

## **Why is Stirling Castle the bloody heart of Scotland?**

### **Video transcript for 'The warwolf'**

**NEIL OLIVER V/O**

This was the moment Edward I earned his nickname 'Hammer of the Scots'. Stirling Castle seemed impregnable, but Edward had a secret and terrible weapon. In his determination to get the castle back, Edward spared no expense and ordered a new siege engine, a monstrous trebuchet the Warwolf.

It was one of the largest trebuchets ever built and its lead weights were transported in twenty seven wagons. It was a terror weapon.  
Oh, it's big up close isn't it? So we become the moving parts do we?

**FEMALE**

You are, you're going to be our giant hamsters for today.

**NEIL OLIVER**

Oh, good!

**TONY POLLARD**

Oh no, I don't like the sound of that. I'm a bit worried about our armoured tea cosies.

**NEIL OLIVER**

Yeah well...I'm sure I look every bit as good in mine as you do in yours.

**FEMALE 2**

Riders are you ready?

**EVERYONE**

Born ready!

**NEIL OLIVER**

War wolf was capable of hurling three hundred pound missiles to smash through the castle walls.  
That's quite fast.

**FEMALE**

That's it.

**NEIL OLIVER**

God! It's going at a heck of a speed surely? How you doing Tony?

**TONY POLLARD**

I don't know.

**NEIL OLIVER**

It's horrendous.

It was also great entertainment. Edward even set up a tent so the ladies could enjoy watching the siege.

Look at the size of it.

**TONY POLLARD**

But this is a baby compared to Warwolf?

**NEIL OLIVER**

Yeah Warwolf is, I'd say at least twice that size?

**TONY POLLARD**

Yeah.

**NEIL OLIVER**

Ooh! That is the best thing ever. Ooh! Do that again. Oh I love that. I love that more than anything else I've ever seen in my life.

**TONY POLLARD**

That is truly awesome.

**NEIL OLIVER**

Wow. That was fantastic. Do that again, all day.

The siege of Stirling took its time though as Scalacronica describes.

**MALE VOICE**

King Edward had nearly all the people of Scotland in his power and possession of their fortresses, came before Stirling Castle, invested it and attacked it with many different engines and took it by force and by a siege of nineteen weeks.