

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> 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. (5<sup>th</sup> Bn): Rumours went around.....

Narrator: Some measure.....

Christopherson, R.L. (5<sup>th</sup> Bn): The four of us.....

Scriven, C. (10<sup>th</sup> Bn): We went over on.....

McLaughlin, R. (14<sup>th</sup> Bn): It took us about.....

Narrator: Five days afloat....

Longstaffe, C.E. (15<sup>th</sup> Bn): We got out.....

Price, C.B. (14<sup>th</sup> Bn): The weather was appalling.....

Seaman, Eric (3<sup>rd</sup> Bn): The stern of the boat....

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

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

McLaughlin, R. (14<sup>th</sup> Bn): A lot of these fellows....

Longstaffe, C.E. (15<sup>th</sup> Bn): I was talking to....

Walters, T. (8<sup>th</sup> Bn): Going through from Bristol.....

Scriven, C. (10<sup>th</sup> Bn): When we arrived.....

Longstaffe, C.E. (15<sup>th</sup> Bn): When we got to....

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

McLaughlin, R. (14<sup>th</sup> Bn): If you laid down.....

Sinclair, Ian (13<sup>th</sup> Bn): Hazebrouck, where we detrained.....

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

Mason, D.H.C. (3<sup>rd</sup> Bn): Our first march....

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

Odlum, V.W. (1<sup>st</sup> div): When we went in.....

Eyles, George (15<sup>th</sup> Bn): The roads narrow down.....

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

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

Arnold, F.C. (7<sup>th</sup> Bn): It was a bright.....

Mackie, J.C. (7<sup>th</sup> Bn): The word came along.....

Lewis, Victor (4<sup>th</sup> Bn): The first time.....

Fisher, A.W. (8<sup>th</sup> Bn): They sent us....  
 Longstaffe, C.E. (15<sup>th</sup> Bn): We went in with....  
 Christopherson, R.L. (5<sup>th</sup> Bn): I was on a No-mans....  
 Twigg, George W. (4<sup>th</sup> Bn): It was what I.....  
 Campbell, H. (14<sup>th</sup> Bn): You were in there.....  
 Rae, A.S. (16<sup>th</sup> Bn): You were so cold.....  
 Mason, D.h.C. (3<sup>rd</sup> Bn): It was the worst.....  
 Palin, F. (14<sup>th</sup> Bn): Due to the severe.....  
 Narrator: Oddly enough.....  
 Duncan, W.R. (14<sup>th</sup> Bn): We were in the asylum.....  
 Narrator: In the trenches rum.....  
 Mackie, J.C. (7<sup>th</sup> Bn): There was one.....  
 Sinclair, Ian (13<sup>th</sup> Bn): Later on when....  
 Macdonnell, J.M. (4<sup>th</sup> Div Arty): Action at that time....  
 Fish, Fred (4<sup>th</sup> Div Arty): It's amazing how.....  
 Morrissey, T.S. (13<sup>th</sup> Bn): It was siege war.....  
 Hancox, George T. (PPCLI): What I recall.....  
 Sinclair, Ian (13<sup>th</sup> Bn): There hadn't been.....  
 Mactier, W.S.M. (13<sup>th</sup> Bn): In that part.....  
 Ormond, D.M. (1<sup>st</sup> 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. (10<sup>th</sup> Bn): The sandbags were so.....  
 Anderson, T.V. (Engineers): The engineers were supposed.....  
 Fisher, A.H. (8<sup>th</sup> Bn): In places there were no.....  
 Young, F.G. (PPCLI): We were in what.....  
 Metcalf, S.W. (10<sup>th</sup> 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. (1<sup>st</sup> Div): You got to learn.....  
 Stevens, W. (14<sup>th</sup> Bn): Pat Rattigan, he was on top.....  
 Ross, J.W. (4<sup>th</sup> Div Arty): Under normal static.....  
 Narrator: At this stage.....  
 Ross, J.W. (4<sup>th</sup> Div Arty): The men were.....  
 Narrator: Trench-foot was to be.....  
 Hossick, K.C. (13<sup>th</sup> Bn): For the first week.....  
 Ross, J.W. (4<sup>th</sup> Div Arty): For some periods.....  
 Seaman, Eric (3<sup>rd</sup> bn): Brigadier General Rennie,.....  
 Cosgrove, L.V.M. (1<sup>st</sup> Div Arty): After South Africa.....  
 Narrator: Did you recognize the name?.....  
 Ross, J.W. (4<sup>th</sup> Div Arty): The general set-up.....  
 MacDonnell, J.M. (4<sup>th</sup> Div Arty): You could be in one.....  
 Ross, J.W. (4<sup>th</sup> 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. (13<sup>th</sup> Bn): I marched my Company.....  
 Arnold, F.C. (7<sup>th</sup> Bn): That was the first.....  
 Brewer, H.G. (14<sup>th</sup> Bn): We opened rapid fire.....  
 Duncan, W.R. (14<sup>th</sup> Bn): That was the first time.....  
 Morrissey, T.S. (13<sup>th</sup> Bn): The only orders.....  
 Macdonnell, J.M. (Arty): I remember being.....  
 Narrator: If the outcome.....  
 Critchley, W. (10<sup>th</sup> Bn): And from there we.....  
 Arnold, f.C. (7<sup>th</sup> Bn): They put us on buses.....  
 Green, Elliot (Arty): The Germans must have....  
 Ormond, D.M. (1<sup>st</sup> div): We went into the line.....  
 Green, Elliot (Arty): They called the trenches.....  
 Narrator: Dead Germans, by the hundred.....  
 Odlum, V.W (1<sup>st</sup> div): McHarg and I were together....  
  
 Narrator: Next week, in Chapter Five....  
 Announcer: The first-person accounts.....