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 5th April Scholar aged 6
Residence 1891 census Sunday 5th April Peartree Green
Occupation 1901 census Sunday 31st March Labourer, Coach Wharf aged 16
Residence 1901 census Sunday 31st 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 9½ 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

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\(^{st}\) 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 if 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\(^{th}\) April 1912. Telegram sent 20\(^{th}\) April 1912 to John Joseph’s wife which read “J Diaper Saved”. When he got back to Plymouth on the 20\(^{th}\) 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\(^{nd}\) 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
07.01.1914 - 28.01.1914 Fireman on board Oceanic, New York
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
John Joseph Diaper was then called up for service on the 1st 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 21st 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 1st Hants regiment was wounded in action with expeditionary force in November 1914 and admitted to 3rd Northern General Hospital Sheffield on the 16th November 1914.

NATIONAL ROLL OF THE GREAT WAR 1914 – 1918

Diaper J., Private 1st 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 4th Child was born 5th 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 Age32
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 5th 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 15th 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 2nd March 1955 aged 70 years