

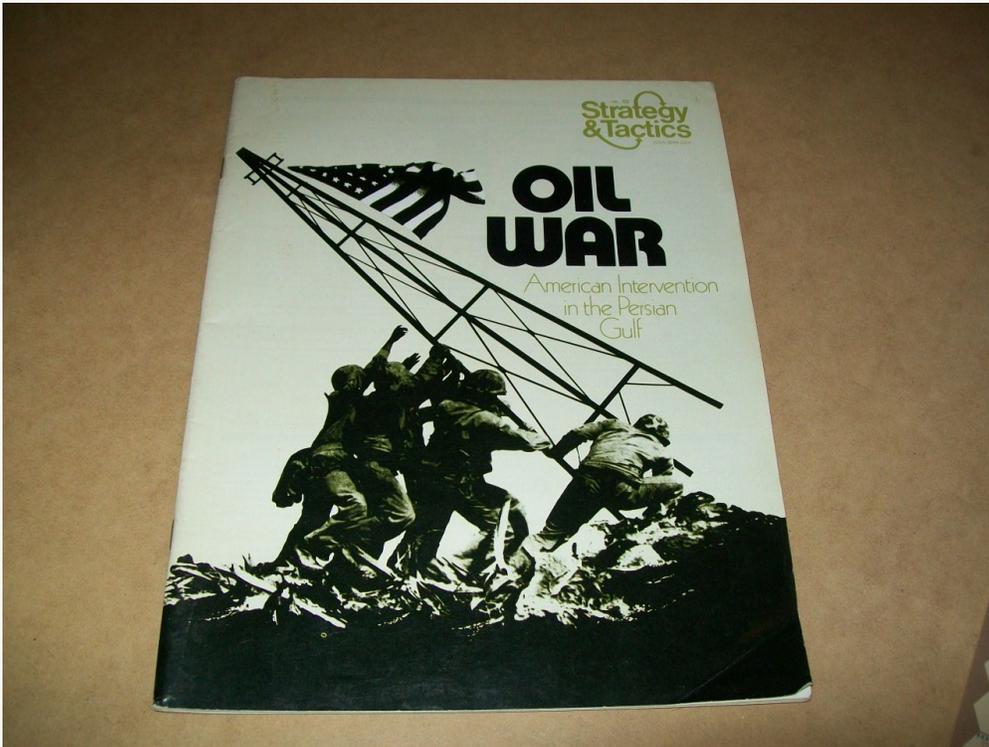
## ER Bickford Presents

### Oil War Replay

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**About Me.** Next replay: Oil War S&T 52

Here is another elderly game. I have wanted to play this one since trying the new Modern War #2 version of Oil War: Iran Strikes. Truth be known, I think that I like the first one better.



*This scenario assumes that an Arab-Israeli War has broken out in the Middle East. The oil-producing nations of the Persian Gulf, in support of the Arab cause, have placed an oil embargo on all nations supporting Israel, namely, the United States and the EEC. The nations suffering from the embargo, with Israeli help, attempt to capture the oil fields in the area in an effort to end the oil embargo.*

#### The Scales

Each turn represents two days and each hex is roughly 18 miles. Most of the ground units are brigades and the air units are squadrons. In this scenario, the Arab Player controls Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Iraq. The American Player controls the US, Israeli, and EEC units.

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**About Me.** Turn One

American Player



more squadrons of aircraft in the Gulf of Oman. These consist of A-6's, A-7's and F-14 Tomcats. The Israeli fighters fly to base in Israel. The Americans receive 30 ATP. It costs 2 ATP to supply the Israeli paratroopers on the map.

Next, the Americans land a paratroop brigade in Bahrain with the objective of Seizing the port facilities there. Two more paratroop brigades are landed at the southeastern most airbase (unoccupied), which is on the border with Qatar.

The US forces go back to work on air superiority. The Israeli F-4's and the USN F-14's attack the Iranian F-4's at the base in Riyadh. These are eliminated. The American paratroopers in Bahrain launches an attack against the enemy infantry brigade. The Iranian Air Force supports the defense with a squadron of F-5's. The infantry units suffers heavy damage and surrenders.



### Arab Player

The Iranians add a squadron of F-5's and a mechanized brigade as reinforcements. The Iraqis have a squadron of Su-7's. The Iranian units drive deep into Saudi Arabia, but still out of contact with the enemy. The Iranian Air Forces take to flight again in order to interdict the US and Israeli Air Forces.



ER Bickford - Dec 29, 2012 12:01 am (#2160 Total: 2389)

About Me. Turn Three

### American Player

The American receives several squadrons of naval air reinforcements. All of the on map air units re-base. Then the Americans gain 40 ATP. The US Coalition still has relatively few units on board, but they have these units in functioning airbases so these expend minimal supply.

The Americans transport an infantry brigade and two squadrons of F-5 fighters to the airbase in southern Saudi Arabia. The rest of the areas are not open for more units due to enemy air interdiction. There are still two EEC paratroop brigades which are being held back as reserves, because of their flexibility in landing anywhere.

The USN and the Israeli Air Force resume their air superiority missions. The Israeli F-4's strike the Saudi airbase in the south central region. The Iranian F-5 fighter-bomber squadron is wiped out. The US Navy's F-4's and F-14's focus on the enemy air over Bahrain. Another Iranian squadron of F-5's is neutralized. Two more Naval squadrons attack the Saudi BAC-167's based in central Saudi Arabia. These airplanes are also taken down.



Saudi BAC-167 is taken out

In the ground combat segment, the US paratroopers attack the infantry brigade in Qatar. This unit is deployed in Doha. After a brief battle, it succumbs to the US fire power. This leaves the airbase to the American forces.

### Arab Player

The air units return to their respective bases. Iran adds a squadron of F-4's as well as a new mechanized brigade as reinforcements. The remaining Iranian and Iraqi Air Force flies interdiction missions against American bases in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. The Iranian armored brigade launch an assault against the Israeli paratroopers at the south central airbase in Saudi Arabia. The Israelis are overcome and the unit is destroyed.



ER Bickford - Dec 29, 2012 12:02 am (#2161 Total: 2389)

**About Me.** Turn Four

### American Player

The US sends out massive air power. Four squadrons of Israeli F-4's fly a strike against the Iranian F-4's over Qatar. These are neutralized as they are severely out-numbered. Two squadrons of F-14's and a squadron of F-4's fly in from the carrier in the Gulf of Oman. These attack the Iranian F-5's which are interdicting in southern Saudi Arabia. The Iranian units are downed.

The F-111's are used to attack ground targets in Saudi Arabia. There is a wave of Iranian armor and two of these units are eliminated by the bombers. Then the carrier aircraft also fly missions against enemy ground units. The rest of the air strikes push the armor backwards.

### Arab Player

After the air units re-base, the Iranians add some reinforcements. The Iraqis also reinforce. Two Iranian armored brigades join with a mechanized unit and attack the Israeli paratroopers in Saudi Arabia. These units are caught in the desert outside of the airbase. The paratroopers are overwhelmed and defeated. The Kuwaiti Air Force has sent a squadron of Lightnings to interdict in Bahrain. There isn't much Iranian Air force left, but what remains is interdicting American transport.



ER Bickford - Dec 29, 2012 12:03 am (#2162 Total: 2389)

**About Me.** Turn Five

### American Player

The American and Israeli air units return to their bases. The air force is finishing its air superiority missions. The F-14's and A-6's strike the Iranian air over Qatar, destroying the remaining F-4's. The Israeli Air Force removes the Kuwaiti fighters over Bahrain.

Then during the ground combat phase, US Naval F-4's launch a ground attack against the Saudi infantry in the central airbase. This serves to dislodge the unit only. Then the US F-111 bombers nail an Iranian armor brigade in the oil region of Saudi Arabia. There are only burning hulls left along the terrain. In the south, an Israeli mechanized brigade assaults an Iranian mech. The Israelis have plenty of air support and wipe out the Iranian formation.

### Arab Player

The Iranian Air Force re-bases. Then a few reinforcements are placed by the Iranian and Iraqi commanders. An air superiority mission is launched by the Iraqi Air Force in Kuwait but it is indecisive. The Iranian armor and mechanized brigades pour into the Saudi oil fields.

ER Bickford - Dec 29, 2012 12:04 am (#2163 Total: 2389)

**About Me.** Turn Six

### American Player

The Naval Air returns to the Carriers in the Gulf of Oman, while the US F-111's and the Israeli F-4's return to base in Israel. The Americans obtain 50 ATP. Finally the Americans can use air transport to move a significant number of units to the area.

The F-14's make an attempt to destroy the Iraqi MiG-21's in Kuwait. These are destroyed with the aid of the Israeli Air Force. The Israeli Armor assaults an Iranian armor unit on the transportation route in southern Saudi Arabia. With air support, the Israeli forces defeat the enemy formation. Farther north, an Iranian mechanized brigade is also eliminated. The Saudi infantry brigade holding the airbase in the center of the oil fields is destroyed by American forces.

Finally, US carrier based F-4's attack an Iranian infantry brigade and it is eliminated. Then two squadrons of A-6's strike another similar unit. Again the Iranian infantry is eliminated (lucky die roll of 1 on this one.)

### Arab Player

The Iraqis obtain another squadron of MiG-21's as reinforcements. The Iranians add another weaker infantry brigade. The Iraqi Air Force is all that is left for air support and it doesn't have the range to interdict in the southern area where the American force is focused.

Several units attempt to take control of the oil fields in southern Saudi Arabia. It is unlikely that the defensive position will hold.



ER Bickford - Dec 29, 2012 12:07 am (#2164 Total: 2389)



Turn Seven

American Player

The air units return to base. Then the Americans add 45 ATP. The rest of the forces staging in West Germany

are brought in. These are the EEC paratroopers. Additionally, the three marine brigades in the Gulf of Oman are brought in by amphibious landing in the coastal areas of Kuwait.

The American Tomcats perform air superiority in Kuwait and engage the Iraqi MiG-21's. The Iraqi Air Force is overmatched. Additionally a squadron of Su-7's is also dispatched. During ground combat, the US forces in central Saudi Arabia attack the Iranian and Iraqi positions in the oil fields. This is quite successful given the prolific air support in this area.



The EEC paratrooper brigades land in northern Saudi Arabia, near the Kuwaiti border. Again these is overwhelming air support and the two Kuwaiti infantry Brigades are destroyed. The US marines have landed in Kuwait. The Kuwaiti armored brigade defends to no avail as the marines storm the beaches.



**Arab Player**

The Iraqis obtain two air reinforcements. One is a squadron of MiG-23's. This is a little to late, but these units can contest control of oil wells and ports. A few of the Iraqi forces try to gain defensive positions and to deny the Americans control of the oil fields.



ER Bickford - Dec 29, 2012 12:09 am (#2165 Total: 2389)

**About Me.** Turn Eight

**American Player**

This is the last turn. The air units have returned. The US receives 40 ATP. The US player wants to take out the remaining Iraqi Air Force so that it cannot contest the control of the ground objectives. The Israeli F-4's and the US F-14's are sent on this mission. So much air power is sent that the enemy has little chance to survive.



In the oil fields, the last remaining Iraqi infantry brigade surrenders under overwhelming pressure from US infantry, armor and air power. The US Marines finish off the Iraqis in Kuwait again with close support from the air units.

### Arab Player

The Iraqis maneuver to contest the control of the oil in Kuwait as well as the ports held by the Marines there. The American forces still hold two ports though. Additionally, they have gained control of 19 oil facilities. For a Substantive Victory they need at least two ports and 20 oil facilities. So it barely misses and falls to an American Marginal Victory.

