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Having just received and read our Naval Magazine, namely "The Kedge Book", I noticed a piece by S/M Bell Fulilove who lives in Greenwich Connecticut, USA, in which he states that you would like to hear of anyone who arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

I arrived in Halifax on a cold winter day in January 1943, on the S.S. Empress of Japan, its real name, but because of the war was re named S.S. Empress of Scotland. We boarded a train in Halifax, and this, was when I realized how big these countries are, we were going to Asbury Park south of New York, and we were on the train for three days, and three nights, before we arrived. It was from this barracks that I was drafted to Newark to commission L.S.T.419 which was to be my ship to the end of the war, by that time I was in Brisbane Australia, when I was drafted home to demob. L.S.T. 419 was a very active ship seeing action in various landings. North America 2. Pautalaria. 3. Lamoadusia. 4. Sicily. 5.Salerno. 6.Arizio which I consider the worst of all the landings. 7. Normandy and last but not least arriving in Singapore ready to invade there only for the Atom Bomb to be dropped and end the war; from there we rounded up the Japs from the surrounding islands and proceeded to the Celebes to pick up Australian troops at Moratai and take them home to Brisbane. This is where my story ends with L.S.T. 419 as I was sent home for demob from there. Hope this is of some interest to the Society.