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I looked back at Pier 21 and wondered if I would ever see it again. I was young and had mixed feelings about what I had volunteered for and I was scared as we zigzagged out to sea and on to England. We zigzagged often to make a difficult target for the U-Boats. We made it to Liverpool, England.

Then we were off to Aldershot where we took part in the Battle of Britain amongst other experiences and prepared ourselves for another U-Boat infested trip to the shores of Italy. As a member of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, I joined in the Battle there until one day we were told to get ready for another cruise on a US Liberty Ship to Marseilles, France. Then after the Battle of North-West Europe I was informed that I could return home on yet another luxurious ship. This time I fooled them, somehow I was placed on the Queen Elizabeth which really was a Super Ship. The only drawback from that trip was that we landed at New York Harbour instead of Pier 21 Halifax.

YES, you guessed it, I never saw Pier 21 again.