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year, I was often to be seen up among the branches of the cherry trees at 5 Park Lane, about this time of the year.

We hope to make the best of it here on Xmas Day. They are getting in extra things to eat so we should do very well. Headquarters have one of the best cooks in the Division & he will, I am sure, live up to his reputation. As I said in my previous letter, the cooks here do a marvellous job with very scanty facilities. Here at Headquarters, the cooking is done in the open on the side of a gentle slope. There is no shelter from the elements, with the exception of the dug-out where the rations are kept. In spite of this, the food here is much better than at Base Camp. We have for breakfast, very good porridge with the sugar & milk stored in; toast & rissoles made from Bully-beef & onions, & tea. Lunch at mid-day consists of - a slice of bread & jam, & a slice of bread