



The Secret War in the Balkans: A WWII Memoir

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AuthorHouse. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 260 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.6in. World War II was the most important event of the twentieth century. Sixty three nations took part, engaging more than 100 million soldiers, sailors, and airmen. All of the major campaigns of that war have been thoroughly covered in print and film with one exception, the secret war in the Balkans. While raids by bombers and fighter attacks were routinely reported by both military and civilian news media, the nocturnal activities of the 60th Troop Carrier Group supplying the Balkan guerrillas remained Top Secret. Beginning in March 1944, the 60th carried 7,000 tons of weapons and equipment to secret drop and landing zones in Axis-held territory in the Balkans. With this equipment, the guerrillas tied down half a million Axis troops prior to the D-Day landings in Normandy on June 6, 1944. What if the 60th Troop Carrier Group or the guerrillas had not done their job Adolf Hitler would have been able to move eight or ten divisions to western France prior to D-Day. No one can say with certainty, but this writer's judgment is that the landings may well have failed. At the very...



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