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Anthony Swofford and his marine unit of STA (Surveillance and Target Acquisition/Scout-Sniper) arrived back at the First Maine Division Headquarters, where the other sniper teams have spent the last week. The only excitement that occurs was when one of the boot lieutenants accidentally discharged his pistol. Being on break isn’t that great especially, when you are so use to being on guard and doing something, to doing absolutely nothing, that’s when it becomes boring. They go back after a week, but now all the marines are getting anxious they want the war to start and then they don’t want the war to start. Wanting to start means they would go in blind with no plans and not wanting to start meant they were to sit around and stand guard till the enemy attacked. The war begins. Within the first few hours the first U.S. bombs are dropped on the Iraqi forces in Kuwait and Iraq, and the Iraqi air force is destroyed. The main character is now in the front lines for our marines as they go into battle and he digs a hole in the ground called a fighting hole. This way he has a chance of survival.