

SIDNEY ARTHUR HOOPER, Private 26759, 3rd Somerset Light Infantry

Sidney, born December 25 1897, baptised March 6 1898 in Buckland St Mary, 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 Whitestaunton; they lived at Long Lye.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of Buckland St Mary in the County of Somerset in the year One thousand eight hundred and Twenty Eight

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.	Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
	Christian.	Surname.			
1898 January 1st No. 225	Allice Mary	Richard and Sarah Hooper	New York	Mason	William Hance
1898 Feb 6 No. 226	Francis Nelson	Richard and Sarah Hooper	Buckland St Mary	Farmer	William Hance
1898 March 6 No. 227	Sidney Arthur	Richard and Sarah Hooper	Combe St Nicholas	Labourer	William Hance
1898 March 6 No. 228	Oliver William	Richard and Sarah Hooper	Combe St Nicholas	Labourer	William Hance

The children went to school in Buckland St Mary; two of them, Sidney and Walter, 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.

Sidney and Walter's names appear on the Absent Voters List for 1918 and 1919, living at Castle Comfort (again on the main – now A303 – road).

Sidney was a Private in the 3rd Somerset Light Infantry. This was a training Battalion through which recruits passed, so the probability is that he was transferred to another Battalion. On the School Roll of Honour he's noted as Wounded. We can find no record of which Battalion he may have been transferred to, and his Pension Record doesn't reveal this either.

He was discharged from the Army on December 4 1919, his pension beginning

the day after. His disabilities are listed as a gunshot wound to the chest ('G.S.Wd ~~Thorax~~ Chest) and Heart Trouble. By the time of his final award on February 19 1924 the effect of his disabilities has reduced from 30% to 20%; he was being paid a conditional 8/- (a week?). This would appear to have ended on March 4 1924. (See website)

Interestingly, by this time he too is living close to his brother John in Gas Works Terrace, Bridgend. The brothers had evidently made South Wales their home (along it seems with another brother and sister). By the time of the 1939 Register of England and Wales Sidney is 'a Gas Worker on Heavy Work'; he lives at No 4 with his wife and two children, and his brother John at No 2. Sidney had a long life, dying in 1990 aged 93.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
HOOPER	Som L I	Pte	26759
Sidney A.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	B/2/102	9-1118	
BATTLES			
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Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

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1897 Nov 25 No. 225	18 98 January 1 st	Alice Mary daughter of	Albert and Emma	Hart	Newyock	Mason	William Hance ✓
1898 Feb 6 No. 226	18 98 Feb 6	Francis Nelson son of	Heduego and Anna	Boord	Buckland Mary	Servant	William Hance ✓
1897 March 25 No. 227	18 98 March 6	Sidney Arthur son of	Richard and Sarah Jane	Hooper	Combe St Nicholas	Satmer	William Hance ✓
1898	18 98	Olive	William				

Administrative County of Lonsdale The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the:

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Civil Parish of Combe de Nebo Municipal Borough of Combe de Nebo Municipal Ward of Combe de Nebo Urban Sanitary District of Combe de Nebo Town or Village or Hamlet of Combe de Nebo Rural Sanitary District of Combe de Nebo Parliamentary Division of Combe de Nebo Electoral District of Combe de Nebo

Col. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES (1) No. of Houses (2) No. of Houses (3) No. of Houses	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	SEX	AGE last Birthday	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Draft and Drains (2) Sewer (3) Locality, Embankment or Road						
89	Hughes Park	1	Daniel Lock	Head	M	37	Labourer	Combe de Nebo							
			Elizabeth	Wife	F	34		Combe de Nebo							
			William	Son	M	7 1/2		Combe de Nebo							
			Mary	Daughter	F	12		Combe de Nebo							
			Charles	Son	M	7 1/2		Combe de Nebo							
			Reuben	Son	M	7 1/2		Combe de Nebo							
90	West-End House	1	James	Head	M	32	Labourer	Combe de Nebo							
			Anna	Wife	F	32		Combe de Nebo							
			James	Son	M	10		Combe de Nebo							
			Charlotte	Daughter	F	10		Combe de Nebo							
91	Long Lane	1	George	Head	M	30	Labourer	Combe de Nebo							
			Elizabeth	Wife	F	29		Combe de Nebo							
			John	Son	M	21		Combe de Nebo							
92	do	1	Richard	Head	M	34	Labourer	Combe de Nebo							
			Isabel	Wife	F	34		Combe de Nebo							
			Ann	Daughter	F	10		Combe de Nebo							
			William	Son	M	10		Combe de Nebo							
			Frederick	Son	M	10		Combe de Nebo							
			John	Son	M	10		Combe de Nebo							
93	do	1	Richard	Head	M	34	Labourer	Combe de Nebo							
			Elizabeth	Wife	F	34		Combe de Nebo							
			Thomas	Son	M	10		Combe de Nebo							
			Reuben	Son	M	10		Combe de Nebo							
			Mary	Daughter	F	10		Combe de Nebo							
			Michael	Son	M	10		Combe de Nebo							
94	do	1	John	Head	M	34	Labourer	Combe de Nebo							
			Elizabeth	Wife	F	34		Combe de Nebo							
			Mary	Daughter	F	10		Combe de Nebo							
			Robert	Son	M	10		Combe de Nebo							
			Charlotte	Daughter	F	10		Combe de Nebo							
6	Total of Houses (and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms -)	6	Total of Males and Females...	12	19										

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 Form No. S.B. 36
 REGION. Surname HOOPER Christian Names Sidney Arthur Regional No. 5/M H/ No. 5970
 Service (in block letters) Last Ship. Off. No. Rating
 NEW REGIONAL NO. Date of Discharge Year of Birth Marital Status S. = Single W. = Widower M. = Married
 OTHER ACTION. Address Date of commencement of Pension
 Disabilities: State whether attributable to or aggravated by Service or non-attributable to:
 1. 2. 3. 4. 1. 2. 3. 4.
 Particulars of Awards for previous Service (if any)
 POST-AWARD CORRESPONDENCE.
 Date of Letter ACTION TAKEN. NOTE:—In this column are to be entered particulars of action taken before a definite reply can be given, e.g., date of acknowledgment, date of reference to Local Committee or to Records, and date of their reply. Date of Final Disposal REMARKS
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E.D. Letter Code		Borough, U.D. or R.D.		Registration District and Sub-district		S. M. W. or D.		PERSONAL OCCUPATION.		See INSTRUCTIONS.	
ADDRESS.		SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.		O. V. S. P. or I.		M. or F.		BIRTH.	
1		2		3		4		5		6	
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82 Baya Road	94	1	Poulton, Thomas.	M	Oct 29, 1882	M	5 ft 2 in	Engine Driver			
		2	Poulton, Mrs Jane	F	Oct 17, 1884	M	5 ft 2 in	Confound domestic duties			
83 Baya Road	95	1	Arnold, Clifford H.	M	Jan 27, 1902	M	5 ft 2 in	Labourer Municipal Council			
		2	Arnold, Mary Ann	F	Feb 14, 1904	M	5 ft 2 in	Miller			
85 Baya Road	96	1	Hutchinson, James.	M	Jan 2, 1884	M	5 ft 2 in	Gasfitter			
		2	Hutchinson, Olive Emma	F	Aug 11, 1891	M	5 ft 2 in	Confound domestic duties			
		3	Miles, Ponting	F	Jan 7, 1919	S	5 ft 2 in	Nurse Hospital			
1 Gas Works Lane	97	1	Phelps, John	M	Dec 12, 1867	M	5 ft 2 in	Gas Worker (Retired)			
		2	Phelps, Louise	F	Oct 20, 1871	M	5 ft 2 in	Confound domestic duties			
2 Gas Works Lane	98	1	Hopkin, Henry J.	M	May 30, 1875	M	5 ft 2 in	Fireman Gas Works			
		2	Hopkin, Annie	F	Aug 31, 1876	M	5 ft 2 in	Confound domestic duties			
		3	Hopkin, Charles	M	Sept 1, 1916	S	5 ft 2 in	Heavy worker on Public Works			
		4	Hopkin, Hilary	F	Apr 25, 1924	S	5 ft 2 in	Seeking work not previously			
		5	Hopkin, Edward	M	Feb 17, 1926	S	5 ft 2 in	Child			
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3 Gas Works Lane	99	1	Hopkin, Bill	M	Dec 29, 1906	S	5 ft 2 in	Under school age			
		2	Hopkin, Joyce	F	Nov 5, 1909	S	5 ft 2 in	Under school age			
		3	James, John	M	Jan 1, 1904	M	5 ft 2 in	Public Works Labourer heavy work			
		4	James, Margaret E.	F	Dec 8, 1902	M	5 ft 2 in	Confound domestic duties			
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4 Gas Works Lane	100	1	Hopkin, Arthur	M	Dec 25, 1897	M	5 ft 2 in	Gas Worker on heavy work			
		2	Hopkin, Elizabeth M.	F	Aug 5, 1896	M	5 ft 2 in	Confound domestic duties			
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		3	Hopkin, Sidney A.	M	Dec 16, 1930	S	5 ft 2 in	Child			
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5 Gas Works Lane	101	1	Port, George	M	July 21, 1876	M	5 ft 2 in	Stoker in Gas Works heavy			
		2	Port, Lottie R.	F	Jan 30, 1876	M	5 ft 2 in	Confound domestic duties			
		3	Port, Edith J.	F	Feb 6, 1879	M	5 ft 2 in	Confound domestic duties			
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6 Gas Works Lane	102	1	Boye, William G.	M	Feb 3, 1899	M	5 ft 2 in	Gas Works Foreman & Gas Fitter			
		2	Boye, Elizabeth C.	F	Dec 13, 1904	S	5 ft 2 in	Confound domestic duties			
		3	Boye, Gordon	M	Apr 19, 1924	S	5 ft 2 in	Light home duties			
		4	Boye, Howard	M	Mar 31, 1925	S	5 ft 2 in	Child			
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		5	Boye, David Lister	M	Dec 19, 1929	S	5 ft 2 in	Child			
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1 Gas Works Lane	103	1	Boye, David	M	Jan 5, 1909	S	5 ft 2 in	Under school age			
		2	Boye, William	M	Dec 13, 1902	M	5 ft 2 in	Evangelist			
		3	Boye, Helen	F	Apr 23, 1924	M	5 ft 2 in	Confound domestic duties			
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Males 26 Females 18											