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In 1948, after the war and all its turmoil, I left Germany and moved to England. In 1951, I decided to emigrate to Canada, since I already had two sisters living here. Having journeyed to foreign lands before, it now seemed of lesser worry to embark again on another journey to yet another foreign land.

In 1951, I booked my passage and boarded a ship, the S.S. Franconia in Liverpool, England. This ship was to bring me to my promised land. After eight days of heavy storms and rough seas, we landed in Halifax, Nova Scotia. From here I would be leaving by train for Hamilton, Ontario. I remember now that when I had left England, the spring flowers were already in bloom. But here, in Canada, there was snow everywhere! At first, this reminded me too much of Siberia, and of my time there in a forced labour camp. But soon afterwards, gradually, as my train rolled closer and closer to Hamilton, I came to change my mind. I think I began to like Canada.

Canada is my home now. My family and friends are here. I have lived in Canada for 49 years. I am a Canadian and I love it.