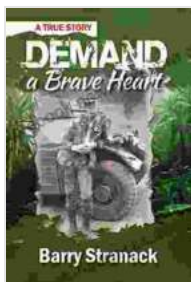


# Demand Brave Heart True Story: The Inspiring Tale of William Wallace and the Battle of Stirling Bridge



## DEMAND a Brave Heart: A True Story by Barry Stranack

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The epic tale of William Wallace, the Scottish warrior who led his people to victory against the English at the Battle of Stirling Bridge, has been immortalized in the film 'Braveheart.' But how historically accurate is the film? This article explores the historical events that inspired the film, and the extent to which they were faithfully depicted.

## William Wallace: The Scottish Warrior

William Wallace was born in Scotland around 1270. He was a member of the Scottish gentry, and his family had a long history of fighting for Scottish independence. In the late 13th century, Scotland was under the rule of

England, and Wallace became a leader in the Scottish resistance movement against English overlordship.

In 1297, Wallace led a small band of Scottish rebels in a surprise attack on the English garrison at Lanark. The attack was a success, and it sparked a wave of rebellion across Scotland. Wallace quickly became a symbol of Scottish resistance, and he was soon joined by thousands of followers.

### **The Battle of Stirling Bridge**

In September 1297, Wallace's army met the English army at Stirling Bridge. The English army was much larger than the Scottish army, but Wallace had a clever plan for victory.

Wallace ordered his men to build a concealed barricade of stakes across the narrow bridge. When the English army charged across the bridge, they were caught in a trap. The stakes pierced their horses' legs, and the Scottish soldiers attacked from both sides.

The Battle of Stirling Bridge was a decisive Scottish victory. The English army was routed, and Wallace was hailed as a hero. The victory at Stirling Bridge gave the Scottish people hope that they could regain their independence, and it inspired them to continue fighting for their freedom.

### **Braveheart: The Film**

The film 'Braveheart' was released in 1995. It stars Mel Gibson as William Wallace, and it tells the story of the Scottish resistance movement against English rule.

The film is a highly romanticized version of the historical events that it depicts. It takes many liberties with the facts, and it presents a highly idealized view of William Wallace.

However, the film is also a powerful and moving story of courage, sacrifice, and freedom. It has inspired millions of people around the world, and it has helped to raise awareness of the Scottish resistance movement.

### **Historical Accuracy of Braveheart**

The film 'Braveheart' is not historically accurate in many respects. Some of the most notable inaccuracies include:

- The film depicts Wallace as a commoner, when in fact he was a member of the Scottish gentry.
- The film portrays Wallace as being in love with Princess Isabella of France, when in fact there is no evidence that they ever met.
- The film shows Wallace leading the Battle of Stirling Bridge on horseback, when in fact he led the battle on foot.
- The film depicts the English army as being much larger than the Scottish army, when in fact the two armies were more evenly matched.

Despite these inaccuracies, the film 'Braveheart' is still a powerful and moving story about the Scottish resistance movement. It has inspired millions of people around the world, and it has helped to raise awareness of the struggle for Scottish independence.

### **The Legacy of William Wallace**

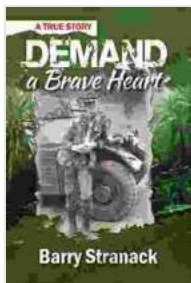
William Wallace was a true Scottish hero. He fought bravely for his country's independence, and he inspired his people to continue fighting for their freedom.

Wallace's legacy lives on today. He is still remembered as one of the greatest warriors in Scottish history, and his story continues to inspire people around the world.

The film 'Braveheart' is a powerful and moving story about the Scottish resistance movement against English rule. It is not historically accurate in many respects, but it is still a valuable film that has inspired millions of people around the world.

The true story of William Wallace is even more inspiring than the film. He was a brave and selfless warrior who fought for his country's freedom. His legacy lives on today, and he continues to inspire people around the world.

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