

Paula Davis  
English War Bride  
Letitia  
June 28, 1946



Paula Davis was a war bride originally from England, who arrived at Pier 21 on 28 June 1946, on board the ship Letitia.

From the bulletin board on the Letitia, written by a war bride! Paula Davis, June 1946.

T. S. S. Letitia

Have you ever sailed the briny deep,  
Where the Atlantic lolls ship and creep.  
And one comber over another slides,  
And the ship is full of Canadian Brides,  
And the cabin luggage is not all there,  
And the girls come in and pull your hair,  
And the passengers weep and the babies bawl,  
And some say they don't want to sail at all,  
And some want a lower instead of an upper,  
And first sitting for dinner and second for supper  
And then the wind began to rise,  
And the waves rise up to stupendous size.  
And the mothers are sick and the babies are not,  
And the nurses want to drown the lot,  
And the stewards go round with mop and pail,  
And the wind keeps up and becomes a gale,  
And the soldiers' arms are full of babies,  
And the nursery sounds like pups with rabies,  
And the skipper o'er the mike shouts out,  
We've engine trouble and turns about,  
And the ship turns back to England's shore,  
And the Brides say, "Please no more, no more"  
And if you think this is funny and want to laugh,  
We'll sign you on as one of the staff!!

