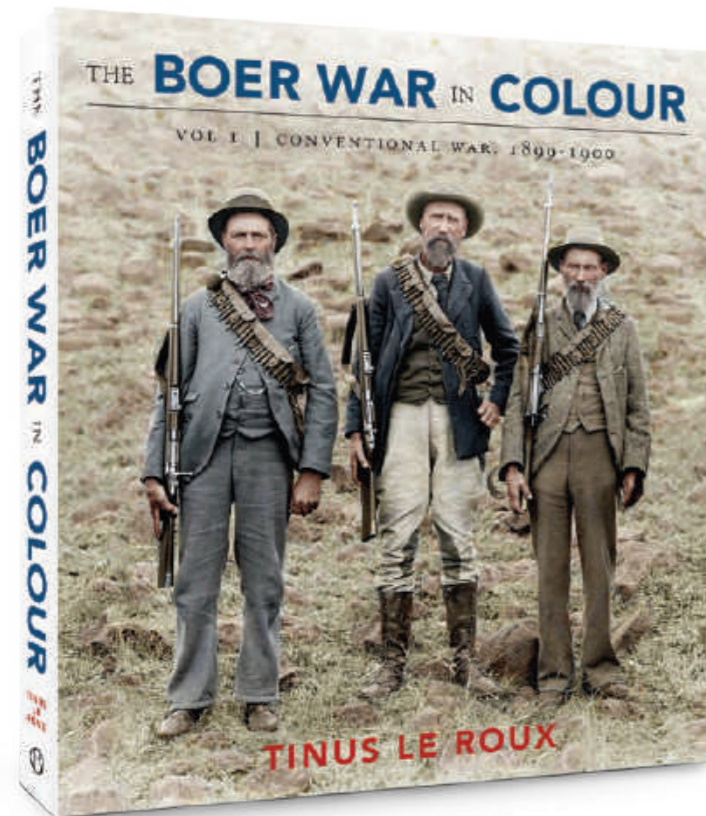




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## The Boer War in Colour

Vol 1 | Conventional War, 1899-1900

TINUS LE ROUX

Infused with colour, scenes from the Anglo-Boer War suddenly come to life in this striking collection of colourised photos from one of the biggest conflicts on South African soil.

The Anglo-Boer War, or South African War, pitted the two Boer republics of Transvaal and the Orange Free State against British imperial might. The effects of this devastating war on the political, economic and social landscape were felt long after its end.

*The Boer War in Colour* contains many iconic photos from the war, as well as several previously unpublished images. Over the past 120 years, hundreds of books on the Anglo-Boer War have been published, but this will be the first to show this conflict in full colour – introducing a fresh perspective and transforming it into living history.

‘Terrific to experience the Anglo-Boer War in colour – as its participants had so many years ago! Without question a truly remarkable photo album of the war.’ – FRANSJOHAN PRETORIUS, HISTORIAN

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TINUS LE ROUX is a military history enthusiast who started colourising Anglo-Boer War images in 2014. He also colourises World War II images, specifically those related to the South African Air Force.

## Die Anglo-Boereoorlog in Kleur

Vol 1 | Konvensionele Oorlog, 1899-1901

TINUS LE ROUX

Tonele en rolspelers uit die Anglo-Boereoorlog kry nuwe lewe in hierdie unieke versameling foto's wat lewensgetrou ingekleur is. Dit bring vars perspektief op een van die belangrikste historiese gebeurtenisse in die Suid-Afrikaanse geskiedenis.

In die Anglo-Boereoorlog of Suid-Afrikaanse Oorlog het die twee Boererepublieke van Transvaal en die Oranje-Vrystaat teen die Britse Ryk te staan gekom. Hierdie verwoestende oorlog sou vir dekades lank nog 'n uitwerking hê op die Suid-Afrikaanse politieke, ekonomiese en sosiale landskap.

Lesers sal talle ikoniese foto's in *Die Anglo-Boereoorlog in kleur* raaksien, maar ook verskeie wat nog nooit tevore gepubliseer is nie. Honderde boeke het die afgelope 120 jaar oor die oorlog verskyn, maar dit is die eerste een in volkleur.



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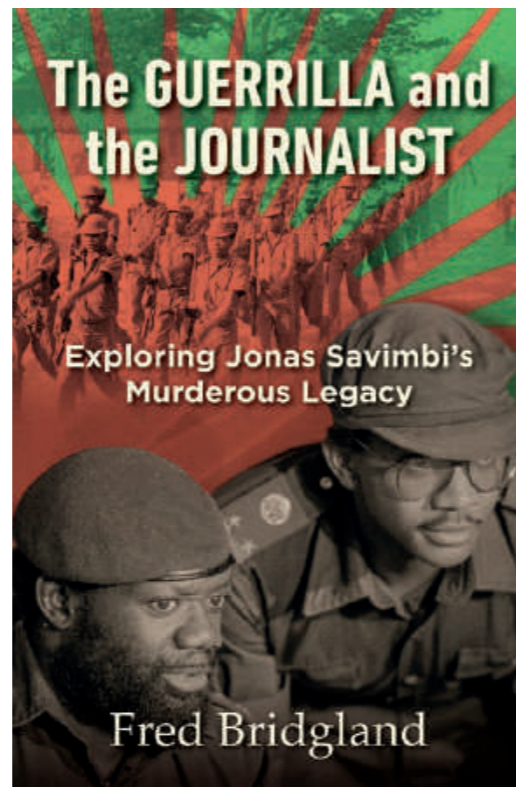




## The Guerrilla and the Journalist

Exploring Jonas Savimbi's Murderous Legacy

FRED BRIDGLAND



As a young Reuters correspondent, Bridgland revealed the secret invasion in 1975 of post-independence Angola by apartheid South Africa's armed forces in support of UNITA rebel leader, Jonas Savimbi. At the time, Bridgland befriended Tito Chingunji, a guerrilla officer, before he became UNITA foreign secretary, who persuaded Bridgland to walk hundreds of kilometres across Angola to watch UNITA's fighters go into combat.

Later, Chingunji and Bridgland worked together on a sympathetic biography of the charismatic Savimbi – then the great hope of the 'free West'. However, after the book's publication, Chingunji's family were under constant threat of death from Savimbi.

Bridgland started to uncover atrocities that revealed Savimbi not as the champion of his people, but as a murderous tyrant. Chingunji had risked his life to help Bridgland tell the true story of what was going on behind the scenes. When his friend went missing, Bridgland journeyed into the Angolan jungle to plead his friend's case and he, himself, was put before a kangaroo court by an enraged Savimbi.

This is a personal account of the bond that developed between a guerrilla fighter and a journalist, and the terrifying challenges they faced as they revealed Savimbi's true colours.

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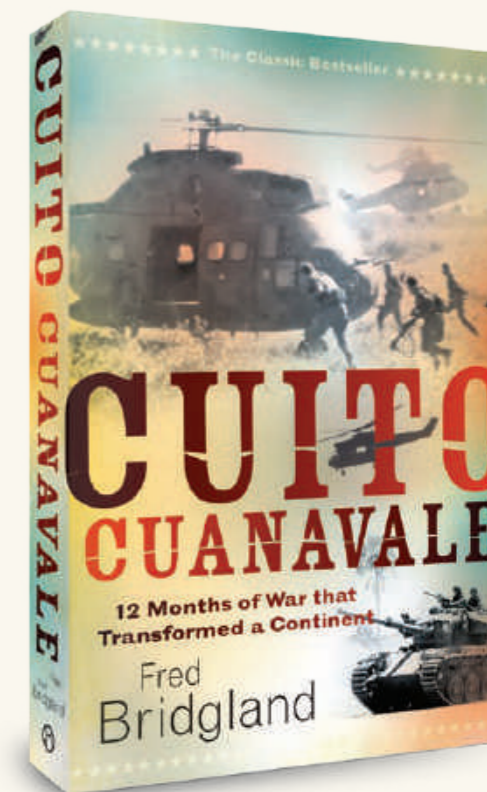


FRED BRIDGLAND is a veteran British foreign correspondent and the author of several books, including *Cuito Cuanavale* (2017) and *Truth, Lies and Alibis* (2018).

## Cuito Cuanavale

12 Months of War that Transformed a Continent

FRED BRIDGLAND



**'As we advanced the tanks began firing ahead speculatively. It was an amazing sight. After an Olifant [tank] unleashed a 105 mm shell you saw a path opening up through the forest just like the Red Sea divided for Moses.'**

It is September 1987. The Angolan Army – with the support of Cuban troops and Soviet advisors – has built up a massive force on the Lomba River near Cuito Cuanavale in southern Angola. Their goal? To capture Jamba, the headquarters of the rebel group Unita, supported by the South African Defence Force (SADF) in the so-called Border War.

This gripping account of the last bloody battles around the southern Angolan town of Cuito Cuanavale in 1988 has become a Border War classic. Thousands died in the fighting, vividly and dramatically retold by Fred Bridgland. Thousands of soldiers died in the vicious fighting that is described in vivid detail in this book. Bridgland pieced together this account through scores of interviews with SADF men who were on the front line. This dramatic retelling takes the reader to the heart of the action.

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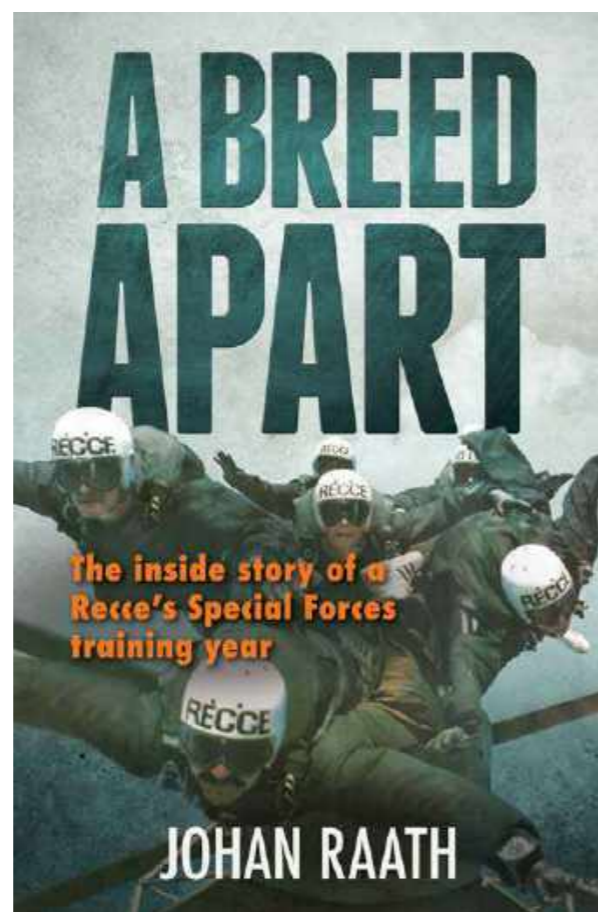




## A Breed Apart

*The Inside Story of a Recce's Special Forces Training Year*

JOHAN RAATH



The South African Special Forces, or Recces, have always been known for their gruelling selection course that pushes soldiers to the ends of their physical and mental limits. Many sign up for it, only a select few ever pass. Then they still have to complete an exacting year-long course before they can join the ranks of this elite unit.

In *A Breed Apart*, former Special Forces operator Johan Raath offers a rare insider's view on the training he and other young soldiers received in the 1980s. Due to a high demand for these specialist soldiers at the time, he was part of a group that also did their basic training at the Special Forces.

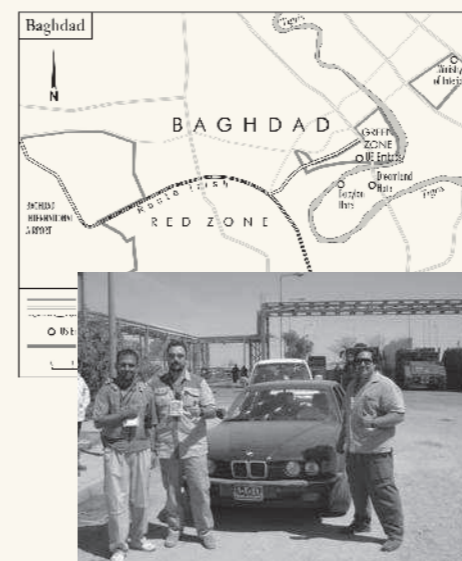
Each of their courses is described in detail to show the range and the standard of training they received in, among others, weapons handling, bushcraft/survival, demolitions, urban warfare, as well as seaborne and riverine operations.

Given that much of the training Raath underwent is still part of the present-day Special Forces training, this book reveals many aspects of the Recce way.

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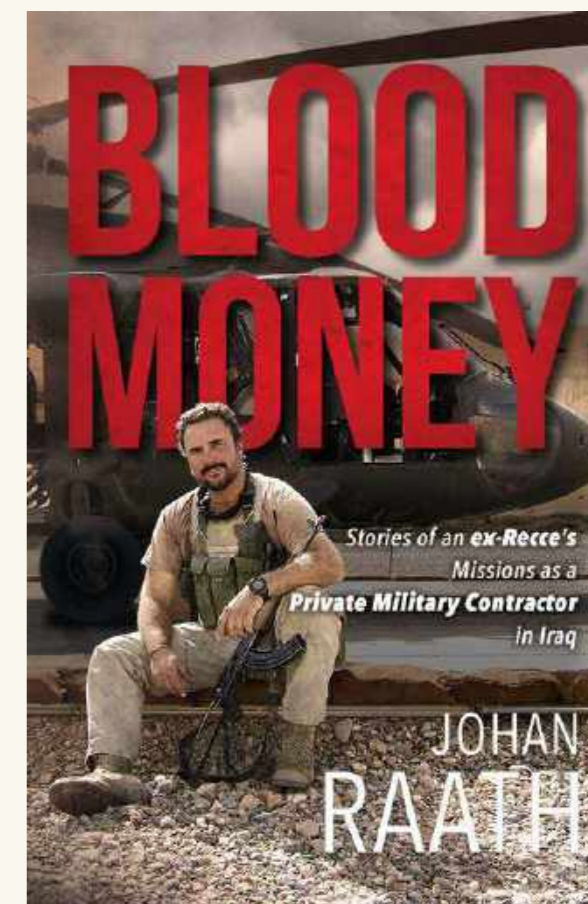
JOHAN RAATH is a former South African Special Forces operator and private military contractor.



## Blood Money

*Stories of an ex-Recce's Missions as a Private Military Contractor in Iraq*

JOHAN RAATH



**'I remember the cracking sound of the AK-47 bullets as they tore through our windscreen . . . A piece of bullet struck my bulletproof vest in the chest area and another piece broke off and lodged in my left forearm.'**

Raath and a security team were ambushed in May 2004 while on a mission to reconnoitre a power plant south of Baghdad for an American firm. He had been in the country for only two weeks. This was a taste of what was to come over the next few years as he worked as a private military contractor (PMC) in Iraq.

Raath had numerous hair-raising experiences. Key to his survival was his training as a Special Forces operator, or Recce.

This riveting account offers a rare glimpse into the world of private military contractors and the realities of everyday life in one of the world's most violent conflict zones.

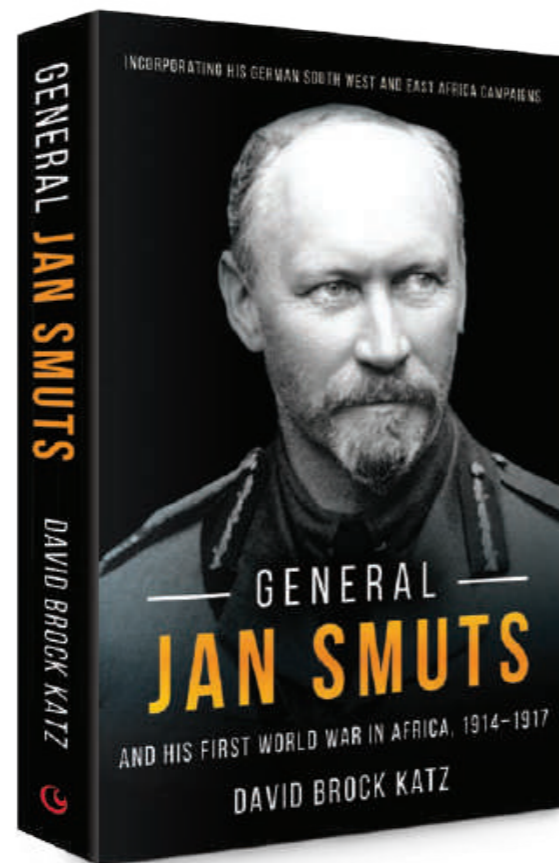
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## General Jan Smuts *and his First World War in Africa (1914-1917)*

DAVID BROCK KATZ

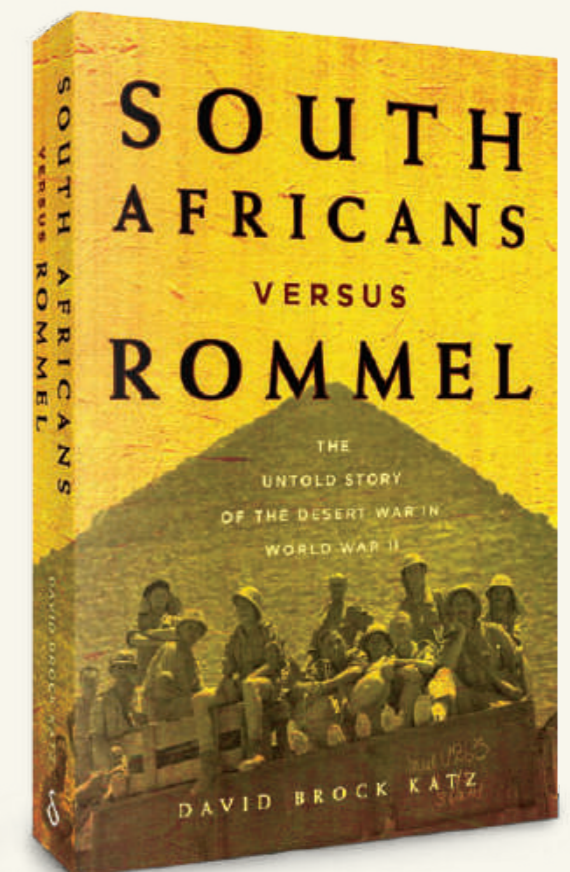


Jan Smuts's abilities as a general have been much denigrated by modern historians. However, he was no armchair soldier – the statesman courageously led his men into battle. During the South African War, he was immersed in the Boer manoeuvre doctrine, which he used to devastating effect in the guerrilla phase of that conflict – leading his commando in a daring invasion of the Cape.

The First World War ushered in a renewed scramble for Africa. Smuts grabbed the opportunity to realise his ambition of a Greater South Africa. He led the southern defensive and was an integral part of the German South West African campaign in 1915. In command of the Allied forces in East Africa in 1916, he led a combination of South Africans and imperial troops against the legendary Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck and his Schutztruppen to great effect. His penchant for manoeuvre warfare remains an enigma.

Katz makes use of multiple archival sources and many of the official accounts of the participants to provide a long-overdue reassessment of Smuts's generalship and his role in furthering the strategic aims of South Africa and the British Empire in Africa during the First World War.

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## South Africans Versus Rommel

*The untold story of the desert war in World War II*

DAVID BROCK KATZ

South Africa's Union Defence Force played an important part in World War II and also made tremendous sacrifices. By early 1941 South Africa had 30 000 troops in East Africa, where it helped drive the Italians out of Abyssinia and Somalia. This campaign was mere prelude to the operations it would conduct as part of the British Eighth Army against Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps in North Africa.

Relying on deep research in South African and British archives, Katz recounts a side of the Desert War that has never received the attention it deserves. It is the story of an army committed somewhat reluctantly to a war it did not fully support, an army ill-prepared for the campaigns it was tasked with waging and forced to learn as it fought, an army committed to battle on the orders of its senior alliance partner. But at its heart this is the story of men at war.

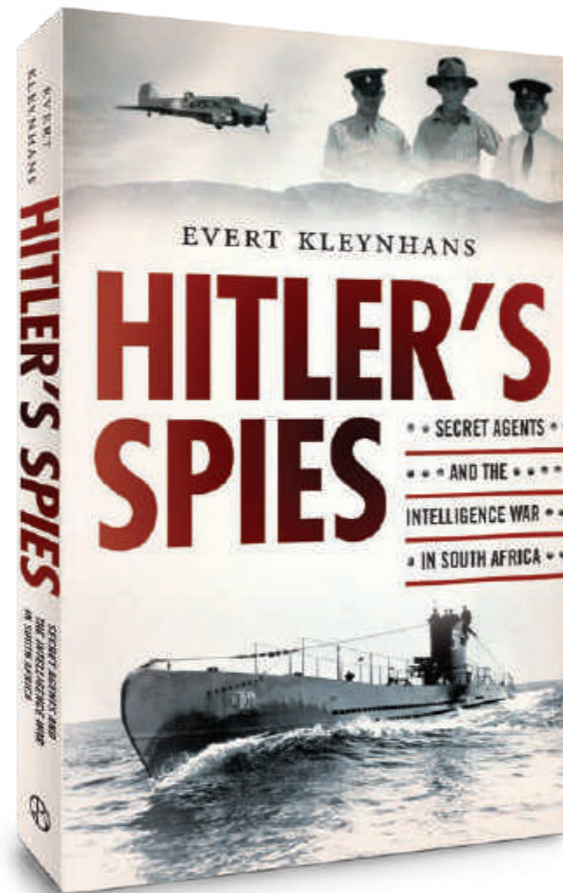
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## Hitler's Spies

*Secret Agents and the Intelligence War in South Africa*

EVERT KLEYNHANS



The story of the intelligence war in South Africa during the Second World War is one of suspense, drama and dogged persistence. In 1939, the German government secretly reached out to the leadership of the anti-war movement, the Ossewabrandwag.

The Nazis' aim was to spread sedition in South Africa and to undermine the Allied war effort. The critical strategic importance of the sea route round the Cape of Good Hope meant that the Germans were also after naval intelligence. Soon U-boat packs were sent to operate in South African waters, to deadly effect.

With the help of the Ossewabrandwag, a network of spies was established to gather important political and military intelligence and relay it back to the Reich. Agents would use a variety of channels to send coded messages to Axis diplomats in neighbouring Mozambique. Meanwhile, police detectives and MI5 agents hunted in vain for illegal wireless transmitters.

*Hitler's Spies* present an unrivalled account of German intelligence networks that operated in wartime South Africa.

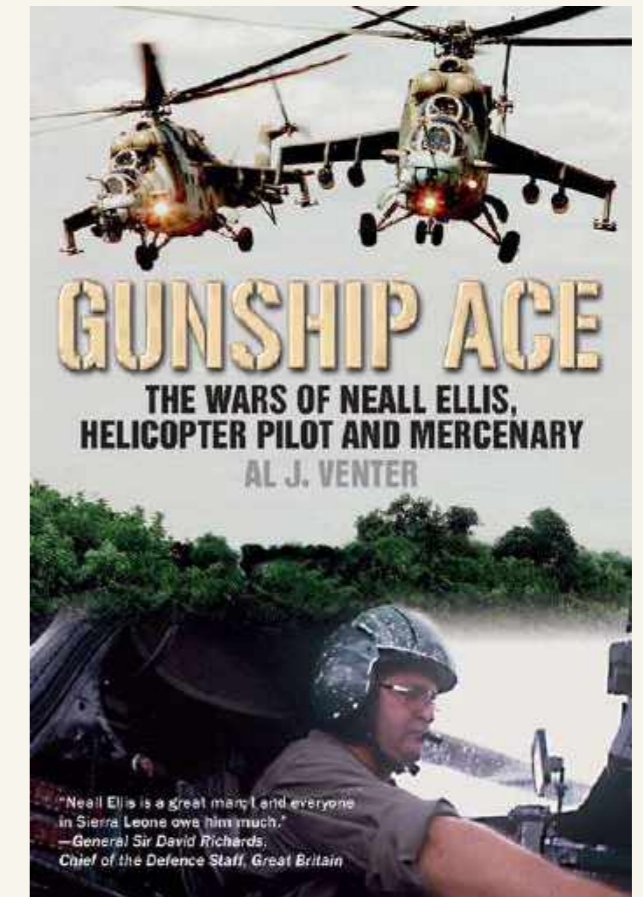
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## Gunship Ace

*The Wars of Neall Ellis, Helicopter Pilot and Mercenary*

AL J. VENTER



A former South African Air Force pilot who received a Honoris Crux during the Border War and later became a private military contractor, Neall Ellis is one of South Africa's best-known combat aviators. He participated in several major Border War operations, including Operation Protea, Super and Meebos.

Apart from flying Alouette helicopter gunships in Angola, he has fought in the Balkan War (for Islamic forces) and tried to resuscitate Mobutu Sese Seko's ailing air force during his final days ruling the Congo. In war-torn Sierra Leone Ellis played a major role in the fight against the rebel forces of Foday Sankoh. Ellis was also the first private military contractor to work hand-in-glove with British ground and air assets in a modern guerrilla war.

Later in Afghanistan, Ellis flew helicopter support missions for three years where he had more close shaves than in his entire previous four decades put together. The author recounts these hair-raising missions, some of which he accompanied Ellis on as a war correspondent.

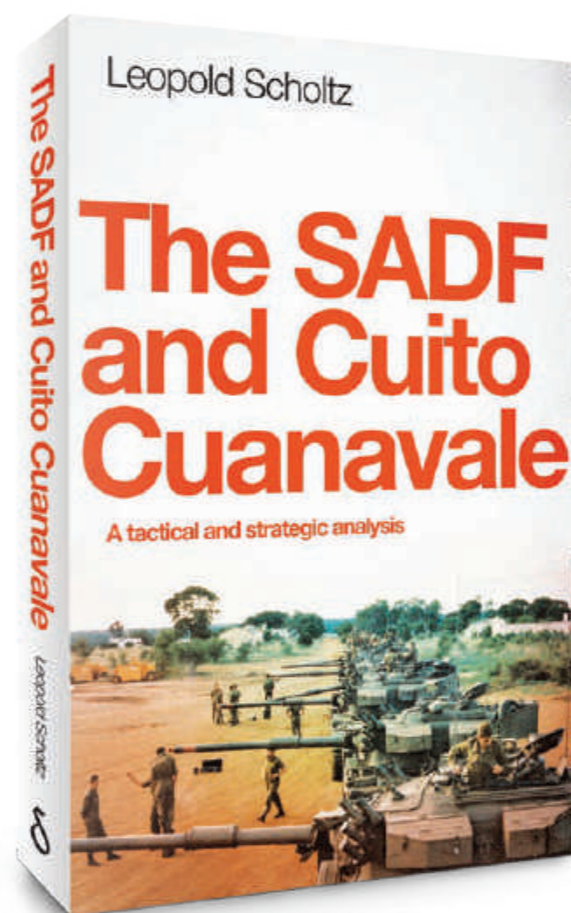
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AL J. VENTER is a well-known military writer who has had 50 books published, including *War Stories* and *War Dog*.

## The SADF and Cuito Cuanavale

*A Tactical and Strategic Analysis*

LEOPOLD SCHOLTZ

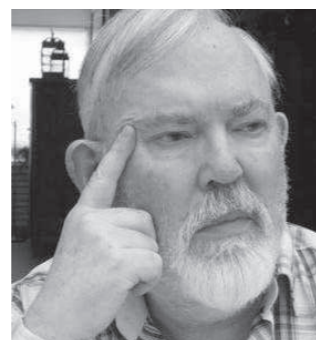


**'A shooting war is often followed by a second war. This war is not fought with bullets or artillery shells, not with tanks or bombers, but rather with words. The war is, in effect, fought again on paper.'**

Ever since the Border War ended in 1989, the fighting around the dusty town of Cuito Cuanavale has been the subject of a fierce public debate over who won the war. While the leadership of the former South African Defence Force (SADF) claims it was never defeated, the supporters of the Angolan MPLA government, Cuba and SWAPO insist that the SADF was vanquished on the battlefield.

But was Cuito Cuanavale ever really an objective of the SADF? Scholtz tackles this question by examining recently declassified documents in the SANDF archives and exploring the strategic and tactical decisions that shaped the six main battles. His incisive analysis untangles what happens when war, politics and propaganda become entwined.

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## Die SAW en Cuito Cuanavale

*'n Taktiese en strategiese analise*

LEOPOLD SCHOLTZ



**'Dit gebeur dikwels dat 'n skietoorlog deur 'n tweede oorlog gevolg word. Dié oorlog word nie met ammunisie of kartetse gevoer of met tenks en bomwerpers nie, maar met woorde. Die oorlog word as 't ware op papier oorgeveg.'**

Sedert die einde van die Grensoorlog in 1989 is die stowwerige dorpie Cuito Cuanavale die fokuspunt van 'n openbare debat oor wie eintlik hierdie oorlog gewen het. Die leierskorps van die Suid-Afrikaanse Weermag (SAW) hou vol hulle is nooit verslaan nie, terwyl die alliansie van die Angolese MPLA-regering, Kuba en Swapo beweer hulle het die SAW uit Angola en Suidwes-Afrika verdryf.

Maar was Cuito Cuanavale ooit regtig 'n doelwit vir die Suid-Afrikaners? Dit is die vraag wat Leopold Scholtz vra wanneer hy onlangs gedeklassifiseerde dokumente in die weermagargief bestudeer en die SAW se taktiese en strategiese besluite ondersoek. Sy kritiese ontleding wys hoe maklik propaganda en politiek in die pad van feite kan staan.

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## Ratels On the Lomba

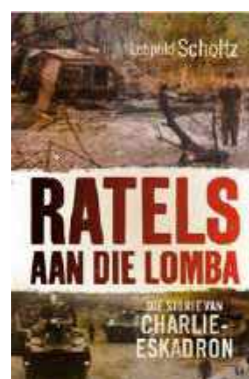
*The Story of Charlie Squadron*

LEOPOLD SCHOLTZ

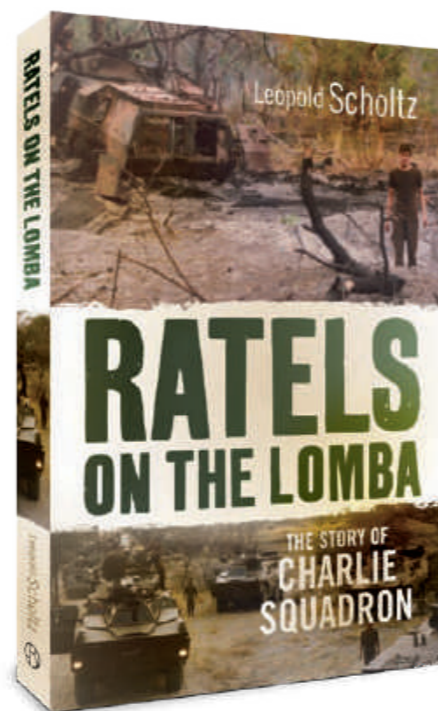
Charlie Squadron – the iron fist of 61 Mechanised Battalion Group (61 Mech) – led the way on 3 October 1987 during the climactic battle between the South African Defence Force and the Angolan forces on the Lomba River in southern Angola. *Ratels on the Lomba* places the reader in the midst of the squadron of young conscripts who were taken off to the Border War to fight in this battle.

Outnumbered and ill-equipped during the battle on the Lomba, the 47 Brigade of the Angolan forces was nearly wiped out. This blow-by-blow account of a David vs. Goliath battle takes the reader to the heart of the action.

It is honestly told and vividly described, thanks to interviews with veterans and diary entries that help to recreate the drama of the battle. It is also an intensely human story of how individuals react in the face of death and how the war never left them, even when they returned home.



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### RATELS OP DIE LOMBA

Op 3 Oktober 1987 het Charlie-eskadron – die ystervuis van 61 Gemeganiseerde Bataljongroep – die kritieke geveg tussen die Suid-Afrikaanse Weermag en die Angolese magte op die Lombarivier in die suide van Angola gelei. Dié boek plaas die leser in die midde van die groep jong dienspligtiges wat na die Grensoorlog weggevoer is om hierdie geveg te gaan voer.

Op die Lomba het hulle nie net te staan gekom teen 'n Angolese mag met 'n getaloorwig en beter wapentuig nie, maar ook teen 'n terrein wat so dig bebos was dat hul sig en beweging aansienlik ingeperk is. Steeds is 47 Brigade van die Angolese magte amper uitgewis tydens die geveg op die Lomba. Scholtz se beskrywing van hierdie David teen Goliath geveg neem die leser na die hart van die aksie.

Danksy onderhoude met veterane en dagboekinskrywings dra hierdie eerlike, intense hervertelling die volle drama van die geveg oor. Dit is ook 'n diep menslike verhaal oor hoe individue reageer in die aangesig van die dood en hoe die oorlog hulle nooit uit sy kloue gelaat het nie, selfs nadat hulle teruggekeer het.

## Die Brug

*Na die hel en terug in Angola*

DEON LAMPRECHT

Vroeg in 1988 is 'n groep jong dienspligtiges van 61 Gemeganiseerde Bataljon na die vleismeul van suidelike Angola gestuur. Daar, op die bloedige slagvelde om Cuito Cuanavale, het die meeste van hulle vir ewig hul onskuld verloor.

Aanvanklik het hulle blindelings geglo dat hulle teen die totale aanslag van die kommunisme veg. Nadat hulle egter herhaaldelik deur die SAW-leierskap in dieselfde doodsakker ingestuur is, is hulle toenemend ontnugter.

Dertig jaar later het hierdie groep mans bymekaar-gekome om die wrak van 'n Ratel waarin 'n makker dood is. Hier het die meeste mans vir die eerste keer openlik gepraat oor die gruwelike werklikhede van die oorlog en wat dit aan hulle gedoen het.

DEON LAMPRECHT is an award-winning journalist and writer.

### ABOUT THE BOOK

*Die Brug* tells the stories, in their own voices, of a small band of brothers – young national servicemen of 61 Mechanised Infantry Battalion – who fought in the last and most intense battles around Cuito Cuanavale. Initially they believed they were fighting to defend their country against a total communist onslaught, but later they merely fought to stay alive.

Thirty years after the war they travelled to the wreck of a Ratel in which one of their comrades died. Here many of them opened up for the first time about the gruesome realities of the war and how it affected them.



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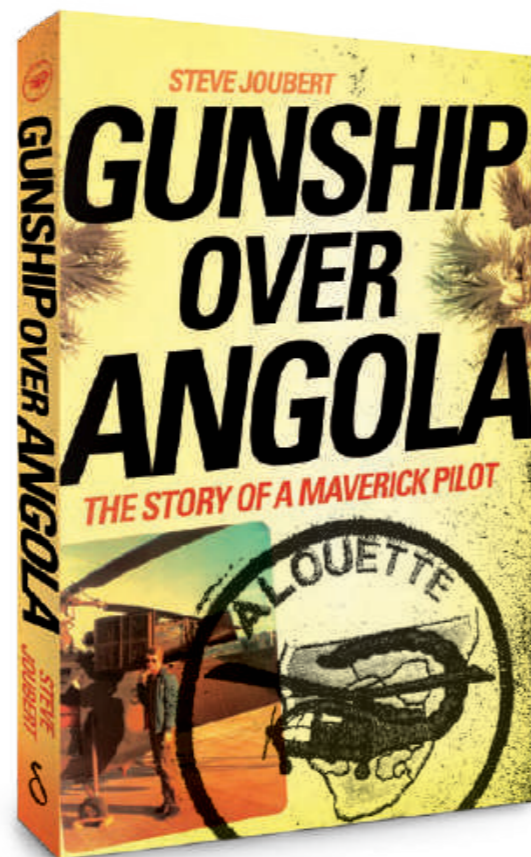
DEON LAMPRECHT is 'n bekroonde joernalis en skrywer.



## Gunship Over Angola

*The Story of a Maverick Pilot*

STEVE JOUBERT



*'Seconds later, the clear blue sky into which we had been heading erupted in a hellish scene of smoke, flame, exploding rocket-propelled grenades and tracer bullets. Had we continued on that path our aircraft would almost certainly have been blasted from the southern Angolan sky.'*

Growing up in suburban Pretoria, Steve Joubert dreamed of a career as a pilot. After undergoing SAAF pilot training, a freak injury put an end to his hopes of flying fighter jets. Instead he learned to fly the versatile Alouette helicopter.

Joubert had barely qualified as a chopper pilot when he was sent to fly missions in the Border War to supply air cover to troops on the ground. As an Alouette pilot, he saw some of the worst scenes of the war. In this moving memoir he shares some of this experiences and describes how it led him eventually to question his role in the war effort.

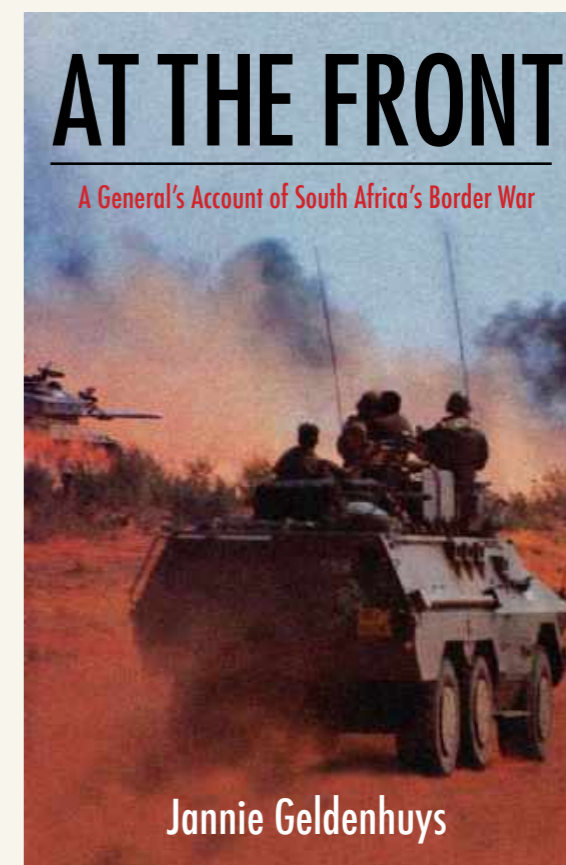
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## At the Front

*A General's Account of South Africa's Border War*

JANNIE GELDENHUYS



In this completely revised and updated edition, Geldenhuys reflects on a life defined as much by a military career spanning more than four decades as it was by politics and indeed the need for peace on the African sub-continent.

*At the Front* covers the years before and during the protracted Border War. But rather than a blow-by-blow official history, it consists of Geldenhuys' personal experiences and insights. These include facts unknown to civilians and even to some high-ranking military officials. In particular, Geldenhuys sheds light on the final years of the conflict and the negotiated settlement.

Geldenhuys also writes of his early years, as he evolved from a rugby-mad young subaltern officer to a deep-thinking, reflective man with ever-sharpening insights into, war, peace, politics and, most of all, himself.

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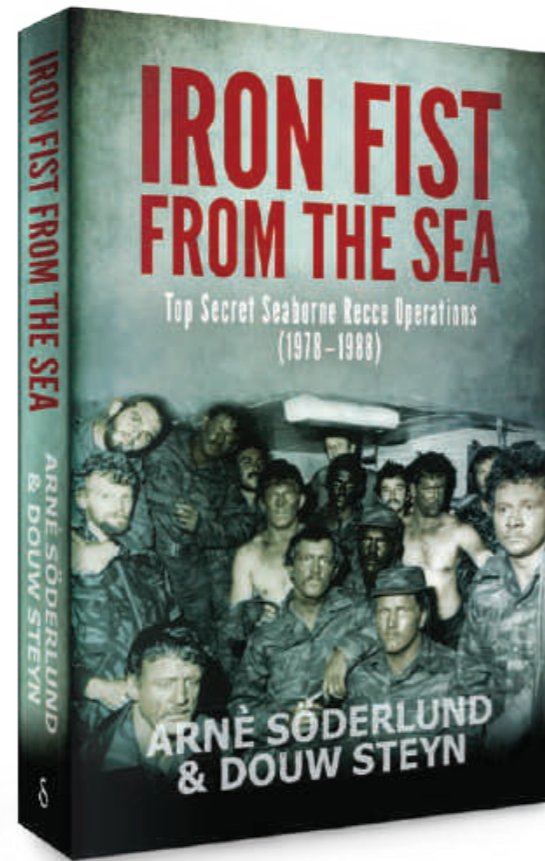
GENERAL JANNIE GELDENHUYS is widely regarded as one of the leading military commanders South Africa has ever produced.



## Iron Fist from The Sea

*Top Secret Seaborne Recce Operations (1978-1988)*

ARNÈ SÖDERLUND &  
DOUW STEYN



From Cabinda in Angola to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, 4 Reconnaissance Regiment conducted numerous clandestine seaborne raids during the Border War. They attacked strategic targets such as oil facilities, transport infrastructure and even Russian ships. All the while 4 Recce's existence and capability was largely kept secret, even within the South African Defence Force.

With unparalleled access to previously top-secret documents, 50 operations undertaken by 4 Recce, other Special Forces units and the South African Navy are described. The daunting Operation Kerslig (1981), in which an operator died in a raid on a Luanda oil refinery and others were injured, is retold in spine-tingling detail.

The book reveals the versatility and effectiveness of this elite unit and also tells of both the successes and failures of its actions. This fascinating work will enthral anyone with an interest in Special Forces operations.

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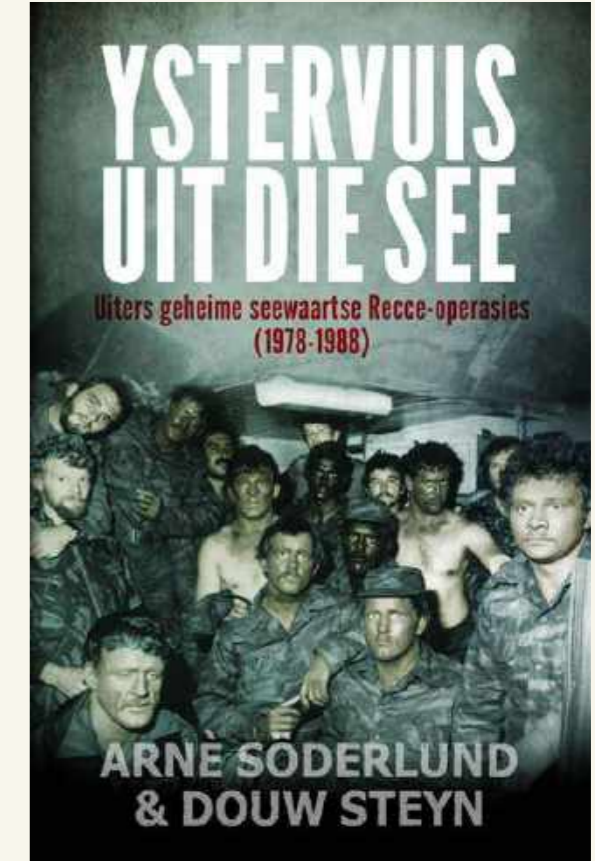
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## Ystervuis uit die see

*Uiters geheime seewaartse Recce-operasies (1978-1988)*

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Gedurende die Grensoorlog het die Spesiale Magte se 4 Verkenningsregiment tientalle klandestiene seewaartse operasies saam met die SA Vloot uitgevoer. Van Cabinda in Angola tot Dar es Salaam in Tanzanië het hulle strategiese teikens soos oliedepots, vervoerinfrastruktuur en selfs Russiese skepe aangeval. Die bestaan van 4 Recce is grootliks geheim gehou, ook in die SAW.

*Ystervuis uit die see* beskryf 50 operasies deur 4 Recce, ander Spesmagte-eenhede en die SA Vloot. Daaronder tel Operasie Kerslig (1981), waartydens 'n operateur dood en ander beseer is in 'n aanval op 'n olieraffinadery in Luanda, en Operasie Argon (1985) toe kaptein Wynand du Toit in Angola gevange geneem is.

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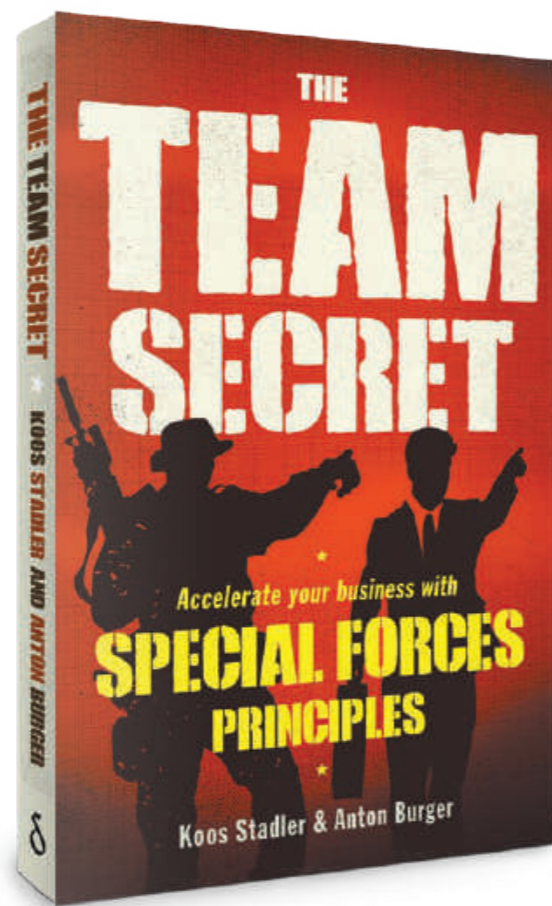
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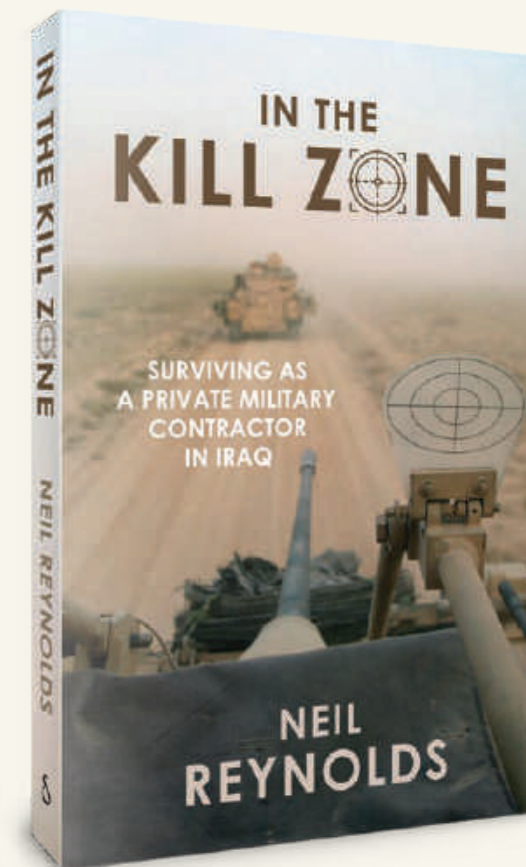
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## In the Kill Zone

*Surviving as a Private Military Contractor in Iraq*

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Reynolds was part of one of the first groups of South Africans to start private military security companies in Iraq. His refreshingly honest account tells of all the numerous challenges they faced: from finding a safe hotel in Baghdad to being forced to buy guns on the black market and dodging bullets on several hair-raising protection missions.

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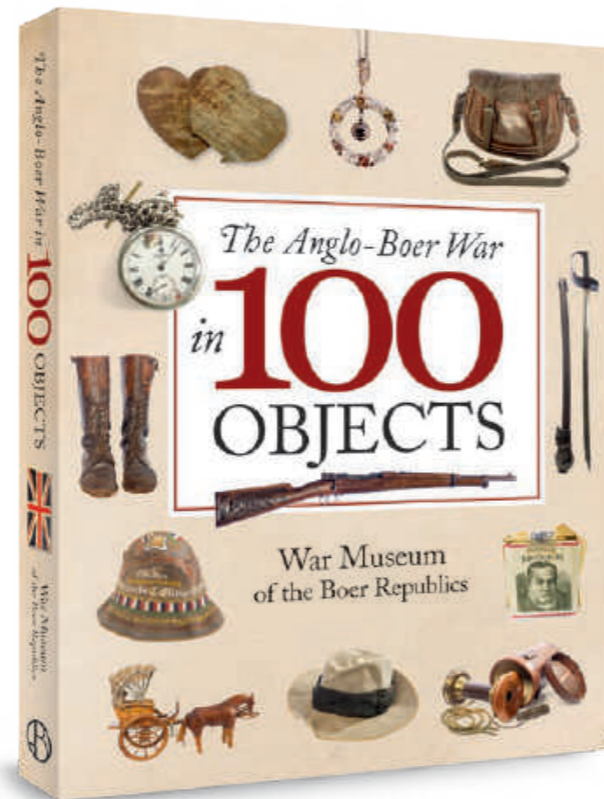
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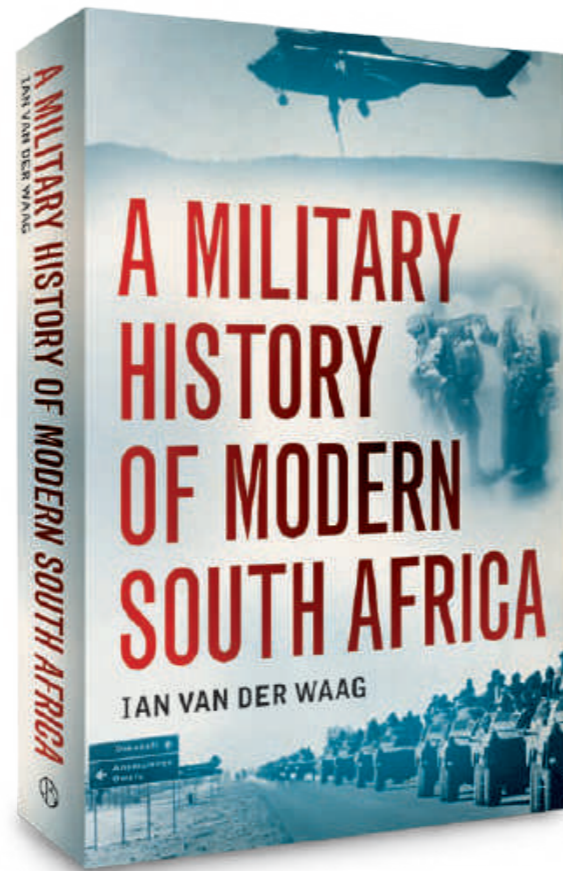
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IAN VAN DER WAAG



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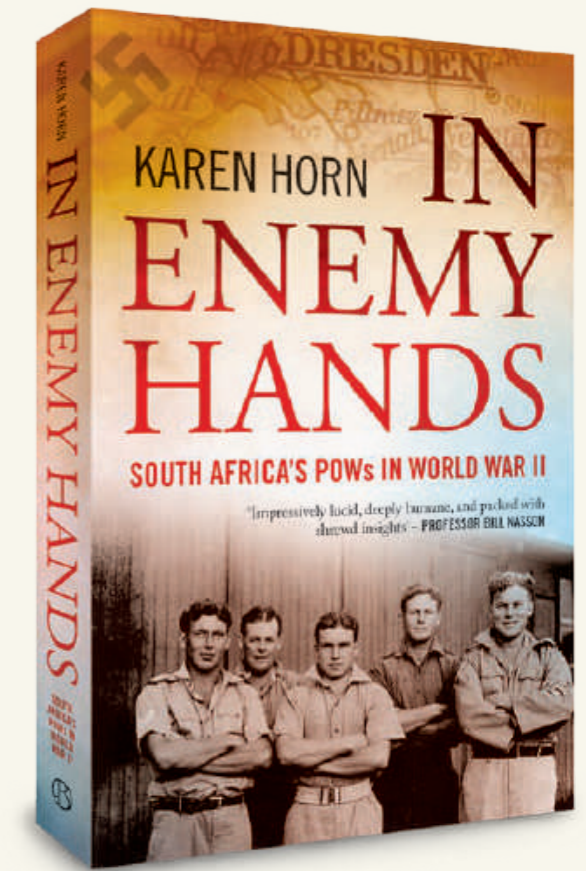
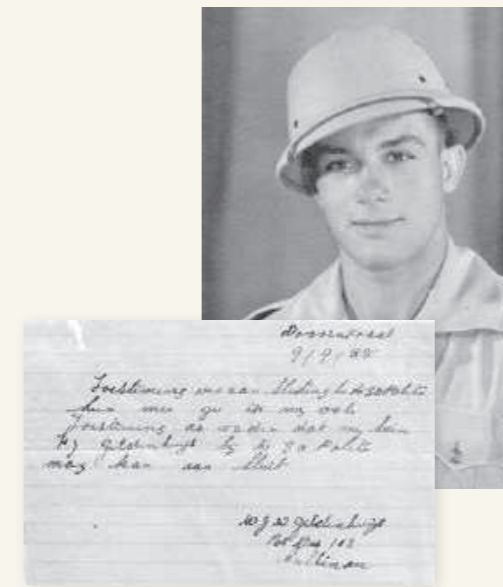
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## In Enemy Hands

South Africa's POWs in WWII

KAREN HORN



There are remarkably few publications on South Africa's role in World War II, which had such an influence on how we live today. There is even less written about those who participated on the margins of the war, especially those who were physically removed from the battlefields through capture by enemy forces. South Africa's prisoners of war during World War II, their experiences and recollections, are largely forgotten. That is until now.

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With great insight and empathy, Karen Horn shines a light on a neglected corner of South African history.

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