1931年7月7日“卢沟桥事变”后，日军于1938年8月占领了胶济铁路。由于当时美国驻华使团的存在，中国民众的授权给予了帮助。所长刘清新的领导日军在“南园”基础上，仅用9800多人，真正地完成了建筑的重建工程。以美国驻华使团的名义，日本驻华使馆派来的一群日本工人，被授权为“南园”工作人员，开始着手工作

“南园”在战后被日本驻华使馆接管。随着日本军队的撤离，该地区逐渐恢复了和平。该地区如今已成为一个纪念公园，纪念当年的抗战岁月。
In the early 1990s, during my flight from Vancouver to Toronto, I was sitting next to a friendly man, David Michell. It was a long flight, more than a four-hour journey, and it was natural for us to open up as chatterboxes. When I found that he was the Canadian representative of an organization I am familiar with. It instantly added intimacy and common topics to our conversation. He shared his experience of living in China as a little boy, especially during the Second World War, in an internment camp in Weifang, Shandong for more than two years. This led me to respect him more. Before the plane landed, he gave me a copy of his book 'A Boy's War' (his biography of his life in the Weifang Internment Camp). We also exchanged contact information and did keep in touch occasionally before he died suddenly in a car accident.

In the 1980s, because of the release of the Oscar winning movie ‘Chariots of Fire’, David Michell got in touch with Florence, Eric H. Liddell's wife and three daughters. The exchanges with them reminded him of the time he was with Eric Liddell in the camp, arousing his interest to revisit China. He organised a China trip with his camp teacher and their children, taking a group of ten in 1985, 40 years after the liberation of the Weihshien Camp. They visited the Chefoo School site in Yantai and the camp site in Weifang. This not only aroused the interest of the Weifang people to pay close attention to the almost forgotten camp, but it also moved the people by the life and character of Eric Liddell, including such people as Charles Walker and St. Andrews society members in Hong Kong. They set up the Eric Liddell Foundation in Hong Kong and moved a stone from Scotland to erect a monument of Eric Liddell at the camp site where he was buried in Weifang, Shandong, China. Trying to promote the spirit of Eric Liddell, David Michell and Charles Walker had been working hard to organize a sports exchange among Chinese, Canadian and Scottish young people in China, Hong Kong, the U.K. and Canada until David Michell passed away. Without the effort of David Michell, there may not be the existence of Eric Liddell's Monument or the Weihshien Internment Camp Museum today.

Early in 2000, I got in touch more often with Dr. James Taylor III, another internee member and great grandson of Hudson Taylor. I enjoyed very much listening to his sharing of his life experiences in China. He was proud of his Chinese born identity and being treated as an overseas Chinese by the government. After his 2005 reunion in Weifang, Shandong, he was more excited in sharing his camp experience and how Eric Liddell had an impact with the boys there. His zeal stimulated my determination to do a documentary on the life story of Eric Liddell, the Olympic award winner who gave his life to China and died in the camp. It was my hope that this documentary "Eric Liddell, The Olympic Hero in China" could be out before the Beijing Olympics to reach and bless more people.

Dr. Taylor, my life mentor, was also my encyclopaedia and walking dictionary during my research and filming of the documentary. He gave me a lot of help and guidance in the planning and liaison. His selfless personality also inspired me. Because of the help and networking from him and Mary Previte, his sister, we did interviews in Weifang,Tianjin, Hong Kong, U.S.,Canada and the United Kingdom, visiting and interviewing Eric Liddell's three daughters and two nieces, students of Chefoo school, internee camp members and their families. We also interviewed people inspired by, and influenced directly or indirectly by Eric Liddell, such as Charles Walker, John Keddie etc. Some of those we interviewed for this documentary have gone on to join Eric Liddell to be with the Lord. This includes James Taylor III, Steve Metcalf, Peggy Judge and Charles Walker. I am thankful for their sharing which has had eternal value.

I am thankful I got invited to be a producer of the documentary "The Forgotten Weihshien Internment Camp", giving me opportunities again to visit and revisit Eric Liddell's daughters, David Michell's wife and son, and some internee members. It was with great joy that I attended the 70th anniversary of the camp liberation, meeting and being encouraged by Patricia Liddell Russell and Heather Liddell Ingham, Wang Chenghan, the liberator, the 12 internee members and their families. What I most cherished was their sharing through personal conversation. For example, Hakon Torjensen shared as we drove in the van, how Eileen Bazire taught him to play piano. Brian Kerry shared his revisit of the Chefoo School bringing the old memories. Joe Cotterill shared what he did together in the camp with Eric Liddell as his roommate. They shared both the good and bad experiences in those days of being interned, when some of them were far away from their parents and families. The three days of reunion in Weifang and the sharing through the "Weihshien-paintings" website administered by Leopold Pander, have brought back fond memories and mutual support. The reunion also encouraged more story telling among members.

It is my prayer that I could write a story of each camp internee member I met throughout the years, as each of them could be such a channel of blessings to many people.

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