

Datta and Patricia
Saungikar
India and England
Sylvania
February of 1962



After 2 years in the Science College in Nagpur, he joined the Indian Navy as an Electrical Artificer Apprentice in 1951. Graduated in December 1955. Converted to Aviation, and sent to UK for training in various places in England and Scotland. 1957. Met Pat in Lossiemouth, Scotland, March 1958 at a dance in Elgin, after leaving the Airstation, and UK, kept writing and eventually made it back to UK to form up a squadron and embark on the Aircraft Carrier. Got married in Sheffield, (without prior permission) then joined I.N.S. Vikrant in Portsmouth, after doing exercises in the Mediterranean arrived in India, to face discharge.

Patricia Marian Saungikar (nee Evans)
Born March 2nd, 1937
Sheffield, England

Joined W.R.N.S., as Aircraft Mechanic in February 1957, after basic and trade training was sent to Lossiemouth, Scotland. Met Chief Petty Officer Saungikar while he was training in Scotland; after three years of long distance courtship, (mostly I was writing the letters), we were married in Sheffield, at St. Joseph's' Catholic church, where because he was Hindu (still is) needed the Bishop's permission. Left W.R.N.S. after 5 years at own request due to marriage and emigrating to Canada.

Due to the restrictions in the Indian Navy about marrying foreign nationals, Datta was discharged from the Navy as soon as he returned to India, on their Carrier. After we were married, Oat sent out many job applications to various companies in UK, all said to contact them again when Datta returned from India. But she also sent one to Litton Systems in Rexdale, Ontario, and their reply was, - if you can be in Canada by February 28th you have a JOB! He returned to UK at Christmas and after getting a visa and passing the immigration interview and medical etc in Leeds, we sailed on February 9th, 1962, on the R.M.S. Sylvania, from Liverpool to Halifax. The crossing was so stormy that no one made it to the dining room.

We had a destination to make for, but not a name or address of any person on the whole continent. We were soon finished with the processing, and boarded the train, with a change in Montreal we arrived in Toronto Sunday evening. On a very cold February day, we made our

way to Rexdale. Datta went first thing on Monday morning to Litton Systems, then we tried to find a place to live. We had \$100.00 between us when we got off the boat. We did find a small 2 room basement apartment, where we could pay the rent by the week, and settled down to work.

Canada has been very good to us, we both worked very hard and had two children, a girl Evelyn in 1965 and a son Neil, 1967. They have been a great joy and more than fulfilled our hopes and dreams. Lyn has her MBA and freelances in Toronto, Neil has a B.E. in electrical engineering and is employed by Nortel Networks in Ottawa. Being somewhat retired we moved to the beautiful Kawarthas, and had a home built in Peterborough. After 30 years in the same house it was nice to start over with everything new. THANK YOU CANADA.