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My dear friend Maurice:

We have come to another Christmas. The good days and good times of other years have been shadowed by the grim demands of total war. We all hear the clarion call for service and sacrifice to our country and to the flag she flies. We are all responding to this call of love and duty and whatsoever may be our fate in the conflict, nothing shall stay our hands and hearts in serving to the full measure of our strength to speed on the day of final triumph for our beloved land over all her enemies.

We are Americans all and nothing but Americans are in the guard. But our sacrifices have taught us the true meaning and worth of our American citizenship and common heritage. The pains of our fellowship are rooted in its immortality. We now know that we are bound together by everlasting ties.

This spirit of unity and promise brings Christmas closer to us with all its hopes for future years.

With these thoughts in mind I want you to know that, as a friend of mine, your welfare is my wish and prayer for you as Christmas time draws.

May you have health, happiness and good fortune for this Christmas and for all the days of the New Year.

Your sincere friend,