Special Operations - Operations conducted by specially organized, trained, and equipped military and paramilitary forces to achieve military, political, economic, or psychological objectives by unconventional military means in hostile, denied, or politically sensitive areas. These operations are conducted during peacetime competition, conflict, and war, independently or in coordination with operations of conventional, nonspecial operations forces. Political-military considerations frequently shape special operations, requiring clandestine, covert, or low visibility techniques and oversight at the national level. Special operations differ from conventional operations in degree of physical and political risk, operational techniques, mode of employment, independence from friendly support, and dependence on detailed operational intelligence and indigenous assets.

Preface

This bibliography identifies selected books, documents, and periodical articles which present the history, development, and current status of Special Operations. It updates the previous U.S. Army War College Library bibliography on Special Operations, dated March 1989. There is no overlapping between the two bibliographies.

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