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Mark Balun
interviewee

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William H Davis
interviewee

Date 3/28/79

oral history

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interviewed MARK BABIN

Tape footage

Subject headings

A. Background

- 1 lived in Eastern Townships
- 2 was here during war years till April, 1940
- 3 born Sept. 3, 1904
- 4 married at the time, 6 children
- 5 job - papermaker at East Angus \$3 cents an hour
- 6 Great Depression was still in affect

B. WW II questions

- 1 most affected by fatigue
- 2 found out about war by radio, newspaper
- 3 brother volunteered
- 4 living conditions pretty good

C. Male - Female ratio

1. affected greatly
2. cause of wife separation
- 3 wife had two jobs: mother-father
- 4 father wasn't present for children

D. Job

1. job was held for him
2. ^{Wage} ~~price~~ change from beginning to end \$3.43 to \$3.10 an hour

Interviewee- Mr. William H. Davis

Interviewer- Mark Babin

Were you in the Eastern Townships during W.W. II?

During W.W. II was I in the Eastern Townships? Yes, I joined up from here.

And you came in you went into the army?

April.

April?

April, 1940.

O.K. Do you want to state your date and place of birth please?

Stanstead, Quebec.

O.K. and the date?

Third of September 1904.

What was your marital status at the time?

When I joined the army?

Yes.

My marriage. Say that again.

Your marital status. Were you married?

Yeah. I had six children wait a minute five children six children.

I'll get it after a while. Four boys and two girls is six aye?

That's right six children.

O.K. so that would be your family background too. Your occupation at the time?

Papermaker.

Where was this?

East Angus.

How long did you work there?

Forty-three years.

What was your salary at the time?

Oh gush let me see, hourly? I can give it to you hourly. It was \$.43 an hour.

\$.43 an hour O.K. hum When W.W. II began had the Great Depression ended in your area?

No it hadn't ended. It was still on.

Had you recovered from it?

Well, some, but not very much. We were beginning to pick up a little bit.

In what way did W.W. II affect you most?

Well, I told you fatiquerness.

Do you remember what you were doing when you heard that the war had begun?

Yeah I was working in the papermill.

And that's how you learned of the war's outbreak? Through the newspaper.

Through the radio and the newspaper and family.

Did family members or relatives volunteer?

Yes, well ahe, one brother at the time he joined up for right ahead of me.

What were the living conditions like?

Well, it weren't too bad.

You provided for your children well?

Yes, fairly well.

Did the change male female ratio affect social life?

Yes it did I think. I think it affected See my wife and I are separated and I think it was a part of me going away. Should of stayed home. Children would of been here then there would be a father for the children. She had to look after the family while I was away. Run two jobs.

Your wife ran two jobs at the time?

Well, actually, my wife did while I was gone. She had to be mother and father. Get what I mean?

Oh I see. How did the end of the war affect you after the war had ended?

Oh not much. You see when I got back to my paper work. I got a better job of course. You see they held our jobs any promotion while I was gone and we got that back. I started left with \$.43 an hour and I left the mill and it was \$3.10 an hour. Quite a difference aye? Yeah I would have gone it got gradually I would have got promoted if I would have stayed home so it's pretty hard. You can't set the price of one rate anywhere. So there every six months you would get promoted or seven months. It would depend on whether you are a good worker or not and I guess I was a good worker. I worked there forty-three years for the same company.

A steady job.

Ahe hum.

Does Dieppe bring back very many memories to you?

Not much for me. I was over there in England at the time. But

I didn't have nothing to do with it. I wasn't in that rade.