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Chapter 281: Prevention of escape (seeking monthly ticket)

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

A battalion of the Russian army was surrounded by a company of the German army under a small hillside. Although the German army is much smaller than the Russian army, it is undoubtedly the tanks that followed the German infantry company that really made the Russian army on the hillside throw a mouse.

During the panicked retreat, the infantry battalion of the Russian army had lost almost all of its heavy equipment, and only two heavy machine guns were left in the whole battalion. With two heavy machine guns, it is obviously impossible to withstand the attack of German tanks.

After receiving a promise from the German army to guarantee their safety, the infantry battalion of the Russian army, under the leadership of their commander, surrendered to the German army.

Early before the war started, Qin Tian specially asked the soldiers of the German 8th Army to teach some simple Russian. In particular, the words "surrender" and "hand in your gun but not kill" require every German soldier to be able to master them.

Right now, right in the middle of a fight, it's put to good use. Under the call of this slogan, countless Russian soldiers handed over their weapons to the German army and obediently walked into the prisoner-of-war camp.

Throughout the battle on September 12, the 2nd Russian Guards Army once again suffered heavy losses. After two days in a row, they had already lost half of their troops. This made them lose their strength advantage when facing the main force of the German 8th Army. In addition, the Russian army was in chaos, divided and surrounded by the German army into pieces,

waiting for the German army to eat them piece by piece. It can be said that the destruction of the Russian Second Guards Front Army is already a matter of time.

"Your Highness, the current situation on the front line is very good. The 2nd Guards Army of the Russian Army has been completely defeated by us. It is only a matter of time before we can completely solve it." Admiral Hindenburg said very happy. If the 2nd Russian Guards Army could be eaten in one bite, then there would already be three Russian Army Groups that were eliminated by the German 8th Army. With the addition of the Russian 9th Army, which is already on the chopping board, this means that the 8th Army has eliminated the Russian army five times its own size and ensured the safety of the Eastern Front of the German Empire on its own. This is undoubtedly a great contribution to the German Empire. Originally, Admiral Hindenburg thought that he would never have the chance to be promoted to Marshal in his life. But now it seems that after the battle on the Eastern Front, with his military merits, he will definitely be promoted to Marshal of the Empire.

This made Marshal Hindenburg more active in fighting. He can't wait to win the final victory.

"Well! After eating the 8th Army of the Russian Guards, it's time for the 9th Army of the Russian Army. How is the situation of the 20th Army? Are they under a lot of pressure?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, although the Russian Ninth Army launched a fierce attack on the 20th Army's defense line. But overall, it did not pose too much threat to us. General Mackensen reported that the 20th Army, in addition to the greater logistical pressure , there is almost no other pressure." Major General Ludendorff also had a smile on his face. For soldiers, victory always makes them very happy.

"That's good! However, we must prevent the Russian 9th Army from fleeing immediately after the 2nd Russian Guards Army is eaten by us. In order to achieve complete victory on the Eastern Front, we must wipe out as many Russian troops as possible Ninth Army Group." Qin Tian said.

"Your Highness, we will do our best. However, the escape of the Russian Ninth Army is almost certain. But the railways in Poland are no better than in East Prussia. The speed of our mobilization of troops is definitely not the same as in East Prussia. Compared." Major General Ludendorff said.

Qin Tian nodded, he was also aware of this problem.

"Gather our trucks and load the troops! I don't believe that the two legs of the Russians can outrun the four wheels of our trucks." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Highness." Ludendorff nodded, this is a solution. But it is undoubtedly difficult to be foolproof.

"Your Highness, I'm afraid we have to use other methods to prevent the Russian army from escaping." Admiral Hindenburg said.

Qin Tian thought for a while, and then said: "Send a telegram to the 8th Air Force and ask them to prepare! If the 9th Russian Army escapes, they will attack the Russian Army and try to slow down the marching speed of the Russian Army. Our main forces catch up with the 9th Group of the Russian Army, annihilate them, and create opportunities!"

"Yes, Your Highness." Admiral Hindenburg and Major General Ludendorff both nodded. Although he wasn't sure if dispatching the air force could hold back the Russian Ninth Army, since Qin Tian was so confident, it might really be effective. Even if it doesn't have much effect, the use of the air force will inevitably cause greater losses to the Russian Ninth Army.

The 8th Air Force has been established for a long time. However, after the outbreak of the war, apart from providing reconnaissance support to the

8th Army, it did not play much role. Because the air power of the Russian army is very weak, the 8th Air Force has little use on the Eastern Front. Unlike the Western Front, the Germans and the British and French allied forces were already fighting and used aircraft extensively.

Of course, because the German army was more fully prepared, after being equipped with the new fighter jets developed by the German Aircraft Manufacturing Company, the air forces of Britain and France were almost defeated.

However, due to improper use, although the German Air Force has achieved considerable results, it has never been able to reverse the situation on the Western Front. On the Western Front, although the German army still has an advantage, this advantage is constantly weakening with the passage of time. As long as the German army cannot defeat France in a short time on the Western Front. Then, this war will inevitably fall into a protracted war. Even the Battle of the Marne just launched by Little Moltke, although in the early days, the German offensive was fierce. But now it seems that there is still a feeling of anticlimax. If the German army wants to take Paris, I am afraid it will still be very difficult.

Of course, for Qin Tian, this doesn't seem to be his business. From the current point of view, it is enough for him to command the 8th Army to win on the Eastern Front. As long as Little Moltke is still the chief of staff of the German Army, he will not be able to intervene in the Western Front. Of course, if the Battle of the Marne fails to achieve the result that William II wanted, it is estimated that the chief of staff, Little Moltke, will come to an end. No matter how good his personal relationship with William II was, William II would not tolerate him anymore.

Chapter 282: Annihilation

On the night of September 12, the headquarters of the Russian Guards 2nd Army.

After the sun went down, the German attack stopped. This allowed the 2nd Guards Army to finally gain some respite.

"General, the current situation is becoming more and more unfavorable to us. I'm afraid we have to make plans." A lieutenant general suggested.

"I know! It's unimaginable that the Germans' attack power is so powerful. Perhaps it was a mistake to join the Allied Powers to fight against Germany this time!" Admiral Krapovich sighed.

It's just that he can't decide which side Russia joins in the war. Even if he is a general of the Russian Army, he can be regarded as a high position. But in the face of such national affairs, there is still no right to decide, not even the right to make suggestions. Tsar Nicholas II was also not a person who could listen to opinions.

The current situation of the 2nd Russian Guards Army is indeed very bad. Not only did they lose nearly half of their troops, but at the same time, their living space became smaller and smaller under the continuous compression of the German army. Most of the troops that are still fighting are still surrounded by the German army. Once the German army gradually eats up their vital forces, the 2nd Guards Army will die.

Originally, Admiral Krapovich pinned his hopes on the Russian 9th Army, hoping that the 9th Army could break through the blocking of the German army in time and come to rescue them. However, now the Russian Ninth Army is firmly blocked by the German army in Siedlce, unable to move northward. This undoubtedly made the hopes of Admiral Krapovich come to nothing.

At the same time, General Krapovich also deeply realized how powerful the German army is. Even if they are fighting an enemy twice as large as themselves at the same time, they can still firmly grasp the advantage. Victory may even come soon. Under such circumstances, how could they possibly defeat the Russians?

"Damn Ivan Jilinski, it's that guy. If he hadn't threatened us to go to Warsaw, we wouldn't have fallen into the trap of the Germans. None of this would have happened." Admiral Krapovich gritted his teeth with hatred for Admiral Ivan Jilinsky. If Admiral Ivan Jilinski dared to appear in front of him, he would definitely draw his gun and shoot him without hesitation.

As for Admiral Ivan Jilinski, he seemed to know that he had caused trouble again, so he stayed in Warsaw as a coward, and dared not send another telegram.

But because of him, the Russian Guards 2nd Army and 9th Army were in crisis, but it couldn't be changed.

"General, why don't we break through?" A general suggested.

"Breakout, how do you break out? How many troops do you have in your 6th Guards Army?" Another general sneered.

Immediately, the general fell silent.

Indeed, although the 2nd Russian Guards Army, half of the remaining troops continue to fight. But the problem is that these troops are almost surrounded by the German army. In the case of chaotic command, it is simply impossible to issue orders to them in time. It is impossible to gather these troops, let alone command them to break through.

"Then what should we do? Should we just wait to die like this?"

No one wants to wait for death, but the problem is that there is no other way! They couldn't even break through the siege, and there was no other way but to stick to their positions and wait for the Germans to attack.

"General, a telegram from General Letsky." The adjutant came over and handed a telegram to General Krapovich.

After Admiral Krapovich finished reading the telegram, a wry smile appeared on his face.

"General, what did General Retzky say?" All the generals asked.

"General Letsky said that the Ninth Army has done its best. However, the German defense line is very strong. They have already suffered heavy losses under the German defense line. Now, Their losses have exceeded 50,000 people," said Admiral Krapovic.

"General, is the Ninth Army planning to retreat?" a general asked.

Although, even if the 9th Army retreats, it is understandable. However, they were somewhat unacceptable in their hearts.

"General, what should we do now?"

Even the 9th Army of the Russian Army is about to give up. For them, they have undoubtedly lost their last chance.

"Send a telegram to all the troops we can contact, and break out to the east early tomorrow morning. As for whether we can successfully break through, it depends on God's will. May God bless us!" Admiral Krapovic said.

"May God bless us!" Other Russian generals also said one after another.

Indeed, the only thing they can do now is to pray to God.

On September 13, the surrounded troops of the Russian 2nd Guards Army began a large-scale breakout. These Russian soldiers, with empty eyes

and numb expressions on their faces, held their rifles and staggered on their feet. Under the urging of the officers, they attacked the German defense line.

Of course, what greeted them was the rain of bullets from the German army.

"Da da da!"

The German machine guns fired wildly, knocking the attacking Russian army to the ground.

"Boom! Boom!"

Cannons of various calibers, mortars and grenades were also firing continuously, smashing the shells at the Russian army, taking away the fresh lives of the Russian army.

"This is the last struggle of the Russians, and the pressure on the 17th Army is very high." Major General Ludendorff reported to Qin Tian.

"Ask General Zeckert, his 17th Army, whether it can withstand the Russian attack." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, General." Major General Ludendorff nodded.

They all know that whether the 17th Army can resist the Russian army will be related to whether they can eat all the Russian Guards 2nd Army in this battle.

Fortunately, although the 17th Army has been under a lot of pressure, it is not impossible to hold on. Although the Russian army's offensive was fierce, there was no unified command at all, just like a mob. Under such circumstances, it can only cause a little trouble to the German army.

The large-scale counterattack of the Russian army lasted for more than half a day before it ended. The huge loss made it impossible for the Russian army to continue to attack.

When the Russian army's breakout operation had to stop, it meant that their breakout had failed. Next, they had nothing to do but wait for death.

On September 14, the battle came to an end. In the 2nd Russian Guards Army, except for a very small number of people who escaped the encirclement due to the chaos, the rest were all annihilated or entered the German prisoner-of-war camp, including Admiral Krapovich.

Chapter 283: Escape

The destruction of the 2nd Russian Guards Army was undoubtedly a devastating blow to the 9th Russian Army. Although Admiral Letsky already knew that he could not rescue the 2nd Guards Army. However, he has not yet made up his mind when to retreat.

The German troops stationed in Siedlce, like an iron wall, blocked the northward path of the Russian 9th Army and blocked it tightly. The powerful firepower made the Russian army helpless, and after attacking rashly, they paid heavy losses. This made Admiral Letsky no longer dare to attack at will.

On the morning of September 14, Admiral Letsky received news of the destruction of the Russian 2nd Guards Army.

"General, the 2nd Guards Army has been annihilated by the Germans, and the entire army has been almost wiped out. Admiral Krapovich was also captured by the Germans." A general reported to Admiral Letsky.

This is a telegram sent by Admiral Krapovich before the communicator was captured. The demise of the 2nd Guards Army was inevitable, but Admiral Krapovich did not want Admiral Letsky to repeat his mistakes. After all, after the 2nd Guards Army was in trouble, the 9th Army did its best to rescue it.

"Damn it! A group army of 200,000 people was eaten by the Germans in just three days. When did the damned Germans become so powerful?" Admiral

Rezsky couldn't help scolding road. Although, in the process of fighting against the German 20th Army, he already knew how powerful the German army was. However, he was not as shocked as the destruction of the 2nd Guards Army in such a short period of time.

"General, what should we do now? After the Germans ate up the 2nd Guards Army, the next target must be us."

"Order the troops to retreat immediately. We can no longer stay in the Kingdom of Poland, and return to the Southwest Front Army!" Admiral Letzki immediately issued an order.

In the case that the 2nd Guards Army has been wiped out, if the 9th Army remains in the Kingdom of Poland to fight against the Germans, it will be no different from courting death. In order to keep himself and his troops, Admiral Letzsky had to order a retreat. At any rate, there are hundreds of thousands of Russian troops in the Southwest Front Army. If you can join them, your own safety is undoubtedly guaranteed. As for the order of Tsar Nicholas II, it can only be violated. After all, at this time, keeping one's own life and troops is the most important thing. Admiral Letsky also knew that even His Majesty the Tsar would certainly understand him.

Admiral Ivan Jilinski, who was waiting for reinforcements in Warsaw, was selectively ignored by Admiral Letzki. He was already very dissatisfied with Admiral Ivan Jilinsky. If that guy hadn't given orders indiscriminately, they wouldn't have been defeated by the Germans so quickly. It can be said that Admiral Ivan Jilinsky is definitely the chief culprit for the destruction of the 2nd Guards Army and the crisis of the 9th Army.

"Yes, General." The Russian general immediately went to make arrangements.

"Oh! I really don't know if we can win this battle? The Germans are so powerful, it is really unwise to provoke this enemy. Admiral Letsky shook his head.

However, the war has already begun, and it may not be so easy to end it. As soldiers of the Russian Empire, all they can do is to do their best to win the Russian Empire.

The Russian 9th Army, which suffered heavy losses in Siedlce, began to retreat directly. It's just that their strength has been weakened a lot compared to when they just entered the Kingdom of Poland. In Siedlce, the Russian Ninth Army lost at least 50,000 people. However, if the remaining hundreds of thousands of people can safely evacuate the Kingdom of Poland and join the Southwest Front Army, Admiral Letzski will be very satisfied. As for the lost troops, it is nothing to Russia at all, and they can replenish them at any time. By the time the Russian mobilization was gradually completed, they were no longer short of men.

Chekhanov, the headquarters of the German 8th Army, there is already laughter here.

The Russian 2nd Guards Army was almost wiped out by the German 8th Army. This is undoubtedly a great victory for the entire legion.

"Your Highness, according to our estimates, only 5,000 people from the 2nd Russian Guards Army escaped at most. The rest were either killed or captured by us. Known as the most elite Russian army Half of the guards of the army have been eliminated by us!" Admiral Hindenburg smiled.

Currently, the Guards of the Russian Army can be called the most elite unit of the Russian Army. There are only two army groups in total, with more than 400,000 people. But now, a group army was easily eaten by them. It is conceivable what a blow this was to the Russian Army and Tsar Nicholas II.

Qin Tian smiled and nodded: "It would be great if Nicholas II could also send the 1st Guards Army to the front. In this case, we may soon be able to win the victory over Russia. !"

What Qin Tian meant was naturally referring to the Russian cloth party he secretly supported. If the cloth party can launch an uprising in Russia and plunge Russia into chaos, then Germany may only be one step away from winning this war. After Russia is resolved, the remaining Britain and France will no longer be able to put so much pressure on Germany.

Without having to fight on two fronts, Qin Tian believed that with the strength of Germany in this time and space, the war would definitely be won. After all, although the German Army did not fight smoothly on the Western Front, it still has the initiative in general. Even the Battle of the Marne River launched by Little Moltke now, the German army would not be able to win, and would even suffer heavy losses. But for the powerful German army, this is not a traumatic loss. As long as you prepare again, you can definitely defeat the British and French allied forces.

As for the German navy, it now has an absolute advantage in the Atlantic Ocean. The British were already on the verge of being hanged by the German Navy. As long as the German Navy wins again in the future decisive battle at sea. Then, there is no suspense for Germany to win the final victory of this war.

Therefore, Qin Tian is very optimistic about the future situation.

"Your Highness, the 1st Guards Army is Nicholas II's old base. It is the main force defending the surrounding area of St. Petersburg. I am afraid he will not dispatch the 1st Guards Army so easily." Major General Ludendorff thought, thinking It is not so easy to mobilize the 1st Guards Army of the Russian Army.

Chapter 284: The air team is dispatched (ask for a monthly ticket)

The 1st Russian Guards Army, as the ace unit of Tsar Nicholas II, is undoubtedly a very elite unit. However, that is relative. In front of the German 8th Army, this is not an elite at all. The same troops, the 8th Army can use their own strength to deal with two or three.

"It is true that the 1st Guards Army cannot be easily mobilized. However, we have to find a way to get the 1st Guards Front Army to be transferred out. Tsar Nicholas II can't make up his mind, so we will help him make up his mind ." Qin Tian said.

"Your Highness, what can you do?" Admiral Hindenburg asked.

"If, after we have eliminated the Russian Ninth Army, we cooperate with the Austro-Hungarian Empire to eliminate the Russian Southwest Front Army. I don't believe that under such circumstances, Nicholas II can still sit still !" Qin Tian's eyes flashed a trace of cruelty.

General Hindenburg and Major General Ludendorff both nodded repeatedly, thinking that this method is undoubtedly very feasible.

"Your Highness, if we can really cooperate with the Austro-Hungarian Empire to eliminate the Russian Southwest Front Army, then Nicholas II is really likely to send out the 1st Guards Front Army if he has to." Hindenburg said the admiral.

Russia's standing army is 1.4 million. In addition to the 400,000 guards, there are millions of troops deployed in other regions. After the war broke out, Russia carried out general mobilization on the one hand, and on the other hand mobilized the standing army to take the lead in launching the attack. It can be said that 80% of the standing army other than the Guards are assembled in the Northwest Front Army and the Southwest Front Army. If the German 8th Army eats up the Russian Northwest Front Army, and eats up both the 2nd Guards Army and the Russian 9th Army, and also solves the

Russian Southwest Front Army by the way, it is tantamount to The standing army of the Russian army was almost wiped out. This is undoubtedly a devastating blow to the Russian Army.

The loss of so many troops will inevitably make the Russian army unable to defend the vast territory. Even if they mobilized a large number of troops, how could those hastily formed second-line troops be opponents of the German army and the Austro-Hungarian Army? Although the Austro-Hungarian Army cannot beat the Russian standing army, there is no reason why they can't even beat the second-line troops of the Russian Army! Coupled with the wolf-like German army, the Russians are even more of an opponent.

In order to stabilize the situation on the front line, Nicholas II will inevitably transfer the 1st Guards Army to the front line. And this gave the Russian cloth party and other organizations and forces dissatisfied with the Russian government an excellent opportunity. As long as they take the opportunity to launch an uprising, civil strife in Russia is inevitable. It is even possible to overthrow the Tsarist government like another time and space. If the cloth party can win the civil strife and grasp the state power. Then, Germany will be able to quickly win the Eastern Front and gain huge benefits. The German troops withdrawn from the Eastern Front can all be thrown into the Western Front. Qin Tian believed that defeating the British and French allied forces would not be a problem at all.

"Your Highness, the 9th Army of the Russian Army has already begun to retreat. The 20th Army is in pursuit. However, the strength of the 20th Army is still too small." Major General Ludendorff said.

"Let the 11th Army, the 17th Army, and the 8th Armored Division all pursue it! No matter what, the most important thing right now is to eat up the Russian 9th Army. As for dealing with the Russian Southwest Front Army, we need It is only necessary to cooperate with the Austro-Hungarian Empire. I will ask the

Ministry of the Army and the General Staff to contact the Austro-Hungarian Empire." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Highness." Major General Ludendorff nodded.

"Let the Eighth Air Force dispatch to bomb the Russian Ninth Army, and slow down their retreat as much as possible." Qin Tian continued. Once the Russian Ninth Army retreats, preventing them from retreating becomes the most important thing for the German Eighth Army. Qin Tian had already considered that while the ground troops were chasing them, he would send out an air force that had already formed combat effectiveness to attack the Russian army. In this case, it will undoubtedly play a big role.

Although, it is impossible to destroy the Russian Ninth Army by means of air strikes. But as long as they can delay their retreat and buy enough time for the 8th Army to successfully catch up with the Russian 9th Army, it will be a victory.

"Yes, Your Highness."

The 8th Air Force under the 8th Army of the German Army has so far owned nearly 300 combat aircraft, of which the number of fighters and bombers each accounted for half.

In addition to having a large airport in Königsberg, there are also military airports in the east and south of East Prussia.

Because of the existence of Qin Tian, Germany has always been at the leading level in the world in the field of aviation. Whether it is an F2 fighter jet or an H1 bomber, they are definitely ahead of other countries' fighter jets. This can be seen from the air forces of Britain, France and other countries that the German air force killed on the Western Front.

It's just that, compared to other colleagues who have massacred on the Western Front and achieved one victory after another, the officers and

soldiers of the 8th Air Force are a little depressed. You know, they are among the various air teams of the German Army, the first one to be established, the one with the best flying skills, and the one with the strongest combat effectiveness.

Originally, everyone thought that they could make contributions in this war and let the whole world know their strength. But unfortunately, because the Russian army does not have any decent air power, they are also useless as heroes. Apart from serving as a reconnaissance mission, there is no chance of dispatching at all.

Of course, there is no other way. The Russians don't have many planes, so they can't consume precious aviation fuel and fly to the sky to hunt birds, right?

"General, an order from His Royal Highness the Crown Prince." Königsberg, the headquarters of the German 8th Air Force, the office of Commander Brigadier General Corey was pushed away.

However, Brigadier General Corey doesn't have the heart to blame the adjutant for breaking in without his permission. He snatched the telegram from the adjutant's hand and read it.

"Haha, that's great. We finally have a chance to go to the battlefield! Order all pilots and aircraft, get ready. After half an hour, take off to fight!" Brigadier General Corey ordered.

"Yes, General."

The pilots of the German 8th Air Force have already made preparations. After receiving the order, it can take off to fight soon.

Chapter 285: Air Strike

"Everyone, this time our mission is to strike at the Russian 9th Army that escaped from Siedlce. Although, this is only a ground strike mission.

However, I hope that every pilot can pay attention. This is our 8th Army After the establishment of the Air Force, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince gave us the first combat order, and I hope we can successfully complete this mission." Brigadier General Corey personally gave a combat briefing to the pilots.

All the pilots have serious faces. However, their excitement and excitement could still be seen from his face. Everyone has been looking forward to this combat operation for a long time.

"The Russians were defeated by us in the Kingdom of Poland. The 2nd Guards Army has been eaten by us. However, the 9th Army of the Russian Army wants to escape. Can we take this Russian army It's up to you to eat it too. Your Highness the Crown Prince has placed high hopes on us. Therefore, I hope that you can use your best efforts to repay the support of Your Highness the Crown Prince." Brigadier General Corey said.

"Yes, General." All pilots replied.

"Very well, everyone go down and prepare. Then execute the order immediately!" Brigadier General Corey nodded in satisfaction.

"Yes, General." The pilots dispersed.

In the hangar, the ground crew is filling the aircraft with aviation fuel, adding bombs and aviation machine gun bullets, and preparing for take-off. Some planes that had been prepared were pushed onto the runway, and they could take off after the order to take off was issued.

Soon, Brigadier General Corey gave the order to take off.

The first to take off was the 81st Fighter Group. The entire brigade, 36 F2 fighters except 4 spare planes, all took off. Under the wings of these F2 fighter jets, aerial bombs weighing up to 25 kilograms are hung to perform ground strike missions. Of course, the biggest threat of these fighter jets to the

troops on the ground is not bombs, but the 12.7mm aviation machine gun equipped on the nose. Compared with the two bombs under the wing, the aviation machine gun has hundreds of rounds of ammunition. This is enough to make these fighters wreak havoc on the battlefield.

The power of the 12.7mm aviation machine gun is already great. Once it hits the human body, I am afraid that the fragile human body will be broken into two pieces on the spot. It is conceivable that once these fighter jets launch an attack on the escaped Russian Ninth Army, what will happen.

After the 81st Fighter Group took off, the 82nd Bomber Group took off immediately. 36 H1` bombers, like rocs spreading their wings, rushed into the sky driven by the strong power of the engines, and flew towards the southern sky.

The remaining 83rd Fighter Battalion, 84th Bomber Battalion, 85th Fighter Battalion and 86th Bomber Battalion will take off one after another within the next two hours to ensure the continuity of the attack on the Russian Ninth Army.

At this moment, the 9th Army of the Russian Army is unaware that the threat has come. They are retreating from Siedlce.

"General, all the divisions of the entire group army have retreated now. However, the Germans did not continue to stick to Siedlce, but chased them out directly. Shall we launch an attack on them and eat up this German army. Defense When attacking, they can rely on strong firepower to resist us. But when attacking, they may not be sure." A lieutenant general suggested.

Admiral Letzky shook his head: "The Germans are not easy to mess with, even with an army of only tens of thousands of people. If we turn around and attack them, we may not be able to attack them in a very short time. Defeat and eliminate them. Don't forget, the main force of the German army must

also start chasing us. If the battle cannot be resolved quickly, once the main force of the Germans chases us, we will not even think about retreating. At that time, the second guard The Army Group is our role model."

"Yes, the general is right. Since you want to retreat, you must retreat quickly, and you can't change your mind casually. We have to guard against the lessons learned by the Second Guards Army!" Another lieutenant general also said. .

"Leave two infantry divisions to stop the pursuing German army. The other departments should retreat at a faster speed. As long as we can withdraw from the Kingdom of Poland and join the Southwest Front Army before the main force of the Germans catch up, we will be safe." Letz Admiral Ski ordered.

In his opinion, there were only tens of thousands of German troops pursuing them. There are also more than 30,000 people in the two Russian infantry divisions. Of course, in terms of combat effectiveness, it is not an opponent of the Germans. However, if you want to defend, you should be able to withstand the German attack. No matter how bad it is, they can persist for two or three days to buy enough time for their retreat.

"Yes, general." The generals answered one after another.

The 9th Army of the Russian Army fled in embarrassment this time. However, they no longer care about that much. As long as the main force can evacuate safely, this is a victory for them.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, hundreds of thousands of Russian troops retreated south along several roads. The long queue spread far and far along the road, like a long snake that was constantly wriggling forward.

In the northern sky, small black dots appeared one after another. At the same time, there is also a "buzzing" sound, just like bees flying.

Some Russian soldiers could not help but look up to the sky to see what was going on.

"What is that?" A Russian soldier exclaimed.

Other Russian soldiers also made noise.

A Russian officer looked at the northern sky with a telescope. Suddenly, his expression changed drastically.

"Damn! The German plane. The German plane is coming." The Russian officer shouted in horror.

But those Russian soldiers looked at a loss. Most of them were just farmers before joining the army. I don't know a single big character, and I don't have much culture. Very few people have ever seen an airplane. Naturally, I don't know how terrifying these planes are. There were even quite a few Russian troops pointing at the planes in the sky, thinking it was a miracle. There are countless people who pray to God devoutly.

"The Russians have been found, launch an attack!" The captain of the 81st Fighter Battalion gave the order to attack.

36 F2 fighters began to lower their altitude and prepare for battle.

"Da da da!"

The fighter piloted by the captain launched the attack first. Orange flames shone on the muzzle of the aviation machine gun, and dense bullets shot towards the Russian army on the ground.

"Puff! Puff!"

"Ah! Ah!"

The sound of bullets hitting the human body, and the screams followed one after another, and a long line of Russian soldiers fell to the ground amidst the screams.

Chapter 286: lost heavily

"Da da da!"

The German fighter jets in the sky opened fire one after another, using dense aviation machine gun bullets to straf the Russian troops on the ground.

For a while, the screams were endless. Countless Russian soldiers fell to the ground under the strafing of German aviation machine guns, and suffered heavy casualties.

"God! Run away! The German planes will kill us all."

Countless Russian soldiers, screaming, fled the road, and fled to the crop fields or woods on both sides of the road, trying to avoid the pursuit from the sky.

An F2 fighter jet passed over the head of the Russian army. Mounted two small bombs under the wing, then dropped them, and fell into the Russian army's queue.

"Boom! Boom!"

The bomb exploded, killing more than a dozen Russian soldiers on the spot, and countless others were injured.

Facing the massacre of German planes, the Russian army on the ground was simply unable to fight back. Apart from running away in all directions, they have no way to deal with it.

Countless Russian soldiers fell under the guns of German planes.

Because of the performance of the aircraft, it did not carry many bullets and bombs. Therefore, in less than ten minutes before and after, the fighters

of the 81st Fighter Brigade of the German 8th Air Force had to return because they ran out of bullets.

However, the 36 F2 fighter jets of the 81st Fighter Battalion caused at least thousands of casualties to the Russian army. This kind of strike ability is undoubtedly very terrifying. Moreover, the panic they caused to the Russian army was even more serious. Many Russian soldiers had already peed their pants, let alone continue to fight.

This is just the beginning. Once the 3 fighter brigades and 3 bomber brigades of the 8th Air Force take turns to launch air strikes against the Russian army, it is natural to imagine what kind of effect it will have.

After the German planes left, the Russian army began to gather troops. It is not an easy task to find the panicked Russian soldiers from the woods and crop fields, and then set off in formation again. Especially when these Russian soldiers have been terrified, it will undoubtedly take a lot of time.

When the Russian army completed the whole team again and continued to march along the road. In the northern sky, German planes appeared again.

This time, those Russian soldiers seemed to have become frightened. They didn't need the officer's order, they immediately dispersed, desperately looking for a place to hide. The tragic death of those comrades who were shot and killed by German fighter jets almost scared them out of their wits.

The aircraft that arrived on the battlefield this time were no longer F2 fighter jets, but 36 H1 bombers from the 82nd Bomber Group. These bombers are not only much larger than fighter jets, but also carry more powerful weapons. Each H1 bomber carried 20 aerial bombs weighing 25 kilograms.

"Lower the altitude and drop the bomb at a height of 300 meters!" The commander ordered.

Immediately, thirty-six H1 fighter jets began to lower their heights one after another. When they were only 300 meters above the ground, those huge planes could already be clearly seen on the ground. Many Russian soldiers were even more frightened with pale faces.

"God! The Germans even have such a huge plane, how could we beat the Germans?"

This has undoubtedly become the common aspiration of many Russian soldiers.

When the German bomber flew over the heads of the Russian army, the magazine had already been opened, and the bombs fell to the ground one by one, like dumplings.

"What are those? Is the plane laying eggs?" A Russian soldier asked stupidly.

"Idiot! The German plane dropped a bomb, get down!" A Russian officer yelled, and fell to the ground first.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

As the bombs dropped by the German bombers fell, intensive explosions occurred on the ground. In the continuous explosions, many Russian soldiers were torn to pieces.

"God!" The Russian soldiers who saw this scene were all stunned in shock. They became the first batch of people to experience intensive bombing in this time and space, and they were all frightened stupid by the huge power.

Of course, in fact, the 36 H1 bombers of the German army did not cause too much loss to the Russian army. The number of Russian soldiers who died in the bombing was no more than a thousand. For the Russian Ninth Army, which has hundreds of thousands of troops, such a small loss is nothing at all.

What really makes the Russian army unbearable is the blow to the morale of the troops and the time that has been lost.

Throughout the afternoon of September 14, the bomber brigades and fighter brigades of the German 8th Air Force took turns to attack the Russian army. More than 5,000 people died in the air strikes of the 8th Air Force. What's more, they also caused many wounded to the Russian army. As long as the generals of the Russian army will not abandon the wounded, they will have to spend more people to evacuate the wounded. In this case, the retreat speed of the Russian army can be further delayed.

Facing the pursuit of the main force of the German 8th Army, the commander of the Russian 9th Army, General Letsky, originally wanted to withdraw quickly. In this case, although the Russian Ninth Army will lose a considerable part of its troops, it will at least retain its main force and will not lose its combat effectiveness. However, the 8th Army of the German Army will never be willing to give up this opportunity to eliminate the main force of the Russian Army. Therefore, they will stop the withdrawal of the Russian army at all costs. It is an important means to use the air force to launch air strikes against the Russian Ninth Army and delay their withdrawal speed.

That afternoon, under the air attack of the German 8th Air Force, the retreat speed of the Russian 9th Army was seriously delayed. In the whole afternoon, they only marched for more than ten kilometers.

General Letsky, the commander of the 9th Army of the Russian Army, after learning of this situation, his face became even darker, like the bottom of the pot.

"General, the Germans are constantly dispatching planes to attack us. The loss of the troops is very large. And, what's more serious, the marching speed of the troops has been seriously delayed. If this is the case, within a few days,

the Germans The main force of the army will catch up." A lieutenant general said.

Admiral Letsky nodded: "Indeed, we never thought that the Germans still had such powerful planes, let alone that they would use planes to slow down our marching speed. Do you have any ideas about this? ?"

A group of generals of the Russian army, you look at me, I look at you, but no one speaks. They really don't know how to solve the current dilemma they are facing.

Chapter 287: There is no way to escape

"General, if it's not possible, let's go day and night! The German planes can only be dispatched during the day, and at night, there is nothing we can do about it. We can march at night, and let the troops hide in the woods during the day. In this way If so, it can effectively reduce the loss of troops." A major general and division commander suggested.

"This is a good way. It is impossible for German planes to be dispatched at night." Someone immediately echoed.

"However, if we march at night, the speed will be seriously affected. The Germans are now chasing us. If our retreat speed is slow, we may be caught up by the Germans soon." Some generals I'm a little worried.

"That's better than being attacked by German planes during the day. This afternoon, the troops didn't walk ten kilometers in the whole afternoon. According to this calculation, I'm afraid it's not as much as one night. Besides, the Germans keep dispatching Airplanes attacking us would be a devastating blow to our morale."

Admiral Letsky frowned, listening to the opinions of his subordinates. What everyone said is very reasonable. Next, it depends on how he, the commander, should choose.

"Tonight, drive through the night. Let the ministries do a good job of organizing to prevent the soldiers from falling behind. Tomorrow, within an hour of dawn, complete the concealment. After the sun goes down, continue on the road!" Admiral Letsky made a choice. In the end, he chose to travel by day and night. Avoid direct attack by German aircraft.

This is really because the attack power of the German planes is so terrifying that it frightened Letsky. Five thousand people were lost in one afternoon. If they were also attacked in the morning, wouldn't it be tens of thousands of people lost in one day? The entire Ninth Army will collapse if it can't last for a few days. Admiral Letsky did not dare to take such a risk. As for the speed of marching at night will be affected, it can only be compensated by increasing the speed as much as possible. This is already the safest way that Admiral Letsky can think of.

That night, the Russian 9th Army did not rest, but continued on its way. This made the Russian soldiers who were already frightened during the day very tired. However, under the persuasion of the officer and the threat of the whip, the Russian soldiers had no choice but to hurry on their way. Of course, fear of being attacked by German planes again during the day tomorrow is also a major reason. In the afternoon, the attack of German planes frightened them. They don't want to be torn to pieces by German planes like those unlucky comrades in arms.

Throughout the night, the Russian army was on their way. By the time the sun rose the next day, everyone was exhausted.

Admiral Letsky ordered that all ministries find places to hide to avoid German air strikes.

A large number of Russian troops immediately disappeared from the road without a trace, hid in the woods and valleys, concealed their own people as

much as possible, and avoided their indiscriminate bombing once discovered by the Germans.

The next day, the fighter planes of the German 8th Air Force continued to take off, searching southward along the road like yesterday, looking for traces of the Russian army. These planes are all equipped with aviation machine gun bullets and bombs. Once they find the Russian army, they will inevitably set off another **** storm.

However, what puzzled these pilots was that they searched all the way, but found no trace of the Russian army.

"What's going on? Where did the Russians go? Why can't they be found?"

"Could it be that those Russians can fly? They went to places beyond our range overnight?"

Brigadier General Corey, the commander of the 8th Air Force, was also very surprised when he learned of this situation. Originally, he was still complacent about the results he achieved yesterday, wishing that he could achieve even greater results in today's actions. However, all the Russians disappeared, which made him dumbfounded all of a sudden. If the Russians can't be found, not only will the military exploits they have obtained slip away like this, but it will also make them unable to complete the tasks assigned by Qin Tian. This is a big problem!

"Contact the pilots in front and search with all your strength. I don't believe that the Russians ran away overnight. It's impossible. They must be hiding in some hidden places to avoid being hit by our fighter planes." Corey The brigadier said through gritted teeth.

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

The pilots of the German army searched everywhere for traces of the Russian army. Knowing that the fuel was not enough, I returned. They have no choice. If they don't return, the fuel will not be enough to support them to return to the airport safely. In the end, there is only one way to crash.

Watching the German planes constantly flying overhead, the Russian soldiers hid in the woods one by one, not even daring to breathe out, for fear of disturbing the planes in the sky.

For this reason, the Russian army did not dare to light a fire, and could only eat dark bread in cold water. Such conditions are naturally very bad.

Don't dare, even so, it is not so easy to hide hundreds of thousands of people, and there are still many Russian soldiers exposed. What awaited them was the strafing of fighter jets and the bombing of bombers by the German Air Force.

The fighter jets were over the woods, firing wildly. Although most of the bullets hit the trees, they still achieved some results. The bombing of the bomber, also because of the obstruction of the trees, had little effect. Of course, it still caused certain casualties to the Russian army more or less.

The Russian army adopted such a marching method, which of course made the 8th Air Force lose the target of the attack, and the results of the battle could not be further expanded. However, after Qin Tian learned about it, he was not too worried. He ordered the troops of the German 8th Army to continue to pursue the Russian army. Since the Russian army wanted to move day and night and slow down their retreat, it was exactly as the 8th Army wished.

While the retreat speed of the Russian army is decreasing, the pursuit speed of the 8th Army is increasing. A large number of trucks were dispatched from the rear to transport a large number of personnel and equipment to the

southern part of the Kingdom of Poland, preparing to borrow the retreat of the Russian Ninth Army.

Four car wheels, the speed is undoubtedly much faster than two legs. If the Russian Cossack cavalry and infantry were scattered, they might not be able to stop them. However, the cavalry and infantry of the Russian army were on their way together, and that was undoubtedly their own death.

On September 16, the 8th Armored Division of the German 8th Army and an infantry division of the 11th Army seized Pulawi and blocked the road from which the Russian army could not escape.

Chapter 288: desperate charge

Pulawy, a small city on the banks of the Vistula River, is also the only way for the Russian army to go south. Through here, march southeast for another day, and you will be able to reach Lublin. And it is not far from Lublin to the location of the Russian Southwest Front Army.

It's just that Pulawi is now under the control of the German army. The 8th Armored Division, and the 24th Infantry Division of the 11th Army, which took a detour south in trucks, arrived first, and this important city was seized.

The German army also paid a high price in order to seize Pulawi first. In the 8th Armored Division alone, there were less than a hundred tanks that could still be activated after arriving in Pulawi. This is the result of the armored soldiers searching for good parts to replace on the corpses of other tanks. Otherwise, the figure would have to be cut in half.

But even so, they have successfully achieved their strategic goals. After blocking the path of the Russian Ninth Army going south, the next thing to do is to tighten your pockets and get rid of them.

Just an hour after the German army occupied Pulawi, a group of Cossack cavalry appeared in Pulawi. However, when they saw the German

army digging fortifications outside the city, their faces changed drastically and they fled away immediately.

The news of the German occupation of Pulawi quickly reached Admiral Letzsky.

"Asshole! How can the speed of the Germans be so fast?" Admiral Rezsky seemed unable to accept this result. After all, according to his expectation, even if they were traveling at night, their retreat speed would slow down. But they had an advantage of more than a day from the main force of the German army. In the opinion of Admiral Letzki, they were completely able to escape the Kingdom of Poland before the main force of the German army caught up. But I didn't expect it, but now it has fallen short.

"General, the Cossack cavalry has been confirmed. Pulawi fell into the hands of the Germans." A cavalry division commander said.

"General, why don't we cross the Vistula River? Then go down the Vistula River." Someone suggested.

"It doesn't work. We are only 20 kilometers away from Pulawi. Once we cross the river, the Germans will surely know. They only need to follow us across the river, and they will be able to intercept us again. What's more, Once the Germans attack while we are crossing the river, the situation will be even more unfavorable to us," retorted one of the generals.

"Could it be that we are just waiting to die here?" Some generals muttered dissatisfied.

"General, why don't we take advantage of the fact that the Germans have just arrived in Pulawi and their foothold is still unstable, so let's launch an attack immediately! The Germans are digging fortifications. With their technology, if they are given a certain amount of time, they will definitely be able to dig out solid fortifications." Fortifications. At that time, we will really be unable to fly.

Take advantage of the present, launch an attack immediately, and maybe have a chance to break through the blocking of the Germans." A cavalry division commander suggested.

"Yes! In Siedlce, the Germans told us with their powerful firepower, how terrible it would be if we took the initiative to attack them. We absolutely cannot strengthen the Pulawi line of defense for the Germans Opportunity." A commander of the infantry corps echoed.

This suggestion has been supported by other generals. Everyone believes that only by launching an offensive now can they have a chance to break through the German defense line, and then it is possible to **** Pulawi and escape. If it is delayed for a while, the German army will build a solid defense line in Pulawi, and at the same time, the German army's pursuit will get closer and closer. At that time, they really have no chance at all.

"General, you can't hesitate any longer. If you hesitate any longer, it will be even more detrimental to us!"

Admiral Letsky thought for a while, then nodded: "Okay, launch an attack on Pulawi immediately. Tell the soldiers that if you want to survive, you have to take down Pulawi. Otherwise, , everyone has only one dead end!"

"Yes, General."

After Admiral Letsky gave the order, the 9th Russian Army immediately took action, and the remaining more than 100,000 people in the entire army began to march south, preparing to take Pulawi in one go.

General Letsky also believed that although the German army was ahead of them and seized Pulawi, it should be only a small force and could not be the main force. Therefore, naturally, if the Russian army launches an offensive with all its strength, it is entirely possible for him to take Pulawi.

Two hours later, the Russian army arrived in Pulawi. At this time, the German army was still building fortifications.

Although the German soldiers have worked very hard, they haven't even dug the trenches yet. As for the others, there was no time to build them. In the eyes of the rigorous Germans, such fortifications are unfinished and unqualified. But alas, the Russians won't give them enough time to build the fortifications anymore, the battle is about to start. Because the Russians knew that if the Germans built the fortifications, it would be even more impossible for them to retake Pulawi and escape.

"Warriors of the Russian Empire, now we are blocked in front and pursued in the back. If we don't fight hard, everyone will die. The Germans are cruel and will never let you live. Therefore, we Only by breaking through the German defense line can we have a chance of survival. The front is the German defense line. We have no way out!"

The low-level officers of the Russian army constantly brainwashed the panicked soldiers, aroused their fighting spirit, and let them fight desperately in the next battle. Only in this way, there may be a slight chance of winning. Otherwise, there is really no chance at all.

Those soldiers of the Russian army, although they are uneducated, are not fools. After these few battles, they also knew that the Russian army was no match for the Germans. Now they are about to be completely eaten by the Germans. Therefore, they had no other choice but to follow the orders of the officers and continue to attack until they were pierced by German bullets and went to God.

"Attack!"

When the commander of the Russian army gave the order to attack, 20,000 Russian soldiers participated in this wave of offensive.

Despair was written on their originally insensitive faces. All Russian soldiers who have participated in the battle of Siedlce know that attacking the German defense line is nothing like courting death.

"Ulla! Ulla!"

The soldiers of the Russian army, shouting slogans loudly, launched an attack on the German positions. Although, they know that such an attack is no different from courting death. However, they have no choice.

Chapter 289: Send to death

"Damn it, the Russians have launched an attack before our fortifications have been built. If this happens, our casualties will continue to rise!" A middle-aged junior general officer looked angry. He is Major General Bessen, commander of the 24th Infantry Division of the German Army.

"General, there is no way. The Russians are not fools. They know that once our defense line is completed, if they attack again, they will have to pay for their lives. Besides, it is no different from courting death. As long as the Russians If our brains were not caught by the door, they would not give us more time." A young colonel officer said helplessly. He is Colonel Guderian, commander of the 8th Armored Division.

"Well! But even so, the Russians don't even think about taking Pulawi back! His Highness asked us to stay here for two days. We can definitely do it." Major General Besen said confidently.

Even so, the loss in this battle may exceed his previous expectations. However, Major General Besen still believed that the elite German army could be firmly nailed here like a nail until the main force arrived.

"Yes, General, I think so too. Once the Russian army's offensive is too fierce, the 8th Armored Division will dispatch tanks to crush the Russians directly. I believe that we can defeat their plot." Colonel Guderian is full of confidence.

After several battles in succession, the 8th Armored Division was able to win every time, which has become synonymous with victory. This also made Colonel Guderian more and more confident.

Major General Bessen nodded. If it was only the 24th Infantry Division, he believed that even if he could stop the Russian army, he would suffer heavy losses. However, with the assistance of the 8th Armored Division, everything was different. Even if the 8th Armored Division lost a lot of tanks, the remaining hundreds of tanks would also become a nightmare for the Russians. It is absolutely impossible for the Russians to break through their defenses.

"Fire!"

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The artillery of the 24th Infantry Division of the German Army opened fire. The 18 150mm heavy howitzers, 36 105mm light howitzers and 54 75mm field guns that had already entered the artillery positions began to fire wildly.

One by one shells roared and smashed into the Russian army's queue. The shell exploded, instantly like the sickle of death, and took away all the lives of the nearby Russian soldiers, leaving only the stumped limbs and a deep crater on the ground.

The artillery of the infantry division of the German 8th Army has undoubtedly been greatly improved compared with the infantry divisions of other countries. An infantry division is equipped with 108 cannons of various calibers, and even 150mm heavy guns. Except for the local tyrants of the American empire on the other side of the ocean, they are probably the only ones. Of course, this certainly cost a lot of money. However, in the war, so many powerful artillery also played a huge role. Whether it is offensive or defensive operations, the first thing the enemy has to face is their terrifying

artillery fire. This can not only cause a lot of casualties to the enemy, but also a major blow to the morale of the enemy.

The shells fell like raindrops, killing and wounding Russian soldiers continuously. Even though the soldiers of the Russian army were still launching the Ula charge, the fear on the faces of every Russian soldier was getting deeper and deeper.

Although, the defense line of the German 24th Infantry Division has not yet been built. However, the firepower it should have is not bad. Mortars, grenade grenades, general purpose machine guns and squad machine guns are all available. It's just that these weapons cannot be deployed in a solid firepower point, they can only be deployed directly on the trenches. But at the same time, the power of these weapons can also be brought into play.

"Fire and kill these Russians!"

Following the order of the frontline commander, mortars, grenade launchers, general-purpose machine guns, and squad machine guns started firing one after another. The intensive firepower directly caused the attacking Russian army to pay a heavy price. Countless Russian soldiers screamed and fell to the ground, their bodies were full of holes left by bullets. Even some Russian soldiers were directly torn to pieces.

"The firepower of the Germans is too powerful! It would be a real disadvantage to fight against such an army without strong firepower." A Russian general put down the binoculars in his hand and said with emotion.

"The whole of Europe and the whole world, perhaps only the Germans, have the capital to equip their troops with such powerful firepower!"

"I heard that even the German Army is not equipped with such equipment. Only the 8th Army is equipped with such powerful firepower."

The generals of the Russian army started talking about this. Although the German army is massacring their soldiers with powerful firepower, this does not prevent their envy. They even imagined that if their troops could also be equipped with such powerful firepower, maybe they would not have suffered such a miserable defeat. Of course, this is just a thought. They all know that with Russia's financial resources, it is simply impossible for the Russian Army to equip so many extravagant equipment. Besides, the advantage of the Russian Army does not lie in its weapons and equipment, but in its strength. Overwhelming the enemy with a huge force advantage is what they are good at.

The soldiers of the Russian army were very brave. They faced the intensive firepower of the German army and launched an offensive. However, such an attack is more like sending to death. The lives of the soldiers of the Russian army seem to be worthless at all. Perhaps their greatest role is to consume the ammunition of the German army.

The German 8th Air Force also came to help. These pilots are already full of anger towards the Russians. The Russian army adopted the tactics of day and night, which almost made them useless. They don't want to be spectators in this war. Therefore, after learning that the Russian army launched an attack on Pulawi, Brigadier General Corey, the commander of the 8th Air Force, immediately asked Qin Tian to fight. And Qin Tian also approved their battle request.

Two brigades of F2 fighters and one brigade of H1 bombers appeared over the battlefield. Their arrival made the Russian army on the ground panic, and many even turned around and ran away. The Russian army, which was not intimidated by the intensive firepower of the German army, was frightened by the German aircraft on the contrary.

However, the pilots of the 8th Air Force will obviously not let the Russians go so easily. They attacked immediately.

"Da da da!"

The bullets of the aviation machine guns of the F2 fighter jets chased the Russian army, and countless Russian soldiers were torn to pieces under the impact of the powerful aviation machine gun bullets.

The H1 bomber also began to drop bombs, throwing the bombs into the queue of the Russian army like dumplings, taking their lives away.

Chapter 290: Last Strike

In this world, there is no truly fearless army. In other words, bravery is only a relative term. When facing an enemy with comparable combat strength, if you attack bravely, you may be able to win. However, when the disparity in strength between the two sides is very large, no matter how hard you try, it will be in vain.

The current situation on the battlefield is like this. The Russian army's offensive was very fierce. Stimulated by the desire to survive, those Russian soldiers fought as if they were dying. But even so, they were still powerless in the face of the German army, which was armed to the teeth and also had air support. Their attack was just looking for death.

Under the air attack of the German 8th Air Force, the offensive of the Russian 9th Army was completely disintegrated. A large number of Russian soldiers ran away like hell, and they didn't have the courage to continue fighting.

German planes, especially those F2 fighter jets, chased and fired at the fleeing Russian soldiers, killing them wantonly with aviation machine guns. Countless Russian soldiers were beaten in two, and their deaths were extremely miserable.

General Letsky and others watched the battle behind the Russian army's position. The scene in front of them made their faces livid. Although they never took the lives of ordinary soldiers seriously, being massacred by the German army still made them feel very uncomfortable. Because they know that if they can't break through the German defense line and seize Pulawi, the Russian soldiers who are now slaughtered by the German army may be a lesson for them.

"Order the troops to stop the attack." Admiral Letsky ordered.

"General, are we going to give up? If we give up now, we will never have another chance!" A Russian general asked.

"The Germans have strong firepower, and they also have aircraft to assist in the battle. If we launch an attack now, we will simply die. This will cause all our troops to be lost here." Admiral Letsky shook his head.

"General, no matter what, we can try again! Maybe, there will be a chance." The Russian general was a little unwilling. Although, the casualties were indeed very large. However, it was just ordinary soldiers who died, so what's the big deal? None of these generals crawled out of the mountain of corpses and the sea of blood. They never paid attention to human life, especially the life of ordinary Russian soldiers.

However, Admiral Letsky still shook his head stubbornly.

This made the generals of the Russian army very puzzled, and they were a little unhappy. Although Admiral Letsky was his immediate boss, he couldn't stop them from surviving.

However, Admiral Letsky's next words made all the dissatisfaction in their hearts disappear.

"If you launch an attack during the day, you will be attacked by German planes. Therefore, I decided to put all the attacks at night. In that case, not

only the German planes will no longer pose a threat to us. At the same time, the German firepower superiority will also Offset a lot. In this case, our confidence in breaking through the German defense line will be much greater." Admiral Letzsky said.

General Letzsky asked the Russian army to stop the offensive, not because he wanted to give up. Instead, he intends to change his attack method and choose a tactic that is easier to succeed. Of course, if you can preserve your own strength as much as possible, that would be the best. If they had to pay a huge price to realize their strategic goals, Admiral Letzsky would of course not be stingy. After all, he has never been a soft-hearted person.

"The general is wise!" A group of Russian generals immediately flattered. Indeed, Admiral Letzsky thought much farther than theirs. They only thought about how to break through the German defenses and escape. On the other hand, Admiral Letzsky wanted to break through the German defense line at the lowest cost. If the two are compared, the judgment will be judged.

"However, General, if we wait until night, will the main force of the Germans catch up?" Some Russian generals were worried.

The other generals of the Russian army also felt nervous.

Now they don't have so much time to spend here, the main force of the Germans is chasing them! If a lot of time is wasted here, it will not be worth the candle.

"One night, there shouldn't be any problem. However, if we can't break through the German defense line tonight, the Germans will definitely catch up tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. By then, we will be dead." Lietz Admiral Ski said.

The faces of other Russian generals also became serious. Everyone knows that now is really a critical moment of life and death. If the attack tonight is still unsuccessful. Then, what kind of consequences will there be, no need for others to say, they are very clear.

"General, everyone will do their best tonight and fight to the death! It is better to die on the way to attack than to be surrounded and annihilated by the Germans. We will definitely be able to break through the German defense line." A Russian general said.

Other Russian generals also expressed their views.

"Very well, then, our victory or defeat will be tonight. I hope we can break through the German defense line in one fell swoop. May God bless us! Bless the Russian Empire!" Admiral Letsky said.

"God bless the Russian Empire!" The other Russian generals also said one after another.

The Russian army only launched an offensive, and it died down after being kicked by the thigh, which made the German army a little confused. Major General Bessen, commander of the German 24th Infantry Division, and Colonel Guderian, commander of the 8th Armored Division, are also talking about this matter.

"What did the Russians do? Why did they stop attacking? Don't they know that the current time is very precious to them? If our main force catches up, they will die." Bei Major General Sen looked suspicious.

"General, the Russians may be scared by our air force. They are afraid that when they attack again, they will be attacked by our air force for the second time. However, the Russians must not be underestimated. They I will not give up so easily." Colonel Guderian said.

Major General Bessen nodded: "It seems that the Russians want to save the opportunity to break through tonight. Tonight, our two divisions may have to go through a tough battle."

Guderian smiled and didn't seem worried.