**Questionnaire –M3 – For War Bride Living in the U.S.**

***To be completed by women who married American servicemen and are currently residing in the United States.***

*\*If completing this questionnaire by hand, please attach continuation pages to this document\**

**If possible, please fill in on a computer (or fill in by hand and scan) and return this form via email to:** [**Alyson.L.Mercer@gmail.com**](mailto:Alyson.L.Mercer@gmail.com)

Or send by mail to:

Alyson Mercer, ICBH, King’s College London, Strand, WC2 2LS, United Kingdom

**For US postage, please mail to:**

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All information in this form will be anonymized so please be as honest as possible.

**First name:**

**Maiden Name:**

**Surname:**

**Nationality:**

**Ethnicity:**

**Contact details:** postal address, email address, phone number

**Husband’s full name:**

**Nationality:**

**Ethnicity:**

**His position and branch of service:**

**Where did/does he serve in the U.K.?**

**The story of how you met your husband.**

When?

How old were you?

What do you remember most about that first meeting?

How long did you know each other before you got engaged?

How long were you engaged before you got married?

Did anything rush or hold up your marriage?

Any difficulty or extra hoops to jump through when getting approval to marry? (UK or US government, military, etc.)

Did anyone try to discourage you from marriage?

(Your friends/ family? His?)

Where were you married?

Date

Did you go on honeymoon?

Where?

Was there any reason for delaying your honeymoon?

Do you have children?

Please list their first name and date of birth:

Have you encountered any problems as a result of being from different country than your husband?

Have you experienced homesickness at any point during your time in the United States?

If so, how have you coped with it?

What channels of support and assistance were/are accessible to you?

Please list both official (such as counselling services) and unofficial (such as friends):

Are you a member of a military wives or war brides club?

When did you and your husband first move to your own place (on or off base)?

Year and location

How long have you lived together in America?

Have you lived in any other countries?

Have you visited Britain since moving to the United States?

Have you taken your children to visit Britain?

Have you maintained any traditions specific to your home country? (ie. Thanksgiving for an American, or Guy Fawkes Day for a British citizen)

Do you recall any major differences to your lifestyle upon marriage?

New customs?

Problems adjusting?

Most difficult things to get used to:

Do you recall any embarrassing situations you may have found yourself in with in-laws or other people not understanding your language or different customs?

**Your present life**

Are you: Widowed? Divorced? Separated? Remarried?

Do you have grandchildren?

Do you do volunteer work or have any extracurricular activities or hobbies?

What clubs are you a member of?

Do you travel outside of the US or UK?

What portion of your time do you spend off base?

Do you have British friends whom you visit regularly?

Do you have any relatives living in Britain, or known ancestors who once resided here?

***Any other stories or comments you wish to share, please us all the space you wish to insert them below:***

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. All information collected will be anonymized and may be used as examples to enhance research findings.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly. Alyson Mercer, ICBH, King’s College London, Strand, WC2 2LS.

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