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An extract a letter from Thomas Baker Brown to his mother from France, 27 May 1917. He discusses a fellow soldier who managed to get a 'Blighty', an injury bad enough to get them sent home.

“He has been lucky enough to get a Blighty although that sort of wound is not exactly low.”

Key words:

Blighty – a slang word for Britain. A ‘Blighty’ or ‘Blighty-one’ was a wound that was bad enough to get a soldier sent home to Britain but not serious enough to kill them or seriously injure them

Questions:

Do you think it was common for people to get a ‘Blighty?’ How can you tell this from Thomas’ letter?

Why do you think Thomas describes the man who is injured as ‘lucky’?