

Activity 5 – Worthing Pier and World War II

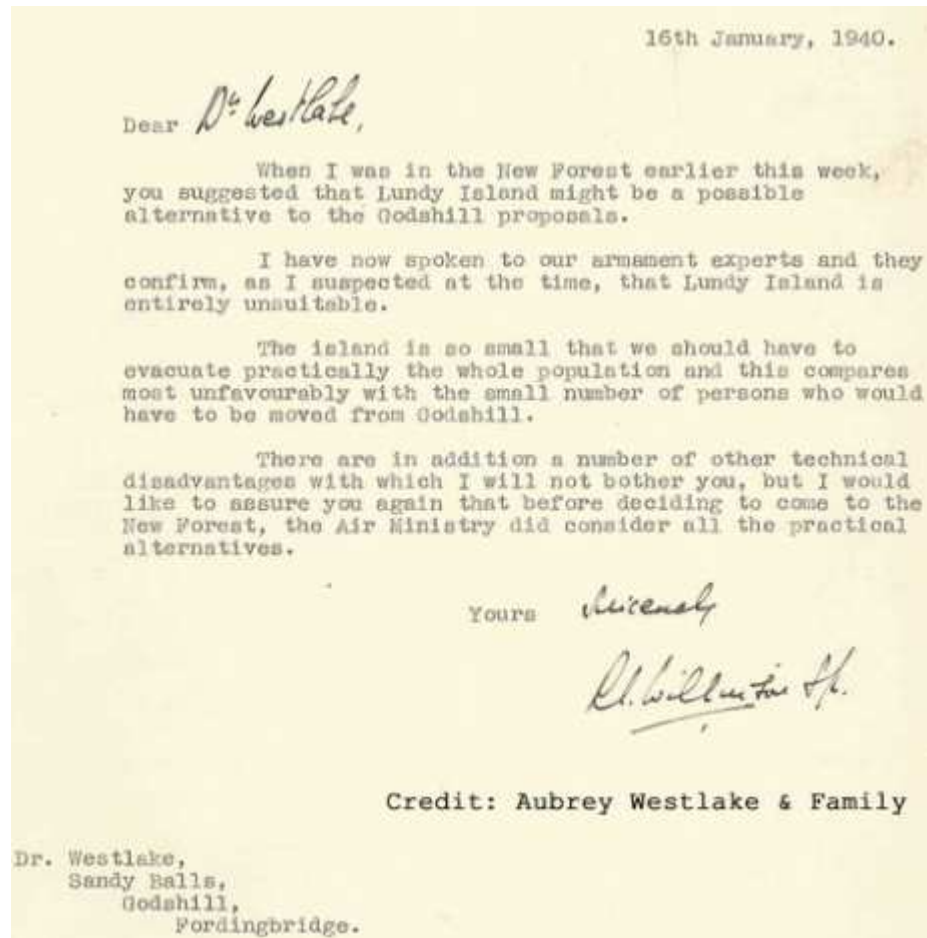
A section of the pier was blown out by the military in 1940 to stop German ships unloading troops and supplies at the pier-head in the event of an invasion. Following the explosion large amounts of barbed wire were strung between the blocks and land mines were laid under parts of the shingle beach.

Activity 1: Read the Ministry of Defence letter below dated January 16th 1940.

Write a letter from The Ministry of Defence staff to the people of Worthing explaining why bombing to section the Pier needs to be carried out and why it is imperative that civilians stay well away from the Pier while this work is undertaken.



Ministry
of Defence



Read the Factsheet: Worthing Pier and World War II

Activity 2: Entertaining the Troops

Click on the link and watch the BBC programme "Entertaining the Troops."

You are responsible for organising entertainment for the Allied soldiers camped in and around Worthing during World War II. Plan an evening's entertainment for the troops on the Pier.



Present your ideas on a flyer or leaflet.