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My Mother and 2 younger brothers left Southampton Nov 7 1947, on the Aquitania to join my father who had come to Canada in April of '47. We arrived in Halifax on Nov 12 and then took the train to Toronto arriving Nov 14 at Union Station. As I was only 8 at the time I don't remember too much, I remember going to a snack room or bar near the engines and I remember eating in fancy dining room. Arriving in Halifax I can remember standing on the upper bow deck and asking where the mountains were. I also remember being quite sea sick for 3 days and staying in my bunk for several days. We only had several suitcases and a few clothes as much of our belongings were lost in the bombing of Coventry where we had lived during much of the war. The clothes we wore were all we had as I remember arriving in Toronto with short pants and going to Simpson's where my father worked and buying long pants and a heavy coat.

We used to have a photo of the Aquitania and a red wall pennant of the Aquitania. I am not sure if my parents still have them. The trip to Canada was quite an event in my life I still remember fond things about the Aquitania