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Dear Governor Lehman:

It must have been a terrific blow to get the news of your son. I can understand how you and Mrs. Lehman feel since I got word a few days ago that my kid brother was killed in action at Bougainville. It just takes the wonder out of you.

But to know that the colors were flying and that they went out gloriously is some small consolation. The war comes ever closer to us in these tragic ways and I know you must feel as I do that we must determine to do everything in our power to prevent mad gangsters like Hitler and the Japs from ever destroying precious lives again.

Oscar Cox