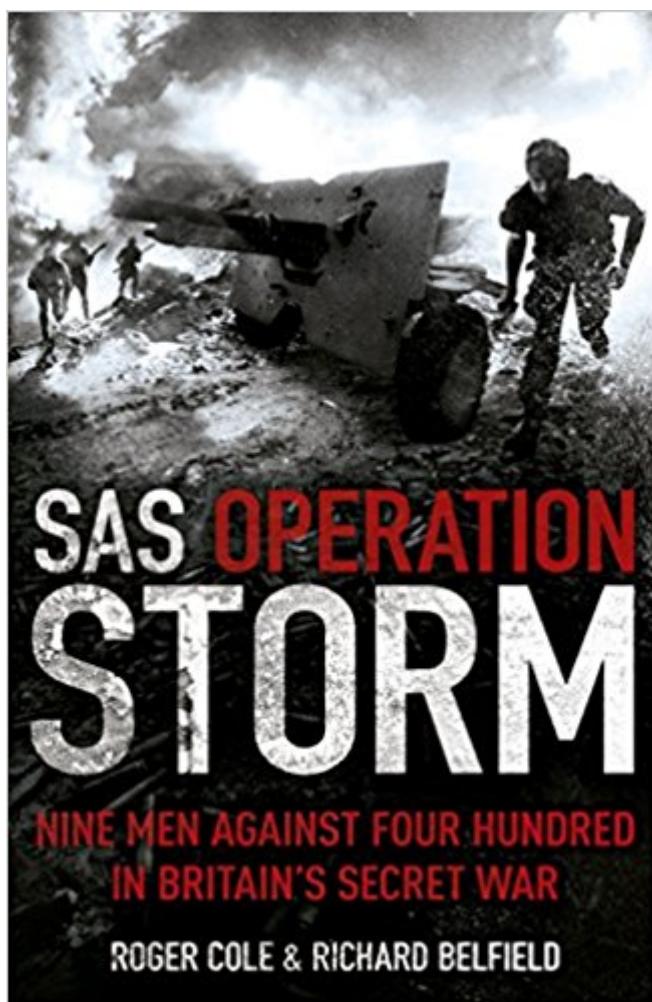


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# **SAS Operation Storm: Nine Men Against Four Hundred In Britain's Secret War**



## **Synopsis**

"How many are they?" The reply came in the finest traditions of accurate situation reporting, "f\*\*\*ing hundreds of them!" Mirbat, South Oman, July 19, 1972 is one of the least-known yet most crucial battles of modern times. SAS Operation Storm is the inside story "told by those who took part" of the greatest secret war in SAS history. The tipping point was Mirbat, a secret battle which defines the world we all live in today. If the SAS had been defeated at Mirbat, the Russian and Chinese plan for a communist foothold in the Middle East would have succeeded, with catastrophic consequences for the oil-hungry West. This is a page-turning account of courage and resilience. Mirbat was a battle fought and won by nine SAS soldiers and a similar number of brave local people "some as young as ten years old" outnumbered by at least twenty five to one. Thousands of bullets, rockets, shells, mortars, and grenades were fired in a six hour fire-fight of staggering intensity, the tipping point in a clandestine war which went unreported at the time. Roger Cole, one of the SAS soldiers who took part, and writer Richard Belfield have interviewed every SAS survivor who fought in the battle from the beginning to the end "the first time every single one of them has revealed their experience. The authors have also talked to many other survivors from both sides, including the pilots who flew with the SAS, the SAS soldiers who joined the battle towards the end, and some of the insurgents who fought against them. SAS Operation Storm is a classic story of bravery against impossible odds "minute by minute, bullet by bullet.

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'An excellent and detailed account'. -- RUSI Review 'The time is now right for their bravery, at long

last, to be properly recognised.' -- Lord Ashcroft, KCMG, Sunday Times

Roger Cole was born in 1944. He joined the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in 1964, his first posting being to Germany. In 1968 he passed his SAS selection course and joined B Squadron, 22 SAS in Hereford. He did various tours in classified areas, including Dhofar, Oman. He returned to the RAOC in 1977 and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer Class 1. He has served with the British Army in Germany, Cyprus, and the Falkland Islands. He retired from the army in 1986. Richard Belfield is an award-winning television producer, director, author, and playwright. His television programs have won prizes on both sides of the Atlantic. He is the author of *Can You Crack the Enigma Code?* and *Terminate With Extreme Prejudice*.

This book is well researched and written, detailing mainly one operation in the conflict. Much more could have been added to complete the picture of the conflict, but more books and analysis are required, especially since the military has forgotten the lessons learned from a successful operation.

If you like courage, brains, guns, and a never give up attitude, this is for you. Clear concise and with empathy for all concerned. Great read.

Book very well written and gives in-depth examination of entire British effort in Oman. Also examines the difference between SAS success in Oman and American failure in Vietnam.

Very happy with the purchase and the service, thanks

Awesome history

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