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PONTYPRIDD OBSERVER

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At Glyntaff Church on August 6th, **Private First Class O'Neil Forse** Pennsylvania, USA to **Miss Ethel Ellen Price**, Willow St, Rhydyfelin... Son of Mr and Mrs H H Forse, Bronson, Texas... **Honeymoon in Barry!**

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On April 20th, on board the SS Christobal from Southampton, **Mrs O'Neil Forse**, second daughter of Mr and Mrs G Price, 2 Willow Street, Rhydyfelin, sailed for New York. From New York she will travel to Bronson, Texas, to join her husband, who she married at Rhydyfelin in August 1945.

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McCARRON – BRIDGE

A happy introduction whilst on holiday at **Barry Island**, to an American engineer serving with the USA armed forces, culminated in the marriage at Pontypridd, on Saturday, of **Mrs Peggy Bridge** (nee Davies) daughter of Mr and Mrs William Davies, 14 William Street, Ystrad, and **Second Engineer Joseph Patrick McCarron**, of the US Army Transport, youngest son of Mrs Mary McCarron and of the late Mr Stephen McCarron, 50 Pine Street, Taunton, Massachusetts. The bride was given away by her father, and was accompanied by her sister Mrs Cassie Jones, while **Mr R Fishlocke, USA**, acted as best man, and **Mr Cyril Jones** (Garage) as groomsmen (sic.)

The entire company of officers of the ship in which the bridegroom serves and which is stationed in Barry for the time being, were present at the reception which was held at the New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, and later about 40 local guests attended and presented their felicitations at the home of the bride's parents. Among the congratulatory telegrams read were those from the bride's brothers LAC Ivor Davies, Burma, Corporal Len Davies, RM, and T Davies, (London).

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The wedding took place in Pontypridd on Saturday of **Second Engineer Joseph Patrick McCarron**, US Army, son of Mrs Mary McCarron and the late Mr McCarron, of Taunton, Massachusetts, and **Mrs Peggy Bridge**, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Davies, 14 William Street, Ystrad.
Alas! I seem to have lost the dates for this wedding. To think it all began on Barry Island. BUT... Why was a member of the US Army serving on a US ship? A Liberty ship? He was a Second Engineer? – GB

Williams and Collins



Talking of the US Army in Pontllanfraith... How and where did Mr Williams meet his American Bride to be? Was she in the American Red Cross? Anyways I found this in the South Wales Echo...

Mr. Cledan Williams, of Pontllanfraith, with his American bride, formerly Miss Olive Collins, of Lowell, Massachusetts, U.S.A., after their marriage yesterday.

MAJOR B. A. HEIDELBACH, U.S. Army, and his bride, Wren Jean Ireland, with their W.R.N.S. guard of honour, on leaving Llanishen Parish Church.



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U.S. Soldier's
Bride

South Wales Echo
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MITCHELL – D'ALTON

On August 18th, at St David's Church, **Staff Sergeant Earle J Mitchell**, US Army, son of Mr and Mrs J W Mitchell, Elk Grove, California, to **Joan**, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F G D'Alton, 46 Archer Crescent, Ely Cardiff.

Staff-sergt. Earle J. Mitchell, U.S. Army, of California and Miss Joan D'Alton, of Ely, after their wedding at St. David's Church, Ely, Cardiff.