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Clear Vue Publishing Partnership Ltd, Guernsey; UK, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: No Dustjacket. First Edition By This Publisher. Volume 9 of 10 volumes. This book is unique amongst all volumes on German fortifications of the Second World War, in that it was written by the German forces themselves. It is the ultimate guide to their defensive planning and mindset. The Channel Islands of Guernsey and Jersey nestle in the lee of the French coast. They are, however, British and in 1940 they became the first and only British territory to be occupied by the rapidly moving armies of Hitler's blitzkrieg. Hitler swiftly became obsessed by his conquest. Determined that they should not be retaken he set in place a massive series of fortifications designed to make the islands impregnable fortresses or Festung, as part of the Atlantic Wall. The Atlantic Wall ran for over three thousand miles, but by 1944 the tiny Channel Islands had consumed nearly 10% of all the concrete destined for the wall. They also contained the largest single garrison of the German Army and more heavy guns than 600 miles of Normandy coastline. In 1944 Lieutenant Colonel Hubner was charged with making...



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