

Chapter 1529

Although among the many aircraft carriers of the US Navy, the 'Lexington-class' aircraft carrier has the largest displacement and flight deck, which is larger than the 'Essex-class' aircraft carrier. However, there are only two "Lexington-class" aircraft carriers, which are refitted with the hulls of capital ships. Moreover, the US Navy's 4th aircraft carrier formation is located in the northeast corner of the entire US Navy aircraft carrier formation, a little further away.

That's why the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft group put the first attack target on the four "Essex-class" aircraft carriers of the US Navy's 2nd aircraft carrier formation.

"Boom boom boom!"

The **** warships of the US Navy's 2nd aircraft carrier formation, as well as the anti-aircraft firepower on the four "Essex-class" aircraft carriers, all began to fire wildly. Not only the firepower on the cruisers and destroyers, but also a lot of anti-aircraft firepower on the "Essex-class" aircraft carrier. Each "Essex-class" aircraft carrier is equipped with six twin-mounted 127mm anti-aircraft guns, eight quadruple-mounted 40mm anti-aircraft guns, and 46 single-tube 20mm anti-aircraft guns.

Such anti-aircraft firepower can be called very powerful. It's just that the huge flight deck of the 'Essex-class' aircraft carrier is extremely easy to become the target of attack by enemy fighter planes. Therefore, even though the aircraft carrier has a large number of anti-aircraft firepower, it is still slightly weak. It must be protected by **** warships. Even so, it is still not safe. Once attacked, it is also very easy to be hit.

Every aircraft carrier of the US Navy is protected by a large number of cruisers and destroyers. It's just that it's not as expanded as the German Navy's aircraft carrier. An aircraft carrier of the U.S. Navy, protected by one heavy cruiser, two light cruisers and six destroyers. Compared with the German Navy, the size of the number is only a little more than half. In addition, the U.S. Navy has not yet built dedicated anti-aircraft large cruisers. Perhaps, they already have this plan, but in this war, there is no such warship yet.

"Boom boom boom!"

The anti-aircraft firepower on the U.S. aircraft carrier and **** warships are all firing fiercely. In almost every air defense position, the sailors of the US Navy are ready to go all out. There is no way to do this. Who told them to face a very powerful enemy? The strength of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet is obvious to all. This makes the U.S. Navy, which lacks combat experience, dare not underestimate it.

"Woo!"

There was a shrill and piercing whistling sound, which was the dive bomber of the German Navy launched an attack. This kind of sound that seems to pierce people's eardrums has become a symbol of German dive bombers. Whether it is a dive bomber used by the army or a dive bomber used by the navy, it is accompanied by this sound when attacking. Although, this kind of sound will not have a bonus for attacking. However, for the enemy's soldiers, it can play a considerable deterrent effect. Many recruits on the battlefield for the first time would even pee their pants in fright after hearing such a sound.

Four dive bombers launched an attack on a "Fletcher-class" destroyer of the US Navy. Although the aircraft carrier guarded in the center is very attractive. But the pilots of the German army knew that it was a poisonous cake. If you start rashly, you will pay a big price. Only by sinking the **** warships on the periphery of the aircraft carrier can they attack the aircraft carrier more easily and sink it.

At a height of 500 meters above the sea, the German dive bombers dropped bombs. The aerial bomb weighing 500 kilograms slammed into the destroyer of the US Navy.

Although, the destroyer is constantly turning to evade. But the duty of guarding the aircraft carrier made it impossible for the destroyer to avoid it completely. In that case, it will lead to loopholes in the aircraft carrier's air defense firepower network.

Among the four heavy aviation armor-piercing projectiles, three fell into the sea, splashing a high column of water. However, another one hit the destroyer.

A violent explosion sounded on the destroyer. For a destroyer with a displacement of only 2,500 tons, a heavy aviation armor-piercing shell was enough to severely damage it.

But even so, the U.S. Navy officers and soldiers on the destroyer fought back with anti-aircraft fire while performing damage control.

"Nice job!"

"Long live, I hit him!" A German dive bomber pilot shouted excitedly.

But unfortunately for him, he was over excited. His fighter plane was besieged by American anti-aircraft fire while it was still pulling up. Two 40mm anti-aircraft gun shells hit the dive bomber. The huge power of the anti-aircraft artillery shells tore the dive bomber into pieces. The pilot was also killed on the spot, and he couldn't even parachute.

In fact, at such a low altitude, once the plane is hit, the pilot cannot parachute at all.

Under the air defense firepower of the US military, German aircraft were shot down continuously. However, these planes still firmly threw bombs and aviation torpedoes at US warships.

"Boom boom boom!"

The anti-aircraft firepower on a "Cleveland-class" light cruiser is firing crazily. A German carrier-based aircraft circled around the light cruiser, looking for an opportunity to attack.

"Torpedo! Torpedo spotted on port side!"

Suddenly, the sailors on the light cruiser yelled in horror.

These are four torpedo attack aircraft looming close to the light cruiser only 1,200 meters away and released torpedoes.

Four 533mm heavy torpedoes rushed towards the light cruiser at high speed.

Even if the "Cleveland-class" light cruiser is known as the heaviest light cruiser in the US Navy. But once hit by a 533mm heavy torpedo, it will also suffer heavy damage.

The light cruiser began an emergency turn to avoid. However, the speed of the torpedo was too fast, and at the same time, it was too close to the light cruiser. This caused the light cruiser to be hit before it could complete its turn.

Among the four heavy cruisers, two hit the light cruiser. One hit the stern of the ship, and the other hit the garrison.

The heavy torpedo was powerful, and the violent explosion easily tore through the underwater armor of the light cruiser, blasting two large holes. Sea water poured into the hull even more frantically, and it was simply impossible for the damage control personnel on board to plug the loopholes.

The huge injury forced the captain to give the order to abandon the ship.

Soon, the light cruiser with a displacement of 12,000 tons sank to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean.

Chapter 1530

"Your Excellency, Commander, the Germans are besieging the 2nd aircraft carrier formation. Their tactics are very obvious, that is to destroy the ***** warships of the aircraft carrier first, and then attack the aircraft carrier at the core position. Now, the ***** warships on the periphery of the aircraft carrier follow one after another. The aircraft carrier was severely damaged or sunk by the Germans, and soon the aircraft carrier will be attacked by them." Lieutenant General Halsey was worried.

The attack of the carrier-based aircraft group of the German Navy is like a textbook. It taught the senior generals of the US Navy a good lesson. This made them discover that they looked so jerky in front of the German Navy.

Admiral Nimitz nodded, even he felt like a primary school student in front of the German Navy. Although over the years, the U.S. Navy has grown a lot and become stronger. However, that is only in terms of armament. In this regard, there are still some gaps between the U.S. Navy and the German Navy. However, the gap does not seem to be very large. If the U.S. Navy works harder, it may be able to catch up. However, in terms of soft power, the gap between the U.S. Navy and the German Navy is still very large. The German Navy has been exploring the application of aircraft carriers and carrier-based aircraft for many years. This makes them have summed up a set of effective tactics. Under these tactics, the German Navy was able to obtain the greatest results at the least cost. These are all places where the U.S. Navy needs to learn.

If the U.S. Navy can have more preparation time, it may be able to further shorten the gap. But sadly, they now have to go to war. This also makes the generals of the US Navy face very big problems. One can imagine the difficulty of defeating the German navy at a disadvantage.

Of course, as the generals of the US Navy, they have no other way. In the case that the country will perish if they fail, they can only fight to the death. Otherwise, once the war is really defeated, their country may no longer exist.

"I hope General Fletcher and the others can hold on!" Admiral Nimitz said.

"General, do we need to transfer warships from other aircraft carrier formations to reinforce the second aircraft carrier formation?" Lieutenant General Halsey asked.

Now the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft group is focusing on besieging the US Navy's 2nd aircraft carrier formation, and the other aircraft carrier formations have not been attacked. At the same time, because the spread is too wide. So that other battleships can't play any role at this time.

Admiral Nimitz shook his head: "This battle has just begun. The first batch of German fleets has only appeared. It is certain that there will be a lot of German carrier-based fleets that will attack us later. Yes. If the warships of other aircraft carrier formations are transferred, once the other German fleets attack, we will be exhausted and even pay a greater price!"

Lieutenant General Halsey nodded and had no choice but to say nothing more.

At this time, the air search radar discovered the incoming fleet again. This is the first fleet to take off from the four Deutsche-class aircraft carriers of the German Navy's Mediterranean Fleet. 48 carrier-based BF-109 fighters protected 56 dive bombers and 56 torpedo attack aircraft and rushed to the battlefield.

"Your Excellency, the second group of German aircraft has appeared. The number is more than 150 aircraft." A staff officer reported.

Admiral Nimitz's expression became serious. Obviously, as he expected, the German fleet began to attack them continuously.

"Let the air defense fighters rush to intercept!" Admiral Nimitz ordered.

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

It's just that the number of air defense fighters in the U.S. Navy's aircraft carrier formation is running out. After the first carrier-based aircraft group of the German Navy's Atlantic Fleet launched an attack on the US Navy's 2nd aircraft carrier formation, the **** fighter jets did not participate in the attack, but chose to stay on the periphery and continue to fight against the US Navy's air defense fighter jets . Their purpose is to shoot down these U.S. Navy air defense fighters as much as possible, clearing the way for the follow-up fleet. In this way, the follow-up fleet can attack the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation without interference.

After a fierce battle, the number of air defense fighters of the US Navy has dropped to more than seventy. The number of **** fighter jets in the German Navy is only more than forty and less than fifty. The U.S. Navy still has an absolute advantage in the number of air defense fighters. However, their advantages are constantly being lost as the battle progresses.

After receiving the order, these U.S. Navy air defense fighters began to think of ways to get rid of the German Navy's **** fighter jets and rushed to intercept another batch of German Navy carrier-based aircraft fleets.

However, the **** fighter jets of the German Navy have been sticking to them like psoriasis. Moreover, they are constantly looking for opportunities to shoot down these US military **** fighter jets, making their losses more and more large, and their strength is getting smaller and smaller.

The U.S. Navy's air defense fighters numbered as high as 186 at the beginning, including 30 F4U fighters. But now, the number of these air defense fighters is only a few dozen. Moreover, most of them are still F4F fighters, and the F4U fighters have almost been lost.

It is almost impossible to rely on these dozens of air defense fighter jets to intercept the German fleet. Not to mention that dozens of German carrier-based BF-109 fighters and carrier-based FW-190 fighters are chasing them. The first fleet of the German Mediterranean Fleet is also escorted by 48 carrier-based BF-109 fighters. . There is no problem with these carrier-based BF-109 fighter jets, the F4F fighter jets that slaughtered the US military.

This air battle can be described as very tragic. The US Navy's air defense fighters are doing their best to keep their own aircraft carriers as much as possible.

The heroic pilots of the U.S. Navy, driving backward fighter planes, rushed towards the advanced German carrier-based planes with jerky combat skills. Then they were shot down one by one by those old birds. Many people have returned to the sea before they even have time to skydive.

However, these pilots of the U.S. Navy knew that they were defeated by the German Navy. But they are still going forward.

However, the strength gap between the two sides cannot be made up by courage. The air defense fighters of the US Navy were quickly shot down in the battle. The German carrier-based aircraft group also began to besiege the US Navy's aircraft carrier formation.