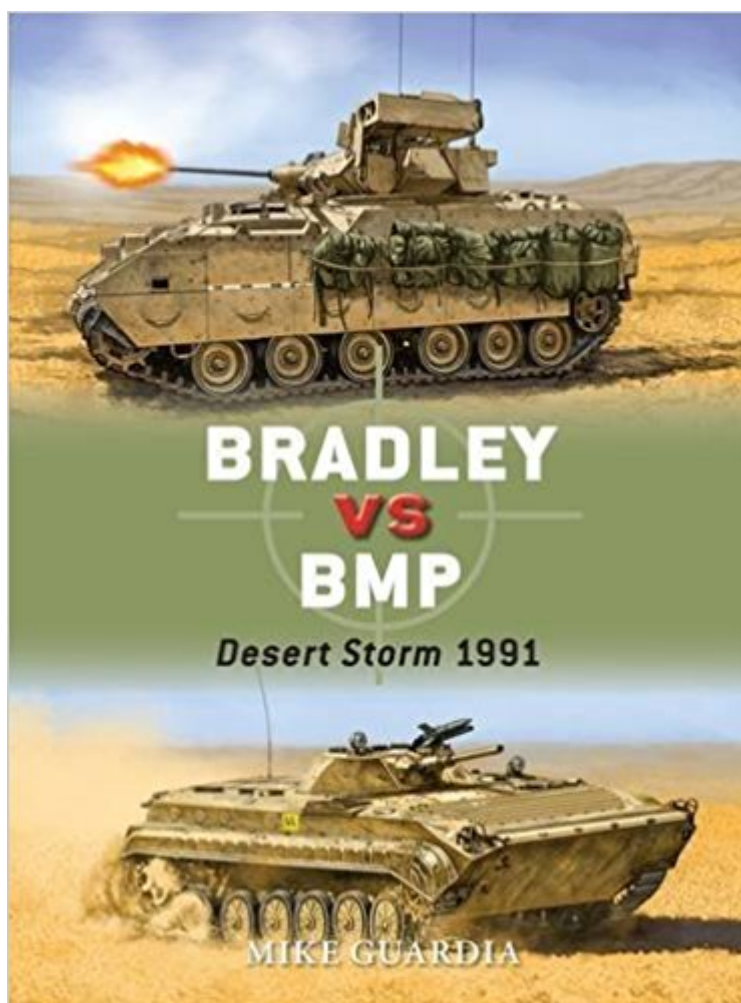


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Synopsis

In the mid-1960s, the Soviet Union unveiled the BMP-1, the first true "infantry fighting vehicle." A revolutionary design, the BMP marked a significant departure from the traditional "armored personnel carrier," sporting a lower silhouette and a higher-caliber armament than rival APCs. One of the most fearsome light-armored vehicles of its day, it caused great consternation on the other side of the Iron Curtain as the Americans scrambled to design a machine to rival the BMP. The result was the M2 Bradley; however, the American type seemed to be at an immediate disadvantage, with a higher profile, lighter armaments, and a lack of speed compared to the BMP. This book examines the first time these Cold War icons clashed--not on the plains of Europe, but in the deserts of southern Iraq during the first Gulf War. It examines how the Americans were able to combat the BMP in Iraq--despite their apparent disadvantages--investigating the impact of better-trained crews and stronger C&C structures on the eventual outcome. Featuring specially commissioned full-color artwork, this is the absorbing story of the origins, development, and combat performance of the BMP and Bradley, culminating in the bloody battles of the first Gulf War.

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In the course of the Cold War, the Soviet Union early developed an innovative infantry fighting vehicle, the BMP. The BMP was considered revolutionary for its time, incorporating the ability to ferry troops around the battlefield while also being an effective weapons system. It wasn't until well after Vietnam that the U.S. Army fielded a comparable system, the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle or IFV. The two systems finally went head to head in Operation Desert Storm in 1991. "Bradley vs. BMP: Desert Storm 1991" is an Osprey Duel Series book, incorporating a nice technical comparison of the M2/M3 Bradley and the BMP 1 and 2, and their respective crews. The heart of the narrative is the match-up between the U.S. 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment and the Iraqi Tawakalna Division in the Battle of 73 Easting, deep inside southern Iraq. An analysis of the match-up gives credit where credit is due on both sides, while toting up the numbers. The text is supported by a nice selection of period photographs, illustrations, and diagrams. It's a good concise read on the topic for the student of armored warfare and the general reader. Recommended.

A solid book on the capabilities of both of these combat vehicles. As a veteran of the battles at 73 Easting and Norfolk I got to experience some of these actions first hand. The book provides some good photos I have not seen in other similar publications. The book provides a lot of first hand accounts from the 2nd ACR and mentions the other units belonging to 7th Corps whom dealt the Iraqi Army and Republican Guard their most decisive defeats. I was happy to see the roving Iraqi anti tank teams get a mention in this book as well.

I was pleasantly surprised how interesting and well written was this book. I confess it sat on my to be read shelf for several weeks before I read it. Mr. Guardia, explained the pros and cons of each

vehicle, the training and tactics and gave enough 1st person accounts to keep me engrossed.

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