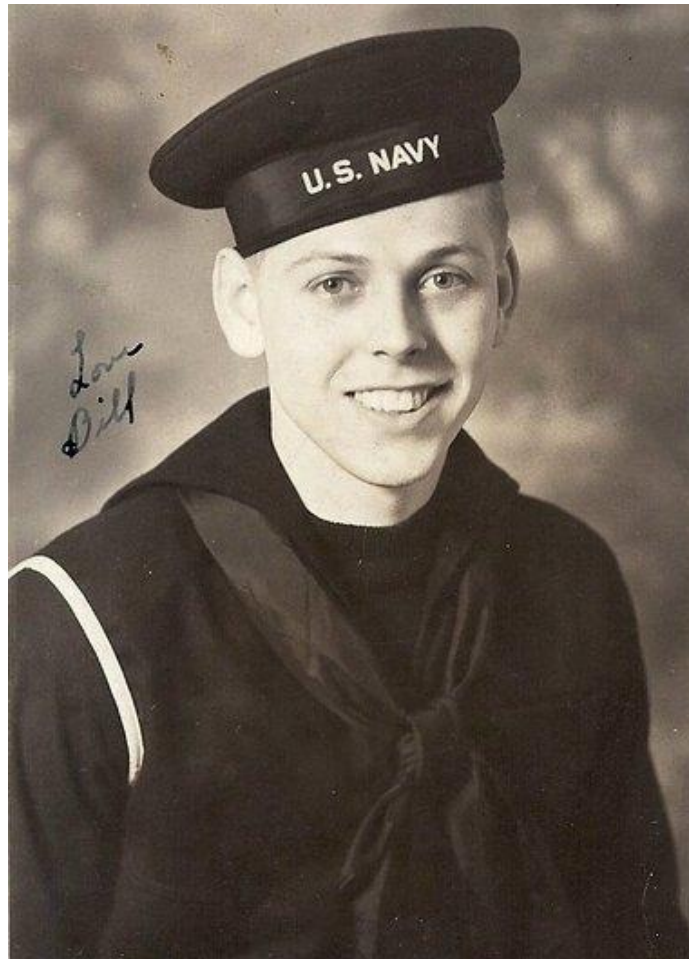


BARRY **GI BRIDES** **MAGAZINE**

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Bill Fredholm, GI Groom (see Issue 9)

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Welcome to the **LAST EVER** Barry GI Brides Magazine!

Next month it becomes:

THE SOUTH WALES GI BRIDES MAGAZINE

BUT:

We will not forget Barry Town!

Barry & District News

Friday November 15th, 1946

VAN HOUTEN – CARR

The wedding took place at Cardiff recently between **Mr Raymond John Van Houten**, only son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Van Houten, Paterson, New Jersey, and **Betty Aline Carr**, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G. J. Aline, Dock View Road, Barry Dock

Mr Van Houten is a war department civilian employed by the US Army and was stationed at Barry during the war, with the US Army. Mrs Van Houten is the daughter of Madam Aline, a well-known figure in Barry for her charitable work.

Interesting!

Clearly, Mr Van Houten was a civilian and not a GI. But, he **was** employed by the US War Department **and**, most significantly, he would not have met Betty if it had not been for the War! So I am very happy to classify Mrs Van Houten as an American War Bride. I assume that they lived in the USA after the war...

As ever if anyone knows anything that they think suitable for sharing... please let me know!

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(Thanks to Michele Thomas!

Adapted from her website: http://uswarbrides.com/bride_stories/Barry.html)

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- Irene (Spierling) Fredholm **(21) m. in December 1947 in the US of A**



- Jean (Golding) McCloud **(22) m. in April 1944**
- Miss Maureen (Shire) Andrews **(23) m. in June 1944**
- Betty (Baldwin) Soto **(24) m. in December 1944**
- Elizabeth (Hollinshead) White **(25) m. in October 1944**

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- Joan (Hopgood) Powell **(26) m. in April 1944**



- Jean (Golding) McCloud – **duplicate entry! See Issue 9!**
- Marjorie (Garrett) Higgins **(27) m. in April 1945**
- Miss Maureen (Shire) Andrews **(28) m. in June 1944**
- Doreen (Davies) Blust **(29) m. in December 1944**
- Ethel (Fowler) January **(30) m. in February 1945**
- Myrtle (Sullivan) Werner **(31) m. in Cardiff in March 1945**
- Elizabeth Hollinshead White – **duplicate entry! See Issue 9!**
- Melinda (Nicholas) Zimmerman **(32) m. at Sutton Coldfield in March 1944**
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- Maud (Dyke) Mackowiak **(35) m. in April 1945**
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- Betty (Alline Carr) Van Houten **(48) m. in Cardiff in November 1946**
- Kitty (Nethercott) Kociencki **(49) – married where and when?**
- Audrey (Hartery) Sieh **(50) m. in Sioux City, Iowa, USA in December 1946**
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- Irene Hickman **(52) m. in 1946**
- Olwen (Kingdon) Tomczyk **(52) married where and when?**

There are a few more to add to this later on...

The number in brackets refers (roughly) to the order in which they are mentioned in these magazines, **not** the chronological order in which they were married.

Some More Marriages...

Barry & District NewsFriday June 28th, 1951**KOCIENCKI – NETHERCOTT**

On June 16th, at Buffalo, New York, to **Kitty** (nee Nethercott) and **John**, a Daughter (**Gail Marie**).

[I learned in **October 2005** that Mr and Mrs Konciencki were alive and living near Seattle, Washington state.]

SOUTH WALES ECHOFriday December 13th, 1946**SIEH – HARTERY**

On December 6th, at Sioux City, Iowa, **Claudius**, son of Mr and Mrs H Sieh, Gaza, Iowa, to **Audrey**, daughter of Mr and Mrs R W Hartery, Burlington Street, Barry. Present address Calumet, Iowa, USA

Barry HeraldFriday October 17th, 1947**SIEH – HARTERY**

SIEH – At Gaza, Iowa, USA, on October 6th, to **Claudius and Audrey** (nee Hartery, 21, Burlington Street, Barry Dock), the gift of a son.

Barry Herald

Friday June 4th, 1948

SIEH

Congratulations and best wishes **Audrey** (USA) on your 21st birthday, June 3rd – Always in our thoughts. Love – Mam, Dad and Family.

[According to Mrs Dorothy Rees, 22-11-2008, Audrey and Claudius had four children. **The first was Robert. The others were Claudia, Sharon and Barry.**]

(I think that there were a few children of Barry GI Brides named “Barry.”)

Barry & District News

Thursday August 5th, 1954

SMART – PEARS

BARRY TEACHER ON WAY TO USA ON EXCHANGE VISIT

... **Miss Jose E Y Sturman**... to Erie, Pennsylvania...In Springfield, Ohio, about 200 miles away, lives Miss Sturman's aunt, **Mrs Evelyn Pears**, formerly of the Parade, Barry, and her daughter, **Mrs Betty Smart**, who went out to America in 1946 as a GI Bride, and Miss Sturman is hoping to visit them and bring them news of their home town...

As, ever, if anyone has anything to contribute...

Please get in touch!

Here are some “pointers” to other weddings...

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HICKMAN

Friday July 23rd, 1948

HICKMAN – Congratulations, fondest love, **Irene and Mickey** (Seattle, USA) on your first Wedding Anniversary. Mum and Len.

Barry Herald

Friday September 30th, 1949

TOMCZYK – KINGDON

TOMCZYK – A daughter was born on 26th to **Mr and Mrs A.C. Tomczyk** (nee **Olwen Kingdon**) at Victory Memorial Hospital, Waukegan, Illinois, USA. **Erika Ann.**

Thursday August 30th, 1951

DAVIES – HOWELLS

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DAVIES – On August 10th, 1951, in the French Hospital, New York City, USA, to **Edith** (nee Howells) Wife of **Barrie Davies**, a Daughter, **Joanna Catherine.**

This piece you might have seen before...

The logo for 'Barry & District News' is presented in a decorative, gothic-style font. The text is enclosed within a rectangular border that has a slightly distressed or aged appearance.

Thursday August 6th, 1953

BARRIANS MEET IN UNITED STATES

Mrs A C Bumford, of 66, Porth-y-Castell ... While on tour she paid a visit to several former Barry girls, including Mrs J Cook, daughter of Mr and Mrs W Jenkins, 28 Porth-y-Castell, and **Mrs Conrad** and her sister Gwyneth, of Richmond, Virginia, daughters of Mr and Mrs Williams, 23, Tan-y-Fron, and their American husbands and families.

"They seemed exceptionally happy there, said Mrs Bumford, "although they were very interested in any news of Barry." While in Minneapolis she saw General Eisenhower...

Mrs Bumford's visit to America is also referred to in a letter received by the "Barry and District News" last week from Mrs Conrad. In her letter Mrs Conrad states: "Mrs Bumford made a special journey to visit my sister and I here in Richmond, Virginia. What a wonderful thing it was for us two girls to have an old Barrian coming to see us.

"In spite of our very happy marriages and lovely children Barry will never be out of our hearts. How we long to walk to Cold Knapp when the temperature soars to 100. I have yet to come across anything that beats our Welsh beauty spot.

"Daddy sends us the "Barry and District News" regularly and I read everything – even the advertisements!"

Mrs Carolyn Peterson (daughter of Marjorie Hoffenbecker/Seymour, see Issue 4,)

wrote me:

Re: British Brides:

'My mother belonged to a club of women called "**British Brides**" who -- oddly -- lived in and around **Marquette, Michigan**. I say oddly as Marquette was a remote small town and it seemed odd to have so many British Brides who landed in such a backwater place. There were quite a few of them that I can recall, probably 10-15, who arrived in various ways, but mostly due to the war. They would take turns getting together in each other's homes for dinner and chatter and gales of laughter into the evening. I know it was a great source of enjoyment and comfort to my mother, as I'm sure it was for the other "brides."

Next month we broaden our horizons to consider **South Wales GI Brides**... Mrs Frances Spencer (below) was born in Penarth, near Cardiff but lives in Washington State... the photo was taken in 2006...

