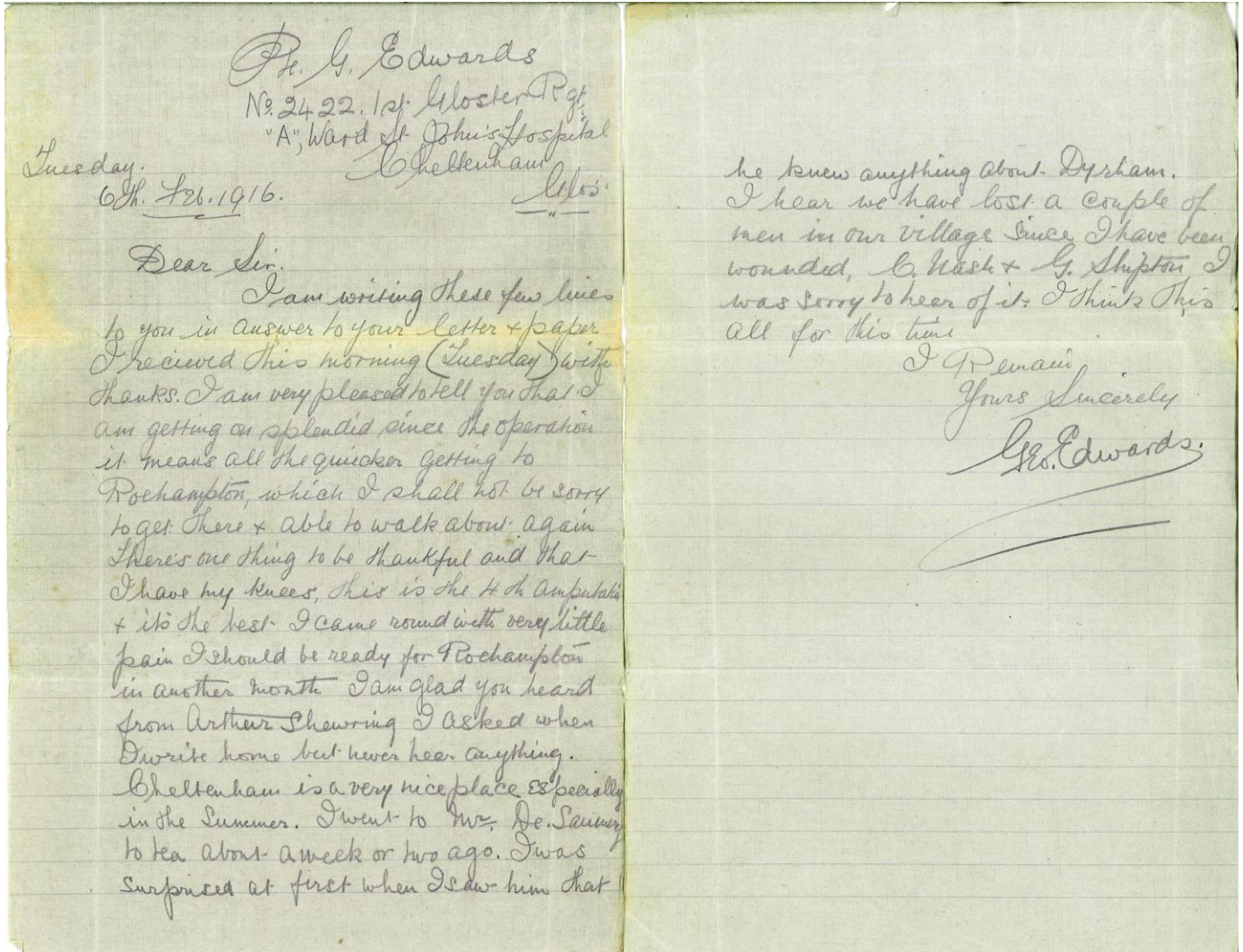


## Letters Home 1d Letter from Private G Edwards, February 1916



### Notes:

**Roehampton:** Officially known as the Queen Mary's Convalescent Auxiliary Hospital, this was a specialist centre for fitting artificial limbs or prosthetics to invalid soldiers from the First World War. Over 41,000 men lost limbs during that conflict. The centre housed a number of limb-makers who manufactured limbs for the soldiers. After the limbs were made, the patient would learn how to use them, practicing walking with prosthetic legs in the gymnasium or using new arms in the workshop. These soldiers would often be retrained for different jobs.

**Mr De Sausmarez:** This man was one of Cheltenham's resident gentry and was involved in a number of charities and local education.

## Transcript

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Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1916

Dear Sir,

I am writing these few lines to you in answer to your letter & paper I received this morning (Tuesday) with thanks. I am very pleased to tell you that I am getting on splendid since the operation it means all the quicker getting to Roehampton, which I shall not be sorry to get there & able to walk about again. There’s one thing to be thankful and that I have my knees, this is the 4<sup>th</sup> amputation & it’s the best. I came round with very little pain & I should be ready for Roehampton in another month. I am glad you heard from Arthur Shewring, I asked when I wrote home but never hear anything.

Cheltenham is a very nice place especially in the Summer. I went to Mr De Sausmarez’s to tea about a week or so ago. I was surprised at first when I saw him that he knew anything about Dyrham! I hear we have lost a couple of men in our village since I have been wounded, E. Nash and G. Shipton. I was sorry to hear of it. I think this is all for this time.

I Remain,

Yours sincerely,

Geo. Edwards