

## FLANDERS' FIELDS – CHAPTER #11 NEW TECHNIQUES AND OLD DELUSIONS

**Announcer:** Ladies and gentlemen, “FLANDERS’s FIELDS, Chapter 11, “New Techniques and Old Delusions”.

**Narrator (J. Frank Willis):** This week “FLANDERS’ FIELDS” takes time out from the chronological order of the battles of the First world War, to discuss the wider problems of military tactics and weaponry, and the leaders who dealt with these problems.....

**Worthington, F.F. (M.G. Corps):** I can forget the Somme, but I cannot Passchedaele.....

**MacDonnell, J.M. (Arty):** “Good morning, good morning, the General.....

**Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps):** There were two very important.....

**Ormond, D.M. (10<sup>th</sup> Bn):** In that stabilized warfare.....

**Narrator:** And behind that wire.....

**Worthington, f.F. (MG Corps):** If you are going to be attacked.....

**Narrator:** Even among the Generals.....

**Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps):** Smith-Dorrien was an outstandingly.....

**Stevens, G.R. (PPCLI):** I don’t think Allied Generalship.....

**Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG):** The fact that they had.....

**Philpott, Elmore (Arty):** Practically all the junior officers.....

**Narrator:** What Sir Julian Byng.....

**Ross, Alex. (27<sup>th</sup> Bn):** We were the only fresh outfit.....

**Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps):** Cambrai was a nodal point.....

**Narrator:** Brigadier General Ross.....

**Ross, Alex. (27<sup>th</sup> Bn):** Remember they couldn’t.....

**Narrator:** And Major General Odlum goes even further.

**Odlum, V.W. (11<sup>th</sup> Inf Bgde):** I don’t think that the end of the war.....

**Narrator:** One of the great problems.....

**Elkins, W.H.P. (RCHG):** The Cavalry corps was commanded.....

**Narrator:** But not successful enough.....

**Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps):** The tank it was that restored.....

**Narrator:** How had the tank come about?

**Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps):** How the British came about it was.....

**Narrator:** The first time the tank was used.....

**Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps):** Brutinel felt that there was no reason.....

**Stevens, G.R. (PPCLI):** They were thrown in.....

**Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps):** In that one battle of Cambrai.....

**Narrator:** Nearly one year later,.....

**Worthington, f.F. (MG Corps):** Ludendorff, I think it was, said.....

**Narrator:** Why had it taken so long?

**Stevens, G.R. (PPCLI):** I think our leaders lacked.....

**Narrator:** How did the men.....

**Stevens, G.R. (PPCLI):** There were disillusion but.....

**Stallard, S. (25<sup>th</sup> Bn):** We always understood.....

**Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG):** They never fired a senior.....

**Narrator:** Along with many other.....

**Pearkes, George (5<sup>th</sup> CMR):** As far as I was concerned.....

**Odlum, V.W. (11<sup>th</sup> Inf Bgde):** I admire Haig because.....

**Worthington, F.F. (MG Guns):** Well I think that Haig.....

**Narrator:** If there were one Corps.....

**Ross, Alex. (27<sup>th</sup> Bn):** Personally I always found.....

**Cooper, H.S. (3<sup>rd</sup> Bn):** My first personal contact.....

Clark, J.A. (7<sup>th</sup> Inf Bgde): Everybody with any common sense.....

O'Neill, Joe (19<sup>th</sup> Bn): The higher you are.....

Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): He was not a showman.....

Cooper, H.S. (3<sup>rd</sup> Bn): Time after time he wouldn't.....

Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): He didn't think he was God.....

Narrator: This had also been true of Byng.

Ross, Alex. (27<sup>th</sup> Bn): General Currie was very fortunate.....

Cameron, Ross (46<sup>th</sup> Bn): After Currie took command.....

Odlum, V.W. (11<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bgde): General Currie.....

Clark, Gregory (4<sup>th</sup> CMR): The grand important thing.....

Macklin, W.H.S. (19<sup>th</sup> Bn): I think that he was careful.....

Pope, M.A. (Engineers): I don't think he enjoyed.....

Neal, A.M. (10<sup>th</sup> Bn): I was standing in.....

Pope, M.A. (Engineers): I think a commander.....

Narrator: Sir Arthur Currie would have been.....

McNaughton, A.G.L. (Arty): The fact that brought all the early....

Narrator: Another commander of the Canadian Forces.....

Crerar, H.D.G. (Arty): I was commanding a battery.....

McNaughton, A.G.L. (Arty): Once we got 106 fuses, of course.....

Narrator: As has often been stated.....

Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): The artillery preparation.....

Narrator: There were other disadvantages.

Crerar, H.D.G. (Arty): The actual bombardment.....

Narrator: One of the greatest advances.....

Sheppard, H.L. (Arty): This is a barrage map, a map

Narrator: As the war progressed.....

Leach, R.J. (Arty Corps): To start with,.....

Morrisey, T.S. (13<sup>th</sup> Bn): Counter battery means.....

Crerar, H.D.G. (Arty): General McNaughton had a very scientific mind.....

McNaughton, A.G.L. (Arty): The guns were not the limiting.....

Philpott, Elmore (Arty): In the early part.....

McNaughton, A.G.L. (Arty): 1917 was a year of application.....

Morrisey, T.S. (13<sup>th</sup> Bn): Andy, with his knowledge of electricity.....

McNaughton, A.G.L. (Arty): The sound of a gun starts.....

Narrator: Many of the technical advances.....

McNaughton, A.G.L. (Arty): These fellows in the sound ranging.....

Narrator: Initially, observation balloons.....

McNaughton, A.G.L. (Arty): The first artillery observation.....

Leach, R.J. (Arty Corps): There was a squadron allotted.....

McNaughton, A.G.L. (Arty): With this network of.....

Crerar, H.D.G. (Arty): McNaughton's methods were so admired.....

Narrator: If the artillery made.....

Logan, H. (MG Corps): In his whole philosophy.....

Brutinel, Raymond (MG Corps): The Canadian Machine Gun Corps illustrated.....

Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): Brutinel had the rare combination.....

Russenholt, E.S. (44<sup>th</sup> Bn): Up until that time.....

Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): It was very difficult.....

Moorehouse, Walter (MG Corps): These heavy machine guns.....

Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): In the early days of the war.....

Narrator: The supreme example of.....

Brutinel, Raymond (MG Corps): The capture of Vimy Ridge.....

Narrator: In the first day of experiments.....

Logan, H. (MG Corps): One of the first.....

Narrator: Among his earliest innovations.....

Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): After the March retreat.....

Narrator: With all these advances.....

Odlum, V.W. (11<sup>th</sup> Inf Bgde): It was the outstanding.....  
McArthur, D.C. (Arty): And this was no figment.....  
Odlum, V.W. (11<sup>th</sup> Inf Bgde): Given a task where death,.....  
Stevens, G.R. (PPCLI): Falling in fours.....  
McArthur, D.C. (Arty): I kept a diary in those days.....  
Sivertz, Gus (2<sup>nd</sup> CMR): The comradeship cannot.....

Narrator: Next week Chapter 12 of "FLANDERS' FIELDS" titled "War In The Air".  
Announcer: The first-person accounts.....