

R/DX/55 Deposit of letters from N L (Louis) Millward, aboard HMS Alaunia, during the Second World War Acc 1638

Although Louis Millward seems to have joined HMS Alaunia in 1940, there is no indication of where the ship was stationed. From the itinerary (R/DX/55/249) we can see that the Alaunia sailed from Greenock on 22 December 1941, for convoy duty on the east coast of Africa and the Near East.. Over the next 2 years, until her return to Greenock in April 1944, the Alaunia visited, among other places, Durban, Mombasa, Bombay, Aden, the Persian Gulf, the Seychelles, Mauritius, Madagascar and Colombo.

The itinerary often helps to pinpoint where Louis is when writing.

- /1 1. N.L. Millward n/d [1940]
2. Dear Folks
Letter: 1. I must point out to you that if my letters seem to contain no news of my personal activities it is not through any reticence on my part, but through the “blue pencil” of the Censor!! Anyway I am very much alive and kicking thoroughly enjoying life, with plenty of good food, baths, companionship (they’re all fine fellows) and the very generous hospitality of the charming people of this part of the country. [numbered by ?Louis Millward, as letter no 1]
- /2 1. N.L. Millward 2 Nov 1940
2. Dear People
2 page letter: 1. I have to report that for 4 days life was hardly worth living, and I as most terribly sea sick and believe me it’s a horrible experience. It’s good to be able to laugh about it again, you feel like a million dollars once you’ve recovered. On Saturday 26th October we woke up to find ourselves under weigh and had moved off at 3am. It was a funny feeling watching the home shores fading away in the distance, and wondering when I shall gaze on them again.
- /3 1. N.L. Millward 7 Nov 1940
2. Dear People
7 page letter: 1. A very merry Xmas to you all and a happy one. It seems awfully strange sending greetings in early November, but any later letters of mine may be too late in posting for receipt by Dec 25th. Anyway I am now aboard my own ship and like it very much. We are still in port and the people ashore (I wish I could tell you where!) are a grand bunch of folk, they think the world of us English sailors.
- /4 1. N.L. Millward 19 Nov 1940
2. Dear Folk O’Mine”
4 page letter: 1. Here we are again, only this time out to sea, and settling down to my job and routine. I find my work very interesting and my fellow Coders are 2 fine fellows, as are also the officers with whom we work. The life is still very strange to me, so different to anything I have ever experienced before, and is therefore, (or so I think) more than good for me! Mother may not agree!!!
- /5 1. N.L. Millward 27 Nov 1940
2. Dear People
4 page letter: 1. Water, water everywhere!! But now we are on our way back to port, we should be there around Sunday, and so see once again,

- beautiful women, shops, lights, crowds, Woolworths!! And C & A.
- /6 1. N.L. Millward 1 Dec 1940
 2. Oh Folks
 5 page letter: 1. It's been a most thrilling day!! It started with disappointments. We got into port alright and it was snowing and sleeting like the dickens, and I had hoped for fine weather. Then after a whole morning of suspense no mail could be found for our ship, and the at 4.30 mail was piped, boy did we run,, and gosh what a thrill and pleasant surprise for yours truly, at the most I hoped for 2 or 3 and I had 10 letters and a parcel. Oh boy Oh boy!!
- /7 1. N.L. Millward 6 Dec 1940
 2. Dear Pop
 6 page letter: 1. If I am not too late, many very happy returns of the day, and all the very best.
 Dear Peoples, We're in harbour again, a new one for me and boy what a harbour. Its absolute heaven, and of course I can't tell you where. En route the weather had been getting milder and milder, and when I woke on Thursday morning, the sky was a beautiful blue, cloudless, with the sun shining down on us, there was the island, or rather islands, crowds of them encircling us.
 ['Bermuda' written at top of letter]
- /8 1. N.L. Millward 8 Dec 1940
 2. Dear Folk
 2 page letter: 1. Am I enjoying life?! Have spent another wonderful day ashore, played tennis and swam. Toured the shopping centre, sampled ice cream and shakes, they really know how to make them!! Returned to "The Club" for the dance and thoroughly enjoyed it.
- /9 1. N.L. Millward 15 Dec 1940
 2. My Dear People
 5 page letter: 1. To continue my escapades!! On Monday the 9th we saw our first drop of rain in this warm climate, it poured down all morning, but by 1.30 when we were due for our leave it had cleared up again into a lovely day. We hired 3 topping bikes, rode all along the coastline, passing through villages. The country was really pretty. We visited a wonderful aquarium, marvellous fish, octopus, massive tortoise and tropical birds. We were invited to tea by a charming lady, at a most beautiful house, gosh it was lovely.
- /10 1. N.L. Millward 20 Dec 1940
 2. Dear Folks
 4 page letter: 1. What a disappointing day! We arrived in port this morning eager and excited at the thought of Xmas mail, a whole sack full for just 16 fellows, and there was but one for me. I shall do fairly well, a parcel contents I am to share with my fellow coders, they both have Xmas puddings, which we're going to steam up and make custard for.
- /11 1. N.L. Millward. 24 Dec 1940
 2. Dear Folks
 1 page letter: 1. Just a hurried note, I was thrilled to get Mums letter of 4th December wishing me a Merry Xmas, bang on Xmas Eve!! And news of a parcel on the way. There is great excitement aboard the ship, our mess is lavishly decorated, there is turkey for dinner and everything in the garden is lovely.

- /12 1. N.L. Millward 29 Dec 1940
 2. Dear Folks
 7 page letter: 1. Detailed account of the Xmas festivities on board ship. Weather quite seasonable, lots of skating on the great lakes. Listened to the King's speech, which came through very well, and thought he spoke his well chosen message very creditably. Detailed account of a day spent with a local family, thus I spent my first Xmas away from home!! And I shall ever remember it.
- /13 1. N.L. Millward 3 Jan 1941
 2. My Dear People
 4 page letter: 1. A very happy prosperous and a more peaceful New Year to you, and Gods richest blessings on all my family, relatives and kind friends. Boxing day leaving port for another long trip of 18-20 days, wonder how many more Boxing Days I shall spend like this!!?
- /14 1. N.L. Millward 10 Jan 1941
 2. Well Dears
 4 page letter: 1. Since my last letter, we have neared old England's shores, have turned back and are now very nearly back in port. We have had some slight snow and frost, hail and rain, but chiefly high winds, have rocked the "old tub" about.
- /15 1. N.L. Millward 13 Jan 1941
 2. Well Folks
 2 page letter: 1. Well folks here we are again, and full, chock full of beans. We got in yesterday, late afternoon, thanks to a thick fog and snow storm combined. About 10pm mail was piped and boy were we lucky, 2 nice big parcels, letters and Xmas cards as well.
- /16 1.N.L. Millward 20 Jan 1941
 2. Dear Folks
 8 page letter: 1. We are again in port in the area where the sun shines at this time of year, and where I have been once before. Received your cable, much to the envy of the boys. When in port we coders have clicked for a new job, namely that of tuning in the ships radio for all the English overseas news bulletins.
- /17 1. N.L. Millward 25 Jan 1941
 2. Dear Mum, Dad, Ciss, Jack and Alan, "old uncle Tom Coble and all"
 4 page letter: 1. Were out again for something like 3 weeks, but the time passes quickly. We were invited to the Mayors house for dinner, but left port before we could go, all that home cooked food. How are you faring with the rationing, could send corned beef, tinned milk, sugar, tea or tinned butter, only if you are managing I won't go to the bother of doing it, I will however send the tea.
- /18 1. N.L. Millward 31 Jan 1941
 2. Dear People
 11 page letter: 1. Still experiencing all kinds of weather, frost, snow, sun, rain and take them all in our stride. She's a wonderful ship and jogs along at the same old pace however rough the sea may be. You feel as safe as the Bank of England.
- /19 1. N.L. Millward 11 Feb 1941
 2. Dear Folks
 2 page letter: 1. I believe today has been the most exciting and thrilling day of my life, we put into port and the mail came on board, I had no less

- than 41 letters, a greetings telegram, and 3 parcels.
- /20 1. N.L. Millward 15 Feb 1941
 2. Dear Everybody
 7 page letter: 1. I was very thrilled with my xmas mail, guess you'd like to know who I heard from, (lists names). Nothing of much account has happened, I had 1 night ashore, what a surprise, we went to a YMCA dance, you should have seen me trying to "jitterbug", splendid refreshments. It was one of the nicest dances, I don't believe I have ever seen a collection of prettier girls!!
- /21 1. N.L. Millward 28 Feb 1941
 2. [Family]
 14 page letter ((First page missing): 1. I have been very industrious this short trip, writing letters nearly every day and I'm still not up to date. After supper either Doug or Fred and myself stay in the Mess and settle down there, with the wireless in the background, and write until nearly midnight.
- /22 1. N.L. Millward 4 Mar 1941
 2. Dear Folks
 4 page letter: 1. As usual, just another hurried note before the mail closes tonight. Another parcel arrived, sweets, chocs and cake. It was good to see Pop's handwriting on the labels of these last 2 parcels!! Quite a thrill in fact. The last time ashore we went to see "Gone With The Wind", it was a truly wonderful film.
- /23 1. N.L. Millward n/d [Mar 1941]
 2. My dear Folks
 8 page letter: 1. Here I am again, very fit, as happy as circumstances permit. We've been out to sea now just over a week and have quite a time to go before we touch land again. Doug and Fred are now full blooded coders, not ordinary! As I am. They have just completed 9 months service, my time is up on the 24th of next month and then if I am rated "Coder" I shall get an extra 1s 3d per day!! I shall then be in the money!!!
- /24 [numbered as letter no 23] 23 Mar 1941
 1. N.L. Millward
 2. My Dear People
 13 page letter: 1. Much has happened since my last letter and I will endeavour to describe to you as much of it as I am permitted to do. The "Northern Lights" have been truly wonderful. Many days Whales have been sighted from the Bridge. We have had some exciting experiences lately, one day in a very thick fog, there suddenly loomed up the outline of a ship. Action stations was buzzed, everyone dashed to his appointed place and waited expectantly, there was a sigh of relief, it was one of ours.
- /25 1. N.L. Millward 11 Apr 1941
 2. My Dear Folks
 15 page letter: 1. This day brings back memories. Those games of golf, those walks over the links, buns, fish and chips, and wouldn't I love to be able to enjoy it all today. We're in the port were the sun always shines and no thoughts of the war seem to enter our heads whilst here.
- /26 1. N.L. Millward 23 Apr 1941
 2. My Dear Folks
 15 page letter: 1. Exactly 9 months today I left home for a life of great

adventure, excitement and romance, and to date I have found very little of each!! The hour is 4.30am, at 3.45 I was roused from a blissful slumber by Freddie dumping the one remaining ships kitten on my tummy! A new and painless method of “disturbing the peaceful”!! but revenge is sweet.

- /27 1. N.L.Millward n/d [1 May 1941]
2. Dear People
2 page letter: 1. How do you like the snap of Fred and I on the tandem? Did you ever see anyone looking so happy, or so foolish!! Talk about Geo Formby!!! See the resemblance. Today I was up in front of the Captain, all dressed up in my “Sunday Best”, my request to be rated “Coder” was granted by him, so that I now earn 3s 9d per day instead of 2s 6d, so shan’t have to stint myself quite so much!
[dated Thursday 1 May only. 1 May fell on a Thursday in 1941]
- /28 1. N.L. Millward 13 May 1941
2. My Dear People
6 page letter: 1. I must warn you at the outset that this will be, must be a shorter letter than usual. Only 2 weeks have gone by since my last epistle and we are still at sea, so news is naturally restricted. I am still fortunate in my friends, and my cabin master, especially the South Waleian! He’s a dab hand at poetry and writes some jolly good stuff.
- /29 1. N.L. Millward 22 May 1941
2. Dear Ones 2 page letter: 1. Today I got into port, full of beans at the prospect of mail, only to have the bottom knocked out of my little world, by your telegram. Afraid I lost any trace of manliness I might have possessed and “broke down”. Poor Johnny, all his little whims and fancies have been fleeting thro’ my mind continuously. I’m trying to convince myself that it was Gods’ will, but why, why? Oh Johnny, I will never see you again.
- /30 1. N.L. Millward 29 May 1941
2. My Dear Folk
10 page letter: 1. Have been wondering how you all are, I am glad to tell you that I am much my own old self again, but ever my thoughts are of Jack. I am rather anxious to know the details. You know doubt have written and sent the local paper before this, so I will ask no more questions.
- /31 1. N.L. Millward 6 Jun 1941
2. Dear People
5 page letter: 1. There is a great air of excitement aboard, for we know that in the course of a week or two, we shall be having 14 days leave – not at home – or England, out here, and this prospect pleases more than any.
- /32 1. N.L. Millward 13 Jun 1941
2. Dear Folks
4 page letter: 1. Quite a lot has happened since I last wrote. We just had two days in port, took a short ferry ride, we were returning to the ship when Tony suggests we go through the railway station, we might see something, sure enough there was, one of those massive engines, we looked around and got invited up to inspect it, and took us for a trip 5 miles out, I got to work the whoo whoo whistle and Fred brought it to a standstill. Can you imagine an English engine driver doing that?

- /33 1. N.L. Millward 13 Jul 1941
 2. Dear Folks
 8 page letter, and an insert: 1. At long last a letter. I've been having such a wonderful time and working the rest of my hours I've had no time for writing, and it's exactly a month today since I wrote. In this letter I am going to tell you all about my holiday and a later letter will cover all your queries.
- /34 1. N.L. Millward 18 Aug 1941
 2. Dear Folks
 8 page letter: 1. First and foremost I am much relieved to read that Father at long last appears to be much better, but plenty of room for improvement. It is encouraging to know that you, mum and Cis are sticking it out so well. I wish I could transmit to you some of the faith and self composure I seem to have these days. I see you are still querying if I get the local paper, sure, I do enjoy it.
- /35 1. N.L. Millward 29 Aug 1941
 2. My Dear People
 4 page letter, plus an insert: 1. I see you didn't forget the date I joined up (must stop here, someone on the wireless is singing "There's no place like home" don't I know it, and all the ships company) on again, yes mum, much has happened in that 12 months but, regrettably nothing of credit to mankind
- /36 1. N.L. Millward 6 Sep 1941
 2. My Dear Folks
 5 page letter: 1. After about 3 months of no real sea going, we are now once more plying our old trade, and a strange feeling it is, something like being at home again after a long leave, but not quite so pleasant. We are experiencing again the pleasures of beautiful sun risings and sunsets, capricious waves and white horses, the gentle roll of the ship.
- /37 1. N.L. Millward n/d [25 Dec 1941]
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Greeting! I'm wondering how you are all faring today? Somewhat differently to myself! As you know we left on the Monday, and were soon out to the open sea once again, to the roll of the ship and all it's underlying feelings, and I regret to say that for 2 days I was far from happy, I was beginning to think that the Xmas day dinner I had so eagerly looked forward to was going to be 'passed by' by yours truly. [dated 'Xmas Day', numbered as letter no 40]
- /38 1. N.L. Millward 1 Jan 1942
 2. Dear Folks
 4 page letter: 1. This is New years Day!!, we had an egg for breakfast, otherwise I shouldn't have realised the fact. I greeted the year in fine form, I had the middle watch, 12 to 4 am!! I wonder can you imagine it, going into a small office, occupied by three of us, no ventilation to speak of, foul air, intense and terrific heat, and having to play around with figures for 4 hours. From today we are allowed to sling our hammocks on deck, so I hope to have an enjoyable nights rest.
- /39 1. N.L. Millward n/d [Jan 1942]
 2. Dear Folks
 8 page letter: 1. The day after writing my last letter we got into port. It was all very exciting, especially sighting land. Very mountainous, yet

down to the waters edge were many palm trees, date palms. There were lovely snug little lagoons tucked away, just such a setting as Dorothy Lamour loves to frequent in her "wild pictures".

[numbered as letter no 42]

/40 1. N.L. Millward 28 Jan 1942

2. Dear Folks

8 page letter: 1. Much have I to tell of interest. Caught the ferryboat over to the mainland. The natives were by far the most colourful I have ever seen. There is no food rationing here, we just take full advantage of it. We eat mostly at a very modern Y.M.C.A., this is what we normally order, cold meat, salad, bread & butter and coffee, followed by fresh fruit salad and ice cream, at the price of 8d, yes eight pence.

/41 1. N.L. Millward 4 Feb 1942

2. Dear Folks

4 page letter: 1. Dame fortune continues to smile upon us, we are still very much enjoying the amenities that this fine city has to offer. I had three days on board, then last Saturday Tony and I did the grand. We thumbed a lift off someone going to the races, and they asked us to join them. I don't know much about racing or racecourses, but I should say, without fear of favour that this is one of the prettiest in the world.

/42 1. N.L. Millward 10 Feb 1942

2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan

6 page letter: 1. The day after writing my last letter we set sail, at short notice, so I expect it will be a month to six weeks before we can hope for any news from dear old England. Anyway "no news is good news" so they say. I know you will continue to show a brave front, but also know how you are suffering at heart, and I am afraid the strain will tell. So please mum look after yourself.

/43 1. N. L. Millward 15 Feb 1942

2. Dear Folks

4 page letter: 1. This heat is just about killing me. I sweat bucketfuls daily, my appetite remains good, but the food on board now is poor, we can however get lots of delicious fruits extremely cheaply. Occasionally I make myself fruit drinks, we can always draw ice cold water, they really are the last word. Dudley and Brian should be here, they would love all this fruit.

/44 1. N. L. Millward 26 Feb 1942

2. My Dear Folks

4 page letter: 1. Last Monday we arrived in port again, fully expecting a big mail, we were disappointed, it had been sent to the port we had just left. I wonder are you getting my mail, I sent an aircable when we arrived. Tuesday, Tony, another friend and I set off to see the monkeys, as usual Tony knows where they are. A picturesque native woman and her child sold us bananas and monkey nuts, and the child took us part of the way. What a laugh, soon they were coming from all directions, large, small, parents and children, chattering away as they leapt from tree to tree. We were more timid than the monkeys, and they were soon taking the bananas out of our hands, one of the strangest sights I have ever seen.

/45 1. N. L. Millward 11 Mar 1942

2. Dear Mum, Ciss, Alan and All

12 page letter: 1. The most unbelievable has happened, at long last and quite by accident, we have caught up with our mail, and great was our

- rejoicing, especially in my case, for I collected 31 letters and xmas cards. It took me all afternoon on the day received to go through them all.
- /46 1. N. L. Millward 26 Mar 1942
 2. Dear Folks
 12 page letter: 1. We have just finished 3 weeks at sea. We are having a few days respite now, or supposedly, in our case it is not working out quite so well. The reason being we are keeping sea watch, which means that we can only go ashore once in three days. I will describe my one trip of 4 hours duration. The bus took us into the heart of the town, but one couldn't help observing the colourful tropical plants.
- /47 1. N. L. Millward 12 Apr 1942
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 6 page letter: 1. Letter 18 Jan 42 from Ciss, How lovely it all sounds, another fall of snow, skating on the lake, and plenty of frost. I'd change it any day, for this terrific heat.
- /48 1. N. L. Millward 19 Apr 1942
 2. My Dear Folks
 10 page letter: 1. Once again we put to sea, after spending a wonderful week in a new port, which we found very exciting, and quite different to anything we have encountered before. Camera's were clicking long before we anchored, the waters were agog with Indian Dhows, their large white sails billowing out wit the breeze. In no time natives were aboard selling knick knacks, and offering to "manicure nails", needless to say they had no clients.
- /49 1. N. L. Millward 28 Apr 1942
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Brief stay in port again. The season of the monsoons was upon us, and we experienced terrific storms, lightening at night, some rainbows were simply wonderful. I had never seen rainbows at night before, perfectly clear.
- /50 1. N. L. Millward 7 May 1942
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Our last trip out was one of the most dangerous we have yet undertaken, and came through with flying colours. The ship was packed to capacity, allsorts, and one could hardly move, but now we are our normal ships company again, and can move around with absolute freedom.
 There is a great sports activity on board and next time in a suitable port promises to be a lively one. I am involved in a football match, playing for my part of the ship against another part, in a sort of "league cup" affair.
- /51 1. N.L. Millward 26 May 1942
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 2 page letter: 1. Today is your birthday Mum, and although so far away I am very much with you in thought. I sent off a greetings cablegram several days ago, I wonder did you get them on the 26th. You will no doubt have noticed the great gap in the dates of my last letter and this one, well, the reason is that just before we got into port a case of smallpox was discovered, and on entering the harbour we were quarantined. For a week we were not allowed ashore. After quarantine we were allowed to go free, and 4 days were allocated to each watch.

- /52 1. N. L. Millward 27 May 1942
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 14 page letter: 1. As promised yesterday, I will go straight into my account of our 4 days leave. We set off for the railway station. Almost from the start we were climbing, the outline of the mountains made a magnificent picture. The travelling conditions however were far from ideal.
- /53 1. N. L. Millward 15 Jun 1942
 2. Dear Folks
 12 page letter: 1. How are you all? It seems years since I really heard from you. I seem to have very little to write about, nothing of any consequence has happened since our 4 days in camp
- /54 1. N. L. Millward 26 Jun 1942
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 8 page letter: 1. Since my last letter to you we have put to sea again, after a lapse of 5 weeks everyone was quite relieved to be under weigh. This trip so far has been uneventful, yet quite interesting, from a tourist point of view. After 48 hours sailing we put into a natural harbour in amongst a series of islands, now chiefly inhabited by our troops and a few natives. The water is the clearest I have seen, I looked over the side and could see the ships "bottom".
- /55 1. N. L. Millward 1 Jul 1942
 2. Dear Folks
 8 page letter: 1. I am now on middle watch (for once mercifully quiet), the hour is 1.45am and I am attempting a letter. Two days ago on putting into port, much disappointment, no mail. Now we are a day or so of yet another port, and are almost definitely assured we shall collect a large amount of mail, if this should prove false, there will be a riot on board.
- /56 1. N.L. Millward 5 Jul 1942
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. The miracle has happened, we have received our third mail and as ever 'yours truly' was one of the really fortunate ones collecting 40 letters and 2 parcels. Had a thrilling time reading them. Took me all of 7 hours, I was up until midnight!! My fan mail consisted of 20 from "Southlea" (including your Whitsun gift Mum, very many thanks). 6 from America (including a box of chocs)
- /57 1. N.L. Millward 10 Jul 1942
 2. Dear Folks,
 4 page letter: 1. Just a short note, there is an opportunity to get off some mail. I shall not have sufficient time to deal with the mail I so recently received, but it was grand getting it. Did not go ashore this time in port, it looked inviting. The weather has become considerably cooler and much more windy. I have my album bang up to date with 214 snaps in it, I reckon to date it has cost £6.9s.0d!!!!. By the way, try and get hold of the daily Telegraph for March 3rd, there is a long article about us in it.
- /58 1. N.L. Millward 24 Jul 1942
 2. Mr & Mrs T.H. Rowlands
 Airgraph: 1. Why the long silence? In my last large mail, to my great surprise (or regret) there was no letter from you. Hope I've not offended in any way. I admit my correspondence to you has been somewhat lax, but Mum sends on my letters home

- /59 1. N. L. Millward 25 Jul 1942
 2. Dear Folks,
 12 page letter: 1. As promised in yesterday's Airgraph, herewith the letter! The run we have just concluded was a most interesting one. Aboard we call the run "Around the Islands", but most of them were nothing more than coconut plantations, and no shore leave granted. The last time ashore, the town was quite large with some few modern shops, a veritable mixture of every type of shop and bazaar under the sun, dirty and smelly, or clean and fresh. Sugar was 10lbs for 1s 6d, and we wished we had the means of getting some home to you, lovely white cane sugar.
- /60 1. N.L. Millward 6 Aug 1942
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. Felt sure on arrival in port today I would collect some news of home but disappointed, only a small mail, a letter from Freddie, he is making solo flights and is probably well on his way to Canada now where he completes his training. He wishes I was his navigator.
- /61 1. N.L. Millward 17 Aug 1942
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. Have just returned from ashore and a visit to Glasgow Jones' brother in his business. He was pleased to see me and cordially invited me to dinner, and much to my regret I was unable to accept.
- /62 1. N.L. Millward 17 Aug 1942
 2. Mrs H. R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. I have not been ashore here much as I have had rather a severe cold with headaches, but am much improved and have spectacles for working purposes so anticipate no more heads.
- /63 1. N.L. Millward 17 Aug 1942
 2. Mr & Mrs T.H. Rowlands
 Airgraph: 1. We have received another small mail and still no letter from you, what have I done to deserve this? Anyway I shall not be writing again until I hear from you, that's drastic isn't it.
- /64 1.N.L. Millward 18 Aug 1942
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 12 page letter: 1. Here we are at sea again, after all the heat we have been experiencing the change of temperature at this last port was rather terrific and sudden. Half the ships company caught colds, the other half (or the same half) ate something that very much disagreed with them. I numbered as one of the victims, I can still taste the castor oil, ugh!!! Three mornings I went ashore for eye tests for new spectacles, a most thorough examination, and new specs.
- /65 1. N.L. Millward 6 Sep 1942
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. A most surprising and exciting event, the missing batch of mail was waiting for us in port and I collected 17 letters and your wire. Lol and Jen's monetary contributions were included therein, also Mu and Trevor's so it was most timely. Had a good day ashore yesterday with the usual 'big eats' but the heat is fairly intense.
- /66 1. N. L. Millward 12 Sep 1942
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Excuse pencil, but it has just been piped that mail will close in an hour, we were caught napping, thinking we should not have

an opportunity to write for a while. We were not many days in our last port, but I thoroughly enjoyed it. We drove through the more refined parts of the town, and on to the more native quarters, to the markets, silk, silver and fruit. Soon we were surrounded by beggars of every type imaginable.

- /67 1. N.L. Millward 12 Sep 1942
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. I wonder when I shall hear from you again? These last weeks and days especially long. I have re-lived my last long leave spent at home and my heart has been heavy and my spirits low, I have done much thinking.
- /68 1. N.L. Millward 19 Sep 1942
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. A Merry Xmas. A year to now I was home on leave, a happy and a sad leave. Lately I have lived those days over and over again with very mixed feeling, but I'd give anything to be there now. Would rather make Xmas though.
- /69 1. N.L. Millward 6 Oct 1942
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Hope you are not too disappointed not receiving letters from me but conditions make it quite impossible for me these days.
- /70 1. N.L. Millward 11 Oct 1942
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. A grand surprise this week, I received your air mail card of 20 Aug 42. Came in just over six weeks, the quickest yet. Mighty glad you are all happy. No I have not yet contacted any boys from Llandod, no such luck. Send season's greetings to everyone from me, no cards here
- /71 1. N.L. Millward 16 Oct 1942
2. Dear Folks
4 page letter: 1. A great thrill today, we have received mail and 2 parcels, the parcels from the welfare association, writing pads, mittens, toothpaste etc.
Most of the letters were from you, yes Mum I have received the monetary contributions very many thanks. So Alan is a Home Guard and likes it, hope it doesn't mean he has finished with the band? Any news since registering Ciss? How do you feel about it? I was pleased to know you keep so well and cheerful, Mum, don't attempt too much work. Give my regards to all the kind enquiries, and my dear ones. God bless you all and keep you safe.
- /72 1. N.L. Millward 24 Oct 1942
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. If you finally decide to go Mu for your hols, you'll be well looked after, but can't you make Alan go too? Thank you mum for getting flowers for our loved ones, would be grateful if you would for xmas please.
- /73 1. N.L. Millward 27 Oct 1942
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Out of the blue today came 2 Airgraphs, or rather air mail cards, yours of 10th September and Muriel's of August 25th. Please thank everyone for the cards and kind wishes. Here's wishing you all as happy a time as circumstances permit, and plenty of good eats, hope we are in

- harbour for it.
- /74 1. N.L.Millward 10 Nov 1942
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. In the near future I am hoping to pick up some news of you, we are all excited at the thought of it. After 2 months in obscurity we are at last eagerly anticipating a trip ashore, in fact several trips, with the prospect of some good grub, first and foremost, and some light entertainment & sight seeing, etc.
- /75 1. N.L. Millward 12 Nov 1942
2. Dear Fred
4 x A4 page letter: 1. If my memory serves me rightly I had covered my activities up to, but not including our 3 days joyous leave in early June. So here goes. After 6 months of intense heat we put into port and were immediately quarantined, Purvis having contracted smallpox, and were thus for 5 weeks, and then 3 days leave to each watch at a navy rest camp in the mountains.
- /76 1. N.L. Millward 21 Nov 1942
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
2 page Air mail letter: 1. Yet another form of letter writing which we are assured will take even less time. Yesterday we were granted 24 hours leave, and Welby and myself decided to go the whole hog. We left the ship at 7am, caught an express train and journeyed in comparative comfort the 128 miles to our destination. We thoroughly explored the town, and particularly the native quarter, were laughed at, and joined in with the laughter, for Welby is great fun and gets into places which 99% of the ships company know ever nothing about.
- /77 1. N.L. Millward 1 Dec 1942
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
2 page Air mail letter: 1. Here we are again, happy as can be!!!! We are back in our "retreat" enjoying summer like days, lots of ships activities, films, and recently the first edition of our own paper, printed by a firm ashore, as copies were limited I was only able to secure 1 copy, later if permissible I will sent it, and you will see for yourselves.
- /78 1. N.L.Millward 12 Dec 1942
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Out of the blue have come 3 Airgraphs, yours dated 28th September, Rhoda 15th September and Rocks Mary 18th October. I have received all monies sent, thanking you! There are lots of activities afoot these days, many secret rehearsals for hush hush events of Xmas day, which promises to be really entertaining.
- /79 1. N.L. Millward 18 Dec 1942
2. Dear Folks
2 page air mail letter: 1. A week today is Xmas day, I wonder what it holds in store for us. Very pleased to know that you are getting my Airgraph:s so regularly, but my goodness what a time my letters take to get to you. I am pleased you like the tea, and that it was in good condition, did you have to pay any duty on it? How did the church festival go? Would love to have been there for it, my favourite service of the year.
- /80 1. N.L. Millward 28 Dec 1942
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Well Christmas has come and gone, and I'm wondering

how you fared. If everyone was and is well. If "eats" were plentiful and a 101 things, goodness knows when I shall hear. You'll be glad to hear we had quite a wonderful time on board, lots better than last year. In the afternoon everyone was sleeping off the effects of a huge scrumptious dinner. We had Tomato Soup, Turkey with peas, baked spuds etc, followed by a Christmas pudding that would do any housewife credit, even the sauce was good. We were also issued with one bottle of beer and a cigar and were further able to buy supplies of nuts from the canteen. The big event of the day was the xmas concert., and it proved 3 hours of solid honest to goodness fun.

- /81 1. N.L. Millward 2 Jan 1943
2. Miss F.J. Millward
Airgraph: 1. First and foremost "very happy returns of the day" Well we are in another new year. I wonder what the fates have in store for us, more than anything I hope "peace" with the opportunity of settling down in the hometown again.
- /82 1. N.L. Millward 6 Jan 1943
2. Dear Folks
4 page letter: 1. We have been away now for over 12 months, we are all agreed, it's far too long to be away from ones home. We have been anchored here for 4 months, no shore leave, except one short break. We have to rely on our resourcefulness to stave off the boredom. The last big event was the ships concert on New Years Eve, lasting from 8.15 to 11.40!! The weather has been quite cool these past 2 months, nights have been really cold, I had to give up sleeping on deck, and now sling my hammock on the promenade deck.
- /83 1. N.L. Millward 7 Jan 1943
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
Airgraph: 1. Just a few hurried lines. I have written to Mrs Greenwood, the mother of the late John Greenwood, who was a radio cadet on this ship. When sending his luggage home, accidentally my small suit case was sent with it, I have asked Mrs Greenwood to kindly send it to you. I said you would refund any expenses, would you please. Her son succumbed to heat stroke in September.
- /84 1. N.L. Millward 11 Jan 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Just received another small air mail with Mums Airgraph: of 24 Sep 42,(rather delayed, have received much later ones!) one from Tucker and 2 xmas wires, one from Jones' of Howey and one from Mum and Alan, this latter one has bothered me a lot, for I can't understand why Cis' name is not on it. There's nothing amiss is there? Please let me know as soon as possible.
- /85 1. N.L. Millward 12 Jan 1943
2. Dear Aunt Janet,
3 page air mail letter: 1. What a wonderful day this has been, an all too rare "Mail-day" and the first batch of xmas letters and cards. Thank you so much for your usual newsy letter, xmas card, and of course the "bradbury" (I just had room for one more in my wallet!!)
- /86 1. N.L. Millward 19 Jan 1943
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
4 page letter: 1. Sorry to let Alan down, why did he think I should be

turning up, no such luck yet awhile. I hope his optimism is well founded and the war really is over within the next 12 months, I should love to spend my next xmas at home. Fancy, I have missed the last 3, how time flies. I hear from an independent source that he looks very well in his uniform, how about a photo Al? Seems to me the H.G. devotes more time to manoeuvres than the regulars.

- /86a 1. N L Millward 19 Jan 1943
2. Rooks, Mary and Derek Phillips
Air mail letter: 1 congratulates 2 on the birth of a son.
- /87 1. N.L.Millward 31 Jan 1943
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
3 page letter: 1. My relief knew no bounds today, we had an unexpected airmail, and I had news of you at 17th December. Tucker and Cedric are lucky blighters, home for xmas and tea at Southlea. I was glad to read you were going to spend xmas with Mu and Trev again. I wonder how you enjoyed yourselves. I hope you managed to fill the stockings again, I well remember helping last year.
- /88 1. N.L.Millward 9 Feb 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. They have just piped mail will close with a hasty note to let you know all is well with me, am extremely fit and quite happy. The quiz contest is well under way, and on Sunday the "Welsh Wizards" were unfortunately defeated by 2 points by a Scots team. I was unable to take part owing to my being on watch, just my luck!
- /89 1. N.L. Millward 13 Feb 1943
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
3 page airmail letter: 1. Once again I have received all monies sent from all sources. Alan seems to be getting it pretty hard in the HG, sounds worse than the army. You didn't say whether they did succeed in taking Newtown!! I had a card from Maud and a very cute card from the children, I'll wager they were lucky girls at xmas. I have counted how many words there are in this letter up to here! 1488 surprising isn't it.
- /90 1. N.L.Millward 27 Feb 1943
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
Airgraph: 1. Life continues much as ever, but we are all longing for a spot of leave, anything to get off the ship, and get some good eats and see new faces, it's over 3 months since we last had the opportunity. We have a new batch of films on board, and we were all taken with "Balalaika", and several others promise to be good
- /91 1. N.L.Millward 2 Mar 1943
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
2 page letter: 1. Just a hurried note, Taff Rees, my onetime cabin mate and friend for all time, has been on board. He has had his "draft chit" so has offered to take a letter to the UK to post for me, I can give you all the "dope" You know pretty well our Ports of call, coming out of Freetown, Durban, Mombasa, Colombo(Ceylon) Bombay, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mauritius and the Maldiv Islands.
- /92 1. N.L.Millward 10 Mar 1943
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
3 page airmail letter: 1. We've just had a pleasant surprise, some mail. I had one from Ciss, quite unreadable. I had spent some time in the sea somewhere and as a result it is quite impossible to make head or tail of

- it. I'll keep it for you to see and decode it one day.
- /93 1. N.L.Millward 12 Mar 1943
 2. Dear Doris (Watmough)
 Airgraph: 1. Just as proof that I have not completely forgotten you!!
 Quite the contrary, you are all in my thoughts, and I long to see you all again, but alas!!
 Have been quite perturbed when letters from home keep mentioning that you are not too well. See the doctor, get a tonic, excuse cheek but its essential!!
- /94 1 .N.L.Millward 25 Mar 1943
 2. Dear Mum,Ciss and Alan
 Airgraph: 1. Your stay with Mu and Trev probably put you in good stead for the winter months, now mercifully nearly over, and I can well imagine how thrilled you will be with the advent of spring. Time has passed very quickly and fairly agreeably, so we have little cause for complaint.
- /95 1. N.L. Millward 8 Apr 1943
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 Airgraph: 1. At long last in Port again, we have had 2 runs ashore and have thoroughly enjoyed them. My smoking episode didn't last long and I did not grow a beard, so there are 2 worries less for you mum.
- /96 1. N.L. Millward 15 Apr 1943
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 Airgraph: 1. So glad you have heard from Freddie at last, I asked him to drop you a line sometime ago. Please look after the snaps he sent as we have not seen then yet, but don't bother to send them, they'll keep. By the way films have become very scarce out here, looks as though my photography days are over for a bit.
- /97 1. N.L. Millard 24 Apr 1943
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. It's Easter and how different to past ones we have known! Still they are happy memories. I hope to attend a Nonconformist Service tomorrow morning, Easter Sunday, the first opportunity I shall have for 6 months, so I shall enjoy it.
- /98 1. N.L. Millward 27 Apr 1943
 2. Mrs H.R. Millard
 Airgraph: 1. Have not heard from you for several days!! Somehow we now expect to hear every day, air mail comes so regularly. I forget if I thanked you for your new year's gift of £1 on the 16th. It came just at the right time, whilst we are in port.
- /99 1. N.L. Millward 1 May 1943
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. An Airgraph: all to yourself, just to wish "Very many happy returns of the day" and of course many of them, but preferably spent all together at "HOME"!! I'm a bit doubtful about that taking place in 1944, but thereafter there should be no question about it.
- /100 1. N.L. Millward 5 May 1943
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. Yesterday great surprise, 2 airmails! Dated 25th Nov written when you were on hols at Mu's and 4th Dec with your xmas card! Just over 5 months old. At long last I have met someone I know, Gordon Richards (son of the Knighton Builder), he was in County with me. He

- recognised me in a café and we were both excited, and talked much.
- /101 1. N.L. Millward 13 May 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Glad to know my letters are getting through. Yesterday Tony and I were enjoying a “high tea” in a services canteen (after a Service) when who should sit down in the vacant chair at our table but Lionel Stone, Jo’s partner. I don’t know who was most surprised. He’d only been out here 6 weeks as a corporal in the RAF. Would you please tell Reg Phillips and Alan. That’s 2 contacts in a week.
- /102 1. N.L. Millward 14 May 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. The ships wireless is blaring out “Bless this House”. No need for me to tell you where my thoughts were. Funds were low so we “dined” on board and went direct to the swimming pool, and then a film “ A Hunting We Will Go “.
- /103 1.N.L. Millward 24 May 1943
2 Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. It’s quite a pleasant change writing to you at sea once again, and if conditions were more comfortable it would indeed be really agreeable. As you still have gathered we had generally a very enjoyable stay in port, if somewhat expensive. We welcome this spell at sea, that we may accumulate wealth!
- /104 1. N.L. Millward 5 Jun 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millard
Airgraph: 1. We have still no opportunity of picking up mail, and as you may imagine, we are all anxious to do so. I fortunately contacted “Toc H” and had grand chats with the Padre, Secretary and others. They have a private beach (with shark netting) a canteen, lounge, library, games room, and are doing a wonderful job of work.
- /105 1.N.L. Millward 13 Jun 1943
2 Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. You can probably imagine where my thoughts are and just exactly where I would like to be on this day – the 13th!! Instead of which I am somewhere on a vast expanse of water.
- /106 1. N.L. Millward 16 Jun 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. At long last the impossible has happened – MAIL – I had 27!! Took a long time to read them all. Many thanks for the Easter Gift Mum. It was grand to know that you were all well and happy
- /107 1. N.L. Millward 16 Jun 1943
2. Mr Alan Millward
Airgraph: 1. Here’s wishing you a jolly good “BIRTHDAY” and all the luck in the world and let’s hope by this time next year we shall be able to enjoy it as a re-united family.
- /108 1. N.L. Millward 16 Jun 1943
2. Miss J. Owens
Airgraph: 1. So glad to hear from home how wonderfully fit you continue to keep – still quite the “Lion of the family”! I do wish however you would take it a little easier – take a holiday!
- /109 1. N.L. Millward 21 Jun 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph:: 1. I have been in particularly high spirits lately – for 3 days

running have received Airgraphs.

Should love to have been at the Choral Festival, Ciss, glad it was such a success. I heard the St David's Choir on the wireless tonight and was quite thrilled, I joined in lustily.

- /110 1. N.L. Millward 27 Jun 1943
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
1 page airmail letter: 1. We have been quite active in port so far, having a jolly good time. For me it started off a bit shaky, a visit to the hospital ship to have a troublesome tooth taken out, the Dentist knew his job, and I am 100% again.
- /111 1. N.L. Millward 28 Jun 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Just a hasty note to let you know I have received a few more Airgraphs. I am particularly fit and well, and of late enjoying life. Several picture shows on board, an ENSA concert party, really quite funny, and a game of football.
- /112 1. N.L. Millward 7 Jul 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. In a few days time I am hoping to pick up some news of you, good news I hope. Just before sailing I heard from Mu and Filo, I was pleased to know that you were there for Whitsun. The "kitchen garden" sounds terrific, I bet you did well – especially the strawberries.
- /113 1. N.L. Millward 19 Jul 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Have received quite a mail from you, (on the 9th) but we were off to sea too soon after receipt to enable me to reply. Meaning of 3/3 no, we are no longer allowed to mention weather conditions. Glad Alan has bought new Radio & Gramophone, I was going to get one after the war, no need now.
- /114 1. N.L. Millward 19 Jul 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. I envy Bones and Tucker their regular visits home – still my day must come! Looking forward to the Easter snaps – any good? Any luck re my film? Thank you Ciss for always remembering the "boys" birthdays for me
- /115 1. N.L. Millward 19 Jul 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. I have very little to report. We had a very short stay in our last port, but Tony and I managed to get in one very enjoyable run ashore. We saw a very funny film, Bob Hope, Lamar and Bing Crosby "The Road to Morocco"
- /116 1. N.L. Millward 21 Jul 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. My wish came true and I picked up quite a nice batch of mail today, 13 in all. It was all most pleasant and made me feel a million dollars!
- /117 1. N.L. Millward 24 Jul 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. In port again – but not another mail! Getting greedy now – for I still have not got over the last "batch" We spent 2 most enjoyable days ashore way up in the hills, somewhat like the Brecon Beacons in parts, except that we passed sugar plantations, tropical plants, native

- quarters etc.
- /118 1.N.L. Millward 26 Jul 1943
2.Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Have been very much enjoying life these past few days with plenty of exercise and fairly “big eats”. One day Ray and I went ashore and after a meal in the canteen, hired cycles and went for a grand ride into the country.
- /119 1.N.L. Millward 30 Jul 1943
2.MrsH.R Millward
Airgraph: 1. Here we are, on the high seas, and another “bank holiday” approaching. Would that we were at home to spend it with our own folk – but it is not to be. The trend of events seem to suggest that in the not too far distant future the whole “bally show” will be over and we will be re-united again, god hasten that day
- /120 1. N.L. Millward 5 Aug 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. All is well this end, no cause to worry. Wilby and myself have started a PT course on our own, which we perform in apparent seclusion on the boat deck each evening.
- /121 1. N.L. Millward 12 Aug 1943
2 Dear Folk,
8 page letter: [Mombasa] 1. Port at last! Three weeks battering against heavy, seething seas, a safe anchorage, accompanied by an almost audible sigh of relief emanating from the whole ship’s company. Twenty three months the commission has now been, with no “long leave”, do you wonder we are all, in the naval parlance “chokker”?
- /122 1. N.L. Millward 14 Aug 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. We really expected to pick up mail today and were very disappointed! Fortunes of war! A crowd of us went ashore and spent all the afternoon swimming, incidentally “big eats”. Watched two football matches, the Navy beat up the RAF 2-0 in a first class game.
- /123 1. N.L. Millward 20 Aug 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Out of the blue a letter from you. You need not worry about me losing weight, I’m back up to 12 stone again, worse luck!! I have a long letter I promised recently now ready for post, but expect it will be some time before you get it.
- /124 1. N.L. Millward 24 Aug 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Have been making a valiant effort to get my correspondence up to date. No shore new to report. Have just come from the ships cinema, saw Fred Astaire and Rita Heyworth.
- /125 1. N.L. Millward 30 Aug 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. It is just after midnight and I have taken over for the middle watch so maybe you can guess how I am feeling, no sleep this afternoon, very little before coming on watch, but three glorious hours to come afterwards. It will soon be “Harvest Festival” my favourite service of the year, and once again I will miss it.
- /126 1. N.L. Millward 3 Sep 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward

- Airgraph: 1. Today – the National Day of Prayer and the culmination of 4 years of war, promises to be quite a good day for me. At 10 o'clock we have a service on board taken by the Toc H Padre.
- /127 1. N.L. Millward 3 Sep 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. I wonder how everyone is – it seems ages since I last heard. I know you will be feeling very sad this month – how my mind travels back to my homecoming – almost twelve months to now. I keep remembering those last days with dear Father, and the more I think the more I realise our great loss
- /128 1. N.L. Millward 4 Sep 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Writing is becoming increasingly difficult for now our “life” is sheer repetition, same thing day in day out, with no prospect of relief for some time, and with no mail to reply to, you can perhaps imagine our unenviable position.
- /129 1. N.L. Millward 4 Sep 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. As predicted yesterday was a grand day! At 10 o'clock we had our first church service on board for many months, and it was particularly good. It was “open air” and was enjoyed by all the ship’s company. In the afternoon I played in a cricket match, and afterwards polished off chops, eggs, tomatoes, sausages and chips, not forgetting the bowl of grapes “free”
- /130 1. N.L. Millward 17 Sep 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. You must be getting accustomed to my opening remarks – once again no mail, it really is getting beyond a joke – we begin to suspect we are a “forgotten people”. Yesterday I had a grand time, leave from 9am to 7pm
- /131 1. N.L. Millward 9 Oct 1943
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
3 page airmail letter: Edition 1
1. The miracle has happened! mail at last and lots of it. Altogether I had 41 and I spent all of yesterday forenoon reading it, and was I happy. Now to the answering.
- /132 1. N.L. Millward 9 Oct 1943
2. Dear Folks
3 page airmail letter: Edition 2
1. Read this after edition 1, and so to answering the rest of the 41 letters.
- /133 1. N.L. Millward 18 Oct 1943
2. Miss J. Owens
Airgraph: 1. Much regret being absent for the Choral Festival, a real musical treat, ah well my day will come, and won't I appreciate it.
- /134 1. N.L. Millward 24 Oct 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Christmas and New year Greeting. With this comes my every good wish, my sincere prayers.
- /135 1. N.L. Millward 24 Oct 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Another batch of mail received, whoopee!! Over 20, all Airgraphs and letter cards. So glad the small parcel brought such

pleasure. Once again, I really do not want for anything, so a parcel from you is not required.

/136 1. N.L. Millward 1 Nov 1943
2. Mr Alan Millward

/137 Airgraph: 1. Cartoon Drawing – Hope you like my artistic effort Al?!
1. N.L. Millward 3 Nov 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Just to let you know all is well with me, in fact I am particularly fit and seemingly very happy – actually life for us these days is quite good

/138 1. N.L. Millard 14 Nov 1943
2. H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Afraid I’ve been neglecting you, its 10 days since last I wrote. I have been busy getting my xmas mail off, I did nearly 40 of them. Incidentally there won’t be a xmas cable this year, that service is suspended over the festive season.

/139 1. N.L. Millward 18 Nov 1943
2. Mr E. & Miss D. Watmough
Airgraph: 1. Cartoon Drawing – I have been rather perturbed to read in recent mail from the folks of uncle’s illness, so was mighty relieved yesterday to know you were in Aberystwyth, enjoying a more than well earned rest.

/140 1.N.L. Millward 18 Nov 1943
2.Mr & Mrs Glyn Millward
Airgraph: 1. Have just received your Air mail Letter Card sent whilst on holiday – and how I envy you, not so much the “seaside”(I’ve had my fill!) as the holiday!

/141 1. N.L. Millward 21 Nov 1943
2. Mrs H.R Millward
Airgraph: 1. It was really grand to have you’re A.G. from Aber, and I trust this will find you reaping the benefits of your stay. Needless to say I was disappointed to know Alan had disobeyed orders, but still hope he will take some time off and maybe visit Murial, Go to it Al!

/142 1. N.L. Millward 25 Nov 1943
2. Miss J. Owens
Airgraph: 1. Cartoon Drawing – Here we be, tall Tony, fat me!

/143 1. N.L. Millward 25 Nov 1943
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. Cartoon Drawing – Here you see Tony and myself “toasting” you all – and our wish is “Health, happiness, prosperity and every success in 1944”

/144 1. N.L.Millward 30 Nov 1943
2. Dear folks
3 page airmail letter: 1. A day ashore! We left the ship in one of our cutters under sail and set off at a lively pace, but soon the wind dropped and for half an hour we were becalmed, then wind again and we ran before it at a spanking speed and found it most exhilarating. After being out for one and half hours at 10.30 we got close in to a glorious stretch of sand, glistening white in the sun. Dropped anchor and diving over the side and landing. Continues onto 2nd letter

/145 1. N.L.Millward 7 Dec 1943
2. Dear Folks

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| | 3 page airmail letter: Continuation of /144 | |
| | 1. We now have Sunday night concerts and we Welsh lads have got together to form a choir. | |
| /146 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Mrs H.R. Millward Airgraph: 1. This is just a covering airgraph to an airmail letter card I intend getting off to you today, wonder which you will get first? Time waits not however and the end of another year is in sight and I have set great hopes on 1944 – maybe the end of the war – or more selfishly maybe some leave for me at home! | 7 Dec 1943 |
| /147 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Mrs H.R. Millward Airgraph: 1. Our good fortune continues another mail and my first xmas greeting and presents, but our “big” mail for xmas is still to come, we hope!! | 10 Dec 1943 |
| /148 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Miss F.J. Millward Airgraph: 1. Cartoon drawing and poem, “Picture of an unhappy horse” | 13 Dec 1943 |
| /149 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Mr Alan Millward Airgraph: 1. Cartoon drawing and poem. “The camel with the disdainful Air” | 13 Dec 1943 |
| /150 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Mrs H.R. Millward Airgraph: 1. Now I am going to make your mouth water, for yesterday out menu for xmas day was posted up, here it is! Breakfast, preserved apricots, porridge, egg, bacon and sausage, b& b, marmalade. Dinner, tomato soup, roast turkey, roast spuds, green peas, xmas pudding, fresh fruit and nuts. Tea, sandwich, mince pies, xmas cake. Supper, cold pork, salad and preserved fruit. | 22 Dec 1943 |
| /151 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan 3 page airmail letter: 1. The great day is here and for me at least it has started well, for immediately after breakfast I found a quiet spot and opened up my 3 letter cards airgraph, that I had been saving, and the first thing that hit me was the PO for 20/- , mum. Most timely and very many thanks. Our dinner was exceptionally good, tomato soup, roast spuds, green peas and seasoning, and the turkey was very more-ish. The pudding was rich and black, and plentiful followed by an apple, orange and nuts. | 25 Dec 1943 |
| /152 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Dear Folk (3 page letter) airmail 1. Continuing my “xmas story” Before going down to supper I made a sick visit to one of my oldest friends, the ships plumber, suffering with a skin disease, and found him cheerful and having every attention and requiring nothing. All I could take him was a cigar. | 25 Dec 1943 |
| 152a | 1. N.L. Millard 2. Alan Millward Airgraph: 1. Christmas Greetings | 1943 |
| 152b | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Masters Dudley & Brian Rowlands Airgraph: 1. Christmas Greetings | 1943 |

- /153 1.N.L.Millward 1 Jan 1944
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan (3 page letter)
 airmail 1. Just come off morning watch, 4am-8am, breakfast 2 sausages, and I am now sat in the sun penning this, and already 9 hours of the New Year have gone by and I know what your thoughts are and how sad you will be feeling, but we must be grateful for such happy memories of our dear loved ones and as time, that great healer, plays her part, so will we be the better able to appreciate their worthy lives.
- /154 1.N.L. Millward 5 Jan 1944
 2.Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. Have little or nothing to write about but somehow felt I wanted to.
- /155 1.N.L.Millward 10 Jan 1944
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 3 page airmail letter: 1. Dame Fortune once again smiles upon us received 10 airmail and Alan's letter card, I easily survived the shock Alan, and it was grand having one of your cheery letters again. Sorry to hear you had a flu epidemic and you and mum are fit and well. Congratulations on your "toys sideline". Hope you made plenty of "dough" with them.
- /156 1.N.L. Millward 17 Jan 1944
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. Two days ago we received some sea mail, and yours truly had 4, but none from home! Actually I'm, almost up to date with my mail from you, so was not disappointed. As usual I am sat out in the sunshine writing this and life seems quite pleasant.
- /157 1. N.L. Millward 19 Jan 1944
 2. Miss F.J. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. Here's wishing you "Very many happy returns" and may health and happiness be your fortune. Would that I was on leave to help in the celebrations.
- /158 1. N.L. Millward 24 Jan 1944
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. Writing this at sea, quite a novel experience! Just 2 hours before we left picked up some mail, quite old stuff some of it. Your note in with the local papers, dated 17th August. Also received some xmas cards dated 6th September.
- /159 1. N.L.Millward 29 Jan 1944
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 3 page airmail letter: 1. Soon after getting in port, mail was piped, and I did very well. Have had two enjoyable runs ashore. The first day with Tony, we walked and walked, it was grand after so long. We had tea and cakes, and then to the pictures to see "Goodbye Mr Chips". Then walked some more and ended up in a smart restaurant and to a seven-course dinner!!!!
- /160 1. N.L. Millward 4 Feb 1944
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. Great Days! Yesterday I received a parcel, very many thanks for the film (they are quite unprocurable) and the socks and cigars. A most pleasant surprise.

- /161 1. N.L. Millward 8 Feb 1944
 2. Mrs H.R Millward
 Airgraph: 1. As you will guess I am “duty coder” today, hence this AG!!
 Have had a couple of very enjoyable runs ashore since last I wrote. Much
 as previous trips already described, apart from a very fine circus,
 performing lions, tigers and elephants, best we have ever seen.
- /162 1. N.L.Millward 11 Feb 1944
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 3 page airmail letter: 1. Nothing has happened since last wrote, so I am
 spreading myself out in this letter, they seem to travel quicker than
 Airgraph:s. I received the Chapel’s xmas gift whilst in port, and I have
 written to Mr Jones. I was bitten by a mosquito while I slept, on the
 eyelid, and woke to find my left eye closed, and blow me if I didn’t
 awake the following morning with my right eye the same.
- /163 1. N.L. Millward 13 Feb 1944
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. Here we go again. Yesterday I had quite a pleasant run
 ashore, we spent the first hour in a rather super Services Canteen, run on
 cafeteria lines. We pushed our trays around and ended up with them
 piled up with grand eats.
- /164 1. N.L.Millward 17 Feb 1944
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 3 page airmail letter: 1. The miracle has, at long last, happened! I have
 met a local boy. I went ashore three days ago and made a point of calling
 at the RAF post office in this particular port and asked over the counter
 for the whereabouts of one LAC Reg Cheffer. A sergeant also leaning on
 the counter piped up “I know him he’s in our unit” He took a letter for
 me, and arranged to meet Reg the next day.
- /165 1. N.L. Millward 23 Feb 1944
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. Writing whilst at sea and as you will judge she is being
 very kind to us, all is calm and steady and to all intents and purposes we
 are at peace with the world, would that it were true.
- /166 1. N.L. Millward 5 Mar 1944
 2. Mrs H.R. Millward
 Airgraph: 1. As you can see from the date, the day is Sunday. We are in
 port and I am not duty, but have decided to stay on board. We have just
 completed a new and most interesting trip, but to describe it would make
 its whereabouts very obvious, so we are naturally forbidden. Still it will
 keep until the day when I can tell you verbally.
- /167 1. N.L.Millward 7 Mar 1944
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 3 page airmail letter: 1. A pleasant surprise. Came off shore leave and
 was greeted with 5 of your airmail letter cards. To answer them briefly.
 Sorry to disobey you mum but the beard (which makes me look about
 45) stays on, so please get used to the idea!!! The house must be looking
 very nice now, with all the new papering etc. Alan, glad you enjoyed the
 manoeuvres, you did very well with the rifle, not like our little brother. I
 tried 5 rounds on our range on board, 3 targets in a row and I failed to hit
 one of them.

- /168 1. N.L. Millward 8 Mar 1944
 2. Mr & Mrs T.H. Rowlands
 Airgraph: 1. Many thanks for your very newsy letter card of 17/2. Glad to know you are all well and happy, and apparently enjoying life, and Mu quite recovered from the flu.
- /169 1. N.L.Millward 11 Dec 1944
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 2 page letter: 1. Just a brief note to let you know all is well. I really haven't time for a lengthy epistle. Glad to know the parcel arrived safely and was acceptable. Yes Ciss we're having terrible weather here too, in fact it's the wettest winter I can remember.
- /170 1. N.L.Millward 12 Apr 1945
 2. Dear Ciss and Alan,
 2 page letter: 1. Another new address, of course we are not there yet, but expected to be by about Tuesday. We were kitted out yesterday and are now dressed in khaki, looking very smart. We've been very comfortably lodged, food is good, little room for complaint. We seem to be a happy bunch, and I am particularly lucky to have 3 fine friends, and I am the youngest
- /171 1.N.L.Millward 14 Apr 1945
 2.Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. I wish you could see me now we've just eaten a very tasty dinner, cooked over an open wood fire, rested for three quarters of an hour, fallen in and have been temporarily dismissed, presumably to scour the woods in search of more wood for the fire.
- /172 1. N.L.Millward 15 May 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 2 page letter: 1. Travelled for hours today, our "seats" by the end of the day were too sore for words. We had packed lunches of Spam sandwiches, two boiled eggs, 2 oranges and cake. We arrived at Yattendon, a village near Reading, herded into huts, and then had a good big army meal, and some delicious tea. We think army cooking is far superior to ours, much more plentiful.
- /173 1. N.L.Millward 17 May 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 2 page letter: 1. I am writing this on the "high seas" and mercifully as calm as a pancake, and all's well. We left camp at 10.30 for the docks, on board by 1.30. They had a fine hot dinner served, and shortly afterwards set sail, but only for a short distance, and then ashore again.
- /174 1. N.L.Millward 20 May 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 5 Page letter: 1. First and foremost, Mother "Very many happy returns of the 26th", and little did I think I would be sending you greetings from Germany! We arrived in Ostend on Wednesday, soon unshipped, and eventually driven to our army transit camp, where we had a meal and were issued with bedding, sacks of straw and 3 blankets
- /175 1. N.I.Millward 23 May 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan 2 page typed letter: 1. We have settled in nicely, I wish you could see the office and "living-come-bedroom" we have fixed up for ourselves. Our food continues to be well cooked, but then that's natural as we have women cooks and are waited on by them

- as well, naturally they are German folk. Right outside the office two skylarks have their nest, and we spend a lot of the time watching them feed their young. We have roped the area off so no one will tread on it.
- /176 1. N.L.Millward 28 May 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Since my last letter the leave ban has been lifted, and so on Saturday a party of us went ashore and were mighty disappointed. The town has suffered some war damage, but much remains. Tired of parading uninteresting streets we crossed a river and ended up in a park, and suddenly the sky clouded over, a flash of lightning, we found ourselves caught in a pretty heavy thunderstorm.
- /177 1. N.L.Millward 2 Jun 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Have been working like a Trojan these past few days, have had little time for anything apart from eats and sleep. I went out two nights ago with a pal, but after walking round for an hour and so aimlessly, there is absolutely nothing to do in Minden, not even a canteen.
- /178 1. N.L.Millward 4 Jun 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Have recently come back from a long walk in the country with the 3 other coders who are in the same watch as myself, had supper (I feel just as hungry) queued up at the NAAFI which opened here today for a few cigarettes, toothpaste and toilet soap. I wonder Ciss would you mind trying to get a this little book, "The Standard English Expressions, used on all occasions, translated into German" One of the lads has one, it's very useful
- /179 1. N.L.Millward 10 Jun 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Glad to say your letters are coming along splendidly now, I received Ciss' epistle of June 3rd on the 8th, and also the parcels with letters enclosed. Many thanks for everything, especially the 40 cigs! and the baccy. We had a return visit of the Russian entertainers, and although every item was identical with their first performance I thoroughly enjoyed it.
- /180 1. N.L.Millward 13 Jun 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. First things first, very many thanks for my Birthday Greetings and gifts, much appreciated. My birthday has been most eventful, most of the day spent on "watch" it being my long day on. Golly when I remember last years when I was home on leave and compare it with today's. Breakfast was a plate of porridge (today quite good) one-half piece of bread and butter and 1 sardine and 1 biscuit.
- /181 1. N.L.Millward 17 Jun 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. We are just about full up here now, the Admiral arrived Friday night with all his staff, including a large number of WRNS, they really do not compare favourably with the German girls we see here, all fine athletic, sunburnt creatures. We had a grand assembly on Saturday morning, I don't know when I have seen such an imposing array of "gold braid"

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| /182 | <p>1. N.L.Millward</p> <p>2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan</p> <p>4 page letter: 1. Just a wee note to let you know all is well, but really I have absolutely nothing to report, for since my last letter I have had 2 shore leaves and haven't bothered to go out.</p> | 21 Jun 1945 |
| /183 | <p>1. N.L.Millward</p> <p>2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan</p> <p>4 page letter: 1. Very many thanks for the lovely parcel I received Saturday, The cake was lovely, and what a size! half of it went at the first sitting!! but needless to say I did not eat it all myself. Please convey my grateful thanks to Mr Robinson for so kindly supplying the ingredients.</p> | 25 Jun 1945 |
| /184 | <p>1. N.L.Millward</p> <p>2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan</p> <p>4 page letter: 1. You will have heard that Ellis and I have met. He came over, I was on watch at the time but popped down and put him on my bunk, and he talked to some of the boys until I came off watch. He's only the 2nd local lad I've met outside GB</p> | 29 Jun 1945 |
| /185 | <p>1. N.L.Millward</p> <p>2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan</p> <p>4 page letter: 1. Thank mum for your nice letter, received yesterday. I haven't your letter by me know (I'm writing this on watch) so shall have to miss answering any queries you may have raised. My pals and I went out Saturday afternoon to see the film "Rebecca", at long last I saw the film I have been chasing round for years, and I did enjoy it.</p> | 3 Jul 1945 |
| /186 | <p>1. N.L.Millward</p> <p>2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan</p> <p>4 page letter: 1. Conditions here are much the same, the food is more plentiful but not a great variety. Mac has got another draft, this time Berlin. I expect after this the next time we meet will be in civvy street.</p> | 7 Jul 1945 |
| /187 | <p>1. N.L.Millward</p> <p>2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan</p> <p>4 page letter: 1. We've heard once or twice that the food situation is not too good in the UK now, at that true? If so, don't bother to send me parcels, I can manage on our issues now. I also heard that groups 17 to 21 have to be back in England by the end of October, gosh I hope it's right.</p> | 11 Jul 1945 |
| /188 | <p>1. N.L.Millward</p> <p>2. Alan</p> <p>4 page letter: 1. Here's wishing you a very happy birthday, in fact all that you wish yourself, but don't get too drunk!!! Sorry I can't send you anything, but there's absolutely nothing here I can get you. Never mind I will get you some little gadget for the car, when it arrives!!!!</p> | 13 Jul 1945 |
| /189 | <p>1. N.L.Millward</p> <p>2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan</p> <p>4 page letter: 1. Received Ciss' letter of Sunday, today, just 2 days, and you too are now supposed to get mine in about the same time, according to the Skipper, are you? We now get the daily papers only 2 days old, so we can keep abreast of affairs at home quite easily.</p> | 17 Jul 1945 |
| /190 | <p>1. N.L.Millward</p> <p>2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan</p> | 21 Jul 1945 |

- 4 page letter: 1. Today I have some news for you, but maybe you won't be quite as pleased about it as I am. I was sent for this morning and told I could go on graft to Berlin, just for 2-3 weeks, I jumped at it! I have to have all my gear in readiness, but there's no date fixed yet.
- /191 1. N.L.Millward 23 Jul 1945
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
- 2 page letter: 1. Just a note to let you know I'm still in Minden. I spent all Sunday evening packing my gear and sorting it out. I was up at 6 this morning and started my draft routine by 8, Doctor, Dentist, ships office, Captain's office and naval stores.
- /192 1. N.L.Millward 26 Jul 1945
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
- 4 page typed letter: 1. Well here I am writing from Germany's Capital, Berlin. So far I like it very much. We are working our watches to suit ourselves, so have decided on a full day, 24 hours on duty and then 2 days off!! Mac having done the day previous was off duty and we set off to see the sights. Actually we didn't get very far for we made for the famous Stadium where Hitler held all his rally's, and where the Olympic Games and all the big sports events were held, this was not more than half a mile away.
- /193 1. N.L.Millward 29 Jul 1945
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
- 5 page typed letter: 1. I am on duty all day today, unfortunately, for Mac and Alan are going to hear the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra this afternoon, but then, if they are on next Sunday, believe you me I shall be there. On Friday we struck off in any chance direction and walked for most of the forenoon, needless to say much of it had been severely damaged by the blitz. We were continually being stopped for cigarettes, and the kiddies come asking for chocolate.
- /194 1. N.L.Millward 1 Aug 1945
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
- 3 page typed letter: 1. Alan and I took the "underground" to the Plaza to see a film, but first called in the Winston Club for tea, sandwiches and ice cream. We returned to the tube and retraced our steps. A mother with 3 children got into the compartment, with a pram and goodness knows how many bundles. She was bare foot but the children quite well clothed, shod and well mannered. I had half a bar of chocolate in my pocket, which I broke into 6 pieces and gave them 2 each. I wish you could have seen their faces, never have I seen such pleasure registered on kiddies before. I don't know when I've enjoyed a train ride as much.
- /195 1. N.L.Millward 4 Aug 1945
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
- 3 page typed letter: 1. Just a few lines to let you know all is well with me. Life is very pleasant here, I'm fit and well.
- /196 1. N.L.Millward 5 Aug 1945
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan,
- 4 page letter: 1. I was very pleased to get your letter Mum, in reply to the first one proper from me. I also heard from Tucker, written when he was on leave and due for India. I was surprised to know my letters are censored! Was anything cut out? I can't see the necessity for it. Still who cares, I shall be home by xmas, to stay. To think I have completed 5 years, it staggers me.

- /197 1. N.L.Millward 7 Aug 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 2 page letter: 1. Just a hurried note to let you know that I am due to leave Berlin on Friday for Minden again. I am sorry to leave here, its been a grand draft.
- /198 1. N.L.Millward 8 Aug 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 6 page typed letter: 1. After typing my last letter one of the Marines took me to the Church of Scotland Canteen for supper, and afterwards to the Southend Club. The club run by Naafi is a very super place, large dining halls, shooting ranges, a huge boating lake. Sunday I took a walk to the photographers and left a film, and discovered that he had travelled extensively as a stamp dealer and photographer.
- /199 1. N.L.Millward 12 Aug 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Well here I am back in Minden I can't say I find it as pleasant as Berlin.
- /200 1. N.L.Millward 15 Aug 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 1 large page typed: 1. Felt I must write on this first day of peace, world wide peace, and what a way to spend it, nearly all day on watch. This is the first time since I have been in the Navy that I have been in a place where the Main Brace has been spliced, that is, where there has been an extra issue of rum to celebrate a great occasion. I don't draw my rum as you know, but everyone is allowed to join in and as it is such a memorable occasion, I too drew my tot, and for a few minutes felt a bit queer, but it did not last long, and I had no regrets.
- /201 1. N.L. Millward 19 Aug 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Well here I am once again, hale and hearty, all very peaceful. I have been back from Berlin over a week now and still haven't been ashore. My new job is busy one, added to which I have been put on permanent "Colour Party" which entails hoisting and lowering the flags.
- /202 1. N.L.Millward 24 Aug 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Sounds as though you had a successful VJ celebration in town. Was the bonfire on the Links a success, I don't suppose so many made the pilgrimage as they did at the quarry. Sorry Alan got sunstroke, he certainly wouldn't get it here, it's worse than Manchester, rain every day.
- /203 1. N.L.Millward 31 Aug 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Have delayed writing to you hoping to have some good news. As far as we can find out now we do our drafting routine on Monday morning and may possibly leave here Monday midnight, don't bother writing to me until you hear from me.
- /204 1. N.L.Millward 3 Sep 1945
 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
 4 page letter: 1. Just a hurried note on my last day in Minden, Hoorah!! I shall always remember the date, 6 years today war was declared! Golly

- I'm almost too excited to write. I'm hoping to be home late September, or early October.
- /205 1. N.L.Millward 6 Sep 1945
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
3 page letter: 1. Well here I am back in the UK!! But what a trip to get here. We left Minden 11.30 Monday night, twenty three hours in a luggage van, a train journey arriving at Ostend at 10pm, Tuesday. Wednesday left on the "Invicta", it was quite stormy, I managed to hold my, but only just. We arrived in Tilbury at 8.10, straight onto a train for Plymouth.
- /206 1. N.L.Millward 10 Sep 1945
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
1 page letter: 1. Have just sent off the telegram and shall be at Muriel's long before you get this! Don't tell anyone I'm on leave, if they hear at the office they'll think I'm not entitled to my 56 days when it arrives.
- /207 1. N.L.Millward 16 Sep 1945
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
4 page letter: 1. Have been spending a very lazy and restful time with Mu & co. They are all particularly well, and the boys as good as gold. Mu has been feeding me right royally, too good in fact.
- /208 1. N.L.Millward 20 Sep 1945
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
2 page letter: 1. Second day back in barracks after a very enjoyable leave with Mu and Trev. Gosh I did enjoy myself at Mu's, never up before 9.30! We went into town, did the shops, and cafeteria, dinner at the Khardoma, and films shows after. Trust you are all well, have you done anything about our holiday?
- /209 1. N.L.Millward 24 Sep 1945
2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan
1 page letter: 1. Tomorrow, 4 years to the date, dear father passed away, I go before the Medical Board and if they OK me its on the cards that I shall go to St Budeaux on Wednesday, in which case I shall be a Civilian once again by Thursday or Friday.

Undated Airgraphs

- /210 1. N.L. Millward n/d
2. Mrs Justina Millward
Airgraph: 1. In your letter so recently you asked couldn't I send an airgraph, well, here we are. I was glad to know that you are all well, and you in turn will be equally pleased to hear that 'yours truly' is very fit despite the heat and loss of ten and a half pounds (unfortunately not noticeable!!). I do find the weather rather trying though have seen some wonderful and amazing sights this time in port, but for full details you must await receipt of a letter. Whilst here we are able to buy lots of fruit very cheaply and also wonderful 'eats' and we make the most of it, believe me, wish I could send you some.
- /211 1. N.L.Millward n/d
2. Mrs H.R. Millward
Airgraph: 1. It is Sunday evening and I am "watch aboard" so unable to attend service. Last Sunday night however a pal and I enjoyed our first service for nearly for month, a C of E church, but all the hymns were

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| | “tried favourites” and we were able to join in. | |
| /212 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Miss J. Owens Airgraph: 1. You’ll no doubt be surprised to hear from your wayward, onetime boarder nephew, yet it is really me! And boy am I enjoying life, plenty of all the good things of life, fairly cheaply and in abundance. I’ve had a rather strenuous game of tennis and struck tolerably good form. | Easter Saturday |
| /213 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Mrs H.R. Millward Airgraph: 1. Although we have been disappointed about mail, I am particularly happy for within the last 2 days I have received 3 wires from you. I was greatly pleased to know you were in Aber with Eme and Doris, and shall now eagerly await details. | n/d |
| /214 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Mrs H.R. Millward Airgraph: 1. Christmas Greeting | n/d |
| /215 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Miss F.J. Millward Airgraph: 1. Christmas Greeting | n/d |
| /216 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Mr & Mrs T.H. Rowlands Airgraph: 1. Christmas Greetings | n/d |

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| /217 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Dear all 4 page letter: 1. Well I’m here fighting fit and having a most hectic time. Would that you could see me now all dressed up for the first time, it’s taken me about an hour to sort it all out. I’m in with a class of 57, all Coders. | n/d |
| /218 | 1. N L Millward 2 Dear Folks 2 page letter: 1. First and foremost, very many thanks for a most wonderful holiday, now I’m afraid an all too rapidly fading memory. | n/d |
| /219 | 1. N L Millward 2. Dear People 6 page letter: 1. It was grand to get a letter from home, came whilst I was at tea, great thrill, 2 letters. Last Sunday was the most thrilling day of my life. After breakfast came division and the whole 8000 turn out and march to the naval band all around the camp, the sweep of our feet, the great moment when we give eyes right to the Commander, a cold shiver ran up my spine. | n/d |
| /220 | 1 N L Millward 2. Dear Folks 2 page letter: 1. Here’s my first letter from sea!! We’re stood waiting to move off in the harbour. To begin at the beginning, I left Devonport at 2pm on Thursday, and travelled for over 20 hours before I arrived at Glasgow. We think we leave for Canada on Monday | n/d |
| /221 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan | n/d |

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| /222 | <p>8 page letter: 1. I think yesterday must have been my Xmas Day, I received 2 parcels, thanks for sending my vests, arrived just in time. The cakes are quite fresh and as good as gone!! Fred and Doug left the ship yesterday for Barracks, I hated seeing Freddie go, and I think he didn't feel too happy about it , one thing is certain, he'll make a jolly good officer.</p> <p>1.N.L. Millward 2.Dear Folks</p> | n/d |
| /223 | <p>2 page letter: 1. It is almost certain that we are going to Durban and then on to Colombo!! my oh my, don't I travel around. I shall have to write a book after the war, or at least a Biography!!! Afraid all I shall want to do is to settle down to peace and comfort. The day of sailing is possibly Sunday.</p> <p>1. N.L. Millward 2. Dear Mum, Ciss, Mu, Alan, Trev and Boys.</p> | n/d |
| /224 | <p>4 page letter: 1. This is my last letter to be written to you in dear old England, should reach you whilst you are at "Formosa", maybe Xmas Day. So here's wishing you all great joy and happiness, and greater comfort than you have known for the past year. Tony and I went ashore Saturday, to Glasgow, and enjoyed ourselves. We saw Arthur Askey in "I Thank You", followed by supper at the Y.</p> <p>1. N.L. Millward 2. Dear All</p> <p>4 page letter: 1. I have managed to find a way of getting a last letter to you, through one of the workmen aboard. This afternoon Troops have literally swarmed aboard, all sorts, all sizes, and of all countries, including a large number of Aussies. They are nearly all bound for Freetown, Sierra Leone. I suppose when we have landed them, we shall proceed to Cape Town, thence to Durban</p> | n/d |
| /225 | <p>1. N. L. Millward 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan</p> <p>4 page letter: 1. How different to past Easters we have known, and enjoyed together, to this one, even stranger for me than last year, for then we were in Canadian port, able to buy good food, even chocolate eggs!! I did not realise it was Easter until I got down to the mess for breakfast, and found Hot Cross Buns there, which shows how one lapses in this life.</p> | Easter Monday [?1942] |
| /226 | <p>1. N.L.Millward 2. Dear Ciss and Alan</p> <p>2 page letter: 1. Well here I am on the afternoon watch, and believe me pretty tired. I got the train at Hereford, stood all the way to Abergavenny. Changed for Newport, in Bristol by 10.05 We had eats in the YM and then joined the celebrations</p> | n/d |
| /227 | <p>1. N.L.Millward 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan</p> <p>4 page letter: 1. First and foremost many thanks for the "clean washing" which I collected from the post office this morning. I can't credit that only a week today I was home with you thoroughly enjoying myself it seems ages ago. It's been a glorious week in Devon and Mac and I have been making the most of it. Walks every night, supper at the Sailors Rest.</p> | n/d |

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| /228 | 1. N.L.Millward 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan 1 page letter: 1. Nearing the end of my stay here. We've ad our marching orders. We leave tomorrow morning 8am, travelling in a transport lorry, should be quite comfortable | n/d |
| /229 | 1. N.L.Millward 2. Dear Ciss and Alan 2 page letter: 1. Note new address! You'll guess were all set for "off". The party has been split up into Advance, Main and Rear parties, Mac and I are both in the "Advance". We leave here by road for Tilbury, from there either Ostend or Antwerp. | n/d |
| /230 | 1. N.L.Millward 2. Dear Mum, Ciss and Alan 2 page letter: 1. Just a hurried note to let you know I received the parcel, for which many thanks. | n/d |
| /231 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. [Family] Part letter (pages 1-4 missing). This evening we had one of our surprise mail arrivals, airmail only. I had 3 from Freddie all written on the 18th November (in Canada). They had come to England and out here in about 6 weeks, which is really good. I couldn't help laughing at your question, Mum, "when will your boat want repairing again?" somehow struck me as funny, it's an awful crime to call a ship a boat!!! | n/d |
| /232 | 1. N.L. Millward 2. [Family] Part letter (pages 1-5 missing). | n/d |
| <i>Miscellaneous Items</i> | | |
| /233 | Signal Card | 1937 |
| /234 | Gold on black cloth insignia of the Third Reich, 1938; silver on black cloth insignia for the Third Reich; badge marked 'Reichsparteitag 1939' | 1938-1939 |
| /235 | Address Book | c1940 |
| /236 | Photographs of Louis Millward and friends – envelope marked 'Newhaven (Hubie Griest and Families)'; photograph of HMS Alaunia; photograph of Louis Millward on the bridge of HMS Alaunia, 1940; postcards of Marblehead, Massachusetts; photograph taken at Val Fjord, Iceland in 1941; | c1940 |
| /237 | Newspaper cuttings (pasted on board) of L. Millward in America | 17 Jun 1941 |
| /238 | Folder of letters and Airgraphs from Leading Airman Fred Gann to Louis Millward | May-Nov 1942 |
| /239 | Dinner menu from the Napier Hotel, Poona | 20 Nov 1942 |
| /240 | First Souvenir number of "Newsaunia" newspaper | Nov 1942 |
| /241 | "Alaunia" Newsletter, Christmas Edition | Dec 1942 |
| /242 | Diary notes | 4-8 Aug 1945 |
| /243 | Certificate of Service, N.L.Millward | 27 Sep 1945 |
| /244 | Certificate of Discharge, N.L.Millward | 29 Sept 1945 |
| /245 | Ministry of Pensions, Notice of Decision | 17 Oct 1945 |
| /246 | War Gratuity and Post War Credit of Wages | 24 Nov 1945 |
| /247 | Notice of Awards Granted for Service | [?1946] |
| /248 | Certificate from the Llandrindod Wells Welcome Home Committee | [?1946] |

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| /249 | Summary of ships and convoys escorted by HMS “Alaunia”; also itinerary, with dates, for the period December 1941 – April 1943 | [?1946] |
| /250 | ‘Carling’s Hospitality’ winter travel supplement ‘Bermuda Bound’, published by the Carling Breweries, Waterloo, Canada | 1949 |
| /251 | Memorial Card of Norman Lewis Millward, Born 13 th June 1907, Died 25 th December 1994 | 1995 |
| /252 | Picture of HMS “Alaunia” in 1945, downloaded from the internet | 15 Dec 2005 |
| /253 | Handwritten prayer | n/d |
| /254 | Blank Naval message form | n/d |