

May 24<sup>th</sup>.  
6 p.m.

1916

Please write to  
C. E. Ellison W.T.O.

C.I. Mess.

Royal Naval Barracks  
Chatham.

Dearest Mother,

Arrived here this afternoon at

2. Can not say exactly when I shall be leaving but as it is a particularly interesting place I do not much mind - Everyone seems exceptionally good humoured & obliging.

I have just had tea, consisting of water-cress & shrimps - I am now free to go where I like until Monday morning but I am returning to the Barracks tonight as I wish to have the experience of sleeping in a hammock. Have not yet met any other ops, as they all seem to be away on leave. Expect to get my uniform sometime next week. Will write again soon. The Barracks are simply enormous covering many acres of ground - Some of the buildings are very pretty.

Yours love to all  
Your affectionate son  
Cyril