

FLANDERS' FIELDS – CHAPTER #12 WAR IN THE AIR

Announcer: Ladies and gentlemen: “FLANDERS’ FIELDS”, Chapter 12, War In The Air.

Montage: The average life of a pilot.....

Narrator: These are the voices of men, no longer young.....

Collishaw, Raymond (RNAS): At the outset of war.....

Narrator: Both the R.F.C. and the R.N.A.S. would take young.....

Leckie, Robert (RNAS): In the latter end of 1914.....

Narrator: As did the foot-soldiers.....

MacLaren, Donald (RAF): Well, to start with.....

Narrator: Captain Mel. Alexander caught.....

Alexander, Mel. (RNAS): The enthusiasm was very.....

Narrator: Captain C.M. Geale was among.....

Geale, C.M. (RNAS): Yes, I am one of the ten.....

Leckie, Robert (RNAS): The training was rather.....

Redpath, R. (RNAS): On account of the slow progress.....

Collishaw, Raymond (RNAS): In 1914, The British.....

Leckie, Robert (RNAS): With the boys,.....

Collishaw, Raymond (RNAS): And finally the mass.....

Leckie, Robert (RNAS): We were absorbed.....

Narrator: By the time MacLaren.....

MacLaren, D.R. (RAF/RFC): Well, I was a little older.....

Narrator: There was by now,.....

Seymour, M.A. (RAF/RFC): Everything was minimal.....

Narrator: If horsemanship really helped.....

Wakeman, George (RFC): I came down to Toronto.....

Narrator: Meanwhile out on Lulu Island.....

Seymour, M.A. (RAF/RFC): Well, there were 12 of us.....

Narrator: And some went abroad to finishing school.

Alexander, Mel. (RNAS): By the end of 1915.....

Narrator: Despite the Sam Hughes preference.....

Wakeman, George (RFC): Well, about the end of December.....

Narrator: But already hundreds had gone.....

MacLaren, D.R. (RAF): About the 8th of August.....

Narrator: Mel. Alexander, who had qualified.....

Alexander, Mel. (RNAS): From the time I got back.....

Collishaw, Raymond (RNAS): These young men had no idea.....

Dodds, Robert (RAF): I think maybe one.....

McEwen, C.M. (RFC): You had no idea really.....

Narrator: The fine techniques.....

Curtis, A.W. (RNAS): I was on my way to France.....

Narrator: The job of scout.....

Grange, E.R. (RNAS/RFC): See, in the earliest days.....

Geale, C.M. (RNAS): There was no special training.....

Narrator: Superiority in the air.....

Grange, E.R. (RNAS/RFC): Certain machines have certain.....

Narrator: The men who flew.....

Carroll, E.H. (RNAS): We went out on a time.....

Narrator: And the bombers.....

Alexander, Mel. (RNAS): The #3 wing.....
 Narrator: and it was a retaliatory raid.....
 Collishaw, Raymond (RNAS): In the Somme Valley of 1916.....
 Narrator: Others of the R.N.A.S. were flying.....
 Leckie, Robert (RNAS): I was employed very largely.....
 Narrator: 1917 was the bad year.....
 Alexander, Mel. (RNAS): Things were getting so bad.....
 Narrator: It was then that.....
 Collishaw, Raymond (RNAS): At that time the Richtofen.....
 Narrator: "The Dawn Patrol", that romantic-sounding.....
 Alexander, Mel. (RNAS): I couldn't tell you.....
 Collishaw, Raymond (RNAS): From the R.F.C. Fighter Squadron's.....
 Leckie, Robert (RNAS): I have never yet met.....
 Narrator: Bad enough for.....
 Leckie, Robert (RNAS): More often than not.....
 Narrator: But there were occasions when.....
 Leckie, Robert (RNAS): L-22 was patrolling a.....
 Narrator: The L-70 was successfully.....
 Leckie, Robert (RNAS): In the attack on L-70.....
 Narrator: While Leckie knew his adversary.....
 Collishaw, Raymond (RNAS): The fighter pilot never.....
 MacLaren, D.R. (RAF): Let's put it this way.....
 Narrator: The great test in the air.....
 MacLaren, D.R. (RAF): We'd get a bulletin.....
 Wakeman, George (RFC): In the 1918 tactics of fighting.....
 Collishaw, Raymond (RNAS): Richtofen was a much maligned man.....
 MacLaren, D.R. (RAF): I've forgotten just when.....
 Curtis, A.W. (RNAS): A friend of mind. Roy Brown,.....
 Collishaw, Raymond (RNAS): The present Baron Richtofen wrote a letter.....
 Narrator: As the memory will never.....
 Curtis, A.W. (RNAS): I knew Bishop personally then.....
 Narrator: While the name Manfred Von Richtofen lives on.....
 MacLaren, D.R. (RFC): Oh Yes! Yes! I knew Billy bishop.....

Narrator: Next week "FLANDERS' FIELDS", Chapter 13.....

Announcer: The first-hand accounts.....