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## Chapter 1641

"Sir, the Germans' anti-aircraft firepower is too fierce. It is very difficult to hit their capital ships! Our carrier-based aircraft have suffered too much loss." A U.S. squadron leader said.

"Yes, each of their warships has dense anti-aircraft firepower. If we want to attack their capital ships, we need to break through their dense anti-aircraft firepower network. This makes our carrier-based aircraft very easy to be shot down ." Another squadron leader also said.

"It is necessary to sink the battleships on the periphery of their capital ship, tear apart their anti-aircraft firepower network, and then launch an attack." A squadron leader suggested.

The carrier-based aircraft commanders of the U.S. and British navies adopted this suggestion: "Attention all aircraft, first kill the \*\*\*\* warships on the periphery of the German capital ships, and then concentrate their firepower on the core capital ships!"

It's just that it's too late to adopt this tactic now.

Although, the total number of carrier-based aircraft in the first wave of fleets launched by the U.S. and British navies reached 648. However, they had already suffered heavy losses under the interception of the German Navy's carrier-based fighter jets. More than 300 carrier-based aircraft were shot down by the German Navy's carrier-based fighter jets. Moreover, the lost carrier-based aircraft were mainly dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft. This has seriously weakened the carrier-based aircraft strike capabilities of the US and British navies.

During the attack on the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet, a large number of carrier-based aircraft were shot down by the fleet's anti-aircraft firepower. This makes their strength further weakened. Even if the correct tactics are adopted now, it will be very difficult for them to work.

While the carrier-based aircraft groups of the US and British navies were besieging the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet, the German Navy's carrier-based fighter jets had already begun to intercept their second wave of aircraft groups.

During the previous battle to intercept the first wave of fleets, the German Navy lost dozens of carrier-based fighter jets. The total has dropped to around two hundred and seventy. Facing the 612 carrier-based aircraft in the second wave of the US and British navies, they are undoubtedly at a complete disadvantage in terms of numbers. However, except for 231 F4U fighter jets in the second wave of the U.S. and British navies, the rest are all SBD2 dive bombers and TBD torpedo attack planes. .

The fierce air battle started immediately, and the fighter planes of both sides launched a brutal life-and-death fight. Fighters were constantly being hit and fell towards the sea. But in general, the carrier-based aircraft of the US and British navies still accounted for the majority, while the carrier-based fighter jets of the German Navy were shot down much less.

but. The carrier-based fighter jets of the German Navy had already fought a tragic battle before, which made them consume a lot of ammunition and fuel. This made them fight in the second

fight, many carrier-based fighters had to withdraw from the battle early because the ammunition and fuel were about to be consumed.

But even so, their interception still caused great losses to the carrier-based aircraft groups of the US and British navies. A large number of carrier-based aircraft were shot down, which sharply reduced their attack power, and the threat to the German Navy's fleet was also greatly weakened.

"Boom! Boom!"

A destroyer of the German Navy was besieged by the carrier-based aircraft fleet of the US and British Navy. Although the anti-aircraft firepower on the destroyer was firing crazily, the other warships around were also doing their best to support it. However, the destroyer of the German Navy still failed to survive the siege.

Two heavy-duty aviation armor-piercing shells weighing a thousand pounds hit him one after another, and the violent explosion engulfed the destroyer in flames and thick smoke. The structure of the hull was severely damaged in the explosion, and sea water was poured into the hull like crazy. Soon, the destroyer was sunk.

The sinking of a destroyer may be nothing to the German Navy. However, it caused the air defense network to be knocked out. The carrier-based aircraft groups of the US and British navies can launch attacks on the cruisers in the inner layer of the fleet from here.

Although, the carrier-based aircraft groups of the US and British fleets were constantly being shot down by intensive anti-aircraft fire during the attack. But after paying a heavy price, they sank several destroyers and cruisers of the German Navy one after another. As a result, many loopholes appeared in the originally perfect air defense firepower. The carrier-based aircraft of the US and British navies took advantage of these loopholes to attack the capital ships at the core.

"Torpedo, found a torpedo on the starboard side, feeling evasive!"

The sailors on the starboard side of the battlecruiser "Weissenberg" found several torpedoes rushing towards them and immediately gave the warning.

The huge battlecruiser immediately began an emergency turn. However, it was still a step too late.

Among the several torpedoes, most of them were avoided. But two torpedoes hit the battlecruiser's midship and stern respectively.

The warhead of the heavy torpedo exploded violently, and the huge force tore apart the waterline armor of the battlecruiser. Sea water was poured into the battlecruiser frantically.

The damage control personnel immediately carried out damage control, trying to plug the loophole. However, it was later discovered that this was simply futile. As a last resort, the damage control personnel had to choose to close the watertight compartment to prevent the seawater pouring into the hull from further spreading to other compartments.

But even so, the battleship was slightly tilted due to too much water, and the performance of the battleship was greatly affected by this.

"Well done, if we work harder, we will be able to sink the German capital ship in one fell swoop!"

However, despite the fierce attack of the carrier-based aircraft fleet of the US and British navies, the German Navy's home fleet capital ship formation suffered heavy losses. Some capital ships, destroyers and cruisers were sunk, and even the capital ships were injured. However, their first wave of fleet also suffered heavy losses. Almost all carrier-based aircraft have run out of bombs and torpedoes, and there is no way to cause more damage to the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet.

"Bastard, return to the voyage immediately, refuel and reload the ammunition, and then attack again. Next time, we must sink all these warships of the Germans!" The carrier-based aircraft commander of the US and British Navy ordered.

However, they didn't seem to find that there were not many remaining carrier-based aircraft in their first wave fleet. Originally a huge fleet of 648 carrier-based aircraft, now there are only more than 150 aircraft left. The rest of the carrier-based aircraft have all been shot down in fierce battles. Such a loss is undoubtedly a huge loss compared to the results they obtained.

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"General, the American and British carrier-based aircraft have retreated." Major General Rudolph had a relieved expression on his face.

However, the expression on Lieutenant General Gerke's face was still very solemn.

"No, don't get too excited. The battle is not over yet. The second wave of the Americans and the British is about to arrive. Let all the officers and soldiers of the fleet get ready. We must at least survive the Americans and the British." The attack of the second wave of the British carrier-based aircraft group can be regarded as having completely overcome this crisis." Lieutenant General Gerke said.

"Yes, General!" Major General Rudolph replied.

Under the attack of the first wave of carrier-based aircraft groups of the US and British navies, the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet suffered a lot. More than ten destroyers and cruisers were lost, and two capital ships were also damaged. Although such a loss is very large, it is undoubtedly much smaller than the annihilation of the entire fleet. What's more, they were still fighting, shooting down many carrier-based aircraft of the US and British navies, weakening the strength of the US and British navies, and making a huge contribution to the development of the next battle in favor of the German navy.

A few minutes later, the second wave of carrier-based aircraft groups of the US and British navies arrived. They broke through the interception of the German Navy's carrier-based fighter jets, and once again launched an attack on the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet.

However, the loss of the second wave of carrier-based aircraft of the US and British navies was not small. More than 200 carrier-based aircraft were shot down during the battle. The German Navy's carrier-based fighters suffered relatively small losses.

The carrier-based fighter jets of the German Navy have already evacuated. They need to make a circle and then land on their own aircraft carrier to replenish fuel and ammunition and prepare for the next round of battle.

"Attack, kill these German warships!" The second wave of carrier-based aircraft groups of the US and British Navy launched an attack on the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet.

Countless carrier-based aircraft, facing the fierce anti-aircraft firepower of the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet, began to attack.

"Hey, what's going on here? How come there are only German capital ships and no aircraft carriers?" Some carrier-based aircraft pilots of the US and British navies found something strange.

"Forget it, whether it's the German battleship or the aircraft carrier, just sink them all!"

This also made the two waves of carrier-based aircraft of the US and British navies all attack the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet. The capital ship formation used itself as a bait to attract the firepower of the carrier-based aircraft of the US and British navies, thereby ensuring the safety of the aircraft carrier formation and preserving its strength for the next counterattack.

"Boom boom boom!"

The anti-aircraft firepower on the battlecruiser "Weissenberg" is firing fiercely. Anti-aircraft artillery shells and anti-aircraft machine gun bullets formed a dense anti-aircraft firepower network in the air. The carrier-based aircraft of the US and British navies who tried to break into the air defense firepower network paid a heavy price. A large number of carrier-based aircraft were shot down in the process.

However, because the \*\*\*\* warships also suffered heavy losses, even though the battlecruiser "Weissenberg" had very intensive anti-aircraft firepower, it still failed to withstand the siege of the carrier-based aircraft of the US and British navies. The so-called two fists can't beat four hands, that's what it looks like.

"Boom! Boom!"

Violent explosions sounded on the battlecruiser 'Weissenberg', and aviation armor-piercing shells continued to hit the battlecruiser, causing its hull to continue to be damaged.

At the same time, the torpedo attack planes of the US and British navies also took the opportunity to attack.

In less than ten minutes, the battlecruiser 'Wisenberg' was hit by eight heavy torpedoes. A large number of heavy torpedoes hit the side of the battlecruiser "Weissenberg". Big holes were blown out one after another on its side.

Faced with such damage, the damage control personnel on the battlecruiser 'Weissenberg' were almost desperate. Because the battleship had too much water, the hull of the battleship tilted.

Soon, this huge battlecruiser capsized on the sea and sank slowly into the sea, becoming the first capital ship lost by the German Navy in this naval battle.

After the battlecruiser "Weissenberg" was sunk, the carrier-based aircraft pilots of the US and British navies cheered. Although they lost a lot, they finally saw a huge victory.

"Very good, continue to attack and sink all these warships of the Germans!"

After the battlecruiser 'Weissenberg' was sunk, the battleship 'Frederick the Great' followed suit ten minutes later. This huge battleship suffered more than 20 heavy aviation armor-piercing shells and more than a dozen heavy aviation torpedoes. The huge hull has been severely damaged after suffering these losses.

Soon, the battleship sank into the sea due to too much water. It became the second capital ship lost by the German Navy in this naval battle.

However, the attacks of the carrier-based aircraft groups of the US and British navies continued. The German naval counterattack also continued. Facing the attack of the enemy's carrier-based aircraft, they have been using sharp anti-aircraft firepower to fight back.

"General, the 'Caesar' is no longer safe, please evacuate here immediately!" Major General Rudolph suggested.

At this moment, the battleship 'Caesar' is also under siege. It's just that the battleship seems to have had better luck, and it has only suffered minor injuries so far.

"No need! Although the attacks of the Americans and the British were fierce, they were not fatal to us. On the contrary, they have already lost a lot of carrier-based aircraft. Next, we can easily carry it over I believe that the counterattack from the aircraft carrier formation will start soon. By then, it will be enough for the Americans and the British to have a good drink." Lieutenant General Gerke's face was full of excitement.

Although, the capital ship formation suffered heavy losses under the attack of the carrier-based aircraft forces of the US Navy and the British Navy. But overall, the losses are worth it. They not only attracted the attack of the carrier-based aircraft of the US Navy and the British Navy, protected their own aircraft carrier formation, but also consumed a large amount of carrier-based aircraft of the US and British Navy, thus creating favorable conditions for their own counterattack.

The aircraft carrier formation of the German Navy's home fleet is preparing a counterattack at this moment. On one aircraft carrier after another, the carrier-based aircraft that have completed preparations for take-off are being sent to the deck by elevators.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we have discovered the location of the US and British navies." Lieutenant General Carl Witzel said.

"Very well, take off the carrier-based aircraft immediately. Now, it's time for us to counterattack!" Marshal Lütjens issued an order to counterattack.

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"Whoosh!"

A carrier-based FW-190 fighter jet took off from the aircraft carrier "Poseidon", the flagship of the German Navy's home fleet. The other seven aircraft carriers in the fleet are also taking off carrier aircraft.

The carrier-based FW-190 fighter takes off first, followed by dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft.

Although, in the battle to intercept the carrier-based aircraft fleet of the US and British navies, the German carrier-based fighter jets lost a lot. The pilots were also very tired. However, at this moment these pilots are still fighting.

On the eight aircraft carriers of the carrier formation of the German Navy's home fleet, 18 carrier-based FW-190 fighter jets, 18 dive bombers, and 18 or 12 torpedo attack aircraft took off (18 aircraft carriers took off from the "Main God-class" aircraft carrier, " Constellation class' aircraft carrier took off 12), the total number of these carrier-based aircraft reached 144 carrier-based FW-190 fighters, 144 dive bombers and 120 torpedo attack aircraft.

The huge fleet sailed westward, directly attacking the US and British fleets.

When the capital ship formation of the home fleet was attacked, they also released seaplanes to scout the position of the US and British fleets. Although several seaplanes were lost, the position of the US and British fleets was still reported to the flagship. Now, the German Navy's aircraft carrier formation has finally begun to fight back against the US and British fleets.

"Your Excellency, the first wave of aircraft has already taken off. The second wave of aircraft will take off in half an hour." Lieutenant General Hans reported.

Marshal Lütjens nodded: "I hope that the warriors can retaliate with a tooth for a tooth, blood for blood, and hit the U.S. Navy and the British Navy in one fell swoop."

"Your Excellency, we will definitely do it!" Lieutenant General Hans was full of confidence.

All the carrier-based aircraft groups of the US and British fleets went to attack the capital ship formation, and the aircraft carrier formation did not suffer any losses. This not only saved them, but also provided them with a good opportunity to fight back. It can be said that the capital ship formation sacrificed itself in order to win such an opportunity. Of course, the aircraft carrier formation must seize this opportunity and severely damage the US and British fleets in one fell swoop. Otherwise, I would be too sorry for the sacrifice of the capital ship formation.

On the eight aircraft carriers, the ground crews are still busy. The carrier-based aircraft in the hangar is being lifted to the deck by an elevator. The fleet of the second wave is preparing for takeoff. The second wave fleet still has 96 carrier-based FW-190 fighters, 144 dive bombers and 120 torpedo attack aircraft. This wave of fleets will also take off soon, attacking the US and British fleets, and strive to severely damage the US and British fleets in one fell swoop.

It can be said that in order to defeat the US and British fleets in one fell swoop, the carrier formation of the German Navy's home fleet has done its best. They didn't even keep the anti-aircraft fighter jets, and sent them all out, in order to secure the victory in one fell swoop.

The capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet, the fierce battle is still going on. The second wave of carrier-based aircraft of the US and British fleets is still besieging the

German capital ship formation. And the warships of the German battleship formation are also launching a heroic counterattack. Anti-aircraft guns of various calibers and large-caliber anti-aircraft machine guns were still firing fiercely.

The battleship is burning, sinking. The wreckage of battleships and sailors who fell into the water are everywhere on the sea.

The capital ship formation of the local fleet suffered heavy losses under the attack of the carrier-based air fleet of the US and British fleets. However, they are still persisting. Because, with their own sacrifices, they gave the German navy a chance to turn defeat into victory.

"General, the captain of the battlecruiser 'Wools' requested to abandon the ship. They couldn't hold on any longer. They were hit by 25 aerial bombs and 12 torpedoes successively." Rear Admiral Rudolph reported.

Lieutenant General Gerke nodded, his heart seemed to be bleeding. He knew that after this battle, the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet was almost wiped out.

"I hope our sacrifice can be exchanged for a victory!" Lieutenant General Gerke secretly said to himself in his heart.

The sailors on the battlecruiser 'Wools' left the battleship in lifeboats. Soon, the battleship sank into the sea and became the third battleship lost by the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet in this battle.

The battlecruiser 'Grand Kurfürst' is under siege. Most of the warships that escorted it have been damaged. Although the rest of the warships are still holding on, they are no longer able to withstand the attack of the carrier-based aircraft of the US and British fleets.

"General, I'm afraid the 'Grand Kurfürst' won't be able to last much longer." Major General Rudolph said with grief on his face.

"The Americans and the British have also lost a lot of carrier-based aircraft. I am afraid that they will no longer be able to launch a large-scale offensive. And our counterattack will soon begin. In this battle, we will definitely Win the final victory." Lieutenant General Gerke is full of confidence in winning the final victory.

"Sir, we are out of bombs and torpedoes."

"Damn it, retreat! Accelerate the return, refill fuel and ammunition, and then launch an attack." The commander of the US and British Navy's carrier fleet ordered.

Although, they have achieved very good results. However, if you count their own losses, such a result is obviously not enough.

The second wave of the US-British fleet has a total of 612 carrier-based aircraft. But after the interception of the German carrier-based fighter jets and the attack of the German fleet's anti-aircraft firepower, there were less than two hundred left. Even including the rest of the first wave of aircraft, there are only 350 aircraft in total. This is undoubtedly a heavy blow to the carrier-based aircraft forces of the US and British fleets. Calculated in this way, their losses have already reached 70%.

It can be said that after consuming so many carrier-based aircraft. It is already impossible for the US and British fleets to win this naval battle.

On the "Essex-class" aircraft carrier, the flagship of the US and British fleets, Lieutenant General Halsey is reporting the results of the battle to Admiral Ernest King.

"General, our carrier-based aircraft has now sunk four capital ships of the German Navy, and more than 20 cruisers and destroyers have been sunk by us. The other three capital ships have also been severely damaged. It can be said that the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet has suffered a devastating blow." Lieutenant General Halsey reported.

"Very good, as long as we work harder, we can completely kill them." Admiral Ernest King seemed very satisfied with the victory of the carrier air group.

"However, General, our carrier-based air fleet has suffered a great loss due to the interception of the German Navy's carrier-based fighter jets and the enemy's carrier-based air defense firepower. And, so far, we have not found the Germans aircraft carrier formation." Lieutenant General Halsey reminded.

The smile on Admiral Ernest King's face froze immediately.

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"What's going on? Isn't the German aircraft carrier and capital ship together?" Admiral Ernest King asked.

Originally, he didn't feel that there was anything wrong with his own carrier-based aircraft fleet just sinking the German capital ship. But now, I immediately felt the problem.

The US and British fleets seem to have an advantage in this naval battle and have achieved huge results. However, thinking about it now, it seems that there is a deep conspiracy of the Germans in it!

"Judging from the reaction of the carrier air group, the German capital ship and the aircraft carrier are not together. Our carrier air group only discovered the German capital ship formation, and then launched an attack. The German capital ship was not found. Aircraft carrier." Lieutenant General Halsey replied affirmatively.

"Damn, this seems to be a trap. The Germans once again set a trap for our subordinates." Admiral Ernest King looked angry and remorseful. He was ashamed of being too happy to see through such a simple German trap.

"Yes, General. The Germans are likely to sacrifice their capital ship formation to keep their aircraft carrier formation. This is undoubtedly very dangerous for us." Lieutenant General Halsey said.

"Damn it!" Admiral Ernest King couldn't help cursing.

"General, this is not the most dangerous. It is very likely that the German aircraft carrier formation has launched a counterattack. We must be prepared." Lieutenant General Halsey reminded.

Admiral Ernest King was startled suddenly.



"Let the carrier-based fighter jets on our 'Independence-class' aircraft carrier be ready. Once the German carrier-based aircraft is found, take off and intercept it immediately! All ships have also entered the air defense combat mode, ready to deal with the German attack at any time!" Admiral Ernest King ordered.

"Yes, General." Lieutenant General Halsey replied.

"In addition, the returning carrier-based aircraft should give priority to replenishing ammunition and fuel for the carrier-based fighter jets. If the Germans really dispatched carrier-based aircraft to attack us, they must also take off to fight." Admiral Ernest King Then ordered.

"Yes, General." Lieutenant General Halsey nodded.

It's just that the carrier-based aircraft fleet of the US and British fleets suffered too much loss. Once the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft really launched a counterattack. Whether they can resist it is very difficult to say.

The first wave of carrier-based aircraft groups of the US and British fleets has returned. But the huge fleet when it took off is not much left now. This is undoubtedly an extremely heavy blow to the US and British navies. Of the 648 carrier-based aircraft, less than 150 returned. Among them, the number of fighter jets is only more than forty.

Admiral Ernest King stood on the island of the USS Essex aircraft carrier, watching the return of carrier-based aircraft one after another, feeling very heavy.

Although, their carrier-based air fleet achieved good results, sinking many warships of the German Navy. However, these are not what he wants. If all the capital ships that were sunk and severely damaged were replaced by aircraft carriers, maybe he would still be happy. But now, he couldn't laugh at all.

"Damn Germans! May God bless us!" Admiral Ernest King couldn't help praying like God, praying for good luck to lead them. Otherwise, they might fail again this time. Once it fails again, the U.S. Navy and the British Navy may never have a chance again.

On the "Ark Royal" aircraft carrier, Admiral John Tovey and Admiral Andrew Cunningham were also frowning, watching those carrier-based planes land. The loss of the first wave of carrier-based fleet was too great, which made them a little unacceptable.

"How could the loss be so large? A total of more than 600 carrier-based aircraft took off, and now there is only a little left? The loss exceeds 70%! Could it be that the Germans are really so strong?" John ? Admiral Tovey looked distressed.

The strength of the British navy is not strong now. After losing so many carrier-based aircraft and pilots, it will undoubtedly be very difficult to replenish them. That's why he was very distressed by the heavy loss.

"The Germans dispatched a large number of carrier-based fighter jets to intercept. Moreover, their fleet's air defense firepower is very fierce, much stronger than our carrier-based air defense firepower. Therefore, our carrier-based air fleet will lose so much, right? !" Admiral Andrew Cunningham said.

"How about our results? Two waves of carrier-based aircraft, with more than 1,200 carrier-based aircraft, should be able to wipe out the German fleet in one fell swoop." Admiral John Tovey asked. Originally, he was full of confidence in his own carrier-based aircraft fleet. But now, seeing such a large loss of one's own carrier-based aircraft fleet. This also made his confidence shake.

"According to the information obtained, we have already sunk four German capital ships and severely damaged the remaining three. It should be said that the results of the battle are still very good." Admiral Andrew Cunningham said.

Admiral John Tovey nodded. If the result is good, then he will be relieved.

"General, the United States informed us to prepare the fleet for air defense operations. The carrier-based aircraft that landed should give priority to replenishing ammunition and fuel for the carrier-based fighter jets." A staff officer reported.

"What's going on? Has something happened?" Admiral John Tovey was a little puzzled.

Admiral Andrew Cunningham is also a little confused.

"It's not right, there is a problem!" Admiral Andrew Cunningham immediately discovered the problem.

"Yes, General. The United States is saying that our carrier-based aircraft group only attacked the capital ship formation of the German Navy, and did not find their aircraft carrier formation." The staff officer continued.

"What? How did this happen? Why did you make such a mistake?" Admiral John Tovey and Admiral Andrew Cunningham both changed their faces drastically. They all know very well what that means.

"Damn it, are those carrier pilots idiots? Are their commanders idiots? They launched an attack when they saw the German capital ship. Don't they know that the biggest threat to us is the German aircraft carrier? Admiral John Tovey cursed.

"General, it is obvious that our carrier-based aircraft pilots and commanders have ignored this problem. However, this is a fatal mistake for us! A mistake that can affect the outcome of this naval battle ." Admiral Andrew Cunningham looked serious.

It's just that it's only now that I wake up, it seems to be too late.

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"Order our fleet and prepare for battle. The German aircraft carrier has not been attacked, which means that their strength has not been damaged too much. They can launch a counterattack against us at any time!" Admiral Andrew Cunningham Said.

"Well! Next we will face a greater test. Otherwise, we will lose in this naval battle." Admiral John Tovey also said.

The mood of both of them is very complicated. Before, they still looked like they had the chance to win, thinking that winning this naval battle was already a certainty. But now, the situation has taken a sharp turn for the worse. They're going from winners to losers in no time.

Although, the carrier-based aircraft of the US and British fleets have caused heavy losses to the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet, and even almost wiped out the entire army. Based on the results of this aspect, they are undoubtedly in the position of winners. However, once the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet launches an attack, perhaps they will have to pay greater casualties.

When the order to prepare for the battle was communicated to the ships, the entire US and British fleet became tense. Some low-level sailors were even more stunned. Didn't they say before that they were going to win this naval battle? How did it come to the point of life and death again in a blink of an eye? This has become too fast, right?

However, the sailors, who are used to obeying orders, rushed to their posts as soon as possible, preparing to face a powerful enemy.

An anti-aircraft gun is already pointing at the sky, and as soon as the German carrier-based aircraft appears, they will take off immediately.

On the four "Independence-class" aircraft carriers, all F4U fighter jets are ready to take off. The pilot has even entered the cockpit and is on standby. As soon as the air search radar finds the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft, they will immediately take off to intercept them.

Although, these pilots are very clear. Once the German carrier-based fleet launches an attack, the fighter jets it escorts are likely to tear them to pieces. However, at this point, they have no other way.

The first wave of carrier-based fleets returned by the US and British navies, the fighter jets inside have also become the priority aircraft for take-off preparations. After all, as soon as the next battle begins, they have to take off immediately and fight at the forefront.

"Will the Germans come?" Admiral Ernest King frowned on the aircraft carrier 'Essex'.

Judging from the current situation, he undoubtedly does not want the German navy to launch a counterattack. Although, the US and British fleets lost a large number of carrier-based aircraft in this naval battle. But they almost wiped out a battleship formation of the German Navy. Four battleships were sunk, three were severely damaged, and a large number of cruisers and destroyers were sunk. This is already a rare victory for them. As long as the fleet can safely withdraw to the mainland, the lost carrier-based aircraft will soon be replenished. At that time, they will have another chance to fight the German navy.

It's just that the development of the situation is often not shifted by people's will. The carrier-based fleet of the German Navy has come to revenge.

When the second wave of carrier-based aircraft of the US and British fleets completed their attack on the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet and were about to return, the first wave of carrier-based aircraft launched by the carrier formation of the German Navy's home fleet had already appeared in the US-British fleet. Within the air search radar.

"Woo!" A shrill siren sounded over the fleet. All officers and soldiers of the entire fleet have entered a state of preparation for battle.

"How big are the Germans?" Admiral Ernest King asked.

"General, the Germans dispatched at least 400 carrier-based aircraft." Lieutenant General Halsey replied.

General Ernest Jin's face was very ugly. Although the strength of the US and British fleets is very large, being attacked by more than 400 enemy carrier-based aircraft is still a huge threat to them. If you are not careful, you will pay a heavy price. What's more, what appeared this time may only be the first wave of carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy. In the future, there will definitely be a second wave of carrier-based aircraft groups. At that time, their losses will be even greater.

"Order the air defense fighter jets to take off, and let them intercept the German carrier-based aircraft group anyway!" Admiral Ernest King ordered.

"Yes, General." Lieutenant General Halsey nodded.

After receiving the order, the F4U fighter jets on the four "Independence-class" aircraft carriers immediately began to take off. On each "Independence-class" aircraft carrier, 24 F4U fighter jets took off.

In addition, the remaining F4U fighters in the first wave of carrier-based air fleet returning to the voyage also made preparations for takeoff again and began to take off to meet the enemy. The entire US and British fleet took off a total of 130 F4U fighter jets this time to face the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet. This is already the best effort the US and British fleets can do.

"Order the fleet to enter air defense mode! Everyone sticks to their posts. If you want to return to the mainland alive, you must resist the German attack!" Admiral Ernest King said through gritted teeth.

He is very clear that it is now a matter of life and death. If it is not able to withstand the attack of the German navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet this time, the entire US and British fleet may pay a heavy price. At that time, they will completely lose this war.

"Yes, General."

All warships of the US and British fleets are ready for air defense. However, whether it can resist the German attack is something that everyone has no idea.

"Ready to fight!"

When the carrier-based aircraft of both sides were about to meet, the commanders of both sides gave orders.

The number of \*\*\*\* fighter jets for the German carrier-based fleet reached 144. All are carrier-based FW-190 fighters, which have better performance than the F4U fighters of the US military.

Under the command of the commander, 10 carrier-based fighter squadrons of the German Navy rushed to more than 130 F4U fighter jets of the US and British navies.

"Boom boom boom! Da da da!"

A fierce air battle ensued, and the fighter planes of both sides fired at each other with aviation machine guns and cannons.

For a while, fighter planes were continuously hit, caught fire, and fell into the sea.

Although, the carrier-based aircraft pilots of the US and British navies worked very hard and were also very brave. Not intimidated by the German carrier-based aircraft. However, they are still at a disadvantage in air combat. When the two sides fought against each other in the first day of the new year, the US and British navies lost far more carrier-based aircraft than the German carrier-based aircraft.

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"Boom boom boom!"

An F4U fighter was hit by several 20mm cannon shells. The entire plane was torn to pieces in an instant. The pilot was also hit by shrapnel and was killed instantly.

The German carrier-based FW-190 fighter that shot down the F4U fighter flew towards another target.

Although the carrier-based aircraft fleet of the German Navy only allocated 10 squadrons, that is, 120 carrier-based FW-190 fighter jets to face the more than 130 F4U fighter jets of the US and British navies. However, they still gained an absolute upper hand in air combat. The carrier-based aircraft groups of the US and British navies were completely suppressed during the battle, and fighter planes were constantly shot down. In contrast, the \*\*\*\* fighter jets of the German Navy suffered very small losses.

"Damn! The performance of the German carrier-based aircraft is still so good. Doesn't it mean that our F4U fighter jets are no worse than the German fighter jets? Why is there such a result?" An American pilot's words were full of helplessness.

"Asshole, don't the people who designed the plane over there know how powerful the German fighter jets are?" Another pilot also complained.

"God, I'm bitten, who will help me?" A pilot yelled in horror.

But before the other pilots had time to rescue him, screams came from the earphones. Obviously, the plane driven by this pilot has been hit by the German carrier-based FW-190 fighter.

"Damn, find a way to get rid of these fighter jets of the Germans and launch an attack on their dive bombers and torpedo attack planes. They cannot be allowed to attack our fleet. Otherwise, everything will be over!" an American commander ordered.

"Sir, we simply cannot resist the attack of the German carrier-based fighter jets, let alone get rid of them." A U.S. military pilot replied very helplessly.

Although, they all know very well that the dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft of the German Navy are very threatening to the fleet. If you want to keep the fleet, you must find a way to shoot down the German dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft first. But sadly, that simply can't be done.

This air battle is almost one-sided. Although some fighter planes were shot down by the German army, overall, they still gained a huge advantage. This allowed the German commander to continuously separate fighter planes to provide cover for dive bombers and torpedo attack planes. In order to facilitate the attack on the warships of the US and British navies, these fighters can suppress the anti-aircraft firepower on the battleships, thereby covering their own dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft, and even further increasing the probability of hitting enemy ships.

"General, the result of the air battle is very unfavorable to us. Our loss is much higher than that of the Germans. Moreover, we cannot intercept the German aircraft fleet. The German dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft are rushing towards us. We are also getting closer. It is estimated that after fifteen minutes, an attack will be launched against us." Lieutenant General Halsey reported.

Admiral Ernest King nodded. He also knew that the fighter pilots on board his side had already done their best. However, the enemies are too strong, making them completely overwhelmed.

"May God bless us! I hope our fleet's anti-aircraft firepower can stand the test this time!" Admiral Ernest King said.

Lieutenant General Halsey didn't say much, but he couldn't hide the worry in his eyes.

Time passed little by little, and the German Navy's carrier-based fleet was getting closer and closer to the US and British fleets. Soon, they flew to a place only ten kilometers away from the US and British fleets.

"Fire!"

Following the command of the commander, the anti-aircraft firepower of the US and British fleets began to fire. The 127mm anti-aircraft guns began to roar, sending powerful shells into the sky.

"Boom! Boom!"

The shell exploded in the air, leaving clouds of black smoke. During the explosion, shrapnel was scattered in all directions.

The anti-aircraft artillery shells in this time and space still use timed fuzes, so that the shells can explode at a fixed height. As for more advanced proximity fuzes, both Germany and the United States are still developing them. However, because of its early start and huge investment, Germany has now made breakthrough progress. It is expected that soon, the anti-aircraft guns of the German navy, army and air force will be replaced with this kind of fuze, so as to further improve the anti-aircraft firepower.

"Boom!"

A dive bomber seemed to be unlucky, and was hit directly by a 127mm anti-aircraft gun shell.

The huge power instantly tore the dive bomber into pieces.

"Spread out and prepare to launch an attack. Prioritize the attack on the large German aircraft carriers, get rid of them first, and then deal with those medium-sized and light aircraft carriers!" The German carrier-based aircraft commander issued an order.

As for the large number of capital ship formations of the US and British fleets, no one cares about them. I have to admit that those huge capital ships look very mighty and majestic on the sea. But the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet will not make fatal mistakes like the Americans and British. Their goals are very clear, which are the aircraft carriers of the US Navy and the British Navy. That's their primary goal. Unless those aircraft carriers are sunk and there are remaining ammunition, they will attack the capital ships of the US and British navies.

"Boom boom boom!"

As the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft group got closer, all the anti-aircraft firepower of the US and British fleets began to shoot. A large number of 40mm anti-aircraft guns and 20mm anti-aircraft guns have become the main force of anti-aircraft firepower. Although the 127mm anti-aircraft gun is powerful, it has a long range. But the rate of fire is too slow, and in such a battle, its role is undoubtedly very limited.

The shells are constantly exploding in the air, which looks thrilling. The dense anti-aircraft firepower network looks so powerful, as if it wants to tear all the enemy fighter planes that break into it to pieces.

If you are a rookie who has just entered the battlefield, you may be intimidated by such anti-aircraft firepower. However, for the carrier-based aircraft pilots of the German Navy, they are already experienced veterans, so they naturally know where the loopholes are in this seemingly dangerous anti-aircraft firepower.

"Start the attack, first eliminate the \*\*\*\* warships on the outer network, and then attack the core aircraft carrier. Let the Americans and the British see where the gap between them and us is!"

"Yes, sir!" The pilots responded in unison.

One after another, the German Navy's carrier-based planes rushed towards the US Navy and the aircraft carrier formation. The nine 'Essex-class' aircraft carriers became their primary targets.

Chapter 1647

"Da da da!"

Two carrier-based FW-190 fighter jets quickly passed the USS "Taylor" destroyer, which is one of the "Fletcher-class" destroyers. Now it belongs to the aircraft carrier battle group "Yorktown".

The "Yorktown" aircraft carrier is a newly commissioned "Essex-class" aircraft carrier, inheriting the name of the "Yorktown" aircraft carrier that was sunk in the Azores naval battle. It's just that the current USS "Yorktown" aircraft carrier, like its predecessors, seems to be unlucky. In this naval battle, it became the first target of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft group to attack.

The bullets of the aviation machine gun swept across the anti-aircraft battery of the destroyer 'Taylor'. The bullets hit the steel plate, making a clanging sound, and sparks flew everywhere. At the same time, there was the sound of a bullet hitting a human body.

"Ah!" There were screams one after another. Sailors continued to be hit and fell in a pool of blood.

Although the "Fletcher-class" destroyer has a displacement of up to 2,000 tons, in addition to being equipped with five 127mm main guns, it also has ten 40mm anti-aircraft guns and seven 20mm anti-aircraft guns, which can be regarded as powerful firepower.

But at the moment when its anti-aircraft firepower was suppressed, the carrier-based aircraft group of the German Navy immediately launched an attack.

Four dive bombers began to dive towards the destroyer from a high altitude.

At a height of only 500 meters above the sea, four dive bombers dropped bombs. A heavy-duty aviation armor-piercing projectile weighing 500 kilograms roared and slammed into the destroyer 'Taylor'.

"Bastard, evade!" The captain of the destroyer 'Taylor' shouted loudly.

The destroyer 'Taylor' immediately made an emergency evasion. The entire battleship rushed left and right, avoiding the danger from the sky.

"Boom!"

A violent explosion sounded from the stern of the destroyer 'Taylor', and the entire stern of the ship was enveloped inside. A bomb hit the stern of the ship, blowing the stern to pieces. Even the drive shaft was blown off. The power of the destroyer "Taylor" began to lose rapidly, and soon it was floating on the sea like a dead fish.

Subsequently, the German dive bombers launched an attack again, and three aerial bombs hit the destroyer, sending the 2,000-ton destroyer directly into the sea.

Next, the German carrier-based aircraft group rushed towards the inner cruiser fiercely. Despite being hit by the anti-aircraft firepower of the US fleet, the German carrier-based aircraft also suffered certain losses. Some dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft were hit by anti-aircraft fire during the bombing process and fell into the sea. However, their offense has generally achieved great results.

One U.S. warship after another was hit and a raging fire ignited. Sea water poured into the hull even more frantically, causing the US warship to sink.

"Asshole, the Germans are focusing on attacking the 'Yorktown'. The \*\*\*\* warships of the 'Yorktown' suffered heavy losses, and they are about to fail!" Lieutenant General Halsey couldn't help but cursed.

General Ernest Jin also had an ugly face. Once the anti-aircraft firepower is broken by the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft, you don't need to think about it, and the German carrier-based aircraft will definitely attack the aircraft carrier. Although the aircraft carrier is larger, it is even more impossible to resist the siege of the enemy's carrier-based aircraft.



"Not only the 'Yorktown' is in crisis, but the 'Hornet' and 'Wasp' are also in danger. The Germans are attacking these three aircraft carrier battle groups at the same time." Ernest King will say.

It is not known whether the German Navy's carrier-based fleet was intentional or unintentional. The three aircraft carriers they attacked were all newly commissioned aircraft carriers this time. And they are all aircraft carriers that inherited the names of those aircraft carriers that were sunk in the Azores naval battle.

The carrier-based fleet of the German Navy has as many as 144 dive bombers and 120 torpedo attack aircraft. Even if it launches an attack on three aircraft carrier battle groups at the same time, its strength is more than enough.

Moreover, the tactics adopted by the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet have also been tested in actual combat. They did not rashly launch an attack on the aircraft carrier at the core of the fleet, because that would be attacked by anti-aircraft fire from all directions. That way, it will be easier to be shot down. Prioritize the attack on the \*\*\*\* warships of the aircraft carrier, tear off its anti-aircraft firepower, and then launch an attack on the aircraft carrier. In that case, relatively speaking, it will be much easier, and the loss will be much smaller.

As destroyers and cruisers were sunk one after another, the aircraft carriers of the US fleet became precarious.

"Good job, the American aircraft carrier is already in front of us. They are like undressed beauties, just waiting for us to be lucky!" The German pilots shouted loudly.

Indeed, in the eyes of these pilots, the U.S. aircraft carrier is like a peerless beauty, prompting them to drive their planes towards each other. It's just that they went with death.

"Woo!"

Six dive bombers launched an attack on the "Yorktown" aircraft carrier. The shrill whistling sound even made many sailors on the aircraft carrier cover their ears.

However, those air defense soldiers still manipulated the anti-aircraft guns to fight back.

A dive bomber had not had time to drop a bomb, and was hit just as it entered the dive course. The entire plane caught fire and the pilot was killed on the spot. However, the pilot hit the deck of the aircraft carrier directly, and a violent explosion occurred.

You know, this dive bomber is carrying two heavy aviation armor-piercing bombs, and there is still a lot of fuel in the fuel tank. Both the bomb and the fuel exploded, setting off a fire.

The other five dive bombers took this opportunity to drop bombs. Five heavy-duty aviation armor-piercing shells slammed into the deck of the aircraft carrier. Although only three hits were made, they still penetrated the deck of the aircraft carrier and exploded inside the aircraft carrier, completely blowing up the cabins inside.

Rolling thick smoke rose from the aircraft carrier 'Yorktown', and the flames shot into the sky. No need to think about it, this huge aircraft carrier has been severely damaged. As for whether it can survive the siege of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet, it is very difficult to say.

When the aircraft carrier "Yorktown" was besieged by carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy, the aircraft carriers "Wasp" and "Hornet" were also attacked, and a raging fire ignited. Despite efforts by damage control personnel to salvage the carriers, attacks by German air groups continued. Whether it will be sunk or not may only depend on God's will.

Chapter 1648

"Boom! Boom!"

A violent explosion sounded on the "Yorktown" aircraft carrier, and the carrier-based planes of the German Navy were frantically smashing aerial bombs at the aircraft carrier. Although the aircraft carrier 'Yorktown' has increased its speed to 30 knots at this moment, and is rushing left and right on the sea like a bison, it is still unable to escape the attack of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft, and aerial bombs continue to capture hit.

Four torpedo attack aircraft launched an attack on the aircraft carrier 'Yorktown' from the flanks. At this moment, the aircraft carrier 'York City' was avoiding the aerial bombs in the sky, so it didn't notice at all.

Four torpedo attack aircraft dropped torpedoes less than 800 meters away from the USS "Yorktown" aircraft carrier. Eight heavy aviation torpedoes hit the sea heavily and sank into the sea. But it quickly came out and rushed towards the aircraft carrier 'Yorktown' at high speed.

"Torpedo! I found a torpedo on the port side!" The sailors on the aircraft carrier spotted the torpedo rushing at high speed, and roared heart-piercingly.

The captain of the aircraft carrier also noticed the threat and immediately instructed the aircraft carrier to make an emergency turn.

But unfortunately, it's still too late. Of the four torpedoes, two scored hits.

"Boom! Boom!"

Two heavy-duty torpedoes exploded on the side of the aircraft carrier, and the high-energy explosives inside the warhead exploded with enormous power in an instant. Two large holes were torn open in the underwater armor of the USS 'Yorktown' aircraft carrier. Sea water began to pour into the aircraft carrier's hull frantically.

Although there are multiple watertight compartments inside the 'Essex-class' aircraft carrier. Even if it is hit by a torpedo, as long as the watertight compartment is closed, it will not have much impact on the aircraft carrier. However, the battle has only just begun. As the attack of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft group became more and more fierce, the USS "Yorktown" aircraft carrier was shot more and more. It won't be long before this aircraft carrier will probably be sunk.

After the fierce battle lasted for more than 20 minutes, the USS "Yorktown" aircraft carrier had been destroyed. The entire hull was burning, and it had already been hit by as many as 20 aviation armor-piercing shells. The fire that ignited in the battleship could not be extinguished at all, and it was still spreading to the sinking cabin. The poisonous gas produced by the fire will even kill many sailors.

In addition, the "Yorktown" aircraft carrier hit a full eight heavy torpedoes. As a result, its hull has been seriously flooded. Although several watertight compartments have been closed, the hull has tilted slightly due to too much water ingress.

"Sir, our aircraft carrier has suffered too much damage. It is irreparable, please abandon the ship." The officer in charge of damage control reported to the captain. Despite their efforts, the attack was too much for the aircraft carrier to hold on any longer.

"Is it irreparable?" The captain was obviously a little bit reluctant.

"Yes, sir. Our aircraft carrier is tilting. Moreover, the German attack is still continuing, causing our hull to be damaged more and more seriously. In this case, it is estimated that after ten minutes, our hull may Overturned."

The captain hesitated for a moment, then nodded: "Okay, abandon ship!"

After the captain of the USS "Yorktown" aircraft carrier gave the order to abandon the ship, the sea valve was opened, which further accelerated the sinking of the aircraft carrier. Ten minutes later, the "Yorktown" aircraft carrier sank into the sea. Uh, most of the sailors on the aircraft carrier withdrew safely. But whether they can survive this naval battle depends on whether God blesses them.

"Boom!"

Less than five minutes after the USS "Yorktown" aircraft carrier sank, an earth-shattering explosion sounded on the USS "Hornet" aircraft carrier. Billows of smoke rose into the sky from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet.

"What's going on? Did the ammunition depot explode?" Admiral Ernest Jin's face was very ugly.

"It's either an ammunition depot or an oil depot!" Lieutenant General Halsey looked gloomy.

Whether it is an oil depot or an ammunition depot, once a martyrdom explosion occurs during a battle, the threat to the aircraft carrier is fatal. Almost no aircraft carrier can survive the explosion of an ammunition depot or an oil depot.

The aircraft carrier 'Bumblebee' was indeed pierced by an aerial bomb in its ammunition depot, resulting in a martyrdom explosion. Thousands of tons of ammunition inside exploded. The huge power almost destroyed the entire aircraft carrier. Especially the bottom of the hull was completely blown up. Sea water is pouring into the hull crazily, and the entire aircraft carrier is sinking into the sea at a speed visible to the naked eye.

In less than five minutes before and after, the aircraft carrier "Hornet" sank into the sea, becoming the second aircraft carrier sunk by the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet.

"General, both the 'Yorktown' and the 'Hornet' were sunk by the Germans. The 'Hornet' is under siege and is in a very dangerous situation." Lieutenant General Halsey looked serious.

General Ernest King nodded: "We have already lost this battle!"

Although, they caused a near-destructive blow to the capital ship formation of the German Navy's home fleet. But now they have lost two fleet aircraft carriers, and the other one may be lost soon. In addition, the carrier-based aircraft fleet of the German Navy will continue to launch attacks, which will only cause greater losses to the US and British navies.

At this moment, the aircraft carrier 'Wasp' is indeed in a very dangerous situation. The carrier-based aircraft fleet of the German Navy has almost eliminated its \*\*\*\*\* warships, and is concentrating on launching the final attack.

Aerial bombs and torpedoes are hitting the aircraft carrier one after another. Make its hull suffer more damage.

In addition to the "Wasp" aircraft carrier, the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft group also began to attack other aircraft carrier battle groups. They are obviously determined to sink more aircraft carriers of the US and British navies in this attack, thus laying the foundation for the final victory.

The dying struggle of the USS "Wasp" aircraft carrier did not last long. Less than ten minutes later, the aircraft carrier also sank into the sea, becoming the third aircraft carrier lost by the U.S. Navy in this naval battle.

Although, the U.S. Navy has a total of nine fleet carriers and four light carriers. However, the three fleet aircraft carriers were sunk, which is undoubtedly a very heavy blow. What's more, the attack of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft group continues. No one knows how many aircraft carriers and other warships the US and British navies will lose in the next naval battle. But one thing is certain, that is, the US and British navies may all face a disastrous defeat in this naval battle.

#### Chapter 1649

The anti-aircraft firepower on the \*\*\*\*\* battleship of the USS "Bunker Hill" aircraft carrier is firing crazily into the air, and the dense rain of bullets roared into the sky, chasing the German carrier-based aircraft group.

However, those carrier-based aircraft were like seagulls, nimbly shuttling through the rain of bullets. It may seem dangerous, but every time it can avoid these anti-aircraft fires dangerously and dangerously. The number of carrier-based aircraft that were actually hit was not many.

"Boom!"

A destroyer was hit by a torpedo, and the warhead of the heavy aviation torpedo exploded with amazing power, almost blowing the destroyer in two. Sea water poured into the destroyer's hull frantically, and soon the destroyer with a displacement of more than 2,000 tons sank into the sea.

After three aircraft carriers were sunk in succession, the remaining carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy, which still had bombs and torpedoes, began to attack the aircraft carrier battle group "Bunker Hill" and the aircraft carrier battle group "Franklin".

Destroyers and cruisers one after another sank under the attack of the German carrier-based aircraft group. This has caused the air defense firepower of these two aircraft carrier battle

groups to be rapidly weakened. It is foreseeable that their air defense firepower network will be torn to pieces in a short time. At that time, the two aircraft carriers at the core of the aircraft carrier battle group will also suffer.

"General, the Germans are besieging the 'Bunker Hill' and the 'Franklin'. They obviously want to sink our large aircraft carrier first." Lieutenant General Halsey said.

Admiral Ernest King nodded. In fact, Lieutenant General Halsey did not need to say, he could see it. The German's attack goal is very clear, that is to kill these large aircraft carriers first, and then deal with other aircraft carriers, and eliminate the aircraft carrier formations of the US and British fleets, or try their best to weaken them. In this case, the US and British fleets will suffer heavy losses and will no longer be able to pose a threat to the German navy.

Soon, the \*\*\*\*\* warships of the USS "Bunker Hill" aircraft carrier battle group and the "Franklin" aircraft carrier battle group suffered heavy losses. Their tight air defense network was also completely torn apart. Although their counterattack also caused a lot of losses to the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft. But compared to the results they achieved, such a small loss is completely insignificant.

"Boom! Boom!"

Aerial bombs hit the aircraft carriers 'Bunker Hill' and 'Franklin'. The large flight decks of these two aircraft carriers became the best targets for the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft. The flight deck was penetrated and the bomb exploded inside the hull, causing massive damage to both aircraft carriers.

How long has it been in the United States, the USS "Bunker Hill" and the USS "Franklin" have become scarred. Fortunately, by this time, the carrier-based fleet of the German Navy had finished dropping bombs and torpedoes and had to return. This leaves some time for the U.S. Navy to repair the damaged warship.

"General, the German carrier-based aircraft have retreated, and they have no ammunition." Lieutenant General Halsey said.

Admiral Ernest King couldn't see a trace of joy on his face. So far, they have had three aircraft carriers sunk and two more severely damaged. Moreover, these aircraft carriers are all large fleet aircraft carriers! Such a loss seems to have been greater than the loss of the German Navy. What's more deadly is that no one knows whether the German navy will launch a second round of attacks. In that case, the U.S. Navy will definitely lose more aircraft carriers. This will undoubtedly make their losses worse.

"Order the fleet to speed up the evacuation! It doesn't matter whether the Germans will launch a second round of attacks. But we have no ability to launch a counterattack against them." Admiral Ernest King ordered.

The second wave of returning fleets of the US and British fleets also began to land. However, the second wave of fleet also suffered a lot of losses. The two wave fleet originally had more than 1,200 carrier-based aircraft. But now the total number of carrier-based aircraft returning to the voyage is only more than three hundred and less than four hundred. If the aircraft carrier formation of the German Navy can be found and another round of attacks can be launched, it may be able to give the German Navy a little color. However, so far they still don't

know where the German Navy's aircraft carrier formation is. Even if they searched in the direction of the attack of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft, nothing was found. This made the generals of the US and British fleets very clear that the German Navy's aircraft carrier formation must be in another direction.

In addition, if the US and British fleets attempt to launch a third wave of attacks, more preparation time will be required. And this, I am afraid, will also create opportunities for the German navy to continue to launch attacks. At that time, their losses may be even greater.

Another reason is that the loss of carrier-based fighter jets of the US and British fleets is too great, so that they simply do not have enough strength to \*\*\*\* dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft. Once intercepted by the German Navy's carrier-based fighter jets again, their carrier-based aircraft fleet will inevitably encounter a massacre.

The US and British fleets began to turn in an attempt to withdraw from this sea area. But unfortunately, as soon as the order was issued, their air search radar discovered the second wave of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft group.

The second wave of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet consists of 96 carrier-based FW-190 fighter jets, 144 dive bombers and 120 torpedo attack aircraft. Compared with the first wave of fleet, although there are nearly 50 fewer \*\*\*\* fighters. However, the carrier-based fighter jets of the US and British fleets also suffered heavy losses, and there were not many left. So, they are already more than enough to provide air defense protection for the fleet.

Although, in order to intercept the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet, the US and British fleets once again took off with a small number of F4U fighter jets to intercept. However, before they had time to launch an attack on the German Navy's dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft, they were attacked by the \*\*\*\* fighter jets of the German Navy's carrier-based fleet. Not only did they suffer heavy losses, but they were also dispersed.

After the carrier-based aircraft fleet of the German Navy caught up with the US and British fleets, the huge carrier-based aircraft fleet immediately launched an attack. The USS 'Bunker Hill' aircraft carrier, which was on fire and emitting thick smoke, was the first target of the attack by the USS 'Franklin' aircraft carrier.

As aerial bombs and torpedoes hit the two aircraft carriers one after another, the two aircraft carriers were quickly sent to the bottom of the sea.

When the "Bunker Hill" aircraft carrier and the "Franklin" aircraft carrier were sunk, the German Navy's carrier fleet began to attack the aircraft carrier battle group where several other large aircraft carriers were located.

The 'Essex' aircraft carrier battle group, the 'Brave' aircraft carrier battle group, the 'Bennington' aircraft carrier battle group and the 'Boxer' aircraft carrier battle group have all become targets of attack.

Chapter 1650

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Explosions continued to be heard, and warships sank in the midst of burning, sinking into the cold Atlantic seabed with their glory.

Although, these warships can be said to have been piled up with huge sums of money. However, it was easily destroyed now.

"Boom boom boom!"

Facing the attack from the sky, the warships on the sea are also tenaciously fighting back with anti-aircraft firepower. However, even so, their counterattack seemed very weak. The situation on the entire battlefield seemed to be completely controlled by the German Navy.

"Bastard! Damn the Germans, are they trying to kill us all?" Admiral Ernest King paled on the battleship "Montana", the flagship of the U.S. Navy's battleship formation.

The attack targets of those carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy are all several fleet aircraft carriers of the US Navy. So, those capital ships are safe now. After the "Essex" aircraft carrier was attacked, Admiral Ernest King moved his headquarters from the "Essex" aircraft carrier to the "Montana" battleship.

However, watching his own aircraft carrier being continuously sunk and weakened, Admiral Ernest King felt as if he was bleeding. Although, the loss of this naval battle seems to be a little smaller than that of the Azores naval battle. But now the U.S. Navy has only such a little wealth left! If they are all lost, it will be tantamount to giving up the Atlantic to the German Navy.

"General, the 'Essex', 'Brave', 'Bennington' and 'Boxer' are all under siege by the Germans. This time, I am afraid they are doomed." Haspen? There was obvious lingering fear in Admiral Kimmel's tone. Fortunately, the main target of the carrier-based aircraft fleet of the German Navy is their aircraft carrier formation. If the attack is on their capital ship formation, then the remaining six capital ships of the U.S. Navy may also be unable to withstand it. Even if the 'Montana-class' battleship has solid armor, but in the face of overwhelming bombs and torpedoes, it still has only one life to be sunk.

Ernest? Admiral Jin nodded with difficulty. He also knew that if all nine fleet aircraft carriers were lost, it would be a heavy blow to the US Navy. It is impossible for the remaining few light aircraft carriers and capital ships to confront the German Navy.

Aboard the aircraft carrier "Ark Royal", the flagship of the British Royal Navy, Admiral John Tovey and Admiral Andrew Cunningham were also pale. Although, the carrier-based aircraft fleet of the German Navy did not launch an attack on the British Navy. But this is entirely because the aircraft carriers of the British Navy are nothing more than medium-sized aircraft carriers. Before sinking those large fleet carriers of the US Navy, the carrier fleet of the German Navy simply dismissed them. But the U.S. Navy suffered such a large loss this time, and it was also a heavy blow to the British Navy. After all, they are coalition forces now, united against the German Navy. If the U.S. Navy loses too much, it will have to let them deal with the German Navy alone. With the strength of the British navy, how could they possibly deal with the German navy?

"The Americans are finished this time, and all their large aircraft carriers will be lost. Next, we will have no way to confront the German Navy." Admiral John Tovey said.

"Yes, General. It's hard to imagine that the Germans defeated us with just one fleet." Admiral Andrew Cunningham sighed helplessly.

Before they all thought that they had the chance to win. After all, the combined strength of the American fleet and the British fleet is enough to suppress the German Navy's home fleet. However, the German Navy abandoned the carrier to save the commander, and the US and British fleets made a fatal mistake, which finally ruined the good situation. Now, even under the counterattack of the Germans, they suffered heavy losses. It can be said that they have lost a complete defeat in this naval battle.

"What should we do next? Our carrier-based aircraft also lost a lot. It is impossible to counterattack the German navy. The German carrier-based aircraft did not lose a lot. They even have the ability to launch the first Three rounds of attacks. At that time, after the nine large fleet aircraft carriers of the Americans are sunk, their targets may be aimed at us. Our eight medium-sized aircraft carriers may become the targets of the Germans. "Admiral John Tovey was a little worried.

There is no doubt that once the nine fleet aircraft carriers of the U.S. Navy are all sunk, the eight medium-sized aircraft carriers of the British Navy will become the targets of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet.

Admiral Andrew Cunningham couldn't help frowning tightly together. When the carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy were besieging the large fleet aircraft carriers of the US Navy, they were also watching the battle. It can be said that the anti-aircraft firepower of the American fleet is already very strong, and the anti-aircraft firepower of the British fleet is not much stronger than that of the American fleet. Once the German navy launches an attack on them, their performance will not be any better than that of the US fleet. This also means that once the aircraft carriers of the British fleet are attacked, they may only be sunk.

"Be prepared for air defense as much as possible! Once the German carrier-based aircraft group attacks us, we will have to fight back." Admiral Andrew Cunningham said.

The only thing they can do is to do their best and obey the destiny. Of course, they all hope to survive this disaster safely. It is best for the German Navy to cancel the third round of offensive after launching the second round of offensive. In this case, they will be safe for the time being.

The carrier-based aircraft group of the German Navy has reached the last juncture in its attack on the remaining four fleet aircraft carriers of the U.S. Navy. When the \*\*\*\* warships in the four aircraft carrier battle groups were almost destroyed, they directly attacked the four aircraft carriers.

When one after another aerial bombs and torpedoes hit these huge aircraft carriers, their fate seems to have been decided.

As the flagship of the U.S. Navy, the "Essex" aircraft carrier successfully escaped disaster during the naval battle of the Azores. But this time, there was no hiding anymore.

After suffering more than 20 aerial bombs and more than a dozen heavy aviation torpedoes, this aircraft carrier with a huge displacement sank into the sea.

The aircraft carrier 'Brave', the aircraft carrier 'Bennington' and the aircraft carrier 'Boxer' did not last long, and were sunk one after another. So far, all nine fleet aircraft carriers of the U.S. Navy have been sunk.



