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GULF WAR WIPEOUT

It was August 1990. Iraq had invaded and taken over Kuwait. Something had to be done.

The **United Nations** demanded that Iraq leave Kuwait in peace. But Iraq refused. So, a **coalition** of 39 countries banded together. They forced Iraq out of Kuwait.

American tanks **doomed** Iraq in the Battle of Medina Ridge. It began when 100 U.S. tanks rolled toward 100 Iraqi tanks.

The numbers were even. But the combat was not. United States tanks could fire almost twice as far.



Coalition forces drive an Abrams tank during the Gulf War in 1991.

American fighter jets gave support. Iraqi forces were wiped out in 40 minutes. Most of their tanks were on fire.

Iraq soon surrendered. Kuwait was saved. And it had U.S. tanks to thank for it.



A burned-out Iraqi T-55 main battle tank lies abandoned at the edge of an oil field following Operation Desert Storm.

FAST FACT

ANOTHER BIG BATTLE

Medina Ridge was not the only tank battle of the Gulf War. Perhaps the biggest was the Battle of Norfolk in February 1991. That is when the U.S. destroyed 85 Iraqi tanks. About 1,000 Iraqi troops were killed.



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