



The Torch and Sword

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War documentary *Beside Heroes*

Quebec, December 4, 2016—*Beside Heroes*, a documentary that tells the tale of 3 volunteers fighting the Islamic State. The documentary main character, Wali, sniper, filmed their adventures on the frontline himself. This is the only war documentary filmed professionally by a volunteer soldier against the Islamic State.



An attack by the Islamic State, from the documentary *Beside Heroes*

“I have a weapon in one hand, and a camera in the other “, Wali often says. His adventure has largely been discussed in the Quebec media (*Tout le monde en parle, La Presse, Journal de Montréal*, radio talk shows, etc.). “I want to make a difference. I want to show the world fighting these Islamic fanatics is necessary and how the Kurds are a wonderful people. This documentary is a weapon against the Islamic State. “— Wali

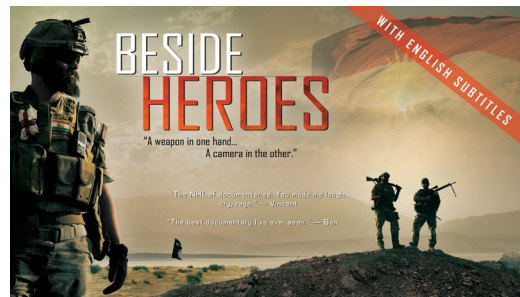
The documentary shows the departure for Kurdistan, Wali meeting 2 Americans fighting as volunteers (Zyrian and Rebaz). Furthermore, it highlights the difficulties of fighting ISIS in Kurdistan. There are firefights, difficult moments, pain and death. “I show the uncensored reality in this film. You will see what these fanatics are capable of doing to innocent civilians. The hardest moment for me was when we saw a father cry and hold his lifeless daughter, who was murdered by the Islamic State”—Wali

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This documentary detaches itself from the traditional documentary style to look more like an action movie. “I wanted to imitate the enemy style, the same colors, the same effects. I even inserted some clips filmed by them.”

Wali is looking for business partners to distribute his film internationally. “I created the documentary in a way that allows easy translation to other languages. All that needs to be done is replace my voice by another. It is also possible to cut out certain parts to make a shorter version of the documentary without losing essential parts.”

The film duration is 1 hour 38 minutes. The documentary is available online and on Blu-ray. The film is available in French and English. (www.besideheroes.com). The soldier possesses all the rights associated with this film.



Cover of the documentary

About Wali

Wali, 35 years old, is an ex-sniper in the Canadian forces and is a veteran of Afghanistan. Wali fought the Islamic State as a volunteer soldier. He fought besides the Peshmergas (Kurdish armed forces) for about four months, during the summer of 2015. *Besides Heroes* is the first full-length movie made by Wali. He has entirely made this film himself: the music, the editing, the script. This soldier director has the desire to start similar projects and is always looking for partners/donations. He wrote two books ([*The Other Side of the Lens*](#), [*The Nameless Traveler*](#)).

Informations

Website of the project: www.BesideHeroes.com

The Torch and Sword's blog in French: www.TorcheEpee.com

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