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Glady lived by herself the three years I was away. She and my father kept our small goldmine business going during the war years, so I wouldn't have to start all over after the war.

I never really had any doubt that I would return my church, my wife and all my family. I'm certain was praying for me many times each day.

I took dozens of test in Mineral Wells and made high scores on them all. My highest score was ninety-nine on the "Morse Code" test. Harry McPherson, my best friend, and I had learned the "Morse Code" and sent messages between our homes at night with a blinker light we had made. We were really good at it. This enabled me to make the high score. I was in Mineral Wells only about 2½ days as they needed one man to fill the quota of a train load of men headed for the Air Force in Salt Lake City.

We stopped at The Royal Gorge with the highest bridge in the world and while stopped there we were told that we had been selected to be in the "Air Force". This was the last place I would have chosen to be, as it usually made me dizzy just to ride a Ferris wheel at the carnival.

I was supposed to take thirteen weeks of Basic Training in Salt Lake City but fate intervened again. I was there only a few days when I was