

FLANDERS FIELDS – CHAPTER #7

APPRENTICES AT ARMS

Announcer: Ladies and gentlemen: Flanders' Fields

Narrator: As the winter of 1915 settled in,.....

Nickle, W.M. (21st Bn): We were in the reserve.....

Narrator: On a front.....

Timms, M.H. (21st Bn): When we were blown.....

Narrator: With the Canadian Corps.....

Pope, M.A. (Engineers): The British Division.....

Narrator: From now confusion.....

Simpson, G.H. (26th Bn): I was standing.....

Narrator: Overnight on the 3rd – 4th of April.....

Pinkham, W.C.H. (27th Bn): We took over from.....

Holmes, C.B. (25th Bn): We went up that night.....

Pope, M.A. (Engineers): Before the Canadians.....

Snape, H. (27th Bn): We wondered how.....

Pope, M.A. (Engineers): It was the saddest thing.....

Narrator: But the Gordons who died took many an enemy with them.

Wheadon, C. (25th Bn): There was nothing but.....

Snape, H. (27th Bn): The first man that.....

Pinkham, V.C.H. (27th Bn): Our H.Q. went into the front.....

Narrator: Impossible as it seems.....

Bryden, C.V. (31st Bn): We were issued with.....

Withell, P. (27th Bn): We went in overland.....

Snape, H. (27th Bn): It just seemed as.....

Fryday, J.N. (27th Bn): They sent out a few.....

Pinkham, V.C.H. (27th Bn): They were absolutely alone.....

Snape, H. (27th): We was in this outpost.....

Fryday, J.N. (27th): Sergeant Major Williams sent two.....

Withell, P. (27th Bn): A big shell came over.....

Narrator: Now it was up to.....

Pope, M.A. (Engineers): We worked a little.....

Narrator: In this baffling maze.....

Riley, H.J. (27th Bn): “B” Company had seventy men.....

Narrator: To compound the confusion.....

Snape, H. (27th Bn): Well we stuck it out.....

Narrator: Late on the night.....

Rintoul, A.E. (29th Bn): The orders were that.....

Scott, G. (29th Bn): Any wiring that had been.....

Narrator: Meanwhile, the enemy had slipped.....

Fryday, J.N. (27th Bn): We were cut off.....

Pinkham, V.C.H. (27th Bn): There was an attempt.....

Narrator: On the left the 31st Battalion.....

Bryden, C.V. (31st Bn): I was in a crater.....

Grimmett, A.M. (29th Bn): The bombardment.....

Ross, Alex. (Arty): We floundered around.....

Narrator: This milling about.....

Williams, George (18th Bn): When they sent us up.....

Ross, Alex. (Arty): We never had a chance.....

Bain, G.E. (31st Bn): I could remember.....

Narrator: The same dear old boy.....

Loucks, Kirke (31st Bn): Your mind was nothing.....
 Narrator: Now both sides reverted.....
 Odlum, V.W.: Byng was a good soldier.....
 Ross, Alex. (Arty): He did a great deal.....
 Price, C. B. (14th Bn): I give him credit.....
 Narrator: Meanwhile, elements of General.....
 Lee, J.H. (PPCLI): The front line trenches.....
 Narrator: The respite was no.....
 Fallon, A.E. (52nd Bn): We were relieved.....
 White, McDonald (58th Bn): The Germans were doing.....
 Narrator: Despite the warning.....
 Lee, J.H. (PPCLI): We knew that it.....
 Yule, George (5th CMR): It was a beautiful
 Narrator: For four hours.....
 Stallard, S. (25th Bn): I was in the front line.....
 Ackerley, P. (42nd Bn): It was the heaviest.....
 Narrator: Somewhat to the north.....
 Lee, J.H. (PPCLI): We were stunned.....
 Narrator: Still the field grey.....
 Dean, N.G. (RCR): We were up in.....
 Narrator: Less fortunate, the P.P.C.L.I.....
 Soltau, W.G. (PPCLI): I was buried.....
 Lee, J.H. (PPCLI): We weren't aware.....
 Narrator: The Second and Fifth Mounted Rifles.....
 Bowe, S.R. (2nd CMR): There was no trenches.....
 Narrator: The road to Ypres.....
 Dawson, F. (7th Bn): When the Third division.....
 Duncan, W.R. (14th Bn): We advanced up to.....
 Narrator: At 8:45 pm June 2nd.....
 Palin, F. (14th Bn): We got into position.....
 Flenley, L. (14th Bn): That morning from about.....
 Narrator: Then --- more trouble.....
 Whiteman, H.H. (14th Bn): Chubby Power came over.....
 Dawson, F. (7th Bn): We'd got our wire.....
 Narrator: And the experience.....
 Duncan, W.R. (14th Bn): The signal come and there.....
 Bowe, S. (2nd CMR): There were 46 men in the.....
 Arthurs, R.C. (49th Bn): Our watches were synchronized.....
 Critchley, W. (10th Bn): There was a call.....
 Pinson, Jack (7th Bn): Most of our artillery.....
 Price, C.B. (14th Bn): We went in to.....
 Narrator: On the 4th of June.....
 Lee, J.H. (PPCLI): Eventually word came up.....
 Narrator: The Germans were now within.....
 Ross, Alex. (Arty): On the 5th of June.....
 Narrator: And that was still the felling about.....
 Alley, H.R. (3rd Bn): We had never made an attack.....
 MacDonald, C.A. (26th Bn): They just pepered that.....
 Alley, H.R. (3rd Bn): We were relieved late.....
 Narrator: Consolidation of the new.....
 MacDonald, C.A. (26th Bn): We heard this battery.....
 Narrator: The Battle of Mount Sorrel fought.....
 Odlum, v.W. : A message was sent out to us.....
 Nickle, W.N. (21st Bn): It was a first-class sniping rifle.....
 Narrator: On one occasion.....
 Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG): We had just come out.....

Narrator: Now for a time the Corps.....

Alley, H.R. (3rd Bn): I would say that the

Narrator: New week, in Chapter 8 of Flanders' Fields.....

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