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Merry  
English Immigrant  
Georgic into New York  
then to the border at  
Niagara  
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I boarded the M. V. Georgic as a 10 year old child, travelling with my parents, older sister and our family Cat. We were immigrants travelling to Canada (my new country) for a better life.

To me the M. V. Georgic was exciting and I had never seen such a large ship. From the eyes of a 10 year old. We shared a cabin with approximately 8 other ladies, and my father shared with other men. I remember the dinning room, and the delicious food and how polite the staff were. We encountered a terrible storm after a few days and everyone was terribly seasick, I remember being carried on deck for fresh air by the stewards and likewise, my mother and my sister. My father was the only person who didn't feel the motion of the ship. We were given some warm soup and crackers, they were very kind to us. I loved the smell of the see, the atmosphere of the ship, and I remember the corridor walls were all bent and warpped due to the damage from the Second World War, but I considered myself so privilged to be on that ship.

We stopped at LeHarve where some French Airmen boarded and on one occasion they marched around the lounge singing as they circled the room. It was very entertaining. We stopped at Halifax but didn't embark, then went on to New York, boarded a train from there to Toronto. I will never forget the feeling I encountered when I first saw land and the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbour, as I was so close to my "New Country".

When we finally arrived at Toronto, I remember my father looking at what was then the tallest building in Toronto, and saying "So this is Canada", we were met by our sponsors my Unkle and Aunt -a tremendous feeling to remember the M. V. Georgic. I travelled back to England in 1956 on the Ascania and in 1960 on the Saxonia. I love to sail and I wish all these marvellous ocean liners were still with us. In my memory they most definitely are.

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