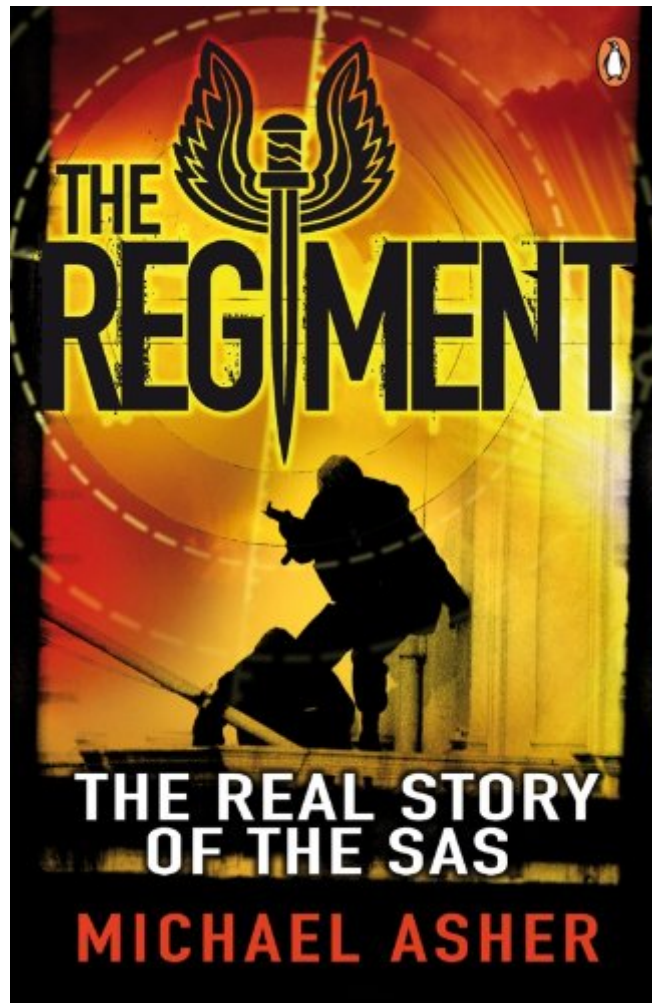


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# The Regiment: The Real Story Of The SAS



## Synopsis

On 4 May 1980, seven terrorists holding twenty-one people captive in the Iranian Embassy in London's Prince's Gate, executed their first hostage. They threatened to kill another hostage every thirty minutes until their demands were met. Minutes later, armed men in black overalls and balaclavas shimmied down the roof on ropes and burst in through windows and doors. In seconds all but one of the terrorists had been shot dead, the other captured. For most people, this was their first acquaintance with a unit that was soon to become the ideal of modern military excellence – the Special Air Service regiment. Few realized that the SAS had been in existence for almost forty years, playing a discreet, if not secret, role almost everywhere Britain had fought since World War II, and had been the prototype of all modern special forces units throughout the world. In *The Regiment*, Michael Asher – a former soldier in 23 SAS Regiment – examines the evolution of the special forces idea and investigates the real story behind the greatest military legend of the late twentieth century.

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## Customer Reviews

The definitive SAS history. Brutally honest, especially concerning Northern Ireland. Surprisingly nothing about the Iranian Embassy. An absolute must for any SOF library.

I have come upon this book after reading the "Phantom Major" by Virginia Cowles. That work describes the beginning of SAS in the 1941-1942 period, whereas "The Regiment" provides a much wider overview of SAS history. Being a documentary this book is quite far away from a dry narration of events and recollections of participants of these events. On the contrary, the story is lively and takes the reader into the deserts of Sahara, woods of Morvan and jungles of Malaya. Definitely worth reading!

This is probably the best source you can find on the amplified history of the sas, brutally honest and very well detailed, the book is very well worth the buy

As far as I can tell this book is an accurate history of the Special Air Service. It's difficult to find valid or accurate information about special forces units but the history of SAS in this book corresponds to other accounts I've read. The only shortcoming is that the history stops at the end of the first gulf war and I wish there was more information about more recent operations (security allowing).

Well worth a read, however there is much 'poetic licence' mixed with fact a reality.

5.0 out of 5 stars

This was a good comprehensive coverage of a topic that is, understandably, difficult to penetrate. I'd recommend it to all who might be interested in this general subject. Don't expect polished, flowing prose...just good, interesting history and background.

The style of prose was very limited and after awhile became rather tedious. As far as the history of the SAS it seemed to be well researched and gave me the information I was seeking

Excellent treatise on the SAS from a member. I've read other books by Michael Asher and found them informative, a good read and well researched. I was not disappointed with this book and would recommend it to any historian of the SAS.

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