

# Jagged 241

## Chapter 241: Retreat (ask for a monthly ticket)

"General, what should we do now?" an officer asked.

Other officers looked at David Betty with worry in their eyes. The previous self-confidence seems to have disappeared now.

Before implementing the plan this time, almost everyone was full of confidence, thinking that they would definitely win. After all, for this operation they mustered nine battlecruisers and eight battleships. But now, the extraordinary performance of the German Navy's breaking fleet has shocked them greatly.

Under the siege of the four "King George V class" battleships of the German Navy, three ships have been sunk in such a short period of time, and the remaining one is also struggling. Whether we can persist until the arrival of reinforcements depends on God's will. The Germans are so fierce, can they really beat the Germans? Besides, even if the Germans are defeated, their own losses are not small! Therefore, even if it is a victory, it will be a tragic victory at most, not a big victory.

Lieutenant General David Betty also couldn't help being silent for a few seconds. Of course he knew what the officers meant. He also did not expect that the loss this time would be so large, and the four "King George V-class" battleships were almost lost. Such a loss cannot even be accounted to the Ministry of the Navy.

However, at this point in the battle, is there any possibility of retreating? If you retreat, it will only make the previous losses in vain. So, no matter what, Lieutenant General David Betty can only bite the bullet and continue, no matter how high the price is, he must solve the German Navy's broken fleet. In this way, the previous losses will not be in vain, and there will be an explanation for the cabinet and the Ministry of the Navy.

"Command the fleet to move forward at full speed. This time, we must kill all the German battlecruisers." Lieutenant General David Beatty ordered. If you can't win again this time, the consequences will be very serious. If it is not done well, even he will be implicated.

"Yes, General." The officer immediately conveyed Lieutenant General David Betty's order to each fleet.

The remaining nine battlecruisers and four battleships of the British Navy are all ready for battle.

On the battlefield, the siege of the battleship 'King George V' by six battlecruisers of the German Navy continued. Six battlecruisers, 27 343mm main guns and 27 305mm main guns, are so powerful that the besieged battleship "King George V" is in a very dangerous situation.

"Quick, we don't have much time, we must get rid of the last British battleship!" Lieutenant General Spee said through gritted teeth.

"May God bless us and kill the British." Lieutenant General Hipper also murmured.

"Boom!"

A 305mm artillery shell hit the battleship "King George V", and a large hole was blown on the deck at the stern of the ship. The shrapnel swept across the entire rear deck, killing many sailors of the British Navy.

A minute later, another 343mm shell hit the battleship 'King George V'. This shell successfully hit the side of the battleship 'King George V' and blew a hole near the waterline. Although the sailors of the British Navy tried their best to control the loss, they still failed to plug this loophole, and had to close the nearby watertight compartment. In this case, although the sinking of the battleship was avoided, the battleship was slightly tilted due to excessive water intake.

In the next five minutes, the battleship 'King George V' was hit by several shells again. These shells left large and small scars on the hull of the "King George V" battleship. However, perhaps due to better luck, although it suffered heavy losses, it was not in danger of sinking.

At this time, the reinforcements of the British Navy finally arrived on the battlefield. Nine battlecruisers bombarded the German Navy's breaking fleet from a long distance. Although, at such a long distance, it was difficult to get a hit, but it successfully interfered with the firing of the battleship "King George V" by the German Navy's breaking fleet.

In order to avoid being surrounded by the British fleet, Lieutenant General Spee and Lieutenant General Hipper had to order the fleet to turn and let go of the battleship "King George V" after discussing.

Although, it is a pity that the battleship "King George V" was not able to sink. But they have successfully damaged the battleship. It takes at least several months in the shipyard to restore combat effectiveness. It is already very good to be able to achieve the result of sinking three ships and severely damaging one in this battle.

Everyone on the battleship 'King George V' fell into ecstasy. Watching the six battlecruisers of the German Navy go away, the uneasiness in their hearts finally disappeared.

"General, the Germans have retreated, and our reinforcements are here." The adjutant said to Major General Carroll excitedly.

Major General Carroll did not speak, he knew that although he could escape this time. However, such a large loss of the Royal Navy always has to find someone to be responsible. If he fails, he will become the scapegoat.

"General, General Betty called, let us withdraw from the battle and return to the mainland for repairs. The next battle will be handed over to them. They will

sink the German warships and avenge those comrades who died." A communications officer said .

Rear Admiral Carroll nodded: "Order the fleet to turn and target Portsmouth Naval Port."

The battleship 'King George V' hobbled away from the battlefield with its broken hull. However, the battle did not end there. Instead, it develops in a more intense direction.

The German Navy's break-off fleet has reassembled, and the nine battlecruisers of the British fleet have also formed a battle line. The duel between the two sides is about to start again.

To the north, four "Iron Duke" battleships are heading south quickly, and they are not far from the battlefield. However, the seaplane flying over their heads found them. And immediately reported to the fleet.

"Damn it, I knew the British wouldn't just send these few battlecruisers. Sure enough, there are four more powerful battleships." Lieutenant General Hipper cursed.

"Then shall we fight or retreat?" Lieutenant General Spee asked.

Lieutenant General Hipper thought for a while, and then said: "Retreat first, join General Scheer, and then have a decisive battle with them."

Lieutenant General Spee nodded, and then ordered the fleet to retreat.

**Chapter 242: The strongest battle cruiser (seeking monthly ticket)**

"General, the Germans are gone."

On the battleship 'Tiger', the British Navy immediately reported the situation to Lieutenant General David Beatty after discovering that the German Navy's High Seas Fleet was accelerating its retreat to the northwest.

"Damn it, the Germans have discovered our 'Iron Duke'-class battleship." Lieutenant General David Beatty immediately noticed the problem, and couldn't help cursing. Originally, he wanted to rely on his own nine battlecruisers to entangle the six battlecruisers of the German Navy, and four "Iron Duke" battleships to attack from the other side, trying to severely damage the German Navy's breaking fleet in one fell swoop. It is better to seize this opportunity and kill all the German Navy's breaking fleet. In this case, even if they lost three "King George V-class" battleships in this naval battle, they still won a big victory.

However, now it seems that his strategy has no way to succeed. The German navy has seen through his plot. However, Lieutenant General David Betty couldn't figure out how the German navy saw through his plot so quickly.

"General, there are German seaplanes above our heads. The intelligence sent from the 'King George V' also confirms this." A staff officer said with an ugly face.

Lieutenant General David Betty, his face suddenly turned black, as if the bottom of the pot was the same. It turned out that their actions were completely under the surveillance of the Germans. In this case, it would be impossible to engage in any conspiracy and tricks, and they could only confront the Germans in an upright manner.

"Order the fleet to speed up and not let the Germans run away!" Lieutenant General David Beatty ordered.

"Yes, General."

The nine battlecruisers of the British Navy accelerated their pursuit of the German Navy's breaching fleet.

On the other side, four "Iron Duke" battleships are also preparing to intercept the German Navy's breaking fleet. However, because of the speed of the ship, the possibility of their success will be very low.

"Continue to speed up, get rid of the British battleships, and pull their battlecruisers in circles. Report the situation here to General Scheer. Our 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers should also go to battle." Lieutenant General Spei's face was full of smiles.

"Yeah! The British thought they had ambushed nine battlecruisers and four battleships and wanted to eat us. I'll see, after our 'Derfflinger class' battlecruisers show up, What kind of expressions will they have?" Lieutenant General Hipper also said with a smile. Everyone is full of confidence in the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruiser.

Indeed, the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruiser is definitely the most powerful battlecruiser in the world today. The only one that can surpass him is probably the "Mackenson-class" battlecruiser that has not yet entered service in the German Navy. With a 380mm main gun, thick armor, and a speed of up to 27.5 knots, it deserves to be the strongest battlecruiser. Compared with the thin-skinned and stuffed battlecruisers of the British Navy, it has an overwhelming advantage. Even, it is enough to compete with the most powerful battleship of the British Navy, the "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleship that has not yet entered service. This is why the German navy knew that this time it was a trap set by the British navy, but it still had the courage to step in and count the British.

At this moment, outside the battlefield, the 3rd battlecruiser detachment composed of three 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers led by Admiral Reinhardt Scheer, commander of the German Navy's High Seas Fleet, is heading south quickly . Because it has just been in service not long ago, the performance of

the battleship can be fully utilized. The speed of these huge warships has been increased to 25 knots, but there is still room to spare.

Admiral Reinhard Scheer stood in the command tower with a smile on his face, appearing to be in a good mood.

He really has no choice but to be in a bad mood! In this operation, the German Navy has gained a considerable advantage. At a small cost, the breaking fleet sank three "King George V-class" battleships of the British Navy, and severely damaged the remaining one. This is already a rare victory for the German Navy. Before the official decisive battle between the two sides, the German navy had sunk four capital ships of the British Navy and severely damaged one, making the German Navy probably not inferior to the British Navy in terms of the number of capital ships.

And, the battle is not over. He believes that in the next battle, they will definitely be able to obtain results again. At that time, the gap between the two sides will be further widened.

"As long as we can severely damage the British navy in this naval battle, then we will have a complete advantage. At that time, it will be impossible for the British to keep their position as the supremacy of the sea." Reinhardt? Admiral Scheer thought excitedly.

As the commander of the High Seas Fleet that led the German Navy to achieve this achievement, his name will surely be immortalized forever. Thinking of this, Admiral Reinhard Scheer was very excited.

"General, Admiral Spee and Admiral Hipper are calling. They are leading the fleet to retreat to the northwest. The British dispatched nine battlecruisers and four battleships to pursue them." A communications officer reported.

"Nine battlecruisers and four battleships. The British sent out all their battlecruisers. Which class of battleships are their battleships?" Admiral Reinhardt Scheer asked.

"According to its appearance, it should be a British 'Iron Duke-class' battleship." The officer replied.

"'Iron Duke' class battleship? Plus the previous 'King George V' class" battleship. The British can be regarded as dispatching the main force of the navy this time! If all of their main forces are lost here, then the British will have no hope in the future decisive battle. "Admiral Reinhard Scheer couldn't help but shine his eyes.

Although, judging from the current strength comparison, the British warships still have an advantage in number. However, the performance of the warships of the German Navy far exceeds that of the British Navy.

According to Admiral Reinhardt Scheer, this is definitely a great opportunity to further change the balance of strength between the two sides, and it must not be missed just like this.

"Send a telegram to General Spee and General Hipper and ask them to hold back the British battlecruiser formation. As for the British battleship formation, leave it to us to deal with it!" Admiral Reinhard Scheer ordered road.

"Yes, General."

#### **Chapter 243: Good Opportunity for Combat (ask for a monthly ticket)**

Admiral Reinhardt Scheer ordered three "Derfflinger-class" battleships to move south quickly, preparing to attack the four "Iron Duke-class" battleships of the British Navy. The nine battlecruisers of the British Navy's battlecruiser formation are dealt with by the six battlecruisers of the broken fleet.

In this case, it is undoubtedly that this naval battle is divided into two battlefields. However, in these two battlefields, the German Navy does not



have an advantage in the number of warships. Admiral Reinhardt Scheer was 3-4, Lieutenant Generals Spee and Hipper were 6-9. If only from this aspect, the German navy is undoubtedly at a disadvantage.

However, in many cases, you can't just look at the number of battleships. The performance of the battleship is also very important.

'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers are the most powerful battlecruisers in active service in the German Navy. Not only do they have powerful three triple-mounted 50-caliber 380mm main guns, but they are also amazing in terms of defense. The main armor belt on the side, the armor of the turret and the conning tower, are all 350 mm thick. The speed reached an astonishing 27.5 knots. Although the "Iron Duke" battleship is also the most powerful battleship in active service in the British Navy, it is far from comparable to the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruiser in terms of various key performances. Its displacement is only 30,000 tons, the main guns are five double-mounted 343mm main guns with a caliber of 45 times, and the maximum speed is only 21.25 knots. In terms of defense, the thickness of the main armor belt is only 305 mm, the thickness of the deck armor is 64 mm, the armor of the turret is 280 mm, the armor of the gun seat is 254 mm, and the armor of the conning tower is 280 mm.

Battleships were supposed to be stronger than battlecruisers in terms of defense. However, under the German Navy's design philosophy of emphasizing defense and survivability, the defense of the German Navy's battlecruisers is also very strong, even surpassing the British Navy's battleships. Under such circumstances, even if the two sides shoot at each other, the German navy will not be at a disadvantage.

It is precisely because of this that Admiral Reinhard Scheer dared to use three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers to deal with the four "Iron Duke-class" battleships of the British Navy. He believes that the winner will be his.

There is also a gap in the number of battlecruisers between the two sides, but the British 'Invincible-class' battleships are too weak. In addition, the German Navy also has great confidence in the performance of its battlecruisers. Therefore, Admiral Reinhardt Scheer believed that his six battlecruisers were completely capable of dealing with the nine British battlecruisers. Even if you can't win for a while, it's not a big problem to hold them back. After one's own "Derfflinger" battlecruiser has dealt with the British "Iron Duke" battleship, it can attack the British battlecruiser formation. At that time, the German navy will have the upper hand.

After Admiral Reinhard Scheer's order was passed to Lieutenant General Spee and Lieutenant General Hipper, both of them couldn't help laughing.

"Haha, I knew that General Scheer would not let go of this good opportunity." Lieutenant General Hipper said with a smile on his face.

"Well, this is an opportunity to further widen the gap between us and the British Navy. As long as we seize this opportunity, we will win." Lieutenant General Spee nodded.

"In this case, let's create opportunities for General Scheer!" Lieutenant General Hipper said.

"Well, order the fleet to speed up. Let the distance between the British battlecruisers and the battleships be further opened, and then turn around and fight the British. I believe that our six battlecruisers can also be dealt with. Nine British battleships." Lieutenant General Spee gave the order.

The six battlecruisers of the German Navy broke through the fleet and continued to sail at an accelerated speed. The battlecruiser formation of the British Navy is chasing after it. However, the speed of the four "Iron Duke-class" battleships of the British Navy is far inferior to that of the battlecruisers. If this is the case, they will be left far behind.

"Damn it, do those Germans only know how to run away? When they bullied the 2nd Battleship Squadron before, why didn't they run away?" A young rear admiral on the battleship 'Iron Duke' said bitterly. His name was Robertson, and he was the commander of the 1st Battleship Squadron. Rear Admiral Carroll, the commander of the 2nd Battleship Squadron, which was almost wiped out by the German Navy's broken fleet before, was his good friend.

"Continue to pressurize the boiler and speed up!" Major General Robertson ordered.

"General, our speed has been increased to the fastest. If we accelerate again, the service life of the boiler will be further reduced, and it may even explode." The chief engineer persuaded.

Major General Robertson was taken aback for a moment, and then resignedly gave up.

He didn't want the four most powerful battleships of the Royal Navy to become iron coffins lying on the sea because of the boiler explosion. In that case, Admiral Jellicoe will definitely send him to a court-martial.

"I hope General Betty and the others can catch the German battlecruisers and tear them all to shreds. Those guys, like mice, really want to trample them all to death." Major General Robertson cursed.

The High Seas Fleet of the German Navy has already caused huge losses to the United Kingdom. The sunk merchant ships alone have already caused the British to bleed. If the German fleet and those \*\*\*\* submarines are not dealt with, the British merchant ships will probably be lost. At that time, the British Isles will become dead islands.

At this time, three huge warships appeared to their north.

The shrill siren sounded immediately, and everyone was extremely nervous.

"What's going on?" Major General Robertson asked.

"General, look north, spot German battleships."

"what?"

Major General Robertson grabbed the binoculars and looked towards the sea to the north. When he saw the three battleships floating on the sea like hills, which seemed to be larger than his own battleships and had unusually thick barrels, he couldn't help but sucked in a breath of cold air.

"Oh my god! That's a German battleship. The Germans not only assembled the six battlecruisers here, they also have three more powerful battleships. This is a German conspiracy!" Major General Robertson shouted road.

"Quickly, send a telegram to General Betty, we have been fooled by the Germans. They have already prepared. We have encountered a powerful German warship." Major General Robertson ordered.

**Chapter 244: Riding a tiger is hard to get off (ask for a monthly ticket)**

On the battlecruiser 'Tiger', Lieutenant General David Beatty's energy has been fully focused on the German Navy's High Seas Fleet. Now he has only one belief, that is to catch up with the German Navy's High Seas Fleet, sink them, and avenge the capital ships of the Royal Navy that were sunk in previous naval battles.

"General, do you want to continue to speed up? If you continue to speed up, I'm afraid the furnace won't last long." The chief engineer reported to Lieutenant General David Betty with some concern.

"The German warships can persist, why can't ours persist?" Lieutenant General David Beatty frowned.

The chief engineer opened his mouth, but still didn't say anything.

Although the United Kingdom used steam turbines in the field of warships before Germany, Germany has come from behind in the fields of oil-fired boilers and steam turbines, and has now completely surpassed the United Kingdom. This allowed the British navy to increase its speed at the expense of defense, while the German navy could increase its speed as much as possible while ensuring defense. Judging from the performance of the battleships of both sides, the battlecruisers of the German Navy are no worse than the battlecruisers of the British Navy in terms of speed. This proves that Germany has succeeded in this regard.

"General, the Germans slowed down and started to turn." At this time, a staff officer reported.

"What? The Germans are not going to flee, do they want to fight us?" Lieutenant General David Beatty immediately picked up the binoculars.

At this moment, the German Navy's fleet is turning, and the turret is also turning, obviously preparing for battle.

"Is there any conspiracy in this?" David Betty secretly thought. He was not a suspicious person at first, but after suffering a series of big losses under the hands of the German Navy, he had to be cautious.

"Order the fleet to turn and prepare for battle!" But at this juncture, Lieutenant General David Betty can't afford to think too much. If you don't turn around, the German navy will seize the T prefix. At that time, the British Navy will once again pay a heavy price.

The British fleet also began to turn, and the two battle lines tended to be parallel. At the same time, the distance between them is constantly shortening.

"General, General Robertson reported that they encountered a powerful German fleet. The opponent has three extremely powerful warships, which should be equipped with main guns with a caliber of about 380 mm." A staff officer reported to Lieutenant General David Beatty.

"What? Three warships equipped with 380mm main guns?" Lieutenant General David Beatty couldn't help but change his face.

"Damn the Germans, the Royal Navy has only just successfully developed a 381mm main gun. The Germans have already served in battleships equipped with a 380mm main gun. They have once again walked in front of the Royal Navy. The intelligence department Those guys should be pulled out and shot. Don't they know that this will kill us?" Lieutenant General David Betty was furious.

Indeed, the British intelligence agencies did not obtain much useful information when collecting information on the German Navy. Of course, the main reason is that the German Navy's anti-espionage work has achieved results, and all the secrecy work has been done well, which has enabled these powerful warships of the German Navy to keep secret until now. Otherwise, it would be impossible to achieve such a great success on the battlefield.

"General, General Robertson asked for instructions, what should we do next?"

Lieutenant General David Betty's brows were already wrinkled. He knew that this time the operation would not be so smooth. The fleet led by Rear Admiral Carroll suffered heavy losses. Now, it turns out that the Germans were not defenseless. Although, our side still has an absolute advantage in the number of battleships. They had 9 battlecruisers and 4 battleships, the Germans only used 9 battlecruisers. However, the combat power of German

warships is obviously superior to that of British warships, especially warships equipped with 380mm main guns, which is even more terrifying.

How to choose, David? Lieutenant General Beatty is also a little undecided. Reason told him that he should retreat immediately. In this way, the Royal Navy can be guaranteed not to suffer too much loss as much as possible. Of course, the four 'Iron Duke' battleships definitely couldn't escape because of their speed. But in this case, it is better than annihilation of the whole army. However, Lieutenant General David Beatty knew that he absolutely couldn't just retreat so easily. Otherwise, he would not be able to make a difference to Churchill and the cabinet at all.

The British cabinet is still waiting eagerly for the victory of this operation to relieve the threat of the German Navy's breaking fleet to the British sea transportation line! If they retreat like this, it will undoubtedly prove that this operation has completely failed. Especially when three "King George V-class" battleships were sunk, one was severely damaged, and more battleships may be lost. Such a result was unacceptable to the Royal Navy, Churchill, and the cabinet. Therefore, for Lieutenant General David Beatty, it was impossible to order a retreat.

"Give General Robertson an order to drag the three powerful warships of the Germans and buy us time. Order the formation of battlecruisers to close the distance with the Germans and try to defeat them in the shortest possible time. They then reinforced General Robertson. Didn't the Germans rely on the strength of their warships to crush us? Then let's show them the real strength of the Royal Navy. Naval battles are definitely not just about relying on the strength of warships. Victory!" Lieutenant General David Beatty ordered.

Hundreds of years ago, when the Armada of the Kingdom of Spain attacked England, the British navy was also at an absolute disadvantage. However, they still won the final victory. Lieutenant General David Beatty

believed that after the warriors of the Royal Navy fully displayed their combat effectiveness, they would definitely be able to make up for the inferior performance of the battleship and defeat the German Navy. What's more, they still have an advantage in the number of warships.

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

"Soldiers of the Royal Navy, we are now facing a huge crisis. If the German fleet in front of us is not defeated, but is defeated by them, the Royal Navy of the British Empire will suffer heavy losses. We will not be able to relieve the Germans against us. The threat of sea transportation lines, our country, will be slowly hanged by the Germans, and even in the decisive battle in the future, the Royal Navy has no chance of winning. Therefore, we can only fight to the death, and only by defeating the Germans can we gain Victory!"

Lieutenant General David Beatty spoke to the officers and soldiers of the British Navy, hoping to inspire their fighting spirit.

#### **Chapter 245: Bite the bullet (1400 votes plus updates)**

"General, General Betty asked us to hold back these three warships of the Germans to buy time for them to defeat the German fleet. After they have won the victory, they will come back to support us." A communications officer said to us. Major General Robertson reported.

Rear Admiral Robertson's complexion kept changing. The three German Navy warships equipped with 380mm main guns brought him great pressure.

"Damn, there is no other way now, but to fight the Germans. Order all ships and prepare to fight!" Major General Robertson ordered. He knew very well that under such circumstances, the speed of the "Iron Duke" battleship would be a flaw. This made it impossible for them to escape from the pursuit of the German Navy's battlecruisers. Therefore, it seems that there is no other way except to work hard.



"May God bless us, bless the Royal Navy! I hope that General Betty and the others can defeat the German fleet earlier." After issuing the order, Major General Robertson secretly prayed to God. Although, they now have four "Iron Duke" battleships. But facing the three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers of the German Navy, he still has no confidence in winning, and he doesn't even know how long he can last. If he led a fast battlecruiser instead of a slow battleship this time, maybe Major General Robertson would directly request to retreat instead of fighting.

After Rear Admiral Robertson's order was issued, the four "Iron Duke" battleships of the British Navy had already lined up in a battle line, and the 343mm main turret began to rotate, aiming at the three "German" ships of the German Navy coming from the north. Flinger-class battlecruisers.

Aboard the battleship 'Derfflinger', Admiral Reinhard Scheer had a smile on his face. Although, the four "Iron Duke" battlecruisers of the British Navy seem to be ready to fight them. However, this did not worry him. He has absolute confidence in his battleship.

"The British seem to have realized their current situation. They have no other choice but to fight us. Since this is the case, let us defeat them openly!" Reinhard Scheer entered will say.

"Order the ships to start shooting after the distance is reduced to 15,000 meters. The seaplane provides firepower for the battleships. Within an hour, smash the four British battleships into the sea."

"Yes, General."

The three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers of the German Navy are also ready for battle.

The speed of the two battle lines began to shorten continuously. The 380mm main gun and the 343mm main gun were already pointing at the opposing battleship.

"The 'Iron Duke' and the 'Marlborough' attacked the German No. 1 ship, the 'Benbau' attacked the German No. 2 ship, and the 'Emperor of India' attacked the German No. 3 ship." Robert Major General Sen quickly assigned the targets. The German Navy's "Derfflinger" battlecruiser has a flagship flag, so it naturally became the focus of Major General Robertson's attack. He gathered the firepower of two "Iron Duke" battleships, trying to damage or sink the flagship of the German Navy first. In this case, he may have a chance to reverse the situation and turn defeat into victory.

Admiral Reinhard Scheer and Major General Robertson also thought of going together. Because the German fleet is one less in number, this makes them have one warship, which will inevitably be besieged by two opposing warships. The battlecruiser "Derfflinger" is the flagship, and it is normal to be besieged. However, Admiral Reinhard Scheer is very confident in the defense of the battlecruiser 'Derfflinger', even if he is besieged by two enemy battleships, he can still persist. However, Admiral Reinhard Scheer also ordered the battlecruisers "Lützow" and "Hindenburg" to seize this opportunity and sink their opponents in one fell swoop. In that case, they will be able to seal the victory in advance.

The German Navy's break-off fleet and the British Navy's battlecruiser formation have also formed a confrontation. The six battlecruisers of the German Navy broke into the fleet against the nine battlecruisers of the British Navy.

In terms of the number of warships, the British Navy has a clear advantage. However, the last time the battlecruiser "Lion" was sunk, this left a deep impression on Lieutenant Admiral David Beatty and other officers and

soldiers of the British Navy. They all know that the warships of the German Navy are not so easy to deal with. Even if they have a numerical advantage, it is very difficult to win.

"Battlecruiser 'Tiger' against German 'Moltke', 'Queen Mary' against German 'Goeben', 'Royal Princess' against German 'Seydlitz', 'Indefatigable' and 'New Zealand' against the German 'Blücher', 'Australia' and 'Invincible' against 'Von der Tann', 'Indomitable' and 'Indomitable', deal with 'Leopold'. This time, we must win!" Lieutenant General David Beatty said firmly.

Lieutenant Admiral David Beatty knew well where his side's weaknesses were. The "Lion-class" battlecruiser could confront the German Navy's "Moltke-class" battlecruiser in front of him. However, the 'Indefatigable-class' battlecruisers and the 'Invincible-class' battlecruisers are relatively too weak. Therefore, Lieutenant General David Betty attempted to win by using two ships against one. In the case of a quantitative advantage, the only way that can be thought of.

However, can the 'Indefatigable-class' battlecruisers and the 'Invincible-class' battlecruisers really win? Even if it is two against one, I am afraid it will be very difficult.

The 'Indefatigable-class' battlecruiser has a displacement of only 22,000 tons, is equipped with four twin 305mm main guns, and has a maximum speed of 25 knots. The "Invincible" battlecruiser has a displacement of only 20,000 tons, is also equipped with four twin 305mm main guns, and has a maximum speed of 25.5 knots. The firepower and speed of these two battlecruisers are not bad. However, the defense is very bad. The thickest part of the main side armor belt of these two battlecruisers is only 152 mm, the turret armor is only 177.8 mm, the conning tower armor is only 280 mm, and the deck armor is only a few tens of mm. Such a defense, not to mention the

main guns of the battlecruisers of the German Navy, even the main guns of the cruisers can pose a fatal threat to them.

#### Chapter 246: An early decisive battle

The 'Invincible-class' battlecruiser and the 'Indefatigable-class' battlecruiser, as the earliest two-class battlecruiser of the British Navy, have brought the design concept of emphasizing firepower and speed and despising defense to the extreme.

However, naval battles have proved that defense and survivability play a very important role in naval battles. The defense is too poor, and often as long as it is hit, it will be severely injured or even sunk.

But now, the British Navy has nothing to do. Knowing that the situation is very unfavorable to them, but still have to bite the bullet.

"Fire!"

At a distance of 15,000 meters, the German Navy fired first. Three "Moltke-class" battlecruisers and three "Blücher-class" battlecruisers began to pour shells at their respective targets. The targets of the 'Moltke-class' battlecruisers were the 'Tiger' and the remaining two ships of the 'Lion-class' battlecruisers, and the targets of the 'Blücher-class' battlecruisers were clearly 'Indefatigable', 'Australia' and 'Indomitable'.

The German Navy also hopes that the "Blücher-class" battlecruisers will win first. After all, although the enemy they faced was not weak in firepower, their defense was too rubbish. As long as it is hit by a shell, it is possible to seriously damage it. If the key is hit, it may even be sunk directly. Although, the caliber of the main gun of the "Blücher-class" battlecruiser is only 305 mm. However, the 305mm main gun with 50 times the caliber has extremely terrifying armor capabilities, and it cannot even withstand the defense of the "King George V" battleships, let alone these weakly armored battlecruisers.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Accompanied by a roar that shook the sky, one after another shells roared and smashed into the opponent's battleship.

After the German Navy's breaking fleet opened fire, the British Navy was not to be outdone, and all nine battlecruisers opened fire one after another. Moreover, they are still trying their best to shorten the distance. When one's own defense is far inferior to that of the enemy, the British Navy hopes to improve the armor-piercing ability of its own shells by shortening the distance. In this case, it may be possible to reverse the unfavorable situation as much as possible.

It's a pity that the German navy was not fooled at all. With the speeds of both sides almost the same, they kept the combat distance at a distance of 12,000 to 13,000 meters. This distance is very beneficial to the German Navy. The main gun of the British Navy can hardly penetrate the main armor of the German Navy. However, the main guns of the German Navy can easily penetrate the armor of British battleships. In such a fight, the German navy will obviously take advantage, and the numerical advantage of the British navy will almost be completely offset. After all, what's the use of having quantity? You must be able to hit the target and penetrate the armor before you can cause damage to the target! Otherwise, it is a waste of shells.

At 11:45 noon, the battlecruiser "Von der Tann" of the German Navy took the lead in forming a straddle in this naval battle. When a 305mm artillery shell exploded on the sea surface on the left side of the battlecruiser "Australia", hundreds of officers and soldiers on the entire ship couldn't help but gasped.

"Damn, when did the Germans become so powerful?"

Countless British naval officers and soldiers have such a question in their minds. They also learned about the tragedy of the four "King George V-class"

battleships before. But now when they really fight against the German navy, they know how powerful their enemy is.

The battlecruiser 'Von de Tann' immediately switched to focused fire, and three triple-mounted 50-caliber 305mm main guns began to pour shells at the 'Australia' at the maximum rate of fire.

"Boom!"

A shell hit the sea, and after the explosion, a water column as high as ten meters was splashed. The water splashed down and hit the sea surface, making a crackling sound, just like a storm was falling.

A dozen battlecruisers from both sides fought fiercely in this sea area, which directly made this sea area boil.

On another battlefield, the fierce battle between the three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers of the German Navy and the four "Iron Duke-class" battleships of the British Navy also kicked off. The 380mm main gun of the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruiser is amazingly powerful. Every shell that explodes on the sea can splash water columns soaring into the sky, and the momentum is astonishing.

The officers and soldiers of the British Navy can only bite the bullet and fight fiercely with them. They all knew very well that even though their warships were battleships, their armor was too weak. If they were hit by a 380mm shell, it would be enough to cause them severe damage.

This naval battle is a crucial naval battle for the British Navy and the German Navy, and it can even determine the outcome of the two sides in this war. It is not an exaggeration to say that the decisive battle between the two sides has arrived ahead of schedule.

Originally, the British Navy just wanted to destroy the German Navy's breaking fleet in this operation, so as to ensure the safety of their sea

transportation lines. But I didn't expect that the German navy also deployed a backhand, and it was very aggressive. The fleet that used them as bait almost wiped out all of them. This caused the British Navy to suffer another heavy blow. It also made Lieutenant General David Betty, who carried out this plan, a little bit hard to get off.

If they stop here, their losses will be in vain, and it will be difficult to get them back. Therefore, Lieutenant General David Beatty had no choice but to pin his hopes on the next battle. If the Royal Navy could show its might and defeat the German Navy in one fell swoop, they might be able to reverse the situation. Conversely, if the British navy failed instead of succeeding, it would be very difficult for the British navy to win this war.

The same is true for the German Navy. When the imperial prince Qin Tian was formulating this battle plan, he regarded this plan as a plan to secure the victory in advance. If the German Navy can win in this plan, then the German Navy will be able to secure the victory in advance. In the future decisive battle at sea, there will be no problems at all.

So, the German Navy desperately wanted to win this naval battle. This will be directly related to whether they can establish the victory of this decisive battle.

This naval battle has become crucial for both Britain and Germany. Whoever can win will have an advantage in the future decisive battle. However, from the current point of view, the possibility of the German Navy's victory seems to be a little bit greater.

**Chapter 247: Blast off (ask for a monthly ticket)**

"Boom! Boom!"

On the sea, the warships of both sides are firing desperately, smashing heavy shells at each other. Although, both sides are battlecruisers that are not suitable for battle decisive battles. This also makes this battle more tragic.

"God bless the British Empire!" Lieutenant General David Beatty kept praying to God. Even though the battlecruisers of the British Navy are superior in number, he has no confidence in winning at all.

Maybe God heard the prayer of Lieutenant General David Betty.

The battlecruiser 'Queen Mary' successfully formed a straddle during this round of test firing.

"Good job!" Lieutenant General David Betty, who received the news, couldn't help cheering.

However, only two minutes later, the battlecruiser 'Goben' also straddled the battlecruiser 'Queen Mary'. The two sides can be said to be evenly matched, and the fight is inextricably linked.

As time went by, more and more warships formed a straddle and switched to concentrated fire. This also means that hitting the target is only a matter of time.

The luck of the British seems to be slightly better. So, the first hit was made by the battleship HMS Invincible of the British Navy. A 305mm artillery shell hit the rear deck of the battlecruiser 'Von der Tann', directly blasting a big hole and causing a raging fire. Fortunately, no other damage was done. Such a small injury is insignificant to a huge battlecruiser with a displacement of 26,000 tons.

But then, the German Navy returned the color. The battlecruiser 'Leopold' hit the battlecruiser 'Indomitable'. A 305mm artillery shell slammed into the bow of the "Indomitable" ship. The weak deck armor was directly penetrated, and the shell exploded inside the bow. Several compartments were destroyed in the explosion, and the fire began to spread.

The sailors on the battlecruiser "Indomitable" immediately carried out loss control. Countless sailors wearing gas masks rushed to the fire with water



dragons. They must extinguish the fire as soon as possible. Otherwise, there will be serious consequences.

Two minutes later, the battlecruiser 'Leopold' scored another hit. A 305mm artillery shell hit the battlecruiser 'Indomitable' near the waterline of the stern. Only the waterline armor with a thickness of more than 100 mm was in front of the heavy artillery shell, as if it was made of paper, and was instantly crushed. torn apart. After the shell exploded, a large hole was blasted in the side of the battlecruiser 'Indomitable'. Because the place where it was hit was just near the waterline, sea water began to pour into the hull of the battlecruiser 'Indomitable' crazily.

"God! The Indomitable is hit."

"How is the situation? Is the injury serious?" Lieutenant General David Betty also became nervous. Not long after the battle had just begun, if the British Navy lost its battleship, it would be very bad news for them.

"General, the situation is not optimistic. The waterline of the Indomitable was blown up a big hole. Now, damage control is being carried out." The staff officer reported.

"\*\*\*\*! How could this happen? Those naval designers should all be shot." Lieutenant General David Betty couldn't help cursing.

He seems to have forgotten that when the British Navy established the design concept of emphasizing firepower and speed and despising defense, it was when Sir John Fisher was the Secretary of the Navy. At that time, in order to better maintain its own sea power and ensure the safety of its colonies scattered all over the world, Britain needed to have warships with fast speed and long endurance. It is precisely because of this that such a design idea was established. This also makes the British Navy have been using this design idea over the years. Now is the time for them to taste the bitter fruit.

A few minutes later, the "Indomitable" reported to the flagship that their hulls were severely flooded and their hulls had tilted. If they continued to fight, they would most likely be sunk if they were hit again. Therefore, the captain of the battlecruiser 'Unyielding' requested to withdraw from the battle.

Regarding this request, Lieutenant General David Betty struggled for a while, then nodded.

Originally, the British navy would not have an advantage in this naval battle. If there is one less warship, this will make them even more disadvantaged.

However, the 'Unyielding' cannot be allowed to join the battle with injuries. In that case, I'm afraid the 'Indomitable' will be sunk soon. At that time, the British Navy will forever lack a capital ship.

The battlecruiser 'Indomitable', which was severely damaged, withdrew from the battle and left the battlefield under the \*\*\*\* of a destroyer. The German navy did not pursue it. For them, defeating the British fleet is the most important thing.

"Very good. Although it was not able to sink it, forcing it to withdraw from the battlefield is also a victory. The British have one less warship, and our pressure will be reduced by one point, and the possibility of winning will be increased by one point." Lieutenant General Hipper said with a smile.

Lieutenant General Spee nodded: "Let the 'Leopold' attack the British 'Indomitable' and get rid of it as soon as possible."

The capital ships of the German Navy are three fewer than the British Navy. Therefore, they want to sink or severely damage the three battlecruisers of the British Navy as much as possible. Only in this way can they further establish the victory.

Although, in the ensuing battle, the battlecruisers of the British Navy also scored hits many times. However, the German Navy's battlecruisers have strong defenses, and the British Navy's artillery shells have problems, so they can only cause some minor injuries to the German Navy's battlecruisers. As for the battlecruisers of the German Navy, as long as they get a hit, they can basically severely damage the battleships of the British Navy. This is the benefit of strong defense.

Although it is already noon, everyone can't take care of eating. Everyone is engrossed in this naval battle, even if they are hungry, they don't care.

At 12:14, the battlecruiser 'Blücher' of the German Navy successfully hit the battlecruiser 'Indefatigable' of the British Navy in this round of salvo, and it was a one-time hit. Two shells.

A 305mm artillery shell penetrated the side armor of the "Indefatigable" and opened a large opening on the right side of it. Another shell, which directly penetrated its No. 2 main turret. Armor with less than 180 mm cannot withstand 305 mm shells at all. After the shell penetrated the armor of the turret, it directly penetrated the defense of the ammunition depot before it exploded.

"Boom!"

A huge explosion sounded like thunder. When the fire and gunpowder smoke cleared, the battlecruiser 'Indefatigable' was already dilapidated.

**Chapter 248: The power of the 380 main gun (seeking monthly ticket)**

While the battlecruisers of Britain and Germany were fighting desperately, the duel between the German Navy's "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers and the British Navy's "Iron Duke-class" battleships had also begun.

Although the combat distance between the two sides is 15,000 meters, no matter whether it is a 380mm main gun or a 343mm main gun, they can

reach each other at this distance. In particular, the 380mm main gun of the German Navy is not only powerful, but also has a long range, completely surpassing the 343mm main gun of the British Navy. Of course, the two sides are not at the same level in terms of power.

"Boom! Boom!"

The three battlecruisers of the German Navy are firing, and the roar of the 380mm main gun seems to be thundering. I saw the orange flames shining from the muzzle, and the shells weighing more than a ton had already slammed into the British battleship in the distance.

Although the British Navy has four "Iron Duke-class" battleships, the German Navy only has three "Derfflinger-class" battleships, but no matter how you look at it, it seems that the British Navy is under pressure!

"Damn it, the Germans are targeting us. Let the 'Marlborough' seize the opportunity and hit the German warship!" Rear Admiral Robertson ordered.

At this moment, no German warship fired on the battleship 'Marlborough', which allowed them to fire on the battlecruiser 'Derfflinger' of the German Navy without any interference.

This also put a lot of pressure on the captain of the battleship 'Marlborough', as well as the naval officers and soldiers on the battleship. After all, Major General Robertson seemed to put his hope of victory on them. In many cases, the greater the pressure, the greater the motivation may not necessarily be, and it may even cause abnormal performance due to excessive pressure.

Although the battleship 'Marlborough' has conducted several rounds of test firing, it has never been able to form a straddle fire, let alone switch to concentrated fire.

The British navy is not functioning properly, but the German navy is performing very normally.

"Boom! Boom!"

Only fifteen minutes after the start of the battle, the battlecruiser "Lützow" successfully formed a straddle fire, and then switched to concentrated fire. Three triple-mounted 380mm main guns began to fire at the maximum rate of fire.

This immediately made all the personnel on the battleship 'Ben Bow' of the British Navy feel their scalps tingle. After the "Luzov" switched to salvo, this means that it was only a matter of time before they hit. Many people prayed to God that the shells would not hit them so quickly. Although the power of the German Navy's 380mm main gun is still unclear, absolutely no one wants to take the initiative to try it.

Subsequently, the battlecruiser "Hindenburg" also straddled the battleship "Emperor of India" and began to focus fire.

For a while, the situation of the battle became very unfavorable for Major General Robertson. He could almost foresee that once hit, the battleships of the British Navy would be severely damaged. At that time, it will probably be even more difficult to counter the remaining warships of the German Navy.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The battleships on both sides opened fire violently, smashing shells at each other desperately, and jets of water rose from the sea. The whole sea is like boiling water that has boiled.

Although the number of troops used in naval battles is not as large as that used in land battles, this does not mean that naval battles are not as tragic as land battles, or even worse.

The duel between the warships of the two sides lined up in the battle line was like knights in heavy armor attacking each other, it was very tragic. Every hit will take away countless lives.

In this era, the duel on the battle line undoubtedly represents the duel of the highest industrial strength and technological strength.

"Boom!"

A ball of fire rose above the battlecruiser 'Derfflinger', and the place where the fireball erupted happened to be the position of the conning tower.

"Long live! God bless us!"

Seeing this scene, Major General Robertson cheered immediately. The other officers and soldiers of the British Navy were also cheering. It would be great if the command tower of the enemy's flagship could be destroyed with one shot. This can not only cause confusion in the opponent's command, but also severely damage the morale of the enemy! Maybe, they will be able to turn defeat into victory.

"Great! If I can command the fleet to defeat the powerful German fleet, I will definitely make a great contribution. Maybe, after returning to England, I can get a promotion." Major General Robertson thought secretly.

It's a pity that Major General Robertson's thoughts quickly dissipated.

Because, when the smoke cleared, it was discovered that the battleship "Derfflinger" of the German Navy was intact. The bridge that was hit was not penetrated, and the shells just exploded outside.

"God! How is this possible?" Major General Robertson couldn't believe everything in front of him. It is obvious that one's own shell has hit, but the other side has nothing to do with it.

"The armor of those Germans is so thick. It shouldn't be! How could the defense of the battlecruiser be so strong?" Major General Robertson murmured.

In his impression, the defense of the battlecruiser should be relatively weak. But the battlecruisers of the German Navy overturned his view.

In fact, although the 343mm artillery shell was not able to penetrate the armor of the conning tower of the battlecruiser 'Derfflinger', the power of the shell explosion was still relatively large, not only some sailors on the deck were directly killed, the other officers in the command tower were also stunned. Some officers who were close to the explosion point were even stunned.

Fortunately, Admiral Reinhard Scheer was far away from the explosion point at that time, and it was just a fall, and there was nothing serious about it.

The shelling of the battlecruiser "Derfflinger" was only interrupted for a few minutes, and it resumed soon.

Although the British Navy scored the first hit, it did not help them win the war.

Because, then the battlecruisers of the German Navy also scored hits.

"Boom!"

The battlecruiser "Hindenburg" successfully hit the battleship "Emperor of India" of the British Navy during this round of salvo. The shell hit the No. 2 turret of the battleship 'Emperor of India'. The 280mm thick turret armor is completely unable to withstand the 380mm shells and is easily penetrated.

After the shell exploded, the entire No. 2 turret was blown away, and at the same time, the No. 1 main turret in front was smashed, causing the battleship "Emperor of India" to directly lose 40% of its firepower.

**Chapter 249: Desperate (ask for a monthly ticket)**

"General, the 'Emperor of India' was severely damaged and lost two main turrets." The staff officer reported to Major General Robertson.

"Damn it!" Major General Robertson's face was so gloomy that he could drip water.

The 380mm main guns of the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers of the German Navy are too powerful, and their "Iron Duke-class" battleships simply cannot resist them.

"I hope that General Betty can win sooner! Otherwise, we will lose." Major General Robertson thought secretly.

Now, Major General Robertson can only pin his hopes on Lieutenant General David Beatty. He finally understood that it was almost impossible to use four 'Iron Duke-class' battleships to defeat the three German 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers.

"Boom!"

A huge explosion sounded, and Major General Robertson felt as if his body was flying.

"Boom!" Immediately, Major General Robertson hit the ground hard, making him dizzy.

"Damn, we were hit. Report the loss!" Major General Robertson immediately got up from the ground and asked loudly.

Two minutes later, the staff officer reported to him: "General, the midship was shot and two secondary guns were lost. Fortunately, it was above the waterline. Otherwise, the consequences would be disastrous."

Major General Robertson also breathed a sigh of relief. Fortunately, the place where he was hit was the side, above the water. If it was below the



waterline, he had no doubt that their weak waterline armor would not be able to withstand the terrifying power of the 380mm main gun.

"Asshole! Why hasn't the Marlborough hit the German warship after fighting for so long?" Rear Admiral Robertson was very angry. It stands to reason that without interference, the battleship 'Marlborough' should be easier to get a hit.

"General, the 'Marlborough' has completed its straddle shooting and has started to focus its fire. It just takes a little time to hit the German warship." The staff officer persuaded.

"Time? I want to give them time too. But will the Germans give us time?" Major General Robertson was furious.

Indeed, the German Navy will never give them time.

Five minutes later, the battlecruiser 'Hindenburg' hit the battleship 'Emperor of India' again. A 380mm artillery shell penetrated the stern armor of the battleship "Emperor of India", penetrated into the hull and exploded. The huge power directly blew up the transmission shaft. This caused the battleship "Emperor of India" to lose power, and its speed became slower and slower, and it would soon turn into a dead dog lying on the sea.

When Major General Robertson heard the news, he remained silent for a long time, as if he couldn't believe that they were going to lose a battleship so soon. If the battleship "Emperor of India" is sunk, then, in the case of three to three, they may have no chance of winning.

"Send a telegram to General Betty. We have tried our best. However, the enemy is very strong, and we may not last long." Major General Robertson ordered.

"Yes, General."

"Very well done, lads. Send a telegram to the Hindenburg to send that British battleship to the bottom of the sea to feed the fish in ten minutes." Reinhard Scheer The general ordered excitedly. He seemed to have seen the victory, not only the victory of this naval battle, but also the victory of this war.

"Yes, General." The communications officer who was equally excited went to send a telegram immediately.

After receiving a telegram from Admiral Reinhard Scheer, the bombardment of the 'Hindenburg' became more intense. Heavy shells slammed fiercely at the battleship 'Emperor of India'. A column of water soaring into the sky continuously rose from around the battleship 'Emperor of India'.

The British naval officers and soldiers on the battleship "Emperor of India" also seemed to know their fate. However, they still did not give up their resistance, and they were still hurrying up to open fire on the battlecruiser 'Hindenburg'.

However, the response of the battleship "Emperor of India" was nothing more than a dying struggle.

Five minutes later, the battlecruiser 'Hindenburg' hit the battleship 'Emperor of India' again. Because the speed of the "Emperor of India" battleship was getting slower and slower, which was almost forbidden, in this round of salvo, the nine 380mm shells fired by the "Hindenburg" battleship hit three.

The battleship "Emperor of India" was broken into two pieces in the violent explosion, and quickly sank into the sea. The naval officers and soldiers on the battleship all sank into the sea together with the battleship, and none survived.

"God! The 'Emperor of India' was sunk." On the battleship 'Iron Duke', there was an exclamation.

Major General Robertson's face was ashen, and he said nothing.

"Very good, adjust the shooting target. The 'Lützow' attacked the 'Marlborough', and the 'Hindenburg' attacked the 'Benbau'. Now it is three against three, and the battle will be resolved within an hour!" Rein Admiral Hart Scheer gave the order with a smile on his face.

On the battlecruiser 'Tiger', Lieutenant General David Beatty frowned. The current situation is becoming more and more unfavorable to them. Originally, he thought that with their numerical advantage, they could defeat the German Navy's breaking fleet. But now it seems that everything is too simple for him.

"General, General Robertson is calling. The 380mm naval guns of the German fleet are very powerful, and they are almost unable to hold on." The communications officer reported.

Lieutenant General David Betty frowned: "Let Major General Robertson find a way to hold on for a while longer."

"Yes, General."

However, soon, the communications officer returned.

"General, the 'Emperor of India' has been sunk." The communications officer reported.

"What?" Lieutenant General David Betty was stunned, as if he couldn't believe it. You must know that the "Iron Duke" battleship is the most powerful battleship in active service in the British Navy! Before the 'Queen Elizabeth-class' and 'Revenge-class' battleships entered service, they were the main force among the main forces of the Royal Navy. But now, one ship was sunk

so quickly, which undoubtedly shows that the warships of the German Navy are much more powerful than they had expected before. The remaining three "Iron Duke" battleships probably won't last long either.

"Let General Robertson try his best to persist first, and I will find a way here." Lieutenant General David Betty was worried. Now they seem to have fallen into a desperate situation.

#### **Chapter 250: Docking the Tail to Survive (Ask for a Monthly Ticket)**

"Order the ships to attack with all their strength. We are now at the point of life and death. If we cannot defeat the enemy in front of us, we will only die. Therefore, for the Royal Navy, for the British Empire, and for ourselves, defeat Germany People! May God bless us!" Lieutenant General David Beatty spoke to the officers and men of the Royal Navy's ships.

"Long live the Royal Navy! Long live the British Empire!"

The officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy, whose morale was low due to being at a disadvantage, once again mustered their fighting spirit and devoted themselves to the battle.

It's just that, when the "Indomitable" was severely damaged and withdrew from the battle, and the "Indefatigable" was sunk, the Royal Navy only had seven battlecruisers left. The German Navy's break-off fleet is still six battlecruisers.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The battlecruisers on both sides fired continuously, and the shells passed through the air one after another, making sharp and piercing sounds. The naval battle has entered the climax stage, and both sides can be said to have become red-eyed. However, judging from the loss and strength comparison, the German Navy's broken fleet still has the upper hand.

"General Scheer has already sunk a British battleship. It is estimated that the battle will end soon. The 380mm main gun of the 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruiser is really powerful. !" Lieutenant General Hipper exclaimed.

"That's right! The 'Derfflinger-class' has become so strong, so how strong will the follow-up 'Makensen-class' be? What's more, our 'King-class' battleships and the 'Bavaria-class' "The battleships are all equipped with 380mm main guns. From the perspective of strength comparison, we have completely surpassed the British Royal Navy. I think there will be no suspense in our victory in the future decisive battle at sea." It's gone." Lieutenant General Spee looked forward to it. He seemed to have seen the scene where the German Navy defeated the Royal Navy and won the final victory in the future naval battle.

"We will definitely win!" Lieutenant General Hipper also said.

At this time, the battlecruiser 'Seidlitz' of the German Navy was shot, and a shell fired from the battlecruiser 'Royal Princess' of the British Navy hit the 'Seidlitz' Battlecruiser. The shell penetrated the rear deck of the 'Sedlitz', and after the shell exploded, it broke a transmission shaft, which greatly affected the speed of the battlecruiser 'Sedlitz'.

After receiving the news, Lieutenant General Hipper and Lieutenant General Spey did not look very good.

"Can the 'Sedlitz' continue to hold on?" Lieutenant General Hipper asked.

"It's difficult. The speed is decreasing, and it will gradually fail to keep up with the battle line. In addition, it will also become a key target for the British. If it is lost because of this, it would be a pity." Lieutenant General Spee Said.

Hipper nodded. So far, these warships of the German Navy may have suffered more or less injuries, but they were all minor injuries, and they were

not severely damaged, let alone on the battlefield. One of the drive shafts of the 'Sedlitz' was blown up, and it only needs to be returned to the shipyard for repairs. If you were severely injured or even sunk because you persisted in fighting, it would be too much for the loss.

"Let the 'Sedlitz' withdraw from the battle! Even if one ship is missing, we can still defeat the British." Lieutenant General Hipper said.

Lieutenant General Spee had no objection to this, and immediately ordered the withdrawal of the "Sedlitz" from the battle.

The British Navy couldn't help cheering when they saw a warship of the German Navy withdrawing from the battle.

"Great, God bless us!"

Lieutenant General David Betty couldn't help showing a smile on his face.

"It is now 7 to 5, and we still have the advantage. Perhaps, we still have a chance of winning." Lieutenant General David Betty secretly thought.

However, after only ten minutes, Lieutenant General David Beatty had to completely forget this idea.

The battlecruiser 'Von de Tann' once again hit the battlecruiser 'Australia'. Before, the battlecruiser "Australia" was severely damaged. This time, it was hit by two 305mm shells at one time. A shell penetrated the conning tower of the battleship "Australia". Although the conning tower has 280mm armor, it still cannot withstand the shells fired by the 305mm main gun with 50 times the caliber. After the shell tore through the armor, it exploded inside the conning tower, killing all the officers inside. Another shell hit the stern of the battleship "Australia", blowing up the steering gear and causing a lot of water ingress.

After the failure to plug the leak, the captain of the battlecruiser "Australia" had to issue an order to abandon the ship, causing the battlecruiser formation of the British Navy to lose another battleship.

Immediately afterwards, five minutes later, the battlecruiser 'Leopold' completed the lore of the battlecruiser 'Indomitable' of the British Navy. A 305mm shell hit the armor near the waterline of the battlecruiser Indomitable at a very tricky angle. The waterline armor of the "Invincible" battlecruiser was already very weak, and it couldn't withstand 305mm shells at all. The waterline armor was directly torn open a big hole, which affected several cabins.

The officers and soldiers on the battlecruiser 'Indomitable' immediately carried out loss control. However, in the face of the surging seawater pouring in, there was no other way but to give up.

As more and more seawater entered the hull, the hull of the battlecruiser 'Indomitable' gradually tilted.

As a last resort, the captain of the battlecruiser 'Indomitable' reported to Lieutenant Admiral David Beatty and then gave the order to abandon the ship. Soon, this huge battleship with a displacement of 20,000 tons capsized on the sea and sank into the icy Atlantic Ocean.

Now the comparison on the sea has become 5 to 5. The British Navy still has the 'Tiger', 'Queen Mary', 'Royal Princess', 'New Zealand' and 'Invincible'. The German Navy still has the 'Moltke', 'Goben', 'Blücher', 'Von der Tann' and 'Leopold' left.

Although, the number of both sides is the same. However, in terms of combat effectiveness, the two sides are not at the same level at all.

"We lost, General, we have already lost, we can't beat the Germans at all!" A staff officer said crying.

David? Lieutenant General Betty, why don't you know this? Now he is once again faced with a choice. Should we continue to fight until a heroic sacrifice, or should we retreat and preserve our strength?

Soon, Lieutenant General David Beatty had a choice, and he directly issued an order to retreat. At the same time, Rear Admiral Robertson was ordered to lead the remaining fleet to hold the Germans.