

FLANDERS' FIELDS – CHAPTER #3 – THE GREAT EXPEDITION

Narrator (J. Frank Willis): But who it was who did the sorting.....

Young, N.M. (4th Bn): We were the 4th and 7th.....

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Announcer: Ladies and gentlemen: The CBC presents....

Odlum, V.W. : General Sam Hughes.....

Narrator: If the forming of battalions....

Christopherson, R.L. (5th Bn): One day we were notified.....

Cooper, H.S. (3rd Bn): There was a 17th Battalion.....

Christopherson, R.L. (5th Bn): Two or three fellows.....

Narrator: One Pay Sergeant....

Fisher, A.H. (8th Bn): I was pay Sergeant.....

Young, N.M. (4th Bn): It was a real civilian army....

Narrator: There was a small....

Young, N.M. (4th Bn): Thiry percent of our men....

Trowles, Victor (4th Bn): We had one old.....

Bagshaw, F.C. (5th Bn): I began to catch.....

Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG): Many things happened.....

Bagshaw, F.C. (5th Bn): Well there were.....

Chambers, J.I. (7th Bn): The thing I remember.....

Odlum, Maj. Victor W. : Command was not easy.....

Price, C.B. (14th Bn): Considering the.....

Lewis, Victor (4th Bn): I can remember.....

Fish, Fred (4th Div Arty): I got on very.....

Trowles, Victor (4th Bn): I would think.....

Narrator: Some measure of this.....

Fish, Fred (4th Div Arty): There was a

Narrator: That cliché phrase.....

Christopherson, R.L. (5th Bn): We had engineers.....

Johnson, C.J. (14th Bn): We settled down....

Ross, J.W. (4th Div Arty): Valcartier, to my mind.....

Young, N.M. (4th Bn): We had our bathing.....

Narrator: And it was a dry camp.....

McLaughlin, R. (14th Bn): The older fellows.....

Johnson, C.J. (14th Bn): They had a big marquee.....

Bagshaw, F.C. (5th Bn): Every day they'd.....

Christopherson, R.L. (5th Bn): After the first ten.....

McLaughlin, R. (14th Bn): We had a couple.....

Haig, R.F. (Fort Garry Horse): My most pleasant.....

Narrator: Not only was this.....

Seaman, Eric (3rd Bn): We didn't know anything.....
 Cosgrave, V.M. : We had a marvelous veterinary.....
 Longstaffe, C.E. (15th Bn): One day a bunch.....
 Lewis, Victor (4th Bn): They brought horses.....
 Young, N.M. (4th Bn): We could only see.....
 Green, Elliot (Arty 4th Div): They were the other.....
 Owens, E.J. (2nd Bn): They were making.....
 Seaman, E (3rd Bn): Some of the officers.....
 Chard, N. (RCD): The RCD's had about seventy-odd.....
 Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG): Never anywhere did.....
 Narrator: And what training.....
 Ross, J.W. (Arty 4th Div): During our stay.....
 Odlum, V.W.: Because we didn't.....
 Lewis, Victor (4th Bn): We didn't actually.....
 Narrator: But in Ottawa's Lansdowne Park.....
 Marsden, William (PPCLI): Within twenty-one days.....
 Hetherington, H.G. (PPCLI): We got down to Quebec.....
 Marsden, William (PPCLI): It was ugly for a time.....
 Hetherington, H.G. (PPCLI): At Levis Camp.....
 Narrator: While the PPCLI re-embarked.....
 Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG): We had twenty-two.....
 Ross, J.W. (Arty 4th Div): Some of our men.....
 Dodds, W.D. (13th Bn): Each boat lying.....
 Anderson, T.V. (Engineers): We got up in the morning.....
 Ross, J.W. (Arty 4th Div): After waiting for possibly.....
 Raw, A.S. (16th Bn): Just as the sun.....
 Lewis, Victor (4th Bn): You had a super.....
 Longstaffe, C.E. (15th Bn): As far as you could see.....
 Cox, F.C. (RCD): The two flanks lines.....
 Anderson, T.V. (engineers): The convoy had to.....
 Narrator: And the troops....
 Frost, Sidney (Royal Nfld Rgt): We were held up.....
 Anderson, T.V. (Engineers): Everything went very.....
 Christopherson, E.L. (5th Bn): We were put on a boat.....
 Timmis, R.S. (RCD): The ships hadn't been.....
 Jacobs, A. G. (LSHG): They prevailed on me.....
 Timmis, R.S. (RCD): Our veterinary officer.....
 Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG): Oh I would struggle.....
 Stevens, Lester (8th Bn): One of the sailors.....
 Christopherson, R.L. (5th Bn): They set up.....
 Haig, R.F. (Fort Garry Horse): The various supplies.....
 Chambers, J.I. (7th Bn): The thing that bothered.....
 Rae, A.S. (16th Bn): As we pulled.....
 Narrator: The convoy dropped.....
 Dodd, W.D. (13th Bn): In no time.....
 Haig, R.F. (FGH): We sat on those.....
 Fish, Fred (Arty 4th Div): The Colonel allowed.....
 Johnson, C.J. (14th Bn): We helped two.....
 Mills, Guy (4th Bn): One of the fellows.....
 Haig, R.F. (FGH): Before we finally.....
 Marlow, H.A. (LSHG): One young woman.....
 Dodds, W.F. (13th Bn): Everybody was pleased.....
 Narrator: Salisbury Plain-.....
 Marlow, H.W. (LSHG): The day we got down.....
 Cosgrave, L.M. (LSHG): That was known.....
 Timmis, R.S. (RCD): It rained every day.....

Lewis, Victor (4th Bn): It rained and rained.....
 Johnson, C.J. (14th Bn): We slept on the ground first.
 Hossick, K.C. (13th Bn): We simply went.....
 McLaughlin, R. (14th Bn): The big trouble.....
 Lewis, Victor (4th Bn): You had a ground sheet....
 Sinclair, Ian (13th Bn): Why anybody ever.....
 Anderson, T.V. (R.C.E.): I have a photograph.....
 Haig, R.D. (FGH): In my ignorance.....
 Stevens, Lester (8th Bn): I never had my feet.....
 Lewis, Victor (4th Bn): It seems incredible.....
 Johnson, C.J. (14th Bn): I don't know which.....
 Haig, R.D. (FGH): In the tent.....
 Longstaffe, C.E. (15th Bn): Eventually we got.....
 Mills, Guy (4th Bn): When we woke up.....
 Lewis, Victor (4th Bn): But we didn't suffer.....
 Mills, Guy (4th Bn): Very often the mess.....
 Mason, D.H.C. (3rd Bn): You hear it described.....
 Johnson, C.J. (14th Bn): We were a pretty....
 MacDonnell, J.M. (Arty 4th Div): Years and years.....
 Price, C.B. (14th Bn): That was one of the.....
 Timmis, R.S. (RCD): By Christmas the British.....
 Narrator: As the Time of London put it.....
 Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG): We were moved.....
 Mason, D.H.C. (3rd Bn): After Christmas.....
 Lewis, Victor (4th Bn): We were building.....
 Christopherson, R.L. (5th Bn): They finally called.....
 Price, C.B. (14th Bn): We moved into.....
 Narrator: If it was a bad time.....
 Christopherson, R.L. (5th Bn): Lark Hill is right.....
 Haig, R.F. (FGH): If anybody knows anything.....
 Narrator: How did the health.....
 Morrissey, T.S. (13th Bn): But the funny thing.....
 Leach, R.J. (Arty Corps): As soon as they.....
 Mason, D.H.C. (3rd Bn): Good old General Mercer.....
 Christopherson, R.L. (5th Bn): Spinal meningitis was going.....
 Fish, Fred (Arty 4th Div): Men got spinal.....
 Ross, J.W. (Arty 4th Div): The horses were.....
 Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG): The mud was so bad.....
 Mills, Guy (4th Bn): Of course.....
 Narrator: But leave was scarce.....
 Palin, F. (14th Bn): I had a few quid.....
 Narrator: After Valcartier.....
 Fisher, A.H. (8th Bn): A fellow once said.....
 Mills, Guy (4th Bn): Very often it.....
 McArthur, J.H. (7th Bn): We were on review.....
 Mason, D.H.C. (3rd Bn): The time on Salisbury Plain.....
 Hetherington, H.G. (PPCLI): We were very very green.....
 Nicholson, N. (14th Bn): I remember distinctly.....
 Lewis, Victor (4th Bn): We weren't going.....
 Mason, D.H.C. (3rd Bn): We were fearfully.....
 Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG): I know now that.....
 Cox, F.C. (RCD): All we could do was.....
 Sinclair, Ian (13th Bn): We started off.....
 Narrator: As the rains.....
 Frost, Sidney (Royal Nfld Rgt): We thought possibly.....
 Martin (W. Ron (RNR): Early December.....

Frost, Sidney (RNR): We were particularly.....

Narrator: And 1914, a year or so.....

Sinclair, Ian (13th Bn): They let half.....

Price, C.B. (14th Bn): There was an unforgettable....

Narrator: Next Week: Chapter Four.....

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