

Operation Iraqi Freedom



President George W. Bush

Stage I: The Conventional War



General Tommy Franks



Bombing Campaign: Shock and Awe

March 19, 2003



1,700 air sorties

The Air War

World War II

3,000 sorties for 1 target

Persian Gulf War

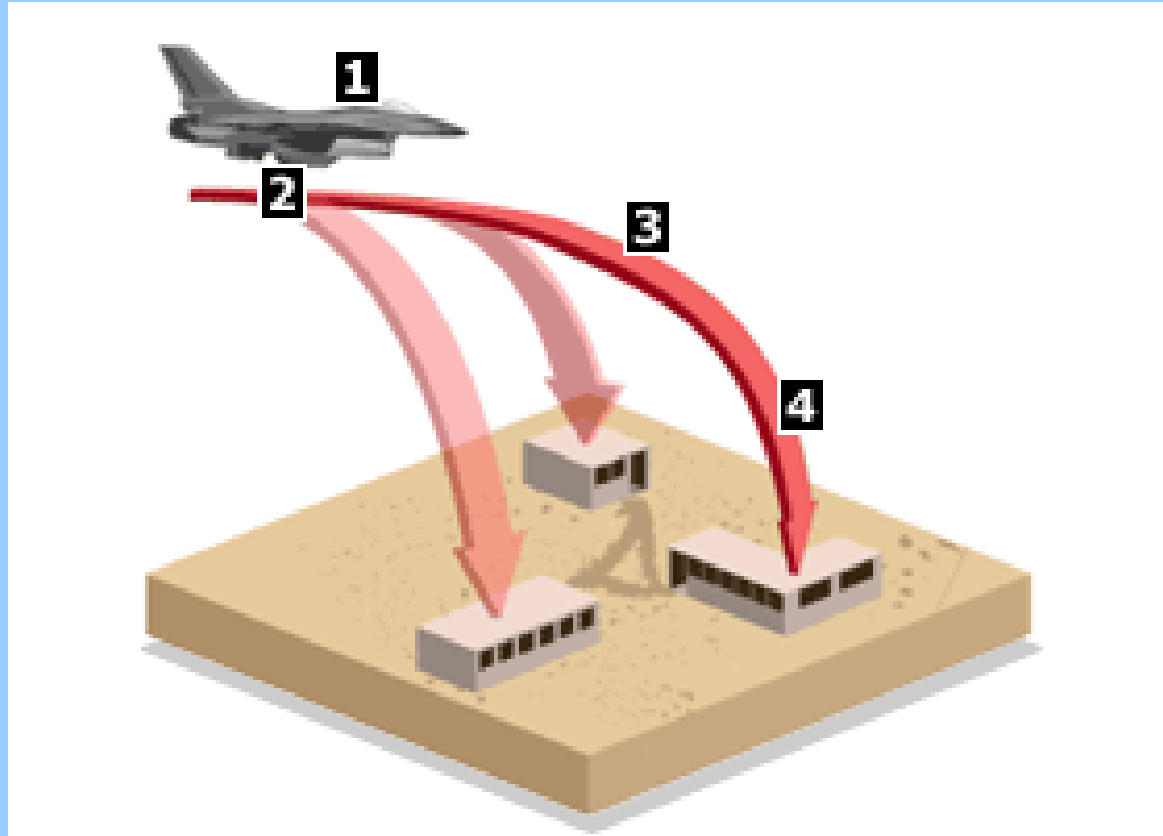
10 sorties for 1 target

Iraqi Freedom

1 plane for 10 targets



Trying to Fight a Cleaner War



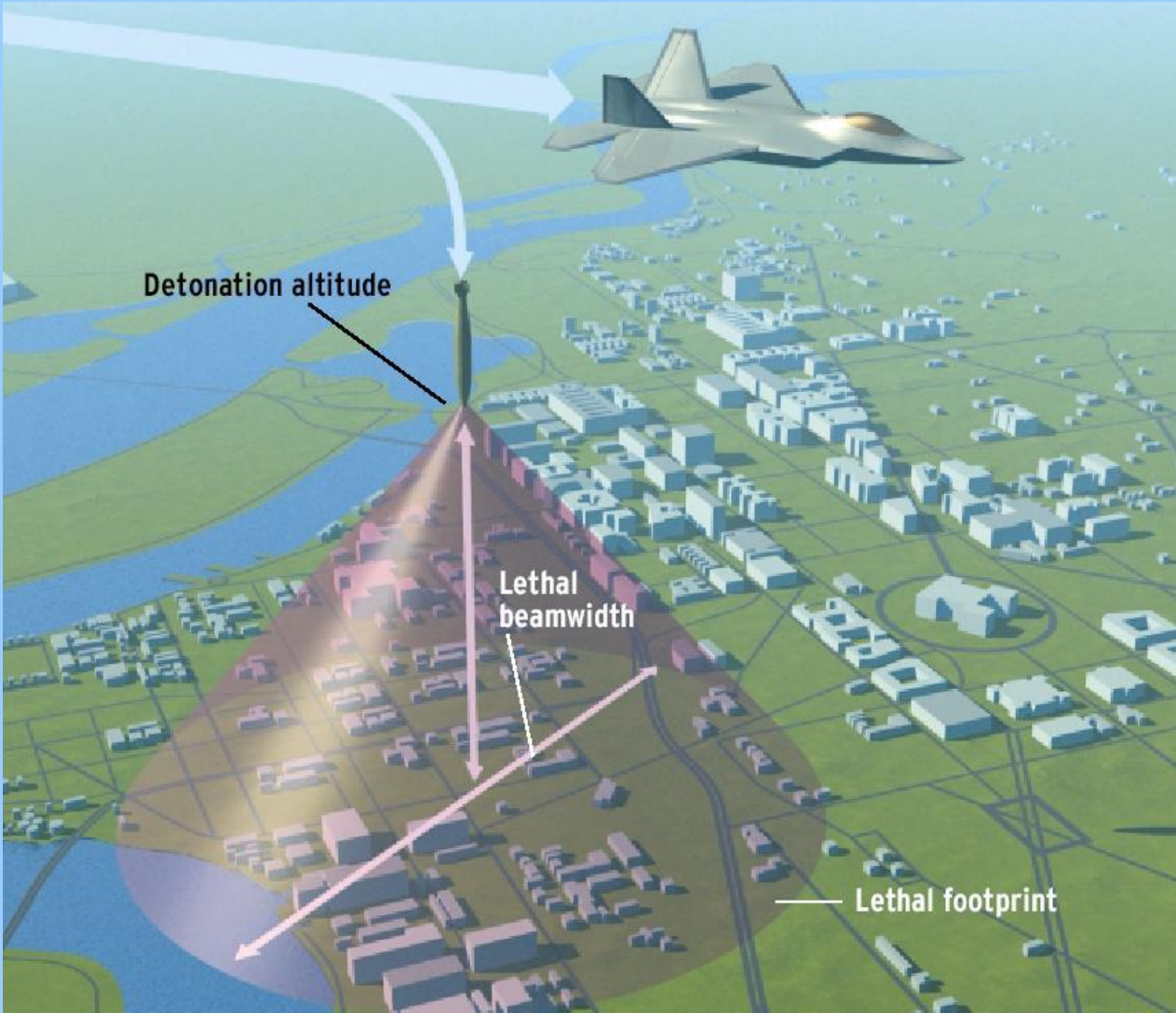
Goal: Limit Civil Destruction

JDAMS

(Joint Directed Attack Munitions)



E-Bombs



Bugsplat



American Air Superiority

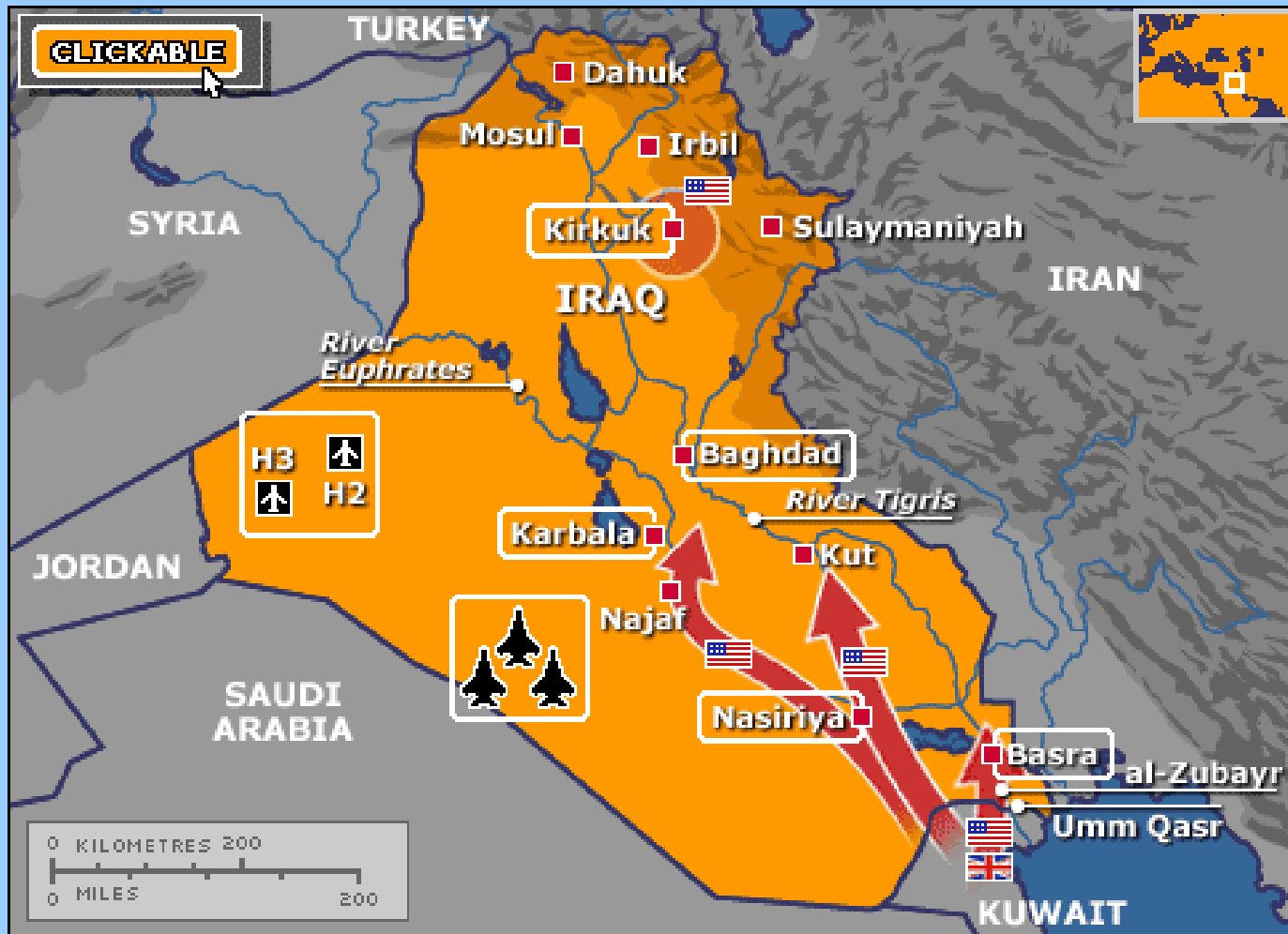


No American soldier has been killed by an enemy aircraft since World War II

Ground War – March 20



The Battle Plan



Get to Baghdad and Take Out Saddam

Rumsfeld Doctrine (light and fast)



International Help

Country	Troop Amount
United States	150,000
United Kingdom	46,000
Australia	2,000
Poland	200

Fear of Chem / Bio Weapons Attack



Fear of getting “slimed”

Iraqi Tanks in Iraqi Freedom

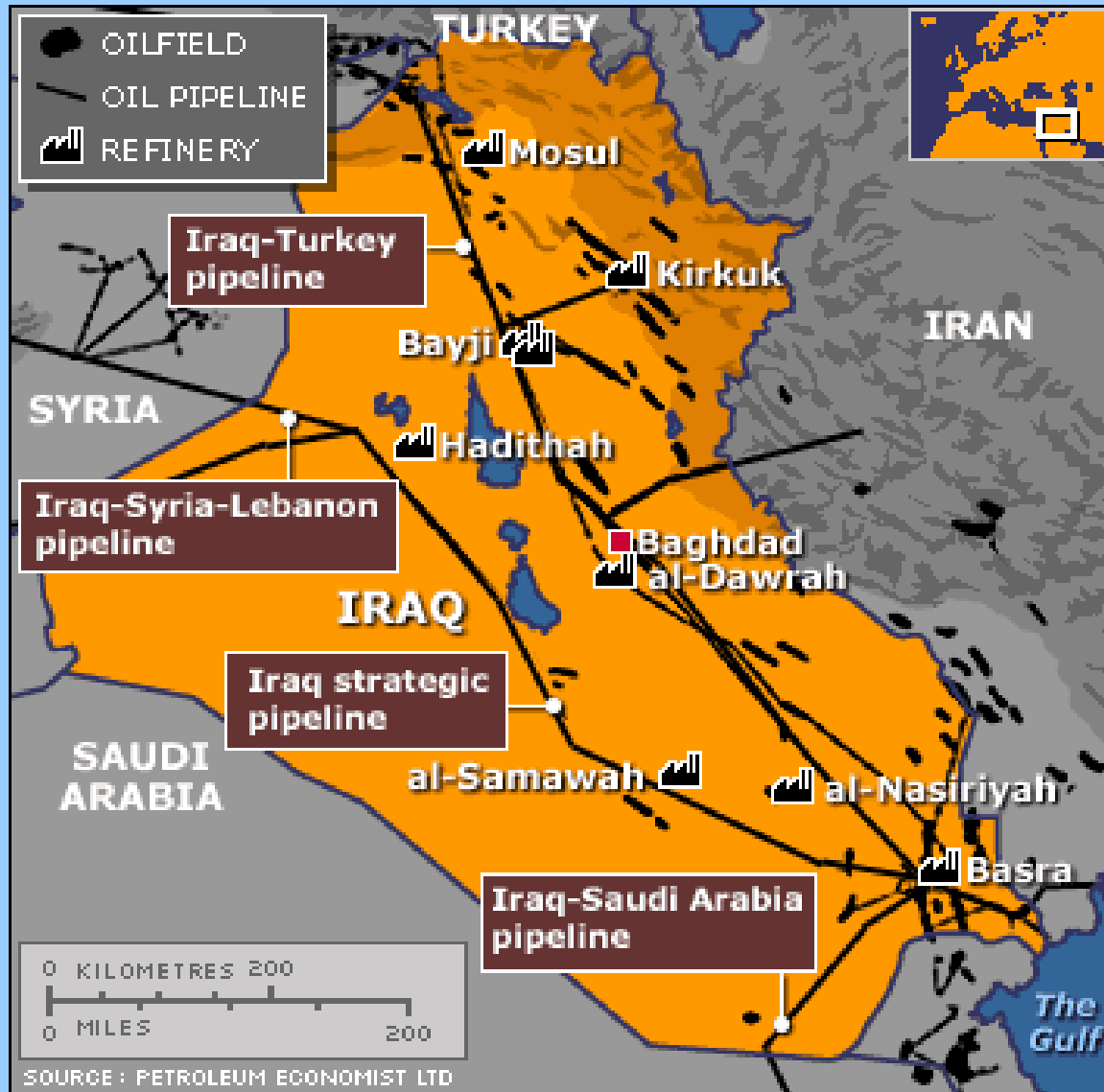


- About 24 Iraqi tanks out of 800 left

Only 9 Iraqi oil well fires



No Easy Task



Operation Iraqi Freedom



Expected Length: 120 days
Actual Length: 21 Days
(Conventional War)



Cost: \$917,744,361.55
(46 minutes 10 ½ seconds)

Learning Lessons from Vietnam



Embedded reporters



No Body Count

“We don’t do body counts” –Tommy Franks



Fall of Saddam's Statue

April 3, 2003



Saddam's Statue



Victory in Iraq (V-I Day) -May 1, 2003



Major Combatant Operations in Iraq Have Ended

Saddam's Sons: Uday and Qusay



Uday and Qusay Mosul (July 22, 2003)



The End of Uday and Qusay Mosul (July 22, 2003)



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How did US forces locate the Hussein Brothers?

- Nawaf al-Zaydan
 - distant relative of Saddam
 - homeowner
 - Brother and 3 other relatives killed
- Granted US citizenship and left Iraq
- Probably \$30 million richer

Operation Red Dawn (Tikrit)

Captured - December 13, 2003



Stage 1: So Far So Good

