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X-Day

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Norm Reynolds, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 280 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Ever since Pearl Harbor the drive to defeat the Japanese in Tokyo was end goal for every American with no other consideration. In spring 1945 the warring nations believed that the United States and Allies would be invading the Japanese Home Islands, especially with the collapsing war with Germany. Anyone looking at a map would know this would be nothing like assaulting Normandy. There would be no England for a staging area some 30 miles away and now everything would have to come by ship to the conflict. American military had basically two invasion concepts, one invading Japan itself and the other invading opposite China area for staging against Japan. Eventually the decision was made to assault Japan in a two-phase approach. OPERATION OLYMPIC was the first in assaulting lower Kyushu Island to secure an operational staging area and commence OPERATION CORONET on Honshu of the mainland. Follow-on estimates would involve over 815,000 combatants for OLYMPIC and 1.4 million for CORONET. These are significantly greater than Normandy with 156,000 combatants. Further, with the increasing casualty rates when...



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