

## JOHN HENRY HOOPER – Regiment so far unknown

John, born May 30 1895, was one of the 12 children of Richard and Sarah Hooper. Richard was a farm labourer, born in Combe St Nicholas, as were all but two of the children, while Sarah came from Whitestanton; they lived at Long Lye.

The children went to school in Buckland St Mary; two of them (but not John) appear on its Roll of Honour, and three of the brothers – John, Sidney and Walter - are on the Church Memorial Board; thankfully all survived the War.

In 1911 there were six children still at home, John being the eldest of them; he and Sidney were working as farm labourers, but John must have felt the need to branch out and leave home, for the next siting we have of him is in South Wales in 1914. Luckily for us, the GWR Register of Staff is preserved (and is available through Ancestry). We are confident we have the right J H Hooper here – his date of birth is correct, and, many years later, one of his brothers (who had joined him at Bridgend) is an executor of his will. By 1915 he's working as a porter for the GWR, first at Nantffyllon, near Bridgend, and then as a learner Signalling Porter at Ebbw Vale.

58223	Hooper	John Henry	50 5 95	2	3	14	Porter	Nantffyllon	SR 21/2/15
							Sig Porter (Learner)	Ebbw Vale	
							Resigned	CF 313	SR 21/2/15



On February 21 1915 he resigned, perhaps, given the date, to enlist. Against that, he married at Bridgend in the Summer of 1915 to Selina A. Richards and a son, Charles, was born in April 1916.

Trying to sort out his service career is proving difficult.

Unfortunately there are a lot of John Henry Hoopers, and for none of them do the details of their service career appear quite right for our J H Hooper.

After the war he made his home in South Wales. In the 1939 Register of England & Wales he and his wife Annie and their children (then numbering eleven) were living at 3 Gas Works Terrace, Penybont. Appropriately enough, John was a Foreman at the Gas Works. He died in

Bridgend on December 12 1963. His brother, Albert Edward Hooper, living nearby, was one of his Executors.

Administrative County Somerset The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the

Parish of Civil Parish St. Andrew's County Borough Municipal Borough or Urban District of St. Andrew's Ward of St. Andrew's Rural District of St. Andrew's Parliamentary Borough or Division of St. Andrew's Town or Village or Hamlet of St. Andrew's

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House No.	ROAD, STREET No. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES (Transit-landed)	NAME and BIRTHDAY of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Age last Birthday	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Dead and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Imbecile, feeble-minded
97	<u>Back Lane</u>	1	Margaret Lawrence Head	M	57				Raymond London	
			Margaret Lawrence	Daughter	16				Carlton do	
			Edmund Lawrence	Son	11				do do	
			Guy J. Lawrence	Son	8				St. Andrew's do	
			Maria E. Lawrence	Sister	32				Raymond do	
			George H. Lawrence	Sister	11				Raymond do	
			John Wood	Son	26	Governess			Raymond do	
			Martha G. Wood	Sister	24	School Teacher			Raymond do	
			Alfred M. Wood	Son	26	Self-employed			Raymond do	
			Mary H. Wood	Sister	30	Self-employed			Raymond do	
			William H. Wood	Son	28	Self-employed			Raymond do	
			John H. Wood	Son	19	Self-employed			Raymond do	
99	<u>Back Lane</u>	1	William H. H. Head	M	53	Shoemaker	Worker		Raymond do	
			Martha H. H.	Wife	51				Raymond do	
			William H. H.	Son	11				Raymond do	
			Martha H. H.	Son	12				Raymond do	
			Edith H. H.	Daughter	10				Raymond do	
100		1	George H. H.	Head	62	Farmer	Employer		Raymond do	
			Elizabeth H. H.	Wife	65				Raymond do	
101		1	Richard H. H.	Head	42	Self-employed	Worker		Raymond do	
			Martha H. H.	Wife	39				Raymond do	
			George H. H.	Son	16				Raymond do	
			Richard H. H.	Son	11				Raymond do	
			William H. H.	Son	8				Raymond do	
			John H. H.	Son	5				Raymond do	
			Martha H. H.	Son	3				Raymond do	
			William H. H.	Son	1				Raymond do	
4	Total of Schedule of Houses and of Tenants with less than Five Rooms	4								
	Total of Males and of Females				10	17				

Note—Draw your pen through such words of the headings as are inapplicable.

Eng.—Sheet B.

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1891 CENSUS



**CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.**

*Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.*

*The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as a connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.*

Number of Schedule 104  
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after Census.)

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE last Birthday and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged 15 years and upwards		BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every person	INFLUENT
			State, for each Married Woman resident on this Schedule, the number of— Children born alive to her during Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.) Children born alive to her since her last marriage. (If no children born alive since last marriage write "None" in Column 7.)	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which person is connected.				
1. <u>Buckland Hooper</u>	Head	54	Married	29	Labourer in Farm	140	Woking	London	British
2. <u>Jacob Jane Hooper</u>	Wife	49							
3. <u>John Hooper</u>	Son	15	Single		Labourer in Farm	140	Woking	London	British
4. <u>Lily Hooper</u>	Son	13			Labourer in Farm	140	Woking	London	British
5. <u>Ed Hooper</u>	Son	11			Labourer in Farm	140	Woking	London	British
6. <u>Elliot Hooper</u>	Son	8					school		
7. <u>David Hooper</u>	Daughter	6					school		
8. <u>Emily Hooper</u>	Daughter	3					school		
9.									
10.									
11.									
12.									
13.									
14.									
15.									

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (kitchen, parlour, or apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count cellars, basements, or garages, nor warehouses, offices, shops, or any other buildings.

Signature Richard Hooper  
Postal Address Longle, Camberthorpe

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of Buckland S. Mary in the County of Wiltshire in the year One thousand eight hundred and twenty five

When Baptized	Child's Christian Name	Parents' Names		Abode	Quality, Trade, or Profession	By whom the Ceremony was performed
		Christian	Surname			
1894 Dec 28	Elsie	William	Quirk	Buckland S. Mary	Farmer	William H. Lance
1895 March 31	John	William	Harding	Brookley	Labourer	William H. Lance
1895 April 7	Charles	William	Reech	Conke Army	William H. Lance	William H. Lance
1895 April 14	Thomas	William	Grubham	Buckland S. Mary	Farmer	William H. Lance
1895 April 21	Elizabeth	William	Dammitt	Buckland S. Mary	Farmer	William H. Lance
1895 May 22	Charles	Henry	York	Buckland S. Mary	Labourer	William H. Lance
1895 May 23	Frank	James	Knight	Buckland S. Mary	Labourer	William H. Lance
1895 May 23	Ernest	George	Ford	Buckland S. Mary	Gardener	William H. Lance

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1895 June 2	Francis	Francis	Nelson	Buckland S. Mary	Carpenter	William H. Lance
1895 June 2	Thomas	William	Fowler	Buckland S. Mary	Labourer	William H. Lance
1895 July 30	John	Richard	Hooper	Conke Army	William H. Lance	William H. Lance
1895 July 28	Bosina	David	Brandon	Buckland S. Mary	Labourer	William H. Lance
1895 August 11	Arthur	James	Denning	Buckland S. Mary	Labourer	William H. Lance
1895 August 24	Lilly	William	Russell	Buckland S. Mary	Labourer	William H. Lance
1895 Sept 1	William	William	Kitcham	Buckland S. Mary	Labourer	William H. Lance
1895 Sept 21	Robert	James	Hoare	Conke Army	Farmer	William H. Lance



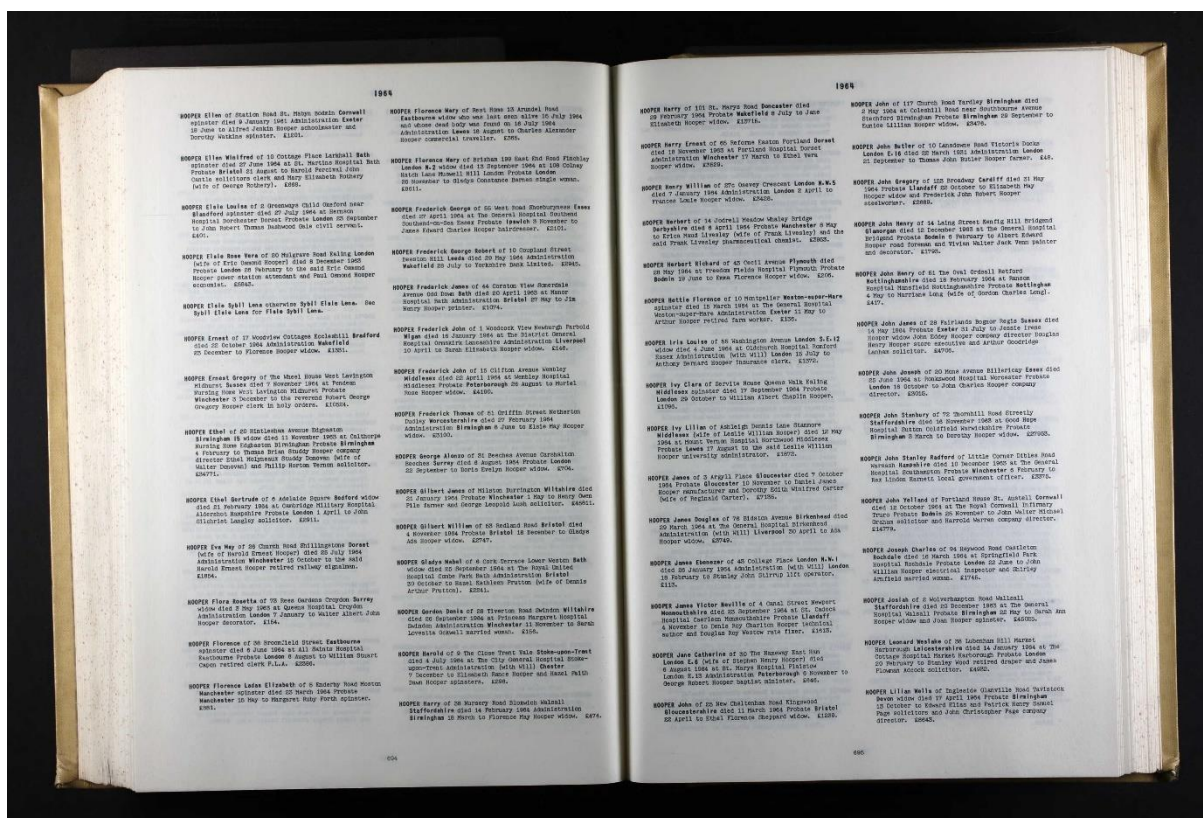
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E.D. Letter Code		XLND		Borough, U.D. or R.D. <i>Longford</i>		Registration District and Sub-district <i>591-1</i>		See INSTRUCTIONS.	
ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.	O. V. S. P. or I.	M. or F.	BIRTH.		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.
	No.	Sub No.				Day.	Year.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
82 Baya Road	94	1	Poulton, Thomas.		M	Oct 29	1882	M	Gr R Engine Driver
		2	Poulton, Mrs Jane		F	Oct 17	1884	M	Confound domestic duties
83 Baya Road	95	1	Arnold, Clifford H.		M	Jan 27	1902	M	Labourer. Municipal Council
		2	Arnold, Mary Ann		F	Feb 14	1904	M	Milliner
85 Baya Road	96	1	Hutchinson, James.		M	Jan 2	1888	M	Carpenter.
		2	Hutchinson, Olive Emma		F	Aug 11	1891	M	Confound domestic duties
		3	Miles, Ponting		F	Jan 7	1919	S	Nurse Hospital
1 Gas Works Lane	97	1	Phelps, John.		M	Dec 12	1867	M	Gas Worker (Retired)
		2	Phelps, Louise.		F	Oct 20	1871	M	Confound domestic duties
2 Gas Works Lane	98	1	Hopkin, Henry J.		M	May 30	1875	M	Fireman Gas Works.
		2	Hopkin, Annie.		F	Aug 31	1876	M	Confound domestic duties
		3	Hopkin, Charles.		M	Sept 1	1916	S	Heavy worker on Public Works
		4	Hopkin, Hilary		F	Apr 25	1924	S	Seeking work not previously
		5	Hopkin, Edward.		M	Feb 17	1926	S	
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3 Gas Works Lane	99	1	Hopkin, Bill		M	Dec 29	1906	S	Under school age
		2	Hopkin, Joyce.		F	Nov 5	1909	S	
		3	Garnes, John		M	Jan 1	1904	M	Public Works Labourer heavy work
		4	Garnes, Margaret E.		F	Dec 8	1902	M	
This record is officially closed.									
4 Gas Works Lane	100	1	Hopkin, Arthur		M	Dec 25	1897	M	Gas Worker on heavy work
		2	Hopkin, Elizabeth M.		F	Aug 5	1896	M	Confound domestic duties
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		3	Hopkin, Sidney A.		M	Dec 16	1930	S	at school
This record is officially closed.									
5 Gas Works Lane	101	1	Port, George.		M	July 21	1876	M	Stoker in Gas Works heavy
		2	Port, Lottie R.		F	Jan 30	1876	M	Confound domestic duties
		3	Port, Edith R.		F	Feb 6	1879	M	Confound domestic duties
This record is officially closed.									
6 Gas Works Lane	102	1	Boye, William G.		M	Feb 3	1899	M	Gas Works Foreman & Gas Fitter
		2	Boye, Elizabeth C.		F	Dec 13	1900	M	Confound domestic duties
		3	Boye, Gordon.		M	Apr 19	1924	S	light home duties
		4	Boye, Howard.		M	Mar 31	1925	S	at school
This record is officially closed.									
		5	Boye, David John.		M	Dec 19	1929	S	at school
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1 Gas Works Lane	103	1	Boye, David		M	Jan 5	1929	S	Under school age
		2	Boye, William		M	Dec 13	1902	M	Evangelist.
		3	Boye, Helen		F	Apr 23	1924	M	Confound domestic duties
This record is officially closed.									
Males 26 Females 18									





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