

FLANDERS' FIELDS – CHAPTER #15 THE LAST PUSH

Announcer: Ladies and Gentlemen, “FLANDERS’ FIELDS”, Chapter #15, “THE LAST PUSH”.

Narrator (J. Frank Willis): “THE LAST PUSH”

Macklin, W.H.S. (19th Bn):

Narrator: On August 4th, 1918, when the Canadians.....

Blackader, K.G. (13th Bn): The Canal had a particular feature.....

Green, Elliott (13th Bn): It hadn’t been finished.....

Narrator: It was the Fourth Division.....

Price, C.B. (14th Bn): The night before we.....

Narrator: The heavy machine guns.....

Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): We did perhaps the unusual.....

Narrator: Despite Captain Worthington’s bad luck.....

Bole, A. (M.M.G.): We had a 96-gun barrage.....

Sprostin, J. (10th Bn): What I particularly noted.....

Bayles, S.M. (46th Bn): The barrage that morning.....

Price, C.B. (14th Bn): As they started off.....

Marshall, D.M. (44th Bn): There was nothing to it.....

Bayles, D.M. (44th Bn): As soon as the barrage lifted.....

Narrator: As the Third Brigade began.....

Pope, M.A. (Engineers): The attack was to carry.....

Green, Elliott (13th Bn): It was very interesting.....

Pope, M.A. (Engineers): One brigade of Field Artillery.....

Clark, J.A. (7th Bgde): The Fourth Division went.....

Brown, Bob (46th Bn): You could see the barrage.....

Narrator: As the 11th and 12th Brigades.....

Pearce, L.F. (M.G.C.): We had an eight gun battery.....

Narrator: The 12th Brigade to their.....

MacKenzie, A.W. (85th Bn): We were warned that there.....

Narrator: Further to the left,.....

Clark, J.A. (7th Bgde): I had the good fortune.....

Narrator: The First division had a more.....

Ireland, T.E. (10th Bn): And we had a lot of casualties.....

Narrator: Though the 4th division.....

Bass, Fred (47th Bn): We just got across.....

Narrator: The 3rd Division had moved.....

Clark, J.A. (7th Bgde): The 7th Brigade.....

Hancox, George T. (PPCLI): I can remember another chap.....

Little, G.W. (PPCLI): We wouldn’t believe that Charlie got killed.....

Clark, J.A. (7th Bgde): Notwithstanding the loss of.....

Lee, J.H. (PPCLI): It seemed to be a pushover.....

Little, G.W. (PPCLI): We couldn’t move so.....

Clark, J.A. (7th Bgde): Well then, on the morning.....

Little, G.W. (PPCLI): They jumped off from.....

Narrator: To the right of the 7th.....

Bonner, Arthur (116th Bn): We came up to a place.....

Allen, E.P.S. (116th Bn): That was the end of them.....

Narrator: The next morning the 116th.....

Parsons, M.E. (2nd CMR): Our Bandsmen who were stretcher bearers.....

Narrator: North of the city,.....
 Clark, J.A. (7th Bgde): The third attack on the three.....
 Little, G.W. (PPCLI): We went down this bloody.....
 Clark, J.A. (7th Bgde): The R.C.R., on the left.....
 Palmer, M. (49th Bn): While I'm coming down along.....
 Narrator: On 1st October the 3rd.....
 Dunlop, James (16th Bn): Cuvilliers was the last big action.....
 Narrator: The day had not gone well.....
 Kyle, A.W.W. (87th Bn): As the Germans retired.....
 Rutherford, G.S. (52nd Bn): First and only time.....
 Bonner, Arthur (116th Bn); North of Cambrai,.....
 Narrator: Had the day been more successful.....
 Ross, Alex. (28th Bn): They were supposed to get.....
 Narrator: That night the 4th division.....
 Clark, J.A. (7th Bgde): Between the 28th and 30th.....
 Narrator: On the night of 8th-9th October.....
 Ross, Alex. (28th Bn): And then we had.....
 Oliver, Doug (18th Bn): One of the greatest stories.....
 McKnight, G. (26th Bn): They gave us all a white band.....
 Holmes, C.B. (25th Bn): The immediate trouble.....
 Ross, Alex. (28th Bn): So, on a pitch black night.....
 McKnight, G. (26th Bn): When we got around.....
 Oliver, Doug (18th Bn): And then they cut Cambrai.....
 McCorry, J. (25th Bn): I was through Cambrai.....
 Oliver, Doug (18th Bn): I had to go down.....
 Narrator: With Cambrai in Canadian hands.....
 Hazlitt, T.A. (MMG): I happened to be in this.....
 Oliver, Doug (18th Bn): They were shot just like.....
 Narrator: Again the Cavalry charge.....
 Oliver, Doug (18th): Iwuy was a little town that was.....
 Avison, D.J. (31st Bn): We were in Thun l'Eveque overnight and.....
 Oliver, Doug (18th Bn): On the 11th, the 20th and 21st Battalions.....
 Baxter, James (16th Bn): We had taken off at dawn.....
 Oliver, Doug (18th Bn): Now mind you what they.....
 Narrator: On the same day that the City of Cambrai fell.....
 Haig, R.F. (Fort Garry Horse): I was riding as forward patrol.....
 Strachan, Marcus (FGH): We were on the crest of a hill.....
 Haig, R.F. (FGH): We rode, as far as I could judge.....
 Strachan, Marcus (FGH): Our action was fast.....
 Narrator: With the eventual capture of Iwuy.....
 Clark, J.A. (7th Bgde): There is no question in my mind.....
 Narrator: When, after a brief rest,.....
 Pope, M.A. (Engineers): There was Colonel Trotter commanding.....
 Ross, Alex. (28th Bn): We discovered that they.....
 Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG): The hole had been made and.....
 Robertson, R.S. (16th Bn): The largest town that fell.....
 Macklin, W.H.S. (19th Bn): Although there were times.....
 Pearce, L.F. (MG Corps): We came to Denain.....
 Narrator: By the 23rd October, the 1st and.....
 Pope, M.A. (Engineers): We attacked south of the canal.....
 Narrator: And it must be noted.....
 Stewart, J.S. (Arty): The barrage was so deep.....
 Hewitt, T.A. (46th Bn): We were strong and we had.....
 Marshall, W.M. (46th Bn): That's where Hughie Cairns got a V.C.....
 Narrator: Cairns was the last Canadian.....
 McCorry, J. (25th Bn): That was more or less.....

Kilpatrick, G. (42nd Bn): They halted every now.....
 Narrator: Some of the batteries.....
 Worthington, F.F. (MMG): I think the most exciting day.....
 Sheppard, H.L. (Arty): We would move.....
 Sivertz, Gus (2nd CMR): We were welcomed you know.....
 Page, James (42nd Bn): We were in Jemappes on the 10th.....
 Kilpatrick, G. (42nd Bn): About the second week.....
 Gianelli, Victor (PPCLI): We had our first real.....
 Kilpatrick, G. (42nd): The opportunities were almost.....
 Narrator: The Last Hours.....for the morning.....
 Macklin, W.H.S. (19th Bn): The morale of the soldiers.....
 Worthington, F.F. (MMG): We were really an army.....
 Odlum, V.W. (11th Inf Bgde): I know there is a tendency.....
 Shields, T.T. (PPCLI): In spite of the fact.....
 McNab, Alan (Cyclist): We were on top.....
 Macklin, W.H.S. (19th Bn): And when a soldier thinks.....

 Narrator: Next week, with the bells of the Town Hall.....

 Announcer: The first-person accounts.....