

# Dad's Army Negotiates Brexit

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## Scene 1

*The whole Platoon is gathered around **Mainwaring** outside the door to the negotiating room.*

**Mainwaring:** Now listen very carefully men, when we go in there we need to have nerves of steel. We can not let the pressures of the negotiations room to get the better of us.

**Wilson:** Sir do you think this is wise.

**Mainwaring:** What do you mean Wilson.

**Wilson:** Well I really think we ought to have some professional to negotiate something as important as Brexit.

**Mainwaring:** Now Wilson, I will have none of that sort of talk, we have been entrusted with this task and we are going to carry it out to the best of our ability and we are going to get the best deal possible.

**Sponge:** You will remember Captain Mainwaring that as a farmer I get subsidies from the EU.

**Mainwaring:** No Sponge I had not forgotten.

**Jones:** And I get a lot of my beef from Europe.

**Wilson:** I've just had a thought sir.

**Mainwaring:** Yes what is it Wilson?

**Wilson:** Well Britain gets a lot of fruit and vegetables from Europe.

**Mainwaring:** Yes we do.

**Wilson:** Well if we don't get a deal that awfully common ARP Warden, what's his name, Hodges, well if we don't get a deal then his Green Groser's shop could go out of business.

**Mainwaring:** That had not occurred to me Wilson, but we must not let our personal feelings get in the way.

*EU Official comes entries.*

**EU Official:** Michel Barnier will see you now.

**Mainwaring:** Right men, now remember, don't let the pressure get to you.

**Frazer:** Capital Mainwaring, I don't envy you for doing this, you know the whole weight of Great Britain is on your shoulders, and if we do not get a deal we're doomed, doomed!

**Mainwaring:** Thank you Frazer, follow me men.

## **Scene 2**

*Michel Barnier is sitting at a long table, **Captain Mainwaring, Wilson, Jones, Frazer, Walker, Godfrey and Pike** sit down opposite him.*

**Michel Barnier:** Hello Captain Mainwaring, Wilson, Jones, Frazer, Godfrey and Pike, welcome to Brussels. You know I have seen your program on the television, *Dad's Army*.

**Pike:** Really, what did you think of us?

**Michel Barnier:** Well that is not important, what is important is that we find a fair, free trade agreement.

**Mainwaring:** The thing we must make very clear is that we must take full control of our own fishing waters.

**Michel Barnier:** Now that is something that we cannot agree to.

**Mainwaring:** But we must.

**Michel Barnier:** You can not.

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**Mainwaring:** But we must.

**Wilson:** I don't think that this negotiations are going awfully well.

**Mainwaring:** Well I don't see you doing any better.

**Wilson:** You see I think the whole thing is rather silly.

**Mainwaring:** What do you mean, silly?

**Wilson:** Well you are just going around in circles.

**Mainwaring:** Do you have any other suggestions then?

**Wilson:** Perhaps a compromise could work, I mean fishing does only account for a very small amount of our GDP.

**Mainwaring:** Now look here Wilson, I want none of that sort or talk, while there is breath in my body we are going to have full control of our waters.

**Micheal Barnier:** Perhaps we should talk about something else, the Irish border maybe.

**Mainwaring:** Arr yes, what I would like to say about that is...

*Jones interrupts*

**Jones:** Permission to speak sir!

**Mainwaring:** What is it Jones?

**Jones:** I've just had a thought, the only reason why the Irish border is a problem is because of Southern Ireland, so my plan is that we invade them.

**Mainwaring:** No, no Jones I think you're heading in to the realms of fantasy now Jones.

**Frazer:** I say we give Northern Ireland independence, we don't need them, if you ask me they are a liability the lot of them.

**Mainwaring:** Frazer, if you are touting for another Scotland Independence Referendum you're not going to get one.

*Walker turns to Mainwaring and whispers in his ear,*

**Walker:** Ere Cap. between you and me I think we would be better off without a deal yer know. You know how Boris keeps going on about an Australia style deal.

**Godfrey:** You know I never much cared for the Australians, they always seem rather boorish.

**Mainwaring:** They are not always like how they seem in the pictures Godfrey.

**Walker:** No what I mean sir is that when things get short people don't go to normal shops, they go to other sources.

**Mainwaring:** Walker, just because a no deal Brexit will benefit you does not mean it is good for everybody.

**Pike:** Mr. Mainwaring, did you know that Uncle Arthur can speak French.

**Mainwaring:** Is that right Wilson.

**Wilson:** Un petit peu.

**Mainwaring:** What?

**Wilson:** Un petit peu, a little bit.

**Pike:** What I was thinking sir is that perhaps Uncle Arthur could continue the negotiations without us.

**Mainwaring:** Do you think you could do that Wilson.

**Wilson:** Well I suppose I could have a go sir.

**Mainwaring:** Well it's worth a try I suppose, (*Mainwaring gets up to leave*) oh and by the way Wilson, don't be too boring.

*Mainwaring, Jones, Frazer, Walker, Godfrey and Pike all leave and left Wilson and Micheal Barnier behind.*

### **Scene 3**

*Mainwaring, Jones, Frazer, Walker, Godfrey and Pike are waiting outside the negotiations room while Wilson and Michel Barnier are inside discussing the trade agreement.*

**Jones:** It's alright now sir, Wilson will think of something.

**Mainwaring:** I don't see how he can possibly think of anything I could not have thought of.

**Godfrey:** Yes, but Wilson is such a gentleman.

**Frazer:** Those EU negotiators will have him for breakfast.

**Pike:** Uncle is ever so persuasive, except of course when he is speaking to mum.

**Mainwaring:** I don't see how Wilson is going to have any more success than us, If you ask me...

*The door opens and Wilson comes out.*

**Mainwaring:** Well?

**Wilson:** You know that Michel chap is really rather pleasant.

**Mainwaring:** Yes and?

**Wilson:** Yes well we have much more in common then you might think.

**Mainwaring:** But what about the deal?

**Wilson:** Oh yes the deal, yes I think we can safely say that an agreement has been reached.

**Godfrey:** Well done Mr. Wilson, you've done it again.

**Pike:** You've come up trumps again Uncle Arthur.

**Frazer:** I had every faith in you from the start.

**Mainwaring:** Well done Wilson, but what could you have thought of that we couldn't?

**Godfrey:** Nothing probably, but Wilson has such charm.

**THE END**