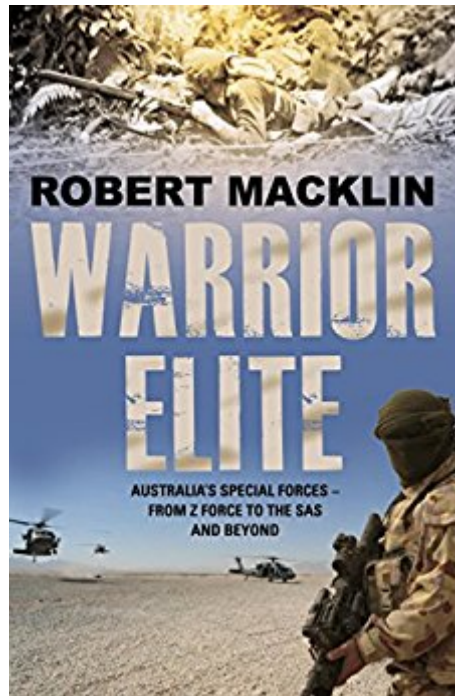


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A compelling account of Australia's intelligence organisations and special forces - from the early days of the commandos during World War II through to the SAS of today and the cyber wars of the future. From the co-author of SAS Sniper. Warrior Elite is a unique and compelling account of Australia's special forces and intelligence operations - ranging from the early special forces of World War II to the establishment and development of the SAS and Commando Regiments as the elite fighters of today, and from the Australian Security Intelligence Service to the Australian Signals Directorate and ASIO. It is an authoritative, gripping and thoroughly up-to-date account of both the history and current state of our special forces and intelligence bodies - and gives a unique glimpse into the warfare of the future. Our future. Robert Macklin has conducted dozens of exclusive interviews and uncovered incredible, daring and sometimes heartbreaking stories of the elite troops that guard our nation and engage in secret operations around the world. He has had significant cooperation from numerous sources within the special forces and the various intelligence agencies. Both thoroughly researched and colourfully written, Warrior Elite will attract the reader of action memoirs as well as those interested in broader military history and espionage.

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Two stars for what's NOT in it. Mr Macklin brushes of a decade of SAS development and deployments with barely two pages of text, intermingled with details of 126 Sig Sqn. As someone who served for those years that amounts to little more than a slap in the face. Of the the 375 pages included he could've spent some time on the evolution of the Counter-Terrorist capability that the regiment was engaged with, front and centre during the 1980s, along with the potential existential threats posed to Australia and the role the regiment played in providing a national deterrent and response capability in those days of the cold war. He particularly missed a chance to describe the role the unit would've played in any potential North Australian operations back when Indonesia was not looked upon as it is these days with those very same skill sets evolving and put to use in the desert operations in Iraq and other theatres. He spends much more time describing training operations for the 2000 Olympics where nothing happened rather than any of the 10 years from 1980-90. He also should've taken time in his 'operational narrative' to describe the transition of the unit from a predominately Vietnam era type force to one that evolved into the modern fighting unit it became in the post Desert Storm era. He could've detailed the tactical doctrine and concurrent training and deployments that enabled the regiment to 'stay sharp' and springboard into its operational deployments into the 1990s and beyond.

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