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This image depicts the "Wallace Sword." So large that it had to be wielded with two hands, the sword is displayed at the Wallace Monument in Stirling, Scotland. Experts are not convinced that the Wallace Sword actually belonged to the Scotlish patriot. Even if it did not, however, the sword is an extremely important symbol for the people of Scotland. Photo by glennji and posted to Flickr. Online, courtesy Wikimedia Commons; license: CC BY 2.0.

Scotland made William Wallace a Knight and <u>Guardian</u> of the country. He kept that position for approximately 300 days.

With occupation forces essentially out of the country, Wallace was now free to <u>ravage</u> the border towns of <u>Northern England</u>. At the same time, he strengthened his power base of common people and small land owners. Most of the nobles, however, were still unwilling to ally themselves with Wallace.

King Edward I was tired of his officers trying to subdue Wallace. By the summer of 1298, Edward returned to Scotland at the head of the most powerful army ever sent into that country.

Wallace had a plan:

- Remove all people and livestock in the path of the English.
- He wanted to starve the invaders and eliminate all possible informers.

Longshanks also had a plan:

- Remove Wallace from the face of the earth.
- He wanted to conquer Scotland once and for all.

Unfortunately, Wallace could not eliminate leaks by men loyal to the king. He had hoped to starve out the English and attack them while they retreated. However, $\underline{two\ earls}$ who had always been on England's side (Dunbar and Angus) told Edward where the Scots were located.

Wallace and his men were forced into a head-on battle.

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