

as possible during a world war. It helped to receive an airmail Christmas letter from Willard just a few days before Christmas. He is well and is in the Philippines now.

Betty and children spent the Sunday before Christmas with us. We opened our presents in the evening. All our pkgs. from home contained presents for all. Bittle three year old Judith tried to put on all her "wearables" at one time - print overalls and jacket pink silk panties on over these, blue fascinator tied under one ear. She looked longingly at some other dresses and overalls but could find no place to put them!

Jerry Willard, six months and weighing 18 lbs. celebrated by sticking his big toe in his mouth. He is very good natured. In build, temperament, appetite and ability to digest food an exact replica of his

grand father Drought, and his grand-father adores him.

We received many presents - both useful and attractive. Billian is sending me a present and from the question she asked I believe it is a lovely opal ring set with diamonds - one her sister Ellen had - neither Jean or Billian had cared to wear it and she wanted to know if I was afraid to wear opals. Two years ago she sent me a good bracelet belonging to Jean. I like gifts like these that have belonged to other members of the family, they are more dear.

Eugene has a very dear nephew with the First Army in Europe. We are anxious until we hear from him. He is a good Christian boy and hoped to be a minister before the war. He has been overseas two years. I do hope he was one of those who were flown to Bethlehem