

Pappy joined the Utah National Guard (UNG) Feb 5th, 1939, as a private. He was 17 years old. In just over a month, he turned 18. On September 1st, 1939 Germany invaded Poland & WWII began. On September 16th, 1940 the military draft began in the United States. On April 2nd, 1941 the UNG was called to Federal service. Although not yet formally at war, the US began actively preparing for war.

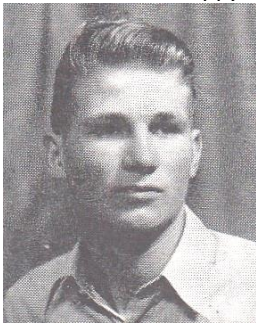
Beginnings: Pappy signs Mom's 1940 Dixie College Yearbook—

Dear Phyllis,

Until this last year I didn't know you had such a pleasing personality. I have always admired you for a girl who knew what she was talking about. I have really enjoyed your friendship the past year, and hope that next year we will be in some classes together. I also wish to say you have many remarkable qualities and talents especially in dramatics. What do you say to furthering our acquaintance and friendship. I wish you luck, success, and happiness throughout your life.

Glade Wittwer

Glade Wittwer-Pappy



Phyllis Lightner-Mom

