

# Jagged 211

## Chapter 211: Siege (100 votes plus update)

Admiral Samsonov couldn't help shaking. If the adjutant hadn't been quick to help him, he would have fallen to the ground.

The other Russian generals all looked like dead old ladies.

They all know that at this moment, for them, they have reached a desperate situation. If it fails, everyone will die here.

"Damn it, it's all been a German trap from start to finish. They lured us in at the beginning and kept us going until we got to Tannenburg, and then they beat us down. It's a shame we didn't even notice it." Admiral Samsonov gritted his teeth with remorse on his face.

Some generals could not help but bow their heads. Some of them had raised doubts before, but in the end, everyone was dazzled by the victory. This has led to the current situation.

But unfortunately, it is too late to say these now. They are about to face destruction.

"General, we still have a chance. The troops that the Germans blocked us have just arrived. We can launch an attack when they are not stable. We will definitely be able to break through the Germans' blockade." A general suggested.

"Yes, that's right, we still have so many troops. If we launch a fierce attack, it may not be possible to break through the Germans' blockade." The other Russian generals seemed to have grasped the last straw, They all agreed.

Everyone has a desire to survive. The more powerful and high-ranking people are, the more they cherish their lives. If they could survive, these Russian generals would naturally not want to die.

Admiral Samsonov also nodded, although he thought it was very difficult. The Germans painstakingly prepared this trap, how could they allow them to escape easily. However, you can't do nothing, just wait here to die. It's good to even try. In that case, at least you can escape.

General Samsonov knew that with his identity and military rank, even if the Russian army was defeated, his life would not be in danger, and at most he would be sent to a prisoner-of-war camp. However, if you can escape from birth, that would be the best. Why be a lowly prisoner of war when you can be a high-ranking general?

"Okay, organize troops and launch an attack on the German defense line. No matter what, we must break through their blockade. All soldiers at high speed, this is our only chance to survive." Admiral Samsonov said.

"Yes, General." Everyone replied.

They all know that this is their only chance to survive, and they must seize it. Otherwise, it is really a dead end.

When life is threatened, the efficiency of the Russian army has also become very fast. In less than half an hour, they organized an army of more than 20,000 people and launched an attack on the defense line of the German 20th Army.

"Hmph! These Russians really think that our combat effectiveness is very bad, will they beat the \*\*\*\* out of us? Let all the ministries get ready and use all their combat effectiveness. Let these Russians know how much our real combat effectiveness is. Be strong!" Lieutenant General Mackensen, commander of the 20th Army, ordered.

Before, in order to lure the enemy, he was deliberately defeated by the Russian army, which has always been a thorn in his heart! Now, it's a good opportunity for them to rectify their names.

"Yes, General." The other generals of the 20th Army also took a sigh of relief, and they also wanted to avenge their shame a long time ago.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

As soon as the Russian army launched an offensive, the German shelling began. The 20th Army has three infantry divisions, nearly 50,000 people, and is well-equipped. There are more than 300 cannons alone, including 162 75mm field guns, 108 105mm light howitzers and 54 155mm heavy howitzers. When these cannons started to show their power at the same time, the shells smashed towards the Russian army overwhelmingly.

The dense shells exploded in the Russian army queue like raindrops, tearing countless Russian soldiers to pieces.

However, even so, those Russian soldiers were still gritting their teeth and charging. Their superiors told them that this was their only chance of survival. If you don't catch it, you will die. Therefore, these Russian soldiers couldn't help mustering their courage.

Courage belongs to courage, but on the battlefield, victory or defeat is often not determined by courage. The Russian army, which had finally mustered up its courage, faced the German army armed to the teeth, and the outcome was naturally obvious.

"Fire!"

When the Russian army was not far from the German defense line, the commander on the front line gave the order to fire.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Mortars and grenades were added to the shooting. Shells and grenades of various calibers flew towards the formation of the Russian army. After the

explosion, they left craters of different sizes on the ground. A large number of Russian soldiers were killed under heavy fire.

"Da da da!" A pair of general-purpose machine guns and squad machine guns started firing, forming a denser firepower network.

The attacking Russian army fell to the ground row after row under such intensive firepower, as if they were cutting wheat.

"Oh, God!"

Seeing that a large number of attacking Russian troops were shot and killed under the powerful German firepower, the Russian generals who were hiding behind to watch the battle couldn't help but gasped.

At the same time, their hearts are constantly sinking. They couldn't help asking themselves, could they really be able to rush out under such a strong German defense?

Although, the German defense line is indeed a simple position just constructed. But sophisticated weapons and powerful firepower make up for this shortcoming very well, making the defense line impregnable.

"Use the Cossack cavalry to attack the German line of defense. There is no secret weapon of the Germans on this line of defense. The cavalry's attack should be effective." Admiral Samsonov gritted his teeth and said.

Three Cossack cavalry divisions were mobilized and once again launched an attack on the German position. It's just that although these Cossack cavalry launched a heroic charge. However, in the end, it still failed to succeed. Although the three infantry divisions of the 20th Army were not equipped with tanks, a large number of light and heavy machine guns were still a nightmare for the Russian Cossack cavalry. The cavalry with the ability to attack quickly hit the line of defense composed of a large number of machine guns, still hitting rocks with pebbles.

The Cossack cavalry attack still failed to succeed. They were brave and left a lot of corpses in front of the German defense line. However, the German defense line is still impregnable. Their attack seemed useless except for consuming a lot of ammunition from the German army.

Seeing this scene, the generals of the Russian army were all desperate. The German encirclement had been successful, and the next step was that they were all wiped out.

#### **Chapter 212: big win**

"General, the Germans' firepower is too powerful. They have too many machine guns and small-caliber rapid-fire guns. Our cavalry simply cannot get close to their defense lines, let alone break through their defense lines." A Cossack cavalry division The division commander reported to General Samsonov with a livid face. Seeing his troops being massacred by the Germans with powerful firepower, his heart seemed to be bleeding.

Admiral Samsonov's face was ashen, and his whole body seemed to have his bones removed, and he suddenly lost his energy.

The same is true for other Russian generals. The back road was cut off by the German army, and there was another powerful German army attacking in front. This time, they might not be able to fly even with their wings inserted.

"General, the Germans are too powerful. It is impossible to defeat them. Let's disperse and break through. In this case, there may be a chance of survival." Some generals suggested.

Indeed, the Germans made it clear that they wanted to annihilate them all. If they stayed together, none of them could escape. On the contrary, they scattered and broke through, and one who was able to escape counted as one. In this case, the chances of survival will be greater.

Admiral Samsonov is not a fool. He knows what these generals mean, nothing more than letting the large troops attract the attention of the Germans, and then they take the opportunity to lead a small group of elite troops to break through. In this case, the possibility of escaping from birth is undoubtedly still very high. As long as he could escape, even if he lost all his troops, he would not hesitate. Anyway, Russia lacks everything, except people. When all the troops are exhausted, just recruit those peasants into the army.

Of course, as far as General Samsonov himself is concerned, if he is asked to trade the lives of the remaining more than 100,000 Russian soldiers for his own chance of survival, he will agree without hesitation. He is a noble general in the army, how can those lowly serfs be able to compare?

"Well, let's do what you want. General Jilinski, I will explain. Good luck to everyone, and God bless us! Everyone, see you in Warsaw." Admiral Samsonov said.

"May God bless us!" These Russian generals prayed to God very devoutly. It seems that only God can save them now.

After making the decision, Admiral Samsonov immediately issued an order to disperse and break through the encirclement. The commanders of the various infantry divisions and cavalry divisions led the troops to break through in all directions. Of course, this is just an illusion. In fact, those generals are all very shrewd. If they can get to this point, their ability to save their lives will naturally not be worse. After the large forces attracted the attention of the German army, they immediately broke through under the leadership of the elite troops. Except for a few generals who failed to break through and were captured by the German army, the rest escaped successfully.

It's just that these Russian generals who escaped from the encirclement lost all their troops. Naturally, there was not much threat to the German army. Even Qin Tian didn't care about these escaped Russian generals.

In Qin Tian's opinion, these guys are not even as useful as ordinary Russian soldiers. Those ordinary Russian soldiers are strong and strong. After being captured, it can also be used as a coolie. If Germany wins this battle, it will gain a large piece of existing Russian territory. The infrastructure in this territory is terrible. If large-scale construction is to be carried out, it will definitely require a large amount of investment. And these prisoners of war will be an excellent labor force. Having them around will undoubtedly save a lot of money.

The current Qin Tian is known as the most successful businessman in the world. Therefore, even when fighting, he still needs to consider these aspects.

After Admiral Samsonov gave the order to break through, it became more difficult for the German 8th Army to encircle and annihilate the Russian 2nd Army. Their strength is so small that the encirclement is too thin and there are loopholes everywhere, which can easily be caught by the Russians.

After learning that the Russian army began to disperse and break through, Lieutenant General François, who commanded the battle, immediately ordered all ministries to block the Russian army as much as possible, trying to annihilate more Russian troops.

It is naturally easier to capture the Russian army than to kill those Russian troops. After all, the current Russian army has completely lost the courage to fight. With their weak will to fight, the possibility of surrendering to the German army is undoubtedly very high.

Therefore, once the various departments of the German army blocked the Russian army, they tried their best to recruit and surrender the Russian army. In this case, it saves more time and effort.

"Surrender! Hand in your guns and don't kill!"

Tanks rushed up one after another, blocking the way for the Russian army to break through. Even though, there are only a few of these tanks. It is far inferior to the thousands of Russian troops who are preparing to break through.

But the Russian army has long been frightened. In particular, the tanks of the German army are hailed by the Russian army as weapons of the devil.

When seeing these tanks appear, the Russian soldiers immediately raised their hands and surrendered to the Germans.

A few tanks easily captured thousands of Russian troops. From the perspective of later generations, this is simply not realistic. However, when the tank first appeared on the battlefield, it was really possible to achieve such an effect.

After these Russian troops surrendered one after another, the tank immediately called the infantry to come up to take these prisoners.

Half an hour later, a company of infantry came up and took over guarding the prisoners. The tanks continued to move forward, trying to capture more Russian troops.

Situations like this can be seen everywhere on the battlefield. The blocked Russian army, in order to survive, raised their hands to the German army and surrendered. Although, these Russian soldiers were very brave during the war, and they were not afraid of death. However, once they lost their will to fight, they became docile like sheep. A company or even a platoon of Russian troops can take care of thousands of Russian prisoners of war.



The battle lasted until the sun went down. The German 8th Army won a big victory in the Battle of Tannenberg. The ten infantry divisions and six cavalry divisions of the Russian Second Army were almost completely wiped out. Although, because the German 8th Army had too few troops, there were large loopholes in the encirclement, which allowed many Russian troops to escape. However, that part of the Russian army added up to only 10,000 to 20,000 people. And almost all of them are defeated generals who have lost their courage to fight, so there is nothing to worry about at all.

The Russian army annihilated and captured by the German 8th Army exceeded 150,000 people. Among them, there were more than 100,000 prisoners of war alone. In addition, many Russian troops were lost on the battlefield.

#### **Chapter 213: general heart**

"His Royal Highness, congratulations, we have won!" Admiral Hindenburg looked joyful. It can defeat 200,000 enemies and wipe out more than 150,000 enemies in one battle. No matter when it is placed, this is already a big victory worth boasting about.

What's more, the Battle of Tannenberg was just the opening battle of the entire Eastern Front. Next, there was a larger Russian army, which had already fallen into the calculations of the German army. If this Russian army can also be eliminated, then the 8th Army will win a bigger victory, which will make the 8th Army shock the entire Eastern Front and even the entire war.

"Well, the soldiers all worked very hard, and that's why we won." Qin Tian didn't have the habit of taking all the credit for himself. He knows very well that only when rewards and punishments are clearly defined and he does not compete with his subordinates can he be loved by the soldiers.

"Your Highness, stop being humble. If it weren't for you, how could the Eighth Army have changed so much? How could it be equipped with so many

advanced weapons? So, if we can win this battle, you He is definitely the person who has contributed the most." Major General Ludendorff said sincerely.

The other generals all looked deeply convinced.

Qin Tian smiled and said nothing more. Indeed, he worked too hard for the German Empire to win this battle. Not only the army, but also the navy, Qin Tian made even greater efforts.

The current High Seas Fleet of the German Navy is not a little stronger than the High Seas Fleet in another time and space, and it can be described as completely reborn. Not to mention there is a powerful submarine force, and two aircraft carriers that are undergoing intense training and will soon become combat-ready. These will become an important capital for the German Navy to win this decisive battle at sea. And all of these were changes brought about by Qin Tian.

Of course, the reason why Qin Tian worked so hard was entirely for his own sake. He didn't want to become a down and out prince in exile, and he didn't want his wealth to bring him death. Through his own efforts, Qin Tian is about to achieve all this. He not only changed his own destiny, but also that of the entire German Empire. Thinking of these, Qin Tian was also very proud.

"In this battle, are our casualties large?" Qin Tian asked.

Although Germany has a population of more than 60 million, it is the most populous country in Europe after Russia. However, in Qin Tian's view, such a small population is still too small. Therefore, the life of every soldier is very precious.

"Your Highness, in this battle, we lost more than 2,000 soldiers. Many of them were killed while luring the enemy. Thanks to the powerful assault capabilities of the 8th Armored Division, the Russian army could not Organize a decent

resistance. Otherwise, our losses will be more than doubled." Major General Ludendorff said.

Qin Tian nodded, but when he thought of so many people dying in the war, he felt a little uncomfortable. Of course, if it wasn't for Qin Tian, the German army's losses in this battle would probably be much more than that.

"Those officers and soldiers who died in battle should be well compensated. Injured officers and soldiers should be treated as much as possible. If they can recover from their injuries, they are definitely elite. As for the soldiers who are seriously injured and disabled, let them do as much as possible." Until life can be managed. Only in this way can they continue to live in this world." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Highness. Please rest assured that we will do all of this well." Admiral Hindenburg and Major General Ludendorff both assured.

They are all from aristocratic backgrounds, and their families are relatively rich, so they don't have to worry about making a living. However, as generals in the army, they naturally knew the situation of those ordinary soldiers. Once seriously injured and disabled, the consequences will be very serious. Life in the future will also be very embarrassing. As the crown prince of the empire, Qin Tian was aloof, and it was undoubtedly very commendable for him to be able to consider these things.

This also made Hindenburg, Ludendorff, and other generals more convinced of Qin Tian.

Although, Qin Tian is now the commander of the 8th Army, and even more expensive is the Crown Prince of the Empire. But at the beginning, Qin Tian couldn't convince them at all. Many of them just don't oppose Qin Tian. But it is impossible to make them serve Qin Tian.

However, with Qin Tian's vigorous reforms in the 8th Legion and investing huge sums of money in refitting, the combat effectiveness of the 8th Legion has been greatly improved. Only then did the generals start to look at Qin Tian with admiration.

Now, Qin Tian has shown that kind of care for ordinary soldiers, and he has not faked it at all. This is what really made the generals determined to be loyal to him. Even the emperor of the empire couldn't make them change this. If the emperor of the empire and Qin Tian gave orders at the same time, they would definitely carry out the orders given by Qin Tian without hesitation. Although this is a bit rebellious, it is also because of their personal charm that they have won the loyalty of the generals.

"Everyone, we have succeeded in the Battle of Tannenberg. Although a small number of troops of the Russian Second Army escaped, it is actually not enough to worry about. Next, we should consider how to annihilate the battle in Mazuli The 1st Russian Army in Lake Lake. The 17th Army is under a lot of pressure to hold back the 1st Russian Army. If we don't help them get rid of the 1st Russian Army earlier, the 17th Army will definitely suffer heavy losses ." Qin Tian said.

"Your Highness, the main force of the 11th Army and the 20th Army can leave Tannenberg and rush to Masurian Lake tomorrow. We have prepared a large number of trains, and within three days, the army can be transported to Masurian Lake , launched an attack on the Russian 1st Army there. However, the 8th Armored Division suffered a lot of tank losses in this battle, and it needs to be replenished if it is to form combat effectiveness." Major General Ludendorff said.

The 8th Armored Division originally had more than 200 tanks, but after going to the battlefield, due to various mechanical problems, there were only

more than 100 tanks left when they went to the battlefield. After a fierce battle, only a few dozen vehicles remained in the end.

Of course, those tanks that were destroyed were all due to mechanical failures and were hardly destroyed by the Russian army.

Qin Tian's German Arms Company has developed tanks and started mass production to equip troops. However, due to technological constraints, there is still no good solution in terms of reliability.

"Don't worry about the tanks. The German Armament Company has already sent a new batch of tanks in advance. Let the train go directly to Masurian Lake, and the 8th Armored Division can change gear there." Qin Tian had already thought of a solution way out.

#### **Chapter 214: Little Maoqi's doubts**

The news that the German 8th Army annihilated a Russian army group in one fell swoop in the Battle of Tannenburg and wiped out more than 150,000 enemies was reported to the German General Staff, War Department and Kaiser Wilhelm II immediately.

When the news report came up, Wilhelm II was listening to the progress of the war at the General Staff, and the Minister of War von Falkenhain was also here. Therefore, the three of them knew the news almost at the same time.

The current battle situation is generally beneficial to Germany. The German army has made a breakthrough on the Western Front. Although the Belgians are still resisting, the passage has been opened. The main force of the German army can pass through Belgium and attack France from the north of France. Although, it took a lot of time and lost a lot of troops. But the German army still firmly holds the initiative in this war.

Therefore, William II is still in a relatively good mood. Xiao Maoqi, the chief of the general staff, had his power further expanded during the war. This also made him very satisfied. If he can command the German army to win this battle, then he will definitely be promoted to marshal. Even after retiring from active service, his status is still lofty. Even if Qin Tian succeeds to the throne and becomes the emperor of the empire, nothing can be done to him.

"What? The 8th Army won on the Eastern Front and wiped out more than 150,000 enemies? God! How is this possible?" William II couldn't believe it himself. You know, in this war, what he was most worried about was that the 8th Army would not be able to withstand the Russian attack. In that case, it will inevitably have a great adverse impact on Germany's overall strategy. But now it seems that the 8th Army has undoubtedly given him a great surprise. Not only resisted the attack of the Russian army, but also won the battle, which really surprised him. It also made all the doubts in his heart disappear at once.

Little Maoqi's face changed a lot. Originally, he also thought that the 8th Army might be caught in a bitter battle on the Eastern Front. Even if it barely resisted the Russian attack, it would suffer heavy losses. At that time, he can let the prepared troops enter the Eastern Front battlefield and appear as a savior, thereby taking over the Eastern Front battlefield and exempting Qin Tian from controlling the army.

It can be said that Little Maoqi imagined everything very well. However, the current result gave him a slap in the face.

"Congratulations, Your Majesty! His Royal Highness the Crown Prince won on the Eastern Front, which undoubtedly means that the threat to us from the Russians is minimal. We can boldly use the main force to attack France." Von Falkenhain said. He had also been worried about the Eastern Front. Although, Qin Tian is very confident about the war. But these old people who

have experienced countless wars are not so optimistic. Now, Qin Tian's 8th Army won the victory on the Eastern Front, and the heart that had been hanging over him was finally put back in his stomach.

"Hmph! Your Excellency the Minister of War, it's too early to say this now. I doubt very much how the Eighth Army of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince won the victory so easily? You know, the Russians used it to attack the northwest of East Prussia. The front army has more than 500,000 people. Even if the fighting power of the Russians is too poor, it is impossible to win easily." Little Maoqi shook his head.

The faces of Wilhelm II and von Falkenhain have become unsightly. Xiao Maoqi was simply questioning Qin Tian's lie about the military situation. This is almost a very serious crime in Germany, where military laws are strict. If Qin Tian really did this, William II could even use this to depose Qin Tian from the position of crown prince.

However, William II still believed in Qin Tian. He believed that Qin Tian would not cheat on this issue. Once found out, the consequences will be very serious.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, you are slandering His Highness the Crown Prince. How could His Highness the Crown Prince do such a thing?" von Falkenhain accused.

"Minister of War, I didn't slander His Highness the Crown Prince, I just raised doubts. Could it be that His Highness the Crown Prince can't doubt it?" Xiao Maoqi said forcefully.

King Wilhelm II took a deep look at little Maoqi. He now believed that the conflict between little Maoqi and Qin Tian had become more and more acute, and had even had an impact on the ongoing war in Germany.

"It seems that it's time to solve this problem!" William II secretly made up his mind.

"Come here, go and find out the real situation of the Battle of Tannenberg." William II gave the order with a dark face.

Little Maoqi saw William II's face, and couldn't help feeling a little regretful. However, things have already happened, no matter how much he can make up for it, he can't make up for it. Therefore, he could only bite the bullet and walk all the way to the dark.

William II used the royal family's intelligence system to find out the details of the Battle of Tannenberg in only half an hour.

After William II read the detailed report, the anger on his face finally dissipated, and even a smile appeared on his face.

"Let's all take a look!" Wilhelm II handed the report to Little Moltke and von Falkenhain.

After Xiao Moqi read the report, his face was already dark as if it was the bottom of a pot. He also has some regrets now, he jumped out to question Qin Tian if he knew about it. It's all right now, how can I take back what I said! Moreover, offending William II this time is obviously not worth the candle!

Von Falkenhain laughed out loud.

"Your Excellency, Chief of the General Staff, what else do you have to say now?" Von Falkenhain looked at little Mao Qi provocatively.

"Your Excellency the Minister of War, it seems that I was wrong to blame His Royal Highness the Crown Prince. However, the 8th Army is just the 2nd Army that defeated the Russian Army, and there is also the 1st Army that is more powerful. They sent additional troops to the front line. Therefore, the pressure on the 8th Army is still very high." Xiao Maoqi was still stubborn.



Von Falkenhain smiled and said nothing more.

William II shook his head: "Let's ignore the Eastern Front for the time being. I believe that Oscar will be able to win on the Eastern Front. The originally reserved troops should all be used on the Western Front. The western front is the key."

William II didn't want to waste any more time on this issue, and made a decision directly.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Although Xiao Moqi was a little unwilling, he still nodded and stopped objecting.

Little Mao Qi knew it himself, because of today's incident, William II's dissatisfaction with him has increased. But he didn't find the reason on himself, but attributed everything to Qin Tian, and he hated Qin Tian even more.

#### **Chapter 215: Escape (ask for a monthly ticket)**

The disastrous defeat of the Russian 2nd Army at Tannenberg was a major blow to the entire Russian Northwest Front. Although, the strength of the 2nd Army only accounted for 40% of the entire Northwest Front Army. However, without the support of the 2nd Army, can the Russian Army defeat the German 8th Army and realize the planned plan to occupy East Prussia?

That is obviously impossible! The Battle of Tannenberg has already shown the Russians how powerful the German army is. The strength of the Russian 1st Army, even if it is a little stronger than the 2nd Army, is very limited. Under such circumstances, it is obviously impossible to defeat the German army.

General Ivan Jilinsky was having dinner when he learned that the Second Army had suffered a disastrous defeat. The vodka tastes very good with a good steak. In the Kingdom of Poland, the great Russians always had

the best of the best. For example, the food on the table and the beautiful Polish girls standing around, as long as General Ivan Jilinski is willing, he can eat them all.

But it is a pity that General Ivan Jilinsky soon lost the mood to linger on these beautiful girls.

"General, there is a telegram from the front line." A staff officer rushed in with a look of panic.

"What happened?" Admiral Ivan Jilinsky said with some displeasure. He was very upset when he was interrupted from eating and watching beautiful women. However, as the commander of the Northwest Front Army and the senior general of the Russian Army, he can still distinguish between the important and the important.

"General, the 2nd Army suffered a disastrous defeat at Tannenberg. General Samsonov ordered the entire army to disperse and break through. Based on the current situation, very few troops successfully broke through." The staff officer reported.

"What? That idiot Samsonov, who gave him the order to break through?" Admiral Ivan Jilinsky was furious. From what the staff officer said just now, the 2nd Army may be finished, which made him furious.

Although the 2nd Army's offensive at Tannenberg was frustrated, Admiral Ivan Jilinsky had a bad feeling and realized that this might be a German conspiracy. Therefore, he changed the battle plan, using the 2nd Army as a bait to hold back the main force of the German army, and put the hope of breakthrough on the 1st Army. However, he never expected that the final result would be like this.

"General, the 2nd Army was attacked fiercely by the Germans. The frontline positions were lost, and the army was defeated in large numbers. Even the

Cossack cavalry was used, but they could not stop the German offensive. Instead, they suffered heavy losses. As a last resort, Samsonov General Husband ordered the dispersal to break through." The staff officer continued.

Of course, Admiral Ivan Jilinski knew all this. Admiral Samsonov would never have issued such an order if it had not been a last resort.

But even so, such a heavy loss still made General Ivan Jilinsky unacceptable.

The 2nd Army is finished, which also indicates that the Russian Northwest Front Army may have no hope of winning in this battle. It might even fail. Such consequences are not something he can bear.

"Contact Samsonov immediately, I want to know what happened. Why can't the Second Army survive even a day under the German offensive!" Admiral Ivan Jilinsky said with a dark face Said.

Although, he now knows that he underestimated the combat effectiveness of the German army before. However, no matter how strong the German army is, it will not be so strong, right? It is unbelievable to defeat hundreds of thousands of people in the Russian Second Army in one day.

"Yes, General." The staff officer nodded, ready to leave. He didn't want to stay here any longer and bear the wrath of Admiral Ivan Jilinsky.

"Wait, send a telegram to General Leiningkamp, telling him to retreat immediately and stop advancing." Admiral Ivan Jilinsky ordered.

The staff officer was taken aback for a moment, then saluted, turned and left.

Admiral Ivan Jilinsky ordered the 1st Army to start retreating, which is undoubtedly tantamount to giving up hope of victory. However, this is also impossible! With the disastrous defeat of the 2nd Army, the situation of the 1st

Army may also be very dangerous. If you continue to advance, you will inevitably be besieged by the main force of the German army. Even the 2nd Army was defeated in one day. General Ivan Jilinsky didn't think the 1st Army could last long.

"Damn the Germans, how could their fighting power be so strong." Admiral Ivan Jilinsky couldn't help cursing.

Although, he thought he had fully understood the strategy of the German army and made deployments. But he still didn't expect that the German army's combat effectiveness would be so powerful, so this time he lost miserably. All he can do now is to withdraw from the 1st Army and preserve his strength.

As for defeating the German army and winning, this is a matter of the future. You have to get more reinforcements from the country first. Otherwise, everything will be empty talk.

Admiral Ivan Jilinski raised his head, looked at the beautiful Polish girls, and then jumped on them like a hungry tiger. Now he is too angry, he needs to vent his anger well.

Screams rang out in the room, but no one came to save these Polish girls. Perhaps this is the tragic fate of the enslaved Poles!

Lake Masuria, the Russian 1st Army is still attacking with difficulty. The difficult road, coupled with the blocking of the German 17th Army, made their advance very slow. At the same time, the casualties of the troops are also increasing. This made General Leiningkamp, the commander of the Russian 1st Army, very depressed.

Admiral Ivan Jilinsky gave him an order to quickly capture Königsberg at all costs, and then go south to cooperate with the 2nd Army to annihilate the main force of the German army at Tannenburg. Originally, Admiral Leiningkamp thought that this was a good job, allowing his army to rob in the

bustling Königsberg. But unexpectedly, they have been delayed in Masurian Lake. This made General Leiningkamp very angry, but he couldn't vent his anger.

"General, urgent call from Your Excellency Commander!" A staff officer ran towards Admiral Leiningkamp in panic.

Admiral Leiningkamp couldn't help but frowned.

However, when he read the telegram, his face also changed drastically.

"Damn it, how did that fellow Samsonov fail so quickly? From the beginning to the end, this was a German trap!" Admiral Leiningkamp roared in horror.

"Retreat, the whole army retreats!"

#### **Chapter 216: Pursue (ask for a monthly ticket)**

"Hurry up! The train is coming soon, and all departments should be ready. Be sure to bring all the equipment on the train within half an hour." A regiment commander ordered the officers and soldiers of the battalions and companies below.

Tannenberg Railway Station has become the busiest railway station in East Prussia. The 11th Corps, 20th Corps, and 8th Armored Division of the 8th Army had to be transferred from here to Lake Masuria.

The 8th Armored Division has already left one step ahead. They need to receive new tanks, and then spend time familiarizing themselves with their new tanks so that they can form combat effectiveness as soon as possible and catch up with the battle against the Russian 1st Army .

A few minutes later, a train entered the station. During the time when the train was adding water and coal, the soldiers entered the carriages in order. Of course, in order to transport as many soldiers and equipment as possible, each carriage was packed to the brim, like canned sardines. Although it is not

as good as the Spring Festival travel in later generations of Huaxia, it is almost the same. In particular, Germans are generally taller, and it is undoubtedly even more aggrieved to squeeze them into the carriage.

It's just that these Germans are tough. Soldiers, in particular, are able to endure pain, and no one complains of suffering.

In order to transport as many troops as possible to Lake Masuria, in addition to railway transportation, road transportation is also essential. Maybach trucks, loaded with heavily armed German soldiers, rushed towards Lake Masuria. Although, the weight of the current trucks is not large, a truck can only transport a squad of soldiers and their equipment. However, Qin Tian equipped the 8th Army with more than 2,000 trucks. Deducting the trucks used to transport supplies, he could transport the soldiers of a division and their equipment to Lake Masuria at one time.

Thanks to the fact that Germany attaches great importance to transportation construction, whether it is railways or roads, the density is the highest in the whole of Europe, and the quality is also the best. This allows the German 8th Army to quickly turn in.

According to the plan of the Eighth Army Staff Headquarters, it only took two days to transport the 11th Army, 20th Army and 8th Armored Division to Lake Masuria. In other words, on the night of August 23, they will all be able to reach the east of Lake Masuria and enter the predetermined position. From August 24th, it will be possible to launch an offensive.

It is almost impossible for the Russian 1st Army to withdraw from the Masurian Lake area within two days. Especially with the 17th Army following them and launching an attack. They had been delaying the Russian 1st Army before, and had to retreat many times in order not to scare the Russians. Therefore, most of the combat power cannot be brought into play. Now it is undoubtedly to let them let go of their hands and feet. This will naturally allow

the 17th Army to fully display its combat effectiveness, thereby further causing greater casualties to the Russian army, delaying their retreat speed, and creating opportunities for the main force to catch up. Buy more time.

"Fire!"

On the morning of August 23, on the artillery position of the 87th Infantry Division of the 17th Army of the German Army, a door of 75mm field guns, 105mm light howitzers and 155mm heavy howitzers had raised their muzzles and aimed at the Russian army. A blocking position.

When the commander of the Russian 1st Army, General Leiningkamp, also expected that the German army would pursue them when he retreated, so he left a lot of Russian troops to block the German army in order to delay the German army. Their main force retreated to buy more time.

The 1st Army suffered heavy losses in the previous battles. However, the main force is still there. After all, this group army is a huge group army with 20 infantry divisions and two cavalry divisions. It has a very strong force, with a total force of more than 300,000 troops. Even after deducting the battle damage, there are still nearly 300,000 troops, which is still a powerful group army.

It's just that General Leiningkamp has been frightened, and he doesn't dare to stay and continue fighting. The German 8th Army can easily eat the 2nd Army, which undoubtedly proves that their combat effectiveness is much stronger than that of the Russian 2nd Army. You know, even the 1st Army is not capable of defeating the 2nd Army in such a short period of time. Therefore, General Leiningkamp naturally believes that his 1st Army is far from being the opponent of the German army. Then, for him, retreat has undoubtedly become the best choice.

Even General Ivan Jilinski, who stayed in Warsaw, held the same view. Therefore, Admiral Leiningkamp was able to make up his mind to speed up the retreat and ignore the others.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The German cannons fired violently, smashing shells one after another onto the positions of the Russian infantry divisions. Intensive explosions sounded, and the Russian army, which had only built a simple defensive position, could not withstand the fierce German shelling at all. Their fortifications were easily destroyed by shelling. The Russian soldiers hiding inside were either killed or injured.

The shelling by the German army lasted for half an hour. Such a violent shelling directly smashed the Russian army's defense line to pieces, and the casualties were even more severe.

Even, the Russian army in some areas has already retreated voluntarily due to heavy casualties.

Subsequently, the German army launched an offensive.

The powerful firepower gave the German army a great advantage in defense, and they could use powerful firepower to kill the enemy. When attacking, the powerful firepower also makes them have extremely powerful attack power.

When the German army attacked, the Russian army on the defense line was often suppressed by the powerful firepower and couldn't even raise their heads, let alone counterattack. In addition, the morale of the broken troops is already relatively low, and the will to fight is also very weak. Facing the powerful German attack, their defense quickly fell apart.

After the line of defense was breached, a large number of Russian troops fled in all directions. Once caught up, these Russian soldiers will often raise



their hands and surrender. For those with weak will to fight, keeping their own lives is the most important thing.

This caused the German 17th Army to capture many Russian officers and soldiers during the pursuit of the Russian army. In order to accommodate these prisoners of war, a lot of their time was wasted.

But even so, it is not so easy for the Russian 1st Army to leave Lake Masuria.

In order to escape the pursuit and interception of the German army, the Russian army even voluntarily gave up a large amount of heavy equipment. They never thought about how they would fight the Germans without these heavy equipment once blocked by the Germans.

#### **Chapter 217: Leave all (1100 votes plus update)**

On the night of August 23, the temporary headquarters of the Russian 1st Army.

Although, they have been on the run for two days. However, it was still not possible to escape from the Masurian Lake area. The German 17th Army was in hot pursuit of them. And they don't know when the pursuers will arrive. This made the officers and soldiers of the Russian 12th Army panic when they fled.

"General, the 14th Infantry Division was defeated by the Germans. Most of the soldiers have been captured by the Germans, and only a very few escaped back. Now, the Germans' pursuit is no more than 30 kilometers away from us." A staff officer reported to Admiral Leiningkamp.

"Bastard! Is this the real fighting power of the Germans? No wonder the 2nd Army was defeated so badly. It turns out that the fighting power of the Germans is so strong. We are like fools, easily deceived by the Germans.

They The trap was carefully laid out, but we jumped in foolishly." Admiral Leiningkamp looked remorseful.

It's a pity that it's too late to say these things now. Who let them be dazzled by the victory before? Thinking about it carefully, the German army's poor combat effectiveness at the beginning is undoubtedly very suspicious. But it is a pity that these Russian generals thought this was a good opportunity to capture East Prussia and capture the German Crown Prince alive. The result was good, and he trapped himself in it. If not done well, the entire army will be wiped out here. If there is any medicine for regret, Admiral Leiningkamp believes that he and Admiral Ivan Jilinsky will definitely run out of reasons to buy one. But alas, not at all.

"Order the 15th Infantry Division to stay and stop the Germans. No matter what, we must resist the German attack and buy us more time to retreat." Admiral Leiningkamp ordered.

In the face of the frenzied pursuit of the German army, he can only keep the troops behind to stop the German army, so as to buy time. In this case, they will continue to weaken their strength, which is tantamount to quenching thirst with poison. But there is no way around it. If troops are not sent to break the rear, they will soon be caught up by the German army. At that time, no one can escape.

"Yes, General." The staff officer replied.

"In addition, General, Warsaw received a call. The main force of the Germans is withdrawing from Tannenburg on a large scale. Judging their intentions, they are here to deal with us. Your Excellency Commander, request us to evacuate as soon as possible to avoid falling into the hands of the Germans. In the encirclement." The staff officer continued to report.

"Bastard! After the Germans solved the Second Army, they really targeted us." Admiral Leiningkamp cursed secretly.

"Tell Your Excellency, Commander, we are already doing our best to retreat. However, affected by the pursuit of the Germans, our retreat speed is very slow. If we cannot retreat, we will fight the Germans to the death." Leiningkamp said. What he said undoubtedly meant that their 1st Army had prepared for the worst.

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

Königsberg, Qin Tian, Admiral Hindenburg and others returned here after winning the Battle of Tannenberg. In Qin Tian's view, after the 2nd Russian Army was killed, the 1st Army was also unable to fly. In this battle, the German army will win.

"Your Highness, the 8th Armored Division, the 11th Army, the 20th Army, and the 17th Army have arrived at the front line. The Russian 1st Army still has not been able to retreat successfully. Tomorrow morning, the 8th Armored Division, the 17th Army, The 11th Army and the 20th Army will divide into three groups to attack the Russian Army, and strive to wipe out the Russian 1st Army in one fell swoop. It can be foreseen that the annihilation of this Russian army is already a certainty." Admiral Hindenburg said.

All the generals of the German army were almost beaming. It is a great honor for everyone to be able to kill all the invading Russian army, a front army with 500,000 people, in this battle. Although, before the war broke out, everyone still had some doubts about winning. But now, everyone has become extremely determined. Because they believe that a huge victory is already in front of them, and they only need to reach out to get it.

"Your Highness, after the 1st Russian Army has been annihilated, the Russian Northwest Front has no troops left. Can we launch an attack on Warsaw next?"

If it is too late, the Russian Army may mobilize more troops to Warsaw. ” Major General Ludendorff suggested.

East Prussia is a huge protrusion for Germany and an important base for Germany to threaten Russia. Similarly, the Kingdom of Poland is also a huge salient to Russia. It is only a few tens of kilometers from the western border of the Kingdom of Poland to Berlin, the capital of Germany. Of course, this has always been the focus of the German army's defense. Unless Russia mobilizes an absolute main force to launch an attack, otherwise it will not be able to pose a threat to Berlin. But such a favorable salient is still something Russia is unwilling to give up. If the Kingdom of Poland was occupied by Germany, this salient would be smoothed out by Germany. At that time, it will undoubtedly be very difficult for Germany to threaten Berlin.

Therefore, the German 8th Army Staff Department believes that it is impossible for the Russian army to watch the Kingdom of Poland being occupied by Germany. Even after the Northwest Front was defeated by the Germans, Russia would send more troops to the Kingdom of Poland to continue fighting the Germans. Therefore, the Eighth Army still has battles to fight.

No way, although the Russians have sufficient troops? They have plenty of troops to die.

"After the Battle of Tannenburg and the Battle of Masurian Lake, let the troops rest for a week. Wait for the soldiers to take a good rest, and at the same time replenish the losses of the various troops. After that, we will attack the Kingdom of Poland. I believe that we Since we can defeat the Russian Northwest Front Army, we can defeat more Russian troops. Even if they send reinforcements to defend the Kingdom of Poland, the final victory still belongs to us." Qin Tian said firmly.

"Yes, Your Highness." Admirals Hindenburg and Ludendorff had no objection to Qin Tian's decision. After days of fighting, the troops really need to rest. Otherwise, the combat effectiveness of the troops will be greatly affected.

"However, the first thing we have to do is to eat up the German 1st Army. Send a telegram to the generals on the front line, and strive to keep all the officers and soldiers of the Russian 1st Army. This is hundreds of thousands of people! All resolved If it falls, it will be enough to teach the Russians a profound lesson," Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Highness."

#### **Chapter 218: put all one's eggs in one basket**

East of Lake Masuria, the German 11th Army and 20th Army are building defensive positions based on the terrain, relying on villages and small towns. As for the 8th Armored Division, they are getting acquainted with their tanks. Early tomorrow morning, if the Russian army does not launch an attack, they will start to advance westward in an orderly manner, further reducing the living space of the Russian army.

After the Russian 2nd Army was dealt with in Tannenberg, the officers and soldiers of the German 8th Army had a clearer understanding of their combat effectiveness. This made them more confident in this battle.

"General, a telegram from His Royal Highness the Crown Prince." A staff officer found Lieutenant General François who was patrolling the defense line, and handed him the telegram from Qin Tian.

After Lieutenant General François read the telegram, he couldn't help showing a smile on his face: "Everyone, Your Royal Highness is very concerned about our next battle. After we have solved the Russian 1st Army, We will have a week's rest. However, His Royal Highness also hopes that we can keep all the Russians who invaded the German Empire and destroyed our homeland."

"Kill all the Russians! We can definitely kill all the invading Russians. Those Russians have no other advantage except for a little more numbers."

"It would be too cheap to kill them all. We can capture them all and use them to rebuild the destroyed homeland."

The generals began to discuss how to deal with these Russians, as if these Russians were not scary at all and could be easily dealt with by them.

The 20th Army and the 8th Armored Division also received a telegram from Qin Tian. They are also full of confidence in tomorrow's battle.

At this moment, the Russian 1st Army is on its way overnight. In the case of chasing troops after blocking back and forth, they can only escape as fast as possible. But soon, the Russian army still discovered that they could not run past the German army. The road ahead has been cut off by the German army.

On the night of August 23, Admiral Leiningkamp issued an order to march overnight. Because he found that the German army would stop pursuing at night, which made it easier for them to retreat.

It's just that this makes the soldiers of the Russian army more tired. Many people were very sleepy. If their lives were not threatened, they would probably fall asleep directly on the road.

"General, the 4th Infantry Division reported that they had exchanged fire with the Germans." A staff officer reported to Major General Leiningkamp in panic.

"What? They found the Germans? How is this possible? How could the Germans run ahead of us?" Admiral Leiningkamp jumped up, his face full of disbelief.

The other Russian generals also panicked. They always wanted to rush out and escape before the formation of the German encirclement. Unexpectedly, they rushed day and night, and even let many troops go to the rear, but in the end they still failed.

"General, what should we do now? The Germans have really blocked us." A major general said in horror.

"God! Are we going to follow in the footsteps of the 2nd Army?"

The generals of the Russian army also panicked into a group. No matter how proud they are usually, but at this time, they are nothing but clowns whose lives are threatened.

"The speed of the Germans is faster than we imagined! It seems that we have seriously underestimated them. However, this is also understandable. The transportation construction of the Germans is far more developed than that of Russia. So , they were able to complete the mobilization of troops in such a short period of time." General Leiningkamp said with a wry smile.

"Generals, for us, the current situation is undoubtedly very dangerous. If we are not careful, we will follow in the footsteps of the 2nd Army and be wiped out by the Germans. Don't think that our troops are stronger than the 2nd Army. There are many 2nd armies, so I doubt this. At least, in my opinion, the Germans can easily eliminate the 2nd army, so their combat effectiveness is much stronger than ours. Therefore, we are now almost dead. General Leiningkamp continued.

"General, what should we do now? Is it possible to do nothing and just wait for death?" a general asked.

"Of course we can't just wait to die like this. Although the situation is very unfavorable to us. But we must try our best to fight for a chance. I decided to let the troops stop retreating and rest for one night. Tomorrow during the day,

launch an attack on the German positions Onslaught. If we can break through the direction of the Germans within a day, we still have a chance to escape. If we fail, then everyone will accept their fate!" Admiral Leiningkamp said.

The generals were silent. Of course, they also know that there is no way to do this. The reason why Admiral Leiningkamp decided to put all his eggs in one basket was because there was no other way. If you don't work hard, it is really a dead end.

"The general is right. There is only one way in front of us now. If we want to survive, we have to fight the Germans. As long as we can break through the German defenses and escape back, we will survive." Hope." One of the generals said.

Of course, in addition to this road, if you want to survive, there is another way, and that is to surrender to the Germans. As generals, if they surrender, they can at least guarantee their lives. However, on this occasion, no one dared to say this method.

"Since this is the case, let's fight the Germans. Anyway, as long as we can escape, we will have a chance to make a comeback. It doesn't matter if the troops are exhausted. I believe that enough soldiers have been mobilized in the country .As long as we go back, we can get supplements immediately." Another general said.

This point of view has been recognized by other generals. Indeed, these Russian generals did not take the lives of ordinary soldiers seriously. In their view, they are nothing more than cannon fodder. If they could use these cannon fodder to guarantee their own lives, they would not hesitate to abandon these cannon fodder.

Soon, the generals of the Russian army reached a consensus and decided to invest in the army to launch an attack early tomorrow morning. This



time, they will put all their eggs in one basket and devote all their main forces to fight for that chance of survival.

"Everyone, everyone, go back and prepare! May God bless us and the Russian Empire!" Admiral Leiningkamp prayed.

"God bless us, bless the Russian Empire!" All the generals prayed very devoutly.

#### **Chapter 219: Desperately (seeking a monthly ticket)**

Early in the morning on August 24, the officers and soldiers of the German army were still asleep, but they were all awakened by the emergency military situation. After dawn, the observation post discovered that a large number of Russian troops appeared two kilometers in front of the position. It's densely packed, I don't know how many there are. The observation post immediately issued a warning.

Even though the officers and soldiers were very tired, many of them didn't wake up at all. But the military situation is an order, which makes them take up arms at the first time and prepare to fight. Whether it is infantry, artillery, or the armored soldiers of the 8th Armored Division, they all entered a state of combat readiness immediately.

"What's going on?" Lieutenant General Francois also rushed to the front line.

"General, the Russians launched a tentative attack on our defense line last night. At first, I thought they would give up. But I didn't expect that they started preparing to attack early this morning." A major general reported. .

"These Russians, have their brains caught by the door? Don't they know that when the Russian Second Army was in Tannenberg, it also tried to break through our position. As a result, in front of our position, there were piles of dead bodies. " Lieutenant General Francois said in disbelief. After all, the

Russian Second Army has already served as a lesson for the past, and the Russian army should have been prepared for this.

"Who knows! Maybe those Russians are like this." The major general said.

"Well, no matter what the Russians are going to do. Since they plan to take the initiative to attack, that is our advantage. Order the ministries and prepare for battle. Once the Russians dare to attack, I will wipe them all out." Lieutenant General Rancois ordered.

"Yes, General." The Major General nodded.

"Get the artillery ready. Once the Russians fire, suppress them immediately. We can't let the Russian artillery fire cause us too much damage." Lieutenant General Francois urged.

Although, I learned from the 17th Army that the Russian army had discarded a lot of cannons during their escape. But the Russian 1st Army has 20 infantry divisions. If it is full, it will be equipped with at least 960 76.2mm field guns. Although so many cannons are small-caliber field guns, they are enough to pose a serious threat to the German army.

"Yes, General." The Major General's face was serious.

Lieutenant General François inspected the positions and was very satisfied to see that the soldiers were confidently preparing to meet the Russian attack. It only rang when he was about to return to his command post. The soldiers were woken up early in the morning, and they didn't even have time to eat breakfast.

"Let the cooking soldiers prepare breakfast and send it to the front line, even if it's all bread. You can't let the soldiers fight hungry. Who knows how long this battle will last?" Lieutenant General Francois ordered .

Once the Russian army launches a full-scale offensive, a large-scale battle will inevitably break out. The battle may last for a long time, even more than a day. In battle, it may be difficult for soldiers to find opportunities to fill their stomachs. Therefore, Lieutenant General Francois had to prepare early.

The commander of the major general was stunned for a moment, then nodded: "Okay, general, I will give orders immediately."

On the opposite Russian army position, officers at all levels of the Russian army are giving lectures to the troops. There is only one general content, that is, they are in a very dangerous situation now, and there are chasing soldiers after they are intercepted. If they cannot defeat the German army blocking the front in today's battle, then they will only have a dead end.

The speeches of the Russian officers made the Russian soldiers understand how dangerous their situation was. Although, they have no culture. However, this does not prevent them from having a strong desire to survive. In the eyes of almost every Russian soldier, there is a strong desire to survive. None of them wanted to die, they wanted to live. And the only way to survive is to defeat the Russians blocking their retreat.

These Russian soldiers once again mustered up their courage and forgot their timidity.

This is also the reason why the ancient Chinese art of war said, 'Don't stop when you return to your teacher'. If a troop is cut off from retreating, it will explode with extremely strong fighting power. Especially in the era of cold weapons, it often determines the outcome of a battle.

Of course, now is the era of hot weapons, especially the German army is equipped with a large number of automatic weapons. Therefore, they had no worries about cutting off the Russians' retreat. They have enough firepower to make even the Russian army full of fighting spirit fall into the sand.

"Order the artillery, hit me hard. Fire all the shells. If you can't break through the German defense line, those cannons and shells are useless." Admiral Leiningkamp ordered .

"Yes, General."

A few minutes later, the Russian artillery began shelling. Their remaining cannon, more than three hundred more, were assembled. Although, these cannons are all 76.2 mm field guns. However, with so many field artillery shelling, the power is still amazing.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

One by one shells roared and smashed into the German positions. The gunners of the Russian army fired hard and fired more shells. Because they knew that once the Germans started to fight back, they would never have another chance.

Just two minutes after the Russian shelling started, the German shelling began to counterattack. The artillery of one of the infantry divisions of sir launched a counterattack, and then the other artillery joined in. In terms of quantity, it is no better than the Russian army's cannons, and in terms of caliber, range and power, it can suppress the Russian army's artillery fire.

But even the German artillery suppression caused great losses to the Russian artillery. But their bombardment never stopped, but became more powerful.

The shelling of the Russian army forced the frontline troops of the German army to withdraw to the fortifications. Many of the fortifications they built were also destroyed. After all, this is just a fortification built hastily by the German army overnight, and it is not very strong and cannot withstand the attack of artillery shells.

But the officers and soldiers of the German army believed that under their artillery counterattack, the Russian artillery would soon be destroyed. At that time, it will no longer be a threat to them.

It's just that, what everyone didn't expect was that the Russian infantry launched an attack before the Russian artillery stopped shelling. More than 20,000 Russian soldiers, holding rifles and roaring loudly, attacked the German positions. They seemed not at all afraid of being accidentally injured by their own shells.

#### Chapter 220: Massacre (seeking monthly ticket)

"God! What do these Russians want to do? They are trying too hard!" The generals of the German army couldn't help being stunned after seeing the attack method of the Russian army.

You must know that in order to avoid being accidentally injured by your own artillery, when attacking, you will often wait until your own artillery starts to extend into the depth of the enemy before launching an attack.

But now, the artillery fire of the Russian army is still preparing for firepower, bombarding the forward positions of the German army, their infantry has already launched an attack, which is amazing!

In the eyes of ordinary people, Admiral Leiningkamp must be crazy. However, only he himself knows that there is no way to do it. Who made the Germans too strong and they too weak?

If they follow the conventional style of play, they will definitely not be able to break through the German defense line. The 2nd Army was easily and seriously injured by the German army with powerful firepower. This is a lesson from the past!

So, Admiral Leiningkamp came up with this crazy tactic. That is, not afraid of accidental injury. While the artillery bombarded, the infantry also

attacked. This made it impossible for the German army to hide in the fortifications, and had to enter the position to resist the attack of the Russian army. In this case, the artillery of the Russian army may be able to cause greater damage to the German army. If you are lucky, there is no chance of severely injuring the German army. In this case, the Russian army is more likely to escape.

"Damn Russians, are they going to fight us desperately?" Lieutenant General François also turned pale when he heard the news. Obviously, this tactic of the Russians made them very embarrassed. Although the German army's combat effectiveness is very strong, too few troops is a flaw. The Russians used suicide attacks to exchange casualties with the German army, which would inevitably cause the German army to pay a lot of losses.

"General, what should we do now?"

"Hmph! The Russians dare to fight, don't we dare to fight? The soldiers of the German Empire are the bravest in the world." Lieutenant General François said.

"Order the infantry, enter the position immediately, and prepare to fight. No matter how high the price is, stop the Russians and keep them all. In addition, tell the artillery to do their best to suppress the Russian artillery. Can they Suppressing the Russians in the shortest time will determine how many casualties we will suffer in this battle!" Lieutenant General François ordered.

When there is no other way, this method can only be used.

"Yes, General."

All the German generals know that Lieutenant General François is also preparing to fight the Russians desperately.

After the order was issued, the German soldiers hiding in the anti-gun cave were a little dazed. After all, the explosion above the head is still going

on, which undoubtedly shows that the Russian shelling is still going on! If you go out now, isn't that courting death?

However, the bounden duty of a soldier is to obey orders. Since the superiors gave the order, they had no choice but to obey. What's more, after learning that the Russians had adopted such desperate tactics, they had no reason to say anything more. After all, even the Russians dared to go all out, so why wouldn't they dare?

"Warriors, take up your weapons and prepare to fight. Let the Russians know that the warriors of the German Empire are not afraid of death!"

A company commander roared loudly, and after finishing speaking, he was the first to rush out of the blast hole.

The other soldiers followed closely behind, rushed out of the artillery hole, entered the position and prepared to fight.

"Boom!"

A 76.2mm artillery shell fell, and several soldiers were blown away on the spot. But the other soldiers, before they even had time to fear, advanced further along the communication trenches and reached the forward positions, ready to fight. They can only use the lives of the Russians in the ensuing battle to avenge their dead comrades.

The German troops on the front line got out of the anti-bomb holes and other fortifications where they were hiding, and entered the forward positions to fight. The shelling of the Russian army caused them a lot of casualties. However, no one flinched. Everyone is working hard!

On the artillery positions of the German army, a large number of gunners took off their shirts and carried shells shirtless. There were beads of sweat all over their bodies, but they didn't even have time to wipe it off.

In order to make their comrades sacrifice less, they must suppress the Russian artillery fire in the shortest possible time. Only in this way can the casualties of one's own side be reduced.

The fierce battle started like this. It can be said that this battle has directly entered the climax stage.

"Boom! Boom!"

Russian artillery shells kept falling on the German positions, and soldiers died in the explosion from time to time. But the rest are still fighting.

In this process, the Russian infantry was not far from the German position.

"Fire! Kill those Russians!" The German frontline commander ordered.

"Da da da!"

The German machine gunners, who had been suffocating for a long time, started shooting first. A series of general-purpose machine guns and squad machine guns began to fire wildly, and the dense bullets enveloped the Russian offensive line like a steel storm. And all the officers and soldiers of the Russian army who were enveloped were shot and killed, and many of them were even hit by dozens of bullets and turned into honeycombs.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Mortars and grenades from door to door also started firing, and dense shells and grenades smashed towards the Russian army's formation. The shells exploded and shrapnel shot out, harvesting the lives of these Russian soldiers.

The Russian soldiers also performed extremely bravely in this battle. They know that if they don't work hard, they will die. So, they have no other choice.



The Russian generals who were watching the battle in the rear took a deep breath one by one.

"Damn it, the firepower of the Germans is indeed very strong. They are so extravagant to equip an army with so many machine guns, this is too crazy!" The generals of the Russian army exclaimed.

Although, the cost of the machine gun is not high. However, after the machine gun is equipped, follow-up supplies are very important. Equipped with a large number of machine guns, this will undoubtedly increase the supply of troops. In their view, this view of the Germans is really too wasteful.

But I have to admit that after being equipped with a large number of machine guns, the firepower has indeed been enhanced to the extreme. At least, on defense. In the face of the powerful firepower of the German army, although the Russian officers and soldiers are desperately attacking. However, their attack is useless at all, and they are sending them to death.

That's right, the Russian army's attack is completely killing them. In the face of the powerful firepower of the German army, they simply could not rush to the front of the German defense line, let alone break through the German defense line. The corpses of the Russian army have already piled up a thick layer on the ground.