



Leonard John Murray

Rank: Marine

Service No.: Not Known

Enlisted: 31st August 1937

Regiment: Royal Marines

Residence: Chartham

Before Service:

Leonard was born on 28th July 1920 in Chartham in the parish of Bridge.

At the time of his enlistment Leonard's occupation was shown as Lawyer's Improver.

During Service:



HMS Royal Sovereign

A summary of Leonard's Certificate of Service shows the following:

Name of Division or Ship	Period
Portsmouth Division	1939 to 1938
Chatham Division	1938 to 1939
HMS Royal Sovereign	1939 to 1940
HMS Nile	1940 to 1941
HMS Stag	1941 to 1942
HMS Ajax	1942
Chatham Division	1942 - 1943
HMS Bellona	1943 to 1946
Chatham Division	1946 to 1949



HMS Bellona

4th October 1946 to 24th November 1948 Leonard was Attendant to Captain Muldowney.

25th November 1948 to the 11th March 1949 he was at Sheerness Camp.

30th June 1949 to 22nd June 1950 he was at RM Rifle Range, Sheerness.

Leonard was awarded the 39/45 Star, Atlantic Star, Africa Star, War Medal and the France & Germany Clasp.

Leonard married Lily on the 16th April 1949

After Service:

Leonard and Lily moved to 2 St. Mary's Cottages in 1950 and was employed as Pig Man and General Farm Labourer at Water Farm, Elham. It was Leonard who planted the row of poplar trees which follow the route of the Nailbourne.

Family Story:

Whilst at St. Mary's Cottages the family increased, and they eventually moved to Water Farm.