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Being a member of the first group of British children evacuated to Canada under the terms of the Children's Overseas Reception Board scheme (CORB #61) was a great privilege. It was to prove one of the most wonderful and beneficial events of my life.

Following a miserable (seasick) passage, and despite two attacks by enemy submarines, entry through Pier 21 allowed me to escape the horrors of war and to experience the safety, the beauty, the vastness of Canada and, later, the generous rewards of becoming a Canadian citizen.

Like many other children brought to this country during stressful times, I was welcomed into the home and the lives of a young, loving, and extremely generous couple who cared for my every need during the war years. During my formative years, they nurtured and guided me as one of their own; when the need arose, they comforted and consoled me; and they contributed immeasurably to my welfare and my education, through their guidance and financial aid.

For me, Pier 21 was, indeed, an entrance into a new world.