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Dear Mum,

Here I am again. I am sitting in my dug-out, having not long come back from tea. Less than an hour ago, a chap came walking down the steps into our room carrying a parcel for me. It was your cake at last. He also had a Xmas. Greetings telegram from the Suttons for me. Well, the cake tin had a few dents in it, but was otherwise intact. I opened it from the bottom with a tin opener, gave the top one or two taps and came the cake - a beauty. Ralph & I have just had a piece & it is first rate. Frank didn't have any. He has been in bed today with gastric