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Chapter 501: frustrated

"Da da da! Bang! Bang! Bang!"

The continuous roar of the machine gun, mixed with the crisp sound of the rifle like fried beans, the entire south bank of the Marne River has been completely enveloped by the sound of guns. A total of two million German and British-French allied forces fought the fiercest battle on a front hundreds of kilometers long.

"Attack! Attack!"

"For France, go! Kill those Germans."

"For the glory of the British Empire, go!"

"Fire and kill them all!"

Whether it is the British and French allied forces or the German army, they are all shouting frantically. The bullets enveloped the enemy like a torrential rain. The German army hiding in the fortifications is okay, and there is still a place to hide. Although their fortifications were hastily constructed overnight, they were extremely effective after the British and French artillery was completely suppressed.

On the other hand, the Anglo-French coalition forces on the attacking side completely exposed their bodies. The fragility of the human body is fully displayed at this moment. Only one bullet is needed to take away a fresh life.

"Da da da!"

A squadron of machine guns is firing, and several magazines have been used up, but in front of the position, no less than 20 soldiers from the British and French coalition forces have fallen. But even so, the offensive of the British and French coalition forces continued.

During this battle, the soldiers of the British and French allied forces showed a strong will to fight.

Of course, this also has a lot to do with the propaganda of those officers. The officers declared to these ordinary soldiers that both the British Empire and the French Republic have reached the most critical moment. If the German army fails, then the British Empire and the French Republic will perish.

For these soldiers, they don't want to see their country perish. All they can do is to do their best in the war and fight the German army to the death.

It was under such circumstances that the Battle of the Marne River was fought so fiercely. Soldiers on both sides of the war fought desperately. Their bodies were piled up in layers on the south bank of the Marne River.

"Your Highness, the Anglo-French coalition forces are attacking fiercely. Although we have repelled their attacks many times and caused them great casualties, they still haven't collapsed." Major General Manstein reported to Qin Tian .

"Well, the next battle will be more and more tragic. Whether it is the British or the French, they don't want to lose. Therefore, if we want to defeat them, we have to work harder." Qin Tian nodded.

"Let the artillery and air force continue to provide fire support to the front line. Our troops are not as strong as the British and French allied forces, so we can only find a way in terms of firepower." Qin Tian ordered.

"Yes, Your Highness."

Without sufficient mobilization, the German army has never been able to compare with the British and French allied forces in terms of strength. However, thanks to the already strong combat effectiveness of the German army, coupled with advanced weapons and equipment, it became possible to win more with less. This is why Qin Tian is full of confidence in this battle.

"I hope that the British and French allied forces will attack more violently. In this way, we can use powerful firepower to kill and injure their vital forces. In that case, the next battle will undoubtedly be much easier to fight." Qin Tian thought secretly in his heart.

Qin Tian is undoubtedly able to wipe out the main force of the British and French allied forces in this Marne River battle. Although the total strength of the Anglo-French Allied Forces is more than 3 million, the real main force is not many. If their main force can be eliminated in this battle, then the German army will truly establish the victory on the Western Front.

Although, as the war situation continues, the casualties of the German army are also rising. However, compared with the losses of the British and French allied forces, the losses of the German army are undoubtedly much smaller. If this continues, the first to be unable to hold on will definitely be the Anglo-French coalition forces.

The fierce battle between the two sides lasted until sunset. The frontline troops of the German army were almost exhausted. However, they achieved great results. Although the British and French allied forces invested the main force in this offensive. But the German defense line is still very stable. At the same time, the British and French allied forces suffered heavy losses in front of the German defense line.

While the German army was celebrating that it had resisted the attack of the British and French allied forces and caused them heavy losses, the British and French allied forces were wailing.

"Your Excellency Marshal, the 8th Army lost more than 50,000 people in today's battle, accounting for a quarter of the entire army. If this continues, the army will collapse soon." French Army Admiral Auguste Dubay, commander of the 8th Army, said with a mournful face.

General Foch, commander of the French Ninth Army, also looked livid. Although he didn't cry like Admiral Auguste Dubay, he was undoubtedly very distressed about the heavy loss of his troops.

The 8th Army and 9th Army of the French Army are new troops formed later, not only not well equipped, but also insufficiently trained. In this attack, it served as the main force to counterattack the German army. Under the powerful firepower of the German army, they suffered extremely heavy losses. The losses of these two group armies alone amounted to almost 100,000 people today.

The other French 2nd Army, 4th Army, 6th Army and the 2nd Army of the British Expeditionary Force also suffered considerable losses in today's battle. If several armies add up, they also lost 60,000 to 70,000 people.

If you add yesterday's losses, the British and French allied forces lost more than 200,000 troops in this battle, which is equivalent to one-fifth of the troops they deployed on the Marne River defense line.

The fighting will of the western army is often not as firm as that of the eastern army. If the loss exceeds 10%, the army can be regarded as a serious injury. If it exceeds 20%, many troops will collapse.

If it hadn't been handled properly, there might have been trouble already.

But even so, Marshal Xiafei had to admit that it was almost impossible to launch a counterattack and drive the German army back to the north of the Marne River. Next, I am afraid that there is no choice but to continue to fight trench warfare with the German army, block the German army layer by layer, and use the trenches to consume the vital strength of the German army. As for launching a counterattack again, it is definitely impossible in a short time. Otherwise, once the losses soar again, the entire coalition may collapse. At that time, there will be no need to fight at all.

Chapter 502: Rush

While the main force of the German army and the main force of the British and French allied forces were fighting on the south bank of the Marne River, the offensive of other German troops also began. The right-wing group composed of the German 6th Army and the 7th Army began to attack Verdun. About 400,000 people from the 3rd Army and the 5th Army of the French Army faced the Germans here.

The left-wing cluster composed of the German 1st Army and the 8th Army also set off from Amiens on April 1st and attacked all the way south, aiming at Rouen on the banks of the Seine.

Although, from Amiens to Rouen, the distance is more than one hundred kilometers. At the same time, hundreds of thousands of British and French allied forces intercepted. However, the German 1st Army and 8th Army, with a combined total of half a million people, are well-equipped and well-trained, and they can be called the elite troops of the German army. In particular, the 8th Army, on the Eastern Front, defeated Russia by itself. With such a powerful force, it is undoubtedly very suitable for them to take on the task of rushing.

In order to ensure the long-distance raid of hundreds of thousands of troops, Qin Tian prepared a large number of trucks for the German 1st Army and 8th Army before the war. These trucks can not only be used to tow cannons and transport combat supplies, but they can also be used directly to transport troops at critical moments. The wheels of a car will always be faster and require less effort than a soldier's legs. After arriving in a car, you can get out of the car and fight directly.

"General Ludendorff, Your Highness, they have launched a fierce battle with the British and French allied forces on the south bank of the Marne River. Although the battle was fierce, we still firmly hold the upper hand. It can be

said that the main force of the British and French allied forces has been dragged down by us. Stop it. What happens next is up to us," said General Crook, commander of the German 1st Army Corps.

Lieutenant General Ludendorff nodded. Compared with General Crook, Lieutenant General Ludendorff was much younger. At the same time, his rank and position are a little lower. Being able to serve as the chief of staff of the 8th Army with the rank of lieutenant general, and to command the 8th Army with full authority when Qin Tian is away, shows how much Qin Tian trusts him.

Of course, the most important thing is that Lieutenant General Ludendorff himself is very capable. Otherwise, Qin Tian would not be able to discern the truth, so he would pass him by, and let him be promoted from colonel to mid-level in a short period of time. will be. Once this war is over, it is not impossible for Ludendorff to be promoted again.

"General, we are going all the way from Amiens to Rouen. We need to defeat the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force, the 3rd Army and the 1st Army of the French Army. Although these three armies add up to only more than 600,000 people, they are more powerful than ours. Not much more. However, these troops are undoubtedly the real elite of the British and French coalition forces. Therefore, we need to be especially cautious in this battle." Lieutenant General Ludendorff said.

Although, the 8th Army was capable of defeating millions of Russian troops on the Eastern Front on its own. However, the combat effectiveness of the Russian army is far worse than that of the British and French allied forces. Ludendorff did not believe that the 8th Army could still achieve such a record against the sky on the Western Front. However, Lieutenant General Ludendorff also believed that they would definitely win the final victory on the Western Front.

Admiral Crook nodded: "According to the plan, we can advance directly south along the road and railway, all the way to Rouen, then cross the Seine River in Rouen, attack along the Seine River, and advance to the Paris. Although the British and French forces will stop us, I believe we will be able to defeat them."

Although, the most quintessential part of Paris is on the north bank of the Seine. The left-wing cluster is attacking the south bank of Paris. The reason why the left-wing group was allowed to attack the south bank of Paris was to encircle the main force of the remnants of the British and French allied forces in Paris. Qin Tian believed that when the left-wing group reached Paris, the central group also defeated the main force of the Anglo-French coalition forces on the south bank of the Marne River and went to Paris. At that time, the two clusters will happen to be one north and one south, enclosing Paris. At that time, the main force of the remaining troops of the British and French allied forces will not be able to escape, and can only be annihilated by them.

"General Ludendorff, is the 8th Army ready?" Admiral Crook asked.

Because Admiral Crook had the highest rank and Qin Tian did not sit in the 8th Army, the commander of the left-wing cluster was General Crook.

"General, you are ready and ready to go at any time." Admiral Ludendorff replied.

Admiral Crook looked at his watch, and then said: "Well, the whole army will set off in an hour."

At 9 o'clock in the morning on April 1, the left-wing cluster composed of the German 1st Army and the 8th Army split into two routes and headed south from Amiens.

Deployed in the northwest of France are the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force, the 3rd Army and the 1st French Army. These three

troops are all elite troops of the British and French Allied Forces. Not only well equipped, but also well trained. Unlike those newly formed troops, their combat effectiveness is undoubtedly stronger.

The person in charge of commanding this force is Sir French, the commander of the British Expeditionary Force. Headquarters are located at Creil, north of Paris. Their mission was originally to prevent the German army from attacking Paris. You know, during last year's battle, the German 1st Army directly rushed to a place only a few tens of kilometers away from Paris, scaring the high-level French people so much that they almost fled wildly.

In order to prevent such a situation from happening again, the British and French allied forces mobilized the main force to defend Paris.

It's just that they guessed wrong this time. The German 1st Army and 8th Army did not attack Paris directly, but chose to bypass Rouen and then attack Paris. There is another reason for doing this, and that is to cut off shipping on the Seine.

Many of the supplies and equipment of the British Expeditionary Force arrived in France from the United Kingdom. The route on the Seine River has become an important supply for the British Expeditionary Force. Once the Seine route is cut off, there will be problems with the supply of the British Expeditionary Force. At that time, the combat effectiveness will inevitably be affected. It was relatively easier for the German army to win.

The two 500,000 legions of the German left-wing group launched an attack, which immediately made the top leaders of the British and French allied forces nervous. Sir French immediately ordered that the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force, the 1st Army of the French Army of the 3rd Army, and the 1st Army of the French Army be ready for battle. Once you encounter a German attack, you must resist it. At the same time, Sir French also planned to deploy reinforcements for reinforcements. The 4th Army of the British

Expeditionary Force, the 10th Army of the French Army staying in Paris, and the 11th and 12th Army of the French Army formed in southern France can all be transferred to the front line when necessary.

Chapter 504: Vulnerable

The left-wing cluster composed of the German 1st Army and the 8th Army set off from Amiens and quickly approached south. The 1st Army, 3rd Army, and 1st French Army of the British Expeditionary Force immediately entered a state of combat readiness after learning the news, ready to resist the German attack.

It's just that the British and French allied forces didn't know the direction of the German attack for a while, and didn't know where to focus their defense.

Aumale, a small city about 20 kilometers southwest of Amiens, there are only more than 10,000 residents here. In the defense line built by the British and French allied forces, it is considered a less important node. The defense here is the 2nd Infantry Division of the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force.

The headquarters of the division is located in the city hall of Omal, and the residents living in the city, except for a very small number of residents, are all soldiers from the United Kingdom. Other civilians fled to the south when the war broke out.

"General, a telegram from the Army Group Command." A staff officer reported to Major General George Milne, commander of the 2nd Infantry Division of the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force.

Major General George Milne took a look at the telegram, and then stayed aside: "The Germans have started to attack, but what does that matter to us? Although Aumale is not far from Amiens, it will not become a place for the

Germans." The direction of attack. If the Germans want to attack, they will attack Paris directly."

According to Major General George Milne, Omal, where he is stationed, is undoubtedly very safe. Although, this also means that there are not many opportunities for meritorious service. But at least you can ensure your own safety. After all, the Germans are not so easy to deal with. It is undoubtedly the best thing to be able to finish the battle safely without fighting the Germans.

"General, do we need to step up our guard?" the officer asked.

"That's not necessary. Let the troops do what they should do!" Major General George Milne shook his head.

The more than 10,000 British people under his command are quite busy during this time. Although there are not many residents in the city of Aumale, there are still many French people nearby. Those young French women, because their husbands went to the front to fight, don't mention how empty and lonely they are. His soldiers were busy comforting these French women.

As the division commander, Major General George Milne couldn't bear to disturb these soldiers. Anyway, there is no war now.

It is precisely because of this that the 2nd Infantry Division of the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force, even though it received an order to strengthen its security, was not prepared. So much so that they had no defense at all when they were raided by the German army.

On the afternoon of April 1, the German 8th Armored Division and 34th Infantry Division arrived at Omal.

Major General Guderian, commander of the 6th Armored Division of the German Army, looked at the officer in charge of the investigation in surprise.

"Are you sure the British in the city are unprepared?" Major General Guderian asked.

"Yes, General. We captured a few British soldiers. From their mouths, we learned that these British people are busy having fun and have no defense at all." The officer asked.

"Haha, God bless. Since these British are not prepared, they are asking for their own death. General Cavill, it seems that we can easily win this time." Major General Guderian said.

Major General Carville, commander of the 34th Infantry Division, nodded.

After departing from Amiens, the 8th Armored Division and the 34th Infantry Division, as the forwards of the Legion, headed south quickly. In order to ensure that the 34th Infantry Division could keep up with the 8th Armored Division, a large number of trucks were specially prepared for them, so that all soldiers and supplies were transported by car. The same treatment, as well as the 1st Armored Division and 1st Infantry Division of the 1st Army. These two armored divisions and two infantry divisions will become the two fists of the entire left wing group.

The German army immediately began to prepare for the attack. The artillery of the 8th Armored Division and the 34th Infantry Division were all ready to fire. Because the British army in the city was unprepared, the artillerymen did not even build artillery positions.

"Fire!"

With the order of the artillery commander, the artillerymen of the 8th Armored Division and the 34th Infantry Division opened fire. A total of 36 150mm heavy howitzers, 72 105mm light howitzers and 108 75mm field guns began to attack the European Union. Shells poured down on British positions outside Mahler.

Although there are no troops stationed on the British army's position, it is undoubtedly very necessary to destroy their position first. In this case, even if the British army discovers an enemy attack, they will no longer be able to use these fortifications for defense.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The cannons from door to door began to roar, firing shells into the British positions. Intensive explosions sounded on the British positions, and the fortifications on the British positions were destroyed one by one during the explosion.

When the shelling sounded, Major General George Milne's face suddenly became disastrous.

"Damn, where did the shelling come from?" Major General George Milne cursed. At the same time, I also had an extremely bad feeling in my heart.

Two minutes later, a panicked British officer rushed in to report.

"General, something is wrong. There are Germans everywhere outside the city. They are shelling our position fiercely, and it is estimated that they will launch an attack soon." The officer reported.

"What? The Germans are really here? God! Gather up your troops immediately and prepare to resist the German attack." Major General George Milne ordered.

However, his troops have been completely dispersed, and now it is easier said than done to gather them together again!

The shelling of the German army lasted for 20 minutes, and the shells began to extend into the city.

At the same time, the tanks of the 8th Armored Division began to attack.

When these black lacquered steel monsters rushed towards the city of Omal, the British soldiers who had gathered with great difficulty suddenly collapsed. In their eyes, these invulnerable iron guys are completely devil's mounts.

In less than two hours, the German army captured Omal. The 2nd Infantry Division of the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force stationed here was immediately defeated. Except for a very few people who were killed, most of them fled. In addition, only two or three thousand people were captured by the German army.

It took Omal so easily, which surprised Major General Guderian. However, the fact that the British are so invulnerable is undoubtedly very beneficial to Germany. This also means that they can easily win along the way.

Major General Guderian immediately ordered the troops to rest in Omal for one night, replenish combat supplies and fuel, and continue to attack south early tomorrow morning.

Chapter 505: The intention of the Germans

Cray, British Expeditionary Force Command. The news that the German army captured Omal and easily defeated the 2nd Infantry Division of the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force has been confirmed, which makes these generals of the British Expeditionary Force look a little unsightly.

After all, the 2nd Infantry Division can be regarded as the elite of the British Army, and it was defeated so easily. This is undoubtedly a slap in the face of the British Army!

"Your Excellency, the 2nd Infantry Division was completely unprepared when it was attacked by the Germans. Major General George Milne even received an order, but still did not take precautions. These are obvious dereliction of duty. I request that he Send them back to the country and accept the trial of

the military court." Admiral Haig said with a dark face. What happened to the 2nd Infantry Division made him, the commander of the army group, ashamed.

Sir French nodded: "Major General George Milne, this time he has indeed made an unforgivable mistake! However, the Germans were able to defeat the 2nd Infantry Division and take Omar in just two hours. , it can be seen that their combat effectiveness should not be underestimated."

"Your Excellency, this is because the Germans dispatched a large number of infantry. On the one hand, the 2nd Infantry Division was unprepared, and on the other hand, it had no experience in dealing with German armored forces. That's why it suffered a disastrous defeat so quickly. " said Admiral Benson, commander of the 3rd Army of the British Expeditionary Force.

"Your Excellency, the German armored forces are indeed very powerful. In particular, it was the German 8th Army that attacked Omal. They were on the Eastern Front, but they defeated the Russians on their own." French Army General Despere, commander of the 1st Army, sighed.

Originally, the French had great hopes for Russia, an ally. In their view, France and Russia are attacking Germany on both sides. No matter how powerful the German army is, it will certainly not be able to withstand their attack. But I didn't expect that the Russians would be so vulnerable and easily defeated by the German army. This puts the current France in extreme danger.

"Anyway, since the Germans have already launched an attack, then we need to resist their attack and find a chance to defeat them. I don't want what happened to the 2nd Infantry Division to happen again." French Sir said.

"Yes, Your Excellency." Several army commanders replied.

"The Germans captured Omal, can we now determine the direction of their attack?" Sir French asked.

"Your Excellency, after the Germans captured Aumale, there were two directions. One was to continue to attack southward, attacking Rouen, which was garrisoned by the 1st Army, and the other was to attack the 1st French Army. Garrison Beauvais, and then attack Paris from here. At present, it is more likely that the Germans will attack Beauvais." Admiral Haig said.

The reason why he made such a judgment is entirely because he believes that Paris is still the primary target of the German army. Attack Beauvais and defeat the French 1st Army. In that case, the German army will be very close to Paris.

Sir French nodded: "In this case, we have to strengthen the defense at Beauvais. General Benson, from the 3rd Army, transferred half of the troops to Beauvais to assist the French 1st Army in defense. Here. In any case, the German attack must be stopped. I will send other troops to reinforce it. If we can smash the German attack at Beauvais, then we can defeat them in one fell swoop."

"Yes, sir." Admiral Despere and Admiral Benson both replied.

"General Haig, your 1st Army should also be ready. Once we hold off the German attack at Beauvais, the 1st Army will immediately attack the German rear, assist the frontal troops, and defeat them in one fell swoop!" Sir Wrench went on.

"Yes, Your Excellency." Admiral Haig nodded, and he regarded this as an opportunity to avenge his shame.

According to Sir French's order, the British and French allied forces immediately acted. The French 1st Army fortified its position at Beauvais, waiting for the German attack. At the same time, the British Expeditionary Force sent 100,000 troops to reinforce Beauvais, preparing to stop the German army there.

Unfortunately, Sir French and the others were wrong from the beginning. The goal of the German attack, although it is Paris. However, instead of attacking Beauvais, they planned to cross the Seine from Rouen.

The German 8th Armored Division and 34th Infantry Division set off from Aumale on April 2 and approached Rouen.

Because of the disastrous defeat of the 2nd Infantry Division in Omal, other troops of the British and French allied forces did not dare to take it lightly. As soon as the German army set off from Omal, they were discovered by their reconnaissance troops.

"The German army started from Omal and went all the way south? How is this possible?" Sir French was shocked when he heard the news, and he couldn't believe it.

"Your Excellency, it seems that the Germans are not attacking Beauvais, but Rouen. We need to tell General Haig to prepare him." Admiral Benson said.

Early in the morning on April 2, Admiral Haig left Creil and returned to Rouen to take command of the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force.

Sir French nodded, but he still couldn't figure it out. Obviously Beauvais is closer to Paris, but why did the Germans go far and away to attack Rouen?

"Send a message to General Haig to hold off the German attack in Rouen. General Benson, you will lead the entire Third Army and a part of the French First Army to Rouen immediately, and cooperate with the First French Army. Army Group, foil the plot of the German army. This time, no matter what, the Germans must be defeated!" Sir French said.

"Yes, sir." Admiral Benson replied.

In response to the direction of the German attack, the British and French allied forces immediately changed their deployment. General Benson, commander of the British 3rd Army, led the entire 3rd Army and part of the French 1st Army, providing 300,000 people, to Rouen to reinforce the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force.

Admiral Haig was even more nervous when he learned that Rouen had actually become the target of the German army. After he rushed back to Rouen, he immediately ordered the 1st Army to enter a state of emergency combat readiness. At the same time, began to shrink the line of defense. All the troops deployed on the periphery will be withdrawn to the periphery of Rouen, ready to stand here for help.

After learning of the powerful attack power of the German army, General Haig didn't even have the courage to fight the German army again. After all, when fighting in the wild, they simply had no way to resist the attack of the German armored forces.

Chapter 506: Stick to it

From Aumale to Rouen, it is only more than 50 kilometers. At the advancing speed of the German army, it took only two days for the German 1st Armored Division, 1st Infantry Division, 8th Armored Division and 34th Infantry Division to advance to the outskirts of Rouen.

However, the German army did not launch an attack immediately, but was waiting for the arrival of the main force. After all, the British have nearly 200,000 troops in Rouen. Rouen is also a big city. With only four divisions and tens of thousands of people, it is very difficult to capture Rouen, which is defended by 200,000 British. Even if it can be fought down, the casualties will definitely not be so small.

Although the armored forces of the German army are very strong, once the enemy has counter weapons against tanks, the armored forces entering

the street battle will inevitably suffer heavy losses. The true strength of the armored forces should be brought into play in field battles, that is the best battlefield to fully display the strength of the armored forces.

The German 8th Army and other units of the 1st Army are also on their way to Rouen. In order to speed up the march of the troops, the German army mobilized a large number of trucks. France has convenient transportation facilities, and without interference from the enemy, troop transport is undoubtedly very fast. By April 6, the main forces of the German 8th Army and 1st Army had arrived in Rouen.

As more and more German troops gathered in Rouen, the British and French allied forces can already be sure that the German army's attack target is Rouen. Although this made them very confused, but at this point, there was no time to think about anything else. The most important thing is to resist the German attack first.

The basement of the Rouen City Hall became the headquarters of the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force. Admiral Haig has a serious face. All the information obtained from them can show that the German army is about to launch an attack on Rouen. So, can only 200,000 people withstand the attack of more than 500,000 German troops? Even though Admiral Haig had great confidence in his troops, he knew that it would be very difficult.

"How long will it take for the reinforcements led by General Benson to reach Rouen?" Admiral Haig asked.

If the 300,000 reinforcements led by Admiral Benson can arrive in time, then at least they can make up 500,000 people. Even if the combat power cannot be compared with the German army, but relying on city defense, it should still be able to withstand the German attack. If it can consume a large amount of the active force of the German army, it will create favorable conditions for the subsequent counterattack.

"General, General Benson is not far from Rouen. It is estimated that it will take up to three days to arrive." A general reported.

The reinforcements led by Admiral Benson did not march fast. Especially when the German army did not launch an offensive in Rouen, it made him worry that he would be attacked by the German army. So, stop and go all the way, knowing that it has not arrived yet.

General Haig thought for a while, and then said: "Send a telegram to General Benson, telling him that once Rouen is attacked by the German army, I hope he can send troops to attack the rear of the German army to reduce our pressure."

"Yes, General." The general nodded.

Admiral Haig was obviously not only thinking about resisting the German attack in Rouen, he also hoped to defeat the German army here in one fell swoop. In that case, not only will it change the current situation, but it will also be of great benefit to him personally.

General Crook, commander of the German 1st Army, and Lieutenant General Ludendorff, chief of staff of the 8th Army, did not waste time. After the main force of the two legions arrived in Rouen, they immediately gave the order to attack.

The German firepower preparations began at 10 am on April 6. The two armies used 504 105mm heavy howitzers, 1008 105mm light howitzers and 1512 75mm field guns to attack the British defense lines around Rouen. And shells poured into the city.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The shells fell like raindrops and exploded on the British defense line. Earth and rocks splashed and gunpowder smoke filled the entire position. The

shrapnel was mixed in the dust and scattered in all directions. Once a soldier was hit, he would often lose his life.

Under heavy artillery fire from the German army, the fortifications of the British army outside Rouen were destroyed bit by bit. Although the artillery of the British army also launched a counterattack, the entire 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force had only 180 114mm howitzers and 540 83.8mm field guns, which were far from being comparable to the German army in terms of numbers. In terms of power and performance, it is even at a disadvantage.

Under the suppression of the German artillery, the British artillery suffered heavy losses, and it was impossible to stop the German artillery bombardment of Rouen.

The city of Rouen was also heavily bombarded by the German army, causing the city to become ruins little by little under the German bombardment.

The air teams of the German 1st Army and 8th Army also came to reinforce. A large number of aircraft bombed the artillery positions of the British army, causing the loss of the artillery of the British army to continue to soar.

"Damn it, the artillery fire of the Germans is too powerful. They are only half a million people, and they are equipped with so many cannons. Even if all the cannons of the entire expeditionary force are added up, I am afraid there are not so many cannons." Admiral Haig Seeing my artillery being eaten up bit by bit under the pincer attack of German cannons and planes, my heart felt like it was dripping blood.

"General, in terms of artillery alone, the Germans are definitely number one in the world. The cannons equipped by each infantry division are simply incomparable to the armies of other countries."

"The German planes are also very powerful, and many of our artillerymen were killed during the strafing and bombing of their planes."

General Haig nodded, feeling very helpless. He knew that in terms of firepower, the British Expeditionary Force was far from being able to compare with the German Army. What's more terrible is that once the British and French allied forces are defeated in France, the German army is very likely to land in the British mainland. At that time, they will have to face the attack of such a powerful army. That would be disastrous for the UK.

"These damned Germans must not be allowed to land on the British mainland. Otherwise, the British Empire will be over. I don't know how many British cities will be destroyed by the Germans, and I don't know how many British people will die under the guns of the Germans." Next!" Admiral Haig secretly made up his mind. If they could defeat the Germans on the French battlefield, they might be able to reverse the situation. At least, it will be impossible for the German army to land on the British mainland again.

"Order all ministries, once the Germans attack, they must stick to their positions and never retreat!" Admiral Haig issued an order.

Chapter 507: Anti-tank weapons

"General Ludendorff, after the firepower preparations are over, let's launch an attack! The armored troops also dispatched. However, after breaking through the British's outer defense line, the armored troops stopped moving. The infantry attacked the city of Rouen." Crue. General K said.

Although, with the assistance of armored forces, street fighting will go more smoothly. However, the loss of armored forces will inevitably soar.

Admiral Crook doesn't want to be wasted in urban street battles in the armored units that are treated like treasures.

Lieutenant General Ludendorff nodded, fully agreeing with General Crook's point of view. Although armored units are protected by armor, their defense is undoubtedly much stronger than that of infantry. However, in the face of anti-tank weapons, tank armor may not be able to withstand it. Especially fighting in the narrow streets of the city, tanks and tanks are easily destroyed. When fighting on the Eastern Front, the Russians lacked anti-tank weapons. At most, they carried explosive packs and cluster grenades to die with the German tanks, so the 8th Armored Division participated in those street battles.

However, the Western Front was different. Although the British and French allied forces are not equipped with tanks yet, they are equipped with anti-tank weapons. Of course, the performance of those anti-tank weapons may not be as good as that of the German army. However, there should be no problem dealing with tanks equipped by the German army. Therefore, Qin Tian also specifically told the armored troops not to engage in street fighting lightly.

"Yes, General. Our armored forces have greater uses." Lieutenant General Ludendorff said.

Admiral Crook laughed immediately, he understood what Lieutenant General Ludendorff meant. In addition to the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force in Rouen, the British and French allied forces also have part of the 3rd Army of the British Expeditionary Force and part of the 1st Army of the French Army that are heading towards Rouen. If it is possible to wipe out the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force and at the same time severely damage or even wipe out part of the 3rd Army of the British Expeditionary Force and part of the 1st French Army, then the British and

French Allied Forces will be severely damaged. They can even change their strategy appropriately, divide the left-wing cluster into two parts, and advance towards Paris along the banks of the Seine.

The German firepower preparations took a full two hours. After that, the German 1st Army and 8th Army immediately launched an attack on Rouen. For this attack, the officers and soldiers had already had lunch in advance and had a good rest, so that they could devote themselves to the attack with a more enthusiastic and energetic state of mind.

The 1st Armored Division and the 8th Armored Division, with a total of more than 500 tanks, participated in this attack. These tanks, divided into multiple lines, assisted the infantry in breaking through the British lines.

"Crunch, crunch!"

The tank's tracks were crushed on the ground, making a tooth-piercing sound. Numerous infantry followed the tanks and attacked the British positions.

At this moment, the British army's position had already become dilapidated under the heavy shelling and bombing of the German army. The British troops stationed on these positions also suffered heavy casualties. There were corpses and broken limbs all over the position. But even so, there are still many British soldiers standing firm on the ground. I have to admit that the soldiers of the British Expeditionary Force still have a very tenacious will to fight. Although they were fighting in France, they all knew that no matter where they were, as long as they defeated the Germans, they would undoubtedly defend the British Empire.

"Quick, the German tanks are coming. Anti-tank guns and anti-tank guns are ready." A British officer ordered loudly. Facing the attack of German tanks, he was very nervous, and his palms were covered with sweat.

"Yes, sir." The soldiers immediately began to prepare.

On this position, the British army deployed a total of two 37mm anti-tank guns and 4 anti-tank guns. If you are lucky, it will undoubtedly cause considerable casualties to the German army.

When the German tanks were only 500 meters away from the British defense line, the British anti-tank guns opened fire.

"Boom! Boom!"

Two 37mm anti-tank gun shells accurately hit two German tanks. The frontal armor of the tank, which could not resist the shells of the anti-tank guns, was torn open at once, leaving a bullet hole the size of a fist in the armor. At the same time, the resulting fragments ran wild in the small space inside the tank, easily killing the tank soldiers inside.

Two tanks were destroyed at once, which made the German armored forces very nervous, and even the formation appeared a little chaotic.

"here you go!"

The officers of the British army applauded loudly. In their view, as long as they can defeat the German armored forces, it is not difficult to defeat the German army.

Seizing this opportunity, the British anti-tank guns continued to fire, destroying two German tanks again.

However, their luck ended here.

The armored forces of the German army, after the initial panic, have calmed down.

Some tanks began to look for the position of the British anti-tank guns, and the turrets of the tank guns even rotated.

Soon, a tank found the position of an anti-tank gun of the British army.

"Fire!"

The commander gave an order, and the gunner opened fire.

"Boom!"

The muzzle of the tank gun was shining with orange flames, and a shell had already flown out. In the blink of an eye, one of the British anti-tank guns was hit. Not only the anti-tank guns were blown into parts, but the anti-tank gunners were also killed.

A minute later, another anti-tank gun was also destroyed. After eliminating the threat of the two anti-tank guns, the German tanks continued to advance.

When they arrived two hundred meters away from the British defense line, the light and heavy machine guns on the British defense line started firing. Although, these machine guns do not pose any threat to tanks. However, for infantry hiding behind tanks, it was deadly. Therefore, the German tanks carried out fixed-point clearing of the firepower points of these British machine guns one after another, and destroyed all these firepower points.

As the German tanks got closer and closer to the British line of defense, the remaining British anti-tank guns also opened fire.

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An anti-tank bullet hits a German tank. However, unfortunately, the frontal armor of the tank is very thick, so it has withstood the bullets fired by anti-tank guns.

The people in the tank were all terrified. They almost thought the tank was going to be penetrated. In that case, the tank soldiers hiding in the tank will surely die.

Later, when they found that the tank had not been penetrated, the tank soldiers breathed a sigh of relief, but they all felt like they had survived the catastrophe.

The machine gun of the tank opened fire immediately, killing the few British soldiers who were manipulating anti-tank guns.

Chapter 508: Street Fighting

The large number of anti-tank weapons equipped by the British army caused a lot of losses to the German army who were out of reach. Especially those anti-tank guns posed a deadly threat to German tanks. As for those anti-tank guns, it is almost impossible to penetrate the frontal armor of German tanks. Of course, once the side armor is hit, it is still easy to penetrate.

Fortunately, after the initial discomfort, the German armored forces also realized their own threat. This made them pay attention to the threat of the British anti-tank weapons during the battle. Destroy it before the British anti-tank guns can fire. In this case, it will undoubtedly be able to effectively reduce losses.

With the assistance of the German armored forces, the outer defense line deployed by the British army outside Rouen did not play much role at all, and was quickly broken through by the German army.

After taking down the outer line of defense of the British army, the German armored forces stopped their attack and retreated to the rear to rest. The task of continuing to attack the city of Rouen was left to the infantry.

When Admiral Crook and Lieutenant General Ludendorff got the loss data of the armored force, they both frowned. In this battle, the losses of the armored forces were very large.

1st Armored Division, 24 tanks were destroyed. In the 8th Armored Division, 17 tanks were also destroyed. You know, this was not damage caused by a malfunction, but was directly destroyed by the British. With the continuous improvement of technology, the reliability of tanks has been greatly improved. However, the enemy is not idle, and the vigorously developed anti-tank technology undoubtedly poses a great threat to the German armored forces.

"General Ludendorff, when fighting on the Eastern Front, didn't the losses of the armored forces be so great?" Admiral Crook asked.

Lieutenant General Ludendorff shook his head: "On the Eastern Front, almost none of our tanks were destroyed by the Russian army. They were all damaged due to malfunctions and other reasons. But now, our tanks are directly destroyed by the British. It can be seen that the British and French allied forces already have weapons against our armored forces."

Admiral Crook nodded: "So, when our armored forces are put into use, they won't achieve the same victories as they did on the Eastern Front."

"Yes, General. And in the use of armored forces, you should be more cautious." Lieutenant General Ludendorff added.

"However, the role of the armored forces is still irreplaceable. At least, with the assistance of the armored forces, we easily broke through the outer defense line of the British army. The next attack on the city of Rouen will be in charge of the infantry." Admiral Crook said.

After seeing the power of the British anti-tank weapons, it is even more impossible for Admiral Crook to send armored troops into street fighting.

"Yes, General." Admiral Ludendorff nodded. Under such circumstances, he certainly would not ask the armored troops to participate in street fighting.

Subsequently, General Crook and Lieutenant General Ludendorff discussed and decided to attack Rouen in two ways. Among them, the 1st Army attacked from the north, and the 8th Army attacked from the east. The two legions each dispatched three infantry divisions to participate in the first round of attacks.

Although the 1st Army has the most troops and is well-trained, it can be called the strongest army in the German army. However, the combat effectiveness of the Eighth Army is not weak either. In terms of equipment, the 8th Army is the most well-equipped among the various German armies. Training is also the strongest. This makes the 8th Army's strength inferior to that of the 1st Army, but its combat effectiveness is not weak at all. Especially for street fighting, the 8th Army was the earliest unit in the German army that specialized in street fighting training.

Several infantry divisions of the German army entered the urban area of Rouen after only one round of charge. Then, a brutal street battle started.

"Da da da!"

A general-purpose machine gun of the German army was erected on a roof, and kept firing at the positions held by the British army. Under the firepower of the German army, the British soldiers on the ground couldn't even lift their heads.

Under the cover of machine guns, the German infantry launched an attack on the British positions.

"Grenade launcher, launch!" A second lieutenant platoon leader ordered.

Soon, the grenadiers launched an attack, and one by one howitzers entered the British position. The explosion sounded, and the British soldiers on the ground were thrown off their feet by the bombing.

The snipers also occupied a favorable terrain and began to kill the British soldiers.

Under the tactics of the German army, the British army defending this street suffered heavy losses and was completely suppressed.

Following such an opportunity, the German soldiers immediately launched an offensive and rushed to a place less than 20 meters away from the British defense line.

"Grenade, throw!" Following the order of the slightly officer, more than 20 grenades flew towards the British army's position.

Continuous explosions sounded, and the British army on the position suffered heavy losses from the explosion of the German grenade. The rest of the troops were also dizzy.

Before they could react, the German army had already broken into their position.

"Bang bang bang!"

Soldiers on both sides fought hand to hand, and the German submachine guns and pistols played a very strong role in such battles. Before the rifles in the hands of the British soldiers could fire, they were killed.

This allowed the three infantry divisions of the German 8th Army to advance quickly after they entered the city of Rouen and wipe out the remaining enemies in the city. On the other hand, the German 1st Army, although their advancing speed was very fast, but also, their casualties were

not small. At least, compared with the casualties of the Eighth Army, it is undoubtedly much greater.

This surprised General Crook. After learning about the street fighting tactics of the 8th Army, he couldn't help but sigh that the 8th Army has really become the benchmark of the German army. All other legions need to learn from the 8th Legion. General Crook even pointed out that after the end of this war, all German armies need to be reorganized and trained based on the 8th Army as a blueprint. Only in this way can the combat effectiveness of the German army be raised to a higher level.

In this case, it is undoubtedly good news for Qin Tian. This means that his influence will expand to the various regiments of the German Army, which will undoubtedly be very helpful for him to further grasp military power.

The German army was in the city of Rouen like a broken bamboo, beating the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force, in a panic and suffering heavy losses. Not only lost a large number of positions, but also the casualties of the troops were astonishing. This shocked Admiral Haig, commander of the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force. He is even more pessimistic about the future of the battle.

Chapter 509: aid

Rouen, Headquarters of the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force, Admiral Haig was frowning.

On the first day when the German army launched an attack on Rouen, it caused great casualties to the British army. They not only lost the defense line outside Rouen, but also lost a lot of area in the urban area. As for the casualties of the troops, Admiral Haig was very distressed.

"General, the German offensive is too fierce. The east and north of the city have lost a large area. Especially in the east of the city, we have already had two infantry divisions defeated by the Germans. The German vanguard is far

away from the commander. The straight-line distance from the front is even less than two kilometers." A major general reported to General Haig.

"This is really bad news. Could it be that we have no way to resist the German attack?" Admiral Haig was very speechless. The 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force is the most powerful force in the British Army. However, in front of the Germans, it seemed vulnerable, which was a huge blow to Admiral Haig for being speechless.

"General, compared to last year, the combat effectiveness of the Germans has indeed been greatly improved. Especially the 8th Army, which newly appeared on the Western Front, feels that they are very good at street fighting. They performed well in street fighting. , Our defenders, even with fortifications to rely on, are still being defeated by the Germans. If this continues, we may not be able to hold on for much longer." The major general continued.

"Damn, isn't there any good news?" Admiral Haig said angrily.

"General, the only good news is that our anti-tank weapons are doing pretty well. When the Germans sent tanks to attack our outer positions, we killed dozens of tanks. However, our anti-tank troops , also suffered heavy losses. The 37mm anti-tank gun can destroy German tanks. However, anti-tank guns cannot penetrate the frontal armor of German tanks, but can only penetrate their side armor. If the Germans dare to fight in the street If we invest in their tank troops, we will definitely make their tank troops suffer more casualties." Another major general said excitedly.

"It's a pity that the Germans didn't send out tank troops anymore. They have obviously realized the threat our anti-tank weapons pose to their tanks. But even so, we still couldn't resist the Germans in Rouen. Attack." Admiral Haig said.

The atmosphere in the office suddenly became a little dignified. The current battle situation is undoubtedly very unfavorable to the British army. If they are not careful, they may lose the battle. At that time, the 1st Army will suffer heavy losses and even be wiped out.

"Gentlemen, we have to find a way to resist the German offensive in Rouen. Otherwise, we may suffer an unprecedented defeat." Admiral Haig said.

However, they have no other choice but to continue to defend Rouen. Not to mention launching a counterattack. Once a counterattack is launched, it will undoubtedly be the German armored forces waiting for them. At that time, their troops will be directly crushed by the German armored forces.

With no alternative, General Haig had to send a telegram to the British Expeditionary Force Command, hoping that the 3rd Army of the Expeditionary Force led by General Benson and part of the 1st French Army would speed up and come to reinforce them up.

And this is exactly what the German army wanted to see.

The German reconnaissance planes have been paying attention to the movements of the British 3rd Army and the French 1st Army. After learning that they are speeding up to Rouen, General Crook, the commander of the German 1st Army, and the staff officer of the 8th Army Lieutenant General Ludendorff, all laughed.

"General, the British reinforcements have arrived, and it's time for us to dispatch." Lieutenant General Ludendorff said.

After the German army captured Rouen, they had to cross the Seine River. In this case, their logistics supply line will be very dangerous. If the British and French allied forces can be defeated before crossing the Seine, then relatively speaking, it will be much easier.

They attacked Rouen, but they did not do their best, just waiting for the British and French allied forces to come to their door.

"The Anglo-French coalition forces who came to the rescue amounted to more than 300,000 people. If we can eat them all, then we will win this battle." Admiral Crook's eyes shone with excitement of light.

The troops deployed by the British and French allied forces in the northwest direction have only three group armies, with more than 600,000 people. If they can eat these 300,000 people in one bite, they can eat another 200,000 people in Rouen. Then, there are only 100,000 British and French allied forces left. Even if they draw reinforcements from other places, it is no longer a concern. After all, the central and right wing clusters of the German army are also attacking.

"This time, both of our armored divisions can be put into battle. There is no problem in defeating the reinforcements of the British and French coalition forces. But it is very difficult to say how much results can be achieved." Lieutenant General Ludendorff said. Of course, he also hoped that the bigger the result, the better.

In order to eat as much as possible the reinforcements of the British and French allied forces, the German 1st Army and 8th Army made careful deployments. The 1st Armored Division and the 8th Armored Division will serve as the main force of the assault. In addition, the 1st Infantry Division and the 34th Infantry Division will be responsible for detours to block the retreat of the British and French allied forces. The remaining infantry divisions will go into battle one by one, trying to encircle and annihilate the 300,000 reinforcements from the British and French allied forces in the area east of Rouen.

The two armored divisions of the German army lost dozens of tanks in Rouen, which was undoubtedly a big loss for them. But this time in the field

battle, they are still the main force. Both armored divisions also believed that they could once again play a key role in this battle.

British 3rd Army Commander General Benson, after receiving Sir French's order, ordered his 300,000 reinforcements to march towards Rouen at an accelerated speed. At the same time, he also dreamed of attacking the rear of the German army and defeating the German army in one fell swoop. In his view, the main force of the German army at this moment must have been used to attack Rouen, and there must not be too many troops left. As long as he leads the troops to attack, he will surely win.

Unfortunately, Admiral Benson didn't know that when the German army attacked Rouen, they didn't invest many troops. They only invested six infantry divisions, which made the British army in the city unable to resist. The rest of the main force had their pockets wide open, waiting for the 300,000 people led by General Benson!

Chapter 510: it's a trap

Fleury, a small town more than ten kilometers east of Rouen. The residents of the small town have been driven away. Here, it became the defense zone of the 2nd Infantry Division and the 3rd Infantry Division of the German 1st Army. The order they received was to rush here to set up defenses to prevent the British and French allied forces from advancing westward.

Behind their line of defense are the remaining more than 400 tanks of the German 1st Armored Division and 8th Armored Division. Once the Anglo-French forces start to attack, the 2nd Infantry Division and the 3rd Infantry Division will be responsible for blocking the Anglo-French forces. At the same time, other units of the German 1st Army and 8th Army will immediately start to move, forming an encirclement circle north and east of Fleury. To the south,

the Seine is just a few kilometers away. If the British and French allied forces can swim across the Seine, they will break out in this direction.

At noon on April 7, the vanguard of the British and French forces, the 22nd Infantry Division of the 3rd Army of the British Expeditionary Force, arrived in Fleury. After the British army discovered that this place had been captured by the German army, it immediately stopped advancing, and at the same time reported the situation to the group army headquarters, requesting further instructions.

After learning of this situation, General Benson, the commander of the 3rd Army of the British Expeditionary Force, immediately ordered the 22nd Infantry Division to launch an attack. At the same time, he ordered other troops to speed up and rush for reinforcements, so as to defeat the German army in the shortest possible time. , took Fleury, and opened the passage to Rouen.

The reason why Admiral Benson issued such an order was that he believed that the German attack on Rouen had undoubtedly reached a critical moment. Therefore, the German army sent a small number of troops to stop them, and bought time to defeat the British 1st Army and take Rouen. In this case, they will not be able to waste time even more.

After receiving the order from Admiral Benson, the British 22nd Infantry Division immediately launched an attack on Fleury.

It's just that they soon knew that they had completely kicked on an iron board. The German army deployed not a small amount of troops in the small town of Fleury. Whether it is military strength or combat effectiveness, they are much, much stronger than their infantry division.

"Fire!"

The British army set up 18 114mm howitzers and 54 83.8mm field guns and began to fire on the German defense line outside the town of Fleury.

However, two minutes later, they were hit back by heavy German artillery fire.

The German 2nd Infantry Division and 3rd Infantry Division have a total of 36 150mm howitzers, 72 105mm howitzers and 108 75mm field guns. The total number of artillery is three times that of the British army, not to mention that the caliber of the artillery still has a great advantage.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

When shells kept falling from the sky and hit the artillery positions of the British army, and after their artillery was misfired, the commander of the 22nd Infantry Division of the British army was stunned.

"General, judging from the scale of artillery deployed by the Germans here, they must have a large number of troops. I'm afraid we are not their opponents!" said the commander of the artillery brigade.

The commander of the 22nd Infantry Division of the British Army was also bitter in his mouth. How could he not know that he had kicked the iron plate this time. However, Admiral Benson's order had already been issued, and he had no choice but to bite the bullet and launch an attack.

"Command the troops, prepare to launch an attack. Also, send a message to the headquarters that we need reinforcements!"

Subsequently, the 22nd Infantry Division of the British Army launched an offensive. However, in the face of the powerful firepower of the German army, they did not take advantage of it at all. Instead, they left a lot of corpses and had to retreat in embarrassment.

In the afternoon, the British 23rd Infantry Division and 24th Infantry Division rushed to the battlefield. The arrival of the new force of the two infantry divisions gave the British army the confidence to attack.

However, the British army launched three consecutive attacks, but they still failed to break through the German defense line, and instead caused heavy casualties.

As a last resort, the British army had to stop the attack. At the same time, report the situation here to Admiral Benson.

In the evening, Admiral Benson's 3rd Army headquarters also arrived in Fleury, and the main force of the 300,000 British and French allied forces he led was basically concentrated in this area. Admiral Benson was very dissatisfied with the fact that the three infantry divisions had failed to break through the German defenses when they launched an attack. He directly issued a death order, asking them to continue the attack tomorrow morning, and before sunset tomorrow, they must break through the German defense line and reach Rouen.

General Benson didn't know that the troops of the German 1st Army and 8th Army were in action at this moment. A large number of troops, starting from Rouen, rushed to the north and east of the main force of the British army. Farther to the east, the 1st Infantry Division and the 34th Infantry Division were transported by truck.

"General Ludendorff, have the various departments of the 8th Army arrived at the scheduled location?" Admiral Crook asked.

"General, the 7 infantry divisions and 1 armored division of the 8th Army have arrived at their predetermined positions and are ready to attack at any time." Lieutenant General Ludendorff replied.

Admiral Crook nodded: "In addition to leaving two infantry divisions as reserves in the 1st Army, the remaining 13 infantry divisions and 1 armored division have also arrived at their scheduled positions. Tomorrow morning, the two The armored division launched the attack first, and after defeating the British and French allied forces, the other troops advanced steadily and wiped out the 300,000 British and French allied forces here!"

"Yes, General." Lieutenant General Ludendorff nodded, of course he would not have any opinions on this.

This time, in order to encircle and wipe out the 300,000 main forces of the British and French allied forces, the 1st Army and the 8th Army have invested in the main force. On the contrary, there are not many troops used to attack Rouen. Even with the addition of the two infantry divisions as the reserve, there are only 8 infantry divisions in total, more than a hundred thousand people.

On the morning of April 8, the British 22nd Infantry Division, 23rd Infantry Division and 24th Infantry Division started busy early in the morning, preparing for the attack. Admiral Benson strictly ordered them to break through the German defenses before sunset today, and there was nothing they could do. Although he knew that the German army was difficult to deal with, he had no choice but to bite the bullet and launch an attack.

At 8 o'clock in the morning, the three infantry divisions of the British army completed the preparations before the attack and were ready to attack. However, they then had to stop their attack. Because the German army launched an attack one step ahead of them.

The German 1st Armored Division and 8th Armored Division, more than 400 tanks, rushed out of the position and rushed towards the British position. The torrent of steel composed of more than 400 tanks made people unable to think of stopping it at all.

"My God! The German armor is here!"

"Damn it, this is a trap. This is a trap set by the Germans." Admiral Benson was even more shocked and angry when he learned about it.