

FLANDERS' FIELDS - CHAPTER #5 - THE SECOND BATTLE OF YPRES

Announcer: Ladies and Gentlemen, "Flanders' Fields", Part 5, "The Second Battle of Ypres".....

Narrator (J. Frank Willis) : The Ypres Salient, a forward thrust.....

Odlum, Victor W. : On the day of the gas attack.....

Narrator: The first of our troops.....

Jeffery, J. (13th Bn) : My battalion, the 13th.....

Sinclair, Ian (13th Bn): As first we thought.....

Narrator: News of the gas.....

Nicholson, N. (16th Bn): On the 22nd of April.....

Brewer, H.G. (14th Bn): I can see them now.....

Arnold, F.C. (7th Bn): When this gas attack.....

Narrator: The Canadian 13th.....

Jeffery, J. (13th Bn): Well their casualties.....

Sinclair, Ian (13th Bn): Our line of trenches.....

Jeffrey, J. (13th Bn): Well our casualties of course.....

Sprostin, J. (4th Div. Arty): We weren't equipped.....

Sinclair, Ian (13th Bn): There was some.....

Narrator: First to rush.....

Palin, F. (14th Bn): We were out in the sun.....

Narrator: Lance Corporal Fred Fisher's conspicuous.....

Odlum, Victor W. : We were at the point.....

Narrator: In the confused.....

Ross, J.W. (4th Div. Arty): We had no idea.....

Green, Elliot (4th div. Arty): The Germans advanced.....

Narrator: Troops were now.....

Bernier, George (14th Bn): The bugle came along.....

Scott, L.C. (7th Bn): We went off.....

Mackie, J.C. (7th Bn): The Germans had.....

Scott, L.C. (7th Bn): The gas was rolling.....

Mackie, J.O. (7th Bn): We'd look at the.....

Scott, L.C. (7th Bn): We continued on.....

Mackie, J.O. (7th Bn): We had these stupid....

McLaughlin, R. (14th Bn): We dug in on.....

Price, C.B. (14th Bn): These was a terrific....

Whiteman, H.H. (14th Bn): The Germans apparently.....

Narrator: The gap was plugged.....

Dunlop, Charles (16th Bn): We found ourselves.....

Nicholson, N. (16th Bn): We got down to Ypres.....

Oldaker, H.H. (16th Bn): We had a lot.....

Ormond, D.M. : I might say these people.....

McLennan, A.M. (16th Bn): As we left our great.....

Ormond, D.M. : When the 16th Battalion.....

McLennan, A.M. (16th Bn): Well those sort of noises.....

Ormond, D.M. : It was a well-sited trench.....

Critchley, W. (10th Bn): We had taken the Germans.....

Ormond, D.M. : But we couldn't handle.....

Cox, Sid (10th Bn): It was all so mixed.....

Ormond, D.M. : Well, it turned out.....

Cox, Sid (10th Bn): It wasn't so bad.....

Ormond, D.M. : We took the old.....
 Booker, Jack (2nd Bn): That is when Major Pennant.....
 Beddoe, A.B. (2nd Bn): It was just a great.....
 Graham, W.F. (2nd Bn): One thing that I.....
 Narrator: Artillery firepower.....
 Green, Elliot (4th Div. Arty): We fired all.....
 Narrator: The second counter attack.....
 Fraser, James (4th Bn): We moved out.....
 Todd, Joe (4th Bn): On our way up....
 Young, N.M. (4th Bn): Our orders were....
 Twigg, G.W. (4th Bn): There was about two.....
 Young, N.M. (4th Bn): We ran into a lot.....
 Twigg, G.W. (4th Bn): We advanced and.....
 Narrator: In the afternoon.....
 Fraser, James (4th Bn): The Middlesex and some.....
 Trowles, Victor (4th Bn): We'd been advancing.....
 Alley, H.R. (3rd Bn): The 1st and 4th.....
 Twigg, G.W. (4th Bn): It was a glorious day.....
 Narrator: While the Germans paused.....
 Ormond, D.M. : We stayed in there.....
 Beddoe, A.B. (2nd Bn): There wasn't very much.....
 Narrator: On Saturday, April 24.....
 Stevens, Lester (8th Bn): I saw the Germans.....
 Bowyer, J.H. (5th Bn): The show was getting.....
 Upritchard, J. (8th Bn): The 8th Battalion.....
 Jeffery, J. (13th Bn): They came across.....
 Arnold, F.C. (7th Bn): I was shooting over....
 Narrator: Then the pressure.....
 Brewer, H.G. (14th Bn): People were being.....
 Jeffery, J (13th Bn): By the time we.....
 Narrator: The apex of the Canadian.....
 Critchley, W. (10th Bn): The 10th Battalion.....
 Cox, Sid (10th Bn): And they got quite a lot.....
 Ormond, D.M. : We did very well.....
 Critchley, W. (10th Bn): We looked over there.....
 Ormond, D.M. : They came on in.....
 Narrator: The Third Brigade.....
 Odlum, Victor W. : I had already tried.....
 Arnold, F.C. (7th Bn): The order came to retire.....
 Scott, L.C. (7th Bn): It was just every man.....
 Rice, N. (7th Bn): They came over.....
 Narrator: Their success at the apex.....
 Reddoe, A.B. (2nd Bn): By noon on Saturday.....
 Patrick, George (2nd Bn): Our company had left.....
 Seaman, Eric (3rd Bn): All you could see in.....
 Narrator: At the apex, the incredibly.....
 Stevens, Lester (8th Bn): The Germans didn't realize.....
 Narrator: Brigadier-General Currie now made.....
 Odlum, Victor W. : We were returned to the 2nd Brigade.....
 Narrator: By the morning.....
 Stevens, Lester (8th Bn): I remember the Durham Light Infantry.....
 Upritchard, J. (8th Bn): The Durhams never made it.....
 Critchley, W. (10th Bn): I have never seen.....
 Narrator: And everywhere --- up and down the line.....
 Bagshaw, F.B., (5th Bn): We saw a man.....
 Narrator: Like many soldier before.....

Bagshaw, F. B. (5th Bn): The brigadier is right with us today.....
Narrator: Now the 8th.....
Fisher, A.H. (8th Bn): We were at the apex.....
Odlum, Victor W. : British battalions.....
Narrator: All across the front.....
Stevens, Lester (8th Bn): All I did was order.....
Bowyer, J.H. (5th Bn): These was a Canadian Scottish.....
Bagshaw, F.B. (5th Bn): As we came through Ypres.....
Christopherson, R.L. (5th Bn): The town was completely.....
Narrator: The Battles of Ypres.....
Scott, Louis (PPCLI): On the morning of May the 8th.....
Niven, H. (PPCLI): We were good shots.....
Hetherington, H.G. (PPCLI): I fired rifle after rifle.....
Niven, H. (PPCLI): I had been told to retire.....
McLaren, Jack (PPCLI): Bellewaarde Ridge, that was known.....
Narrator: The heroic performance of the Canadians.....
Odlum, Victor W. : We mustn't boast.....
Green, Elliot (4th Div. Arty): As somebody has said.....
Patrick, George (2nd Bn): No one had any idea.....
Jeffery, J. (13th Bn): I've never seen such.....
Narrator: Next week, Chapter Six.....
Announcer: The first-person accounts.....