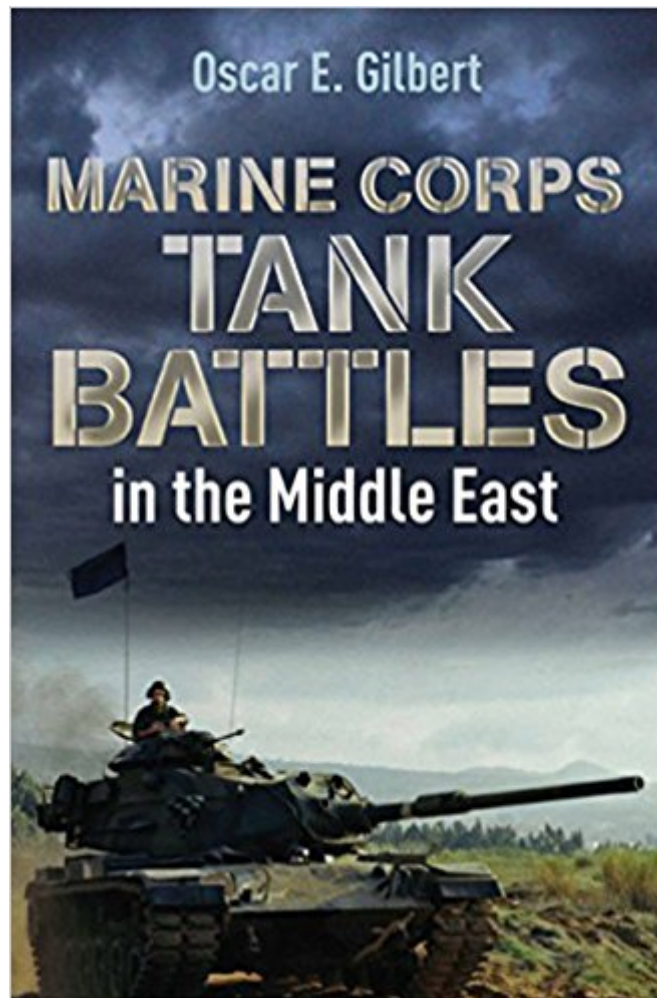




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Synopsis

In the aftermath of Vietnam a new generation of Marines was determined to wage a smarter kind of war. The tank, the very symbol of power and violence, would play a key role in a new concept of mobile warfare, not seen since the dashes of World War II. The emphasis would be not on brutal battles of attrition, but on paralyzing the enemy by rapid maneuver and overwhelming but judicious use of firepower. Yet in two wars with Iraq, the tankers, as well as the crews of the new Light Armored Vehicles, quickly found themselves in a familiar roleâ•battering through some of the strongest defenses in the world by frontal assault, fighting their way through towns and cities. In Americaâ™s longest continual conflict, armored Marines became entangled in further guerilla war, this time amid the broiling deserts, ancient cities, and rich farmlands of Iraq, and in the high, bleak wastes of Afghanistan. It was a familiar kind of war against a fanatical foe who brutalized civilians, planted sophisticated roadside bombs, and seized control of entire cities. It has been a maddening war of clearing roads, escorting convoys, endless sweep operations to locate and destroy insurgent strongholds, protecting voting sites for free elections, and recapturing and rebuilding urban centers. Itâ™s been a war in which the tanks repeatedly provided the outnumbered infantry with precise and decisive firepower. The tankers even added a new trick to their repertoireâ•long-range surveillance. Our fights against Iraq in 1991 and in the post-9/11 years have seen further wars that demanded that unique combination of courage, tenacity, professionalism, and versatility that makes a Marine no better friend, and no worse enemy. This book fully describes how our Marine Corps tankers have risen to the occasion.

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The book is written at a lively place, with plenty of first-hand accounts by marines that pull no punches in highlighting the brutal nature of the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is well illustrated with maps and 16 pages of black-and-white photographs. It's certainly a compelling read and highly recommended to those with an interest in modern-day conflicts. (Military Modelcraft International)

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Another excellent book in the history of Marine Corps Tanks. The author, Ed Gilbert, refers to it as the last volume in his series. Hang around another 5-10 yrs., Mr. Gilbert, with the world situation volume 5 or 6 may be needed before too long.

Marine Corp Tank Battles in the Middle East is a book I did not expect to be like. I would have thought by the title it would show battles being fought around the Middle East. This book surprised me a lot of information on tank unit's deployment and each individual tank movement and issues that happened. I was particularly interested in the communication chatter and issues with equipment. Excellent book after the first few pages I could not put it down. Book has a few pictures and is easy to follow along with and understand. Very good read

This is an extremely interesting document which records not only the record of Armoured operations in both Iraq & Afghanistan, but also the history leading up to the decisions to intervene in both countries. Oscar Gilbert provides a narrative which includes, armoured vehicle specifications, Marine Corp establishment details, geographical/country history & detailed combat events. Thank you Oscar, for your effort & dedication in both researching & recording these important aspects of Marine Corp history.

A slow read but well worth it of Marine Armoured battles in the Iraq and Afghanistan. Plenty of detail and personnel stories about what it was like and the equipment used.

Well written history that is part of a multi-volume series beginning with WWII, then Korea and Vietnam. I recommend it - and I've read most of what is available on the subject.

I really enjoyed the book and think the author does a really good job in describing Marine tank combat. All the acronyms are difficult to remember because I am reading it electronically and cannot easily get back to the page (s) that explain them. It is a great picture of American excellence, initiative, ability to improvise in the face of ever-evolving combat situations. It gives me a great feeling of pride in our Marine combat capabilities. Gen, Kelly's quote is up a among there with Churchill and other great quotes. May God bless our military.

An insight into the unique capabilities of tanks and other armoured vehicles. How these devastating vehicles are incorporated into the Marines battle forces is fascinating. Overall the book lacks some personal details but achieves the intended story well.

This was a very good book about tank battles, especially if you like details. And it was very detailed about Gulf War I and Gulf War II. Very good description.

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