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When the first volume of *Japanese Secret Projects* was published, it shone a spotlight onto many previously overlooked or almost unknown Japanese aircraft projects and it was an immediate hit with aviation enthusiasts and historians. Now, after five years of dedicated research, the next volume in the series continues the story of the secret projects of the Japanese aviation industry, focusing in particular on designs that actually progressed beyond the drawing board (whether or not they flew).

The aircraft described in *Japanese Secret Projects Volume 2* include significant pre-war types such as the Mitsubishi 1MT1N Torpedo Carrier and the record-breaking Gasuden Koken-Ki, as well as projects for long range bombers and advanced fighters to replace the increasingly antiquated designs in service as the war progressed. Later, as Japan's situation became increasingly desperate, the concept of suicide missions came to the fore and existing aircraft designs were modified to deliver the maximum destruction by "special attack" units. Later still, when invasion looked inevitable, purpose-built suicide aircraft, capable of being assembled by semi-skilled labor and flown by novice pilots, were developed as part of the anti-invasion plan Operation Ketsugo.

Japanese Secret Projects Volume 2 also examines the influence of German wartime aircraft, such as the proposed Hitachi He-Type Heavy Bomber, based on the Heinkel He-177 and looking beyond just aircraft designs, the Ku-Go directed energy weapon project and Japan's nuclear weapons programs are also described.

Illustrated throughout with rare photographs, drawings, 3-view illustrations and color profiles, *Japanese Secret Projects Volume 2* is an essential reference for any serious aviation and military enthusiast, modeler or historian.

About the Author

Edwin M. Dwyer has studied military technology for more than 20 years, concentrating on weaponry from 1914 to 1960. In 1999, he created the Hikoki:1946 website, highlighting Japanese experimental aircraft. He is currently serving in the United States Civil Air Patrol with the rank of Master Sergeant.

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