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Hungarian Displaced  
Person  
General Hahn  
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I came to Canada with my parents, Zoltan & Kathleen Eöry, and my younger sister Uzonka Kathleen (Deminger today). We fled from Hungary, our native land, on Christmas Eve, 1944 ahead of the invading Russian Army. On VE-Day we were in the Harz Mountains, which unfortunately for us, was deemed to be in the Russian Zone. However, our luck changed and we managed to get across the border at Wolfsburg into the British Zone a few weeks later. We spent the next five years in Displaced Person (DP) camps in the Braunschweig and Hanover areas. There was no formal schooling as such, so I attended English classes with my parents. Our destination from Halifax was Lethbridge, Alberta.

I was nearly ten years old when I began my schooling in Canada, in the fifth grade. We moved to Vancouver in 1952, where I continued my education at John Oliver High School and the University of British Columbia, where I obtained a B. Sc. Pharm. degree which made possible my career as a community pharmacist. I married a sixth generation Canadian with Scottish and English roots and we had two sons, the younger of whom we lost in a tragic drowning accident when he was seven years old. Our son, Stephen, married a girl with a mixture of Danish, German and Irish blood, so our two grandchildren are truly representative of this wonderful land of Canada!