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A fascinating 320-page history of a unique band of brothers (and sisters too) with an honour roll of everyone who was or is a Commando.

StrikeSwiftly by Peter Collins tells the full story of commando service in Australia. It starts with the early Independent Companies and their remarkable exploits against the Japanese in WWII. Soon after, in the cold war era, two commando companies were raised and expanded to include signallers, before becoming a regiment.

With civilian occupations ranging from tree loppers to jet pilots, these partime soldiers are bonded by a remarkable spirit that illuminates this book. Training is always high-risk; sometimes hair-raising, but often humorous. Over the years commandos have achieved an enviable record; several being awarded the highest decorations for gallantry.

Strike Swiftly, The Australian Commando Story gives insight into a close-knit unit of highly trained individuals with extraordinary skills. Drawing on these skills, commandos trained Australia's first SAS company and subsequently trained, and provided members for the new full time Commando regiment.

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