

6,000 MILES ON HOLIDAY

Britain's Queen of the Atlantic, the Queen Elizabeth docks at Southampton. And on the quay eager friends and families wave her in. For one family onboard it's the end of adventure. Bill Higgins, former Everton forward, went to Bogota for the sake of his wife and young family. But things didn't work out and now Bill's back home keen to get back in British soccer.

But for 91 G.I. brides it's the biggest moment in four years and more and they're bubbling over.

As mothers watch, daughters find customs officers helpful, and maybe a little blind. There are 89 young visitors in the party - all seeing England for the first time.

Longer than the four years past seem the minutes that drag before re-union. To a strange, unknown land their daughters went, to return as mothers. How the years have dealt with them they will not know till they hold them in their arms.

For one girl it means re-union with her man, now serving over here. Since the days of Ruth and Naomi mother and daughter have known parting, and in reunion they have found joy, even though the heart be too full even for tears.