

## **Shield and sword : the United states navy and the Persian gulf war**

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Résumé ou extrait : A decade after the United states forged a diverse international coalition to drive Saddam Hussein's invading forces out of Kuwait, the vital role seapower played in that mission has received far less recognition than the land and air campaigns. Yet U.S. Navy surface ships and submarines launched hundreds of cruise missile attacks against Iraqi targets throughout the war, and carriers in surrounding waters sent air strikes deep into the enemy's territory. The battleships Missouri and Wisconsin bombarded hostile targets while U.S. sailors fought naval actions beside U.S. Army and Royal Navy helicopter crews. SEAL missions, global sealift actions, mine countermeasures, and operations in support of the economic embargo all contributed to this complex joint war effort that became one of the most successful campaigns in American military history. This book details those naval operations and includes candid evaluations of leadership effectiveness, interservice relations, and methods of command and control. It also analyzes the effectiveness of various weapons and sensors, including the Tomahawk land-attack missile, the EA-6B Prowler electronic warfare aircraft, the Aegis battle management system, and unmanned aerial vehicles. First published in 1998 by the Naval historical center, the work is based on previously classified action and lessons-learned reports, interviews with participants, and studies conducted by the Center for naval analyses and the Department of Defense.

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