

Frank Levi Fisher

A.B., Royal Navy. Served on *H.M.S. Amphion*. Was drowned while on active service early in the war.



BORN IN BOX IN 1874, Frank Levi Fisher – whose second name is recorded as ‘Lewin’ on the Corsham War Memorial and in *War Records of Corsham* – initially lived there with his parents Elijah and Elizabeth, three brothers, William, Henry and George, and sister Sarah. His father Elijah was a nightwatchman on the railway. His mother Elizabeth died in 1889 and his father married Mary Charlotte Hayward. By 1891 they were living in Westwells in Corsham and Frank, aged 17, was working as a quarryman.

Frank joined the Navy as a Stoker and was living in Plymouth when he married Lucretia Codd Brooking in 1899. Census records show that he was in barracks in HMS *Drake* in Plymouth in 1901, and in 1911 he was serving as a leading stoker on HMS *Mutine* on surveying service in Australia. The family were still living in Plymouth and included three children, Ellen, Frank and Ethel.

Service records show that Frank was killed in action on 6th August 1914 as a Stoker Petty Officer on board HMS *Amphion*, the first British ship sunk in World War I – for further details, see the entry for William Carter, who also lost his life on the *Amphion*. The men of HMS *Amphion* are remembered on the Plymouth War Memorial.

Frank’s father Elijah and his second wife Mary were still living in Westwells at the beginning of the war.