

MBL 006 (A)**Summary – Denys Vaughan, born in Barrow 1931, now lives in Grange**

	Lived in Barrow with maternal grandparents first memoires 10 Strand near to dock conscious of ships. Paternal grandfather a Bo swain on sailing ship. Taught him how to draw people and ships. Story about falling out with teacher because he wouldn't draw stick men.
1.40	Story of when 5 of bunking off school to watch ship coming in, story about getting in trouble with school because he hadn't been in.
3.45	Could you describe what the docks looked like? Pitching went down to shallows then very deep to 30 feet. Dockside was sandstone all boys were terrified of dock side. Threw things in. High level bridge which raised up on rollers. Always a ship in. In winter Isle of Man boats in. Often a warship being built or liner. Liners provided a lot of work in fitting out. Towed into Ramsden dock to be fitted out. Denys's father was a joiner who fitted out cabins -when liner completed he was out of work.
6.04	Maternal father was a driller for rivets. He was out of work when they finished shell. Lots of unemployment in 1930s.
6.44	Moved to Argyll Place. Mother pushed pram to Goadsbarrow(?) 2 miles. Bus fare was significant. Went to Aldingham to Bishops House as mother's cousin was housekeeper to Bishop of Barrow. Garments were handed down to sister.
8.48	People must have been happy when there was a new commission? Yes in Argyll Place a new suite arrived (sofa) from Jays furnishers. House 2 up 2 down. Bought on instalments.
10.00	What was the community like? More obvious than at the Strand because we didn't go out because of the local slums. Everyone in Argyll Place was part of community next door was a labourer. It was friendly, lots of kids. Description of children.
12.22	Ice cream man visited. Milkman came night and morning with milk churn. 'Fish Maggie' from Flookburgh, pony and wooden cart, basket of fish call signs was 'flocks fresh flocks'. One flock a meal for a child. Stick with cocoa tin on end for money. Description of Maggie. Maggie put on train at Ark and pony and trap stationed at Barrow.
14.57	Potato buyer visited 2 or 3 times a week with a flat cart and his call sign was 'Come along now all you potato buyers'. Also a peanut seller with handcart. Knife grinder. The coal man every week. Description of coal buying. Description of sister Jean under the coal man's horse.
17.47	Graf Zeppelin coming over street description.
18.46	Left Argyll Street 1937. Work appeared (due to war preparations) moved to Abbots Mead. (Talks about street names named after Ecclesiastical figures) Very different lifestyle. Built in WW1. On edge of town so rural lifestyle paradise for kids.
21.04	Local gang led to future character of Denys. Adventures down to Rampside, to Abbey and mines (still working).
22.09	Free to roam. Given a bike so could go anywhere. Up to 15 miles a day for 8 year old. Lot of exploring, Rampside ponds that froze in winter. Railway line taken up in 1936 so quick walk to Rampside.
24.04	When moved to Roa Island father cycled to work and back. Like a football match when people walked to work 7.15-7.30 on high level bridge, filled road and pavement. 12.01pm 1000s came out of gates to

	go home for lunch. If they were late back they got quartered, docked a quarter of hours pay. Denys was a ship yard labourer when he left school story about employee being out of work for 7 years due to coming back from lunch late.
27.09	Us and them between workers and management. Anyone who wanted work would get work. At 18 wanted work because he had met his future wife. Got a job through his friend Ernie in sheet metal shop. Denys worked there until he was called up (national service).
29.00	Denys was labourer to man making a tray for naval artillery shells. Tells story about making tea for the first time for his boss in the blacksmith shop. Quiet conspiracy of making tea.
32.20	Noisy and dangerous. 2 particular machines guillotine and rollers. Description of machines.
34.23	Making 'foreigners' skill to get them out of gate. Friend wanted a rudder, gave a drawing and it was made and smuggled out of shipyard one down each leg of overalls. Denys made lots of tent pins, put in bag to get out. Someone made himself a green house a bit at a time and left on dockside. When it was complete he asked to buy it as scrap. Company even offered to transport it for him! Denys earning 44 shillings, craftsmen £3 .50 plus overtime.
37.45	Every house on Walney was painted in the colours of the latest liner. Leakage. Costing was free and easy as it was government money. Changed later on and cost controls brought in. One college holiday he got work with the sailor gang taking ballast from submarine. Lead weights screwed to hull of submarine with bolts. Had to take 4 off in a day. On Thursday dock manager Mr Baxter would come around. They would pretend that they were having trouble so they could get overtime at weekend and so wages would double.
43.07	Friend had gone in as health and safety man hated jobs because of 'them and us' attitude.
43.44	Did camaraderie spill out into social life? Everyone got on amongst workers but not between office and workers. Horse backing phenomenal although illegal. Every gang had book maker's runner. Tells story, wife's cousin in drawing dept., particular system of betting called roll ups. Didn't place bet for his grandfather as he was losing too much money, unfortunately he would have won a large amount of money. Grandfather collapsed and was put to bed. Also all did football coupons
48.39	Not applicable to Morecambe Bay ((Largely outside of project) Back when he was 18, gave family money for two months (re previously mentioned job). Called up 10 10 1949. Culture shock talks about National Service in RAF. Independence. Talks about head teacher as 'bully' not given a scholarship at 16 because he was seeing someone. Because he was not made a prefect he didn't get a commission. Talks at length about this and National service 53.00 talks about writing to his girlfriend.)
54.00-	Was this the first time you had travelled outside of Barrow? When he was 2 he went to Stevenage as his father had a job. Describes his life....56.00 He wanted to come back to Barrow so wet to rail line to get on train and go home
58.00	National Service

1hr	Wrote to Pat every day came back to live at Roa Island. Pat had qualified as a teacher and had got a job in Barrow.
1hr 02	At the end of National Service he had 3 week leave so he went to work for McAlpines on Barrow Island and then went to college Sept 1951 at St Johns York
1hr 04	When he left York it was easy to get a job in Barrow. Describes how he got a job through connections. Job in North Vickers Town and then to South Walney Junior School. Describes what he taught.
1 hr 06 22	South Walney full of Vickers. Ocean Rd 'posh' street full of foremen and prosperous crafts men. Everyone knew everyone. Distinct catholic and protestant communities. King Alfred pub was the focus for games. George was a social focus. Park for tennis and bowls. Very active community. Amateur operatic society. His fiancé's family heavily into Gilbert and Sullivan. No one short of job after war.
1hr 09 05	Two beaches. Sunday people went en-masse to Biggar Bank. One field behind the beach in holiday week was a DIY campsite. Remember going in 1935 with family in homemade tent. Rampside, Westfield didn't go there unless you were one of the community during the week.
1 hr 11 23	You behaved yourself if shop steward was around in parts of Barrow such as in church
1hr 12 02	Would you travel out of Barrow much? A lot people spent the day at Westfield or where the golf course is now because it was shortest bus journey. Didn't particularly go to Aldingham as in the channel there 5 of the family were drowned.
1hr 14 30	One evening as children they decided to walk to Morecambe from Rampside. Set off but only got as far as Foulney Island, called fouler.
1hr 15 15	Aunt Lena going steady with Frank from Roa and they needed a chaperone. One trip to Morecambe - great trip on railway. Went to see the Wall of Death. 1939 went to Bowness on the railway. Hugely thrilling going over iron bridge at Greenodd. Noise of engine of Swan in reverse was enchanting. Used to go on Jimmy's boat the Magic
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