

## ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM

<b>Date of Interview</b>	24 August 2024
<b>Location of Interview</b>	Private Address, Ilfracombe
<b>Name of Interviewee</b>	Ann Thomas
<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Abi Obene
<b>Length of Interview</b>	00:43:42
<b>File format, storage format</b>	WAV

**Tags:**

Wales; Merchant Navy; Ilfracombe Town Football Club; Discrimination

**Interviewee's wishes regarding interview use:**

None

**Interviewer's notes / any issues with recording:**

None

**Linked objects / photographs:**

A variety of photographs provided

<b>Key Themes and topics covered in interview:</b>	<b>Timestamp on recording</b>
Her father's difficult childhood and youth in Wales, Going to sea to support mother	[00:00:20]
Her father is sent to borstal - an opportunity to learn about	[00:07:31]

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Her father's parents: Life with his mother after his father went back to the US, Her father started playing football in the streets as a child	[00:10:48]
Her father came to Ilfracombe after being asked to play for the football club, Met her mother at Christmas	[00:18:11]
Her parents marry, Causes a split in the family	[00:20:31]
Ann's childhood in Ilfracombe, Feeling different, Attitudes of local people	[00:23:20]
Her father joins Merchant Navy during the war, One of the only survivors when boat bombed	[00:25:57]
Her father worked on bringing electricity into the area	[00:30:54]
Her father's football career, Being well-liked and supportive of others, Facing discrimination and the impact on his career progression	[00:33:50]
Her father's stories about life at sea	[00:40:12]

## Interview Highlights:

Football || Discrimination against parents marriage (in Ilfracombe) || Discrimination she faced as a child || Father joining the Merchant Navy in WWII **[00:18:06 - 00:30:54]**

Ann's father and how he got on with people || Being a good footballer **[00:33:40 - 00:38:15]**