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HMS. GREYALE

MALTA.

Dear Leg,

I hope you don't think I have forgotten to answer your letter, but it has only just caught up with me and as you will see by the address we are a long way from the old places.

You will have settled down nicely on your new boat by now, I hope she is as lucky as this has been, we have much the same

crew as paid off here
but there has been one
or two changes besides
you. Swain, Sparks and
the rest of the lads
wish you all the best,
I wish you were with us
the second I have now
is not much use, but
still he's willing I think
I shall get him trained
in time.

I am sorry to tell
you when I got back
to the boat she had
been stripped of every
thing, they had even
taken Swain's photo frame
so I am enclosing the
stamps which you sent

for the books, even the
old clothes had gone so
you can tell how well
they had been through
her.

Well the boys are
waiting for me to have
a game of cards so I
will sign off now
All the best
Ron.

BY AIR MAIL.

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