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English War Bride
Aquitania
June 24, 1946



Wonderful food-oranges,
white bread!! It was a long journey to Edmonton, Alberta, from Halifax
Nova Scotia. Well looked after. Processing done on board the ship. A
soldier of our husbands' rank to escort us from the ship to shore, and
onto the train - such a long one! I was very homesick but adjusted well.
My husband Arnold "OLE" as he was known, died in 1952 following three
years in hospital. Caused thro T.B. contracted in Europe (Belgium
probably) I belong to the "Okanagan War Brides Association". Wonderful
country, Canada and I am proud to call it home."

I re-married in 1954. My parents and my brother joined me in Canada a
month before OLE passed away. My husband and I belong to the Royal
Canadian Legion - as Arnold (OLE) did. We are Canadians and will never
forget all who gave their lives for us. Wonderful memories - and
especially of "OLE" Furness, Sgt., 4th Div. R.C.E.M. He returned to
Canada in April, 1946 on board the "Ile De France." He had signed on
with the army of occupation following the end of hostilities. He had
previously served a year - from France to Germany and joined the army
in 1939. We married in Hove Sussex, May 24, 1945.