

FLANDERS' FIELDS – CHAPTER #4

BAPTISM OF FIRE

Announcer: Ladies and Gentlemen: continuing.....

Narrator (J. Frank Willis): The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.....

Hetherington, H.G. (PPCLI): After we'd been.....

O'Connell, H.F. (PPCLI): The 27th Infantry division.....

Hancox, Geo T (PPCLI): Shortly before.....

Hetherington, H.G. (PPCLI): We embarked on.....

Hancox, Geo. .T. (PPCLI): Forty men loaded.....

Scott, Louis (PPCLI): We went into.....

Young, F.G. (PPCLI): The order came:.....

Hetherington, H.G. (PPCLI): It was an extraordinary.....

O'Connell, H.F. (PPCLI): We had great.....

Hetherington, H.G. (PPCLI): We went in.....

Scott, Louis (PPCLI): We put in about.....

O'Connell, H.F. (PPCLI): There was a wood.....

Scott, Louis (PPCLI): The first night.....

O'Connell, H.F. (PPCLI): The next morning.....

Scott, Louis (PPCLI): It was known as.....

Young, F.G. (PPCLI): We went through.....

Candy, Sgt. (PPCLI): There was nothing.....

Narrator: Back in England, meanwhile.....

Copping, E.N. (5th Bn): Rumours went around.....

Narrator: Some measure.....

Christopherson, R.L. (5th Bn): The four of us.....

Scriven, C. (10th Bn): We went over on.....

McLaughlin, R. (14th Bn): It took us about.....

Narrator: Five days afloat....

Longstaffe, C.E. (15th Bn): We got out.....

Price, C.B. (14th Bn): The weather was appalling.....

Seaman, Eric (3rd Bn): The stern of the boat....

Longstaffe, C.E. (15th Bn): There were two or three.....

Ross, J.W. (4th Div Arty): I'll never forget.....

McLaughlin, R. (14th Bn): A lot of these fellows....

Longstaffe, C.E. (15th Bn): I was talking to....

Walters, T. (8th Bn): Going through from Bristol.....

Scriven, C. (10th Bn): When we arrived.....

Longstaffe, C.E. (15th Bn): When we got to....

Johnson, C.J. (14th Bn): We were put on a.....

McLaughlin, R. (14th Bn): If you laid down.....

Sinclair, Ian (13th Bn): Hazebrouck, where we detrained.....

Narrator: From Hazebrouck to the assembly.....

Mason, D.H.C. (3rd Bn): Our first march....

Arnold, F.C. (7th Bn): To see the road behind.....

Odlum, V.W. (1st div): When we went in.....

Eyles, George (15th Bn): The roads narrow down.....

Mason, D.H.C. (3rd Bn): I think the first night.....

Morrissey, T.E. (13th Bn): I have a very vivid.....

Arnold, F.C. (7th Bn): It was a bright.....

Mackie, J.C. (7th Bn): The word came along.....

Lewis, Victor (4th Bn): The first time.....

Fisher, A.W. (8th Bn): They sent us....
 Longstaffe, C.E. (15th Bn): We went in with....
 Christopherson, R.L. (5th Bn): I was on a No-mans....
 Twigg, George W. (4th Bn): It was what I.....
 Campbell, H. (14th Bn): You were in there.....
 Rae, A.S. (16th Bn): You were so cold.....
 Mason, D.h.C. (3rd Bn): It was the worst.....
 Palin, F. (14th Bn): Due to the severe.....
 Narrator: Oddly enough.....
 Duncan, W.R. (14th Bn): We were in the asylum.....
 Narrator: In the trenches rum.....
 Mackie, J.C. (7th Bn): There was one.....
 Sinclair, Ian (13th Bn): Later on when....
 Macdonnell, J.M. (4th Div Arty): Action at that time....
 Fish, Fred (4th Div Arty): It's amazing how.....
 Morrissey, T.S. (13th Bn): It was siege war.....
 Hancox, George T. (PPCLI): What I recall.....
 Sinclair, Ian (13th Bn): There hadn't been.....
 Mactier, W.S.M. (13th Bn): In that part.....
 Ormond, D.M. (1st Div Inf): Trenches where we went.....
 Anderson, T.V. (Engineers): The trenches in many cases....
 Hetherington, H.G. (PPCLI): You tried to improve.....
 Scriven, C. (10th Bn): The sandbags were so.....
 Anderson, T.V. (Engineers): The engineers were supposed.....
 Fisher, A.H. (8th Bn): In places there were no.....
 Young, F.G. (PPCLI): We were in what.....
 Metcalf, S.W. (10th Bn): The Germans always knew....
 Narrator: While this sector....
 Hancox, George T. (PPCLI): The machine gun fire.....
 Hetherington, H.G. (PPCLI): At that time there.....
 Odlum, V.W. (1st Div): You got to learn.....
 Stevens, W. (14th Bn): Pat Rattigan, he was on top.....
 Ross, J.W. (4th Div Arty): Under normal static.....
 Narrator: At this stage.....
 Ross, J.W. (4th Div Arty): The men were.....
 Narrator: Trench-foot was to be....
 Hossick, K.C. (13th Bn): For the first week.....
 Ross, J.W. (4th Div Arty): For some periods.....
 Seaman, Eric (3rd bn): Brigadier General Rennie,.....
 Cosgrove, L.V.M. (1st Div Arty): After South Africa.....
 Narrator: Did you recognize the name?.....
 Ross, J.W. (4th Div Arty): The general set-up.....
 MacDonnell, J.M. (4th Div Arty): You could be in one.....
 Ross, J.W. (4th Div Arty): We would dig.....
 Macdonnell, J.M. (Arty): There was always.....
 Green, Elliot (Arty): The Germans selected.....
 Ross, J.W. (Arty): When we first.....
 Green, Elliot (Arty): I got up in.....
 Narrator: The Canadians had settled.....
 Scott, Louis (PPCLI): This was really.....
 Hancox, George T. (PPCLI): It was purely.....
 Scott, Louis (PPCLI): A saphead was a
 Hancox, George T. (PPCLI): I can recall Lt. Colquhoun.....
 Niven, H. (PPCLI): He walked over.....
 Hancox, George T. (PPCLI): Major Gault came back.....
 Scott, Louis (PPCLI): They went into a saphead.....

Niven, H. (PPCLI): They went over.....
 Hancox, George T. (PPCLI): The Germans had such.....
 Scott, Louis (PPCLI): Well, through this first.....
 Hancox, George T. (PPCLI): And it was more.....
 Scott, Louis (PPCLI): I think undoubtedly....
 Niven, H.W. (PPCLI): It was the first British.....
 Narrator: Within three months.....
 Hetherington, H.C. (PPCLI): We went back many times.....
 O'Connell, H.F. (PPCLI): We'd been staffed.....
 Narrator: Meanwhile to the north.....
 Morrissey, T.S. (13th Bn): I marched my Company.....
 Arnold, F.C. (7th Bn): That was the first.....
 Brewer, H.G. (14th Bn): We opened rapid fire.....
 Duncan, W.R. (14th Bn): That was the first time.....
 Morrissey, T.S. (13th Bn): The only orders.....
 Macdonnell, J.M. (Arty): I remember being.....
 Narrator: If the outcome.....
 Critchley, W. (10th Bn): And from there we.....
 Arnold, f.C. (7th Bn): They put us on buses.....
 Green, Elliot (Arty): The Germans must have....
 Ormond, D.M. (1st div): We went into the line.....
 Green, Elliot (Arty): They called the trenches.....
 Narrator: Dead Germans, by the hundred.....
 Odlum, V.W (1st div): McHarg and I were together....

 Narrator: Next week, in Chapter Five....
 Announcer: The first-person accounts.....