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It would take Brovnen at least five days to get back to the Wu Han Palace.

Meanwhile, the second transport squadron of the American army arrived at their return route,

A crucial point just over an hour later.

This airdrop consisted entirely of M1128 infantry fighting vehicles and M142 self-propelled rocket launchers,

Along with supporting reconnaissance vehicles.

The M1128 infantry fighting vehicles were equipped with heavy machine guns, grenade launchers, and even 105mm tank guns,

Forming a comprehensive fire network with the M142s.

In addition, the reconnaissance vehicles were equipped with high-power, high-precision radar,

Capable of detecting mobile targets and even individual targets within a radius of tens of kilometers,

And assisting the M1128s and M142s in precision strikes.

After landing safely, these vehicles immediately concealed themselves behind a hill,

With their radars operating at full power,

Awaiting the arrival of the Japanese scientific expedition's snowmobile convoy.

The Japanese surrender delegation, including Goro Watanabe, failed to land at McMurdo Station,

Their plane did not land but instead parachuted to the intermediate point to await the arrival of the second wave of aircraft.

Only after the second wave arrived did their plane land on the Antarctic ice sheet,

Where Watanabe and all the other members of the delegation disembarked.

The second wave consisted of two more transport planes than the first.

After dropping heavy equipment into Antarctica, they immediately set off for their return flight.

Watanabe and his men were required to remain inside infantry fighting vehicles.

For the next period, they lived and ate with American soldiers in these vehicles,

Using individual rations.

Their accommodations consisted mainly of taking short naps in the small seats when tired.

Because the infantry fighting vehicles lacked toilets,

American soldiers dug a makeshift snow pit in the field to serve as a temporary toilet.

This makeshift toilet had a diesel heater to maintain a certain temperature.

Otherwise, a person using it in such conditions could easily suffer frostbite,

And if constipation occurred, it would be one of the most agonizing experiences imaginable.

These harsh conditions caused immense suffering for the surrender delegation,

But they were powerless to change anything.

They were on American planes, and wherever the Americans told them to go, they had to go.

In the freezing Antarctic polar night, even if they wanted to leave, they had nowhere to go.

What frustrated Watanabe Goro even more was that the American commander hadn't even disembarked.

He had merely made a brief stop in Antarctica before returning to his military base in South America.

Two days later, Brovnen's convoy was gradually approaching.

However, no one, including Brovnen, realized the danger lurking within.

They were detected and locked onto by radar dozens of kilometers away from the US forces,

And M142 guided rockets could be fired at them at any time.

However, the US operational plan prioritized capturing them alive.

The first step was to capture the research team heading to McMurdo Station,

Then interrogate them to uncover the root cause of their treason,

And how many potential enemies remained at the Showa Research Station?

Once they understood the situation at the station,

They would formulate the next phase of their plan:

To go to the Showa Research Station to quell the rebellion.

Brovnen, after a bumpy journey, gradually relaxed as he saw that the enemy hadn't sent any pursuers for two consecutive days.

During these two days, Kikuchi Kohei had also maintained contact with the other research team members at the Showa Station via satellite phone,

Inquiring about the current situation.

The feedback was that everything was normal and no strangers had approached.

Brovnen naturally trusted these people implicitly;

After all, they were puppets controlled by his psychological suggestion,

And they would rather die than betray him.

With no powerful enemies ahead and no pursuers behind,

He felt much more at ease,

And everything would be discussed further upon returning to the Wu Han Palace.

However, he was unaware that multiple American offensive weapons systems had locked onto them,

Ready to fire at any moment.