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Paperback. 202 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.5in. Merriam Press Military Monograph 75. Second Edition (February 2012). This memoir is of the author's wartime experiences leading up to and as a B-29 Superfortress Aircraft Commander. He was engaged in the Air Offensive Japan from the Marianas Islands in the South Pacific. He looks back at those experiences from the professional view of a retired airline captain, having flown over 35 years of service with Trans World Airlines. After graduation as a pilot cadet, he became a bomb approach pilot at a bombardier training base for one year. Then, rated as a B-17 Flying Fortress 1st Pilot, he spent six months duty as a B-17 instructor pilot at an airbase training new B-17 crews as replacements for the 8th Air Force in England. Many months of training to be a B-29 Aircraft Commander followed. He arrived at newly constructed Northwest Field, Guam, in early June 1945. 125 factory-new B-29B Superfortresses made up the new 315th Very Heavy Bomb Wing. He and his crew flew 13 missions before the end of the war, all against oil targets. In addition...



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