

# Jagged 171

## [Chapter 171: Declare war \(ask for a monthly ticket!\)](#)

"Gentlemen, the Serbs outrageously rejected our request. They assassinated the crown prince of the empire, and at the same time dared to refuse our request. This undoubtedly shows that the assassination of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince was completely planned by the Serbs for a long time. The empire must punish the Serbs and let them know the price of provoking the empire!" Marshal Herzendorf, Chief of the Army General Staff of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, said angrily.

Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph I sat on his throne with a tired face, not knowing what he was thinking. Is he thinking about the future war situation, the fate of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in this war, or who will inherit the crown prince of the empire after Archduke Ferdinand is assassinated and killed. After all, Franz Joseph I is now 84 years old and has little time left.

Other ministers and military generals of the Austro-Hungarian Empire also clamored. They all believed that the time had come for the Austro-Hungarian Empire to annex Serbia and dominate the Balkan Peninsula. What awaits them will be a brilliant victory.

"Friedrich, is the army ready?" Franz Joseph I asked.

"Your Majesty, our six legions are ready for battle!" Archduke Friedrich replied.

As a large country with a population of more than 50 million, the Austro-Hungarian Empire can expand the total strength of the army to more than one million with a little mobilization. However, among these armies, there are very few troops with strong combat effectiveness. Among other things, the language problem alone was enough to collapse the officers of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Because there were many nationalities in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, their languages were also different. This often results in people who speak multiple languages in an army. This leads to the fact that officers often cannot understand what soldiers are saying, and soldiers cannot understand the orders of officers. Coupled with lax training, the will to fight is weak. It is simply impossible to expect such a force to have strong combat effectiveness.

However, the rulers of the Austro-Hungarian Empire obviously did not think of this. In their view, Serbia is just a small country with a population of three million. Even if they were all soldiers, there were not as many troops as the fully mobilized Austro-Hungarian Empire. Under such circumstances, how could they be the opponents of the Austro-Hungarian Empire?

"Your Majesty, according to the battle plan we have formulated. If Russia does not go to war against the Empire, then, out of the six legions of the Imperial Army, three will be dispatched to attack Serbia. Two will defend Russia. The other will serve as a reserve. If Russia goes to war against the Empire, Then the Imperial Army will dispatch two legions to attack Serbia, three legions to guard against the Russians, and one as a reserve." Marshal Herzendorf reported.

"If the Russians attack us, can our army resist it?" Prime Minister Mario Weber was a little worried.

Although Russia was just defeated by the dwarf in the East a few years ago. However, the name of the Russian steam roller is not for nothing.

"Russia's military strength is indeed strong. However, we are not fighting alone. As long as Russia dares to attack us, Germany will send troops to help us." Marshal Herzendorf said.

"Germany? Their main enemy is on the Western Front." Foreign Minister Leopold von Berchold Baron said.

"Germany does not need to send the main force to the Eastern Front. It only needs a part of the troops to contain a considerable part of the Russians. Besides, our mobilization is still going on. Soon, we will have enough troops to deal with the Russians Yes!" Archduke Friedrich also said.

"Okay, everyone. Now that the army is ready and confident in future wars. Then, we should trust the army. Believe that they can do it. Next, leave everything to the army! Empire Our destiny lies in this battle! May God bless the Austro-Hungarian Empire!" Franz Joseph I said.

"God bless Austria-Hungary!" Everyone shouted.

Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph I had an extremely high reputation in the empire, and no one could object to what he decided. It can be said that Franz Joseph I was the pinnacle of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. With him, Austria-Hungary was a powerful country, one of the top powers in the world. Unfortunately, Franz Joseph I was too old to live much longer. If the Austro-Hungarian Empire is defeated this time, and there is no capable heir who can inherit the entire empire, the disintegration of the Austro-Hungarian Empire will be in sight.

On July 28, the Austro-Hungarian government officially declared war on Serbia on the grounds that Serbia rejected the request of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The world war officially kicked off because of the declaration of war by the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Facing the declaration of war by the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Serbia asked the Russian Empire for help on the one hand, and mobilized on the other. The army was deployed on the border to prepare for the invasion of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

However, the strength gap between the two sides is really too big. Without the help of external forces, Serbia would not be an opponent of the Austro-Hungarian Empire at all.

After declaring war on Serbia, the Austro-Hungarian army, which had been prepared for a long time, launched a massive attack on Serbia. Since it is unclear whether the Russian Empire will go to war against Austria-Hungary. Therefore, the Austro-Hungarian Empire only sent two legions to participate in the attack in the early stage. But even so, it is not something Serbia can resist.

The Russian Empire has always regarded Serbia as its younger brother and supported Serbia's expansion in the Balkan Peninsula. The Austro-Hungarian Empire dared to ignore the warnings of the Russian Empire and launch an attack on Serbia. Of course, Tsar Nicholas II could not accept it.

Under the order of Tsar Nicholas II, the Russian Empire began a general mobilization. At the same time, troops began to move towards the border.

France, as an ally of the Russian Empire, immediately began to mobilize and mobilize troops.

Germany is an ally of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and has promised to provide support to the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Immediately after discovering the actions of the Russian Empire and France, a warning was issued.

On July 31, Germany presented an ultimatum to Russia and France, asking them to stop their general mobilization. If Russia uses the army to support Serbia, Germany will not hesitate to fight. However, both Russia and France rejected Germany's request and continued mobilization. On July 31, Germany officially declared war on Russia. Russia then declared war on Germany. The scale of the war has further expanded.

#### [Chapter 172: Tit for tat](#)

August 1, 1914, the German Army General Staff. Kaiser Wilhelm II and Crown Prince Qin Tian visited the General Staff to listen to the army's combat deployment. Germany has declared war on Russia and is about to declare war on France. Therefore, the war is about to begin.

The German Army has begun full mobilization, and a large number of reservists are gathering. They will take battalions as units and go to designated areas for reorganization, forming infantry divisions one after another. With Germany's population and industry, there is no problem at all in mobilizing an army of more than three million.

If Germany is a sophisticated war machine, then now, this war machine has begun to run at high speed. Moreover, an unbelievably powerful force will erupt.

"Generals, are the Imperial Army ready to fight? Are you ready to win the empire and win glory for you?" William II looked at the generals of the Imperial Army. The entire meeting room can be said to be full of stars shining, and a large number of generals and lieutenant generals gathered here. The major general is not even eligible to attend this meeting.

"Get ready! Fight for the empire and defeat the enemy!" All the generals replied loudly. Everyone's face was full of excitement and excitement. Germany has been preparing for this war for a long time. Similarly, these generals have also prepared for a long time. They desperately hope to go to war, so that they can obtain higher glory and the military merit needed for promotion.

These generals are also very optimistic and believe that they will be able to win this war.

"Very well, the German Imperial Army is number one in the world. This time, we are going to teach those damned Russians and French a lesson." Wilhelm II said with satisfaction. He also seems to have seen the day when the German Army defeated the Allied Powers and became the world's hegemon. At that time, he will become the most powerful person in the world, bar none!

Next, the chief of the general staff, Mao Qi, began to introduce the army's combat deployment.

"Your Majesty, according to the previous combat plan we formulated, the battle against Russia on the Eastern Front will initially be handed over to the 8th Army. However, the Russians are mobilizing rapidly. The Russian standing army is also gathering towards the border. Their offensive will start soon. Therefore, I suggest to further strengthen the strength of the 8th Army, from the current ten infantry divisions to eighteen infantry divisions. In this case, plus the army of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, should be able to stop the Russian attack." Xiao Moqi said.

"No, the Eighth Army does not need to be strengthened. With our strength, it is enough to resist the Russian attack. Use those eight infantry divisions on the Western Front! Compared to the Eastern Front, the Western Front is more important." Qin Tian flatly refused.

Although, it may be what everyone wants to strengthen the forces in their hands. However, for the sake of the overall situation, Qin Tian still refused. As Qin Tian said, the western front is the most important. If Germany fails to win a quick victory on the Western Front in this war, this war may fall into a stalemate. At that time, all hopes will be pinned on the Navy. This situation will be very unfavorable. Qin Tian hoped that the Army could open up the situation on the Western Front. In this case, Germany's chances of winning would be even greater.

"His Royal Highness, now is not the time to act impulsively. I have already made arrangements for the Western Front. Now, the situation on the Eastern Front is very critical. Once the Eastern Front cannot resist the Russian attack, we will not only lose East Prussia, but also our The capital of our country will also be threatened by the Russians. In that case, our previous efforts will be in vain!" Xiao Maoqi looked angry, thinking that Qin Tian was deliberately making trouble.

"No, Your Excellency the Chief of Staff, this is not because I am full of confidence in the 8th Army. I believe that the 8th Army will be able to withstand the Russian attack. In addition to ten infantry divisions, we still have There is an armored division." Qin Tian was full of confidence.

Little Maoqi was very angry and wanted to say something more. However, it was stopped by William II.

"Oscar, are you serious?" William II asked.

"Yes, Father. There won't be any problems on the Eastern Front. The 8th Army will teach the Russians a lesson. There is absolutely no problem in gaining a month for the Western Front. Therefore, the limited troops should be devoted to the Western Front." Let's go to the front line battlefield. More sufficient troops are needed there." Qin Tian said seriously.

King William II nodded: "Well, generals, we should trust His Royal Highness the Crown Prince. The Eighth Army will definitely have no problem dealing with those poorly equipped Russians!"

"Haha! Long live the 8th Army! The Russians are too weak." The generals all laughed.

Seeing this, Xiao Maoqi had no choice but to stop insisting.

Subsequently, Xiao Maoqi introduced the deployment on the western front. But Qin Tian frowned even more after hearing this.

Little Moltke has revised the battle plan left by his predecessor, General Schlieffen, beyond recognition. In particular, the essence of the entire Schlieffen plan is undoubtedly to gather heavy troops on the right wing of the western front, bypass the French defense line, and launch an attack from the weak area of northern France. But now, Little Maoqi has seriously weakened the right wing and strengthened the left wing and the center. In this way, it seems to be a little more secure. However, it will cause the right wing to have insufficient offensive power due to lack of troops, making them unable to complete the intended combat objectives.

In another time and space, the German Army missed the opportunity to win Paris because of this deployment. At that time, the closest troops to Paris were only tens of kilometers away. As long as they launched another attack, they might be able to take Paris. Once the German army takes Paris, France may withdraw from the war. Perhaps, history will be rewritten because of this.

In this time and space, Little Maoqi still modified the Schlieffen Plan. Although he was full of confidence, Qin Tian knew that with such a modification, the German army would not only be unable to win, but would even fall into the quagmire of war.

"Your Excellency, Chief of the General Staff, this seems to be different from General Schlieffen's plan. I remember that General Schlieffen said when he passed away last year that the battle must be fought, but the right wing must not be weakened!" Qin Tian said again Once stood up and raised objections.

Suddenly, Xiao Maoqi's face turned black as if it was the bottom of a pot. Qin Tian jumped out to accuse him again and again, still in front of so many army generals, this undoubtedly made him lose face! In addition, Xiao Maoqi always believed that he was stronger than General Schlieffen, but now Qin Tian accused him of revising the Schlieffen plan, obviously he did not take him seriously!

### [Chapter 173: Naval missions](#)

"His Royal Highness, the Schlieffen Plan was formulated ten years ago. The situation at that time was very different from the present. Therefore, the General Staff revised the Schlieffen Plan according to the actual situation. After the revision The plan is more suitable for the current situation!" Xiao Maoqi retorted.

He can no longer remain silent on this issue. Otherwise, he would really lose all prestige.

"Hmph! Your Excellency, the Chief of the General Staff, the central point of Schlieffen's plan is that the right wing fights in areas favorable to the offensive, and its strength is sufficient to encircle Antwerp, Namur, and Paris. The left wing fights in areas favorable to the defensive, and its strength is sufficient It is only limited to the ability to lure the enemy to go deep. But after the modification, the right wing is seriously insufficient, and it is not enough to break through the French defense. Once the attack fails, the consequences will be very serious!" Qin Tian snorted coldly.

Little Moltke, like William II, is also a headstrong and conceited person. Although, in Xiao Maoqi's plan, he inherited General Schlieffen's core idea of defending east and west. But in terms of specific plans, there is a huge difference. And these differences are very likely to lead to the failure of the plan. Of course, Little Maoqi does not allow others to question his plan, because it is a denial of his ability.

"His Royal Highness, the entire battle plan has been demonstrated in detail by the officers of the General Staff. Our plan will definitely succeed." Little Mao Qi became a little angry.

The generals who participated in this meeting can be described as an eye-opener. Although they already knew that the relationship between Qin Tian and Xiao Maoqi was very bad, they still didn't expect that it would be so bad. This is a battle meeting for the future war that concerns the fate of the German Empire, but the two quarreled tit-for-tat, which is completely embarrassing.

"Alright, Oscar. Your Excellency the Chief of Staff revised the Schlieffen plan with my consent." William II said.

Qin Tian froze for a moment, not knowing what to say. The so-called birds of a feather flock together and people are divided into groups. No wonder Wilhelm II and Little Moltke became very good friends. The two are like-minded!

Qin Tian no longer expressed any hope for the Army's success on the Western Front. He only hopes that the 8th Army can defeat the Russians as soon as possible on the Eastern Front and beat the Russians. In this case, he may be able to transfer the 8th Army to the Western Front as soon as possible to strengthen the attack on France and strive for success.

Little Maoqi glanced at Qin Tian, his eyes were full of contempt and virtue, like a rooster who has won a battle.

Little Maoqi divided the western front troops into 7 armies, which were the 1st army of General Kluge, including 7 armies, 3 cavalry divisions and 3 national brigades, with a total strength of 320,000; Legion, including 6 armies, two cavalry divisions and two national brigades, with a total strength of 260,000; General Howson's 3rd Army, including 4 armies and a national brigade, with a total strength of 180,000; Württemberg The Duke's 4th Army, including 5 armies and a national brigade, has a total strength of 180,000; General Dimlin's 5th Army, including 5 armies, 1 infantry division, two cavalry divisions and 5 national brigades, The total strength is 200,000; the 6th Army of Bavarian General Ruprecht, including 5 armies, 3 cavalry divisions and 4 supplementary divisions, with a total strength of 200,000; the 7th Army of General Schillingen , including 3 armies, 1 infantry division, two supplementary divisions and four national brigades, with a total strength of 125,000 people.

Throughout the western front, the German army has assembled more than 1.4 million people, which already accounts for more than 80% of the total strength of the German Army. Of course, this is when Germany has only mobilized 50 percent.

William II stubbornly believed that the German army only needed to mobilize 50% to defeat the enemy. Of course, another reason is to hope that as few people as possible will die in the war. Although Germany has a population of more than 60 million, there are only a few young and middle-aged people. Too many people will die, which will be very detrimental to the future development of Germany.

"Very good, generals. The troops have been launched according to the battle plan. The war will start soon. Once the order to attack is issued, I hope everyone can fight bravely and win the German Empire! Germany must Victory!" William II shouted.

"Germany will win!" Everyone is full of confidence in the future war.

That night, Marshal Earl Tirpitz, Minister of the Navy, visited Qin Tian. The war is about to begin, and the task of the navy is also very heavy. However, Marshal Earl Tirpitz still hoped to hear Qin Tian's opinion.

"His Royal Highness, did you and Little Moltke quarrel at today's combat meeting?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz asked.

"Huh! That self-righteous, self-righteous guy. He changed General Schlieffen's plan beyond recognition, and he still looks like he is sure of winning. I really don't know where he got his confidence." Qin Tian said angrily. As soon as today's combat meeting rang, Qin Tian couldn't help getting angry.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz also frowned, it was the first time he saw Qin Tian like this.

"His Royal Highness, will the army fail in the next war?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz asked. Once the army fails to succeed, this battle will be very difficult. Otherwise, Germany will be defeated.

"It's hard to say, but the situation is definitely not too optimistic. Even if we win, our losses will be very large. A miserable victory is definitely not what we want." Qin Tian shook his head.

Thousands of tanks and other new weapons were also equipped with troops on the western front. However, whether these tanks can play a big role in the war, Qin Tian is not sure at all. After all, although the weapon factor is very important, in war, the most important thing is still people. What's more, the reliability of current tanks is very low. If it is a long-distance attack, it is estimated that no tank can drive to Paris.

"Your Highness, what should we do?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz asked.

"Do your best. However, if the army is unable to win the victory, the task of the navy will be very difficult. At that time, the navy must find a way to defeat the British. Only in this way can we continue the war. Otherwise, once the coastline is blocked and the sea trade is cut off, we will collapse soon." Qin Tian said.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded with a serious expression, and he also felt how great the responsibility on his shoulders was.

#### [Chapter 174: Go to the front line](#)

"Your Excellency, Marshal, are our submarine forces and battlecruisers ready?" Qin Tian asked.

"Everything is ready. After the Austro-Hungarian Empire declared war on Serbia, pre-war preparations began!" said Marshal Count Tirpitz. As the head of the German navy, Marshal Earl Tirpitz also had a keen sense of politics. He also realized that the war was about to begin. Whether the German navy can defeat a powerful enemy depends on this time.

Qin Tian nodded: "Tomorrow night, let our submarine and battlecruiser formation go to sea! The war is about to begin. The warships we spent huge sums of money must be put to use."

"Your Highness, the British have not made a clear statement yet, will they declare war on us immediately?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz asked.

Although, everyone knows that Britain and Germany will inevitably have a war. However, judging from the current situation, Britain is still debating whether to join the war. Therefore, it seems a bit premature to send the fleet to sea now.

Qin Tian shook his head: "I can guarantee that within three days at most, the British will declare war on us!"

Marshal Earl Tirpitz couldn't believe it, why is Qin Tian so sure?

"Don't forget, the most important part of the western front plan is to use Belgium to attack northern France. Will the Belgians agree to our request? It is almost impossible. Once our army enters Belgium, The British will certainly not sit idly by. The British have always implemented a continental balance of power strategy. They will not watch Belgium fall and France face a crisis. Therefore, it will be inevitable for the British to join the war soon!" Qin Tian analyzed.

"Well, from this point of view, we do have to make preparations in advance. Tomorrow night, the submarine force and the battlecruiser formation will go to sea. Once the British declare war on us, we

will immediately launch an attack on their sea transportation lines , Completely strangle them!" said Marshal Earl Tirpitz.

In order to strangle the British sea transportation line, the German Navy specially built hundreds of submarines. And, after the war broke out, an order was again placed to the shipyard to build 100 submarines. In terms of battlecruisers, although the 'Mackenson-class' battlecruisers have not yet entered service, the 'Blücher-class' battlecruisers, the 'Moltke-class' battlecruisers and the 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers Cruisers are more powerful than the first, and they have an overwhelming advantage against the battlecruisers of the British Navy.

Qin Tian could predict that under the joint strangulation of the submarines and battlecruisers of the German Navy, the British sea transportation line would definitely suffer a devastating blow. At that time, the situation in the UK will be very bad. In order to protect its own sea transportation lines, the British Navy had to send more warships to escort. But whether it is a cruiser or a battlecruiser, it will not be an opponent of the battlecruiser of the German Navy, and it will only cause them to pay greater losses. Even, it will force the British Navy and the German Navy to engage in a decisive battle ahead of schedule.

"How is the construction progress of our 'Bavaria-class' battleships and 'Mackenson-class' battlecruisers? Will they be able to enter service in the first half of next year?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, the construction period has been accelerated now. There should be no problem in serving in the first half of next year." Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded.

"In this case, the decisive battle between us and the British Navy will be in the first half of next year! I believe that the British who are driven to the point of going crazy will definitely not wait to have a decisive battle with us." Qin Tian smiled. Said.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz also laughed.

Once the British maritime transportation line is hit, it will undoubtedly be fatal to the British. As long as the British don't want to be hanged bit by bit by Germany, they can only put all their eggs in one basket. At that time, the number of capital ships of the German Navy may not take advantage of it. But in terms of quality, the German Navy can definitely take advantage. At that time, the possibility of the German Navy winning will be very high. Once the German navy wins, Britain is completely finished.

Early the next morning, Qin Tian changed into a military uniform. Germany has declared war on Russia, so Qin Tian must rush to the front line as soon as possible. It is estimated that the Russian troops attacking East Prussia are already on their way.

Although, Qin Tian has great confidence in the 8th Army. But this time, they have to face enemies that are twice or even three times their size. Therefore, Qin Tian still had to deal with it carefully. If the Eighth Army fails to withstand the Russian attack, it will be a fatal blow to Germany. At the same time, he might not have the face to continue to rely on the position of crown prince. Therefore, for the benefit of the empire, but also for his own benefit, Qin Tian must win in the next war.

Qin Tian went to the office of Wilhelm II and bid farewell to Wilhelm II.



"Father, I'm going to the 8th Army soon. I assure you, the 8th Army will definitely hold off the Russian attack and fight for the Western Front for a month or even longer!" Qin Tian said with a look on his face. said firmly.

William II looked at his son in military uniform and nodded in satisfaction: "Oscar, you can go at ease. Don't worry about family matters. I know that you are worried about the war on the Western Front. But you have to believe that the empire The army is invincible. The French are our opponents, and this time, we can also defeat them!"

William II seemed full of confidence, so Qin Tian naturally couldn't pour cold water on him anymore. The only thing he can do is to find a way to win for Germany when the situation on the Western Front cannot be opened.

"Yes, father!" Qin Tian didn't say much.

"Go, Oscar. I believe, you will win." William II said.

"Germany will win!" After Qin Tian finished speaking, he turned and left.

Qin Tian then returned home and bid farewell to his wife and children. Gundlinde's eyes were red, and his three-year-old son seemed to realize something, and began to scream.

"Gundlinde, don't worry, I will return safely." Qin Tian said with a smile.

"Well, Oscar, I'll wait for your return!" Gundlinde nodded, she is a very well-behaved wife, even if she was worried, she would not stop Qin Tian. Because she knows, she can't stop it.

Qin Tian kissed Gundlinde and his son, and then, under the protection of the guards, went to the train station, took a special train, headed for Königsberg, and headed to the front line, ready to fight.

#### [Chapter 176: The Backbone of a Small Country](#)

King Albert I looked at the German ambassador with anger in his eyes. What the German ambassador said just now is a threat to the Kingdom of Belgium and a trample on their dignity.

King Albert I wanted to order immediately to pull the ambassador out and shoot him to vent his hatred. But, he knew, he couldn't do that. If you do that, everything will be irreparable.

The other ministers of the Kingdom of Belgium also didn't look very good. In their view, the Germans did not take them seriously.

"His Excellency, the Kingdom of Belgium is a neutral country. We will strictly maintain neutrality in this war. We only hope that we will not be affected by the war, that's all!" Prime Minister Brockville said.

King Albert I also nodded quickly. For a small country like the Kingdom of Belgium, it is naturally best not to be involved in a tragic war. They are simply not qualified to participate in this kind of war. Once involved, they are likely to be crushed to pieces.

The corners of the German ambassador's mouth raised slightly, with a sneering smile on his face. In his opinion, these Belgians are too whimsical. Now, their fate is no longer in their hands.

"Your Majesty the King, Your Excellency the Prime Minister. The German Empire hopes that the Kingdom of Belgium can join the Allied Powers and fight together with us. The German Empire guarantees that after victory in future wars, the fruits of victory belonging to the Kingdom of Belgium will definitely not be missing." Germany the ambassador continued.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs gave him two orders. One is to try to persuade the Kingdom of Belgium to agree to the German army. If the Kingdom of Belgium disagrees, then invite the Kingdom of Belgium to join the Allies. If the Kingdom of Belgium disagrees with these two proposals, there is no other choice. The German Empire can only get what it wants through force.

"Join the Allies?" Albert I was taken aback, this proposal was beyond his expectations. However, can the Allies defeat the Allies and win the final victory? On this point, King Albert I did not quite believe it.

Most of the military and political ministers of the Kingdom of Belgium are pro-British. Wanting them to join the Allied Powers and fight against the British-led Allied Powers made it impossible for them to do so.

However, if they do not join the Allied Powers, they may become the first target to be attacked by Germany. And the Kingdom of Belgium couldn't resist the German attack at all.

King Albert I was so distraught that he didn't know how to choose.

"Your Excellency, Ambassador, let us think about it!" King Albert I said.

"Of course, there is no problem at all. Your Majesty, you have 24 hours to consider. If the Kingdom of Belgium still does not give us a satisfactory answer by then, then the German Empire will regard the Kingdom of Belgium as having rejected the goodwill of the Empire. When the time comes, His Majesty the King should be very clear about the consequences." The threat in the German ambassador's mouth was not concealed at all.

"His Excellency, do you mean that Germany wants to invade Belgium? We are a neutral country. If Germany does this, it will be condemned by the international community." Prime Minister Brockwell said angrily.

The German ambassador smiled, did not answer, then bowed to King Albert I, and then left the palace.

But the military and political ministers of the Belgian Royal Palace have fallen to the bottom of their mood. They never thought that Germany would blatantly threaten them.

"Gentlemen, the Germans only gave us 24 hours to consider, what should we do?" King Albert I asked.

"Your Majesty, we must not compromise in the face of the threat from the Germans. They keep saying that they will not endanger our safety and interests, but their behavior is already a threat to the Kingdom of Belgium!" Brockville The Prime Minister was very angry.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, do you mean to reject the Germans? But in that case, the Germans will attack us." Albert I was a little worried. The gap in military strength between the two countries is too great.

"Even if it's a war, what does it matter? Although the Kingdom of Belgium is a small country, we don't lack courage. In order to defend the country's independence and interests, we would rather die in battle than compromise with the Germans." Prime Minister Brockville said in a deep voice.

"That's right, the dignity of the Kingdom of Belgium cannot be trampled on. If the Germans want to pass the Kingdom of Belgium, they should step on our corpses and pass! Otherwise, they will never want to pass the Kingdom of Belgium!" The Minister of War also expressed his attitude.

Subsequently, a group of generals expressed their willingness to fight to the end for the dignity of the Kingdom of Belgium. This moved King Albert I very much. At the same time, endless arrogance arose in his heart.

"Very well, since everyone agrees, then tomorrow we can officially reject the unreasonable demands of the Germans. Even if the Kingdom of Belgium will face war because of this, we will not hesitate!" King Albert I said.

"Long live Belgium!" The military and political ministers of the Kingdom of Belgium shouted one after another.

"His Excellency, Minister of War, send more troops to the Liege Fortress. Once the Germans launch an attack, the Liege Fortress will be the first target of their attack." King Albert I said.

"Yes, Your Majesty. Our army will be mobilized immediately. The first batch of 30,000 troops will go to the fortress of Liege. With the strong fortifications and the 6,000 defenders stationed there, it is enough to resist the Germans for a while. However, because our strength gap is too great, it is almost impossible to completely resist the German attack." The Minister of War said with some embarrassment.

Albert I nodded. He also knew that this was reality and there was no way to change it.

"Your Excellency, Foreign Minister, immediately ask for help from the British side. Once the Germans attack the Kingdom of Belgium, and we cannot resist it, it will be a disaster for Britain, France and the entire Entente. I believe that Britain and France, we will not stand by and watch us being defeated and occupied by the Germans. They will definitely send reinforcements to save us. As long as we persist for a while, the final victory must be ours!" King Albert I will hope, all pinned on Britain and France.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Foreign Minister Coleman nodded.

#### [Chapter 177: Great Britain enters the war](#)

The sudden outbreak of war caught the British Empire on the other side of the strait by surprise. Although, the British government has long expected that war will be inevitable. However, they still did not expect that the war would come so suddenly.

Of course, for Britain, it is better to start this battle earlier than later. This is especially true when the strength of the German navy is growing faster and faster and has already posed a serious threat to the United Kingdom. If Germany cannot be defeated, Britain's dominance will be shaken, which will have a very negative impact on maintaining Britain's world colonial system.

In order to maintain its own hegemony, the United Kingdom has been implementing a balance of power policy in the European continent, that is, it does not want a hegemon to emerge in the European

continent. Once a country rises, Britain will join forces with other countries to besiege it. The last one to be besieged by the British was France, now it is Germany's turn.

Because of its own geographical location, the UK can keep their homeland from being attacked as long as they maintain a strong navy. As for the war on land, it was left to the French and the Russians. Let them fight the Germans to the death on the land battlefield. It is much better than letting a large number of British youths die on the battlefield!

Germany declared war on Russia and France respectively, but Britain did not declare war on Germany immediately. On the one hand, Britain has not signed military treaties with France and Russia, and is not obligated to go to war immediately. Whether to go to war or not depends on the interests of Britain. On the other hand, the British did not mean to sit on the mountain and watch the tigers fight, using Germany to consume the strength of France and Russia, causing them to suffer heavy losses in this war. In this way, it will be easier for Britain to control the post-war world.

So, there are no permanent friends between countries, only permanent interests. In this war, the performance was vivid. Even if they are allies, everyone is counting on each other.

However, the wishful thinking of the British was obviously wrong. Germany's next actions disrupted their deployment.

On the afternoon of August 2, the British cabinet held an emergency meeting. There is only one topic, and that is the notification from the Kingdom of Belgium. After an ultimatum has been issued to them, if they do not allow the German army to use it, Germany will attack them. This is absolutely unacceptable to the British.

"Damn Germans, what are they trying to do? Could it be that they really want to push the British Empire into war?" Prime Minister Asquith was furious.

Once Germany really attacks the Kingdom of Belgium, it will be impossible for Britain to continue to sit on the mountain and watch the tigers fight. According to their commitment, Britain has the responsibility to protect the security of the Kingdom of Belgium.

"Your Excellency, the tactics of the Germans are really vicious! They launched an attack on the neutral kingdom of Belgium, which is equivalent to avoiding the heavily deployed defense line of the French army and the rugged Ardennes, and directly attacking northern France. According to our As far as we know, the defense of northern France is very empty. It can be said that the French never expected that the Germans would attack from the north. Once the Kingdom of Belgium is defeated, the French defense line will be dealt a fatal blow." Richard Haldane, Secretary of State for War, sighed.

"The French must be informed and prepared. Otherwise, once France suffers heavy losses, it will be difficult for us to contain the Germans." Sir Edward Gray, the foreign secretary, also said.

Even if Britain wants to use the hands of the Germans to further weaken France. However, they must not stand by and watch France suffer heavy losses. Once France is defeated, it will be dangerous. Otherwise, they will lose the war. Britain cannot take such a risk.

"Well, let the French prepare in advance!" Prime Minister Asquith said.

"Even if we notify the French now, it may be too late for them. The Germans are ready for war, and they only gave the Belgians 24 hours to think about it. Several hours have passed now. That is to say, there is still in less than 20 hours, the Germans will launch an offensive. The French's war preparations have not been completed at all. Their standing army is mainly deployed on the eastern defense line. Even if they immediately deploy troops to defend the north, or enter Belgium to fight, this will also take time. By then, the Kingdom of Belgium may have been defeated by the Germans." Churchill shook his head, looking a little negative.

Prime Minister Asquith's face was also a little unsightly.

"What if we dispatched an expeditionary force and landed directly in the Kingdom of Belgium?" Prime Minister Asquith asked.

Although the British army has very few troops, its combat effectiveness is not very strong. However, for the upcoming war, Britain still decided to send an expeditionary force to fight on the European continent. This is what the French strongly demanded at the beginning.

"Your Excellency, the assembly of the expeditionary force takes time. In addition to the preparation of war materials, it also takes time. Therefore, if the expeditionary force is to be dispatched, it will take at least half a month. This is because there are only two expeditionary forces. The army has 4 infantry divisions and 1 cavalry division, with a total of more than 70,000 people. If there are more troops, I am afraid that more preparation time will be needed." Richard Haldane, the Minister of War, replied.

"God! Can't we do nothing now, can we just watch the Germans defeat Belgium, and then go south and hit France hard? In that case, we will lose the war!" Prime Minister Asquith was very anxious.

"Your Excellency, now we can only hope that the Belgians can persist for a while. At least, their Liege Fortress is still very strong. I hope that God can bless them!" Churchill sighed.

Prime Minister Asquith thought for a while, but nodded. There was no other way.

"Well, inform the Belgians that we will send troops to help them immediately, and hope they persist. Also, Your Excellency, Foreign Minister, warn the Germans that if they send troops into the Kingdom of Belgium, we will participate in the war. Hopefully, more can be won. Time!" said Prime Minister Asquith.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Prime Minister." Sir Edward Gray nodded.

On August 3, the Kingdom of Belgium formally rejected the German army's request for a passage, and at the same time sent troops to the Liege Fortress, preparing to resist the German attack there.

At the same time, Britain officially warned Germany not to send troops into the Kingdom of Belgium.

However, Germany turned a deaf ear to Britain's warning. War was then declared on the Kingdom of Belgium.

On August 4, the German army crossed the border and entered the Kingdom of Belgium. On the same day, Great Britain officially declared war on Germany!

[Chapter 178: Battle of Liege Fortress](#)

On August 4, the German army crossed the border and marched towards the fortress of Liege. In order to take this important fortress, the German army formed the Meuse River Army, which consisted of the 11th Infantry Brigade, the 14th Infantry Brigade, the 27th Infantry Brigade, the 34th Infantry Brigade, the 38th Infantry Brigade and the 43rd Infantry Brigade. It has a force of more than 59,800 people and more than 100 artillery pieces, commanded by General Otto von Enmich.

However, the Belgian army stationed at the Liege Fortress that the German army had to deal with had more than 36,000 people and 252 cannons. In addition, there are hundreds of cannons on the Liege Fortress. In terms of artillery, the Germans were completely at a disadvantage.

Liege is located at the confluence of the Maas River and the Ult River, between the Ardennes Forest in the south, Maastricht in the Netherlands, and the Flanders Plain in the northwest. The Maas River flows through Liege along a deep valley, forming an important barrier for it. Germany's main railway to Brussels passes through Liege, which eventually leads to Paris. Schlieffen and Moltke wanted to use this railway to transport troops into France.

However, if you want to take the next day, you must first take the next day fortress.

The fortress of Liege consists of 12 fortresses, generally 6-8 kilometers away from the city of Liege, and the distance between the fortresses is 3-5 kilometers. The 6 towers on the east bank all face Germany, and the 6 towers on the west bank are arranged around and behind Liege. These fortresses seem to be medieval castles built underground. Only a triangular top is exposed on the ground, and some arched covers protrude from the top to hide all the turrets. The basement, and communicates the connection between the turret and the ammunition depot and the fire control room. The 6 large forts and the 6 small forts distributed among them have a total of 400 cannons, the largest of which is a 210mm howitzer. There are small turrets at the corners of the top of the triangle, rapid-fire guns in the towers and ramps in front of the machine gun controller bastions. Each fortress is surrounded by a 9-meter-deep moat and has a steel watchtower that, like its cannon, can be lowered below the ground and is equipped with a searchlight. Each large fort was garrisoned by two companies of artillery and one company of infantry, totaling 400 soldiers.

Before the war, in order to strictly maintain neutrality, Belgium's 6 infantry divisions and 1 cavalry division were deployed in various directions to deal with all incoming enemies: the 1st Division faced Ghent in the UK, the 2nd Division was in Antwerp, and the 1st Division was in Antwerp. The 3rd Division faced Liege in Germany, the 4th and 5th Divisions faced Namur, Charleroi and Mons in France, and the 6th and Cavalry Divisions were in Brussels in the center.

On August 3, King Albert officially took office as the Commander-in-Chief of the Belgian Army. He personally nominated the 63-year-old General Lehman as the commander of the 3rd Division and the military commander of Liege. The king asked him to "hold the ground entrusted to you and fight to the death.

The Belgians relied too heavily on these fortifications, which Brialmont had carefully designed, and the defenders were outnumbered and all reservists, with only one officer per company, and did not start digging trenches and erecting barbed wire barricades until 2 August, to defend the gaps between the forts, and to clear houses and trees that would interfere with artillery fire. These measures were just beginning when the Germans attacked.

After the German army arrived at the Liege Fortress, it immediately launched an offensive. Although, the combat effectiveness of the Belgian defenders stationed at the Liege Fortress was not at all an opponent of the German army. But they have strong fortresses as their backing. This made it difficult for the German army to defeat the Belgian army outside the fortress.

Passing through the fort without taking it down is no different from courting death. The artillery deployed on the fortress will cause the German army trying to pass through the fortress to pay extremely heavy losses.

On August 5, the German army began to attack the fortresses of the Liege Fortress. But it was at this time that the disadvantage of the attacking German army's lack of artillery was fully exposed. Although the German soldiers are very brave, they are flesh and blood after all, and they will also be torn to pieces during the shelling.

"Boom! Boom!" On the artillery positions of the German army, cannons fired desperately, trying to provide artillery support to the infantry attacking the Liege Fortress. However, these small-caliber howitzers pose no threat to the strong fortress at all. In addition, the disadvantage in the number of artillery also makes it impossible for them to provide sufficient fire support for infantry.

"Fire and blow up those \*\*\*\* Germans!" A Belgian officer ordered loudly.

The cannons of the Belgian army deployed in the fortress were firing crazily, and the shells fell like raindrops, exploding in the ranks of the attacking German troops.

Although, the German offensive line was very wide and sparse. But there are still many soldiers who were torn to pieces in the artillery fire.

"Boom!" A large-caliber fortress artillery shell fell, and a violent explosion sounded. A deep pit with a diameter of four or five meters appeared on the ground, and the nearby German soldiers were all killed.

"Da da da!"

The heavy machine guns of the Belgian army deployed on the fortress were also firing. They fired condescendingly, and the dense bullets shot over like a storm. Many German soldiers fell in a pool of blood.

"Damn! The Belgians' combat effectiveness is not very good, but their fortifications are too strong. If we don't destroy their fortifications, we will not be able to take the next day fortress!" Von Wecht, commander of the German 11th Infantry Brigade Major General Er watched his troops continue to fall in a pool of blood with a look of anger. In order to avoid greater losses, he had to order the troops to temporarily stop attacking.

General Otto von Enmich, the commander of the Meuse River Army, also had a very ugly face. The battle to attack the fortress of Liege was the first large-scale battle of the German army in this great war. If it is blocked here, it will have a great impact on the morale of the German army. Once the blame comes down from above, it is definitely not something he can afford.

Subsequently, General Otto von Enmich launched several attacks, but they were still resisted by the Belgian army.

Even, during the battle, the German army also invested a lot of new weapons, including Zeppelin airships and tanks produced by the German Arms Company.

However, these weapons are not very helpful for taking down the fortress of the Belgian army. The strong fortress became a hindrance to the advance of the German army.

In the absence of a solution, General Otto von Enmich had no choice but to report the situation to the General Staff. They can't delay too much time in the Liege Fortress, they must break through as soon as possible. Otherwise, it will give the enemy more reaction time. At that time, it will be even more unfavorable to them.

#### [Chapter 179: Giant Cannon Shows its Power](#)

The German Army General Staff, after the outbreak of the war, it has become the busiest place.

A large number of staff members came in and out, and the telegraph machine kept ringing, sending and receiving telegrams non-stop. The tall female officers marked the situation on the front line on the sand table and the map according to the latest battle situation, so that the commanders could see it clearly at a glance.

William II would often visit the General Staff after finishing his official duties. This war is so important that it concerns the fate of Germany. Therefore, even William II did not dare to take it lightly.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, a telegram from the Meuse River Army." A staff officer handed a telegram to Little Mao Qi.

"What's the matter? Have they taken the Fortress of Tomorrow?" William II asked, looking away from the sand table. However, he soon discovered that Little Moqi's complexion was not good-looking. The smile on his face has disappeared completely.

"Your Majesty, the Meuse River Army did not take the Fortress of the Next Day. On the contrary, they were blocked. The Belgians successfully blocked General Enmihi with the help of a strong fortress, and caused the Meuse River Army to suffer heavy losses." Little Maoqi said.

William II frowned tightly.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, will this have any adverse effects on the ensuing battle?" William II asked.

"Your Majesty, everything is under our control, and there will be no major problems." Little Maoqi shook his head, and the confidence returned to his face.

It can be said that the German Army was the first army to set up a staff headquarters. They used strict combat plans to command the army, even to the point of rigidity. The combat plan formulated by the German army was very detailed, even down to how many meters the troops had to march during the march, no more than one meter, no less than one meter. It is precisely because of this system that the German army has become a sophisticated machine that can operate quickly, and other countries cannot compare with it.



It was also from this time that the role of strategy and tactics in warfare became smaller and smaller. War has become a competition of national comprehensive national strength. The wisdom gathered by a large number of staff officers is no worse than that of the so-called famous generals.

In these respects, the German army is undoubtedly the best.

"Order the secret weapons we have prepared to go to the Liege Fortress. In addition, all the ones borrowed from the Austro-Hungarian Empire will also be sent there. Tell General Enmihi that within a week, the Liege Fortress must be taken." Xiao Maoqi ordered road.

"Yes, Your Excellency Chief of Staff." A staff officer immediately went to convey the order.

Regarding this, although William II saw everything in his eyes, he didn't ask. He only cares about the final result, not the process. He also knew he was not a professional. Therefore, commanding troops to fight wars should be left to professionals.

The so-called secret weapon that Little Maoqi said was specially prepared for the Liege Fortress. Before the war, the German Army General Staff also considered that there would be problems. Therefore, the transformation has prepared a batch of secret weapons.

These secret weapons are large-caliber siege artillery. They are the 420mm howitzer produced by Krupp and the 305mm howitzer produced by the Skoda factory in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. In the whole of Germany, there are only five 420mm howitzers in total, and Moch provided four to General Enmihi at one time. Coupled with the eight 305mm heavy howitzers borrowed from the Austro-Hungarian Empire, General Enmihi has a very terrifying siege force in his hands.

On August 12, four 420mm heavy howitzers and eight 305mm howitzers arrived at the front line. Although, during the fighting in the past few days, the German army has already occupied some fortresses. But in general, the main fortress is still in the hands of the Belgian army.

"Haha, let's see how the Belgians resist our attack! Order the artillery to get ready and start shelling this afternoon to destroy the Belgian fortress and blow them all to death!" General Enmihi ordered. You must know that although the German army has achieved some success in the continuous battle for several days, there have been many casualties.

At 6:30 in the afternoon, General Enmihi gave the order for shelling. Four 420mm heavy-duty howitzers and eight 305mm howitzers fired first at the Fryron Fort, the strongest of the various forts in the Fortress of Liege. The gunners filled the shells, retreated to the protective trench 300 meters away from the cannon, plugged their ears with earplugs, and then ignited and fired. Hearing an earth-shattering roar, a giant shell rushed straight up to an altitude of 3,000 meters, and then fell in a parabola 1,000 meters in front of the Fryron Fort. Immediately, a large crater tens of meters square was blasted out on the ground, and sand and dust splashed all over the sky. The astonishing power of the 420mm howitzer not only frightened the Belgian defenders, but even the attacking German army stunned. After that, other heavy artillery fired one after another, and the German observers in the airship continued to correct the shelling coordinates. Finally, the eighth shell hit the top cover of the Fryron Fort. The giant shell penetrated the roof of the turret and exploded in the central tunnel. The interior of the turret was immediately filled with fireworks, and the Belgian defenders were blown to pieces. The other 3 cannons of the German army also corrected their coordinates and fired repeatedly. The Fryron Fortress shook as if it was sitting on a crater. Reinforced concrete, stumps and broken bodies, guns and materials splashed

everywhere, and the fire glowed red. half the sky. When everything fell silent, the German infantry rushed up, and the huge Forelon Fortress had been reduced to rubble, and none of the defenders survived.

On August 13, the German artillery destroyed two forts of the Belgian defenders in the same way. The rest of the forts still insisted on resisting and refused to surrender. General Enmihl ordered the remaining 12 cannons to be divided into 2 groups, and to sweep the remaining forts along both sides of the Maas River. As a result, the earth-shattering loud noises continued on the battlefield every day, and the forts collapsed one after another, becoming huge iron furnaces and crematoriums. By August 16, 11 of the 12 forts had been destroyed, leaving only the Longsen Fort guarded by the Belgian guard Liman. General Enmihl sent someone to persuade him to surrender again, but Li Man still refused. Then 12 giant cannons fired at the Longsen Fort, and the fort immediately ignited a raging fire, and the ammunition depot in the fort was also ignited, and a chain explosion occurred. The top cover of the fort was lifted tens of meters away, and the entire fort was completely destroyed. destroy.

The Battle of Liege finally ended with the German army winning, but the German army suffered heavy casualties in front of the fortress, with losses of more than 40,000 people. But after taking the Liege Fortress, millions of German troops were able to drive straight in and kill the Marne River.

#### [Chapter 180: The navy is dispatched](#)

Time goes back to the night of August 2, 1914, at Wilhelmshaven Naval Base.

Although it is already 10 o'clock in the evening, the entire naval base is still brightly lit. Marshal Earl Tirpitz, Minister of the Navy, arrived here to sit in charge in person.

"Marshal, the fleet at the Port of Kiel has set off half an hour ago. It is estimated that it will arrive in Wilhelmshaven in two hours." German Navy High Seas Fleet Commander Reinhardt? Admiral Scheer reported to Marshal Earl Tirpitz.

"Well, tell them to pay attention to safety when sailing at night. At the same time, do a good job of keeping secrets." Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded.

Although, Germany is not at war with Britain yet. But Marshal Earl Tirpitz still planned to follow Qin Tian's suggestion and let the navy prepare first. Once a war breaks out, the German navy will be able to respond immediately and launch an attack on British sea transportation lines. The German Navy is usually deployed at the naval bases in Wilhelmshaven and Kiel. Before the widening of the Kiel Canal, these large warships could only be diverted by circumnavigating the Jutland peninsula. That made the warships of the German Navy completely exposed to the threat of the British Navy. Now? Transferring through the Kiel Canal not only greatly shortens the distance, but also makes it safer and more confidential.

"Marshal, are we going to go to war with the British?" Admiral Reinhard Scheer was a little excited. Challenge the hegemony of the British navy, which has always been the desire of the German navy's generals. Especially as the strength of the German navy continues to increase, this makes their ambitions start to grow crazily like weeds.

"Although we have not declared war with the British yet. However, the war is inevitable, and no one can stop it. Not even God! Therefore, we must be prepared. Your Highness predicts that we will declare war

on the British, that is, it's been a matter of a day or two. Therefore, we need to send the fleet out first, and once we receive news of the war, we will launch an attack immediately." Marshal Count Tirpitz said.

"Yes, Marshal!" Admiral Reinhard Scheer nodded. He knew that this was a pre-emptive strike. Although, the main force of the British navy is gathered in Scapa Flow, which is not easy to deal with. But now is not the time for a decisive battle with the British navy. The generals have already understood the mission of the German navy in the early stages of the war, and it is mainly to attack the British sea transportation line.

"Is the submarine force ready?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz asked.

"Marshal, it's ready. We have selected 30 submarines with good conditions and experienced commanders and soldiers to participate in this operation. The secretly armed submarine supply ship has also been dispatched first. . . to ensure that each submarine can last longer at sea."

Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded. The use of submarines is also a new subject for the German Navy. They can only study and train some of the tactics mentioned by Qin Tian. As for whether they can perform well in the war, it is very difficult to say. Of course, Marshal Earl Tirpitz believes that weapons such as submarines can also shine in war. Not because of anything else, but because of Qin Tian's emphasis on submarines. The German Navy, including Marshal Earl Tirpitz, believed in Qin Tian very much, and it even developed into a kind of worship.

Two hours later, the three "Blücher-class" battlecruisers and three "Moltke-class" battlecruisers originally moored at the Kiel Harbor Naval Base arrived in Wilhelmshaven.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz immediately held a combat meeting. All the generals of the High Seas Fleet attended the meeting.

"Gentlemen, the war has already begun. The war between us and the British is about to break out. According to the suggestion of His Royal Highness, the Imperial Navy needs to be preemptive and ready for battle." Marshal Count Tirpitz said.

The admirals all looked at Count and Marshal Tirpitz. From their eyes, Tirpitz could feel their excitement and excitement. Yes, the German Navy has longed for this battle, for a long time.

"General Scheer, let everyone issue this combat mission!" said Marshal Earl Tirpitz.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Marshal." Admiral Reinhard Scheer nodded.

"Everyone, although we have not declared war with the British yet. However, it is expected that war will break out soon. Therefore, we need to prepare in advance. The target of this operation is not the main fleet of the British Navy, but the British sunk all the merchant ships and transport ships flying the British flag, or the warships encountered. Of course, if it encounters the main fleet of the British Navy, it is better to retreat immediately. Now, but it's not time for a decisive battle with the British." Admiral Reinhard Scheer said.

"Hahaha!" All the generals burst out laughing.

"General Hipper, General Spee!" Admiral Reinhard Scheer shouted.

Franz von Hipper Lieutenant General and Maximilian von Shippe Lieutenant General both stood up.

"The two of you, lead the 1st battlecruiser formation and the 2nd battlecruiser formation respectively, and set off in two hours to go to the Atlantic Ocean in the west of England to carry out hunting missions!" Admiral Reinhard Scheer ordered road.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander." Both Hipper and Lieutenant General Spee replied.

"General Hitterfels, this time the submarine force will also send 30 submarines to fight. I hope that the target of the attack is still the British sea transportation line." Admiral Reinhard Scheer continued to issue orders .

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander." A young major general replied, he is the commander of the German Navy submarine force Rear Admiral Hitterfels.

"That's all for the specific combat missions, Marshal, do you have anything else to add?" Admiral Reinhard Scheer asked.

"I want to make two points. First, the target of this attack is the British sea transportation line. Therefore, try to avoid encountering the British main fleet. We only dispatched two battlecruiser formations, a total of The six battlecruisers do not have the strength to confront the main force of the British Navy. Of course, if there is a suitable time, such as the British Navy's main ship that is alone, they can still seize the opportunity to sink it. The specific situation, Take care of yourself. The second point is to preserve yourself as much as possible. Whether it is a battleship or a submarine, it is a valuable combat power of the Imperial Navy, and it cannot be lost due to carelessness." Marshal Count Tirpitz said.

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

At 12 o'clock, the German Navy fleet, under the cover of night, began to leave the naval port and sail into the vast sea.