### DEFEAT AT FALKIRK



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Using his most <u>powerful</u> weapon - the <u>longbow</u> - Edward I won a decisive victory at <u>Falkirk</u> in July, 1298. It didn't help the Scots that even Robert the Bruce, who had agreed to fight with Wallace, changed his mind and gave his support to Longshanks.

Wallace barely <u>escaped</u> with his life. Scottish forces and morale were decimated.

Because of <u>his defeat</u> at Falkirk, Wallace resigned as <u>Guardian of Scotland</u>. Not much is known about his whereabouts for the next several years. It is believed he went to the continent to gain support for Scottish independence, where he may have had discussions with European leaders, including the Pope.

Any efforts Wallace may have made to get help from France - England's longstanding enemy - failed when England and France agreed to peace. (The price of that peace was very high for a French princess: Her father gave her in marriage to Edward.)

Meanwhile ... Edward had strengthened his position in Scotland. His efforts were helped by discord among the Scottish clans who once again had a falling-out with each other.

Edward offered peace to all but William Wallace. For him, Longshanks reserved choice words:

No words of peace are to be held out to William Wallace in any circumstances whatsoever unless he places himself utterly and absolutely in our will.

Wallace, of course, had no intention of doing anything of the sort.

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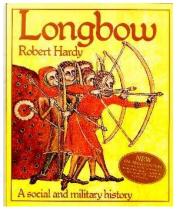


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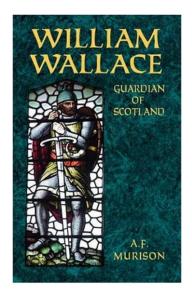
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