

Philip Tripe
Son of an English
War Bride
Scythia
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My mother, Elizabeth Ann (Rannie) Tripe, and father Philip V.K. Tripe were from Ottawa, Ontario. In 1939, my father went to England to enlist in the R.A.F. My mother followed in 1940 and they were married in Shropshire. I was born in Chester and my mother and I lived there until she and I came to Canada.

Sad to say, I have no recollection of the journey at all. My mother died in 1994 and I remember her saying that it was a terrible trip for her because she was pregnant with my brother. It was also a troop ship so I imagine there wasn't much room.

I have a copy of the front page of The Halifax Herald with a picture of the Scythia at (I expect) Pier 21. That's how I knew when I arrived in Canada because I had to apply for citizenship some years ago as I had always travelled on my mother's passport. Apparently, I didn't get registered at the Canadian consulate when I was born in Chester.

With all the hoopla of the re-opening of Pier 21, it all kind of jogged my memory.