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Son of an English
War Bride
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My twin brother and I with my mother sailed on the SS Cavina November 28 , 1945 from Liverpool. We were about 2 years nine months and had lived in Farnborough HANTS prior to leaving for Canada.

Our passage number was 126909 on the ships records.



We were joining my father who was in the RCAF and had worked on Radar development in Farnborough during the war years.

My mother was not popular with the other woman on the ship (per the story) as we found all the toilet rolls and played with them around the ship. We were than tied to two leads and my mother for the rest of the voyage. the ship took about 15 days as it went south from England then north to avoid minefields and was a converted banana boat.

I have some memory of going on the train to Ottawa, in the top bunk.

We have been back to England and I'm proud to be Canadian as well as my British roots.

I did get caught up with getting a passport as my parents had not registered us but all is well.

I married a Barbadian, have two lovely daughters who are married now with two grandchildren. We now live in Victoria, BC having moved across Canada at various times.

