

The study of 1949 People's Liberation Army(PLA) Kinmen landing Operation

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Abstract

1. Sir B.H. Liddell Hart argued “history is universal experience”, which suggests how the predecessors failed and we should avoid the same mistakes. The principles of strategy were induced from historical lessons.
2. After PLA occupied the major cities along southeast mainland China and gradually advanced to Kinmen and Xiamen Periphery, the R.O.C. Army had also deployed troops and constructed defensive fortifications.
3. PLA had prepared 20 days for its landing operation at Kinmen, including strait-crossing training. The R.O.C. Army also reinforced Kinmen with 12 Corps to boost its defensive capabilities.
4. The Kinmen landing Operation lasts from 9 PM, OCT 24th to 10 PM, OCT 10th, then the R.O.C. Army began to clear landed PLA.
5. The Purpose of this research is to analyze and understand the success/failure factors of the Kinmen landing operation by examining its concept, readiness preparation via historical data.

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、 Landing operations