

Date: Feb. 27/75

Place: 32 Euclid St., Waterloo

Participant: Frank Rempel

#### Pre-War

- nonresistance was emphasized very strongly in the family
- singing was an important part of family life and was the medium for much religious teaching (especially from his mother)
- Bishop J.H. Janzen also a very influential figure (recalls especially his teaching that all men, regardless of denomination are the children of God)

#### War

- at Koksilah - many denominations; not everyone got along - some were only interested in converting others to their point of view and did not respect their individuality and their own set of beliefs; furthermore, he was rather disgusted with the way some of these boys would slough off on work and thus make harder for others (Note: this seems to have been a particularly sore point for him as he seems to be a firm believer in the value of hard work)
- had words of respect and praise for the foreman, Bill Mudge
- felt it was a really good experience - working with friends whom he could trust, with whom he had something in common, and with whom he could talk (working at the furniture factory were only Poles and he had little in common with them)
- when he returned home he felt that he had not done his share of the work since he had only been there for 8 months
- at the factory there were some hard feelings "he cause he was a CO, but those who knew him understood that was not doing it to shirk responsibilities; he himself did not have any negative feelings about those who had gone to war