Persian Gulf War



Hussein for his actions. We will Mobilize to meet this threat to vital interests in the Persian (until an () ble solution is reached. Our best strategy is to () repared. Failing that, we (ARCO () ming to kick your ass."

Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988)



US "tilted" toward Iraq

US Helped Iraq during Iran-Iraq War



Gave Iraq \$200 million in arms

Problem: An Iraqi Frankenstein



• Iraq -4th largest army by 1991

Iraq invasion of Kuwait August 2,1990





Results of Iraqi Invasion



Oil Reserves

- Iraq = 10%
- Kuwait = 10%

Saudi Arabia = 25%

UN Resolution 660

 Iraq must withdraw from Kuwait

• Deadline: January 15, 1991





Troops (Persian Gulf War)

- United States
- Saudi Arabia
- Turkey
- United Kindgom
- Egypt
- Syria
- France
- Kuwait
- Pakistan
- Canada

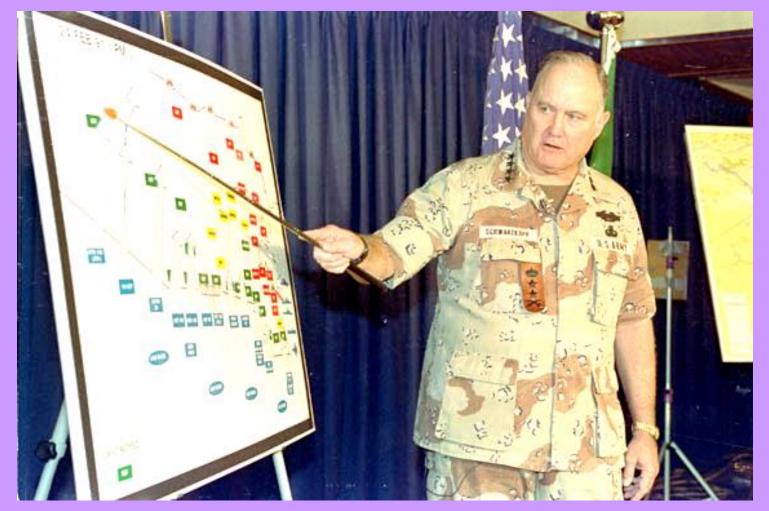
- Spain
- Bangladesh
- Morocco
- United Arab Emirates
- Oman
- Niger
- Afghanistan
- Bahrain
- Czechoslovakia
- Netherlands
- Honduras

Military, Medical, and Other Assistance

- Afghanistan
- Argentina
- Australia
- Belgium
- Canada
- Czechoslovakia
- Denmark
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Italy

- Japan
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Qatar
- Romania
- Senegal
- South Korea

Operation Desert Storm



General "Stormin" Norman Schwarzkopf

Operation Instant Thunder January 17, 1991



109,876 sorties in 43 days

Circle of Error

World War II





Circle of Error Persian Gulf





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Saddam's Reaction

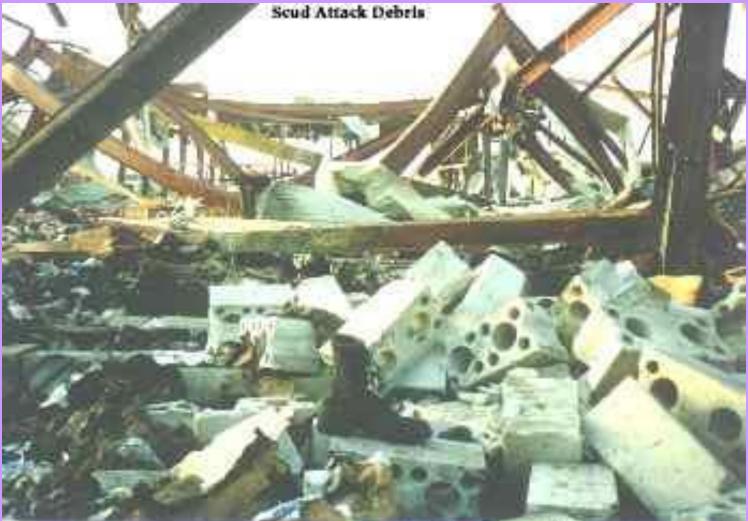


1. Dumped 4 million barrels of oil into the Persian Gulf.

2. Launched SCUD missiles into Israel.

• 39 fired, 74 killed

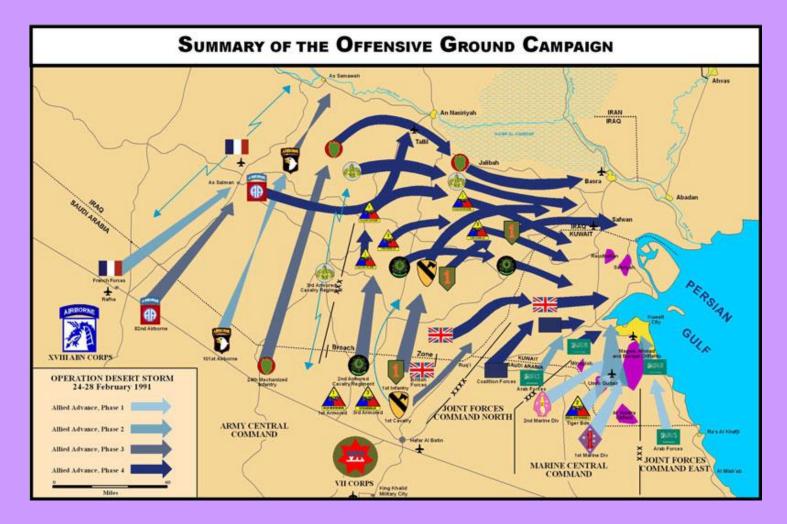
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Ground War (February 23 – 27)



690,000 Troops (540,000 American)

War Plan: Powell Doctrine



General Colin Powell

Overwhelming / Disproportionate Force

Example of Persian Gulf War Battles Battle of Medina Ridge (2/27/91)



US: 4 Abrams tanks damaged
Iraq: 186 tanks destroyed

Iraqi Withdrawal (Feb 26, 1991)



Iraqi Forces Lit 732 Kuwaiti Oil Fires



Kuwaiti Oil Fires



"This is what hell must look like." -Schwarzkopf

Iraqi Quitting or Regrouping?









Easy Target?

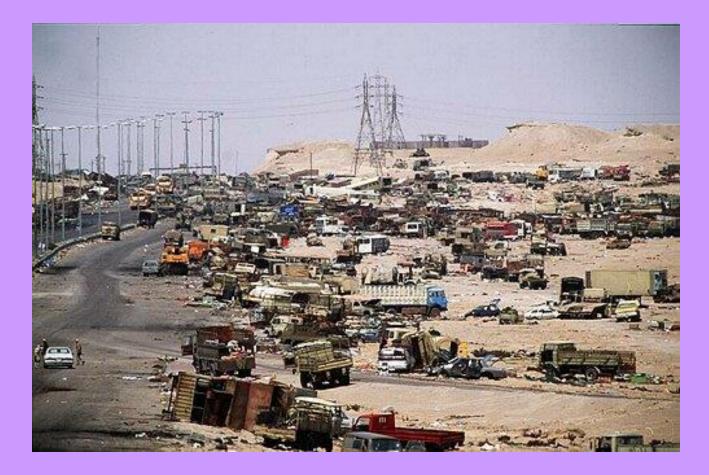


"Sheep in a Barrel"

Highway of Death February 26-27, 1991

www.vipersinthestorm.com





- About 3,000 Iraqis killed (Saddam's Number)
- Between 1,800 2,000 vehicles destroyed
- Used napalm, phosphorous, and incendiary bombs
 - Outlawed by 1977 Geneva protocols

Highway of Death



Iraqi Soldier Napalm Death





Ground War = 100 Hours



Why the US did not invade Iraq?

"Whose life would be on my hands as the commander-in-chief because I, unilaterally, went beyond the international law, went beyond the stated mission, and said we're going to show our macho? We're going into Baghdad. We're going to be an occupying power — America in an Arab land — with no allies at our side. It would have been disastrous."

-President George H. W. Bush (1998)

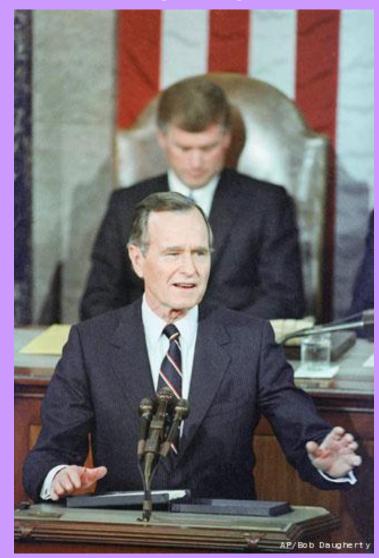
US Results of the Persian Gulf War



Who won the Persian Gulf War? USA

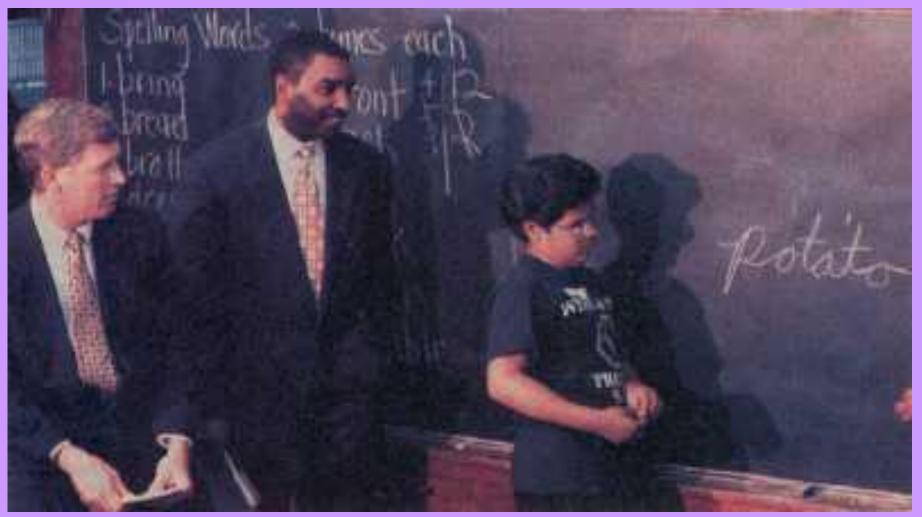
"-Kicked the Vietnam Syndrome"

How was President Bush viewed by the American people after the Persian Gulf War?





Dan Quayle and One Funny "Potatoe"





US Results: Cost





148 killed 458 wounded



Oil Prices Decreased



Below Pre-Persian Gulf War Levels \$15.50 a barrel

How does the United Nations look after the Persian Gulf War?



- An international organization has stopped an aggressor for the second time.
 - Korean War

Was the Persian Gulf War positive or negative for Iraq?



Result: Win or Loss?



Lost (Withdrew from Kuwait)

Iraq's Military Crushed



Over 100,000 soldiers killed
Over 4,000 tanks destroyed

Iraq's WMD was Limited

UN Resolution 687 Must fully disclose all chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons.





Saddam's Power Was Limited No Fly Zones



Protected Kurds (North) Shiites (South)

Saddam's Income Limited

Oil For Food Program Iraq can only exchange oil for food.



