

WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
OPERATIONS DIVISION
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Dear Ken -

Thanks for the letter. Glad to note that both of my boys are doing all right in school. Tell Doug that being tardy is like being late for a formation - and that guys in my command who are late at formations have unhappy incidents in their lives. But I'm sure that there was a good reason for it. The progress report was fine - particularly the last two entries which are important in life.

Your grades are OK too. Getting good grades do not indicate necessarily what ~~one~~ **one** learns, however. So the real test is the test one gives himself - "am I getting the most out of my opportunities".

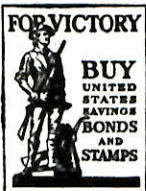
I confess that I don't know what the light on the P-38 was. I'm getting to be quite a Kiwi - for I don't get out among combat outfits and don't often see our later planes.

The Operations Division is the new name for the War Plans Division of the War Department General Staff. It has two main "groups": one the Strategic and Planning Group; the other the Theatre Group. The latter functions as the Chief of Staff's command post for handling the several Theatres of Operations. Gen. Streett (Billy's Dad) is the Chief of the Theatre Group. We try and take care of the commanders in the Field, and all communications from them and to them are handled for the most part by us.

Still expecting to get active service but am afraid I may have to wait for a number of months. A couple of generals are trying to get me pried loose from the General Staff but no luck so far.

Tell Doug to step along and get to be a Lion Cub. And by the way - how are you doin'?

Love to my fine fellas



By the way - Harry Overturf got a commission in the AC as 1st Lt. and is here in Washington. He stayed with me till