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I met my husband in Aberdeen, while on leave from the A.T.S. He was also on leave from his duties with the Royal Canadian Engineers. It was September of 1943. We met at the roller skating rink, he could not speak very much English, but anyway, we managed to communicate with one another.

In January of 1944 we got married. After that the war ended we were discharged from the forces. He was back in Canada four months before I arrived there.

On March 29th, 1946 I left Aberdeen by train for London, from there I went to Southampton where I caught the ship for Canada. The service on the boat was very good. We had a boat drill every morning, which was new to me because I had not had a trip on a large boat before.

We arrived in Halifax on April 4th, in the dark, so I could not see anything. We were taken to a house for the night to sleep. In the morning we had breakfast, after that, all the war brides were taken into some building and sorted out by the destination they were going to.

We were then taken to the train, I was on the train for three days before I arrived in Noranda, Quebec, which was my destination. The service on the train was excellent and the sleeper on the train was very good.

My husband met me at the station and I was taken to our house, which my husband had bought and furnished with money from the Department of Veteran's Affairs Army Gratuity.

A week after my arrival my husband took me to visit my in-laws, who lived on a farm 30 miles from Noranda, Quebec. It was quite an experience for me seeing that none of the family could speak English. Things turned out very well and they were all ever so nice to me.

A few days after that my husband started to work on a steady job at Noranda Mine. Three months later, my husband and I went visiting some of his relations on his father's side in New Hampshire in the States. On the way there I had a chance to visit part of Montreal.

I had my first child one year after arriving in Canada, a girl, and two more children in the next five years, a boy and a girl. Today they are all married and have families of their own. We now have 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

In 1968 my husband was sent to work in Nena, Ireland for a mining company called International Mogul. We had a chance to spend a few days in Aberdeen but it was not the same anymore.

I have had a wonderful life in Canada, though I did have my ups and downs. In 1968 I became a Canadian Citizen.