Record Nr. UNINA9910459675303321 Autore Rusiecki Stephen M **Titolo** In final defense of the Reich [[electronic resource]]: the destruction of the 6th SS Mountain Division "Nord" / / Stephen M. Rusiecki Annapolis, Md., : Naval Institute Press, c2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-281-96468-9 9786613793935 1-61251-001-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (488 p.) Disciplina 940.54/1343 Soggetti World War, 1939-1945 - Regimental histories - Germany World War, 1939-1945 - Campaigns - Europe, Northern Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Birth of the Nord Division -- Operation Nordwind and beyond -- The Saar-Palatinate falls -- Convergence -- Nord falls behind, 31 March 1945 -- The first day: Assenheim and Altenstadt, 1 April 1945 -- The second day: Waldensberg, 2 April 1945 -- The second day: Leisenwald, 2 April 1945 -- The third day: dissolution, 3 April 1945 --Completing the record -- Appendix A. Table of comparative ranks --Appendix B. Glossary of terms and equipment -- Appendix C. Select order of battle. Sommario/riassunto In April 1945 the American 71st Infantry Division exacted the final vestiges of life from the Reich's 6th SS Mountain Division in central Germany. On Easter weekend, the bypassed German division fought to the very end as they were first surrounded and then destroyed as a fighting force. Rusiecki argues that the battle demonstrates that the Wehrmacht's last gasp on the Western Front was anything but a whimper as some historians charge. Instead, many of Germany's final combat formations fought to the very end against a chaotic tableau of misery, destruction, and suffering to exact every las