

Guard Camp Calif.  
March 21, 1941  
[Friday]

Dearest Phyllis,

I am both happy and angry tonight, but mostly happy. Just a while after mess tonight we were each issued four sheets, two pillow cases, and a mattress cover, so tonight I will really sleep like a king. I am angry because this morning I sent for a footlocker, and this evening when Spencer and I went to the Canteen they had one for sale there just like the one I sent for. I wish you could be here Sunday to go up on the point with Spencer and I. This afternoon we heard three very good talks by our officers. Major Curtis, the Regimental Chaplin, gave one of the best talks I have ever heard. He is a Morman, and tonight is organizing church services for us. He is really a swell fellow. My spelling may not be as good as usual because Wayne isn't here just now, but I hope you will excuse it. Did Parke and those fellows get home today? I gave your letter to them to deliver to you in case they could beat the mail there. I just finished writing a letter to Pete telling him of the wonderful fishing possibilities, so he will probably start tearing his hair because he couldn't come with us. Are we going to have fun tomorrow? Sgt. Cannon; I mean Earl was just here and told me we were going to have four hours of extended order tomorrow morning. It should be quite a lot of fun because the grass is deep; just like playing "Indians." Wayne just came in cussing because he had to drag the stove oiler about a mile to give a major about a pint of oil. Oh well thats just the army for you.

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The longer I'm away from you the more I miss you. Hell I wish I could just see and talk to you for just a few minutes, because I suppose I really do love you. Now don't laught because thats what I mean. I want to apologize for getting on a hell of a big bender as soon as we left the railroad yard at Cedar City. I don't know why I did it, unless it was because I wanted to. I didn't know whether to tell you about it, but I feel better now that I have. I am not going to get tight again unless it is on the way home after our time is up. I believe Dean is starting to get homesick but I suppose he will get over it. I could get homesick if I wanted to but I doubt if I will. Is there anything exciting going on around school lately? It seems like it was an awfully long time since I went to school, but from what we hear we will be back at it again in another year. Well I've got to write a letter to Dan and let him know how things are going here. I hope you will forgive me for what I did on the train. By the way, have you been to primary yet? If you don't go Monday Edith will probably wring your neck. The more I see of these other outfits in our regiment the more proud I am of our own bunch. We are fortunate in having a swell bunch of fellows. We can tell a Co. "C" anywhere just by his appearance. Its about time for "lights out," so goodbye. Please tell me some night when you will be home.

With sincere love,

Glade

[ED: I have made edits in brackets. Spencer Truman is Pappy's best friend. Wayne is Wayne Vance, Dixie College classmate. Parke Cox is from St George. He joined the Air Corps in Dec of '42. Pete, 2 yrs younger than Pappy, is Austin Iverson's nickname. Pete joined the Navy in 1943. Extended order drill, also known as combat drill, trains a small unit in the looser, extended formations and movements of battle. Dean is Dean Snow. Pappy's father is John H Wittwer. Primary is a children's organization and an official auxiliary within The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon Church). It acts as a Sunday school organization for the church's children under the age of 12. I don't know who Dan is. School is Dixie College. Edith Crosby was one of Mom's best friends.]

GLADE WITTWER-PAPPY



PHYLLIS LIGHTNER-MOM



PAPPY, L, & SPENCER TRUMAN



WAYNE VANCE



PARKE COX



GOODBYE AT CEDAR CITY



'PETE' IVERSON



DEAN SNOW



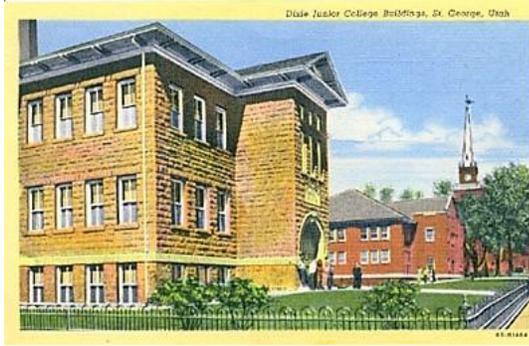
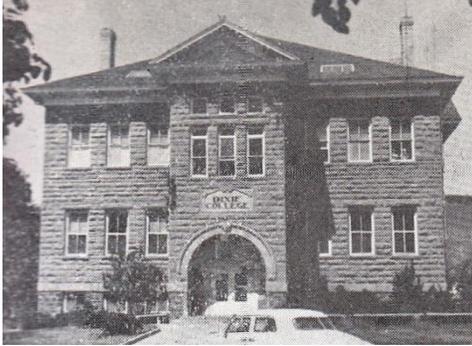
EDITH CROSBY



CAMP SLO CA



TWO VIEWS OF DIXIE COLLEGE (POSTCARD ON RIGHT)



FOOTLOCKER UNDER PAPPY'S COT;  
HEATER IN LEFT FOREGROUND

