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Dear Owen:

It would probably please you if you could realize how much you are on my mind. You are soon to take on great responsibilities which naturally are fraught with danger. I know your courage and your general manhood, and I am sure that you will be a good soldier and in every way a good citizen.

I wrote you a letter some weeks ago stating that I wanted to buy for you your first civilian suit, but I have not had a reply which is all right, but I mention it again thinking that possibly the first letter had not reached you.

It is a terrible sacrifice that all young men are making at this time, and yet it is one that seems to me could not well have been avoided on our part. I am sure we do not wish to be slaves and that life would be intolerable to us if we had to heel Hitler or anyone else. Your great grandfather and your great, great grandfather both fought in the Civil War on the side of the Union. My father was in for five years and my grandfather in for three, for a total of eight, and back of that, your grandmother, my wife, had a great grandparent in the War of 1812, and I had eleven ancestors who were in the Revolutionary War and about twenty in the Colonial Wars. These last twenty were officers in the Colonial Wars.

Your coming from a line of Maloneys, I imagine they were good fighting men--all of them.

Your grandad loves you a lot and would be happy to help you in any way that he could.

With much love,

Your Grandfather

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