

Stanley Hannam

Born: 1913

Relation to me: Great Grandad

Job: Bus Driver in Wiltshire

Stanley Hannam was a bus driver throughout the war and took Polish refugees to Polish resettlement camps for them to be able to start new lives in the UK. Bus drivers counted as key workers so Stanley didn't go to fight. Key workers were people who were needed to keep the country running. When the war started, Stanley was 26 and was therefore not allowed to enlist because bus drivers who were over 25 were needed at home.

Occupation Age

DRIVER (ROAD VEHICLE)	
<i>Horse-drawn Vehicles</i>	
Carman, carter (not coalmine) (heavy two-wheeled vehicle)	25
Lorry driver, drayman, heavy van driver (heavy four- wheeled vehicle)	25
Coal carter, coke carter	25
Horse keeper, ostler, including colliery ostler	30
<i>Other Vehicles</i>	
Inspector (public passenger service)	25
Tram motorman, tramcar driver	25
Trolley bus driver	25
Omnibus, coach, charabanc driver
Heavy motor van, heavy lorry driver
Road locomotive driver, traction engine driver	25
Steam wagon driver, steam lorry driver	25
Road roller driver, steam roller driver, motor roller driver ..	30



Leslie Gordon Rendell (known as Don)

Born: 1909

Relation to me: Great Grandad

Job: Accountant for the British Railways

Don Rendell was an accountant for the British Railways throughout World War Two. Trains were a key part of the war as they evacuated thousands of children and transported troops down towards the front line. My Great Grandad was a key part of this as he managed the money railways earns and spent to keep it going. At the start of the war he was 30 and was therefore not allowed to enlist because accounts who were over 30 were needed at home. Don was also part of the home guard who were people who protected their village from any attacks. Many of the men were older because the younger men were off fighting.

(Note.—The Schedule is arranged in alphabetical order of occupations and is to be used with the Schedule of Occupations in any industry in which any occupation is or working principal of a business is specifically included in the Schedule coming within the foreman group. References to men are to be read as women.)

Occupation.	Age.
<i>Accountant</i>	
Accountant	30
I	
<i>Accumulator Maker, Battery Maker</i>	
Foreman, charge hand ..	25
Lead paster, plate former ..	25
Accumulator maker	25
G	
<i>Actuary</i>	
Actuary	30
AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE	
<i>Farm Worker (other than Poultry and Fruit Farming)</i>	
Working principal, e.g., farmer, crofter, small holder ..	25



James Paterson (known as Jim)

Born: 1924

Relation to me: Great Grandad

Job: Dispatch Rider

Jim Paterson was a dispatch rider. This role was vital in delivering important messages and information in the days before mobile phone technology. It was usual for these messages to be delivered to different units or headquarters. He was stationed in Egypt and would have had to deal with the hot weather conditions while also avoiding danger. Riders were given a pistol to defend themselves but usually speed was their best defence. Dispatch riders, like Jim, were given tool kits to tend to any mechanical issues with the bike while on a mission. If he was caught, Jim might have had to destroy the message by swallowing or burning it. When he became a dispatch rider he was 19.



Frank Sherborne

Born: 19

Relation to me: known as Great Uncle (foster Dad to my Nana)

Job: Farmer

Frank Sherborne was a farmer during the war who produced food for people around Britain. He was classed as a key worker and didn't enlist to fight. Being a farmer was a hard job during the war as they were being asked to produce more food with less workers as many workers were young men who went off to war. Food soon became scarce because German soldiers were bombing the ships transporting goods to our country. Frank was also part of the Home Guard.

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE	
<i>Farm Worker (other than Poultry and Fruit Farming)</i>	
Working principal, e.g., farmer, crofter, small holder ..	25
Farm bailiff, steward, foreman, headman	25
General farm worker, general farm hand	25
Shepherd	25
Pigman	25
Cattleman, stockman, yardman	25
Carter, horseman, ploughman	25
Horse trainer, stud groom, stallion man	30
Agricultural machine attendant, tractor driver, threshing machine attendant ..	25
Ditcher, drainer, drowner, hedger	30
Hay-cutter, trusser, baler, straw binder (not seasonal worker)	30
Farm labourer, agricultural labourer (not seasonal worker)	25



VE Day

On the 8th May 1945, millions of people around Britain crowd the streets to celebrate the end of the war. This day is known as VE Day or Victory in Europe Day.

Although this was a time to celebrate, many people used this time to remember loved ones who had lost their lives in the many years of conflict.

VE Day is now a national bank holiday and people around Europe take a day off work to remember when Germany surrendered.

