



# Letters Home 1c Letter from Private Ben White, March 1915

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THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE,  
% GENERAL POST OFFICE,  
LONDON.

March 21<sup>st</sup> 1915

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for I wrote home to tell them you were coming to see them when you did go home. So father said he should expect to see you. Don't say any other than tell them I was all right when you saw me last. I am glad my Father has been over to your home to see your parents. Well Dear Chum you know that I am from out of the trenches I was sent to hospital with my teeth and from there to the base in Rouen. I cannot say whether I shall be going back up or not. But I tell you I am suffering a lot without my teeth I do wish I could get some more. Now I must tell you that our boys as been in it this last week and warm to they was in that big advance that came off. Well Dear George I suppose you know Charlie Edwards one of my mates from Broadwell as come out he is here with the draft that came in this week they are going up now soon. I havent much more to tell you this time mate. Hope to write again so dont forget to remember me to your parents when you write home & your chums also remember me to the sisters. So now dear Chum I must close with my fondest Love & Best wishes & hoping & trusting you will soon get better.

I remain your  
Ever Loving Pal Ben

2nd. Mous. Regt  
202. Territorial Base. Rouen  
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*Note: 'Mons Regt' stood for the Monmouthshire Regiment. Many men from the Forest of Dean area of Gloucestershire enlisted in the Monmouthshire Regiment rather than the Gloucestershire Regiment.*