

FLANDERS' FIELDS – CHAPTER #13 THE GERMAN DRIVE

Announcer: Ladies and Gentlemen: FLANDERS' FIELDS, Chapter 13, "THE GERMAN DRIVE".

Narrator (J. Frank Willis): As early as the Spring of 1917, the British

Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG): I had been told off.....

Narrator: But the cavalry were held up.....

Cox, S.J. (Fort Garry Horse): General Seeley was in command.....

Marlow, H.A. (LSHG): In that attack.....

Cox, S.J. (Fort Garry Horse): There was one bridge.....

Marlow, H.A. (LSHG): But apparently the Fort.....

Cox, S.J. (Fort Garry Horse): When the squadron had gone.....

Haig, R.F. (Fort Garry Horse): Well we knew that.....

Cox, S.J. (FGH): I mean after all,.....

Narrator: No! One would not expect it.....

Haig, R.H. (FGH): I would like to make a comment.....

Narrator: The results of the Battle of Cambrai.....

O'Neill, Joe (19th Bn): During the winter it was known.....

Oliver, Doug (18th Bn): In the early spring of '18.....

Narrator: The Canadians, up to strength.....

Pope, M.A. (Engineers): This was in March,.....

Narrator: With advance knowledge.....

Stewart, J.S. (Arty): General Haig said that he would.....

Narrator: They knew the when and where of the German assault.....

Stewart, J.S. (Arty): The anxiety came down from Corps.....

O'Neill, Joe (19th Bn): Three weeks before the attack.....

Narrator: When it came the full weight.....

Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): Well the attack started.....

Ross, Alex. (27th Bn): As a matter of fact.....

Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): One thing they did not.....

Philpott, Elmore (Arty): Of course we were getting.....

Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): The 5th Army did not appear.....

Shields, T.T. (PPCLI): Now when the break-through came.....

O'Neill, Joe (19th Bn): On the 21st of March.....

Narrator: But to stand on Vimy.....

Odlum, V.W. (11th Inf. Bgde): Where it first broke.....

Ross, Alex. 27th Bn): We expected it.....

Pope, M.A. (Engineers): We were on the Lens front.....

Jacobs, A.G. (LSHG): And the Heinies were coming.....

McArthur, D.C. (55th Fld Batt): I suppose that military history.....

Narrator: And General Currie's order.....

Philpott, Elmore (Arty): And that's when Currie made.....

Narrator: But it made a vastly.....

Brutinel, Raymond (MG Corps): Of course you have the.....

Narrator: Looking back with pride.....

Brutinel, Raymond (MG Corps): Now the effect of that.....

Narrator: At that time.....

McNaughton, A.G.L. (Arty): I was one day in command.....

Narrator: And General Currie resented it.....

Panet, E. deB.(Arty): He was convinced it was.....

Narrator: And the Canadians stayed on Vimy.....
 Stewart, J.S. (Arty): We had, on the top.....
 McNaughton, A.G.L. (Arty): We were related to.....
 Fowlie, A. (49th Bn): Ours was the only part.....
 Russenholt, E.S. (44th Bn): During that period, the Corps.....
 Ormond, D.M. (10th Bn): The Boche were quite aware.....
 Russenholt, e.S. (44th Bn): I want to reinforce that idea.....
 Narrator: And the somebody who.....
 Brutinel, Raymond (MG Corps): When the Germans broke.....
 Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): Now as far as the motors.....
 Churchill, Gordon (M.M.G.): Haig issued his famous.....
 Bole, A. (M.M.G.): Your map was the most.....
 Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): And a very interesting.....
 Brutinel, Raymond (MG Corps): In March 1918 when.....
 Hazlitt, T.A. (MG Corps): We left that night.....
 Brutinel, Raymond (MG Corp): They had their supplies.....
 Narrator: In addition to their.....
 Hazlitt, T.A. (MG Corps): We had two brigades then.....
 Worthington, F.F. (MG Corps): If it hadn't been for.....
 Narrator: Not only were the machine guns moving.....
 Stitt, F.A. (19th Bn): We were made into a flying.....
 Narrator: Having made his point.....
 Oliver, Doug (18th Bn): Everything was complete confusion.....
 Youngman, E. (19th Bn): We relieved the Guards.....
 Wise, John (25th Bn): On the way down.....
 Seymour, L.C. (27th Bn): We marched another seven.....
 Holder, G.K.K. (26th Bn): The next morning over,.....
 Oliver, Doug (18th Bn): As a matter of fact.....
 O'Neill, Joe (19th Bn): Oh yes, this was during the time.....
 Oliver, Doug (18th Bn): One thing that I think deterred.....
 Odlum, V.W. (11th Inf Bgde): Well, the answer of course.....
 Narrator: The degree of movement and the tempo.....
 Pope, M.A. (Engineers): About the 28th of March.....
 Narrator: In front of Amiens.....
 King, E.A. (R.C.D.): There is something here.....
 Cole, J.H. (R.C.D.): And they had to stop him.....
 King, E.A. (RCD): That was when the cavalry.....
 Elkins, W.H.P. (RCHG): But actually we had a very.....
 Broderick, G. (LSHG): And with this rearguard action.....
 Narrator: Moreuil wood was different.....
 Cox, S.J. (Fort Garry Horse): You wouldn't see them.....
 Broderick, G. (LSHG): As the line grew - that is.....
 MacKay, D.R. (LSHG): That was a hard job.....
 Warren, J.A. (LSHG): The Germans were throwing.....
 Cole, J.H. (RCD): Well, he came through.....
 Broderick, G. (LSHG): Amiens was the main railhead.....
 Bryant, James (LSHG): We were watching it.
 Narrator: No fiercer fighting.....
 Ferguson, W. (LSHG): I know when we were going.....
 Marlow, H.A. (LSHG): As we entered into the edge.....
 Narrator: By the end of March.....
 Ross, Alex. (Arty): However, ultimately the attack.....
 Ormond, D.M. (10th Bn): But they had come a long way.....
 Odlum, V.W. (11th Inf Bgde): It was the fact that.....
 Narrator: During the first week in may.....
 Brutinel, Raymond (MG Corps): In the views of General Foch.....

Bell, George (58th Bn): And then we were put into.....

Narrator: Next week "FLANDERS' FIELDS", Chapter 14.....

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