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Dear Owen:

The folks were over at our house last night and I had the pleasure of reading your letter. I bet it does get kind of lonesome studying as hard as you do and with as little opportunity of time off, and letters from home undoubtedly help a lot. On the other hand everybody is busy or think that they are, and so the writing of letters is often put off to some more convenient time.

Naturally, we are mighty sorry to have the Maloney family move away and yet it seems a very natural thing to do, and I would not in any way try to influence them in doing something else. It will not be long before it will be O.W. Maloney the 3rd running the business down there instead of O.W. Maloney the 2nd. You will have some advantages over your dad and some disadvantages in trying to match him because I consider him a first-class salesman and he is making good in the Maloney Tank business. I think that he thoroughly enjoys acting where he has to assume full responsibility.

They tell me that Eileen was in tears last night thinking about having to break all local friendships, but knowing Eileen, I doubt if it will be very long before Susie, Jean, Tom and Joe down in Tulsa will be found to be very companionable. Your dad drives down tomorrow taking Elanche and both of the girls and they will be down there for a few days at a hotel which will give the kids a kick.

I haven't tried to keep in touch with any of your old girls because I didn't think they would be interested in an old-timer even under war conditions.

We are all proud of you, believe that you have real ability, feel sure that you will make the grade, and that when peace comes, you will have gained something thru your service that will be really worthwhile to you.