



***Able Seaman Leonard SLEIGH***

*SS/5398 HMS Defence Royal Navy*

*Drowned 31 May 1916 aged 19*

*Commemorated Plymouth Naval Memorial, England Panel 12*

*Victoria Station War Memorial - Ref. 6B-062*

***Personal History***

*Leonard SLEIGH was born at Hulme, Manchester in 1897 the son of John and Hannah (Martha?) SLEIGH nee MCSTAY who were married 02/06/1887 at St. John the Baptist, Miles Platting, Manchester. His father died on .*

*In the 1901 census the family were living at 28, Wright Street, Manchester, Lancashire,. He was aged 4 Before enlisting he was employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, Carriage and Wagon Department at Newton Heath as a Tinsmith*

***Service History***

*He enlisted in the Royal Navy.*

*He is recorded as Drowned on 31 May 1916 in SS Defence sunk 31/05/1916 aged 19*

*He was awarded the Victory Medal, British War Medal & Star*

**Do you have any further information about this serviceman? If so, we would be pleased to hear from you. Contact us using the link [www.mlfhs.uk/contact](http://www.mlfhs.uk/contact)**

