

FLANDERS' FIELDS – CHAPTER #9 THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

Announcer: Ladies and Gentlemen: “FLANDERS’ FIELDS”, Chapter 9, The Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Narrator (J. Frank Willis): No other Battlefield in France is so sacred.....

Higgins, D.G. (4th Div Arty): I reckon that in.....
Kilpatrick, Rev. G. (42nd Bn): Vimy Ridge itself.....
MacTier, W.S.M. (13th Bn): The Hun was above.....
Bonner, Arthur (116th Bn): The communications trench.....
Pearson, A.G. (PPCLI): The line at Vimy Ridge.....
Kilpatrick, Rev. G. (42nd Bn): Well our outpost.....
Barclay, R.G. (PPCLI): The Vimy line had been quiet.....
Russenholt, E.S. (44th Bn): The French had held these.....
Brown, Bob (46th Bn): Nearly every time.....
Pearson, A.G. (PPCLI): There was a great deal.....
Dean, N.G. (RCR): You’d be sitting there.....
Pearson, a.G. (PPCLI): You could hear the.....
Brown, Archie (78th Bn): They had tunneled vimy.....
Narrator: Between 10th January and 22nd February.....
Ross, Alex. (Arty): Vimy was very important.....
Hancox, George (PPCLI): A German officer was captured.....
Pearkes, G.R. (5th CMR): Vimy was planned months.....
Barbour, Royden (25th Bn): All the German trenches.....
Wilson, W.S. (38th Bn): Every time the battalion.....
Home, W.J. (RCR): It even got so.....
Nickle, W.M. (21st Bn): We had it arranged.....
Russenholt, E.S. (44th Bn): We were an entirely different....
Ross, Alex. (Arty): We were good in every.....
Leach, R.J. (Arty Corps): The infantry were briefed.....
Russenholt, E.S. (44th Bn): I can remember on a
Ross, Alex. (Arty): The only thing that.....
Narrator: The Wire. The foot-soldier’s most.....
Jenkins, W.L. (2nd Siege Bty): There was a mass of artillery.....
Stewart, J.S. (Arty): We used to fire.....
Narrator: The guns had been used.....
Ross, Alex. (Arty): We had aerial observation.....
Ormond, D.M. (10th Bn): We did a raid.....
Narrator: The infantry would move forward.....
Russenholt, E.S. (44th Bn): The lads in the tenth.....
Narrator: On Easter Sunday,.....
Clyne, H.R.H. (29th Bn): The 29th Battalion marched.....
Narrator: In the dark of the night.....
Jack, Alec W. (54th Bn): As usual it was pitch.....
Crowe, R. (72nd Bn): We were all in these huge.....
Ross, alex. (Arty): In our sector there.....
Goodmurphy, A.B. (28th Bn): We took our positions.....
MacGregor, F. (25th Bn): From one o’clock.....
Ross, Alex. (Arty): Then the barrage came.....
MacGregor, F. (25th Bn): During the night.....
Hancox, George (PPCLI): You just couldn’t hear a thing.....

Russenholt, E.S. (44th Bn): It was just like a
 Sivertz, Gus (2nd CMR): We were dancing a macabre.....
 Narrator: From precisely 5:30 to 5:33 on Easter.....
 MacGregor, F. (25th Bn): The nerve strain in.....
 Cooper, E.S. (3rd Bn): When we started over.....
 MacGregor, F. (25th Bn): They were piling.....
 Hancox, George (PPCLI): Previously we bombarded.....
 Pinson, Jack (7th Bn): That front line of his.....
 Campbell, H. (14th Bn): We felt so safe.....
 Narrator: As the artillery raised.....
 Worthington, F.F. (M.G. Corps): Brutinel's idea was that these machine.....
 Brutinel, Raymond (M.G. Corps): The machine gun detachments.....
 Russenholt, E.S. (44th Bn): The machine gun fire.....
 Dorman, G. (2nd CMR): The whole thing was.....
 Sivertz, Gus (2nd CMR): The first thing that.....
 Dorman, G. (2nd CMR): I could see this one.....
 Narrator: The men of the long line.....
 Pinson, Jack (7th Bn): Just before we went over.....
 Armstrong, Vic. (10th Bn): We waited until.....
 ? (10th Bn): That's when we lost all the men.
 Farmer, A (M.G. Corps): My brother whom I.....
 Narrator: Some were luckier.....
 Secord, Harry (18th Bn): I got my men out.....
 Pinson, Jack (7th Bn): All that ground.....
 Bagshaw, F.B. (5th Bn): I remember one fellow.....
 Robertson, R.S. (16th Bn): They had a marvelous system....
 Caunt, T.G. (8th Bn): Any Germans who had.....
 Dorman, G. (2nd CMR): The first dugout we got.....
 Pinson, Jack (7th Bn): The 7th Battalion objective.....
 Parsons, M.E. (2nd CMR): Once the show started.....
 Finley, Eric B. (42nd Bn): We had gone about, oh.....
 Narrator: As wave after wave swept.....
 Sivertz, Gus (2nd CMR): I had the feeling.....
 Narrator: By 7:30 am, two hours.....
 Scott, G. (29th Bn): I was sent up.....
 Fennel, L.R. (27th Bn): We didn't meet any opposition.....
 Narrator: Now Canadians stood.....
 Clyne, H.R.H. (29th Bn): It was hard to realize.....
 Philpott, Elmore (Arty): The Children of Isreal looking at.....
 Odlum, V.W. (11th Inf Bgde): It was amazing to get.....
 Hancox, George (PPCLI): The western slopes.....
 Fennel, L.R. (27th Bn): There were guns out.....
 Narrator: Forward Observing Officers from the.....
 Jenkins, W.L. (Corps Arty): We stayed in the tunnel.....
 Narrator: The smaller guns.....
 Nickle, W.N. (21st Bn): We took a tremendous number.....
 Higgins, D.C. (Arty): The Third Brigade of artillery.....
 Leach, R.J. (Corps Arty): As far as the 60-pounder.....
 Narrator: Despite the glorious triumph.....
 Odlum, V.W. (11th Inf Bgde): Hill One Forty-five stood up.....
 Jack, Alec W. (54th Bn): The attack went off about dawn.....
 Baker, Stanley (54th Bn): As soon as the 54th.....
 Jack, Alec W. (54th Bn): Some hours after the action.....
 Narrator: Fired upon from the yet uncaptured Pimple.....
 Scott, S. (78th Bn): I must confess.....
 Jack, Alec W. (54th Bn): We had a series.....

Narrator: The 85th was one of two.....
 Crowell, H.E. (85th Bn): We were a working party.....
 Narrator: With their new positions.....
 Scott, S. (78th Bn): Where my Sergeant was I couldn't.....
 Narrator: Brigadier General Odlum, commanding the 11th Brigade.....
 Odlum, V.W. (11th Inf Bgde): In the end, towards.....
 Narrator: The ultimate attack.....
 Marshall, D.M. (44th Bn): The most beautiful barrage.....
 Narrator: After one day's rest.....
 Russenholt, E.S. (44th Bn): The Pimple was just a
 Brown, Bob (46th Bn): That Pimple was the.....
 Hart, Allen W. (44th Bn): Very early in the morning.....
 Galbraith, A.A. (44th Bn): My instructions were.....
 Marshall, D. M. (44th Bn): It started to snow.....
 McDonald, C.K. (50th Bn): It was snowing to beat.....
 Hewitt, T.H. (46th Bn): With the gale behind them.....
 McDonald, C.K. (50th Bn): I don't think the Germans.....
 Goodall, Tom. (44th Bn): We took the ridge.....
 Hart, Allen (44th Bn): We were very much annoyed.....
 Narrator: Whether or not the slopes.....
 Philpott, Elmore (Arty): The Germans fooled them a few days.....
 Narrator: And now it was over.....
 Russenholt, E.S. (44th Bn): I think Vimy was.....
 McKendrick, H.C. (4th CMR): When four Canadian Divisions.....
 Philpott, Elmore (Arty): I saw the Canadians myself.....
 Adams, Tommy G. (85th Bn): From Vimy on we were.....
 Wright, A.E. (4th Bn): I was wounded and went back.....
 Russenholt, E.S. (44th Bn): I have always felt.....

 Narrator: Next week, the Victorious Canadians move down from the heights.....
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