



Castaways of the Kriegsmarine: How Shipwrecked German Seamen Helped the Allies Win the Second World War (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. December 1943 brought little cheer to Hitler's Kriegsmarine, . As Mediterranean U-boats threw themselves into ever more desperately hopeless sorties against allied convoys a short, vicious battle in the Bay of Biscay sank a German blockade runner and three of the escorts trying to bring her in. On Boxing Day the battlecruiser Scharnhorst met her lonely end in the heaving, freezing waters of the Barents Sea off North Cape. Some of the survivors claimed they sang the U-boat anthem, No Roses Grow on a Seaman's Grave, as they awaited rescue or death. Only the most wilfully myopic of the exhausted, disoriented castaways brought to the Latimer House and Wilton Park interrogation centres could believe in ultimate victory, a gift for the experienced interviewers awaiting them. They knew how to adapt their approach to the individual prisoner, work patiently toward a result. And they had a secret weapon. Every word the prisoners said in their cells was overheard and, when interesting, recorded by secret listeners eavesdropping from another part of the site. This tale follows the interwoven fates of the...



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