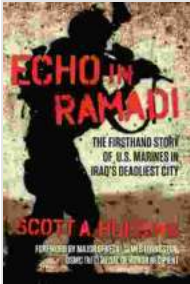


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The Battle of Fallujah was one of the bloodiest battles of the Iraq War. Fought in November 2004, the battle saw US Marines and Iraqi forces engage in intense urban combat against insurgents. The fighting was brutal, with both sides suffering heavy casualties.

In this firsthand account, US Marine veteran Colby Buzzell shares his experiences of fighting in the Battle of Fallujah. Buzzell was a member of the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, and he saw some of the heaviest fighting of the battle. His story is a gripping and unflinching look at the realities of war.

The Road to Fallujah

Buzzell and his fellow Marines had been deployed to Iraq in early 2004. They had spent the previous months conducting counterinsurgency operations in the western Iraqi city of Ramadi. By the fall of 2004, the insurgency in Iraq was growing stronger, and the city of Fallujah had become a major stronghold for the insurgents.

In November 2004, US forces launched Operation Phantom Fury, an offensive to retake Fallujah from the insurgents. Buzzell and his battalion were among the first to enter the city.

The Fighting in Fallujah

The fighting in Fallujah was intense from the start. The insurgents were well-armed and had prepared the city for a long siege. The Marines and Iraqi forces encountered heavy resistance as they moved through the city, and the fighting quickly devolved into close-quarters urban combat.

Buzzell and his fellow Marines fought their way through the city, clearing buildings and engaging the insurgents at close range. The fighting was often bloody and chaotic, and Buzzell saw many of his friends killed or wounded.

Despite the heavy losses, the Marines and Iraqi forces eventually managed to retake Fallujah. However, the battle had come at a great cost. Hundreds of US Marines and Iraqi soldiers were killed, and thousands more were wounded.

The Aftermath of Fallujah

The Battle of Fallujah was a major turning point in the Iraq War. It was the first time that US forces had engaged in such intense urban combat since

the Vietnam War, and the battle demonstrated the challenges of fighting an insurgency in a densely populated urban environment.

For Buzzell and his fellow Marines, the Battle of Fallujah was a life-changing experience. They had seen the horrors of war firsthand, and they had lost many of their friends. The battle left a lasting emotional toll on Buzzell and his fellow Marines, and it continues to haunt them to this day.

The Legacy of Fallujah

The Battle of Fallujah is a reminder of the sacrifices made by US Marines and Iraqi soldiers during the Iraq War. It is a story of courage, resilience, and loss. It is a story that should never be forgotten.

Buzzell and his fellow Marines are heroes who fought bravely in the Battle of Fallujah. They deserve our respect and our gratitude for their service.

Image Gallery



US Marines move through the streets of Fallujah.



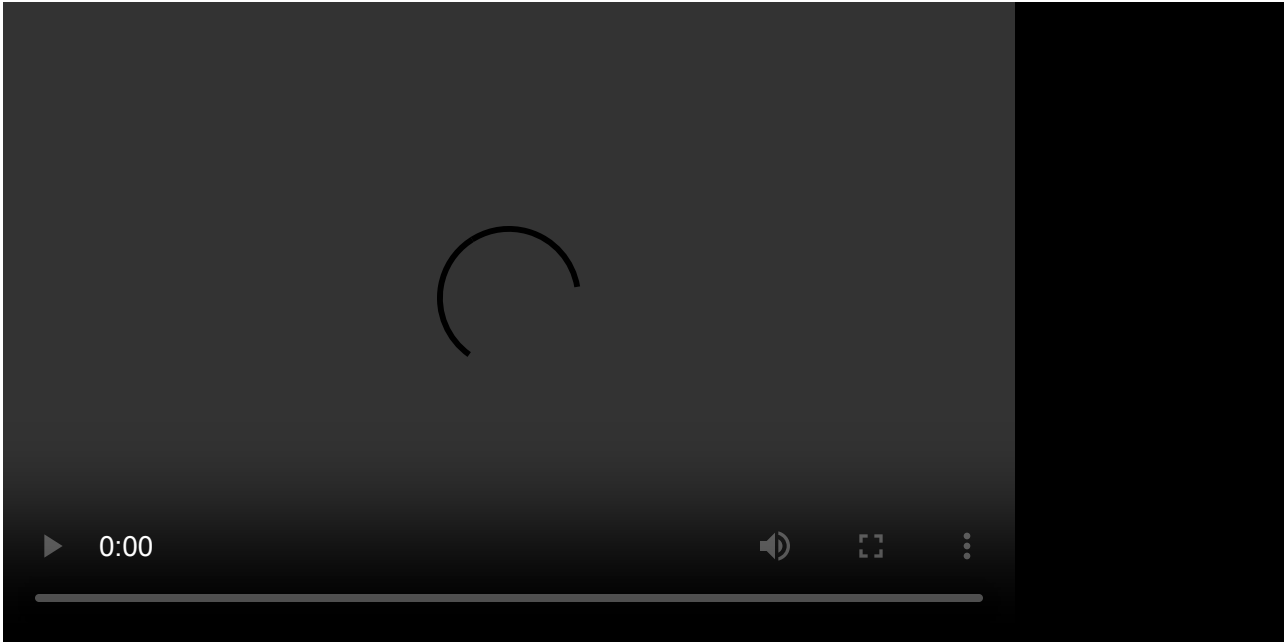
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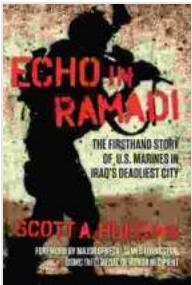
A wounded US Marine is evacuated.

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Additional Resources

* The New York Times: Battle for Fallujah Takes Heavy Toll on U.S. * The Washington Post: Marines Battle Through Fallujah * PBS: Frontline: The Battle for Fallujah

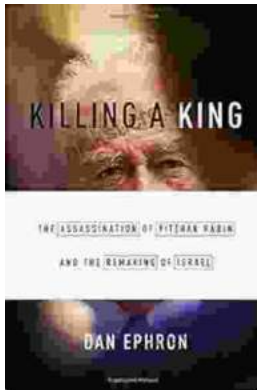


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