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After a tearful farewell from my devoted parents and two sisters I boarded a CWB bus in front of the Central Station in Amsterdam with a number of other Dutch War brides to join our Canadian hero, our husbands in Canada. From Rotterdam we were ferried across the channel to England overnight. In the morning we saw this strange thing in the sky, a plane with propellers on top, a helicopter we were told. After boarding the Aquatania, in Southampton we were in for another surprise-dry cereal, which looked like dried potatoes peels but was eagerly consumed after being told to milk on it. I enjoyed the voyage alot. The Service men and women Aboard were friendly and made us feel welcome.

We arrived at Pier 21 Oct.13, 1946