

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 16th March 1921 aged 36 years. Albert died of T.B (Phthisis). Born Folkestone 10th 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 (5th West Surrey's). Buried 19th 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 2nd October 1903 and served on H.M.S Andromeda and H.M.S Achilles. He completed his contract and retired on 9th 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 31st 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...**