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Chapter 431: Reinforcement VS Reinforcement

"General, it can already be concluded that the three battleships belong to the British 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships, and they are all the most cutting-edge battleships." An officer reported excitedly to Lieutenant General Spee.

"The 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleship? However, I am very curious, how did they appear here!" The corners of Lieutenant General Spee's mouth rose slightly, showing a hint of a smile.

"General, the battlefield between the 1st Battlecruiser Squadron and the British Battlecruiser Squadron is just to the north. Obviously, the British are planning to use these three battleships to carry out a surprise attack on our 1st Battlecruiser Squadron." The officer laughed too.

"Haha! It seems that our luck was good, and we broke through the tricks of the British. The 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships are the most cutting-edge battleships of the British. Our 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers are no better than Is it bad?" Lieutenant General Spee asked.

"General, according to the information we have obtained, the British Navy's 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships are equipped with four twin-mounted 42-caliber 381mm main guns. In terms of armor, the main armor belt is 330mm thick, and the turret armor is 330mm, the armor of the conning tower is 280 mm. The British's 42 times the 381 mm main gun is much weaker than the 50 times the 380 mm main gun of our "Derfflinger class" battlecruiser. Defense On the other hand, the main armor thickness of the 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers is 350 millimeters, which is thicker than that of the British 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships." A staff officer said.

"In other words, our "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers have stronger comprehensive combat capabilities?" Lieutenant General Spee said.

"Yes, General. However, the gap is not very big. Their "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleships will also pose a threat to us."

Lieutenant General Spee nodded: "In this case, let's fight! Go after them and intercept them. Then, kill them. We have six battlecruisers, two of them will fight one, and we will get rid of them as quickly as possible. !"

"Yes, General." The officers replied one after another.

The six battlecruisers of the 2nd Battlecruiser Squadron of the German Navy quickly caught up. Although, the speed of the "Queen Elizabeth class" battleship is not slow. However, in front of the battlecruisers, which are known for their speed, they are still at a disadvantage.

At this time, Rear Admiral Benjamin, the commander of the British Navy's 2nd Battleship Squadron, was also getting angry.

"Damn it, why did you encounter a German warship here? Or a full six battlecruisers?" Rear Admiral Benjamin was very annoyed. Originally, his mission was to attack the German Navy's 1st Battlecruiser Squadron. In his opinion, his sneak attack is very likely to succeed when his own battlecruiser detachment has attracted the attention of the German Navy's 1st battlecruiser detachment. However, I didn't expect it to turn out like this.

"General, the German battlecruisers are catching up, what should we do?"

Major General Benjamin's brows were tightly knit together.

With the speed of the 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battlecruiser, it is impossible to escape. Then, it seems that they have only one way left, and that is to fight with all their strength.

"The German battlecruisers are very powerful. Not only are they fast, they have strong firepower, and their defense is also terrifying. However, how can

there be such a perfect battleship in the world? Even the battlecruisers of the British Empire have to guarantee their speed and firepower. Therefore, the German battlecruisers must be like this. In the previous naval battles, there were no battlecruisers that could sink the Germans. The main reason is that our firepower is not strong enough. Now The 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battlecruisers are equipped with 381mm main guns, which must be able to penetrate the defenses of the German battlecruisers. Therefore, even if the German battlecruisers have twice the advantage, if they really want to fight, We may not have no chance of winning." Major General Benjamin secretly analyzed.

Of course, he didn't know that the battlecruisers of the German Navy were mainly based on new power equipment in order to increase their speed and at the same time strengthen their firepower and defense. The heavy oil boiler and the new steam turbine enable the battleship to have sufficient power and ensure high speed.

"Send a telegram to General Betty, we have encountered six German battlecruisers, and now we are unable to reinforce them." Major General Benjamin ordered.

Under such circumstances, he naturally had no way to rush to join Lieutenant General David Betty. What's more, even a confluence would not change anything, they were still at an absolute disadvantage. Even, they will be under the siege of the Germans. Only his 2nd Battleship Division defeated the German Navy's 2nd Battlecruiser Division to reverse the situation.

"Yes, General."

"Order ships, reduce speed, prepare to fight! Tell the brave officers and men of the Royal Navy that we can't escape now. For the honor of the British Empire, we must let the Germans fight. Only by defeating them will we have a front line." Live!" Major General Benjamin ordered.

"Yes, General."

After the order was issued, the three "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleships of the British Navy began to reduce their speed and lined up in battle formation.

The actions of the British Navy made General Spee, who had been following them, very satisfied.

"Order all ships and prepare to fight. Since the British are not going to flee, let's fight them in a fair and honest manner!" Lieutenant General Spee ordered.

No matter what, in this battle, the German navy has a great advantage. The combat power of the three 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers is not inferior to that of the 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships. At the same time, there are three 'Moltke-class' battlecruisers in cooperation, which makes them almost in the same position. defeated.

Although, the armor of the "Queen Elizabeth-class" battlecruisers of the British Navy is as thick as 330 mm. However, the 50-caliber 343mm main gun equipped on the "Moltke-class" battlecruiser can still penetrate it.

With both sides intending to fight, the two battle lines began to draw closer rapidly. Soon, the distance was shortened to 15,000 kilometers.

"Fire!"

The German Navy was still the first to open fire. The 380mm main guns of the three "Derfflinger-class" ships roared and smashed the shells weighing more than one ton at the three "Queen Elizabeth" ships of the British Navy. class' battleship. The three 'Moltke-class' battlecruisers also fired after them.

Chapter 432: besieged

"Assign attack targets, battlecruiser 'Derfflinger' and battlecruiser 'Lützow' attack battleship 'Queen Elizabeth', battlecruiser 'Hindenburg' and

battlecruiser 'Moltke' attack 'Battlecruiser' Lemm' battleship, 'Moltke' battlecruiser and 'Sedlitz' battlecruiser, attack the battleship 'Malayan'." Lieutenant General Spee quickly issued an order.

The 2nd Battlecruiser Squadron of the German Navy has six battlecruisers, facing the three battleships of the British Navy, it can fight two against one.

This put the three "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleships of the British Navy in a state of siege during this battle.

"Fight back! Focus on attacking the three 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers of the Germans and sink them. The remaining three 'Moltke-class' battlecruisers are nothing to worry about." Benjamin said the major general. In his eyes, it is obvious that the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruiser equipped with a 380mm main gun is more threatening. Therefore, he ordered a direct attack on the three 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers. Turn a blind eye to the three "Moltke-class" battlecruisers. Of course, this also made him suffer a lot in the next battle.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The three "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleships of the British Navy's 2nd Battleship Squadron also launched a fierce counterattack, with 381mm main guns, and began to roar. However, the three "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleships have a total of only 24 381mm main guns, and they have to face 27 380mm main guns and 27 343mm main guns. This put the British Navy's 2nd Battleship Squadron at a disadvantage almost from the beginning.

"Whoo! Whoo!"

One after another, the shells cut through the air, making a sharp and piercing whistling sound.

After the shell hit the sea hard, jets of water splashed into the sky. It can be said that this naval battle has directly reached its climax from the very beginning.

Lieutenant General Spee stood on the bridge of the battlecruiser "Derfflinger", watching the battle motionless.

"Huh? The British gave up attacking our 'Moltke-class' battlecruisers, but put all their attack power on our 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers?" Lieutenant General Spee Found something wrong.

However, a smile appeared on his face afterward. The British Navy has only three battleships, so they can only selectively attack some of the German Navy's warships, and cannot attack all of them. However, they chose to attack the 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruiser first, which was undoubtedly a huge mistake. After all, the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers have stronger defenses, and even facing the British 381mm main gun, they are not irresistible. The choice of the British allowed the three "Moltke-class" battlecruisers of the German Navy to launch attacks almost without interference. In this case, the possibility of getting a hit will undoubtedly be greater.

"Give orders to the three 'Moltke-class' battlecruisers. Since the firepower of the three 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships of the British has been dragged by us, it will be up to them next. Let them fire with full force , kill the three British battleships!" Lieutenant General Spee ordered.

"Yes, General." The communications officer immediately went to send a telegram.

Indeed, the current battlefield undoubtedly gave the three "Moltke-class" battlecruisers of the German Navy an excellent opportunity to display their strength. The 343mm main gun may be difficult to penetrate the 330mm armor

of the British Navy's "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleship. However, the armor-piercing ability of the 50 times the caliber main gun is already very strong, and it is not impossible to penetrate the 330 mm thick armor with the capped armor-piercing projectile.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The artillery on the battlefield was rumbling, and the six battlecruisers of the German Navy were all firing continuously. The three battleships of the British Navy are also launching counterattacks. The two sides came and went, and the shells kept hitting the sea, splashing water jets soaring into the sky.

Another battlefield is the battlefield of the German Navy's 1st Battlecruiser Squadron and the British Navy's Battlecruiser Squadron. Although there are only four battlecruisers left, the British Navy's battlecruiser detachment is still continuing.

The belief of Lieutenant Admiral David Beatty and those Royal Navy soldiers is that the 2nd Battleship Squadron can arrive in time to turn the tide of battle.

"General, the 'New Zealand' was hit again. The hull was severely damaged, and it was about to fail." A staff officer reported to Lieutenant General David Beatty.

"I see, let them insist a little longer." Lieutenant General David Betty said with a dark face.

"Damn it, why hasn't the 2nd Battleship Squadron come?" Lieutenant General David Beatty was a little anxious. The current situation is very unfavorable to them. If this continues, they will definitely lose more warships. At that time, it will be even more difficult to reverse the situation.

"General, General Benjamin sent a telegram. We encountered six German battlecruisers. Now, the two sides have already broken out into a

war, and we are unable to reinforce us." A communications officer reported to Lieutenant General David Beatty with a look of panic.

"What? Encountered six German battlecruisers? How is that possible?" Lieutenant General David Beatty's expression changed drastically.

Such a result undoubtedly dealt him a heavy blow. After the three "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleships were dragged, this would put them in an extremely disadvantageous situation, and they would even be completely sunk by the German navy. In addition, the situation of the three 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships may not be very good. Although the 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleship is their most powerful battleship, it is still very difficult to say whether they will win or lose against an enemy twice as large as themselves. In particular, there are 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers among them. Lieutenant General David Beatty knows which battlecruiser is the most powerful.

At the same time, Lieutenant General David Beatty also knew that if the 2nd Battleship Squadron hadn't encountered six other battlecruisers of the German Navy, then they might have faced the siege of 12 German battlecruisers. At that time, their fate can be imagined.

"Damn the Germans, they are too vicious!" Lieutenant General David Beatty couldn't help cursing. The current situation is obviously more unfavorable to them.

"Boom! Boom!"

Suddenly, a violent explosion sounded. I saw that the battlecruiser "New Zealand" was directly broken into two pieces in the violent explosion. The battlecruiser soon sank into the sea afterwards.

Chapter 433: Jellicoe's choice

The British Royal Navy's battlecruiser detachment and the 2nd battleship detachment are now in crisis. After the battlecruiser detachment lost the three battlecruisers 'Invincible', 'Indomitable' and 'New Zealand', only the 'Tiger', 'Queen Mary' and 'Royal Princess' were left to suffer. It's hard to support. And they faced six battlecruisers of the German Navy.

Although in the previous battles, the six battlecruisers of the German Navy were also hit. However, because of the strong defense and the poor performance of the artillery shells fired by the Royal Navy's warships, they did not cause fatal damage to the German Navy's battlecruisers. Even these battlecruisers still maintain intact combat effectiveness. This also put the Royal Navy's battlecruiser unit in a completely suppressed state.

On the other side, the three "Queen Elizabeth-class" battlecruisers of the 2nd Battlecruiser Squadron of the British Navy are also under siege by the 2nd Battlecruiser Squadron of the German Navy. With the assistance of the three "Moltke-class" battlecruisers, the three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers, which were not inferior to the "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleships, completely gained the upper hand. This made this naval battle very unfavorable to the British Navy. If no miracle happened, the fate of the British Navy's battlecruiser detachment and the second battleship detachment could almost be expected.

The British Navy has already lagged behind the German Navy in terms of capital ships. The loss of Battlecruiser Squadron and 2nd Battleship Squadron would cost them another nine capital ships. Then, it is even more impossible for their remaining warships to defeat the German Navy. It would be an extravagant hope to even fight the German Navy for a lose-lose situation.

"How did this battle end like this?" Lieutenant General David Betty was about to collapse. The battlecruiser detachment he led now only had three

battlecruisers struggling to support it. However, under the siege of the German Navy, it seemed that it was not difficult for the three battlecruisers to be sunk. Such a result was definitely not what he expected, and it was something he hadn't expected at all.

"General, the 2nd battleship squadron has been entangled by the Germans, and even its own safety cannot be guaranteed. What should we do next?" asked a general.

Obviously, they have reached the most critical moment now. If they fail, they will all be wiped out.

David? Lieutenant General Betty, there is no good way at the moment. It can be said that when the German Navy's 2nd battlecruiser unit appeared, it meant that their plan had completely failed. Those previous plans are useless.

"Report the situation here to General Jellicoe and tell him that we are waiting for his order." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

Under such circumstances, he can only kick the ball to General John Jellicoe. After all, Admiral John Jellicoe was the commander of the Grand Fleet of the British Navy. At the most critical moment, he should make the final decision.

In the sea area about 50 kilometers away from the battlefield, a huge fleet is sailing south at a speed of 12 knots. This fleet is very huge, there are hundreds of warships, large and small. Guarded by a large number of small and medium-sized warships in the center, there are huge battleships one after another. Among them, the most eye-catching ones are undoubtedly the "Revenge-class" battleships with a displacement of more than 30,000 tons.

On the battleship 'Revenge', the flagship of the Grand Fleet, Admiral John Jellicoe is drinking espresso. Coffee without sugar tastes very bitter. However, it can cheer people up. After not sleeping at all last night, Admiral

John Jellicoe was very tired. This made him only able to refresh himself in this way.

"Your Excellency, the 5th Battleship Squadron has joined us." A general reported to Admiral John Jellicoe.

Admiral John Jellicoe nodded. The three "Bellerophon-class" battleships and three "St. Vincent-class" battleships of the 5th Battleship Squadron were the first batch of dreadnoughts built by the British Navy. Although, there are many flaws. The power of the 305mm main gun is not strong either. However, the number of as many as six ships is undoubtedly a great force for the Royal Navy, which is seriously short of capital ships.

"David? General Betty there is any news?" John? General Jellicoe asked.

"There is no news yet." The general replied.

John? Admiral Jellicoe suddenly fell silent. He was particularly concerned about the battlecruiser detachment and the 2nd battleship detachment led by Lieutenant General David Beatty. If Lieutenant General David Beatty can win the naval battle, it will be very beneficial to them. Even, it may give them the opportunity to achieve predetermined strategic goals.

However, General John Jellicoe also knew that it would be very difficult to win. Because their enemies are too powerful. Numerous previous battles have proved that the German navy is very powerful. Every time they thought they were sure of victory, they would lose very ugly in the end.

Ten minutes later, a communications officer ran up anxiously.

"General, an urgent call from General Betty." The officer reported.

General John Jellicoe immediately took the telegram and read it quickly. However, before the telegram was read, his face was already very ugly.

"Damn, how could this be?" Admiral John Jellicoe couldn't help cursing.

The carefully prepared plan failed again. The battlecruiser detachment has already lost three battlecruisers. Although they are the three weakest battlecruisers, such a loss also makes them very painful. Not to mention, the 2nd Battleship Squadron was also caught in the siege of the German Navy. It is foreseeable that their losses will continue to increase.

There is no doubt that in the case of the battlecruiser detachment and the 2nd battleship detachment suffered disastrous defeats, the Royal Navy has already lost this naval battle. Even though Admiral John Jellicoe still has 20 battleships in his hands, he has no confidence in winning at all.

The best way is undoubtedly to immediately order the fleet to retreat and flee back to Scapa Flow. In this case, it may be possible to keep the main force of the Royal Navy and leave a little hope for future battles.

However, John Jellicoe also knew that the order to retreat could not be issued. That is not in line with their strategic purpose.

Chapter 434: Hard Fight

"The battlecruiser detachment and the second battleship detachment will definitely suffer heavy losses this time. If all the main battleships are invested in a decisive battle with the Germans at this time, I am afraid there will be no chance of winning. However, His Excellency Churchill's order is to let We are very likely to sink the capital ship of the German Navy and create opportunities for subsequent naval battles. If we retreat now, it is tantamount to giving up the command of the sea to the Germans. In addition, if we continue to retreat to Scapa Flow to avoid the war , the German navy will definitely continue to attack our coastal cities. At that time, the pressure from the navy and the cabinet will be very high, I am afraid we still have to go to sea and fight the Germans." Admiral John Jellicoe thought secretly.

Admiral John Jellicoe carefully considered how to act next, in order to be the most beneficial to the Royal Navy. However, no matter how you act, it is almost impossible for the Royal Navy to reverse the situation. Such a result made John Jellicoe very frustrated.

"This time, is the Royal Navy finally going to lose? Is the British Empire's maritime supremacy for hundreds of years inevitably falling into the hands of the Germans?" Admiral John Jellicoe felt sad and couldn't accept it. Such a result. But, that's what it is.

"General, the current situation is very unfavorable to us. General David Beatty's battlecruiser detachment and the second battleship detachment are already in danger. We must act immediately to reinforce them. Otherwise, they will They were all eaten by the Germans. At that time, we will not have enough strength to fight the Germans." A general suggested.

Admiral John Jellicoe nodded: "Order the fleet to head south at full speed. Since the decisive battle between us and the Germans is inevitable. Then, let the decisive battle begin today. Before the main force of the Germans arrives, strive to First, severely damage the German battlecruiser formation. In this case, the decisive battle will be more beneficial to us."

"Yes, General."

"Tell all the Royal Navy officers and soldiers that this battle is related to the life and death of the British Empire. We must fight the Germans with bravery and fearlessness like our ancestors did in the Battle of Trafalgar. God will bless The British Empire, defeat the despicable Germans. All will become the influence of the British Empire." Admiral John Jellicoe ordered.

When the situation was very unfavorable to them, he could only find a way to improve the morale of the troops. In this case, a miracle may happen. This is the only way for Admiral John Jellicoe.

Under the command of Admiral John Jellicoe, the main force of the Royal Navy Grand Fleet began to go south, preparing for a decisive battle with the German Navy. Moreover, they hope to severely damage or even wipe out the battlecruiser formation of the German Navy before the main force of the German Navy appears, so as to gain a favorable situation.

At this moment, on the battlefield, the German Navy's 1st and 2nd Battlecruiser Squadrons are still ravaging the British Navy's Battlecruiser Squadron and 2nd Battlecruiser Squadron. The two-on-one advantage allowed them to firmly occupy the initiative on the battlefield, and continued to cause damage to the British Navy.

"Boom!" A 343mm shell hit the battleship 'Malayan'. The shell hit the stern of the battleship 'Malayan', penetrated the armor of the stern deck, and exploded inside the battleship, igniting a raging fire.

Immediately afterwards, a 343mm artillery shell fired from the battlecruiser 'Goeben' directly hit the No. 2 main turret of the battleship 'Barham'. Although, the main turret armor is as thick as 330mm. However, there is still no combination that can withstand the 50 times the caliber main gun and the capped armor-piercing projectile. After the shell tore through the armor, it exploded inside the turret. The huge power directly knocked the entire turret away. If the shells in the barrel had not been fired, and there were no shells and guns inside, it would undoubtedly cause them greater losses.

But this result has already surprised Rear Admiral Benjamin, commander of the British Navy's 2nd Battleship Squadron.

"Damn, how could this be? Why the German 'Moltke-class' battlecruiser can also directly penetrate our turret armor, this is not scientific at all!" Major General Benjamin looked shocked. Undoubtedly, such a result completely made him unbelievable.

"General, the artillery technology of the Germans seems to be much ahead of ours!" an officer exclaimed.

Major General Benjamin was taken aback for a moment, but then he had to nod in agreement. Judging from the current situation, this is the only explanation. However, such a result undoubtedly made them feel bitter. As the general of the Royal Navy, Rear Admiral Benjamin is undoubtedly proud. But now, the Germans have used their strength to tear their pride into pieces.

"Fight back, and move closer to the direction of the main fleet!" Rear Admiral Benjamin ordered.

In a critical situation, we can only move closer to the main force, and rely on the strength of the main force to survive the crisis.

"Boom!"

The British Navy also scored a hit, a 381mm artillery shell, which hit the battlecruiser "Hindenburg". However, to the dismay of the British Navy, this hit only caused some insignificant minor injuries to the "Hindenburg".

There is no doubt that the advantage on the battlefield is still under the control of the German navy.

Two minutes later, the battleship HMS Barham of the British Navy was hit again. This time, it was the battlecruiser "Lützow" that hit him. A 380mm artillery shell penetrated the armor of the conning tower of the battleship 'Barham'. The conning tower armor, which is only 280mm thick, was easily torn apart in front of the 380mm shells, as if it was paper.

The shell exploded in the command tower, killing more than a dozen officers including the captain, which also plunged the battleship 'Barham' into chaos.

Immediately afterwards, the battlecruiser 'Goben' hit the battleship 'Barham' again, and two 343 mm shells hit the 'Barham', causing the battleship 'Barham' to be further injured. hurt.

As time went on, the warships of the German Navy scored hits again and again. Shells continued to hit three battleships of the British Navy, leaving wounds on these battleships.

On the other side, the battlecruiser detachment led by Lieutenant General David Beatty was also struggling to support under the siege of the 1st battlecruiser detachment of the German Navy.

Chapter 435: Scheer's confidence

On the battleship "Bavaria", the flagship of the German Navy's High Seas Fleet, the Commander of the High Seas Fleet, Admiral Reinhard Scheer, is listening to his adjutant's report on the battle situation.

"General, the 1st Battlecruiser Detachment has already sunk three battlecruisers of the British Navy, namely HMS Invincible, HMS Invincible, and HMS New Zealand. Currently, they are conducting operations against the remaining British Navy's battlecruisers." Three battlecruisers launched a siege. Although the British navy is struggling to support it, judging from the current situation, they simply cannot last much longer," said the adjutant.

Admiral Reinhard Scheer nodded, and a smile appeared on his face. For the German Navy, the current situation is undoubtedly developing in their favor. Every time a capital ship of the British Navy is sunk, it means that they are one step closer to victory. If this continues, it won't be long before they will be able to win the final victory.

"Where is the 2nd battlecruiser squadron?" Admiral Reinhardt Scheer asked.

"General, the 2nd Battlecruiser Squadron is currently besieging three of the British Navy's 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships. They encountered the British Navy's force in the sea south of the 1st Battlecruiser Squadron. Therefore, we judge that the British Navy This unit originally planned to attack our 1st Battlecruiser Squadron. However, after being bumped into by the 2nd Battlecruiser Squadron, the plan failed and they were also besieged by the 2nd Battlecruiser Squadron. At present, although the 2nd Battlecruiser Squadron has not been able to sink any capital ship of the British Navy, they have already firmly gained the upper hand. Perhaps, it will not be long before there will be good news." said the adjutant.

"Very good, very good. It seems that the Imperial Navy has completely taken the initiative in this battle. If the remaining three British battlecruisers and three 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships can be killed in one fell swoop. , Then, the Imperial Navy will have a greater chance of winning in this battle." Admiral Reinhard Scheer became more and more confident in winning.

"By the way, is there any news about the British main fleet?" Admiral Reinhardt Scheer asked. The main fleet of the British Navy still has more than 20 battleships. Those capital ships also pose a certain threat to the German Navy. If you want to defeat the British Navy, you will inevitably have to fight the main force of the Royal Navy.

"General, there is no news about the main fleet of the British Navy yet. However, their battlecruiser formation and three 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships are in crisis. Then their main fleet will definitely not be left to die!" said the adjutant.

Admiral Reinhardt Scheer nodded: "The analysis is very reasonable. Indeed, if the British main fleet does not act, they will have to watch us kill their remaining battlecruisers and three ships. The 'Queen Elizabeth-class'

battleships are definitely a serious blow to the British. After losing these battleships, they will no longer be able to reverse the situation."

"Command the fleet to speed up and move closer to the 1st battlecruiser squadron. If the main fleet of the British appears, then this means that our decisive battle with them has begun." Admiral Reinhard Scheer Said.

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

"By the way, where is our aircraft carrier formation?" Admiral Reinhard Scheer asked.

The two existing aircraft carriers of the German Navy also went to battle this time. It's just that the German Navy has always kept this new type of warship and tactics strictly secret, and only a very small number of generals know the existence of the aircraft carrier. Admiral Reinhard Scheer had personally seen the aircraft carrier's maneuvers, so he believed in the combat effectiveness of the aircraft carrier.

Although, the German Navy now has only two aircraft carriers, and the carrier-based aircraft carried by the aircraft carriers can only carry light aviation torpedoes. Light aviation torpedoes may not pose much threat to heavily armored battleships. However, for small and medium warships, it can cause fatal damage. What's more, many of the British Navy's warships are weakly armored. The armor of some previously built battleships may not be able to withstand light aviation torpedoes. This makes Reinhard Scheer full of expectations for the performance of the two aircraft carriers.

"General, the aircraft carrier formation has been in the sea to the east of us, about a hundred kilometers away from us." A staff officer reported.

"Tell the aircraft carrier formation that once they find the main fleet of the British, they will launch an attack immediately. They will cause casualties to

the British as much as possible. This way, it will be more conducive to our decisive battle with the British," said Reinhard Scheer will order.

According to Admiral Reinhardt Scheer, as long as the carrier-based aircraft carried by the aircraft carrier can cause damage to the dreadnought ships in the main fleet of the British Navy, it is enough. As for the remaining capital ships, such as the "Revenge-class" battleships, they can be handed over to the main fleet of the Imperial Navy, such as the "Bavaria-class" battleships that have just entered service. As the most powerful battleships of the German Navy, this is their first time on the battlefield, so naturally they have to perform well. In addition, the "King-class" battleships are also equipped with 380mm main guns, and their overall strength is also far superior to the "Revenge-class" battleships of the British Navy.

It can be said that judging from the current strength of both sides, the German navy has firmly gained the upper hand. In the next naval battle, it seemed very easy to defeat the British navy in one fell swoop and win the naval battle.

"Yes, General."

"Come on, British. In this battle, the Imperial Navy will completely knock you down from the altar." Admiral Reinhard Scheer is full of confidence in the next battle. He also believed that the Imperial Navy would not let him down. As the German Navy sank more and more of the capital ships of the British Navy, the German Navy's hope of victory grew.

The main fleet of the German Navy began to accelerate to the battlefield. Although, they are a little farther away from the battlefield.

On the frontline battlefield, the German Navy's 1st and 2nd Battlecruiser Squadrons still firmly controlled the initiative on the battlefield. The British

Navy's Battlecruiser Squadron and 2nd Battleship Squadron suffered increasing losses under their siege.

Chapter 436: Tragic

"General, Your Excellency Commander, let us move closer to the main fleet. They will arrive at the battlefield in an hour." A communications officer on the battleship 'Queen Elizabeth', the flagship of the British Navy's 2nd Battleship Squadron, reported to Rear Admiral Benjamin.

"An hour? God! After an hour, we have been sunk by the Germans." Major General Benjamin exclaimed.

The current situation is very unfavorable to them. The three "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleships have been injured in many places. Even the flagship HMS Queen Elizabeth was hit many times. One of the four main turrets has been reimbursed, and only one-third of the firepower is left. In addition, there are big holes everywhere in the garrison and the stern. It can be seen how fierce the previous battle was.

The most severely damaged ship was undoubtedly the second ship 'Barham'. With the death of the captain and others, the navigator is now in command of the battleship. However, due to the serious damage to the hull, the combat effectiveness of the battleship has dropped a lot.

The battleship 'Malaya' is also struggling to support. Rear Admiral Benjamin did not pay attention to the "Moltke-class" battlecruisers of the German Navy before, so that the three "Moltke-class" battlecruisers could fire without any interference. This directly led to the three "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleships of the British Navy being hit by them many times. The performance of these three "Moltke-class" battlecruisers was even better than the performance of the three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers.

Under such a huge loss, Major General Benjamin is determined to persevere, but he really has no idea whether he can persist for an hour. It's

not that he doesn't work hard, and it's not that the soldiers don't work hard. It's just that the strength gap between the two sides is too great!

Similarly, the remaining three battlecruisers of the battlecruiser detachment led by Lieutenant General David Beatty are also struggling to support. Moreover, their situation is more difficult than that of the British Navy's 2nd Battleship Squadron. Among other things, the defense of these three battlecruisers is far inferior to the three 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships, which made them suffer a lot.

"General, Your Excellency Commander has arrived with the main fleet. When they arrive, we will have hope." An officer said.

However, Lieutenant General David Beatty remained expressionless. He knew very well that the best strategy was that Admiral John Jellicoe immediately led the main fleet to retreat. In this case, the main force can be preserved. As long as the main fleet exists, even if it is trapped in Scapa Flow, it is a great threat to the German Navy. If the main fleet goes out to battle, it will be wiped out by the German Navy. Then, the Royal Navy is completely finished. Britain will also lose this war completely, and it will be defeated.

Of course, Lieutenant General David Beatty also knew that there was no way for General John Jellicoe to do so. On the one hand, Churchill's order made him only able to lead the main force of the fleet to fight the German Navy desperately, hoping to sink as many warships of the German Navy as possible, and prepare for dozens of former dreadnoughts to return to the battlefield. On the other hand, if the Royal Navy avoids a decisive battle with the German Navy, the German Navy will definitely repeat its tricks and launch attacks on British coastal cities. At that time, it will inevitably cause huge losses to Britain. As a last resort, Admiral John Jellicoe could only implement Churchill's order and fought a decisive battle with the German navy.

"Hopefully, we can fight the Germans in this battle and lose both sides! In that case, we still have a slight chance. It won't be like what it is now. There is no chance at all." Lieutenant General David Betty murmured Said.

Indeed, now Lieutenant General David Beatty has set his goal to be able to fight with the German Navy and lose both sides. As for winning, he knew that it was simply impossible. That is simply an unrealistic luxury.

"Boom! Boom!"

The violent explosion made Lieutenant General David Betty's face even more ugly. I saw that the superstructure of the 'Queen Mary' was on fire.

During the shelling just now, the battlecruiser "Prince Friedrich" of the German Navy scored a hit, and two 380mm shells hit the battlecruiser.

A shell hit the defense of the battlecruiser 'Queen Mary', and the fragile armor of the battlecruiser 'Queen Mary', in front of the 380mm main gun, was no different from paper, and was easily torn open. The entire bow of the ship was blown off in a violent explosion, just like a piece was chewed off by a monster. Sea water has begun to pour into the hull of the battlecruiser 'Queen Mary'.

Another shell exploded on the superstructure of the battlecruiser 'Queen Mary', which not only ignited a raging fire, but also knocked down a chimney, causing the speed of the battlecruiser 'Queen Mary' to begin to drop. . In such a fierce naval battle, once the speed drops, everyone knows what it means.

"General, the 'Queen Mary' has been hit, and they request to withdraw from the battle." A communications officer reported.

"No! Tell them, as long as they are not sunk, even if only one main gun can fire, they must continue to fight!" Lieutenant General David Betty ordered with a dark face.

"Yes, General." The communications officer immediately forwarded the order.

The battlecruiser 'Queen Mary' has no choice but to hold on to the bomb. As the bow continued to enter the water, the draft of the battleship became deeper and deeper. At the same time, the speed of the battleship is also further decreasing.

In the ensuing battle, in just five minutes, the battlecruiser "Queen Mary" was hit many times, with three 380mm shells and seven 243mm shells hitting him. After eating so many shells, the battlecruiser 'Queen Mary' has become riddled with holes and holes everywhere. Sea water frantically poured into the hull of the 'Queen Mary' from these holes, causing the battlecruiser to quickly sink into the sea. None of the more than 1,000 naval officers and soldiers on the battleship survived.

Upon hearing the news of the sinking of the 'Queen Mary', Lieutenant General David Betty closed his eyes in pain. He knew that it was all because of his order that the 'Queen Mary' was sunk.

However, he thought that soon he would be able to atone for his order. Because, the remaining two battlecruisers will certainly not last long under the siege of the six battlecruisers of the German Navy. Soon, they will follow in the footsteps of the battlecruiser 'Queen Mary'.

Chapter 437: The main force appeared

British Navy's 2nd Battleship Squadron, Rear Admiral Benjamin is watching the sinking of the battleship 'Barham' in a daze. It is not easy for this battleship to persist until now.

During the battle just now, the battleship 'Barham' was hit again. A 380mm artillery shell and a 343mm artillery shell hit the 'Barham' at the same time.

A shell hit the stern of the ship, blowing up the steering gear of the battleship 'Barham' and causing the battleship to be seriously flooded. Another shell tore through the underwater armor of the battleship 'Barham'. Although, the underwater armor with a thickness of 330mm is very strong. However, the 380mm shell still tore it apart directly. After the shell exploded, a big hole was blown directly below the waterline of the battleship 'Barham'. Sea water poured into the battleship 'Barham' frantically, and the damage control personnel didn't even have a chance to plug the loophole. Even when they tried to close the watertight door, they failed.

In the end, the battleship 'Barham' capsized on the sea due to excessive water intake. Then, the entire hull quickly sank into the sea.

"Damn it, the 'Barham' was sunk, which one is it going to be next? Is it the 'Malayan', or our flagship 'Queen Elizabeth'?" Rear Admiral Benjamin thought secretly. For victory, he has almost completely lost confidence.

At this time, the main fleet of the British Navy is heading south quickly. Hundreds of warships are laid out on the sea, looking mighty and majestic.

However, on the battleship 'Revenge', Admiral John Jellicoe, commander of the British Navy's Grand Fleet, kept frowning.

"General, General Betty reports that the 'Queen Mary' has been sunk." A communications officer reported.

"I see!" Admiral John Jellicoe replied blankly.

In the entire command tower, the atmosphere was about to freeze. Once again the Royal Navy lost a battlecruiser, which left them with just two. Lieutenant General David Beatty only relied on the remaining two battlecruisers, and it was undoubtedly very, very difficult to resist the siege of the six German battlecruisers. Maybe, soon they will hear bad news again.

Sure enough, a few minutes later, the communications officer went on to report the military situation to General John Jellicoe.

"General, General Benjamin reports that the battleship 'Barham' was sunk."

Admiral John Jellicoe's face at this moment is so gloomy that it seems that water can drip out. Once again, they lost a battlecruiser and a battleship, making them lose a full five capital ships before confronting the main force of the German navy. This is already a very powerful force for the Royal Navy.

The officers in the command tower are even more afraid to vent their anger now, for fear of offending Admiral John Jellicoe.

"How long will it take us to get to the battlefield?" Admiral John Jellicoe asked.

"General, according to the current speed, we will arrive at the battlefield in about half an hour." A staff officer reported.

"Half an hour? Order the ships and prepare for battle. After arriving on the battlefield, launch an attack immediately. This time, we must make the Germans pay for their blood!" Admiral John Jellicoe ordered.

The heavy loss made him almost fall into madness. The only thing he thought about was to sink the warships of the German Navy and avenge those warships that were sunk.

However, John? General Jellicoe also know that it is very difficult.

On the battlefield, the fierce battle is still going on. The six battleships of the German Navy's 1st Battlecruiser Squadron besieged the remaining two battlecruisers of the British Navy's Battlecruiser Squadron.

Shells continued to fall around the battlecruiser 'Tiger' and the battlecruiser 'Royal Princess', splashing jets of water into the sky. The water splashed down, even soaking the deck of the battleship.

The British sailors on the battleship were even more nervous. Many people even turned pale with fright. There is no doubt that they have a very good understanding of the current situation. I also know that if the battle goes wrong and they don't pay attention, they may follow in the footsteps of those sunk warships.

"Boom!"

Suddenly, there was an earth-shattering explosion.

I saw the battlecruiser 'Royal Princess' completely shrouded in flames and gunpowder smoke.

"What's going on?" David? Betty Lieutenant General asked.

"General, the main turret of the 'Royal Princess' was hit. It seems that the ammunition depot was detonated." An officer reported with a pale face.

Lieutenant General David Betty closed his eyes in pain. After suffering such a blow, it didn't take much thinking to know that the battlecruiser 'Royal Princess' was hopeless.

Indeed, the battlecruiser 'Royal Princess', whose bow was almost blown to pieces, sank into the sea in less than two minutes.

This left the British Navy's battlecruiser unit with only one battlecruiser left. Moreover, it was still under the siege of the battlecruiser detachment of the German Navy. How long they can persist depends on God's will.

"Good job! Besiege the remaining British battlecruiser 'Tiger' and sink all their battlecruisers!" Lieutenant General Hipper excitedly ordered.

If all the battlecruisers of the British Navy can be destroyed, this is also a huge victory.

It's just that Lieutenant General Hipper's goal has not been achieved. Because, just as the battlecruiser "Tiger" was under siege and was at stake, the main fleet of the British Navy arrived.

"Fire!"

Following Admiral John Jellicoe's order, the six 'Revenge Class' battleships immediately launched shelling.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

A series of 381mm artillery shells, accompanied by a roaring roar, slammed into the battleships of the German Navy's 1st Battlecruiser Squadron under the angry eyes of the British naval officers and soldiers.

Lieutenant General Hipper hesitated a little, but gave the order to retreat. After all, preserving one's own strength is the most important thing. He didn't want to take his battleship into it just to sink the battlecruiser 'Tiger'. In that case, it would be too uneconomical.

"Inform Your Excellency the Commander and the 2nd Battlecruiser Squadron that the main force of the British has appeared. Especially General Spee, let them seize the opportunity to kill the British 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleship." Hipper The lieutenant general ordered.

Chapter 438: Aircraft carrier attack

"The British main fleet came at too bad a time. Even if they came half an hour later, we could have sunk the battlecruiser 'Tiger'." On the battlecruiser 'Mackenson', Lieutenant General Hipper's tone was full of regret.

Of course, it can also be understood that he is simply trying to get cheap and act good. Up to now, the six battlecruisers of his 1st battlecruiser squadron have suffered more or less injuries, but they were all minor injuries

and did not have any impact on their combat effectiveness. On the other hand, the battlecruiser unit of the British Navy suffered heavy losses. Except for the battlecruiser 'Tiger', all others were sunk. Even the battlecruiser "Tiger" suffered several shells. Two of the four twin 343mm main guns were knocked out, leaving only half of their firepower.

"Report to the flagship immediately, and then, start retreating!"
Lieutenant General Hipper ordered.

Although, the six battlecruisers of the 1st Battlecruiser Detachment are powerful. But Lieutenant General Hipper was not stupid enough to use six battlecruisers to challenge the more than 20 battleships of the British Navy. What's more, there are six 'Revenge Class' battleships among them. The "Vengeance-class" battleship is also equipped with a 381mm main gun, and sacrifices a little speed to improve its armor. Compared with the "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleship, its combat effectiveness is stronger. Even if the "Mackenson-class" battlecruiser is more powerful than it is, it will not take much advantage. Lieutenant General Hipper is a smart man, so naturally he would not do such a stupid thing.

The 1st Battlecruiser Squadron of the German Navy began to retreat. Once the battlecruisers start to accelerate, the main fleet of the British Navy simply cannot catch up. As the main battleships of the Royal Navy, most of them have a speed of only 20 or 21 knots. How can they catch up with those battlecruisers? The rest of the cruisers and destroyers were able to catch up. However, are those small and medium-sized warships catching up, are they going to die?

Under such circumstances, the British Royal Navy's main fleet could only watch helplessly as the German Navy's 1st Battleship Squadron swaggered away. There was nothing they could do about it.

Immediately, Lieutenant General David Betty went to the battleship 'Revenge' in a transportation boat with a livid face.

"I'm sorry, Commander, I lost." Lieutenant General David Betty looked ashamed.

In this war, he has been defeated by the Germans for the third time. This made him, who was proud, feel very guilty.

"Hey, General Betty. It's not because of you, but because the Germans are too strong. I now doubt whether we are right or wrong to fight the decisive battle with the Germans. But now, we have no other choice, I can only do my best to fight this battle. I hope God can bless us and win!" Admiral John Jellicoe sighed.

Lieutenant General David Beatty nodded: "General, what should we do now? The battlecruiser detachment is completely wiped out. The battlecruiser 'Tiger' was severely damaged and it was impossible to continue fighting. I have to go back to the shipyard for repairs. Otherwise, I'm afraid there is a danger of sinking. The situation of the 2nd battleship squadron is also very pessimistic. The 'Barham' has been sunk, and the remaining 'Queen Elizabeth' and the 'Malayan' are also in danger under the siege of the Germans."

"Let the 'Tiger' retreat to Scapa Flow. The fleet continues to go south, ready to meet the 2nd battleship squadron, and let General Benjamin hold on. I think the German main fleet should know that we have arrived. Therefore, Let us be ready for a decisive battle with them. God bless the British Empire, even if the Germans cannot be defeated in this battle, at least they will have to pay a high enough price." Admiral John Jellicoe said.

"It's the only way now!" Lieutenant General David Betty looked frustrated.

However, the main fleet of the British Navy still failed to successfully meet the second battleship squadron. When they arrived, the 2nd

Battlecruiser Squadron of the German Navy had just left. At the last moment, they sank the battleship 'Malayan' and severely damaged the battleship 'Queen Elizabeth'. Although, Lieutenant General Spee regretted not being able to sink the battleship "Queen Elizabeth". However, he also didn't want to have a fierce battle with the main force of the British navy in order to sink the "Queen Elizabeth" battleship. What's more, the battleship 'Queen Elizabeth' was also severely damaged, at least in this battle, it was unable to play any role.

Admiral John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty looked at the battleship 'Queen Elizabeth' like a girl who had been ravaged by a villain.

There is no doubt that in this decisive battle at sea, the British Navy fought very badly in the early days. So far, they have sunk five battlecruisers and two battleships, and lost one battlecruiser and one battleship. This is almost equivalent to losing one-third of the combat power. But their enemy, the German Navy, suffered no losses. This also made the disadvantages of the British Navy in this battle more obvious.

The 1st and 2nd Battlecruiser Squadrons of the German Navy have joined together. The twelve battlecruisers are undoubtedly a very powerful force. However, they did not immediately rush to a decisive battle with the British Navy's main fleet, but were waiting for the arrival of their own main fleet. When the 24 battleships of the German Navy arrive, it will be a good opportunity to have a decisive battle with the British Navy and eat them in one bite.

However, at this time, Admiral Reinhard Scheer, who had not rushed to the battlefield, had already given the order to attack. It was not the battleship force or battlecruiser force of the German Navy that carried out the attack, but the aircraft carrier formation hundreds of kilometers away from the battlefield.

In the waters 100 kilometers east of the battlefield, two aircraft carriers of the German Navy are sailing at a speed of 10 knots. On the deck, fighter planes have completed their preparations for takeoff.

Marshal Prince Heinrich, commander of the German Navy aircraft carrier formation, is on the bridge, looking at the planes with satisfaction.

"Your Excellency Marshal, Your Excellency Commander ordered us to attack." An officer reported.

"Then order the carrier-based aircraft to take off! Tell our pilots that this is our first time participating in actual combat, let them all perform well and show the prestige of an aircraft carrier force!" Marshal Prince Heinrich ordered.

Chapter 439: target of the royal navy

Prince Heinrich, the third child of Frederick III and younger brother of William II. Before that, he served in the German Navy. Served as Commander of the High Seas Fleet and Attorney General of the Navy.

When Prince Heinrich was about to retire, Qin Tian approached him and hoped that he would be the commander of the aircraft carrier fleet. Although Prince Heinrich has never seen the new weapon of the aircraft carrier, he is also very interested. In particular, Qin Tian described to him that the future aircraft carrier will become the absolute main force of the navy, which made Prince Heinrich fascinated.

Because of this, Prince Heinrich accepted Qin Tian's invitation and became the first commander of the German Navy's aircraft carrier fleet. It can be said that the aircraft carrier fleet can quickly form combat effectiveness, and Prince Heinrich has made a lot of efforts. Now is the time to see the rewards.

Admiral Reinhardt Scheer's order took less than 20 minutes, and the first carrier-based aircraft took off from the aircraft carrier 'Pioneer'. Immediately

afterwards, the "Victory" aircraft carrier also began to take off carrier-based aircraft.

The fighters that take off first are all light fighters. The torpedo attack aircraft are heavier and need a longer runway, so they take off last.

Now, the two aircraft carriers of the German Navy only carry two types of carrier-based aircraft, fighter jets and torpedo attack aircraft. As for Qin Tian's preferred dive bomber, it has not been successfully developed due to technical constraints. If ordinary bombers are used for horizontal bombing, it is undoubtedly very difficult to hit a high-speed moving target on the sea. In contrast, torpedo aircraft are undoubtedly a greater threat to surface warships. Even light aviation torpedoes can pose a deadly threat to small and medium-sized warships. Even if the armor of the battleship is a little weaker, it may not be able to withstand it.

Watching one after another carrier-based aircraft soaring from the deck, circling over the aircraft carrier, waiting for other fighters to form a formation, Prince Heinrich was very excited.

"I thought that I would never have the opportunity to participate in the decisive battle with the British Navy. But I didn't expect that I would be able to participate in it again in this way. Thank you, Your Royal Highness, for allowing me to fulfill my wish. May God bless you The aircraft carrier fleet of the Imperial Navy can win the battle." Prince Heinrich said secretly.

As an admiral and also served as the commander of the High Seas Fleet, how could he not want to participate in the decisive battle with the Royal Navy? Especially when the German navy has already taken advantage, it is undoubtedly more hopeful that it can leave its name in this war.

Because of the range of the current fighter jets, half of the fighter jets that took off first from the aircraft carrier 'Pioneer' and the 'Victory' aircraft carrier

flew westward after finishing their formation. After the remaining fighters take off, they will be regrouped.

The aircraft carrier 'Pioneer' and the aircraft carrier 'Victory' can only carry 48 carrier-based aircraft. This is mainly due to the high winds and rough waves in the Atlantic Ocean, which is not as calm as the Pacific Ocean, so the aircraft carrier must consider the sea conditions here. Naturally, it is impossible to carry a large number of carrier-based aircraft on each aircraft carrier like the United States and Japan in another time and space. up.

The first batch of carrier-based aircraft included 24 fighter jets and 24 torpedo attack aircraft. The second batch of 48 carrier-based aircraft are all torpedo attack aircraft.

In the case that the British Navy does not have aviation, the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft force hardly has to compete with them for air supremacy. In addition, the warships of the British Navy did not have anti-aircraft weapons, which made it almost unnecessary for the carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy to be attacked. The only thing they have to do is find the British Navy and launch an attack.

Of course, with the guidance of the German Navy's battlecruiser force, finding the main fleet of the British Navy is not a problem at all. This also made this attack completely easy.

Time passed by one minute and one second, and the carrier-based aircraft that took off from the German Navy's aircraft carrier gradually approached the British Navy's main fleet. Originally, for these carrier-based aircraft, it only took half an hour to cover a distance of 100 kilometers.

On the battleship 'Revenge', the flagship of the Grand Fleet of the Royal Navy, Admiral John Jellicoe and Vice Admiral David Beatty were quietly waiting for the decisive battle to come. They knew that the main fleet of the

German Navy must be on its way and would encounter them soon. As long as this decisive battle is over, no matter whether they win or lose, their mission will also be over.

"Your Excellency, the German battlecruisers hang us in front of us. It is estimated that their main fleet will appear soon." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

Admiral John Jellicoe nodded: "The decisive battle between us and the Germans is inevitable. Now, we still have 20 battleships, and the Germans still have 24 battleships and 12 battlecruisers. 1.8 times. I only hope that we can kill more than 20 German capital ships in this battle. In this way, our crisis can be resolved." Admiral John Jellicoe said.

Sinking twenty capital ships of the German Navy is the goal of Admiral John Jellicoe. In that case, even they would be completely sunk. However, the strength of the German navy, which still has more than a dozen capital ships, has been greatly weakened. It is impossible to block the United Kingdom again. In addition, the United States, which has been suppressed by the Germans, will inevitably take the opportunity to intervene. This will buy enough time for the United Kingdom, and after the construction of their follow-up capital ship is completed, they can fight the German Navy again. By that time, they may not necessarily fail again.

"Your Excellency, it is very difficult to sink more than 20 German capital ships. However, even if we can sink 15 of them, that is a rare victory." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

The strength of the German Navy ranks first in the world. However, if the British navy can cause them heavy losses, then other countries may no longer be afraid of the German navy. At that time, the British Navy will naturally have a chance.

John? Admiral Jellicoe nodded.

"Yes, even by sinking fifteen of their capital ships, we have severely damaged the Germans. I know that it is very difficult to defeat the Germans. However, it should still be very possible to severely damage them. After all, We dare to fight them!" John Jellicoe said.

Chapter 440: First show of carrier-based aircraft

For all officers and men of the Royal Navy Grand Fleet, this battle is doomed to failure. However, for the sake of the British Empire, they had to do their best to fight the German Navy. Because, only in this way can the British Empire have a chance of winning this war.

Admiral John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty even set their goal to sink fifteen or twenty battleships of the German Navy. It can be seen that they are undoubtedly very familiar with this naval battle, knowing that if they want to win, it is almost impossible. Therefore, we can only settle for the next best thing, hoping to exchange our own sacrifices for the opportunity to severely damage the German navy.

If this goal can be successfully achieved, then Britain may still have a chance to win. Otherwise, Britain is doomed. In this war, the British Empire, which has dominated the world for hundreds of years, will completely collapse. The world colonial system they have painstakingly maintained will also collapse because of this. The German Reich would step on their corpses and rise as the new world hegemon.

In this regard, every British person is naturally unwilling. Therefore, the officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy will know that they are dead, and they will fight hard. The spirit of Nelson has always inspired them.

Time passed little by little, and at around 10 am, a group of small black spots appeared in the eastern sky. No one paid attention, and even if someone occasionally saw it, they thought it was just a migrating bird.

However, soon these small black spots continued to grow larger. At the same time, there was a buzzing sound, as if a wild bee was flying.

"My God! What's that?" A lookout used a telescope to see the planes approaching them.

"Damn it, the plane! That's a German plane!" shouted an officer. Because the Iron Cross on the wing is so obvious.

General John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty also immediately learned of the news, and they all used binoculars to observe the approaching planes. The faces of the two of them became very, very ugly. Obviously, the appearance of the German aircraft also exceeded their expectations. As for how these planes will affect them, they still can't think of it. But there is no doubt that both of them have a bad feeling in their hearts.

"How could the German planes appear here? There is no airport near here." Admiral John Jellicoe frowned.

"Did the Germans develop an aircraft with an extremely long range? It can fly here from their homeland." Lieutenant General David Betty also felt a little incredible. After all, Britain's own aircraft don't have a long range.

"Your Excellency, Commander, are the Germans planning to use these planes to attack us?" An officer asked.

"Planes attack warships? How is that possible? Our warships are so huge and have thick armor, how could they be threatened by those toy-like planes." Lieutenant General David Betty said disdainfully.

"Let the ships be carefully protected. It is impossible for the Germans to send these planes without any effect." Admiral John Jellicoe said.

"Yes, General."

But, no matter how protected they are, what can they do to the planes in the sky? These warships of the British Navy are not equipped with anti-aircraft weapons.

On the other side, the battlecruiser formation of the German Navy also spotted the plane in the sky, which caused some commotion among the officers and soldiers of the German Navy. However, after learning that those planes were all their own planes, they calmed down and began to happily prepare to watch the performance of their own planes.

"Your Excellency, Commander, is really cautious. You actually let the aircraft carrier force take the lead in attacking the British. However, if this happens, the British will be even more powerless!" Lieutenant General Hipper couldn't help shaking his head, obviously a little bit Feel sorry for the British.

As a senior general of the German Navy, Lieutenant General Hipper also has some understanding of the combat effectiveness of aircraft carriers. Obviously, he didn't think the British could withstand the attacks of these carrier-based aircraft.

Lieutenant General Spei stared closely at these carrier-based aircraft with binoculars. He wanted to see with his own eyes how powerful these carrier-based aircraft are in actual combat. After all, Qin Tian said that in the future, the combination of carrier-based aircraft and aircraft carrier will replace capital ships and become the master of future naval battles. As the senior generals of the German Navy, they were extremely convinced of Qin Tian. But at the same time, they also wanted to test it out with their own eyes.

"Initiate an attack!" When the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft unit flew over the British Navy's main fleet, the commander immediately gave the order to attack.

A signal flare was fired from the cockpit of a fighter jet. Because radio miniaturization is still a work in progress, there is no way to install radios in every aircraft. In order to direct the actions of the carrier-based aircraft, only the responsible commander can be equipped with a signal gun for commanding the fleet.

After seeing the order, whether it was a fighter jet or a torpedo attack plane, they all started to attack. The fighter jets strafed the deck of the British battleship with aviation machine guns, causing damage to the personnel of the British Navy. The torpedo attack aircraft, on the other hand, dropped torpedoes directly at those battleships. Of course, in order to ensure greater damage to the battleships of the British Navy, the primary targets of the attack were set to be the 'Belleophon-class' battleships, the 'Saint Vincent-class' battleships and the 'Giant-class' battleships.

These third-tier battleships belong to the early battleships built by the British Navy, and their defense is relatively weak, and they are easy to be damaged or even sunk.

When he saw the German planes began to lower their altitude and rushed towards them, Admiral John Jellicoe suddenly screamed inwardly.

"Damn, these German planes are going to attack!"

However, they had no way to defend themselves, they could only watch those German planes start to attack.

"Da da da!"

A fighter jet began to fire, and the aviation machine gun on the nose fired dense bullets. The bullet hit the battleship, shooting out sparks one by one.

"what!"

There was a scream, and some unlucky guy was hit. The bullets of aviation machine guns are already powerful, and after being hit, they are often torn into pieces.

The other British naval officers and soldiers who looked strange were also frightened, and hurriedly fled back to the cabin to hide.

While these fighter jets were strafing, the torpedo attack aircraft also launched an attack. These planes, in a group of four, directly attacked the British Navy's "Belle Luofeng-class" battleships and "St. Vincent-class" battleships.