

"GAS ATTACK"

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TEASER

FADE IN:

INT.: FRITZ'S LABORATORY - DAY

Berlin, Germany.

SFX: LAB CHEMICALS SOUND EFFECT

Inside a laboratory, a German Chemist, FRITZ HABER, who created the deadliest poison gas when there's a KNOCK ON THE DOOR.

FRITZ HABER

*Kommen.*

German General ERICH VON FALKENHAYN enters Fritz's Laboratory and shakes Haber's hand.

ERICH VON FALKENHAYN

(Speaking in German)

*Doctor Haber, it's been a long time.*

FRITZ HABER

(Speaking in German)

*Commander Von Falkenhayn, it's good to see you!*

ERICH VON FALKENHAYN

(Speaking in German)

*We may have lost the battle on the Western Front last year, but we did secure Belgium.*

FRITZ HABER

(Speaking in German)

*You're just in time to create my invention in warfare.*

ERICH VON FALKENHAYN

*Was ist das?*

FRITZ HABER

*Ich nannte das...*

(Pauses as Fritz is holding a flask.) (Speaking in German)

*...a Chlorine Gas. This poison gas was designed to kill more Allied soldiers than any other weapons used in warfare.*

ERICH VON FALKENHAYN

(Speaking in German)

*Now it's a perfect time to use it against the British Army. I'll send my army to the Ypres Salient for a second battle.*

FRITZ HABER

(Speaking in German)

*But we already lost the battle to the British last year!*

ERICH VON FALKENHAYN

(Speaking in German)

*I know. Keep working on that until we're ready for combat.*

As Erich von Falkenhayn exited the laboratory, Fritz Haber went back to work to create more Chlorine Gas.

CUT TO:

TITLE: THE GREAT WAR: THE ANIMATED SERIES

CUT TO:

TITLE EPISODE: GAS ATTACK

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT I

INT.: YORKSHIRE TRENCH DUGOUT - DAY

April 22, 1915.

Inside Yorkshire Trench, Belgium, the phone rings in Captain Adams' office in the dugout. Captain Adams picks up the phone.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

Hello? Captain Adams speaking.

(beat)

What?

(beat)

(shocked)

Poison Gas? In Ypres?

(beat)

Oh, dear. Alright, I'll tell them.  
Goodbye.

Captain Adams hangs up the phone.

CUT TO:

EXT.: YORKSHIRE TRENCH - DAY

Captain Adams arrives to see them.

CAPTAIN ADAMS (CONT'D)

Soldiers, we have some news from General Smith-Dorrien. The Germans created a poison gas which is deadlier than tear gases.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

Captain? We signed up to fight back, not putting our lives in danger.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

I know what you said, Lieutenant Young,  
but we must do this differently. That's  
why we're going to use these.

Captain Adams showed the gas mask to the British soldiers.

PRIVATE WOOSLEY

What is that?

CAPTAIN ADAMS

This is a gas mask. You need to wear your  
mask if you want to survive the war.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

You heard the captain. Everyone, put your  
gas mask on.

All the British soldiers wear their gas masks for their  
protection.

CUT TO:

EXT.: YPRES, BELGIUM - DAY

In German-occupied Belgium, the German artillery pieces are  
loaded with poison gas shells. General von Falkenhayn came  
to see ALBRECHT, DUKE OF WURTTENBERG for their progress.

ALBRECHT OF WURTTENBERG

(Speaking in German)

*General Falkenhayn, our artillery is in  
position.*

ERICH VON FALKENHAYN

(Speaking in German)

*Good. Fire with the poison gas shell.*

ALBRECHT OF WURTTENBERG

(Speaking in German)

*Open fire, Commander.*

GERMAN COMMANDER

**Feuer!**

The German artillery FIRES with poison gas shells in long range distance.

CUT BACK TO:

EXT.: YORKSHIRE TRENCH - DAY

The poison gas shells RAIN DOWN on "No-Man's Land" from the distance.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

What's that?

CAPTAIN ADAMS

Let me look.

CAPTAIN ADAMS' POV - LOOKING AT THE DISTANCE.

BACK TO SCENE

He saw something deadly on "No-Man's Land".

CAPTAIN ADAMS

(Looking through the  
binoculars)

Poison gas? The Germans are trying to lure us into a trap.

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

It'll be hard for me to treat our wounded men.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT I

ACT II

FADE IN:

EXT.: "NO-MAN'S LAND" - CONTINUOUS

The British wore their gas masks to survive in "No-Man's Land."

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

I can't see the bloody thing!

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

How can we fight if there's a gas of smoke...?

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

Poison gas.

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

Right. We better be more cautious.

Inside the poison gas, they saw a few dead Allied soldiers, including Private Mishra.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

It's Private Mishra.

PRIVATE KANE (O.S.)

He's dead.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

Lieutenant Kane? Why are you here?

LIEUTENANT KANE

Mishra and I left the Middle East earlier, before the Gallipoli Campaign started.

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

What about Private Mishra?

LIEUTENANT KANE

He didn't survive the gas attack in Gravenstafel Ridge, along with the French and Indian Forces.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

It was General Falkenhayn's plan all along. Where are the reinforcements?

LIEUTENANT KANE

At the Kitcheners' Woods. Follow me.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

You heard Kane. Follow his lead.

Captain Adams and the British soldiers follow Lieutenant Kane through the Kitcheners' Woods.

CUT TO:

INT.: KITCHENERS' WOODS - DAY

All the British soldiers are inside the Kitcheners Woods where the Canadian Infantry Division are in defensive position. ONE OF THE CANADIAN SOLDIERS IS MAJOR WOODS. He's wearing a gas mask.

MAJOR WOODS

Captain Adams. It's good to see you.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

Major Woods, this is Lieutenants Young and Kane and Private Woolsey.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

It's good to see you, Major Woods. General Smith-Dorrien sent us to the Second Battle of Ypres.

MAJOR WOODS

I'm afraid he no longer commands the army.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

Say what?



MAJOR WOODS

He was replaced by Field Marshal Herbert Plumer.

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

How do you know Plumer is in command of the British Army?

MAJOR WOODS

After German invasion of Belgium, Field Marshall Plumer had a plan for us to liberate Belgium from the German occupation.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

We've saved France before and now we're on the offensive to free Belgium from the German occupation.

LIEUTANENT KANE

Here they come!

The Germans are advancing towards the Allied lines with their gas masks on.

MAJOR WOODS

**Take positions!**

The British and the Canadians defended their position with their rifles on the log as the Germans approaching towards the Allied line.

MAJOR WOODS (CONT'D)

**Ready. Aim. Fire!**

The Allies OPENED FIRE at the Germans, but one of the German soldiers threw a grenade right at the Allies!

CAPTAIN ADAMS

**Grenade! Run for it!**

The Allies fall back to their position, but some of them were killed by the impact while others are wounded, including Lieutenant Kane himself.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

(shouting)

**Medic!**

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

What happened?

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

Lieutenant Kane is wounded, Woolsey!

LIEUTENANT KANE

(groans)

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

Hold still, Lieutenant. This is going to hurt.

Lieutenant Kane SCREAMED IN PAIN as Private Woolsey tried to heal Kane's wound.

MAJOR WOOD

**Soldiers, return fire!**

The Allies RETURN FIRE at the Germans. Both sides were either killed or wounded in a gunfire, especially for poison gas attack. The Germans retreated to their own lines. Private Woolsey took Lieutenant Kane with him.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

Major Wood, the Germans are retreating. Shall we pursue?

MAJOR WOOD

Let them go. We've won the battle, but we're not out of the woods yet. We must go the village of St. Julien. Private Woolsey, take Lieutenant Kane and the wounded soldiers to St. Julien. We'll hold them off as long as we can.

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

Yes, Sir!

CUT TO:

EXT.: YPRES, BELGIUM - DAY

ALBRECHT OF WURTTEMBERG

(Speaking in German)

*General, the Allies are headed towards the village.*

ERICH VON FALKENHAYN

(Speaking in German)

*There's nowhere to run for the British.  
Send the reinforcements to the village.*

ALBRECHT OF WURTTEMBERG

Ja.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT II

ACT III

FADE IN:

INT.: VILLAGE OF ST. JUILEN, BELGIUM - DAY

Inside the village, Private Woolsey treated the wounded men, including Lieutenant Kane.

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

How do you feel, Lieutenant?

LIEUTENANT KANE

Never felt better in my life.

MAJOR WOOD

Private Woolsey, this is LANCE CORPORAL FREDERICK FISHER. He's a Canadian Machine Gunner of 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

FREDERICK FISHER

It's good to see you there, Private Woolsey.

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

(Shaking Frederick's hand)

Great to see you too, Corporal Fisher.

FREDERICK FISHER

Thank you for taking care our best men.

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

We saw poison gas in the woods earlier.

FREDERICK FISHER

I know, but we'll be safe here until our reinforcements arrive.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

Guys! Look over there!

INTERCUT TO:

INT./EXT.: VILLAGE OF ST. JUILEN, BELGIUM - CONTINUOUS

April 24, 1915.

The Allies look outside the window and saw the Germans use poison gas cylinders on the street. Poison gas was released outside the street.

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

Oh, no. They're innocent civilians.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

We must be more cautious. Soldiers, put your gas masks on.

The Allied soldiers wore their masks and ready to defend themselves as the Germans patrol on street by street and building by building until the Allies fired on the German troops with their rifles and Corporal Fisher fires with his Colt machine gun, but the Germans fired back at them! The German soldiers were killed outside the village, but the German sniper kills Corporal Fisher inside the village. Some of the wounded soldiers kept fighting against the Germans.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

**Sir, we lost Fisher!**

CAPTAIN ADAMS

**Everyone, evacuate!**

The Allies evacuate the village, including the wounded soldiers, leaving Corporal Fisher dead inside the village, but some of the Allied soldiers were unable to evacuate the village and were killed by the Germans.

CUT TO:

EXT.: YPRES, BELGIUM - DAY

ONE OF THE GERMAN SOLDIERS use the binoculars to spot the fleeing Allies.

GERMAN SOLDIER #1

(Speaking in German)

*The enemy is out of the village!*

ERICH VON FALKENHAYN

(Speaking in German)

*Good. Move the artillery pieces forward to Frezenberg Ridge.*

ALBRECHT OF WURTTEMBERG

(Speaking in German)

*But Sir! We'll be wide open for the British!*

ERICH VON FALKENHAYN

(Speaking in German)

*Do as I say!*

ALBRECHT OF WURTTEMBERG

*Jawohl.*

(Speaking in German)

*Get moving!*

The Germans move the artillery pieces forward to Frezenberg Ridge as well as the German soldiers of 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Army Divisions.

CUT TO:

EXT.: FREZENBERG RIDGE - NIGHT

At night, the Allies retreated to their trenches at Frezenberg ridge away from the Germans.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

Oh, man! Now we'll never reach Ypres.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

We can't risk our lives again. The Germans are using poison gas to kill us all.

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

Do we have reinforcements to protect us?

CAPTAIN ADAMS

No, we're the only ones left to live.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT III

ACT IV

FADE IN:

INT.: FREZENBERG RIDGE DUGOUT - NIGHT

It was getting dark, and the Allies were inside the dugout trench. Captain Adams had a plan.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

We're at Frezenberg Ridge. I expect the Germans to attack our position by using poison gas.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

How can we beat the Germans if they keep using a poison gas against us?

CAPTAIN ADAMS

We must wait until the Germans show up.

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

I'll wait here while I'm using antidote.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

Antidote? Where did you get this antidote from?

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

I brought it here to make sure our soldiers are treated.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

I hope the antidote works-

Before Young could say anything to Woolsey, he HEARD the German artillery barrage on the Allied trenches.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

**Everyone, take cover!**

CUT TO:

EXT.: FREZENBERG RIDGE - CONTINUOUS



The German shells RAIN DOWN on the Allied trenches. But incredibly, there are no casualties on the Allied ground forces. Meanwhile, the Germans FIRED with their artillery, but this time, they don't use poison gas shells on the battlefield. The Germans made a critical mistake.

ALBRECHT OF WURTTENBERG

(Speaking in German)

*We're out of gas shells, General!*

ERICH VON FALKENHAYN

(Speaking in German)

*What?! You used up all the gas shells?*

GERMAN COMMANDER

(Speaking in German)

*Sir, we're clear to attack!*

ERICH VON FALKENHAYN

(Speaking in German)

*Order your men to attack the enemy on three waves.*

GERMAN COMMANDER

*Ja, mein Herr. **Bajonette fixieren!***

The Germans attached the bayonets on their rifle.

GERMAN COMMANDER (CONT'D)

***Berechnen!***

The German Commander leads 83<sup>rd</sup> Brigade to attack the Allied lines.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

Captain Adams, the Germans are coming right at us!

CAPTAIN ADAMS

**Soldiers, defend positions!**

The Allies defend their position with their rifles and the ammo was loaded into the Vickers machine gun as the Germans came within range in 100 yards away.

CAPTAIN ADAMS (CONT'D)

**Open fire!**

The Allied soldier OPENS FIRE with Vickers machine gun at the Germans. It's hard to see whether the Germans were either killed or wounded. The Allies SHOOT the Germans with their rifles, but they can't see them in the dark. So, Lieutenant Young throw the grenade at the Germans before reaching the Allied defenses. The first two waves have failed, but the last wave of German soldiers broke through the Allies' defenses. Both sides were either killed or wounded during the night with their bayonets. The German Commander kills the Allied soldier with his Mauser pistol.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

**Hold the line!**

GERMAN COMMANDER

***Zuruckfallen!***

The Germans are in retreat.

ALBRECHT OF WURTTENBERG

(Speaking in German)

*Our night attack failed, Sir!*

ERICH VON FALKENHAYN

(Speaking in German)

*Bring the poison gas canisters at Bellewaarde and don't make mistake this time!*

ALBRECHT OF WURTTENBERG

*Ja, mein Herr.*

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT IV

ACT V

FADE IN:

INT.: SHELL TRAP FARM - DAY

The British and the Canadian soldiers are inside the Shell Trap Farm.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

How many casualties, Private Woolsey?

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

So far, the French lost 21,973 soldiers, but some of them were dead by the poison gas.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

I hope we're safe here or we'll be overrun by the Germans.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

But we can't go outside, yet.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

Why not, Captain?

CAPTAIN ADAMS

Look over there, Young. The Germans used poison gas to kill civilians earlier.

Lieutenant Young looked outside with the binoculars. The Germans placed the gas cylinders outside from the Shell Trap Farm.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

Ugh! Not this again!

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

If the gas was released, we're finished!

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

It's too dangerous to destroy the gas cylinders.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

Just wait for the signal.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

Yes, Sir.

CUT TO:

EXT.: BELLEWAARDE - DAY

The Germans placed the last poison gas cylinder outside the Shell Trap Farm.

GERMAN SOLDIER #1

(Speaking in German)

*Commander, our poison gas cylinders are ready.*

GERMAN COMMANDER

(Speaking in German)

*Release the gas!*

The German soldier SIGNALS OUT by using a flare gun. The poison gas was released, and the Germans wore their gas masks for their protection.

CUT TO:

INT.: SHELL TRAP FARM - DAY

The Allies spot the poison gas, and the Germans are advancing for one last time.

CAPTAIN ADAMS

**Lieutenant Young, release the pigeon! Now!**

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

**But, Sir, the poison gas-!**

CAPTAIN ADAMS

**I gave you a direct order, Young! Send a bloody message to HQ for our artillery strike!**

Lieutenant Young released the carrier pigeon with the message in it.

CUT TO:

EXT.: WESTERN FRONT - CARRIER PIGEON FLYING - CONTINUOUS

The carrier pigeon flying across on the Western Front.

CUT TO:

EXT.: WESTERN FRONT - BRITISH HQ - DAY

Field Marshall Herbert Plumer saw the pigeon with the message and lands on Plumer's hand. He opened the capsule and read the message.

FIELD MARSHALL HERBERT PLUMER

It's the message from Captain Adams. Bert,  
you may fire when ready.

Captain Bert signals out for artillery strike at the Germans.

CUT BACK TO:

EXT.: BELLEWAARDE - CONTINUOUS

As the Germans advanced towards the Shell Trap Farm, the British artillery struck towards the Germans to prevent them from reaching Shell Trap Farm.

GERMAN COMMANDER

(Shouting in German)

Those aren't poison gas shells. It's the British Artillery Barrage! Take cover!

CUT BACK TO:

INT.: SHELL TRAP FARM - CONTINUOUS

CAPTAIN ADAMS

**Now, it's our chance! Fire!**

The British and the Canadians fired with their rifles and one of the British soldiers is firing with a Lewis machine gun at the advancing Germans.

(MORE)

The Allies hold their line forcing the Germans to retreat leaving the poison gas cylinders behind! As the poison gas cleared, the Allies killed over 35,000 German soldiers with the loss of 59,275 of their own.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

Look, the poison gas! It's gone!

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

We're safe!

CAPTAIN ADAMS

Gentlemen, we have bad news. Captain Anderson and Lieutenant Atkinson were killed in action at Gallipoli today.

PRIVATE WOOLSEY

Anything else, Captain?

CAPTAIN ADAMS

*Lusitania* sank three weeks ago.

LIEUTENANT YOUNG

(Gasps)

No. It can't be! The civilians!  
They're...gone.

FADE OUT:

THE END