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English War Bride
Letitia
August 13, 1946

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PIER 21



He left England August 1st 1946 and arrived in Halifax on August 13th. Due to everyone being sea sick the course was changed and we lay offshore for 2 days. We arrived in Halifax August 13th. My husband (now deceased) met us at Pier 21. He had been in Halifax looking for accommodations and was unable to find any due to the demobilized forces and the arrival of war brides. Just before the Letitia arrived he went to the Salvation Army Hotel on Barrington Street. Major Lynch assured him everything would be ready for us which it was. My baby daughter was one year old, so we were given a room for the three of us with a crib for her. A hot bath, change of clothes and a meal that at long last I could keep down make a difference. The thing that shocked and frightened me was that the hostel was full of war brides going home assisted by the Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

We arrived in North Sydney August 15th and 41 years to that day my husband died. Ten days after our 43rd wedding anniversary and a two year fight against cancer.