

#38 A Street in Fallujah

U.S. Marines combat Iraqi insurgents during the Second Battle of Fallujah.



The Second Battle of Fallujah – code-named Operation Phantom Fury – was a joint American, Iraqi-government and British offensive conducted during November and December 2004. It was led by the U.S. Marines against the Iraqi insurgents in the city of Fallujah. The U.S. military called it “some of the heaviest urban combat U.S. Marines have been involved in since Vietnam.”



Operation Phantom Fury was the bloodiest battle of the entire Iraq War for American troops and is notable for being the first Major engagement of the Iraq War fought solely against insurgents rather than the forces of the former Ba’athist Iraqi government.

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