

Una L. Dart  
English War Bride  
Britannic  
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I married Gunner John L. Dart June 12th, 1943. RCA. 4th light AA, 32nd battery. I met him while working in a restaurant in Dartford, Kent. in 1942. I was sent ahead early on a hospital ship with wounded soldiers. We zigzagged across the Atlantic to avoid U. boats taking 3 weeks to make the voyage. Our convoy was split into three groups. I disembarked at Halifax, others went to New York and Montreal. I then traveled by train to my husband's family home in Oshawa, Ontario.

To say I was unhappy on my arrival would be an understatement. My husband arrived home in August of that same year, and I was frightened of him, like seeing a stranger. I was the first war bride to arrive in Oshawa, and Mrs. McLaughlin started a welcome committee which I joined for war brides. A club was supposed to have been formed, but failed to materialize. I was widowed in 1983 and fostered children for the next 12 years before retiring to my present country home in Port Rowan on Lake Erie.