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Dear Mother,

I received your letter of othe 21<sup>st</sup> yesterday. I shall not move any nearer the line – the next move will be back for a rest – about the middle of January.

The paper does not have much news in it now. I received the cards alright thank you very much. Did I tell you I have seen some Old B's I believe I did.

We had a very good time on Xmas day. We started off with ham and eggs (boiled) for breakfast. Then dinner consisted of roast turkey, roast pork, brussel sprouts, mashed potatoes. Then came Xmas pudding. On the table all day were apples, oranges, chocolate, bananas and nuts. There was beer for those who wanted it, lime juice for those who didn't. A very good tobacco and cigarette ration was issued. For tea we had cake and sweets.

On boxing Sunday, the dinner again was good for we had the bones and remains of the turkeys. Xmas day was no different to any other with regard to wounded and sick. The only notable case was that of a man who fell down a well and succeeded in remaining alive and sound.

I hope you had a very happy Xmas,  
Lewis.