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Chapter 441: Sinking

The 'Bellerophon-class' battleship is the earliest mass-produced dreadnought ship for the British Navy. After the 'Dreadnought' battleship was launched into service, the construction of the 'Bellerophon-class' battleship began. A total of three ships of the same class were built. Pushed the Royal Navy into the era of dreadnoughts.

However, as a standard dreadnought, the performance of the "Belle Rophon-class" battleship is undoubtedly much worse than that of the later super dreadnoughts. The 'Belle Rophon-class' battleship has a displacement of less than 19,000 tons and is equipped with five twin 305mm main guns. However, only four main guns can fire on the same side. In terms of armor, the thickness of the main armor belt is 254 mm, and the armor of the turret and conning tower is 280 mm. Such a defense is not considered weak among the warships of the British Navy. However, compared with the German Navy, it is undoubtedly much worse. The maximum speed is only 21 knots. After serving in service for several years, it is not bad to have a maximum speed of eighteen or nine knots.

The carrier-based aircraft force of the German Navy took the "Belle Luofeng-class" battleship as their preferred target for attack. Compared with other battleships of the British Navy, this class of battleships is undoubtedly much weaker and more likely to be sunk. After all, the light aviation torpedoes carried by carrier-based aircraft are too weak. It will undoubtedly be a bit difficult to deal with those super-dreadnought ships with thick armor.

Four torpedo attack planes pounced on the British Navy's battleship Bellerophon, which made the British sailors on the battleship look at each other, wondering what these German planes were going to do.

By the time the four torpedo attack aircraft flew to a distance of only a thousand meters from the battleship 'Belle Rophon', their altitude had dropped to only a hundred meters from the sea.

A torpedo attack aircraft dropped a torpedo, which hit the sea heavily and sank directly. Then it floated up again, and quickly rushed towards the battleship 'Belle Rophon'.

The other three torpedo attack aircraft also dropped torpedoes at this distance. Four torpedoes rushed towards the battleship Bellerophon in a fan shape.

"What is that?" The British sailors on the Bellerophon saw the plane drop something onto the sea, but they didn't know what it was.

Of course, when they saw the four torpedoes rushing towards them quickly, they immediately understood everything.

"God! Torpedoes, those planes can drop torpedoes." A British officer shouted in horror, frightened out of his wits.

"Quickly evade! There are four torpedoes on the port side, evade immediately!" The captain also immediately issued an order to evade.

The battleship 'Belle Rophon' immediately began an emergency turn. However, it is not so easy to turn a huge warship with a displacement of nearly 19,000 tons and a length of more than 160 meters. After all, this is a battleship, not a boat.

Under the horrified eyes of the officers and soldiers of the British Royal Navy on the battleship 'Belle Rophon', the four torpedoes were getting closer and closer to them. Even if the battleship has started to turn now, it is almost impossible to avoid it.

"Boom!" The first aviation torpedo hit the stern of the battleship Bellerophon, and the warhead exploded violently. The huge power immediately tore a big hole in the underwater armor of the battleship Bellerophon.

Immediately afterwards, one of the other three torpedoes scored a hit again, tearing a hole amidships of the battleship Bellerophon. The other two torpedoes were missed.

Being hit by two torpedoes, even light torpedoes, is enough for the battleship Bellerophon to drink a pot.

"Quickly, carry out damage control immediately, and we must plug the loophole." The captain roared loudly.

In the case of two loopholes under the waterline of the battleship, if the loopholes are not blocked, the consequences can be imagined. At that time, the entire battleship will have to sink.

At the same time, the "Magnificent" and "Reckless", which are the same class of "Belle Rophon" battleships, were also besieged by carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy. These two battleships were also hit by one torpedo and two torpedoes respectively.

Moreover, this is only the first attack by the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft unit. 12 torpedo attack aircraft that have dropped torpedoes have begun to return. They need to return to the aircraft carrier to mount new torpedoes, and then rejoin the attack.

The other 12 torpedo attack aircraft continued to attack the "Belle Luofeng-class" battleship. In the previous combat plan, the task of the carrier-based aircraft force was to sink the British Navy's 'Bellerophon-class' battleships and 'Saint Vincent-class' battleships. Launch an attack on other battleships of the British Navy. Of course, for those battleships with relatively

thick armor, it may be very difficult to sink them with light torpedoes. However, even if they can be injured, it will be very beneficial for the next main decisive battle.

Admiral John Jellicoe and Lieutenant Admiral David Beatty on the battleship 'Revenge', the flagship of the British Royal Navy's Grand Fleet, were beyond shocked.

In the distance, the carrier-based planes of the German Navy are besieging three "Bellerophon-class" battleships, but they can't do anything, they can only watch from a distance. This is undoubtedly a heavy blow for them.

"Damn it, the German planes were able to drop torpedoes. How did they do it? How did they come up with such a tactic?" Admiral John Jellicoe was about to go crazy.

He has never heard of this new tactic adopted by the German Navy. The entire British Royal Navy was simply not prepared for this. Under such circumstances, it is completely at the mercy of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft!

"It would be great if our battleships were equipped with anti-aircraft weapons." Lieutenant General David Beatty sighed.

However, it is too late to say this now. They had never expected that the German Navy would adopt such tactics before, so naturally it was impossible to prepare in advance.

During the subsequent attack, the battleship 'Belle Luofeng' suffered two torpedoes again. This caused the battleship to start flooding continuously. Even with the efforts of damage control personnel, the loopholes could not be plugged. As a last resort, they had to close the watertight cabin. However, due to too much water, the warship could no longer maintain its balance, causing

the warship to capsize on the sea. The battleship Bellerophon also became the first warship in history to be sunk by a carrier-based aircraft.

Chapter 442: Panic

"Your Excellency, the battleship Bellerophon is sinking, and General Davidson requests to abandon the ship." The communications officer reported to Admiral John Jellicoe.

Admiral John Jellicoe's face was as dark as the bottom of a pot. Before that, he still dreamed of sinking about 20 capital ships of the German Navy in a decisive battle. However, before a decisive battle with the German Navy, they were besieged by the carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy and lost a capital ship again. What's more terrible is that the attack of those carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy has not ended yet! Who knows how many battleships they will lose in the next battle.

"They are allowed to abandon the ship!" Admiral John Jellicoe said through gritted teeth.

Since the battleship Bellerophon can no longer be rescued, it is destined to sink. Under such circumstances, Admiral John Jellicoe naturally could not refuse their request to abandon the ship. After all, he hopes that the officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy will fight to the end, but this does not mean that he can deliberately murder them. In that case, even if the battle is over, he will be court-martialed. Unless, of course, he died in a naval battle.

After receiving the order to abandon the ship, the officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy on the battleship 'Belle Rophon' rushed for the opportunity to board the lifeboat. However, there are only so many lifeboats, and it is almost impossible to get everyone on the lifeboats. Therefore, of the more than 700 naval officers and soldiers on the battleship Bellerophon, only less than 200 escaped in the end, and the rest sank into the sea along with the battleship.

Compared to the battleship Bellerophon, the Magnificent and the Reckless had better luck. Although they also suffered a few torpedoes, they were not fatal. However, it also suffered heavy damage due to excessive water intake.

When the carrier-based planes of the German Navy finished dropping their bombs and swaggered away, the Royal Navy fleet on the sea was deeply shocked. A round of attacks by the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft force cost them one battleship, and two battleships were severely damaged. This undoubtedly cast a shadow over their hearts in this naval battle.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I have to admit that the Germans are already far ahead of us. While we were still thinking about how to build warships with stronger firepower and stronger defenses to catch up with the Germans, they have already It has completed a gorgeous transformation, and it has actually applied the aircraft to naval warfare, and achieved extremely good results. It seems that the Royal Navy has already carried it after hundreds of years of dominating the world, which makes the Germans surpass us. This In one battle, we were not wronged!" Lieutenant General David Betty sighed.

General John Jellicoe nodded, although he didn't want to admit it, but it was the fact. The Germans once again came to the front of the United Kingdom, and actually began to use aircraft to attack surface warships. This is something that the British Navy never thought of.

This also puts them in a more disadvantageous position in this war. If you want to win this war, it will undoubtedly be more difficult.

"This method of using aircraft to attack a surface fleet is indeed unheard of. It is indeed admirable that the Germans have come up with such a combat method. If the British Empire can achieve a breakthrough in this area, it may

turn our defeat into victory." Admiral John Jellicoe said. Even at this time, he has not given up on defeating the Germans.

"Your Excellency, Commander, this is very difficult. We don't know how the German planes can fly such a long distance. In other words, they took off from the sea at all. If we want to figure this out, we need to study It will undoubtedly take a long time to come out and form combat effectiveness. The Germans will never give us that much time." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

As soon as he said this, Admiral John Jellicoe's eyes dimmed. Indeed, Germany has too great an advantage in this regard. If the UK wants to catch up, it will undoubtedly start from scratch. What's more, Germany has already occupied an absolute advantage in this war. Therefore, they will never give the UK a chance to catch up with them.

"Your Excellency, the German planes flew away, and we lost a lot. However, the German planes seem to be only capable of carrying light torpedoes, so they can only launch an attack on the 'Bellerophon-class' battleships. This is already The luckiest of misfortunes. If the German planes can launch an attack on our super dreadnoughts, it will be truly deadly." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

"Yes, God bless the British Empire. British aircraft cannot pose a threat to our main battleship!" Admiral John Jellicoe said.

When the British rejoiced that the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft attack was over, they didn't know that the second batch of 48 carrier-based aircraft was on their way. Moreover, these 48 carrier-based aircraft are all torpedo attack aircraft carrying torpedoes. For surface warships, the threat of torpedo attack aircraft is undoubtedly much greater than fighter jets.

The aviation machine guns of fighter jets can at most cause some damage to the personnel on the battleship, but cannot pose a threat to the hull

structure. However, the torpedoes carried by torpedo attack aircraft can pose a fatal threat to surface warships. Even light aviation torpedoes are equally deadly.

Once the carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy can carry medium-sized or even heavy aviation torpedoes, they will be the real killers at sea, and will become a deadly threat to surface warships. However, due to technological reasons, the German Navy has not been able to succeed in this regard.

"General, the plane, the German plane is coming again." A British officer shouted loudly.

General John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty immediately rushed to the window, picked up the binoculars and looked towards the east sky.

I saw that dozens of planes were flying towards them, and the torpedoes hanging under the belly of the planes were shining with cold edges.

"Damn it! There are at least forty or fifty planes here. Where did these German planes take off from?"

Before the German Navy's aircraft had caused them to lose one battleship, and two battleships were sunk. Now, dozens of planes have appeared, wouldn't they have to pay even greater losses?

Chapter 443: Lost

Dozens of German planes once again flew over the head of the British fleet, which caused panic in the British fleet. Many warships, regardless of the formation, wanted to take the road and escape. Obviously, they were all frightened by the performance of the German Navy's warships before.

"Start the attack!" As the commanders of this batch of carrier-based aircraft fired the attack signal flare, dozens of carrier-based aircraft launched the attack with the task assigned safely.

The battleships 'Magnificent' and 'Reckless', which had been severely damaged, could not escape. These carrier-based aircraft also know what it means to beat a dog in the water.

The eight torpedo attack aircraft were divided into two groups, and launched attacks on the battleship 'Magnificent' and the battleship 'Reckless' respectively. These two battleships had been severely damaged before, and there was too much water, which seriously affected the speed of the battleships. When the speed slows down, it will undoubtedly be even more unable to resist the attacks of these torpedo attack aircraft.

The battleship 'Magnificent' suffered two torpedoes again. This made the torpedo, which was already severely damaged, involuntarily become more injured. The final result, also sank into the sea due to too much water.

The battleship 'Reckless' was even more unlucky. Among the four torpedoes fired by the four torpedo attack aircraft, three of them scored hits. Although it was only a light torpedo, it was also enough to kill the battleship 'Reckless'. This battleship sank into the sea even before the battleship 'Magnificent'.

The three "Belleophon-class" battleships of the British Navy were all eliminated by the carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy. And, this is just the beginning. There are also forty torpedo attack aircraft, which are continuing to attack the warships of the British Navy.

After the "Belle Luofeng-class" battleships were all sunk, the "Saint Vincent-class" battleships also became the targets of these carrier-based aircraft. Although the "Saint Vincent-class" battleship is an improved version

of the "Belle Luofeng-class" battleship, many optimizations and improvements have been made. However, the changes are not major. The standard displacement of the 'Saint Vincent-class' battleship has increased to 20,000 tons, which is more than a thousand tons more than that of the 'Bellerophon-class' battleship. However, in defense, the battleships of the "Saint Vincent class" are exactly the same as the battleships of the "Bellerophon class". In this case, it will naturally make the "Saint Vincent-class" battleship unable to withstand the attacks of these carrier-based aircraft.

"Damn it, the 'Bellerophon-class' battleships have all been sunk. The target of the German planes has shifted to the 'St. Vincent-class' battleships. The 'St. Vincent-class' battleships are probably ships that cannot withstand the Germans." Attacked by the aircraft." Lieutenant General David Beatty exclaimed.

Admiral John Jellicoe's complexion became darker and darker. The German Navy clearly wanted to get rid of their capital ships step by step by doing this. In the end, the remaining capital ships will be handed over to their main fleet to solve. After the strength of the British navy was weakened to the extreme, it was naturally impossible to cause any casualties to the German navy.

"Damn Germans, what a vicious tactic!" Admiral John Jellicoe couldn't help cursing.

Although Admiral John Jellicoe had guessed the tactics of the German Navy, he had no way to stop it. Just like the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft attacked their battleships from the air, they can only watch the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft show off their power, and there is nothing they can do.

The battleship 'Saint Vincent' has reached its highest speed. However, in front of the torpedo, this speed is still not enough. Under the threat of torpedoes, the battleship 'Saint Vincent' rushed left and right, like a mad bull.

However, under the threat of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft, no matter how the battleship "St. Vincent" resisted, it still could not escape the fate of being sunk.

Four torpedo attack aircraft approached the port side of the battleship 'Saint Vincent', and dropped torpedoes only 800 meters away from the battleship. 4 light torpedoes rushed towards the battleship 'Saint Vincent' quickly. Even though the 'St. Vincent' made an emergency evasion immediately, it was still useless.

Four torpedoes, two hits. A torpedo tore a wide **** at the waterline. The other one was even more ruthless, hitting the stern of the ship and directly blowing up the steering gear, making the battleship 'Saint Vincent' lose the ability to turn and become a living target.

Sure enough, in the subsequent attack, the four torpedoes launched by the four torpedo attack aircraft all hit the battleship 'Saint Vincent', directly destroying all the underwater armor on its port side. A large amount of seawater was crazily poured into the battleship 'Saint Vincent'. In just a few minutes, the battleship 'Saint Vincent' lost its balance due to too much water entering on one side and capsized on the sea.

The other two battleships of the "St. Vincent-class", the battleship "Collingwood" and the battleship "Avantgarde", were also besieged by carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy. The weak defense made them unable to resist even light aviation torpedoes, which caused the two battleships to fail to survive.

Among them, the battleship 'Collingwood' hit a full seven torpedoes before sinking into the sea. The battleship "Avantgarde" suffered five torpedoes, but also sank due to too much water.

After sinking all the "St. Vincent-class" battleships, the German Navy's carrier-based air force also finished throwing all the torpedoes. Begin to evacuate. Of course, among the remaining battleships of the British Navy, the light torpedoes of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft can only threaten the battleship "Hercules" at best. The battleship "Hercules" belongs to the second ship of the "Giant" battleship. The first battleship "Giant" was severely damaged when the submarine of the German Navy attacked Scapa Flow. It is under repair and cannot participate in this battle. among.

The displacement of the 'Giant Class' is only a few hundred tons more than that of the 'St. Vincent Class'. Their defenses are also similar. If it is attacked by the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft force, it is still a dead end.

The carrier-based aircraft force of the German Navy divided into two batches of attacks, directly killing three "Belleophon-class" battleships and three "St. Vincent-class" battleships of the British Navy. The entire British Navy's 5th Battleship Squadron was wiped out. In addition, the second battleship squadron was severely damaged and two ships were sunk, leaving only three battleship squadrons in the British Navy's capital ship force, with a total of 14 battleships. And what they have to face is the 24 battleships and 12 battlecruisers of the German Navy.

Chapter 444: no escape

Aboard the battleship 'Revenge', the flagship of the British Navy's Grand Fleet, Admiral John Jellicoe and Lieutenant Admiral David Beatty were silent for a long time, and their faces were very ugly. After the loss of three "Belleophon-class" battleships and three "St. Vincent-class" battleships, this

is undoubtedly worse for the British Navy. Including the previous losses, there are only 14 warships left that they can continue to fight.

"Your Excellency, why don't we retreat immediately before the main force of the Germans arrives?" Lieutenant General David Betty said.

Now, it can be said that he has no confidence in winning at all.

Although, the remaining 14 battleships of the Royal Navy, including six 'Revenge class' battleships, one 'King George V' battleship, three 'Orion class' battleships, 'Agincourt' battleship, 'Ireland' The battleship HMS Canada, the battleship 'Canada' and the battleship 'Hercules' are all considered capital battleships. However, compared with the main battleships of the German Navy, the gap is still too large.

Before the battle began, Admiral John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty both believed that they could sink at least fifteen capital ships of the German Navy. But now, they only have 14 battleships left, and they have to face more than twice the siege of the capital ships of the German Navy. Under such circumstances, how could it be possible to sink so many battleships of the German Navy?

It can be said that from this time on, their plan has completely failed. Even if the Royal Navy fleet fights until the entire army is wiped out, the damage caused to the German navy will be very limited.

Churchill's plan to severely damage the German Navy by sacrificing the Royal Navy's large fleet and create favorable opportunities for subsequent operations proved to be simply unworkable.

The German navy relied on its strong strength and advanced tactics, enabling them to defeat the Royal Navy at a very small cost. After the German Navy won this battle, they will become the well-deserved maritime supremacy.

It will be very difficult for other countries to challenge Germany's hegemony. Of course, countries may not have the courage at all.

As for the remaining huge pre-dreadnought ships in the UK, if they are sent to the battlefield, there is no doubt that there is only one dead end. In front of the cutting-edge battleships of the German Navy, even though there were a large number of those former dreadnoughts, they were all sunk in the end.

However, it might be impossible to retreat now. Admiral John Jellicoe thought that since the German navy had already planned this series of tactics, how could it be possible for them to escape again?

"General Betty, escaping is simply not feasible. Don't forget, not far from us, there are still 12 German battlecruisers watching. Even with our current strength, even those 12 battlecruisers, may not be able to beat it." Admiral John Jellicoe said dejectedly.

Indeed, among the 12 battlecruisers of the German Navy, six are equipped with 380mm main guns, and their combat effectiveness is no worse than their "Revenge Class". The other six ships are also cutting-edge warships. Although the Royal Navy still has 14 battleships, it is almost impossible to win the battlecruiser formation of the German Navy.

David? Betty Lieutenant General was immediately speechless. He had to admit that if the battlecruiser formation of the German Navy launched an attack, relying on 14 battleships, they might not necessarily be able to win. After all, the capital ships of the German Navy are too powerful, whether they are battlecruisers or battleships, their performance is very powerful. This point, the Royal Navy, which has suffered heavy losses under the attack of the German Navy, should be very clear.

"Your Excellency, we still have so many cruisers and destroyers. Lightning strikes alone are enough to break through the German interception." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

Admiral John Jellicoe still shook his head: "I know, you don't want to see the elite of the Royal Navy buried here. But now we can't escape. Don't forget, the German main fleet has not Appeared. We have been spotted by them for such a long time, the main German fleet, there is no way that it has not arrived. If I did not guess, the British main fleet of the Germans went around to our north. So , our retreat has been blocked. If we want to break out from other places, the German battlecruiser formation will definitely entangle us. At that time, we will be attacked by the Germans on both sides, and soon will be completely defeated by them."

David? Beatty will be reluctant to nodded, he knew John? Jellicoe Admiral said is right. Now they should have fallen into the trap of the Germans. The Germans orchestrated this decisive battle. From sending warships to bombard Edinburgh, forcing the main force of the Royal Navy to go to sea for a decisive battle, and then targeting their battlecruiser units, and then dispatching planes to weaken the strength of the Royal Navy's main fleet. In the end, it was time for all the main fleet of the German Navy to be dispatched, and all the main fleet of the Royal Navy should be eliminated in one fell swoop.

Now, the German Navy has completed the first few steps, and the last step is left to encircle and wipe out the remaining warships of the British Navy's main fleet. How could the German Navy give up this step and let them go? This is simply impossible.

"Now, we have to keep fighting. Hope, God can bless us, and sink as many German warships as possible! This is the only thing we can do for the British Empire." John Jellicoe entered will say.

Lieutenant General David Betty sadly discovered that they really seemed to have only this way to choose.

Admiral John Jellicoe did not guess that the main force of the High Seas Fleet led by Admiral Reinhard Scheer had already circled to the north of the main British Navy fleet. If the British Navy goes north, it will meet them just in time. At that time, the German navy will undoubtedly be able to wait for work, defeat the British navy in one fell swoop, and destroy all their remaining warships.

However, no matter how John Jellicoe chooses. The current main fleet of the Royal Navy seems to have no other options. Facing the German navy, which already had an absolute advantage in Germany, their fate in this naval battle seems to have been decided, that is, to be defeated, and most likely to be wiped out. Except for the battlecruiser 'Tiger' and the battleship 'Queen Elizabeth' that had withdrawn from the battlefield before, the rest of the battleships probably would not be able to escape.

Chapter 445: The main showdown

On the flagship aircraft carrier "Pioneer" of the German Navy aircraft carrier formation, the commander of the formation, Marshal Prince Heinrich, is waiting for the fleet to return. Although, in the previous training, the performance of the carrier-based aircraft unit was very good. However, before he really succeeded, he was also a little worried. After all, this is actual combat, not the previous exercise training.

However, the appearance of the German Navy aircraft carrier fleet this time can be described as perfect. The 24 fighter jets and 72 torpedo attack planes launched from the two aircraft carriers directly sank six battleships of the British Navy without any losses. Because the British fleet has no weapons capable of shooting into the air at all, these carrier-based aircraft can leave swaggeringly after launching an attack.

An hour later, the first batch of carrier-based aircraft to take off returned one after another. At the same time, Marshal Prince Heinrich also learned of the battle. After knowing that they had sunk the battleship Bellerophon of the British Navy, and also severely damaged the battleships "Magnificent" and "Reckless", Prince Marshal Heinrich had been hanging in his heart, and finally put it back. It's in the stomach. The first batch of carrier-based aircraft to take off is half of fighters and half of torpedo attack aircraft. The second batch of carrier-based aircraft that took off were all torpedo attack aircraft. No need to think about it, the second batch of carrier-based aircraft will definitely achieve greater results.

Sure enough, before the second batch of carrier-based aircraft returned, Marshal Prince Heinrich learned of their results. Not only the battleships "magnificent" and "reckless" were sunk, but also three "St. Vincent-class" battleships were also sunk. This is undoubtedly a very perfect victory for the aircraft carrier fleet.

On the battleship "Bavaria", the flagship of the German Navy's High Seas Fleet, Admiral Reinhard Scheer's face was full of smiles.

"His Royal Highness said it well. The combination of an aircraft carrier and a carrier-based aircraft is indeed the absolute main force of future naval warfare! Right now, only a carrier-based aircraft that can only carry light aviation torpedoes can play such a big role. Wait until the future With the development of carrier-based aircraft capable of carrying medium-sized torpedoes and heavy-duty torpedoes, wouldn't the power of carrier-based aircraft be further improved? Fortunately, the Imperial Navy once again came to the forefront of the world. Before they thought of this aspect , We already have the most mature and powerful aircraft carrier formation in the world." Admiral Reinhard Scheer sighed.

As the commander of the High Seas Fleet, Admiral Reinhard Scheer admired Qin Tian's forward vision very much. The German navy has become extremely powerful because of Qin Tian, otherwise, they would never have had the opportunity to beat the Royal Navy like now. Not to mention, Qin Tian has also planned the future development path of the German Navy, which will make it easier for the German Navy to consolidate its maritime hegemony in the future.

Once the German Navy has a larger aircraft carrier fleet and more advanced carrier-based aircraft, will other countries still have a chance to challenge the German Empire's maritime hegemony? That is obviously impossible.

Although, the German Navy now only has two aircraft carriers. However, the next batch of four new aircraft carriers is already under construction. The new type of aircraft carrier will have a larger displacement and be able to carry more fighters, so it will naturally have more powerful attack power.

"Your Excellency Commander, His Royal Highness asked, is there a need for an aircraft carrier to launch a second strike?" The staff officer reported to Admiral Reinhard Scheer.

"Tell His Royal Highness, it will not be used for the time being. The British have not many battleships left. What's more, except for the battleship 'Hercules', the rest of the warships are super dreadnoughts with stronger defense. The carrier-based aircraft It is difficult to pose any threat to light aviation torpedoes. The next battle will be left to us." Admiral Reinhard Scheer said.

"Yes, General." The staff officer immediately went to send a telegram. Admiral Reinhardt Scheer had another meaning in mind, that is, if all the warships of the British Navy were sunk by the carrier-based aircraft of the

aircraft carrier, then what would be the result of their more than twenty battleships? Didn't get any? They went out to sea with such great fanfare for a decisive battle with the British navy, but in the end they just went out to sea for fun. In that case, wouldn't it be too embarrassing?

"Order the battlecruiser formation and continue to monitor the British. The main fleet will immediately go south and prepare for a decisive battle with the British. Now, the British have only 14 battleships left. The final victory must belong to us!" Reinha Admiral Te Scheer is full of confidence in this.

Among the remaining 14 battleships of the British Navy, there are 6 'Revenge-class' battleships, three 'Orion-class' battleships, plus 'King George V', 'Agincourt', 'Ireland' HMS Canada, HMS Canada and HMS Hercules. Although its strength is not weak, it is undoubtedly much inferior to the main force of the German Navy's High Seas Fleet.

Among the 24 battleships of the High Seas Fleet, five 'Bavaria-class' battleships and five 'King-class' battleships are equipped with 380 mm main guns, 5 'Caesar-class' battleships and 5 'Helgoland-class' The battleships are all equipped with 343mm main guns, and the four 'Nassau-class' battleships are all equipped with 305mm main guns.

Compared with the British Royal Navy's Grand Fleet, the German Navy's High Seas Fleet has an absolute advantage not only in the number of battleships. In terms of single-ship performance, it also has an overwhelming advantage. Although the Royal Navy still has a numerical advantage in small and medium warships. However, relying on those battleships alone to defeat the mighty High Seas Fleet is undoubtedly a dream. Therefore, Reinhard Scheer can confidently believe that they will win the next battle.

Under the command of Admiral Reinhard Scheer, the main fleet of the High Seas Fleet began to move south rapidly. The officers and soldiers of the German Navy were full of fighting spirit. They seemed to be ready to welcome

a brilliant victory, a brilliant victory that would send the German Navy to the overlord of Shanghai.

On the other side, Admiral John Jellicoe, commander of the British Navy Grand Fleet, is also waiting for this final decisive battle. Although he knew that relying on the remaining warships of the Royal Navy, it was impossible to defeat the German Navy. However, he hopes to fight the German Navy to the death, and both sides will suffer!

At 12 noon, the main force of the German Navy's High Seas Fleet appeared on the battlefield.

Chapter 446: The Strongest Collision

"Command the fleet, prepare for battle. The glory of the Royal Navy of the British Empire, fight here!" Admiral John Jellicoe issued a combat order.

David? Lieutenant General Betty, said nothing, but his face was very serious. He knew that this might be the last naval battle in his life.

Although facing a powerful enemy, the officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy still showed an extremely tenacious will to fight. The spirit passed down from Nelson's time has always inspired and inspired them.

Under the command of Admiral John Jellicoe, the Royal Navy is ready for the last fight. 14 battleships lined up in a long battle line. At the beginning, there are five 'Revenge-class' battleships, followed by the 'King George V' battleship, followed by three 'Orion-class' battleships, followed by the 'Agincourt' battleship, HMS Ireland and HMS Canada, and finally HMS Hercules.

Facing the several-kilometer-long battle line of the British Navy, Admiral Reinhard Scheer also made a choice immediately.

"The first battle line consists of the 'Bavaria-class' battleships, the 'Caesar-class' battleships and the 'Nassau-class' battleships. The 'King-class'

battleships, the 'Helgoland-class' battleships and the battlecruiser formations. The three 'Mackenson-class' battlecruisers and the No. 2 battlecruiser 'Lützow' among the 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers that were transferred form the second battle line. Two battle lines, Flank the British!" Admiral Reinhard Scheer ordered.

If the German Navy adds battlecruisers, the number of capital ships is fully twice that of the remaining capital ships of the Royal Navy. So, this allowed them to form two lines of battle against the British Navy. Although, battlecruisers do not seem to be suitable for decisive battles on the battle line. However, it has undoubtedly been proved in previous naval battles that the battlecruisers of the German Navy are no worse than the battleships of the British Navy in terms of defense. It is completely possible to confront the British battleship. Under such circumstances, the German Navy is naturally in a position to win.

As for the remaining eight battlecruisers, they were led by Lieutenant General Maximilian von Spee. Their task was to deal with the small and medium-sized warships of the British Navy, including armored cruisers, light cruisers and destroyers. There are hundreds of small and medium-sized warships in the British Navy. If they launch a lightning strike regardless of casualties, it will undoubtedly be a huge threat to the main fleet of the German Navy.

When I saw that the German navy had formed two battle lines, intending to attack the British navy. The faces of Admiral John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David couldn't help but become very ugly. There is no doubt that the German Navy is preparing to bully them by fighting more and fighting less.

"Shameless Germans, don't they dare to fight us upright? They actually adopted such a despicable and shameless tactic!" Lieutenant General David Betty couldn't help but cursed.

Although Admiral John Jellicoe was not like Lieutenant General David Betty, he felt very aggrieved.

"Attack the German flagship first, and then deal with another battle line. This time, we must do our best!" Admiral John Jellicoe ordered through gritted teeth.

"Yes, General." The order was conveyed immediately. The officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy are already filled with righteous indignation and are ready to fight the German Navy to the death.

At 12:34, the battle officially began.

The first battle line of the German Navy's High Seas Fleet started its attack first. It will take some time for the 2nd battle line to go around to the other side of the British Navy. Of course, in order to avoid being flanked as much as possible, the British Royal Navy is also constantly increasing their speed, trying to get rid of the pursuit of the German Navy's second battle line. However, in terms of speed, the battleships of the British Royal Navy do not have the slightest advantage. This makes it impossible for them to get rid of the double attack of the German navy. At most, they just hold on for a little longer.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The battleship "Bavaria", the flagship of the German Navy's High Seas Fleet, opened fire first, and three triple-mounted 50-caliber 380mm main guns began to roar. Cannonballs weighing more than a ton roared and smashed towards the battleship 'Revenge', the flagship of the Royal Navy.

The "Bavaria-class" battleship and the "Revenge-class" battleship represent the strongest warships of the German Navy and the British Navy respectively. Now, the two battleships are finally about to start their final duel.

"Fire!"

The British Royal Navy immediately launched a counterattack. Although the current distance is more than 15 kilometers, for large-caliber naval guns, this is already within their effective attack range. However, at such a long distance, it is very difficult to get a hit.

Although both sides were just testing fire, the shelling was not too violent. However, the entire sea is still rumbling with gunfire, which is very intense.

'Bavaria-class' battleship, as the most powerful first-class battleship of the German Navy, although the key data is similar to the 'King-class' battleship. However, what is more powerful than the "King-class" battleship is the improvement of the soft power of the battleship. The sighting equipment and fire control system are all state-of-the-art. In addition, the "Bavarian-class" battleships are also equipped with semi-automatic loading machines, which greatly reduces the firing time of the "Bavarian-class" battleships. If it takes one and a half minutes for the 'King-class' battleship to fire a salvo, then it only takes one minute for the 'Bavaria-class' battleship.

Before there is no precision-guided weapon, it is undoubtedly necessary to hit the target and increase the output of firepower. The more shells fired, the higher the hit rate will naturally be. Coupled with being able to aim more accurately, the possibility of naturally hitting the target is greatly improved.

Battle just started, John? Jericho Admiral and David? Beatty Lieutenant General, felt this. How could the huge warships of the German Navy on the opposite side fire so fast?

"Oh my God! The German Bavarian-class battleships have an average rate of fire of one round per minute, right? How is this possible?" Lieutenant General David Beatty looked shocked. You know, their "Revenge-class" battleships also need a minute and a half or even two minutes to be able to fire a salvo.

Admiral John Jellicoe's heart kept sinking. Because, he found that the disadvantage of the Royal Navy seems to be getting bigger and bigger.

Chapter 447: Suppression

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The heavy shell hit the sea surface fiercely, splashing a column of water soaring into the sky, just like a whale spouting water. Occasionally there are sea fish that were killed by the bombing and paid the surface of the water. The war between humans has implicated these innocent marine life.

The German Navy and the British Navy are engaged in a life-and-death battle in this sea area, which makes the sea area that was not peaceful before even more uneasy.

When the shelling of both sides just started, they were just testing. In order to save shells, only when a straddle is formed during the test firing or a direct hit is achieved, it will be switched to concentrated fire shooting.

It's just that the "Bavarian-class" battleships of the German Navy, which have new sighting equipment and fire control systems, obviously have a lot of advantages in this regard.

"Boom!" A shell exploded on the sea surface on the right side of the battleship 'Ramilis', splashing a water column more than ten meters high. Although, the place where the shell exploded was more than a hundred meters away from the battleship 'Ramilis', it did not cause any damage to the battleship. However, the expressions of the more than 900 officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy on the battleship changed dramatically.

Because this shell represents that the battleship "Saxony" of the German Navy that was bombarding them has formed a straddle. This is also the life span, and the battleship 'Saxon' has already aimed at them. The reason why he didn't make a hit was just a little bit of luck. Next, as long as the "Saxon"

battleship fires with concentrated fire, if the dense shells hit hard, it should be able to get a hit soon.

"****! How is this possible? The Germans formed straddle shots within ten minutes of the battle?" Lieutenant General David Beatty was inexplicably horrified. Although, they have always believed that the quality of soldiers in the Royal Navy is definitely the best in the world. However, the Royal Navy has not been able to have such an excellent performance, let alone the Germans. In the eyes of Lieutenant General David Beatty and other proud generals of the Royal Navy, the German Navy was just an upstart, and there was no big deal at all.

John? Admiral Jellicoe although not like David? Beatty Lieutenant General so gaffe. However, his heart also cannot be calm. As the saying goes, a century-old navy means that it takes hundreds of years to build a powerful navy. However, it has been such a long time since the development of the German Navy to the present, and it has only been twenty years since the German Navy began to rise to the present. They were actually able to perform better than the Royal Navy on the battlefield. This is undoubtedly very shocking.

Of course, Admiral John Jellicoe knew that it was all because of technology. The advancement of science and technology has made many things that require a lot of experience to do well become very simple. Therefore, the German Navy was able to challenge the British Navy in such a short period of time.

"Good job! Let the battleship 'Saxon' sink the British warship in the shortest possible time." Admiral Reinhard Scheer was very happy. There is nothing more pleasing to the eye than watching the German navy gradually gaining an absolute advantage in this naval battle.

The German naval officers and soldiers on the battleship "Saxony" are also excited at the moment. The captain, Colonel Konix Longhart, has given the order to focus fire. The three triple-mounted main guns started a volley with the maximum rate of fire. In each round of volley, nine shells weighing more than a ton slammed into the battleship 'Ramilis' fiercely.

A large number of shells exploded around the battleship 'Ramilis', splashing high water columns. This is undoubtedly a great blow to the fighting will of the British naval officers and soldiers on the battleship "Ramilis". After all, if they were hit, they would probably die. Fear of this kind of death will make people panic from the heart, and thus, it will also have a certain impact on the combat effectiveness of the battleship.

The battleship 'Sachsen' took the lead in switching to salvo, which also aroused the fighting spirit of other German naval warships. Gunners, do your best to form a straddle, and then move into salvo.

Although, the British Royal Navy also made every effort to fight back. However, God does not seem to be on their side, or their luck is slightly worse. There have been many rounds of test firing, and no straddle can be formed.

In less than five minutes, the battleship "Württemberg" of the German Navy also successfully straddled the battleship "Sovereign" of the British Navy, and switched to concentrated fire.

Immediately afterwards, the other warships of the German Navy also formed straddles one after another, and then began to focus their fire. On the British Navy's side, only a very small number of battleships completed straddle shooting and began to switch to focused fire.

Judging from the current battlefield situation, there is no doubt that the British navy is in a state of being suppressed. This is only the reason why the

1st battle line of the German Navy fought them. When the second battle line comes from another direction and flanks them, that is when the Royal Navy is in real crisis.

"Damn! Why can't we get hits for so long?" As time went on, the battle situation became more and more unfavorable for the Royal Navy, and Admiral John Jellicoe seemed to have lost his patience.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The Royal Navy's "Revenge" battleship conducted another round of test firing, and four 381mm artillery shells slammed into the German Navy's flagship "Bavaria" battleship.

This time, God seemed to have heard the prayers of the British naval officers and soldiers. During this round of test firing, a shell flew over the battleship "Bavaria" and exploded on the sea surface on the left side of the battleship.

"Long live! We have straddled!" The officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy on the battleship 'Revenge' cheered.

Admiral John Jellicoe finally revealed a smile. Although the German Navy formed a straddle shot before them, they failed to score a hit after all. This means that the two sides are once again standing on the same starting line. As long as their luck is better in the next battle, it is not impossible to get the first hit.

However, Admiral John Jellicoe's delusions were quickly shattered.

At 12:54, the battleship "Sachsen" of the German Navy lived up to expectations and scored a hit in this round of salvo. This was also the first hit of a battleship of the German Navy in this naval battle.

Chapter 448: Close shooting

"Boom!" A huge explosion sounded on the battleship 'Ramilis' of the British Navy, and the entire battleship seemed to shake. A 380mm artillery shell fired from the battleship 'Saxon' hit the tall superstructure of the battleship 'Ramilis'.

The 380mm armor-piercing projectile has strong armor-piercing ability, easily penetrates the outer armor and explodes inside. The huge power directly destroyed the top of the superstructure of the battleship 'Ramilis', and at the same time caused a raging fire. The scattered debris fell and injured many British naval soldiers.

What's more terrible is that the sighting equipment and ranging equipment installed on the top of the superstructure were all destroyed. This directly reduced the shooting accuracy of the battleship 'Ramilis' to an unbearable level.

Fighting at a distance of more than ten kilometers, if there is no sighting equipment and ranging equipment, and only rely on human eyes and experience to shoot, if you want to hit the target, unless it is God's miracle. Otherwise, it is simply impossible.

"Your Excellency, the 'Ramilis' is no longer able to aim at the target on the opposite side. Their shooting is a waste of shells. If possible, let the 'Ramilis' withdraw from the battle and wait for it to return to Hong Kong to repair it. After the sighting and ranging equipment, continue to fight." A staff officer suggested.

After all, the current battleship 'Ramilis' has completely become a soy sauce role. It is undoubtedly the best choice to let it withdraw from the battle. That way, we can keep him. Otherwise, in the fierce battle with the Germans, it might be hit soon. In that case, it would be very uneconomical.

However, General John Jellicoe did not adopt this suggestion. Of course he knew that the advice of the staff officer was for the good of the Royal Navy. However, he has his own plans.

"Let the 'Ramilis' continue to fight. Even if they are used to attract the artillery fire of a German capital ship, that would be good." Admiral John Jellicoe ordered.

"Yes, General." Although the staff officer was a little puzzled, he did not refute.

The reason why Admiral John Jellicoe issued such an order is that there is no other way. Originally, the Royal Navy was inferior to the German Navy in terms of the number of capital ships. If the battleship "Ramilis" withdraws from the battle again, this will give them a greater advantage in numbers. At that time, another battleship of the German Navy will be able to cooperate with other battleships to flank other battleships of the Royal Navy. This is undoubtedly very detrimental to the Royal Navy.

However, what Admiral John Jellicoe didn't know was that his order soon determined the fate of the battleship 'Ramilis'.

"Very good, I didn't expect the battleship 'Saxon' to perform so well in this naval battle!" Admiral Reinhard Scheer was very satisfied with the performance of the battleship 'Saxon'.

"Your Excellency, Colonel Longhart requests that the distance between us and the battleship 'Ramillis' of the British Navy be shortened." A staff officer reported.

Admiral Reinhardt Scheer hesitated for a moment, then nodded, and approved Colonel Kornix Longhardt's request. He knew Colonel Gornix Longhardt's intentions, and he undoubtedly wanted to seize this opportunity to

shorten the shooting distance to further increase the hit rate. Thus, in the shortest possible time, the battleship "Ramilis" of the British Navy was sunk.

Such tactics are undoubtedly very good. After all, when the sighting and ranging equipment of the battleship 'Ramilis' were destroyed, even if the battleship 'Saxon' zoomed in to shoot at a distance of 10,000 meters, the 'Ramilis' would still be very difficult. Hard to hit 'Saxon'. However, if the battleship "Saxon" takes the initiative to shorten the distance, it is very likely that it will be besieged by other battleships of the British Navy. After all, this is not fighting alone, but in the middle of the battle line. The battleship "Resolution" in front of the battleship "Ramilis" and the battleship "Monarchy" behind are not vegetarians, and they will definitely not miss this good opportunity.

However, even so, Admiral Reinhard Scheer agreed to this somewhat risky tactic. After all, in a naval battle, great risk means great reward. If the battleship 'Saxony' can severely damage or even sink the battleship 'Ramilis', this will further increase the German Navy's advantage in this battle. Even if the British Navy wanted to escape, it was impossible.

"Order the warship to turn!" Colonel Longhardt immediately gave the order to turn after receiving the flagship's reply telegram.

The battleship 'Saxon' began to leave the queue, approaching the battleship 'Ramilis'.

"God! What do the Germans want to do?" The British naval officers and soldiers on the battleship 'Ramilis' all shouted after seeing the abnormal behavior of the battleship 'Saxon'.

Other battleships of the British Navy also discovered this situation.

"Damn it, the Germans are obviously deceiving people too much. Do they want to sink the Ramiris immediately?" Lieutenant General David Betty was very angry.

"Arrogant Germans, their behavior is completely looking for death. Order the battleship 'Resolution' and the battleship 'Sovereign' to abandon the opposite target, and sink the German battleship that is looking for death first! Sink this battleship, this Maybe it can get us out of the immediate predicament."

Admiral John Jellicoe also immediately issued an order.

It's just that it is obviously impossible for the two battleships to change their shooting targets and then achieve a hit in a short period of time. It will take time to conduct the test firing again, and then switch to concentrated fire shooting after the test firing is successful. It is true that the battleship 'Saxon' took the initiative to shorten the distance and improve their hit rate, but those steps are indispensable.

The battleship "Saxon" may have been able to use this time to send the battleship "Ramilis" of the British Navy into the seabed to feed the fish in one fell swoop.

"Fire!"

At a distance of only 12,000 meters from the Ramiris, Colonel Kornix Longhardt gave the order to fire.

Three triple-mounted 380mm main guns continued to fire fiercely at the battleship 'Ramilis'.

At the same time, the battleship 'Saxon' is still further closing the distance with the 'Ramilis'. Their ultimate goal is to shorten the engagement distance to 10,000 meters.

Chapter 449: Multi-turret Cult

"Asshole! Damn the Germans, fire and sink them!" The captain of the battleship 'Ramilis' was furious. The behavior of the battleship 'Saxon' is completely provocative to them!

The four twin 381mm main guns of the battleship 'Ramilis' began to fight back violently. However, because the gunner can only aim by himself. Therefore, the impact point of the shell is very far away from the battleship 'Saxon'. The farthest point of impact was even five hundred meters away. Such shelling made the Royal Navy itself feel ashamed.

In contrast, the battleship "Sachsen" of the German Navy performed very well. Although it failed to hit the battleship 'Ramilis', the impact point was not far away.

After receiving the order from Admiral John Jellicoe, the battleships 'Resolution' and 'Sovereign' of the British Navy gave up the bombardment of the battleships 'Baden' and 'Württemberg' and turned to fire on the battleship 'Saxon' in an attempt to rescue the battleship 'Ramilis' which was at a disadvantage.

"Order the 'Baden' and 'Württemberg'. Continue to bombard the 'Resolution' and the 'Sovereign', and take advantage of this rare opportunity to severely damage the British!" Admiral Reinhard Scheer ordered.

He did not change the previously set strategy because of the tactics of the British Navy. After all, it is not so easy for the British Navy's "Resolution" and "Sovereignty" to hit the German Navy's "Sachsen" in a short period of time.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The battle between the two sides became more and more intense. Shells exploded continuously on the sea surface, revealing to people how tragic this naval battle was.

On the battle line of the British Navy, the most amazing performance is undoubtedly the battleship 'Agincourt'. This battleship originally built for Brazil has as many as seven main turrets, with a total of 14 305mm main guns. On a battleship with a standard displacement of only more than 27,000 tons, the installation of so many main turrets certainly makes this battleship have very powerful firepower. However, the price paid is unstable navigation and weak armor. Especially in terms of armor, the armor of the battleship 'Agincourt' is not much thicker than that of the battlecruisers of the British Navy. The armor of the waterline main armor belt is only 9 inches, or 228 mm, at its thickest point, the armor of the turret is only 10 inches, or 254 mm, and the armor of the conning tower is 11 inches, or 280 mm. As for the deck armor, it is only 1 inch, as thin as a piece of paper. Once this kind of defense is hit, there is no doubt that there is only one result, which is to be easily torn apart, and then cause heavy damage.

However, at least on the surface, the battleship 'Agincourt' is undoubtedly full of vitality. 7 main turrets, firing continuously. Cannonballs were continuously fired at the German Navy's "Prince Regent Luitpold", splashing jets of water around it.

Although, the battleship 'Luitpold Regent' has only three triple-mounted 343mm main guns, which is 5 fewer than the 'Agincourt'. But the 343mm main gun with 50 times the caliber is much more powerful than the 305mm main gun with 45 times the caliber. Especially when the armor of the battleship 'Agincourt' is so weak, once it is hit by the battleship 'Luitpold Regent', it will be enough to cause serious damage to it.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The German naval officers and soldiers on the battleship 'Prince Regent' Louistpold were not frightened by the powerful firepower of the battleship 'Agincourt', they were still firing methodically. After forming a straddle long ago, the battleship "Prince Regent of Luitpold" has already switched to a salvo. However, it has never been able to get a hit.

However, many times good luck comes inadvertently.

During the salvo of the "Louis Polde Regent", a shell hit the stern of the battleship "Agincourt". You know, three of the seven main turrets of the "Agincourt" battleship are deployed on the stern. The three main turrets at the stern are in the shape of a pyramid, high in the middle and low in the front and back. This allows the three main turrets to shoot in the same direction. However, the deployment of so many dense main guns poses a greater threat.

The 343mm shell has a huge armor-piercing ability under the action of huge kinetic energy. In particular, the armor of the battleship 'Agincourt' was already very weak, and it was easily torn apart.

This shell hit the No. 6 main turret of the 'Agincourt', which is the main turret named Saturday (the 7 main turrets of the battleship 'Agincourt', named Monday to Saturday). Sunday). The armor with a thickness of only 254 mm was easily torn apart in front of the 343 mm shells like paper.

After the shell penetrated the turret, it did not explode immediately, but continued downward, piercing the fire door between the ammunition depot and the turret, and then exploded.

The explosion immediately detonated hundreds of shells in the ammunition depot. What's more terrible is that the three main turrets on the stern of the "Agincourt" battleship are next to each other, and the three ammunition depots are also next to each other. The ammunition depot in the

middle exploded, can the ammunition depots on both sides survive? It just exploded.

The detonation of the three ammunition depots is extremely powerful. The entire stern of the battleship 'Agincourt' was destroyed in a violent explosion. If you look down from the sky, you can see the battleship 'Agincourt', as if it was bitten by a monster, and the stern of the ship was directly bitten off.

Sea water poured into it frantically from the stern of the battleship 'Agincourt'. The British sailors on the battleship began to scatter for their lives before they even had time to control the damage. None of them were fools, and they all knew that after suffering such heavy damage, the fate of the battleship 'Agincourt' had almost been decided. If they stay on the battleship again, they will be killed directly like the other unlucky ones.

Other officers and soldiers of the British Navy were also shocked by this situation. They really did not expect that the battleship 'Agincourt' would be so fragile. Isn't it crazy to be killed by just being hit by a cannonball?

General John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty also looked shocked. The battle has just begun, are they going to lose a capital ship?

Chapter 450: adventure rewards

"The 'Agincourt' was sunk so easily, how can this battle continue?" Lieutenant General David Betty muttered to himself. Originally, the Royal Navy had few warships, but now that they have lost one, it will undoubtedly put them at a further disadvantage in the next battle.

"The battleship 'Agincourt' was originally a deformed battleship. It was designed like this to meet the requirements of the Brazilians. In order to install so many turrets on the hull with a displacement of more than 20,000 tons, it made its armor has been extremely weakened. The three main turrets at the

stern are even closer together. This caused it to be destroyed directly after being hit." Admiral John Jellicoe said expressionlessly .

Although, the battleship 'Agincourt' was sunk, causing them heavy losses. However, he seemed to have expected such a moment. Originally, the battleship 'Agincourt' was nothing more than a foreign trade warship. If it wasn't a last resort, they wouldn't have given it service in the Royal Navy at all. It's just that the capital ship suffered heavy losses and was forced to do nothing by the Germans, so they rushed the ducks to the shelves and used the battleship 'Agincourt' to fill the number. As a result, once on the battlefield, the performance of the battleship 'Agincourt' was really rubbish, and it was easily sunk. Not to mention the loss of a capital ship, the British Navy also lost hundreds of elite naval officers and soldiers.

"Your Excellency, the 'Agincourt' has been sunk, which will put us at a greater disadvantage on the battle line!" Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

General John Jellicoe nodded, but there was nothing he could do about it!

"Let the ships continue to fight! Find a way to sink the German warships as much as possible in the next battle. This is the only thing we can do." Admiral John Jellicoe said.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander." Lieutenant General David Betty said helplessly.

On the other side, the German navy is already cheering victory. Not long after the war started, a victory was actually achieved. This is undoubtedly a great encouragement for the German Navy.

"Very well, well done. All the officers and men of the 'Prince Regent' of Luitpold are doing a good job. I will give credit to the Marshal!" Admiral Reinhard Scheer's face was full smile.

Although, he is full of confidence in this war. However, there was still some tension in his heart. Until now, seeing the German navy's warship sinking the British warship, he completely put his heart back into his stomach.

"Send a telegram to the 'Louis Polder Regent' and ask them to cooperate with the 'Helgoland' to kill the British battleship 'Ireland'." Admiral Reinhardt Scheer ordered.

The reason why he chose the battleship 'Ireland' as the next attack target was not because of anything else, but because the battleship 'Ireland' was also a foreign trade warship. The battleship was originally built by the British for the Ottoman Empire. But because the Royal Navy lost in the naval battle, it was detained by the British and joined the battle order of the Royal Navy.

Therefore, the battleship 'Ireland', like other foreign trade battleships, is equipped with as powerful firepower as possible on a limited displacement, making the battleship's defense very poor. The battleship "Ireland" is equipped with five twin-mounted 343mm main guns, and its full-load displacement is only 25,000 tons. In terms of defense, the thickest part of the waterline armor is 305 mm, while the other turrets and command towers are only 280 mm. This kind of defense is undoubtedly too weak.

After the battleship 'Lewittpold Regent' joined the shooting of the battleship 'Ireland', it immediately put the battleship in a pincer attack. The artillery shells fired from the battleships "Prince Regent" and "Helgoland" continuously exploded water columns around the battleship "Ireland".

In this naval battle, the truly eye-catching battle is undoubtedly the adventurous action of the battleship "Saxon". Just when the battleship 'Luitpold Regent' killed the 'Agincourt', the battleship 'Saxon' had successfully narrowed the engagement distance to 10,000 meters. At this distance, it can almost be regarded as directly hitting the belly of the battleship 'Ramilis' with a cannon.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The three triple-mounted 380mm main guns on the battleship 'Saxony' let out a roar that shook the sky. Nine shells weighing more than a ton slammed hard at the battleship 'Ramilis'.

This round of salvo did not score a hit. However, this does not prevent the battleship 'Saxon' from outputting firepower to the battleship 'Ramilis' at a rate of fire of one salvo per minute.

Although, at this time, the battleships "Resolution" and "Monarchy" of the British Navy were also firing on the battleship "Saxon" in an attempt to sink the "Saxon" and save the "Ramilis". However, they have never been able to succeed.

As for the counterattack of the battleship 'Ramilis', it was simply ignored. After the sighting equipment and ranging equipment were destroyed, the battleship 'Ramilis' could not hit the battleship 'Saxon' even at a distance of 10,000 meters. Therefore, they have become soy sauce characters from beginning to end.

The adventure of the battleship "Saxon" finally paid off handsomely. After they narrowed the combat distance to 10,000 meters, the third round of salvo scored a hit. A 380mm artillery shell slammed into the port side of the battleship 'Ramilis', blowing up two secondary guns and igniting a fire at the same time.

Immediately afterwards, the fifth round of salvo scored another hit. During this round of salvo, a 380mm artillery shell hit the bow of the battleship 'Ramilis'. Moreover, a piece of shrapnel got stuck on the rotating device of the No. 2 main turret of the battleship 'Ramilis', causing it to lose its ability to turn. Under such circumstances, it is equivalent to losing combat power.

Subsequently, the battleship 'Saxony' also scored a hit. A 380mm artillery shell directly blew up the only chimney of the battleship 'Ramilis'. The collapsed chimney crushed the superstructure, and at the same time hit the No. 3 main turret at the stern heavily, making the main turret unable to continue firing.

Although the battleship 'Ramilis' has not been sunk, it has undoubtedly been severely damaged, and it seems that it is only a matter of time before it is sunk.