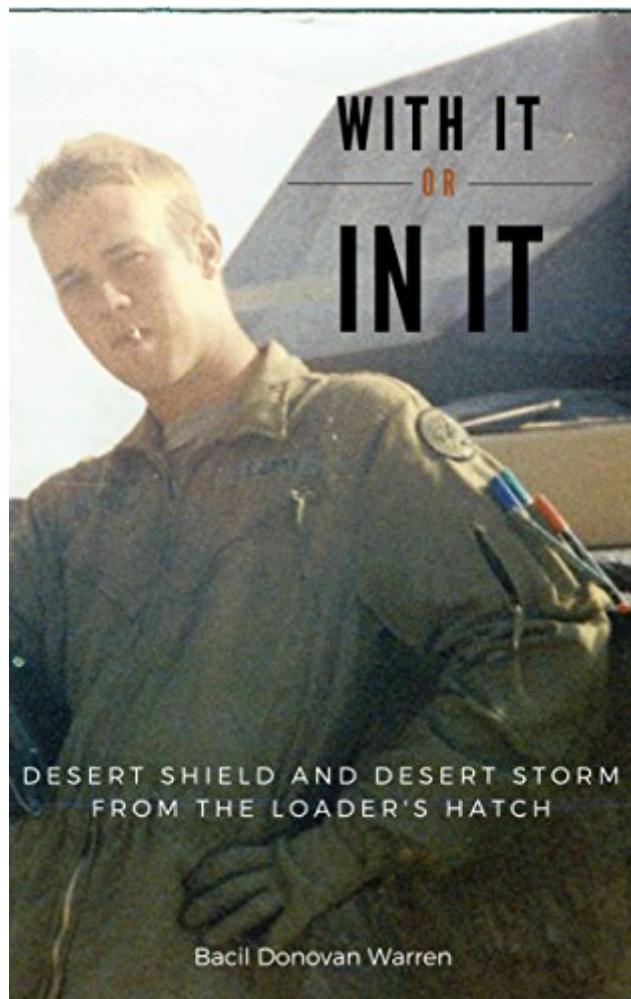


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# With It Or In It: Desert Shield And Desert Storm From The Loader's Hatch



## **Synopsis**

In this "gripping tale of a man and his crew mates preparing to go to war" (A. Davis), author Bacil Donovan Warren "brilliantly captures what is the rarely described gritty and demanding life of an armor crewman" (R. Schultheis). Within the pages of *With It or in It*, author Bacil Donovan Warren tells the riveting story of his deployment to Saudi Arabia as part of the United States Army's 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. He takes us on an emotional journey from deploying ten thousand miles away from home, through the early days of the air war, and finally to the white-knuckle terror of combat as a tank crewman fighting against Iraq's Republican Guard, while maintaining a sense of humor and hope.

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This is a short book detailing the author's experience in Operation Desert Storm as a loader in a tank. He discusses the history and composition of his armored cavalry unit, training in NM, how his unit learned about the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, and the deployment process. He discusses the

arrival in Saudi Arabia and the movement into Iraq, as well as the various missions his unit had. While much of the book is a discussion of military practices, procedures, and operations and the specifics of the author's journey to and from Iraq, the author also talks about himself and the other members of his tank crew, how downtime was spent, his thoughts upon arriving in Saudi Arabia, especially looking up and seeing all the stars the first night, and other information to help personalize the story more. An enjoyable and interesting memoir. I received a free copy of the ebook from Reading Alley in exchange for a review.

Bacil tells the gripping tale of a man and his crew mates preparing to go to war. From the announcement of the conflict with Saddam Hussein's Iraq President George H.W. Bush to the dramatic crossing of the border and cutting off the Iraqi forces, we get a look at the day to day life of the American tank crews and their support troops in this tumultuous time. I highly recommend this book to history buffs, military biography fans, and every citizen who wants to know what our troops encountered in that short, victorious war.

I served with Donovan in Charlie Company 3rd Battalion 8th Cavalry in Germany; he had orders transferring him to Ft. Bliss, TX and 3rd ACR before we ourselves were deployed to Saudi Arabia as part of 3rd Armor Division and VII Corps. His book is spot on, and is almost identical to the experiences I had myself in Desert Storm. I remember Donovan as an outstanding soldier, die-hard tanker, and am proud to have been one of his brothers. Honor and Courage!

The author brilliantly captures what is the rarely described gritty and demanding life of an armor crewman. I was the Cyclone Troop Commander before and during Desert Storm and can attest that Bacil Warren was a superb soldier and a most credible source on the life of an M1A1 tanker--both in training and combat. Then, like now, we can count on Warren to tell it like it is (or was) without embellishment in a straight forward and accessible way. Highly recommend reading his account and memoir.

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