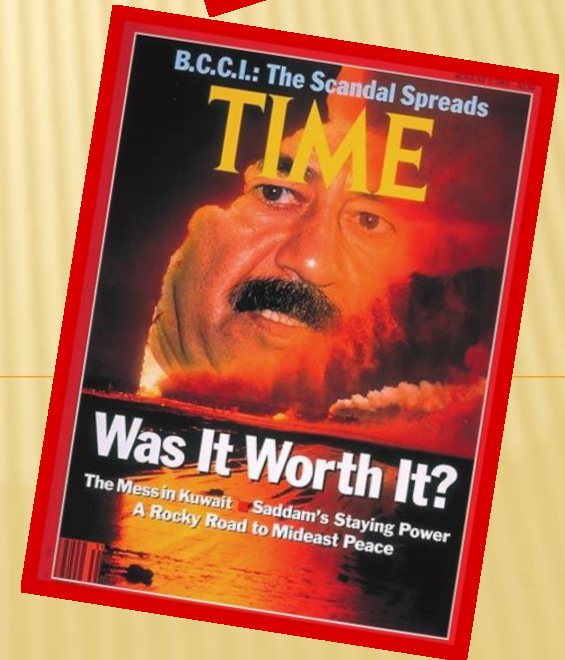
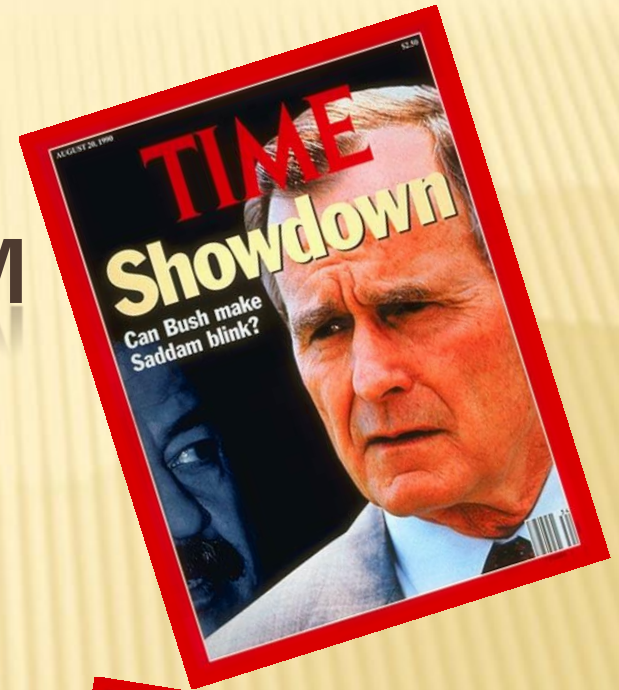


THE GULF WAR; OPERATION DESERT STORM



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THE BEGINNING

- ✘ On July 17th 1990, Saddam Hussein accused Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates of flooding the world oil market. More specifically Kuwait was accused of stealing from the Rumaila Oil Field that ran under both countries.



ACTION TAKEN

- ✘ **August 2, 1990** - Iraq invades Kuwait. Reportedly, Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein decided to invade the small, oil-rich nation in order to pay off debts incurred during Iraq's eight year war with Iran.
- ✘ The U.N. passes a resolution denouncing Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.
- ✘ **August 6, 1990** - The U.N. imposes sanctions on Iraq.
- ✘ **August 7, 1990** - U.S. President George H.W. Bush order the start of Operation Desert Shield.
- ✘ **August 8, 1990** - Iraq formally annexes Kuwait.

U.S. GETS INVOLVEMENT

- ✘ U.S. involvement in the situation was immediate, as Sheikh Jaber Al Sabah, the Emir of Kuwait, met with then-Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney to request U.S. military assistance, and President George Bush condemned Iraq's actions. While U.S. military commanders and strategists formulated offensive plans, the United Nations passed a resolution calling for military action if Hussein did not withdraw his forces by January 15, 1991.

IRAQ DISREGARDS THREATS

- ✘ Iraq ignored all demands, and in response, a coalition of UN forces began immediately to build in Saudi Arabia. On January 12, Congress granted President Bush the authority to wage war. Hostilities commenced on January 17, as the 36 members of the coalition forces, under the direction of American General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, initiated an air campaign to disable Iraq's communications, air defenses, and early warning radar installations. Millions of Americans were glued to their television sets as CNN broadcast images of the air attack in Baghdad -- the beginning of the first "live" television war.

FAST FACTS ABOUT THE WAR

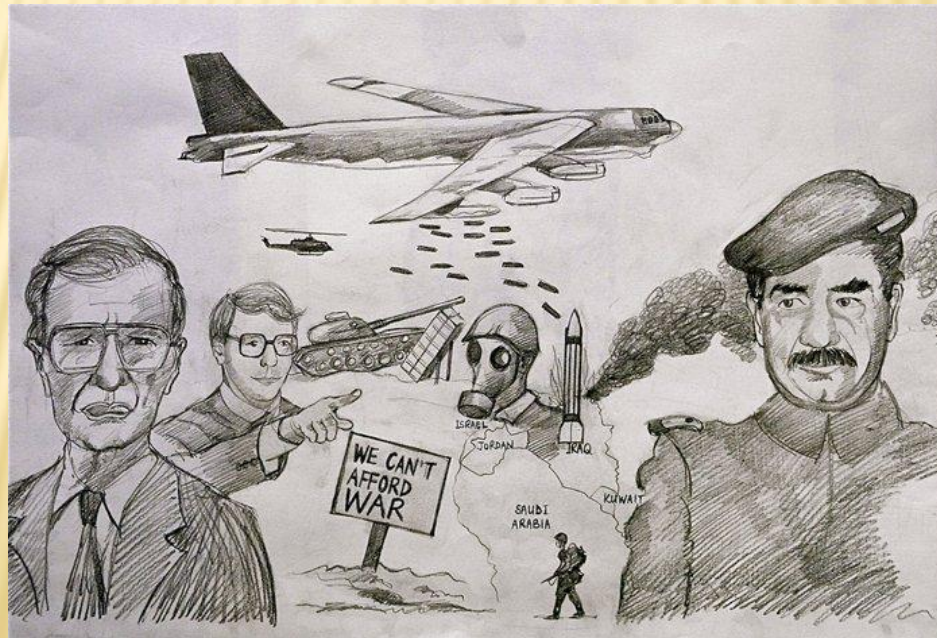
- ✘ The Allied coalition was made up of 39 countries (Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, etc)
- ✘ The coalition consisted of 670,000 troops from 28 countries. About 425,000 of the troops were from the U.S.
- ✘ The U.S. Department of Defense has estimated the cost of the Gulf War at \$61 billion. Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf States covered \$36 billion. Germany and Japan covered \$16 billion.

WAR

- ✘ On February 24, the ground war began. Although the bombing lasted for weeks, American ground troops declared Kuwait liberated just 100 hours after the ground attack was initiated. American foot soldiers moved through Kuwait and entered southern Iraq. This posed a dilemma for the United States. The military objectives were complete. However President Bush feared that the allies would not support the occupation of Baghdad. Concerns were raised that if Saddam's regime were toppled, the entire nation could disintegrate into a civil war.

VIDEO:

<http://www.history.com/topics/persian-gulf-war/videos/operation-desert-storm-vet-jon-custer>



PICTURES OF THE WAR



TERMS

- ✘ On March 3, General Norman Schwarzkopf sat down with the Iraqi military and dictated the terms for the cease-fire. Allied forces would remain in defensive positions in the area of Iraq they currently occupied. Iraqi forces would be allowed to leave this area, but would not take any of their equipment or supplies. In addition, no aircraft would be allowed to operate in an area near U.S. forces, and other flights were strictly limited. On March 6, President Bush addressed Congress and announced the liberation of Kuwait, and on March 8, U.S. forces began touching American soil for the first time in months.

AFFECTS OF THE WAR

- ✘ The Gulf reunited the American people and the military, helping to mend the wounds from the Vietnam War. Returning service members were welcomed back and faith in the military's effectiveness was restored. Still, the war was not without controversy -- friendly fire accounted for almost a third of the over 200 Americans killed, raising doubts about the advances in military technology.

FAST FACTS

- ✘ More than 100,000 Iraqi soldiers were killed.
- ✘ The United States had 383 fatalities.
- ✘ Gulf War syndrome, many returning vets suffered.
- ✘ **Gulf War syndrome** (GWS), also known as **Gulf War illness** (GWI), is a chronic multisymptom disorder affecting returning military veterans and civilian workers of the **Gulf War**. A wide range of symptoms including fatigue, muscle pain, cognitive problems, rashes and diarrhea.

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