# Danger Close: The Elite Australian SAS Paratroopers Who Fought for Their Lives in Afghanistan

In the remote mountains of Afghanistan, a small team of Australian SAS paratroopers found themselves in a desperate fight for their lives.

Outnumbered and outgunned, they were pinned down by a relentless enemy. But these were no ordinary soldiers. They were the Danger Close drop troopers, and they were determined to survive.

The Danger Close drop troopers are the elite of the Australian Special Air Service Regiment. They are trained to operate in the most hostile environments, and they are experts in close-quarters combat. In Afghanistan, they were tasked with some of the most dangerous missions, including raids on Taliban strongholds and hostage rescues.



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On one such mission, in 2010, a team of Danger Close drop troopers was sent to rescue two Australian soldiers who had been captured by the Taliban. The mission was a success, but not without cost. One of the drop troopers, Lance Corporal Mark Donaldson, was killed in action. Donaldson was a highly decorated soldier who had served in Afghanistan for several tours. He was a close friend of many of the men on the team, and his death was a devastating blow.

Despite the loss of Donaldson, the Danger Close drop troopers continued to fight on. They were determined to avenge their fallen comrade and to complete their mission. In the months that followed, they conducted dozens of successful operations, capturing or killing dozens of Taliban fighters.

The Danger Close drop troopers are a testament to the courage and resilience of the Australian Special Air Service Regiment. They are an elite fighting force that is capable of carrying out the most dangerous missions in the most hostile environments. They are a credit to their country and to the Australian Defence Force.

#### The Battle of Chora

One of the most famous battles fought by the Danger Close drop troopers was the Battle of Chora. In March 2011, a team of drop troopers was sent to rescue a group of Australian soldiers who had been ambushed by the Taliban. The drop troopers were outnumbered and outgunned, but they fought their way through the enemy lines and rescued the soldiers.

The Battle of Chora was a victory for the Danger Close drop troopers, but it was also a costly one. Two of the drop troopers were killed in action, and

several others were wounded. However, the battle showed the world the courage and determination of the Australian Special Air Service Regiment.

#### The Legacy of the Danger Close Drop Troopers

The Danger Close drop troopers have left a lasting legacy in Afghanistan. They are remembered for their courage, their determination, and their professionalism. They are an inspiration to all who serve in the Australian Defence Force.

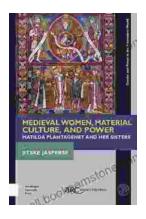
The Danger Close drop troopers are a reminder that Australia has some of the best soldiers in the world. They are a credit to their country and to the Australian Defence Force.



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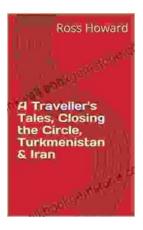
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