Record Nr. UNINA9910158918503321 Autore Yokota Yutaka Titolo The kaiten weapon / / Yutaka Yokota Pubbl/distr/stampa [Potomac, Maryland]:,: Pickle Partners publishing,, [2015] ©2015 **ISBN** 9781786252661 178625266X Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (270 pages) Soggetti World War, 1939-1945 - Naval operations, Japanese Kaiten (Torpedoes) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese Materiale a stampa **Formato** Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Intro -- FLYLEAF -- FOREWORD -- DEDICATION -- I - VOLUNTEER FOR A "NO-RETURN" MISSION -- 2 - I LEARN ABOUT MY NEW WEAPON -- 3 - THE FIRST KAITEN MISSION -- 4 - MY FIRST KAITEN RIDE -- 5 -UNDESERVED PUNISHMENT, AND SWEET REVENGE -- 6 - I AM SELECTED FOR A MISSION -- 7 - MY LAST LEAVE. YAZAKI'S DEATH -- 8 -ANOTHER TRAGEDY, AND MISSION REORGANIZATION -- 9 - OUR TATARA GROUP GOES OUT ON A MISSION -- 10 - DISAPPOINTMENT, AND RETURN -- 11 - ANOTHER CHANGE IN TACTICS. OUT WITH THE TEMBU GROUP -- 12 - I-36 DRAWS FIRST BLOOD -- 13 - "KAITEN, AWAY!" -- 14 - THE TODOROKI GROUP IS FORMED -- 15 - ATTACK AND COUNTERATTACK -- 16 - HEROISM AND SURVIVAL -- 17 - THE STRUGGLE'S END, AND MY DILEMMA -- EPILOGUE. Sommario/riassunto The Kaiten Weapon by Yutaka Yokota is a firsthand account of the experiences of a Japanese naval officer during World War II. Yokota, who volunteered for a suicide mission, provides an inside look at the secretive and desperate measures taken by Japan in the latter stages of the war. He describes the Kaiten, a manned torpedo designed to be piloted into enemy ships, and reflects on the mindset and dedication of the men who operated these weapons. The book offers insights into

the cultural and psychological factors influencing Japanese military tactics and aims to convey a deeper understanding of the kamikaze

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