



# Zero Six Bravo

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*'Sixty Special Forces against 100,000 ... a feat of British arms to take the breath away'*  
- Frederick Forsyth

- The first account of a genuine UK special forces mission to be officially cleared for publication by the Ministry of Defence in over a decade
- Published to coincide with the 10th anniversary of a highly audacious mission, *Zero Six Bravo* draws on exclusive first hand interviews with the elite soldiers who undertook this controversial operation
- *Zero Six Bravo* provides unique insights into the operational capabilities of the UK's special forces, whilst also dramatically highlighting the huge risks faced in their deployment in hostile territory deep behind enemy lines
- A gripping account of consummate military skill, astonishing physical endurance and awe-inspiring bravery in the face of overwhelming odds - this amazing true story is the hitherto untold *Bravo Two Zero* of the Second Gulf War
- The internationally bestselling author of *Apache Dawn* and *Operation Certain Death*, Damien Lewis is one of the UK's most successful modern military history writers

**For two decades, all special forces personnel have been required to sign a gagging order preventing them from disclosing any information about their training and operations. Now, for the first time in a decade, the former SAS and SBS operatives branded as cowards have been allowed to clear their names...**

They were branded as cowards and accused of being the British Special Forces Squadron that ran away from the Iraqis. But nothing could be further from the truth. Finally, in *Zero Six Bravo*, sixty Special Forces warriors get the chance to tell their side of this epic story.

In March 2003 M Squadron - an SBS unit with SAS embeds - was sent 1,000 kilometres behind enemy lines on a true mission impossible – to take the surrender of the 100,000-strong Iraqi Army 5th Corps. From the very start their tasking earned the nickname 'Operation No Return.'

Caught in a ferocious ambush by thousands of die-hard fanatics from Saddam Hussein's Fedayeen, plus the awesome firepower of the 5th Corp's heavy armour, and with eight of their vehicles bogged in Iraqi swamps, M Squadron launched a desperate bid to escape, inflicting massive damage on their enemies.

*Zero Six Bravo* recounts in vivid and compelling detail the most desperate battle fought by British and allied Special Forces trapped behind enemy lines since World War Two. It is a classic account of elite soldiering that ranks with *Bravo Two Zero* and the very greatest Special Forces missions of our time.

**Damien Lewis** has spent twenty years reporting from disaster and conflict zones around the world. He has written a dozen non-fiction and fiction books, topping bestseller lists worldwide, and is published in some thirty languages. Two of his recent bestsellers are currently being developed into feature films.

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