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Chapter 201: Ulla Charge

Warsaw, the headquarters of the Northwest Front of the Russian Army.

"General, General Samsonov called. They have arrived at Tannenburg. However, the German army has deployed heavy troops in Tannenburg. But General Samsonov claims that Tannenburg can be taken within two days." "Fort, open the way to Königsberg." An officer reported to General Ivan Jilinsky.

"Well, it has advanced tens of kilometers in two days. The combat effectiveness of the Second Army is still relatively strong." Admiral Ivan Jilinsky nodded, his face full of approval.

"Tell Samsonov that Tannenburg is an important strategic point, and it must be taken there to open the road to Königsberg. As long as Tannenburg is taken, Königsberg can be defeated in one battle There." General Ivan Jilinsky seemed very confident of this.

"Yes, General." The officer immediately sent a telegram.

"With the capture of Tannenburg, the East Prussian campaign can come to an end, and there will be no problem in capturing Königsberg. If the entire East Prussia can be occupied, then Germany's threat to the Empire can be completely eliminated. The next step is to launch an attack on Berlin and completely defeat Germany!" General Ivan Jilinsky stood in front of the map and remained silent for a long time. He thought a lot and thought of Russia winning this battle. A standing victory. It's just that it's all like a daydream.

On August 19, after the Russian Second Army advanced to Tannenburg, General Samsonov issued an order to stop the offensive.

"Let all divisions start to rest and attack Tannenberg early tomorrow morning. Before sunset, I want to see the double-headed eagle flag planted in Tannenberg!" Admiral Samsonov ordered.

"Don't worry, Your Excellency Commander. The Germans have lost the courage to fight on, and we kicked the **** out of them along the way. We only need to launch one attack, and we can break through their defenses and take Tannenberg." A The major general said.

"Haha, that's right. I didn't expect the Germans to be so weak. I really don't know why the French are so worried about the Germans attacking them." A lieutenant general couldn't believe it.

The other Russian generals also laughed. They have no doubts about winning the next battle. Even Admiral Samsonov faintly felt that something was wrong. After all, the German Army is known as the best in the world, and it cannot be so weak. However, he was relieved when he thought that the main force of the German Army had gathered on the Western Front and fought with the French. In his view, the German side must have used the worst troops to intercept them, which is why this result was caused.

Early the next morning, the Russian Second Army launched an attack on Tannanburg.

In order to take Tannanburg in one go, Admiral Samsonov dispatched four infantry divisions with more than 60,000 people at one time. In addition, more than 400 cannons were assembled to provide fire cover for them. Such a firepower configuration is already very luxurious for the Russian army.

"Fire and blow up all the Germans to me!" General Samsonov gave the order.

More than 400 Russian cannons began shelling. However, the Russian army has always been short of cannons. Most of the more than 400 cannons

are field guns with a caliber of 76.2 mm. Cannons with a caliber of more than 100 mm are pitifully few.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Russian cannons opened fire one after another, orange flames gleamed at the muzzles, and shells roared towards the German positions at Tannenberg.

The artillery shells exploded on the position, and clusters of flames rose. Sand and gravel splashed on the battlefield, and gunpowder smoke filled the air. When the gunpowder smoke dispersed, craters of various sizes were left on the position.

However, because the Russian artillery is less powerful, facing the solid German defensive positions, it cannot cause too much damage at all, and the losses caused to the German army are naturally pitiful.

"General, is our artillery going to fight back?" A division commander asked Lieutenant General Francois.

"The Russian shelling is too weak to pose any threat to us at all, so ignore them." Lieutenant General Francois said.

"Yes, General." The division commander nodded.

Because of the limited number of shells carried, the Russian army's shelling lasted only ten minutes before it ended.

Admiral Samsonov is still very satisfied with this shelling. In his opinion, the German troops on the ground must have suffered heavy losses.

"Attack! Try to take Tannenburg before sunset." Admiral Samsonov ordered.

"Yes, General." Several division commanders in charge of the attack answered confidently.

Perhaps it was because the German army's lure the enemy to go deep was so realistic that these Russian generals all thought that the German army's combat effectiveness was really bad. They are also full of confidence in the next attack, thinking that they can break through the German defense line in one fell swoop.

However, they soon knew that they were dead wrong. The German army is not as weak as they expected, everything is a trap.

"Attack!"

The order to attack reached the various units of the Russian army. Numerous Russian soldiers, holding bayonet-mounted rifles or bare-handed, rushed out of their positions and launched a fierce attack on the German positions.

"Ulla! Ulla!"

Tens of thousands of Russian troops shouted loudly, forming an indomitable momentum. I have to admit that the Russians are still very brave in war. Their 'Ula Charge' is even more imposing. Ordinary people would be stupefied when encountering such an attack, let alone pick up weapons and continue fighting.

Unfortunately, they are facing the German army. The soldiers of the 8th Army may not be the most elite of the German Army. But after years of training, it has been reborn. The Russian attack certainly made them a little nervous. However, it didn't have much impact.

"It's hard to imagine that the Russians' equipment is so bad. Many of them don't even have guns. How are they going to fight us, with their fists?"

Lieutenant General Mackensen, the commander of the 20th Army, put down the gun in his hand. Binoculars, shook his head and sighed.

"The poor equipment of the Russian Army has long been known all over the world. You are not unaware of this. But don't forget, your 20th Army was defeated by such an army." Francois Zhong Will said with a smile.

Suddenly, Lieutenant General Mackensen became very depressed. In the past, his troops had to implement the strategy of luring the enemy to go deep, and deliberately fought many defeats. And this, of course, was regarded as a shame by him. However, as long as the final victory can be achieved, even these sacrifices are completely worthwhile.

Chapter 202: Broken head (seeking monthly ticket)

Russian soldiers, shouting the slogan "Hurrah", charged towards the German positions. The dense formation released an indomitable momentum. However, in the eyes of the officers and soldiers of the German army, this is no different from courting death.

"Sir, why did the Russians line up in such a dense formation to attack? Don't they know how terrible the firepower of machine guns is?" A recruit who had just joined the army asked his squad leader suspiciously.

"Who knows? Maybe the Russians think they can withstand our machine gun bullets." A machine gunner said jokingly.

"The Russians are not only backward in equipment, but also very backward in tactics. In addition, the education level of the Russian soldiers is very low, and most of them are even farmers who have just put down their hoes. Therefore, their offensive has no formation at all, and it is a mess. However, since you are on the battlefield, you have to put away your pity. Otherwise, that ridiculous pity will not only harm yourself, but also your comrades in arms." said the squad leader.

The recruit nodded heavily and understood the squad leader's teachings.

"Every department is ready! Fire!"

Following the order of the frontline commander, the German troops on the defense line began to shoot.

"Da da da!" The general-purpose machine gun first began to roar, the sound like sawing wood, which made people feel creepy. The muzzle of the gun was shining with flames, and hot bullets had already flown towards the Russian soldiers in gray uniforms.

The squad's machine guns also started firing immediately, which made the firepower of the German army on the defense line even more fierce.

Semi-automatic rifles, grenades and mortars also started attacking immediately.

Suddenly, the attacking Russian army was directly blocked as if hitting an invisible wall. Moreover, under the intensive firepower of the German army, the Russian army fell to the ground in rows, as if they were cutting wheat.

"Boom! Boom!" One after another, mortar shells and grenade grenades fell into the Russian army's queue like raindrops, and countless Russian soldiers were torn to pieces.

Of course, the most harmful thing to the Russian army is still the machine gun fire. Although, only one infantry division of the German army was deployed on the first line of defense. However, the number of machine guns equipped by an infantry division of the German army is not equipped with so many machine guns by an army or even an army group of the Russian army. This directly caused the attacking Russian army to suffer a lot in the face of the powerful firepower of the German army.

The Russian generals who were watching the battle in the rear were also dumbfounded. They originally expected the Russian army to break through the German defense line in one go and take Tannenberg. However, the scene in front of them stunned all of them.

"God! Why are there so many artillery and machine guns on the German defense line? How can their firepower be so powerful? Could it be that all the machine guns and artillery of the German 8th Army have gathered at Tannenberg Is it?" a Russian general exclaimed.

"Damn, how could this be? How could the Germans be so powerful?" The other Russian generals couldn't believe the scene in front of them.

All eyes were on General Samsonov. They found that Admiral Samsonov's face was livid, and his whole body was trembling slightly. They didn't know whether he was angry or frightened.

After all, Admiral Samsonov had vowed before that he would take Tannenberg before sunset. But now it seems that this is not possible at all.

General Samsonov also felt like a clown.

"The troops who ordered the attack should withdraw immediately. Otherwise, they will all be killed by the Germans." A general suggested.

The attacking Russian army has been defeated by the German army with powerful firepower. Some Russian soldiers even started to flee without receiving orders. The whole scene was very chaotic.

The German army is using powerful firepower to wantonly massacre the attacking Russian army. Almost every moment, Russian soldiers will fall to the ground and lose their lives.

"Order the troops to stop the attack." Admiral Samsonov had to issue such an order.

The other Russian generals breathed a sigh of relief. They were really afraid that Admiral Samsonov would stubbornly refuse to give the order to retreat. In that case, the consequences would be very serious. The attacking Russian army did not know how much it would cost.

After receiving the order to retreat, the attacking Russian army ran back in a swarm. That speed was actually much faster than when they were attacking. There was no other way, the German bullets and shells were chasing them. If you don't run faster, you will lose your life.

So, those Russian soldiers ran away desperately, wishing their parents would give them two more legs, so that they could run faster. Some Russian soldiers threw away all their weapons and equipment in order to speed up.

It can be said that the confidence accumulated by the Russian army because of the German army's lure the enemy to go deep and win so many battles has disappeared completely now.

But even so, many Russian soldiers were shot and killed by the powerful firepower of the German army. On the battlefield, the corpses of Russian soldiers are everywhere. Some of the corpses have already looked down upon, leaving only clumps of minced meat. Stumped limbs and broken arms were flying everywhere.

After counting the number of the retreating Russian army, it was found that there were more than 15,000 people missing. In addition, tens of thousands of people were wounded. The attack for just a short while caused the Russian army to lose nearly two divisions. It can be seen how powerful the German firepower was just now.

"General, what should we do now? The Germans' firepower is so strong, I'm afraid it will be difficult for us to break through their defense line and occupy Tannenberg." A Russian general said with a bitter face.

"General, could this be a trap for the Germans? They were deliberately showing weakness before." Another general said.

Admiral Samsonov's complexion was as dark as the bottom of a pot. How come no one said that before? Now that the attack has been frustrated, and

the head is broken in front of the German defense line, these guys jumped out one by one.

"Okay, our attack has only suffered a temporary setback. We can't lose confidence like this. Otherwise, how can we complete the task assigned to us by Your Excellency Commander? The Germans' firepower is strong, but we are not weak. Order the artillery to get ready, open fire in ten minutes, and destroy the German position with artillery fire. At that time, I will see how they can stop us!" General Samsonov ordered. He is determined not to die until the Yellow River, and will not give up easily.

Chapter 203: Dumbfounded (ask for a monthly ticket)

"Your Excellency the Commander is right. The Germans have strong machine gun fire and small-caliber artillery, but that doesn't mean that their artillery fire is really powerful. Didn't they respond when we shelled before? As long as we can With powerful artillery fire, destroy their defense line in one fell swoop, and the final victory will definitely be ours." As soon as Admiral Samsonov said the words, the generals of the Russian army responded immediately.

Other Russian generals also said the same thing. However, they also have a question in their hearts, that is, is the German artillery also hidden?

No matter what, General Samsonov, I still plan to give it a try. If it doesn't work, find another way.

The artillery of the Russian army quickly completed its preparations. They carried out all the remaining shells. But even so, a cannon only received twenty or thirty shells.

There is no way to do this. Who made Russia's transportation facilities so bad? It is not so easy to transport a large amount of war materials from the hinterland of Russia to the front line. In addition, the Russian army is now undergoing full mobilization, which has squeezed out a large amount of

railway transportation capacity. It will be even more difficult for the front-line troops to get more supplies.

"General, the Russian artillery is ready again. They obviously want to use artillery fire to destroy our defense line." A staff officer reported to Lieutenant General François.

Over a small forest not far from here, a hot air balloon is floating at an altitude of hundreds of meters. The German observers above can clearly see the movement of the Russian army and use the radio to communicate with the German army on the ground in time.

"Order our artillery to get ready! The artillery observation balloon is also launched. Once the Russian artillery fires, immediately suppress them and destroy them all!" Lieutenant General François ordered.

Even though, Lieutenant General François only had four infantry divisions in his hands, and the number of artillery was not many. The Russian army on the opposite side had the artillery of ten infantry divisions. But even so, Lieutenant General François was not afraid.

After the reorganization of the 8th Army, the artillery of each infantry division has been greatly enhanced. In addition to the cannons of the artillery battalions of each regiment, the entire infantry division has a total of 54 75mm field guns, 36 105mm light howitzers and Eighteen 150mm heavy howitzers. The four infantry divisions have a total of 216 75mm field guns, 144 105mm light howitzers and 72 150mm heavy howitzers. In terms of quantity, it is no more than ten infantry divisions of the Russian army. You know, the Russian infantry division usually only has 48 76.2mm field guns. This is still at full capacity, and once the replenishment cannot keep up, half of them are not bad.

The Northwest Front of the Russian Army is the main force to attack Germany. Thirty infantry divisions are fully staffed and equipped with enough field artillery. But that's all. The 76.2mm field gun of the Russian army has a slightly larger caliber than the 75mm field gun of the German army. But it is far inferior to the new German artillery in terms of range and power. Not to mention the rate of fire, it is completely incomparable. The 75mm field gun equipped by the 8th Army is an imitation of the French 75mm field gun, with a maximum rate of fire of 15 rounds per minute, which is three times faster than the Russian 76.2mm field gun.

The Russian 2nd Army has only a dozen 105mm field guns. As for larger caliber cannon, none were available. The current Russian army is not another Soviet army that attaches great importance to artillery in time and space. In terms of artillery fire, it cannot be compared with the European powers at all.

"Fire!"

Following the order of the Russian commander, more than 400 cannons of the Russian army began to roar. The gunners worked hard to stuff the shells one by one into the barrel, and then fired the shells out.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Accompanied by roars, shells roared and hit the German positions. Gunpowder smoke and dust flew up again.

However, the German soldiers on the position had already been ordered to retreat to the fortifications, leaving only a small number of observers on the position. Therefore, the shelling of the Russian army could not cause much damage to the German army at all.

Seeing their own artillery starting to show off, General Samsonov and other Russian generals couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief. The seriousness on his face also dissipated a lot.

However, after only a few minutes, their expressions changed drastically.

Three minutes later, the German shelling launched a counterattack. According to the data obtained by the observers on the observation balloon, the German artillery directly aimed at the Russian artillery positions.

"Fire!"

Under the command of the commander, the cannons began to roar.

Before, when the Russian artillery was raging, they didn't get an order to fire, so they had to keep silent and let the Russian artillery show off their might.

Now that the shelling order has been issued, they naturally don't have to keep it anymore.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

150mm heavy howitzers, 105mm light howitzers and 75mm field guns fired one after another. Hundreds of cannons roared like thunder.

Under the action of huge kinetic energy, one after another shells roared and smashed into the artillery positions of the Russian army.

"Whoo! Whoo! Whoo!"

When there was a piercing whistling sound in the sky, the Russian artillerymen on the artillery position raised their heads in horror one by one. As artillerymen, they naturally knew what these sounds meant. This is clearly the ear-piercing sound made by the high-speed flight of the cannonball and the violent friction with the air. This also means that the German shells are about to hit their heads.

"Run! German shells are coming."

"My God! The Germans directly covered our artillery positions!"

Frightened voices sounded one after another, and the artillerymen of the Russian army scattered and fled in horror.

Shells fell from the sky one after another and hit the artillery positions of the Russian army.

"Boom!"

The explosion sounded, and the air wave spread to the surroundings, and many Russian artillery were blown away. Even those cannons were blown up and down during the explosion. There are also cannons, even the barrels are twisted into twists.

As for the artillery, many were directly torn to pieces.

The heavy artillery of the German army was so powerful that it caused great damage to the artillery of the Russian army, and one artillery position after another was directly destroyed.

The generals of the Russian army watched this scene dumbfounded, and they were all dumbfounded. Although they had guessed before, the German artillery may be hiding its strength. However, now they know how powerful the German artillery fire is.

Chapter 204: Jilinski's choice

Admiral Samsonov and other Russian generals watched all this dumbfounded. The artillery fire of the German army, as if it had eyes, ravaged the artillery positions of the Russian army.

The cannons were overturned and blown up, and the artillery one by one was torn to pieces in the explosion.

"General, please order the artillery to withdraw. Otherwise, our artillery will be completely lost." The artillery commander asked General Samsonov with red eyes.

General Samsonov nodded. Because of the low literacy rate of the Russian army, artillery and other arms are undoubtedly extremely valuable arms. If it is wasted, it will be difficult to get replenished. Moreover, even if Admiral Samsonov was not an artilleryman, he could understand that in the current artillery battle, the Russian artillery was completely suppressed. The German artillery was so powerful that it completely crushed the Russian artillery in terms of quantity and performance. In particular, there are many large-caliber heavy artillery in the artillery of the German army. These heavy artillery are undoubtedly the main force in destroying the artillery positions of the Russian army. In this regard, the artillery of the Russian army has no way to compete with it.

The German shelling lasted less than twenty minutes and ended. It's not that they want to save ammunition, but that the artillery of the Russian army has already retreated, out of their range, so that they have no targets, and naturally they can't continue to fire. Otherwise, it is a waste of shells.

"Francois, our artillery is fighting so fiercely, won't it scare the Russians away? In that case, it will be a failure." Lieutenant General Mackensen, the commander of the 20th Army, was a little worried.

"Don't worry, the Russians are not so easily intimidated. Even if they know our true strength, they will not give up lightly. Because this is their only chance. If they miss this opportunity, the future I'm afraid there will never be such an opportunity again. Therefore, the Russians will definitely stick to the end. Until they lose everything and see no hope." Lieutenant General Francois said.

Lieutenant General Mackensen nodded, agreeing with Lieutenant General Francois' point of view.

For a long time, the existence of East Prussia has posed a huge threat to Russia. Sending troops from East Prussia, it will not take long to reach St. Petersburg. Therefore, the Russians have always wanted to occupy East

Prussia and eliminate this threat. And this war is undoubtedly Russia's last chance. If this opportunity is missed, Russia will never have such an opportunity again. Therefore, the Russians will never give up easily.

On the other side, the Russian 2nd Army had to accept the fact that the German army was very strong, and did not dare to launch an attack easily.

"Your Excellency, the Germans have obviously preserved their strength. Now, they are showing all their strength in Tannenberg. If we want to capture Tannenberg, I am afraid it will be very difficult." A Russian general said.

"Judging from the Germans' strong firepower, if we want to capture Tannenberg, we will probably lose everything. At that time, it will be impossible to march towards Königsberg." Another Russian general also said

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"If you use Cossack cavalry to charge, can you break through the German defense line?" General Samsonov was still a little unwilling.

"Your Excellency, this is impossible. The Germans deployed a large number of machine guns on the defensive line, as well as many small-caliber rapid-fire guns. They must have concentrated the machine guns of the entire Eighth Army here. Otherwise, no There may be such intensive machine gun firepower. Under such intensive firepower, even if the heroic Cossack cavalry launched an attack, it would be nothing more than death." A cavalry division commander said.

The commanders of several other cavalry divisions also nodded quickly. Let them attack the line of defense with such dense firepower, wouldn't that let them die? Such a thing must never be done.

General Samsonov nodded, no longer pressing.

"Order the troops to switch to a comprehensive defense. In addition, report the situation we encountered to Warsaw immediately and ask for further instructions." Admiral Samsonov ordered.

Under such circumstances, he couldn't make up his mind on what to do next. If you attack, you will definitely suffer heavy losses, and you may not be able to win Tannenberg. But if you retreat, you will miss the opportunity. This also made him very unhappy. Therefore, Ivan Jilinski, who is far away in Warsaw, can only make a choice. Who made him the commander of the Northwest Front Army!

Warsaw, the headquarters of the Northwest Front of the Russian Army. Admiral Ivan Jilinsky frowned tightly, as if he had encountered some difficulty.

After receiving a telegram from General Samsonov, commander of the 2nd Army, he sat silently for almost half an hour.

"Damn the Germans, they must have been trying to show weakness. Then lure* the 2nd Army to Tannenburg, intending to eat our 2nd Army in one bite, and then turn around and deal with the 1st Army. Huh, What a good strategy!" Ivan Jilinsky snorted coldly. However, maybe even he himself didn't realize that his back was already wet with sweat.

Because, Ivan Jilinsky knew that if the German army's plan was successful, then the Russian army would not only be unable to defeat the German army and capture East Prussia, but would fall into a great crisis.

Ivan Jilinsky even subconsciously wanted to issue an order immediately to make the 2nd Army retreat immediately. However, he immediately rejected this approach. Because, this opportunity is really rare. The main force of the German army in the east is too small, it can be said to be the smallest in history. Once the German army mobilized its main force from the western front to return to the eastern front, the Russian army would never have such

an opportunity again. Therefore, this opportunity is very rare and cannot be easily let go.

Admiral Ivan Jilinsky considered it carefully for a while before making a decision.

"Order the 2nd Army to continue to attack Tannenburg. In addition, send a telegram to the 1st Army, telling them that the main force of the German army has been broken by the 2nd Army. Together with the group army, attack the main force of the German army!" Jilinski ordered.

Ivan Jilinsky obviously planned to use his tactics. When the main force of the German 8th Army was assembled in Tannenburg, it was obviously not the main force defending the Russian 1st Army. Then, they can use the 2nd Army as a bait to make the 1st Army the main force of the attack. As long as the 1st Army can take Konigsberg, and then cooperate with the 2nd Army to attack the main force of the German army. Then, victory will still belong to Russia!

Chapter 205: Counterattack (ask for a monthly ticket)

Russian 2nd Army Headquarters, Commander General Samsonov, after receiving a telegram from General Ivan Jilinsky, his face suddenly became a little ugly.

"Damn! Let the 2nd Army act as a bait to create an opportunity for the 1st Army. Isn't that asking our 2nd Army to take chestnuts from the 1st Army's fire?" Admiral Samsonov roared angrily.

However, of course he knew that this was the best way. With the 2nd Army already blocked at Tannenburg, there is no way for the 1st Army to make the main attack and pin its hopes of defeating the German army on the 1st Army.

The generals of the Russian Second Army were also a little bit aggrieved. However, they did not dare to refuse to carry out the orders of Admiral Ivan

Jilinsky. Otherwise, once the battle is unfavorable, I am afraid that all of them will bear the responsibility for the failure. The current tsar has no tolerance for defeated generals.

"General, what should we do now? Do you want to execute the order?" A general asked.

"Nonsense, is there any other way besides carrying out the order? However, that fellow Leiningkamp, don't be too happy this time. It's just that they are lucky. Even if they take down Konis first Fortress, captured the German crown prince, but our credit is indelible. At that time, they must share half of the spoils they got with us. Otherwise, I will not let it go." Enter Samsonov Said bitterly. In this battle, he really felt a little aggrieved, but what could he do? Who made him unlucky, and was regarded by the German army as a priority target for elimination!

At this moment, the Russian 1st Army is marching towards Konigsberg. However, as soon as they entered the Masurian Lake area, their marching speed slowed down. There are many swamps here, and the roads are difficult. The large troops of the Russian army march very slowly, often stopping and going. At the same time, they still encountered the blocking of the German army. Although they were blocked by small troops, the firepower was very fierce, causing considerable losses to the Russian 1st Army. If it weren't for the strong strength of the Russian 1st Army, I'm afraid it would almost be unable to hold on.

When Admiral Leiningkamp received the telegram from Warsaw, he immediately burst out laughing.

"Haha, God bless. The damned Germans are going to trouble that guy Samsonov. I hope he can hold on. However, this also shows that what is blocking us is just a It's just a small German army. The main force of the Germans has already assembled in Tannenburg. Order the whole army to

speed up. When encountering the resistance of the Germans, immediately send out cavalry to disperse them, and use the fastest time to walk out of Masurian Lake , attack Königsberg!" Leiningkamp excitedly gave the order to attack. In his view, there is no doubt that the 1st Army won the final victory when the main force of the German army was held back by the 2nd Army.

The Russian 1st Army accelerated its march, but even so, it was still as slow as a snail. The 17th Army of the German Army, taking advantage of its familiar terrain and firepower, launched layers of blocking and harassment tactics against the Russian 1st Army, which seriously delayed their marching speed. This also created opportunities for the main force of the German 8th Army to encircle and wipe out the Russian 2nd Army, and bought enough time.

Tannenberg, the headquarters of the German 11th Army. Lieutenant General Francois and others are studying the battle situation.

"General, the Russian army has continued to attack." A staff officer reported.

"What? The Russians didn't stop attacking, let alone retreat, but continued to attack? Are their brains flooded?" Lieutenant General Mackensen looked surprised. The behavior of the Russians is really abnormal.

"Could it be possible that the Russians really came to die?" Lieutenant General Francois also frowned.

"Two generals, do the Russians want to hold back our main force through a fierce attack and create opportunities for their other troops! Don't forget that the Russian 1st Army is attacking from the east." Colonel Guderian, acting commander of the 8th Armored Division who participated in the meeting, said.

Lieutenant General François and Lieutenant General Mackensen's eyes suddenly brightened.

"Come here, send a telegram to the 17th Army and ask if there is anything unusual about the Russian 1st Army." Lieutenant General Francois ordered.

"Yes, General." The communications officer immediately went to contact the 11th Army.

"There will be news soon. If the Russians really have this wishful thinking, then they are wrong. The 17th Army is not so easy to be defeated by them. However, we can't delay any longer. It's time, and we must launch a counterattack as soon as possible. If it is delayed for too long, the losses of the 17th Army will not be small. If you meet General Zeckert in the future, it will be hard to talk." Lieutenant General François said.

Lieutenant General Mackensen nodded. His 20th Army, which played the role of luring the enemy before, had already made him angry, and wished to launch a counterattack earlier.

As for Colonel Guderian, he was even more excited. This counterattack will be the first battle after the establishment of the 8th Armored Division. As the young colonel's acting teacher, I don't know how many people questioned him. He needs to use a hearty victory to fight back the doubts of these people.

The news from the 17th Army came soon. The Russian 1st Army did speed up its march. However, it was still firmly held back by the 17th Army.

"Gentlemen, it seems that, as Colonel Guderian said, the Russians want to drag us at Tannenburg to give their 1st Army an opportunity. In this case, we cannot let them do so. Order all Troops, prepare to launch a counterattack. As for the time for the counterattack, it will be the day after tomorrow, that is, the morning of the 21st. I think that by then the Russian 2nd Army's active force should be almost exhausted. When the time comes to launch a counterattack, it will definitely be possible in one fell swoop. Defeated them. Of course, the

only question is how much we can achieve in the counterattack." Lieutenant General Francois said with a smile.

"Haha, we will definitely be able to wipe out the 2nd Russian Army this time. Then we will cooperate with the 17th Army and kill the 1st Russian Army." Lieutenant General Mackensen laughed.

The rest of the generals are also all smiling, everyone is gearing up, waiting for the time to counterattack, to finish off the Russian 2nd Army in one fell swoop, no matter how bad it is, it will be severely injured and let it lose its combat effectiveness.

Chapter 206: armored forces dispatched

"Ulla! Ulla!"

Countless Russian soldiers were driven by officers into the battlefield, holding rifles, or rushing towards the German positions with bare hands, as if they were driving animals.

What awaited them was the powerful firepower of the German army. The dense firepower formed by countless semi-automatic rifles, light machine guns and general-purpose machine guns, as well as grenades and mortars, is like a steel storm. Once these steel storms enveloped the Russian army, they would bring about brutal massacres, leaving corpses all over the battlefield.

The battle was extremely fierce. However, this tragedy is only for the Russian army. Because the entire battlefield is completely showing a one-sided situation. The attack of the Russian army is no different from suicide. The German army only needs to use powerful firepower to slaughter these Russian soldiers. The battle process has also become very simple, and even the German soldiers have gradually become numb. They only need to pull the trigger towards the dense formation of the Russian army. With so many bullets fired, those Russian soldiers can always be killed.

"Da da da!" A MG09 general-purpose machine gun was firing crazily, and a belt with 250 rounds of bullets was fired within half a minute, which also made the barrel of the gun turn red.

The well-trained deputy shooter, wearing asbestos gloves, immediately replaced the barrel. The whole process was smooth and smooth, and it only took more than ten seconds. Afterwards, the general-purpose machine guns began firing again.

In a place more than 100 meters in front of the fire point of this machine gun, a thick layer of corpses of Russian soldiers has been piled up. These corpses are all masterpieces of this general-purpose machine gun.

Its unique sound like sawing wood has become the sound of death on the battlefield. Many Russian soldiers would pee their pants in fright when they heard this voice.

"God! Aren't those Russians afraid of death? They don't know that their attack is of no use to us. If they continue to fight like this, they will only pay more casualties." A German officer said.

"Why bother? The Russians themselves are going to die, isn't that good? It would be great if all Russians could be like this. We can easily win this war." said another officer.

This is war, and no one will show mercy to the enemy. Because, this is the life and death of you. To show mercy to your enemies is to be cruel to yourself. There are already many such examples.

This battle seemed simple to the German army. However, for the Russian army, it is not so wonderful. The troops of the Russian Second Army continued to launch attacks, but it was impossible for them to even advance to the German defense line, let alone break through the German defense line and cause casualties to the German army.

After a day of fighting, the Russian army will lose 10,000 to 20,000 people. Even if the Russian Second Army has ten infantry divisions and six cavalry divisions, with a total strength of nearly 200,000 troops, it won't last long!

The generals have complained to General Samsonov more than once. If they continue to fight like this, their troops will be wiped out.

However, General Samsonov has nothing to do! Admiral Ivan Jilinsky's orders must be carried out. Otherwise, what awaits him will be strict military law.

"That fellow Leiningkamp, why is he moving so slowly? How long will it take for him to capture Königsberg? If this continues, all my troops will die." Admiral Samsonov cursed angrily.

It's a pity that no matter how Admiral Samsonov curses, the marching speed of the Russian First Army is still like a snail. It's not that they don't want to speed up, but that they really can't! The 17th Army of the German Army, using the terrain, successfully delayed the actions of the Russian Army. General Leiningkamp even tried, dispatching Cossack cavalry to launch an attack, but was beaten back by the German army with heavy losses. Under such circumstances, Admiral Leiningkamp would not dare to take any more risks. He wanted to get to Königsberg, but he wanted to preserve his strength even more.

Time passed bit by bit, and the vital force of the Russian Second Army was being consumed continuously. At the same time, the morale of the troops continued to decline.

The counterattack of the main force of the German Eighth Army is also fully prepared.

On the evening of the 20th, the 8th Armored Division's residence not far from Tannenburg was brightly lit. The soldiers are hurrying up to overhaul the tanks to ensure that when the attack is launched tomorrow, every tank can be kept in peak condition.

Colonel Guderian and Lieutenant Colonel Rommel even convened the officers of the 8th Armored Division to study tactics carefully and propose solutions to problems that might arise in battle.

The meeting lasted until late at night. But Colonel Guderian and Lieutenant General Rommel didn't feel tired at all, only excited.

"Rommel, tomorrow is the first battle of our 8th Armored Division, and it is also a battle for us to prove ourselves. I believe that we will be able to succeed." Colonel Guderian sighed.

Rommel nodded. He and Guderian are the youngest division commander and deputy division commander of the 8th Army and even the entire German Imperial Army. Naturally, one can imagine the pressure they are under. Even with Qin Tian's support, many people still envy their status. And the only thing they can do is to use victory to prove themselves, and to prove that Qin Tian's vision is not wrong.

"Since His Royal Highness the Crown Prince trusts us so much, then the only thing we can bring him is victory. Tomorrow, let us prove us with the corpse of the Russian!" Lieutenant Colonel Rommel said.

Early the next morning, the German artillery began to shell heavily on the Russian positions. Unlike usual, their artillery fire began to extend backward after 20 minutes of raging on the Russian army's forward position, which made the Russian army commander feel that something was wrong.

The artillery preparations of the German army, no matter how you look at it, looks like a precursor to a large-scale offensive!

However, before the frontline officers reported the news to General Samsonov, the German counterattack began.

It was the 8th Armored Division of the German Army that took the lead. Both Guderian and Rommel boarded the command vehicle and personally commanded the 8th Armored Division to launch an attack. More than a hundred tanks, driven by the tanks, rushed out of the position, forming a torrent of steel, and rushed towards the Russian position, as if they wanted to destroy everything in front of them.

Chapter 207: Rolling (seeking monthly ticket)

More than a hundred black tanks shone with icy light under the rising sun, looking chilly.

The German 20th Army, which had already been prepared, began to detour, preparing to go around behind the Russian army and block their retreat. Their task is to stop the Russian army as much as possible to ensure the result of this time.

Lieutenant General Francois and Lieutenant General Mackensen both believed that it was impossible for the Russian army to withstand the attack of the 8th Armored Division. Once the Russian army is defeated, they will inevitably flee in all directions. At that time, it will be impossible to expand the results of the battle. Therefore, the actions of the 20th Army this time are directly related to how great their results are this time.

Following behind the 8th Armored Division was an infantry division drawn from the 11th Army. Their task is to expand the results of the battle and wipe out the remnants of the enemy after the 8th Armored Division broke through the Russian defense line.

The operation of the 8th Armored Division can be described as the first offensive of the armored forces in the world. The 8th Army attaches great importance to it. Qin Tian, General Hindenburg, Major General Ludendorff and

others all rushed from Königsberg to Tannenberg to watch the battle. Although, the front line is dangerous. But when the German army is ready to counterattack, the risk factor has been minimized.

"It's really spectacular! There are so many tanks attacking together, no line of defense can stop it!" Admiral Hindenburg sighed.

At first, he thought that it was a waste of money for Qin Tian to set up an armored division. After all, the cost of forming an armored division is enough to form five infantry divisions. However, after witnessing the charge of the armored troops with his own eyes, he was left with incomparable admiration for Qin Tian's decision.

"Your Highness, will armored units become the protagonists of the battlefield in the future?" Major General Ludendorff asked. He is keenly aware that armored forces will play an extremely important role in future wars.

"The armored force will indeed play a very important role in future wars. However, calling it the protagonist is a bit too much. In the future, the air supremacy will become the protagonist." Qin Tian said.

Although, the 8th Army formed its own air force and developed it. However, when dealing with the Russian army, it seems that it is still somewhat useless. The Russians don't have a decent aviation force at all, so the air force of the 8th Army is mostly responsible for reconnaissance missions. Of course, this is also related to the fact that the war has just begun, and all countries have not yet paid attention to the performance of aircraft.

"Aviation team?" Admiral Hindenburg and Major General Ludendorff couldn't believe it. Although, they have already seen the power of the plane. However, it is unlikely that the aircraft will replace the army and become the protagonist.

However, their trust in Qin Tian made them not raise any doubts in their hearts. Those things that happened before have already proved that Qin Tian's correct foresight in the process of army development.

Qin Tian didn't explain too much. After all, the current technical conditions are still too poor, and there is still a long way to go to reach the level of future generations. Although the importance of air supremacy has become more and more prominent, the Air Force has to develop slowly if it wants to become the protagonist.

On the ground, the attack of the armored forces has already begun. The attack of hundreds of black tanks directly scared the Russian soldiers. They are originally farmers with little culture, and it is understandable that they will be afraid of the unknown.

"My God! What's that?"

"Is that the devil? The Germans have the devil's weapon, no wonder we can't beat them!"

Some Russian soldiers have already fled in all directions in fright. Even the officers tried their best to stop it, but it was useless. Escape has become the only goal of those Russian soldiers. Even those officers were also frightened, and many of them were already trembling.

"Boom!"

A tank opened fire, and the 37mm artillery shells flew into the queue of the Russian army, and several Russian soldiers were immediately blown away.

"Boom!"

A shell hit a machine gun fire point of the Russian army, and immediately blew up the machine gun fire point to the sky. The Russian machine gunner was also killed.

"God! How did the Germans invent such a terrifying weapon?" A Russian officer turned pale and fled. However, before he could escape a few steps, he was hit by a bullet flying from behind.

"Da da da!" This is a tank that started to fire. The 12.7mm heavy machine gun is so powerful that it can easily split a human body in two with a single bullet. Once hit, they are basically killed without injury.

"God! Run away! The Germans are too strong, we can't stop them at all."

Panic spread among the Russian army. Facing the menacing German tanks, they chose to flee, and they didn't have the courage to continue fighting.

Of course, the Russian army is not all cowards, there are still brave people.

"Damn Germans, even if you have the devil's weapon, go to hell!" A Russian company commander personally manipulated a Maxim heavy machine gun and opened fire on a German tank.

"Da da da!"

The dense bullets hit the tank, but they were all bounced off, at most it just knocked off a little paint. The armor of the tank, though not too thick, cannot directly protect against howitzers. However, there is still no problem with hard-resistant howitzer fragments, let alone machine gun bullets.

"How could this be? The devil, the Germans really have the devil's weapons!" The Russian company commander lost his mind.

However, the tank had spotted the guy who dared to provoke him, and the turret slowly turned, aiming at the heavy machine gun and the Russian company commander.

The Russian company commander was keenly aware of the crisis and wanted to escape. However, it was too late.

"Boom!"

The tank opened fire, and a shell hit the target in the blink of an eye, blowing the tank into parts, and the Russian company commander was directly torn to pieces.

Under the attack of the German tanks, the Russian army on the ground collapsed directly. They didn't have the courage to intercept it, because they knew that it would be futile.

Tanks one after another rushed to the Russian position. Some Russian soldiers who had no time to escape were directly run over by these tanks, leaving a ground of broken meat. Even the tank's tracks were mixed with a lot of minced meat, which looked very bloody.

"God! This battle is too easy. Are we here to fight or go on an outing. However, those tank soldiers are too bloody. They tear those Russians to pieces at every turn, or directly crush them. It turned into a meat paste. Anyway, I don't want to eat beef for today's lunch." A German infantryman complained.

Chapter 208: Cavalry fighting tanks (3rd update)

The headquarters of the Russian 2nd Army is located about ten kilometers behind the line of defense. After witnessing the fierce German artillery fire, Admiral Samsonov was very concerned about his own safety. He was afraid that his headquarters would be hit by German artillery fire. In that case, there will be no bones left.

On the morning of the 21st, Admiral Samsonov got up late because he drank two bottles of vodka last night. The war was not going well, so that he was in a very bad mood. If it weren't for the fact that all the German civilians in the war zone had been relocated, he really wanted to send the guards to find a few German women to vent their anger. However, there wasn't even a commoner around, let alone a beautiful woman.

As for finding a woman from the Kingdom of Poland, this is feasible. But Admiral Samsonov did not have the guts. If General Ivan Jilinsky knew about it, it would be troublesome. Although, everyone has the rank of general. But Admiral Ivan Jilinsky is the commander of the front army and the former chief of staff of the Russian army. His base ratio and qualifications are not comparable to that of Admiral Samsonov.

So, General Samsonov had to drink to drown his sorrows. Although, alcohol is not allowed in the military. But this military rule is not strictly enforced in the Russian army. Russians are all alcoholics, from generals to ordinary soldiers. If they don't drink, they will feel uncomfortable and have no combat effectiveness. Therefore, the military law department had no choice but to turn a blind eye to this.

"General, something is wrong. The Germans have launched a large-scale counterattack." An officer reported to General Samsonov.

"Well, I see. Order the troops on the front line to stop the German attack according to the predetermined plan." General Samsonov said nonchalantly.

The German army will launch a counterattack at the right time, which did not exceed General Samsonov's expectations. Therefore, when the Russian army launched an offensive, they were also actively building fortifications. Although, the fortifications of the Russian army are completely incomparable with the German army. However, Admiral Samsonov believes that there is no problem in stopping the German attack with a large number of Russian troops

and fortifications. As long as the 1st Army succeeds, the battle will be reversed.

"Yes, General." The officer immediately went to convey the order.

Admiral Samsonov began to wash in an orderly manner, and then had breakfast. Although, the German shelling was very violent, which made him frown from time to time. However, Admiral Samsonov always believed that the Russian army could not defeat the German army when attacking, but even if it could not defeat the German army when defending, there should be no problem in a tie.

However, General Samsonov soon learned that the ideal is plump, but the reality is the backbone. The gap between reality and his imagination was too great.

General Sai Samsonov had just finished eating bread and started drinking milk when a staff officer ran in in a panic.

"General, our front line of defense has been breached by the Germans. Now, the Germans are attacking our depths." An officer reported with a mournful face.

"What? How could this be? How could the German attack be so powerful?" Admiral Samsonov's face was full of disbelief. No matter how **** the combat effectiveness of the Russian army is, it is not so easy to break through with the fortifications.

"General, the Germans used a new type of weapon, covered in iron armor, capable of firing shells and machine gun bullets. We couldn't threaten the opponent at all, so we were defeated." The officer looked in shock.

General Samsonov frowned: "What are you talking about? Could it be the devil's weapon?"

"General, there are rumors on the front that the Germans have mastered the devil's weapon and are invincible!" said the officer.

"Fart!" Admiral Samsonov cursed. In this regard, he will not believe it. In his opinion, this is clearly an excuse for those cowards who lost the battle on the front line. But even if you want to find an excuse, you should find a more reliable one. Devil's weapon? This is too unreliable.

"No, no matter what, the line of defense cannot be breached. Otherwise, the entire Second Army will be finished." General Samsonov made a decision after walking around the office twice.

"Come here, order General Andrei and General Karsky to lead their troops to stop the Germans. The other troops should be gathered immediately. No matter what, we must stop the Germans." Samsonov went up Will order to.

"Yes, General." The officer immediately went to give the order.

Andrei and Karsky are both commanders of the Cossack Cavalry Division of the Russian Army. Two Cossack cavalry divisions totaled tens of thousands of people. This is the most elite Cossack cavalry! Since the Cossack cavalry worked for the tsar, it has always been a sharp sword in the hands of the tsar. Even when Napoleon Megatron Europe, he also attached great importance to the Cossack cavalry.

General Samsonov believes that no matter how strong the German attack is, the powerful Cossack cavalry will definitely be able to stop the Germans. Of course, the Cossack cavalry may have paid a lot of losses, but what does that matter? As a general of the Russian Army, Samsonov also climbed out of the sea of corpses and blood, and he was used to life and death. As long as it's not your own blood, everything doesn't matter.

After receiving the order from General Samsonov, Major General Andrei and Major General Karsky began to gather the troops in their hands and began to prepare for the attack.

"The warriors of the Cossacks, the incompetent foot soldiers, defeated by the Germans, are fleeing. Once again we shall play the role of saviors. Grab your sabers, mount your steeds, and strike! Your saber, cut off the heads of the Germans, and use the blood of the Germans to forge the glory of the Cossacks. Warriors, launch an attack and defeat the Germans in one fell swoop." Major General Andre roared loudly.

"Long live! Long live the Cossacks! Long live His Majesty the Tsar!"

Tens of thousands of Cossack cavalry shouted slogans and launched an attack.

Tens of thousands of war horses rushed to the battlefield, and the horseshoes trampled on the ground, making a rumbling sound, just like thunder, the scene was very amazing.

These Cossack cavalry rushed to the battlefield with an indomitable momentum. In the era of cold weapons, they are the masters of the battlefield. Even at the beginning of the twentieth century, they were symbols of invincibility. However, their myths will soon be shattered. In front of the armored troops, the cavalry is simply scum!

Chapter 209: pebble hit rock

The combat power of the Cossack cavalry is undoubtedly extremely powerful. Every single one of them is a warrior, a terrifying existence. Especially in the era of cold weapons, it is even more invincible. Even after the rise of hot weapons, it still has a strong combat effectiveness.

However, with the development of technology and the emergence of automatic weapons, the living space of cavalry has been inevitably squeezed.

After the emergence of armored forces, cavalry will gradually withdraw from the stage of history.

The 8th Armored Division of the German Army, although the tanks equipped are very simple. But no matter how simple it is, it is still a tank, and it cannot be destroyed by the saber in the hands of the Cossack cavalry.

So, when the Cossack cavalry of the two divisions appeared on the battlefield and looked at the hundreds of iron lumps that were rumbling towards them, they were all stunned. Some people even involuntarily looked at the saber in their hands. Next, are they going to use the saber in their hands to deal with those iron lumps? This made them swallow their saliva involuntarily. Even the brave Cossack cavalry would probably have such doubts in their hearts at this moment.

"Sir, are we going to deal with those iron guys? They don't seem to be something we can deal with!" A young Cossack cavalry asked with a sad face.

"Coward! The saber in the hands of the Cossack cavalry is invincible. For hundreds of years, we have defeated a large number of enemies and won countless glory for the nation and the country." The officer reprimanded.

The Cossack cavalry has no military pay, and their source of income is often the spoils seized on the battlefield and the plunder after defeating the enemy. Therefore, the Cossack cavalry is very brave, eager to fight, and fearless in battle. For them, if there is no war, there is no income.

Major General Andrei and Major General Karski are not looking very good at the moment. There was a faint bad feeling in their hearts, as if they had been cheated.

However, it has reached the point where the arrow is on the string and has to be launched. It is obviously impossible to retreat now. At that time, Admiral Samsonov will definitely put all the responsibility for the defeat on

them. Therefore, they had no choice but to bite the bullet and launch an attack.

"Attack! For glory! Kill those Germans!" Major General Andre ordered.

"Attack! Kill!"

Countless Cossack cavalry shouted, driving their horses, and began to charge. The sprint speed of the Don horse is astonishing, which allows the Cossack cavalry to easily cut off a person's head with the help of the power of the horse when fighting. It's just that, facing the German tanks this time, can their usual tactics still work? the answer is negative!

"God! Are those Russians crazy? They actually launched a charge? Did they think they could smash our tanks?" Lieutenant Colonel Rommel exclaimed.

"Hmph! Stupid Russians. Order all tanks to stop advancing and keep the distance. Machine guns and tank guns are ready. Get rid of all those Russian cavalry." Colonel Guderian gave the order indifferently.

One tank after another stopped advancing, and the tank guns began to rotate, aiming at the direction in which the Russian Cossack cavalry was attacking. At the same time, the coaxial machine gun and heading machine gun in front of the tank have been loaded and ready to shoot.

For the armored soldiers of the German 8th Armored Division, this battle undoubtedly made their blood boil. The scene of tens of thousands of cavalry charging is something that most people will never see in their lifetime. However, now they want to destroy these cavalry with their own hands, it's exciting to think about it!

"Fire!"

When the Cossack cavalry rushed to less than one kilometer from the 8th Armored Division's line of defense, Colonel Guderian gave the order to fire.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The tank guns of the tank fired, and the 37mm shells fell into the formation of the Cossack cavalry. Some unlucky cavalymen were blown away, and some war horses were killed or seriously injured, and they wailed. The cavalymen on horseback were even thrown to the ground, trampled into flesh by the galloping horses.

Because the Cossack cavalry of the Russian army is too fast, and at the same time, when the 37mm tank gun fires high-explosive shells, the power is not very powerful. Although the tanks of the 8th Armored Division caused certain casualties to the Cossack cavalry, the casualties were still within an acceptable range.

Major General Andre and Major General Karski also breathed a sigh of relief. As long as the Cossack cavalry rushed to the front, their combat effectiveness could be displayed. At that time, we will definitely be able to win.

"Machine gun fire!"

When the Cossack cavalry rushed to only two hundred meters away from the tank, the coaxial machine guns and directional machine guns on all the tanks fired. In order to enhance the firepower, these machine guns are all 12.7mm heavy machine guns. The power is very powerful.

"Da da da!" More than two hundred heavy machine guns fired, forming a dense barrage. The Cossack cavalry quickly slammed into the barrage. Immediately, the entire cossack cavalry line came to a standstill as if they had been punched hard.

There is no way to stop, the cavalry rushing to the front has been shot to death by dense machine gun bullets. The corpses of the horses and soldiers

fell to the ground, piled up layer upon layer, which seriously hindered the subsequent cavalry charge. Some people had to rein in the horses and slow down. And the cavalry in the back didn't know what happened and didn't slow down, which caused these cavalry to collide. Many cavalry fell from their horses and were trampled to death.

The real reminder is still the machine guns of the tanks of the German 8th Armored Division. Every machine gun was firing crazily, until the barrels became hot, and then they had to stop to cool down.

Countless Cossack cavalymen were shot alive under the intensive bullet rain of the German army. Many war horses and Cossack cavalry were directly beaten into honeycombs.

"God! How is this possible?" Major General Andrei and Major General Karski, who were watching the battle in the rear, had already changed their expressions drastically. They never imagined that such a result would happen.

"Damn it, why is the firepower of the Germans so powerful? Using cavalry to attack the enemy's dense machine gun position is simply hitting a stone with a pebble, and you are looking for death!" Major General Karski also cursed.

But it's too late to wake up now. Their two Cossack cavalry divisions were being killed bit by bit under the strong firepower of the German army.

Chapter 210: The back road is cut off (ask for a monthly ticket)

"God! What should we do, should we continue to attack?" Some Cossack cavalry were timid.

Even the bravest people will be timid when faced with such a situation. Their courage will slowly fade as the comrades around them fall one after another.

Under the powerful firepower of the German army, the casualties of the Cossack cavalry began to soar, which made them timid.

However, there are still brave Cossack cavalry charging against the powerful firepower of the German army. Even, it succeeded.

A tank's coaxial machine gun and heading machine gun stopped firing at the same time because of overheating. This gave a few brave Cossack cavalry a chance. They took the opportunity to rush through the last distance of more than one hundred meters and rushed to the front of the German tank.

"Damn Germans, you are all devils, die to me!" A Cossack cavalry roared loudly. He raised his saber high and looked at the tank fiercely.

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A crisp sound sounded, and the indestructible saber slashed fiercely on the tank. However, the saber was directly broken. And the damage caused by this blow to the tank was only a little paint off.

"How...how is this possible?" The Cossack cavalryman was completely speechless as he looked at his broken saber.

The other Cossack cavalrymen were also stunned at the same time.

"This is the devil's weapon. Even if it is the devil's weapon, we have to destroy it." Another Cossack cavalry said.

A few Cossack cavalrymen hacked around the tank, sparks flying everywhere. But it didn't cause any substantial damage to the tank at all. The few armored soldiers in the tank were frightened for a while. However, when they found that the Cossack cavalry could not threaten them at all, they all breathed a sigh of relief.

After the machine guns finished cooling down, the tank soldiers launched an attack.

"Da da da!"

The Cossack cavalry directly in front of the tank was killed by the heading machine gun. At the same time, the tank's turret also began to rotate, and the coaxial machine guns began to fire, sending the remaining Cossack cavalry into the hive.

"Stupid guy, do they really think that a saber can cut through solid armor?" Colonel Guderian was very speechless.

"They have already paid the price for their stupidity. Although I have to admit that they are all warriors and very brave. However, such bravery will only cost them their lives." Lieutenant Colonel Rommel shook his head.

"Order all the tanks to start moving forward and get rid of them." Colonel Guderian ordered.

More than a hundred tanks began to move forward. Although, they are not fast. But the powerful firepower is still harvesting the lives of these Cossack cavalrymen. In the eyes of the Cossack cavalry, these tanks have become synonymous with the devil.

"Run! Run! We can't beat the Germans, they will kill us."

"Retreat, retreat immediately."

The brave Cossack cavalry is timid at this moment. In front of the 8th Armored Division, they had lost the courage to continue fighting.

"We lost, we failed. Let's retreat!" Major General Andre's face was ashamed.

"Retreat immediately!" Major General Karski nodded and gave the order to retreat.

It's just that there are not many people left in the two Cossack cavalry divisions of the current Russian army. More than half of them were killed or wounded in battle and left to die on the battlefield.

There are still many people lost in the war. Major General Andrei and Major General Karski, the number of people who can be gathered in the end is less than 2,000. These two Cossack cavalry divisions can be regarded as being disabled in this battle.

Qin Tian, General Hindenburg and others who had been watching the battle from the rear almost dropped their jaws when they learned that the Russian Cossack cavalry had actually launched a charge against the 8th Armored Division.

Especially Qin Tian. Originally, he thought that the Polish cavalry charging the German tanks written in the history books was a fabrication. But now it seems that there is such a thing!

"Your Highness, the 8th Armored Division's defeat of the Russian Cossack cavalry should have been the last straw that broke the camel's back. The Russians will no longer have the courage to continue fighting. Therefore, I think the Russians should flee immediately. Yes. The 20th Army, has it arrived at the predetermined position? If they can block the Russians' retreat, we will win a big victory." Admiral Hindenburg said with some excitement.

"Send a telegram to ask General Mackensen. They must move quickly and not give the Russians too much time. Otherwise, our victory this time will not be perfect." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Highness." Major General Ludendorff immediately arranged for someone to send a telegram.

Half an hour later, Lieutenant General Mackensen, the commander of the 20th Army, called back. The 20th Army had arrived at the predetermined

location and was speeding up the time to build a defense line, preparing to stop the Russian army.

This news made Qin Tian and others heave a sigh of relief.

When Qin Tian and the others thought they had won the battle, the headquarters of the Russian 2nd Army was gloomy.

"Your Excellency, the Germans' secret weapon is too powerful. Our two cavalry divisions launched an attack and were defeated by them. The two divisions now have less than 2,000 people left." Major General Andre's eyes were red Said.

"Even the Cossack cavalry is no match for the Germans? How can this battle continue!" Admiral Samsonov couldn't help but sighed.

"General, find a way to retreat. The Germans are advancing towards us, and the troops along the road can't stop them at all, and they are about to collapse. If they don't retreat, they will come to us in a short time." One The general suggested.

Obviously, the 2nd Army, which has suffered heavy losses, is no match for the Germans at all. If they persist, they will only suffer heavy losses.

"Okay, order the troops to retreat immediately. The 22nd Infantry Division and the 23rd Infantry Division stay to stop the Germans. In any case, we need at least one day for us." Admiral Samsonov ordered.

He knew that if everyone retreated in a swarm, they would be followed and attacked by the Germans. At that time, the retreat will turn into a rout, and thus a complete loss.

"Yes, General." The commanders of the two infantry divisions who were named had no choice but to accept the order.

But at this moment, a staff officer hurried in.

"General, there are a lot of Germans behind us."

Suddenly, everyone's face changed drastically.