Record Nr. UNINA9910255195503321 Autore O'Sullivan Carmel Titolo Killing on Command: The Defence of Superior Orders in Modern Combat / / by Carmel O'Sullivan Pubbl/distr/stampa London:,: Palgrave Macmillan UK:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan,, 2016 **ISBN** 1-137-49581-2 Edizione [1st ed. 2016.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (IX, 226 p.) Collana Critical Criminological Perspectives Disciplina 364.01 Soggetti Criminology Critical criminology Transnational crime Crime—Sociological aspects Politics and war International criminal law Criminological Theory Critical Criminology **Transnational Crime** Crime and Society Military and Defence Studies International Criminal Law Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Chapter 1. Introduction -- Chapter 2. The Development of the Defence Nota di contenuto of Superior Orders -- Chapter 3. The Law Surrounding Obedience --Chapter 4. Military Training: The Creation of the Modern Soldier --Chapter 5. The Trained Soldier in Contemporary Combat -- Chapter 6. The Influence of Contemporary Combat on the Modern Soldier: A Force for Good or Bad -- Chapter 7. Conclusion. Sommario/riassunto This book explores the unique social and environmental factors which influence soldiers to commit war crimes. With a focus on decisionmaking processes, this monograph provides a significant

interdisciplinary analysis of how soldiers decide to follow the

commands of their superior officers, even if that means acting illegally. Making the key distinction between normal civilian society and the shocking realities of war, the author facilitates the reader with a comprehensive understanding of what a front-line soldier faces in contemporary combat situations. Killing on Command presents the limits of the law in preventing the occurrence of war crimes. Realistic and practical measures for armed conflict, including the regulation and prevention of violence, and the just implementation of legal standards are all questioned and examined in depth. Given a current focus on the regulation of conduct in war, and the recent prosecution of soldiers, this book will be of particular interest to scholars in the fields of criminology and international relations, as well as policy-makers.