



Hitler's Wave-Breaker Concept: An Analysis of the German End-game in the Baltic, 1944 - 45 (Hardback)

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Casemate Books, United States, 2013. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Among the many controversies of World War II, prominent is the debate over Germany's strategy in the north of the Soviet Union, as the tide of war turned, and gigantic Russian armies began to close in on Berlin. In this long-awaited work, Henrik Lunde-former U.S. Special Forces officer and author of renowned previous works on the campaigns in Norway and Finland-turns his sights to the withdrawal of Army Group North. Providing cool-headed analysis to the problem, the author first acknowledges that Hitler-often accused of holding onto ground for the sake of it-had valid reasons in this instance to maintain control of the Baltic coast. Without it, his supply of iron ore from Sweden would have been cut off, German naval (U-boat) bases would have been compromised, and an entire sympathetic area of Europe-including East Prussia-would have been forsaken. On the other hand, Germany's maintaining control of the Baltic would have meant convenient supply for forces on the coast-or evacuation if necessary-and perhaps most important, remaining German defensive pockets behind the Soviets main drive to Europe would tie down disproportionate offensive forces. Stalwart German forces...

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