

# FISHER A.L

Not recorded as a war casualty by the CWGC



Herbert's Grave (Falling apart)



Ashford War Memorial



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**Leading Seaman SS/81 Herbert (Albert) Lawrence FISHER. Royal Mount Naval Barracks, Royal Navy (RN).** Died 16<sup>th</sup> March 1921 aged 36 years. Albert died of T.B (Phthisis). Born Folkestone 10<sup>th</sup> August 1884. Herbert died at 74 Albemarle Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. Herbert's brother-in-law Frank H Newton was present at the time of his death. Formerly residing (1918) at 55 Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford with a Private 243652 Richard Kemp Barnard (5<sup>th</sup> West Surrey's). Buried 19<sup>th</sup> March 1921 at Willesborough Cemetery, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. Grave reference – Q 631.

Herbert is also commemorated on the Willesborough War Memorial as H FISHER. It appears that he must have called himself **Albert** when in fact his birth name was **Herbert**. The Ashford War Memorial lists him as A.L FISHER.

Albert's death certificate reference is – EAST ASHFORD/BRA16/313. He is listed as a Naval Pensioner and former Postman. His Brother-in-Law Frank H Newton was present at the time of Albert's death.

Before the outbreak of war Albert was employed as a Plumbers Mate and Postman. He enlisted in the Royal Navy on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1903 and served on H.M.S Andromeda and H.M.S Achilles. He completed his contract and retired on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1908. On the outbreak of war in 1914 Herbert re-enlisted and was sent to HMS Pembroke in Chatham to assist with training new sailors. He remained there from late 1914 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1918.

Herbert contracted T.B whilst a serving sailor and was subsequently invalided from the navy. Herbert died of the **SAME** disease 2 and a half years later. His death was attributable. **He was as much a casualty of the war as a soldier shot through the head in the trenches...**