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Dear Cousin Collins, -

Your Christmas letter and ever useful check arrived - thank you very much. The checks are always such a help but I assure you your letters are always welcome and a present in themselves.

This was a difficult Christmas both for us not just that the family were away but the impending separation. We went through our usual Christmas preparations: tree, wreath, candles etc but this year it was done as an act of faith.

Willard called us Christmas night from California to say "good bye". He left today for overseas. He had prayed and hoped until the last that he would be given a home base. I feel strongly that these older men who served in World War II should be.