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from its very inception the united states army special forces has been enmeshed in controversy its mission misunderstood to varying degrees and its very existence opposed by some of the army hierarchy nevertheless it continues to serve in a highly specialised role in all manner of differing conditions there can be few better qualified to chronicle the history of this unique organisation than former special forces group weapons specialist gordon rottman whose expert knowledge is clearly evident in this authoritative text this volume also contains 12 full page colour plates by one of the world's most respected military artists ron volstad

the patrol vehicles used by special operations forces in afghanistan and iraq varied dramatically between the theatres as well as amongst the coalition members and were developed and upgraded to meet the demands of the deployment covering all the major coalition nations leigh neville continues his look at the elite forces deployed in operations enduring freedom and iraqi freedom with this analysis of their vehicles tracing the evolution of the vehicle types from their historical precedents through their designs to their operational developments he discusses their advantages and disadvantages along with their tactical employment from the mine protected vehicles used to counter the ied threat in iraq the use of strykers as armoured raiding platforms by the us rangers to the civilian vehicles adapted for military service by both coalition troops and private military contractors in the regions this book uses rare in theatre photographs and colour artwork to show the variety and inventiveness of the patrol vehicles being used in combat

an examination of the soe its accomplishments and the canadian connection to the organization during the second world war british prime minister winston churchill created the special operations executive soe to conduct acts of sabotage and subversion and raise secret armies of partisans in german occupied europe with the directive to set europe ablaze the soe undertook a dangerous game of cat and mouse with the nazi gestapo an agent s failure could result in indescribable torture dispatch to a concentration camp and often a death sentence while the soe s contribution to the allied war effort is still debated and many of its files remain classified it was a unique wartime creation that reflected innovation adventure and a fanatical devotion on the part of its personnel to the allied cause the soe has an important canadian connection canadians were among its operatives and agents behind enemy lines camp x in whitby ontario was a special training school that trained agents for overseas duty and an infamous canadian codenamed intrepid ran soe operations in the americas

an unprecedented introduction to the canadian special operations forces command on february 1 2016 the canadian special operations forces command cansofcom celebrated its tenth anniversary this benchmark passed largely unheralded after all few canadians actually realize their nation possesses special operations forces and fewer yet know canada s long and distinguished history with these forces and the exceptional warriors who fill their ranks cansofcom carries on this tradition and in its short history has earned a reputation for courage professionalism and operational excellence this book is a rare glimpse into the shadows providing detailed information on cansofcom and its units as well as a pictorial history of the command s evolution le 1er février 2016 le commandement des forces d opérations spéciales du canada comfoscan a célébré son dixième anniversaire ce jalon est passé largement inaperçu auprès tout peu de canadiens savent que leur pays possède des forces d opérations spéciales et encore moins de personnes savent que le canada a une longue tradition prestigieuse avec ces forces et les guerriers exceptionnels qui les composent le comfoscan poursuit cette tradition et depuis

sa création ses membres ont été reconnus pour leur courage leur professionnalisme et leur excellence opérationnelle ce livre offre un rare aperçu de ces guerriers de l'ombre il offre des informations détaillées sur le comfoscand et ses unités en plus de présenter l'histoire illustrée de l'évolution du commandement

featuring recently declassified material from government departments that had yet to be published in the mass media this is a ground breaking analysis of the largest mobilization of special forces in recent history intelligence specialist leigh neville identifies describes and illustrates the special operations forces sof of the british american and other coalition forces committed to the war on terror in afghanistan since 2001 providing a fascinating insight into specific operations detailing weapons equipment and experiences in combat with extensive first hand accounts providing an eyewitness perspective of the fighting on the ground and including information on the british sas the us delta force australian and canadian special forces as well as mi6 and cia operational units this book provides a crucial study of their skills and successes amidst the afghan mountains

many books have been written about second world war special forces operations in europe and the middle east much less has been said about such operations in south east asia those launched against the japanese in sumatra and the andaman islands and the germans in goa these operations and the exceptional men who took part in them have been almost forgotten david miller in this gripping account sets the record straight his book is based on extensive original research including long hidden family documents revealing much information for the first time and his narrative is fascinating reading for anyone who is interested in special operations and the war against the axis powers in south east asia his history is the first general account of these operations it is a landmark in the field

filled with recently declassified material first hand accounts and unique photographs this book offers a rare look at the largest mobilisation of special forces in recent history the companion volume to elite 163 special operations forces in afghanistan leigh neville now turns his expert analysis to the special operations forces of the us and coalition allies serving in iraq since 2003 examining in detail the us delta force the british sas australian and canadian special forces as well as cia and mi6 operational units this book provides a crucial study of their skills and success in iraq from the battle of debecka to storming the safe house of uday hussein in a controversial war that was plagued by high fatalities and military blunders this book highlights the successes enjoyed by special forces operatives

in the age of modern warfare the changing landscape of the 21st century battlefield has demanded a transformation within the us marine corps special operations adapting to a huge range of combat environments an enormous array of specialist uniforms protective armour and battlefield electronic devices have been developed to facilitate missions in the most extreme conditions a special forces operator may now have available to him a dozen distinct types of body armour and two dozen different weapons never before in american military history has so much been given to so few authored by j kenneth eward professor at the american military university and illustrated throughout with photographs and meticulous colour plates this volume offers the first detailed authoritative study of the characteristics and performance in the field of the most modern combat gear and weapons provided for usmc specialist operators to date

the first in depth book that sheds light on canada's elite warriors who operate in the shadows in 2001 the canadian government sent elements of its joint task force 2 counterterrorist unit to afghanistan to assist the americans with operation enduring freedom and the global war on terror withdrawn a year later after a brief hiatus jtf 2 returned to afghanistan in 2005 beginning a continuous tour of duty for canadian special operation forces cansof up to the cessation of canadian

combat operations in 2011 this book reveals six untold special operations that US personnel undertook in their desperate struggle in the shadows to capture or kill Taliban leaders, facilitators and bomb makers as well as efforts to mentor Afghan National Security Forces from 2005 to 2011. The missions highlight that the nation's SOF were no ordinary men.

While the size of Russia's regular forces has shrunk recently, its security and paramilitary elements have become increasingly powerful. Under the Putin regime, they have proliferated and importantly seem set to remain Russia's most active armed agencies for the immediate future. In parallel within the murky world where government and private interests intersect, a number of paramilitary private armies operate almost as vigilantes with government toleration or approval. This book offers a succinct overview of the official, semi-official and unofficial agencies that pursue Russian government and quasi-government objectives by armed means, from the 200,000-strong interior troops through police and other independent departmental forces down to private security firms. Featuring rare photographs and detailed colour plates of uniforms, insignia and equipment, this study by a renowned authority explores the Putin regime's shadowy special forces apparatus active in an array of counter-terrorist and counter-mafia wars since 1991.

This book tells the story of Task Force Ranger, a unit of US Rangers and special forces, and their attempt to capture the lieutenants of the Somali warlord Mohamed Farrah Aideed during the 1993 United Nations humanitarian relief mission. What started as a simple snatch and grab mission quickly degenerated into a desperate battle for survival when US Black Hawk helicopters were struck by rocket-propelled grenades and crashed into the streets of Mogadishu. Racing to save the crew, Task Force Ranger was surrounded by mobs of hostile Somali gunmen. The battle in the city raged all night as the better equipped and better trained US forces kept the nearly overwhelming numbers of Somalis at bay. Finally battered, bloodied and low on ammunition, the task force was rescued by a combined UN and US relief force and extracted to safety, containing

detailed maps and declassified information this is a dramatic retelling of a brutal battle that had a far reaching impact on us military policy

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at the start of the american civil war neither side had warships on the mississippi river which was a vital strategic artery in what would prove the vital naval campaign of the war both sides fought for control of the river while the confederates relied on field fortifications and small gunboats the union built a series of revolutionary river ironclads first commissioned in january 1862 these ironclads spent the next two years battling for control of the mississippi fighting in a string of decisive engagements that altered the entire course of the war this book explains how these vessels worked how they were constructed how they were manned and how they were fought

by 1805 the 44 gun frigate was probably viewed as a failed experiment whilst the 38 gun frigate was viewed as the vessel of the future ten years later every navy was building 44 gun frigates and today it is viewed as the symbol of the napoleonic era cruiser this book examines this remarkable transformation that resulted from the performance of three ships the constitution united states and president 44 gun frigates built for the united states navy between 1794 and 1799 their victories in the naval war of 1812 as well as their performance against the barbary pirates caught the imagination of the world and spurred all navies into re examining the class

in 1914 the artillery of britain s field army encompassed those weapons judged to have sufficient mobility to keep up with troops in the field this book describes all major variants from the 60 pdr guns of the heavy field batteries perched somewhat uncomfortably on the cusp between field artillery and siege artillery to the 2 75in guns of the mountain batteries almost toy like in comparison between these two extremes lay the bulk of the artillery of the field army the 13 pdr guns of the royal horse artillery and the 18 pdr guns and 4 5in howitzers of the royal field artillery batteries

from the 11th century ad east asian armies made increasing use of exploding missiles and siege cannons to reduce the

fortifications of their enemies some of these weapons were very similar to those used in europe for example the heavy siege cannon used in the siege of pyongyang during the japanese invasion in the late 16th century others like the korean hwacha carts mounting over a hundred rockets that were used to bombard the japanese at haengju in 1593 were very different from their european contemporaries this book details the design and use of the wide range of weaponry available during this period

the office of strategic services the forerunner of the cia was founded in 1942 by william wild bill donovan under the direction of president roosevelt agents were enlisted from both the armed services and civilians to produce operational groups specialising in different foreign areas including italy norway yugoslavia and china in 1944 the number of men and women working in the service totalled nearly 13 500 this intriguing story of the origins and development of the american espionage forces covers all of the different departments involved with a particular emphasis on the courageous teams operating in the field the volume is illustrated with many photographs including images from the film director john ford who led the oss photographic unit and parachuted into burma in 1943

entering service in the early 1960s the m60 tank was in production for 23 years and formed the backbone of us army and marine armoured units during the cold war over 15 000 were built in four basic models the m60 m60a1 m60a2 and the m60a3 although the m60 had been phased out of us army service by the time iraq invaded kuwait in 1990 m60s were amongst the first allied tanks to enter kuwait city with the us marines this book examines the design and deployment of the m60 a very widely used vehicle that is still in service today

as the major powers engaged in an arms race in the early years of the 20th century the admiralty was tasked with

developing that deadly stalker of the high seas the submarine in 1905 briefed with creating a vessel that could be employed on an enemy's coastline the admiralty took several technological leaps forward to match Germany's own revolutionary vessels written by an influential expert in the field and covering all classes of submarine developed and deployed during the war this book includes great technical detail gripping operational accounts and is accompanied by artwork with fascinating details of daring submarine raids in the Baltic and the Dardanelles this book reveals the exceedingly dangerous world of early submarine warfare which claimed an extraordinary number of lives on both sides and paved the way for a new kind of naval warfare in the 20th century and beyond

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