

Date: April 16/75  
Participant: Albert Erb

Place: 88 Henry St., Wellesley

Pre-War

- parents had taught that killing was wrong; but it was never really emphasized until the threat of war was actually upon them
- recalls a church service especially for the first group of boys leaving for Montreal River
- none of the boys had to answer for themselves in order to qualify for A.S.W.; feels that many would otherwise not have made

War

- did not find it too difficult to adjust to camp life since he knew many of the boys there
- because he was there during winter did not get much opportunity to scout around; experienced a feeling of being locked in because it was impossible to go anywhere, ie. there was nowhere to go
- were never given any indication how long they would be there thus there was constant speculation and rumouring as to when they might go home or that they might be transferred to B. C.
- while in Chatham they were an independent unit - the group had a real sense of unity - no cliques
- when he returned home he felt that there was still animosity towards the CO's