

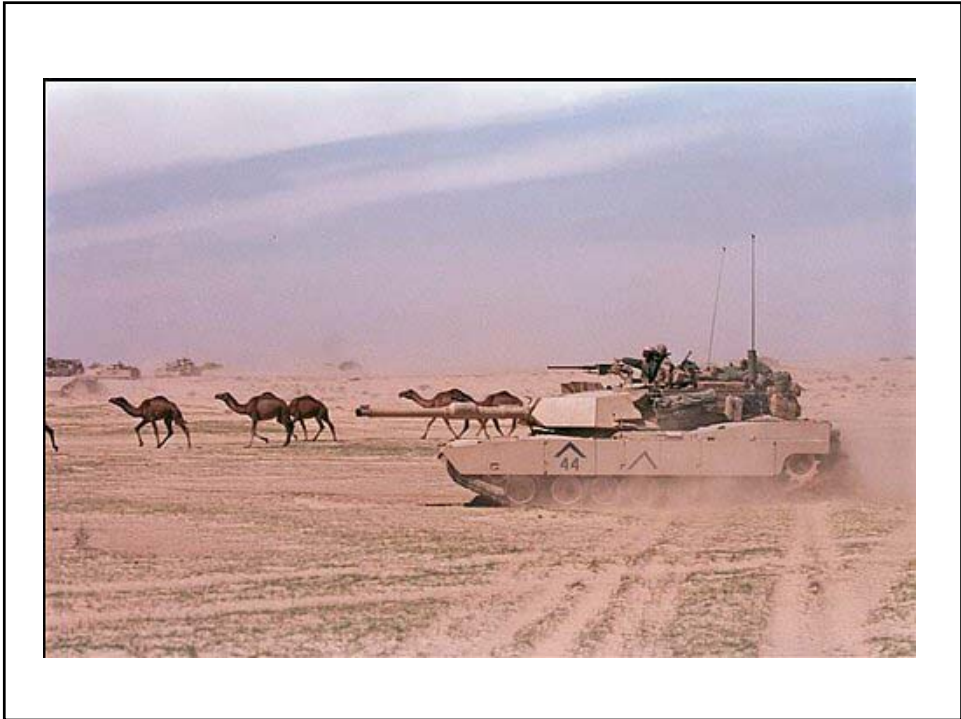
1990-1991 Gulf War: Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm



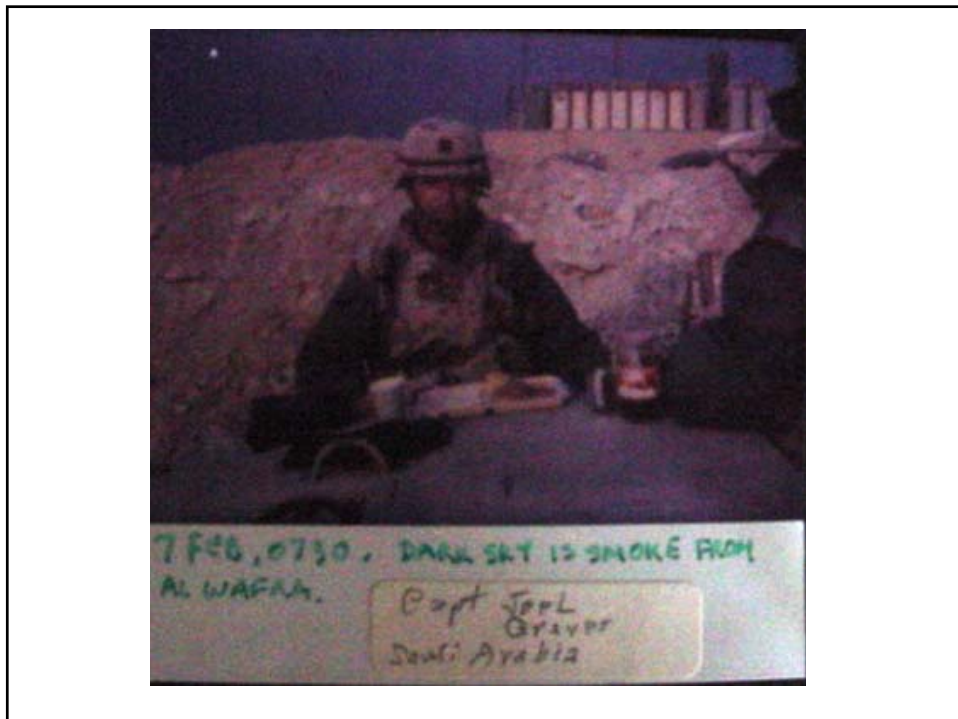
Aug 2, 1990 - Iraq invaded Kuwait
Jan 16, 1991 - Air strikes began
Feb 24, 1991 - Ground combat began
Feb 28, 1991 - Cease fire declared

- 6 weeks air strikes, 4 day ground war
- "100 Hour War"
- ~697,000 U.S. troops deployed to region
- Decisive victory; relatively few casualties
- < 150 battle-related deaths

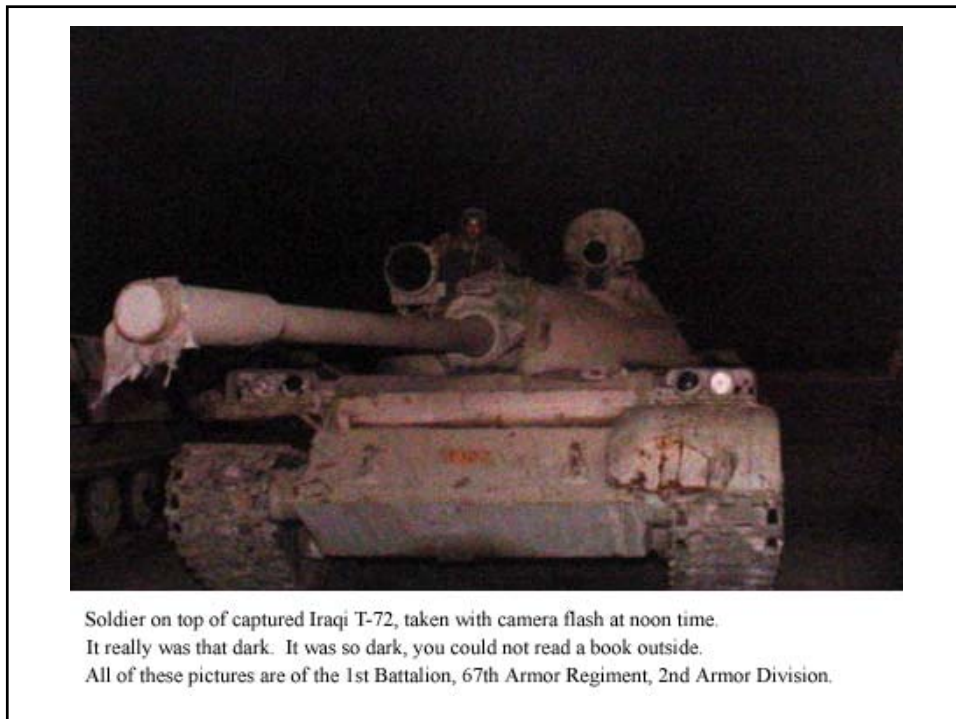










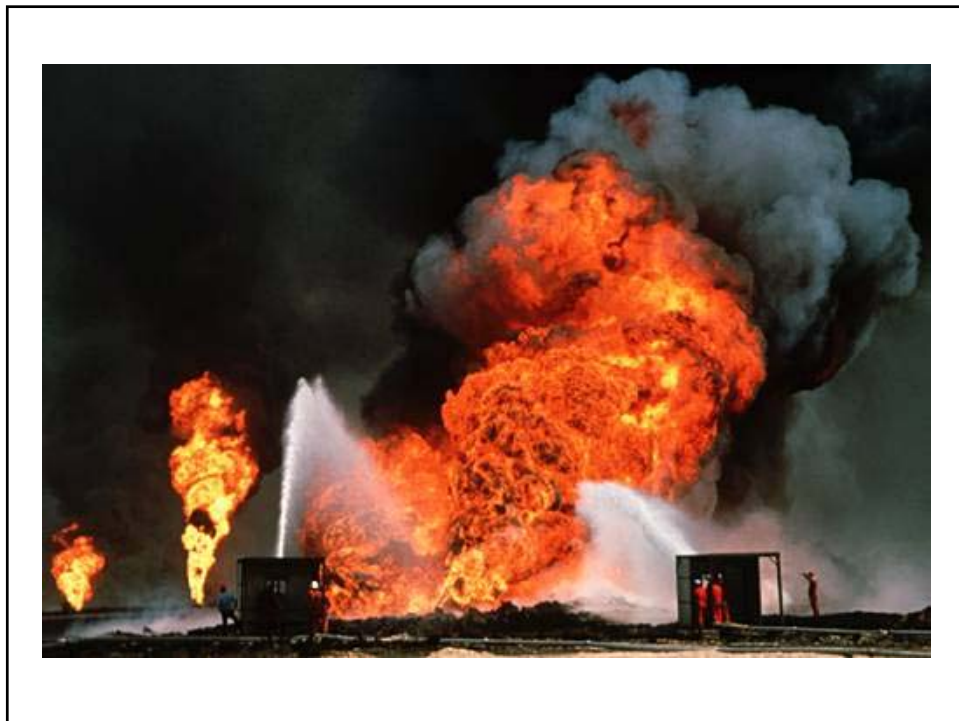


Soldier on top of captured Iraqi T-72, taken with camera flash at noon time.
It really was that dark. It was so dark, you could not read a book outside.
All of these pictures are of the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armor Division.













Veterans of the 1991 Gulf War had the distinction of serving their country in a military operation that was a tremendous success, achieved in short order.

But many also had the misfortune of developing lasting health problems—problems that have for too long been denied or trivialized.



Addressing the serious and persistent health problems affecting Gulf War veterans as a result of their military service remains a national obligation.

This obligation is made more urgent by the length of time veterans have waited for answers and assistance.



