

# TIME LINE FOR JOHN JOSEPH DIAPER(TITANIC)

John Joseph Diaper was born in 1885 the son of Richard Diaper and Mary Jane Diaper (nee Diaper) in Southampton Hampshire.

Occupation	1891 census Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Scholar aged 6
Residence	1891 census Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Peartree Green
Occupation	1901 census Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Labourer, Coach Wharf aged 16
Residence	1901 census Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Back Road, Itchen, Southampton

John Joseph enlisted into the Army in 1902 aged 17 years and served for 7 years.

Residence	1902	Occupation	1902	Enlisted in the Army Age 17
Residence	1903	Occupation	1903	Army Age 18
Residence	1904	Occupation	1904	Army Age 19
Residence	1905	Occupation	1905	Army Age 20
Residence	1906	Occupation	1906	Army Age 21
Residence	1907	Occupation	1907	Army Age 22
Residence	1908	Occupation	1908	Army Age 23
Residence	1909	Occupation	1909	Army/ Sailor on ship Age 24

Record of Service No 688218 J J Diaper – continuous Certificate of Discharge (book renewed as Original Lost through Shipwreck)

Name: John Joseph Diaper – born 1885 Height 5ft 9 ½ inches tall, Brown Eyes, Auburn Hair, complexion Fair, Place of Birth Hants.

27.03.1909 - 15.05.1909	Trimmer on board Carisbrook Castle, Cape Mail Ship
23.07.1909 - 11.09.1909	Coal Trimmer on board Araguaya , Brazil and River Plate
27.10.1909 - 19.11.1909	Trimmer on board Adriatic, New York
24.11.1909 -	Voyage not completed Trimmer on board Adriatic
15.12.1909 - 06.01.1910	Trimmer on board Teutonic, New York
Residence 1910	Occupation 1910 Age 25
06.04.1910 - 27.04.1910	Trimmer on board Oceanic, New York
04.05.1910 - 25.05.1910	Fireman on board Oceanic, New York
01.06.1910 - 22.06.1910	Fireman on board Oceanic, New York
29.06.1910 - 20.07.1910	Fireman on board Oceanic, New York
27.07.1910 - 17.08.1910	Fireman on board Oceanic, New York
24.08.1910 -	Voyage not completed
14.09.1910 - 06.10.1910	Fireman on board Teutonic, New York
19.10.1910 - 09.11.1910	Fireman on board Oceanic, New York
16.11.1910 - 07.12.1910	Fireman on board Oceanic, New York
21.12.1910 - 14.01.1911	Fireman on board Oceanic, New York

John Joseph Diaper married in the June quarter of 1911 to Alice Strange, she was from Southampton

Residence	1911	Possibly at 102 Derby Road. (Lodgings) Because of his Marriage
Occupation	1911	Age 26
18.01.1911 - 11.02.1911	Fireman on board Oceanic, New York	
15.02.1911 - 11.03.1911	Fireman on board Oceanic, New York	
15.03.1911 - 05.04.1911	Fireman on board Oceanic, New York	
12.04.1911 – 03.05.1911	Fireman on board Oceanic, New York	
10.05.1911 – 31.05.1911	Fireman on board Oceanic, New York	

John Joseph probably married Alice in the first two weeks of June as that is the only time he was home for a two week period

14.06.1911 - 05.07.1911 Fireman on board Olympic, New York  
29.11.1911 - 16.12.1911 Fireman on board Olympic, New York  
20.12.1911 - 06.01.1912 Fireman on board Olympic, New York  
Residence 1912 listed as living at 102 Derby Road, Southampton (Lodgings)

John Joseph's 1<sup>st</sup> child was born some time between Jan – March 1912 a girl named Alice, but she died in the same quarter of 1912

Occupation 1912 Age 27 Although he listed his age as 24  
10.01.1912 - 31.01.1912 Fireman on board Olympic, New York  
13.03.1912 - 30.03.1912 Fireman on board Olympic, New York  
10.04.1912 - 15.04.1912 Fireman on board TITANIC, INTENDED NEW YORK

John Joseph Diaper survived the Sinking of the Titanic. It is not known in which lifeboat he escaped the ship. He was picked up by the Carpathia and disembarked at New York City on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1912. Telegram sent 20<sup>th</sup> April 1912 to John Joseph's wife which read "J Diaper Saved". When he got back to Plymouth on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1912 he sent a telegram to his wife asking her to meet him at West Station at 11 tonight. This telegram was sent to 102 Derby Road, Southampton. He made 2 further trips at sea one in 1913 and one in 1914.

Residence 1913 Listed as 14 Hartington Road. (Kelly's)

John Joseph's 2<sup>nd</sup> Child was born sometime between Jan – March 1913, a boy named Richard, but he also died in the same quarter of 1913.

Occupation 1913 Age 28  
07.10.1913 - 23.11.1913 Fireman on board Arcadian, Cruising  
Residence 1914 Listed as 14 Hartington Road (Kelly's)  
Occupation 1914 Age 29  
07.01.1914 - 28.01.1914 Fireman on board Oceanic, New York

John Joseph must have got work locally until he was called up for service in the Army.

August 1914

Certificate of employment during the War – army form z.18  
Regtl No. WR303003 Rank Sapper  
Surname - Diaper, Christian names in full – John Joseph  
Regimental Employment

- a. Infantry from 05.08.1914 to June 1917
- b. Camp Cook from June 1917 to present time

Trade or calling before enlistment – Marine Fireman

Military qualifications as shown –

reserved called up on outbreak of war. Holds Mons Medal for service August to November 1914

Description Medal Card of Diaper, John

Corps Regiment No Rank

Hampshire Regiment 6696 Private

Devonshire Regiment 19378 Private  
Royal Engineers 325365 Private  
Royal Engineers WE/303003 Private

Date 1914 – 1920

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John Joseph Diaper was then called up for service on the 1<sup>st</sup> World Ward his rank was Sapper Reg No. WR303003. Holds Honours Medal for service August – November 1914 and 1914 Star. Army form B.104-84 was sent to his wife dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 1914 to say I regret to have to inform you that a report this day has been received from the War Office to the effect that (NO) 6696 (Rank) (Name) J Diaper 1<sup>st</sup> Hants regiment was wounded in action with expeditionary force in November 1914 and admitted to 3<sup>rd</sup> Northern General Hospital Sheffield on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1914.

#### NATIONAL ROLL OF THE GREAT WAR 1914 – 1918

Diaper J., Private 1<sup>st</sup> Hampshire Regiment.

He was mobilised in August 1914, and shortly afterwards proceeded to the Western Front, where he took part in the Battle of Mons and was wounded in action in November of the same year. He was Invalided home, and after recovery, was sent to Egypt, where he was engaged on garrison duty. He finally returned home in May 1919 was demobilised, holding the Mons Star and the General Service and Victory medals.

14 Hartington Road, Southampton.

Occupation 05.08.1914 – June 1917 regimental Employment INFANTRY

Residence 1915 listed as 14 Hartington Road (Kelly's)

John Joseph's 4<sup>th</sup> Child was born 5<sup>th</sup> January 1915 a girl, named Elsie Lillian Lorraine Diaper

Occupation 1915 Age 30

Residence 1916 listed as 14 Hartington Road (Kelly's)

Occupation 1916 War Service Age 31

Residence 1917 Listed as 14 Hartington Road (Kelly's)

Occupation 1917 War Service June 1917 - 13.03.1919 Camp cook, Egypt. Royal Engineers  
Age 32

Residence 1918 Listed as 14 Hartington Road (Kelly's)

Occupation 1918 War Service June 1917 – 13.03.1919 Camp Cook, Egypt. Royal Engineers.  
Age 33

John Joseph Diaper was discharged on 13.06.1919

Residence 1919 Listed as 14 Hartington Road (Kelly's)

Occupation 1919 War Service until 13.03.1919 Camp Cook, Egypt. Royal Engineers  
Age 34

Residence 1920 Listed as 14 Hartington Road (Kelly's)

Occupation 1920 Age 35

At some point after 1920 and before moving to Somerset, John Joseph Diaper worked in Southampton Docks as a Stevedore, and also as worked for a Steel Company putting up Steel Rectors.

John Josephs 5<sup>th</sup> Child was born February 1920 a girl named Joan Vera Diaper.

Residence 1921 - 1923 Listed as 14 Hartington Road, Southampton (Kelly's)  
Occupation 1921 - 1923 Age 38 in 1923

John Joseph's next children were twin boys born 22 February 1923 Named George and John (as at 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006 both are still living)

At some time after moving to Somerset John Joseph Diaper worked as a Casual Labourer for a Plastic mouldings company and he also turned his had to Tree Felling work.

Residence 1924 - 1940 Listed as 14 Hartington Road (Kelly's)  
Occupation 1924 - 1940 Age 55 in 1940

Residence 1941 - 1955  
Occupation 1941 - 1955 Age 70 in 1955  
Age 56

John Joseph died at his home in Haselbury Plucknett, Somerset 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1955 aged 70 years