On January 16, 1991, the Allied forces began the actual bombing of Iraq. The Allies decided after waiting five months for Saddam Hussein to discontinue his occupation of Kuwait, that they would have to act. When the seniors at Ovid-Elsie were asked if they thought the Allied forces took military action too soon and how they felt about such a high number of the United States' troops being involved in this war, they responded by saying:

"No, I think we gave Saddam Hussein plenty of time to do what he had to do to prevent the war. The number of troops are justified, because this was a deterrent against action. Now, this will help end the war more quickly." — Bryan Schultz

"No, I think if anything, we waited too long. As far as too many troops being over there, I feel the more we have over there, the more force we can put forth, and in turn the quicker we can achieve victory." — Travis Angell

"No, I feel that we should go and kick Saddam Hussein's butt and get him out of Kuwait. The more force we have to do it with, the better." — Jim Jones

"We gave Saddam plenty of time to get out of Kuwait. As to the number of troops, somebody has to do it, why not us?" — Craig Wittenberg

"I think it was the right decision to go and fight, but I really feel sorry for all of the families that have relatives over there in the fighting." — Amy Crugher

"I'm glad we finally took action against Saddam. We might as well get rid of him now before he gets any more powerful. It's good to have a lot of troops there, too. That will make victory quicker and easier." — Karen Knapp

"I think it's about time we had a president with guts. Reagan just sat in office, but Bush has spunk. As for the number of troops, well, I just hope they all come home." — Heather Mills

"No, I feel we did the right thing. Waiting longer wouldn't have solved anything. I think we have more than enough troops over there; I just hope they all come home safely." — Beckie Waite

"No, I think that the military did the right thing. Bush gave 'Insane' long enough and now it's time for him to pay the price. As far as how I feel about the U.S. troops being involved, I think it's good that they are fighting for our country. Just make it quick, and I hope my big brother comes home safe. I know he will." — Terry Casteel

"I think, we didn't act soon enough, we should have gone in sooner and not given Saddam Hussein so many chances to leave Kuwait. I believe, the Western European forces should equal if not surpass the United State's forces, so it appears as more of a joint effort." — Scott Sinclair