

Tuesday,  
1916

W T D. Ellison

C1 Mess.

R N. Barracks  
Chatham

Dearest Mother,

I was rather disappointed that I did not get a letter from home this morning but I expect you will be writing soon - I do not suppose I shall be leaving here this week as it was only yesterday that I had to be vaccinated, - I had the pleasure of standing outside the office for 4 hours which you may be sure I greatly resented & now I suppose it will not be very long before I have a beautiful raw arm - I am expecting to get part of my uniform tomorrow. The discipline is rather stiff up here but on the other hand the living is often worse at sea - I have lately

<sup>2</sup>  
made the acquaintance of two wireless  
men who have just come in from their  
ship which was torpedoed the other  
day - Everybody seems to have a few  
cheerful stories to tell but before  
I close this letter I should like to  
know when you + the girls are  
thinking of going to see Uncle Talton  
I <sup>was</sup> wondering if you would care  
to start your journey now + spend  
a few days in "Chatham" before you  
went on to your destination - I have  
every other evening off + every other  
week end although the next is not  
mine off - However I am particularly  
anxious to see someone as I am almost  
certain I can get no leave - I have  
forgotten Alban's address - Kindly send  
~~me~~ him mine as soon as possible -  
I should be delighted to see him if  
only he could get away - "Southampton"  
cannot be far from here! I wonder how  
he is fixed! Please write as soon as  
you can. Fondest love to all  
Your Affec Son Cym.