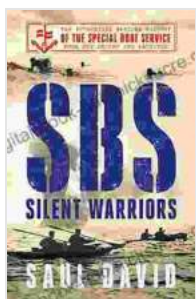


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Origins and Early Operations

The SBS was established in 1940 as a small unit specialising in coastal reconnaissance and sabotage missions. Initially known as the Special Boat Section, it operated under the command of the Royal Navy. Their first major assignment was the ill-fated raid on Dieppe in 1942, which provided valuable lessons for future operations.



Mediterranean and North Africa

The SBS played a significant role in the Mediterranean and North African campaigns. They conducted daring raids on enemy shipping and installations, supported partisan resistance movements, and gathered vital intelligence. Notable missions included the successful sabotage of the Axis

headquarters in Crete in 1943 and the capture of the German Enigma machine in 1944.

Far East Operations

In the Far East, the SBS participated in numerous operations alongside Australian and New Zealand forces. They conducted reconnaissance missions in preparation for amphibious landings, harassed enemy positions, and provided covert support to resistance groups. Their expertise in jungle warfare proved invaluable in the harsh conditions of Burma and the Malay Peninsula.



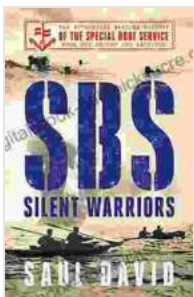
Normandy Landings

On D-Day in 1944, the SBS landed alongside Allied forces on the beaches of Normandy. Their mission was to secure key objectives, disrupt enemy communications, and provide support to the advancing troops. Their highly trained personnel played a crucial role in the successful invasion.

Post-War Legacy

After the war, the SBS continued to serve as a covert operations unit, participating in various conflicts and peacekeeping missions. Its legacy as a highly skilled and courageous organisation endures to this day. The SBS remains an elite force, respected for its ability to operate in challenging environments and execute complex missions.

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