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Dear Mum & Dad,

Well, here I am again, sitting on the edge of my bunk in the dug-out. Frank & Ralph are both scratching away with their pens as they write home, telling their people of the two outstanding events of this week; (1) the flood which occurred on Monday night & (2) Christmas dinner yesterday. Outside, or I should say, up on top, the wind is blowing from across the desert, but we are quite comfortable in here with no draughts, & we now have a kerosene lantern hanging from a beam; one which Ralph found on a rubbish heap & for which we made