**Questionnaire –M4**

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

*\*Don’t worry if you’re not able to answer all of the questions as responses to even some of them would be extremely insightful!\**

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

**If possible, please return this form via email to: Alyson.L.Mercer@gmail.com**

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

**Please complete the following information for your mother:**

**First name:**

**Maiden Name:**

**Surname:**

**Nationality:**

**Ethnicity:**

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

**Please complete the following information for your father:**

**Father’s full name:**

**Nationality:**

**Ethnicity:**

**His position and branch of service:**

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

**The story of how your parents met.**

When?

How old were they when they met?

Have they mentioned any memorable aspect about that first meeting?

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

How long were they engaged before they got married?

Did anything rush or hold up their marriage?

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

Did anyone try to discourage their from marriage?

(Her friends/ family? His?)

Where were they married?

Date

Did they go on honeymoon?

Where?

Was there any reason for delaying the honeymoon?

Please list names and dates of birth of any children resultant from this marriage?

Were there any children brought to the family from previous marriages? If so, please list names and dates of birth.

Do you recall them mentioning any problems they encountered as a result of being from different countries?

Do you know if your mother experienced homesickness at any point during her time in the United States?

If so, how did she cope with it?

What channels of support and assistance were accessible to them during their time in the States?

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

Was your mother a member of a military wives or war brides club? Did your father belong to any similar club?

How long after they were married did they move to the United States?

Did you live in any other countries as a family during your upbringing?

Did they ever visit Britain following their move to the United States?

Have you ever visited Britain with either of your parents?

Do you remember any British traditions that were maintained during your upbringing? (ie. Thanksgiving for an American, or Guy Fawkes Day for a British citizen)

Did your mother ever mention any major differences to her lifestyle upon marriage and moving to a different country?

New customs?

Problems adjusting?

Most difficult things to get used to:

Did she ever mention any embarrassing situations she may have found herself in with in-laws or other people not understanding her language or different customs?

**Her present life (if your mother is still living, otherwise please state date of death):**

Is your mother: Widowed? Divorced? Separated? Remarried?

Does she have any grandchildren?

Does she participate in voluntary work or have any extracurricular activities or hobbies?

What clubs is she a member of?

Does she travel outside of the US or UK?

Does she have British friends whom she visits or keeps in touch with?

Do you have any relatives still living in Britain?

***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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**Alternatively for US postage, please return questionnaires to:**

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