

Jacqueline McGillvary
nee Goldberg
Daughter of an English
War Bride
Britannic
June of 1945



Mother and I came to Canada before my Dad, and we lived with his family. She was a war bride and I a war baby. Mom was 19 at the time and I was just 18 months old. Dad served with the 48th Highlanders of Canada.

I remember Mom telling me how when she got off the train in Toronto there were a bunch of strangers waiting to welcome her, these were my Dad's family. Mom always thought of Canada as her home, and my parents were happily married for 52 years. I believe the ship Britannic was filled with war brides and also returning military personnel. Mom once told me that some of the women who were on it were turned away from Canada, and she would look at me with a twinkle in her eye, could never really give me the reason why!