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A letter from Thomas Baker Brown to his father from France, *29 December 1917*. He describes having his Christmas dinner, and remarks that there were '30 men to a turkey'.

“Today we had our so called Xmas dinner and gee whiz it was some dinner. There were 30 men to a turkey so you can imagine how much we saw of it after the Sergt Major and the NCOs had a dig in. So I made up with Nestles Choc afterwards.”

Key words:

Sergt Major – (Sergeant Major)- A senior officer in the British Army.

N.C.O. – a Non-Commissioned -Officer (a lower-ranking officer such as a sergeant).

Question:

Why did Thomas not get much Christmas dinner? How did he fill himself up afterwards?