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CANADA'S IMMIGRATION MUSEUM
PIER 21



After my graduation as an Air Gunner in the Royal Canadian Air Force, I left Pier 21 on the Empress of Scotland (previously The Empress of Japan) on April 12, 1944. I was on gunnery duty on the port stern Orlikon anti-aircraft gun during the voyage. We landed in

Liverpool, England on April 19, 1944 (my mother's birthday).



I completed 36 bombing missions, 9 daylight and 27 night, on France and Germany as Tail Gunner in Halifax bombers. My last mission was March 13, 1945. I then volunteered to return to Canada to

train for war in the Pacific. I returned on the ship, Isle de France. I crewed up in RCAF, Dartmouth until the Japanese surrendered.

I am enclosing a picture of my crew taken by the Air Force Photography Department before we flew on operations. Also I am enclosing a copy of The Charlottetown Guardian "Remembrance Section" in which I was quoted as to some of my operational missions over The Second World War enemies.