

H M S Grasshopper  
8/0 G P B Malta

Sat Feb 18/75

Sea Lord Mayor  
I wish to thank you &  
our Sheriff Mr Rowntree  
very much for showing  
you kindness & generosity  
by sending me one of your  
Xmas boxes, I am sure  
all the workmen fighting  
would be very pleased  
with them & would enjoy  
the contents.

My mates & myself  
soon sampled the  
contents you can be sure  
but I hope God will  
spare us to bring the  
boxes home again very  
shortly, and to show

our many friends &  
relatives what has been  
done to make us cheerful

I am very pleased to  
say that I had the  
pleasure to work in the  
bake moulding room  
when I was only 14 years  
but later I joined the  
Navy at 15  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Where I  
have had to make  
myself at home for  
12 yrs. I have still 2 yrs  
& 8 months to do before my  
first period is at an end.

I am kept informed  
of the changes at the  
works by my sister who  
forwards C, W, M. every

month, I am sorry I  
cannot send you any  
news as that is forbidden.

I noticed your photos  
in last month's L. W. M.  
before I come to a close  
I must wish the Lady  
Mayores, & Mrs Rowntree  
yourself & Mr Rowntree,  
the citizens & men who  
are fighting the best of  
luck, Happiness & success  
during this awful time  
also wishing the cocoa works  
etc every success

I remain

Albert J. Hemenway (L. S.)

P.S. Please accept ribbon as souvenir.

H.M.S. GRASSHOPPER

Chocolate Letter #107: Albert Hemenway

Albert Hemenway was serving on the HMS Grasshopper when he received his box of chocolates. He sent his tally to the Lord Mayor along with his thank-you letter.