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I am writing you a letter in a hurry to
 let you know that I am fine. And I
 hope that you will find you the
 same. I am very glad. I am going
 to see you again. I am
 from Al. I have seen Al for
 a while. I am from Hazel. She said
 she hadn't heard from you for a long
 time. I saw you folks were drifting and
 a lot of other stuff. I haven't heard from
 Paul or George lately. Poor little Berneta will
 be gone from us 2 months Sunday. Well
 dear excuse a short note this time
 and I'll try and do better in a day or
 so. Bye now with lots of love & kisses
 to you from you

V...- MAIL

To you from your
loving mother

Mr. Chas. Doig
Wichita, Kan.

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Dear Wally: —

Received two very
welcome letters from you just a few
days apart. Seems so good to hear
from you again. Surely hope you
can write us every once in awhile.

Am glad you were O. K. Surely hope
you still are. I am feeling pretty
good at the present time. Much
better than any time so far since
I've been down here. Evan is O. K.
too, but for a little cold. Charlie
is the one that isn't well. His
stomach bothers him all the time.
~~He said so this~~, I'm worried to death
about him. I shouldn't even be
writing you my troubles, but it
seems I have to spill over to some
one, and some how you seem to be
a better pal than any one else. Bud
has more trouble than I do, and
that seems to go for all the rest.
I'll be so glad when you can come
home again. The way I feel I'd
just like to have you around so
I could put my head on your shoulder

and say, well I better calm down,
if a censor reads this he probably
won't even let you get it.

I sure hope you passed your
exams you mentioned & will be
a $8\frac{1}{2}$ when I hear from you again.
I think that is a very good idea
about putting away some more
of your money if you get a raise.
Where you are now you likely
don't need it very bad, and you
will need all you can get your
hands on when you come home &
want to start a life for your-
self.

Had a card from Anna. They are
starting back from Nebraska some
time this wk. Will probably be
back here about the end of this
week.

It is nice sunshiny weather
here again after more rain. Sure
can rain down in this country
when it takes a notion.

We went up town to a show
last nite. Was a double feature.
"I Love a Soldier"; & "Night of Ad-
venture".

Had a letter from the Prescotts
yesterday. They are in Ariz. now at

Wickburg. Maybe we'll get to see them some of these days. Seems good to see somebody we know.

I've just had 2 letters from Papa since we came down here. It is hard for him to write.

They are building some more new houses here in the Park. Supposed to be 100 more units go up, and be ready in 40 days.

They sure need some more houses in this country so a person can find a place to live.

I don't know yet Wallace just when we'll go home. We really don't want to go until the last of Mar. or 1st of April, but if Char. he doesn't improve I think the best thing for us to do is go home & him go under the Dis. Care & stay there until he is better. We can live cheaper up home than we can down here, & if he has to go to the hospital I'd rather be home among Drs. & friends that we know.

Yesterday day was my big day taking care of brats. They were really crazy, too. As a rule are pretty good, but sure made up for

lost time yesterday. Am glad every day inth Sat. If it was 2 don't think I'd take care of them.

I have to get busy and write to Hazel, too. Have a cute Valentine to send her, so will put a letter in with it. She writes me nice long letters, about the nicest ones we get from home.

I guess Wink & wife are living with Mrs. Morrison. They're apt to have a private war all their own one of these days.

You did alright get 17 letters at one crack, but as you said not having any mail for quite a while you should get a bunch. I write fairly often. Does the paper ever catch up with you. Your subscription is up this m^o. If you ever get it I'll have it renewed for you.

Hazel said she was sending the Kodak. Hope she sends me instructions how to use it. I never have taken a picture with one like that. Next thing will be finding some films.

It is going on one fine haven't had dinner yet. Charlie is eating &

I thought the rest would do him more good than eating. Have things about ready so it won't take me long to finish. We didn't have breakfast until late this morn.

Dwan is out in the back yard building roads. He had a fox hole dug out in the back yard you could bury a cow in. I finally got him to fill it in, as when it rained the thing would fill up with water & was really a mess.

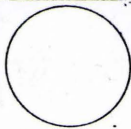
Well Wally guess I better close for now. Charlie plans to go looking for Clifford Cheam if he is able.

We're hoping to hear from you soon again. & that you are fine.

Lots of love
from us all.

Bernita, Charlie
& Dwan.

No. _____



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
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From

Hexel Winter

(Sender's name)

Ringling

(Sender's address)

Montana

October 12, 1944

(Date)

Dear Hally.

Another day, so I shall splatter some ink
your way. Don't know just what I am going to say, but
I won't have to say much to fill this slip. Are having
another beautiful day and I won't complain as Winter
this year will be too long anyway. Arthur heard from
Johnny - and Lena heard from Everett. Both are in
France. It's nearly school time so I must put this
back till after while. Oh, before I forget. I was in
your trunk looking up ^{some} dates in your diary
and I found some unused pencils. So took a couple
Oct. 24th we had some pictures taken and the 26th we
went for a ride in the truck - October 30th dance
at Willard - Quite the memories - with me saying
no - Reading over so this a couple of minutes
to my self. Tomorrow I shall write air mail
as there will really be a couple of days
collection of news. Went down to Ellipton
after Mrs. Nickerson address and Harold +
Lena still aren't talking - I'd hate to hear ^{with}
some one who wouldn't talk to me. Angus
is taking the boys with him to gather
cattle this after noon - Out of paper + I
haven't begin really yet. You always liked
few of few + knew
+ more - Hazel

V...-MAIL

25 word letters this
Didn't you

Wickenburg, Arizona
Mar. 7, 1945

Dear Wally: —

I just now get away and write you once again. Should have written sooner, but have been busy morning, getting settled again, and so on.

Hope you are fine. We are fairly good at present. Even I sang now, & Charlie feels pretty good.

He went to the Dr. ^(Tom, M.D.) yesterday. The Dr. said the appendix is very bad. He gave him some med.

since for the purpose & to take the chance or some of it any way out of the other side, and told him to rest for weeks

and come back. Then he could tell better what had to be done.

It will likely have to come out. His operation price is \$125 which was a bad. Then Charlie joined what we called the blue cross

et, and we went for a while, so I'll now get back to my job. The writing.

Last Sun. we went to the my outland picnic down at Pease. We could have had a real nice time, but of course it had to rain when we were about through eating lunch.

Wound up in the basement of one of the buildings and had the program there. Didn't much any one we actually knew.

Outside of Joe & Linna's grounds from B's garden, but met one couple that knew Claude & Dor.

Another knew Sedgwick, one from Dunton that knew Hetyl. We got back about 8:30.

Clack, had supper, then the Smiths came over and stayed until Linna & Joe left and for about an hr. after made as we had a full day & evening.

plan before he left the Alumnus.
our plan: It is to help take
care of hospital bills, includes
Evan & I, too, and only costs
us \$2 a month. The amount of
sickness we have ^{any} should be
quite a ~~help~~. Dr. said the money
from that should about take
care of the hospital bill if he
does have the operation.

Anna & Joe left on the bus
Sun. nite for home, & we packed
up and came to Wickenburg
Mon. afternoon. The Prescotts
had a room reserved for us
from the same lady they rent
their house from. She has other
rooms for rent. So we ate with
Prescotts & stayed at this room
one night. Then Prescotts got us
this place out on the desert.
belongs to a friend of theirs, it
is about 10 mi. from town,
a cabin, all furnished, hot & cold
water & so on, but more the
ranch style, & comfortable, there are

2 rooms, but we are just go-
ing to use one. Is a big room
and plenty of space for the 3
of us. The nice part is it costs
no rent. So we are staying here
for a while. anyway while Charlie
rests up. Then if he has the
operation we can perhaps come
back out here for him to rest
up some more. We came out
last nite. Prescotts came out
with us and helped us get
settled. They have sure been
grand to us.

Finally got a film for Anna's
Kodak & one for yours so will
try & get some good pictures to
send you now. It is really
beautiful out here in the desert
way. I always thought a desert
was just nothing, but have
changed my mind. Sure would
like to see it when all the
cactus are in bloom.

This letter was interrupted to get
dinner. That is over. Dishes Wash

Had a letter from Mama
yesterday. Told her to write
to Wickburg, so there was
a letter waiting for me. She
is fine. Haven't heard from
Alma & Bud or Hazel for a
while, they must all be busy.
Maybe we'll have some mail
to mor. when we go in town.

T.M.'s
M.M.'s

Ivan is busy looking for
gold. Every rock he picks up
he asks Charlie if it's gold.
Guess there are mines all
thru the hills out here. One
old prospector not far from
us. Charlie & Ivan were up
to see him this morn.

Had a great old snow storm
in parts of Ariz. & on the way
to Moh. Am wondering if
Anna & Joe got caught in it.

Do you ever get the paper
any more? Hope you do.

Well Wally I have some more
letters to write so will close
for now. Hope to hear from
you soon now. Haven't had
a letter for awhile, but know
it is because you haven't
had a chance to write.

Hope you are fine & I'll write
soon again, & let you know
what's doing with us.

Write when you can.

Lots of love

Bernita, Charlie

& Ivan.

P. S. Fred Plymale was home
on leave. Had a letter from
Blanche & she told us the Town
and news. Al Doig hurt his
back mining & had been in
the hospital.

Wickenburg, Arizona
Mar. 18, 1948

Dear Wally: -

Here it is Sun. a-
gain, so will spend part of it
in writing you a few lines.
Hope you are fine. We are all
putty fair at present. Charlie
went to the hospital here Tue.^(1:30 PM)
nite. Had his appendix out^(1:45 PM)
about 8. Wed morn. I got out of
the hospital today at 11:30.
That's what I call fast work.
He is doing fine. A little weak
and shaky, but not bad. Dr.
gave him a spinal. Seem to
be quite a wonderful Dr. Sure
was it over any I've heard
of when it comes to taking out
appendix. I'm so glad it is
over with, and do so hope
Charlie can feel good now. His
appendix was bad, quite large

Time has gone putty good
for me while Charlie was in
the hospital. We've had all
our breakfasts with Prescotts,
then by the time I'd get our
room straightened up, some let-
ters written or what ever I had
to do it would be about noon.
We went to the hospital about
4 & stayed until 4, then went
back 7 or a little after & stayed
until about nine, so a day was
shot before I realized it. Sure was
surprised when I walked in the
room today & found Charlie dress-
ed to come home. I thought he might
get out to mor. or Tue. Sure am
glad his out any way.

Has been kind of cloudy, rainy
weather since we've been in
town. Not bad though. It is
nice around here. Everything
so green & putty.

Haven't been to any shows
since we left Phoenix. Would

and filled with poison. So it is possible it was causing most of his stomach trouble. Evan had a bad cough. Dr. gave him 2 shots for that. Has to take one more. He had an awful cold & was sick for a day or so before I took him to the Dr., but he straightened him right out and he is O. K. now. I'm busy playing out in the sand pile. I am pretty good, too.

Evan & I have a room at the same place Prescotts are. They have a 2 room house, one room is at one of the other houses. Have had quite a few of our meals with Prescotts. The rest of town, we are $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. from Wickenburg. We may stay here a day or so until Charlie feels a little stronger, may not have to stay that long. Then we'll go back to the cabin or

the desert until we go home. Dr. thinks Charlie can travel in about 10 days. Hope we hit nice weather to go home.

Have had letters from Mom one from Hazel, one from Alma one from Joyce. Guess Bud & Alma are going to work for Clifford Shearer as I suppose Mama has told you. That should be a nice place for them to work. I know they were swell to Charlie & me, too when he worked there.

We are getting kind of anxious to get home, see every body. Find out how I'm going to feel figure out what we are going to do this summer.

Sure will be glad when we get a letter from you again. Miss your letters alot. As long as Mom hears from you though that is the main thing.

kind of like to go to nite, but
don't suppose I will.

Joyce got the Xmas card
we sent her in Feb. so it
made real good time.

You remember Ethel Mason Lowry.
Suppose some one has written
you the jail she got herself
in. Married to about 3 soldiers
and no divorce, & getting ab-
lotments from all them. She
was doing alright until the
F. B. I. caught up with her.
I haven't heard what they'll
do about it. Did hear she
was in jail in Lexington,
but don't know if it's so.
You can't believe everything
you hear in a case like that.

Sent the roll of films that
we took with Geo Kodak.
Am anxious to get them back
and see if any of them are
good. They hadn't used the

kodak for quite awhile so don't
know how good its working.
Sure hope some of the pictures
are good.

Well, wally there doesn't
seem to be so much to
write about so will close
for now. Write when you can
and hope you are fine.

Lots of love
from

Berneta, Charlie

& Ivan.

Mar. 20.

Dear wally: Got 2 welcome letters from
you yesterday. Was so glad to hear from
you & know you're O.K. Hope the boys are
all better. We are pretty good. Charlie is im-
proving every day.

I'll answer your letters in a day or 2
and answer the question which you ask
me about you & Hazel.

Bye now & I'll write soon.

Love,

Berneta.

Wickenburg, Arizona
Mar. 22, 1945

Dear Wally: -

Everyone else is in bed but I'm not ready to go just yet so will spend my time in writing you a few lines again. Hope you are fine, and our your boils by now. I never had any, but I'm sure they must be very uncomfortable.

We are all pretty well at present. Charlie is getting along alright or seems to be any way. His side is sore yet, and he has to be pretty careful but that is to be expected.

We've sure been having the weather here last night and to day. Make you think you're in Mont. Rained hard all night. Then it has rained off and on all day, and snowed too. The ground was white with snow. (21st)
Of course it didn't last long, but sure snowed for awhile anyway. Is pretty chilly to note. Keeps me busy poking wood in the fire to keep warm. (22nd)

We are back out at the cabin on the desert. Came out Wed. afternoon. (21st) It is a good place to rest, & that's what Charlie needs.

we hope to be able to go home sometime this coming wk. Don't know for sure yet, but we hope anyway.

Suppose Mama has written you that she went to Wisconsin. She left the 15th from Billings. That is all the word I've had. Am anxious to hear from her. Grandma had had a stroke & was awfully sick Aunt Mary. Wrote her. Love Hope she gets better, but it is doubtful, as she is getting rather old to be going thru some thing like that. She must be in the late 70's.

Allen Prescott was out to see us yesterday. Brought our mail. Then there is an old miner lives about a half mi. from here. He dropped in to see us, too, & had quite a gab-fest. The old miner did all the talking just about. Allen stayed & had supper with us. Mrs. Prescott has been quite sick with a bad cold.

Guess Bud & Alma ^{going to} ~~are~~ ^{or} probably are, working for Clifford Cheever thru lambing. Haven't heard so from them, but Mama

Wrote that they were when she was over to see them. Sure hope they get along O.K. now & can get ahead this summer.

Guess the Wars finally got Dorothy Jean down, any way she has a medical discharge so she should be happy.

Your \$7.50 ought to count up fairly fast for you. It will be nice to have something saved up for when you get back. You will likely need it then as you say. well all need our money.

Seems to me trucking & feed store business should be a good business to be in. If it is some thing you like, I can make a living at it that is about all that is necessary. I imagine there are ~~flats~~ ~~trucks~~ in Phoenix, although there might not be. I don't remember seeing any, but of course there could be I am not see it. There is plenty of Phoenix I didn't see.

Charlie worked in an Aluminum plant all winter. Guess the reason I never told you before was I figured it probably wouldn't pass the censor. We have learned

To like Arizona, so far as the country is concerned. The only trouble is there are so few possibilities for people with a limited supply of money like ourselves to get any where in any kind of business. It might be better after the war, but I'd rather think it will be worse. Then too we don't just like the idea of being way down here and all our folks in Mont.

Wally, you asked me my opinion of you & Hazel. That is rather a hard question for me to answer, but I'll do the best I can. First I'll say it is strictly up to you and Hazel to decide whether you want to spend the rest of your years together. If you do, what any one else thinks makes no difference one way or the other. There are a few yrs. difference in your age, but I can't see where that should make much difference. It hasn't in my marriage I know, & there are more yrs. difference between us, than there are you & Hazel. My opinion of Hazel is very high. She has her faults, so do we all, but I think she is a very fine girl. I think she is the kind that if she loves a guy she'll stick by him thru hell &

high water, then good times and bad. She has a good education, is a fair house keeper, good cook, and a real seamstress as well as a good sport. As for yourself, you know my opinion of you is pretty well tops. So if you think you can make a go of life I'd rather I'm certainly for you. But it is up to you wally to know what you feel in your heart that you want to do. If a couple loves one another enough they can over come most anything that happens to come along. When you get home from where you are now, I think you will pretty much know what you want from life, and if Hazel is one of them, and she can help give you the rest, that is your answer. I don't know whether I have answered your question or helped you at all or not. I hope I have. If you want to ask me any questions about what I have written I'll do my best to answer them.

(23d) We plan to go into Wickburg
to mor. if it doesn't storm too
much. The road out here is
mostly sand so not much
danger of muddy roads.

There is a little white slick
haired dog strayed in here today.

Is an old dog, hasn't been too well fed. Of course I let him in and fed him, you know me. Charlie says I'll be wanting to take him home with me next. I don't think so though. He can sure beg for something to eat. When I was sitting by the stove and I pulled up a chair & told the dog to get on it & he did. Sat for awhile & then laid down on the chair & went to sleep.

We have been working on a zig saw puzzle we found here today. Is a big one, 500 pieces. Is a hard one too, to put together.

Had a letter from B. Lauche & Johnnie and his appendix out too, about the same time Charlie did. A couple days later.

Well Wally I'm getting cold so guess I better go to bed. Sent the 1st pictures I took to have them developed. If they're any good will send you some. Will include one ^{in this letter} we had taken at Plymouth last Sept. Audrey took it.

Write when ever you can. Am always anxious to get your letters.

Lots of love
Bereta, Charlie
& Ivan.

White Sulphur Springs
Montana

Sun. April 8, 1945

Dear Wally:—

Have received two

Welcome letters from you which I have not answered as yet, so will now get busy. Wonder how you are by now. I hope fine. We are all pretty well at the present time.

We have been home a little over a week now. Had a grand trip coming home. Came a different route part way, so saw new scenery. Some of it very beautiful. However, so crowded coming back. Just the three of us. We took turns driving one would drive an hr. or a little over, and then the other one would take a turn at it. Even got thru all the traffic with out getting pinched. Wish you could have been with us. I know you would get a bang out of that trip. We left Wichburg Mon. the 26th at about 11:30 & got home Fri. nite the 30th at about 5:30. We stayed in Dillon Thurs. nite, came thru by Twin Bridge & stopped there awhile. Mr. Oberg that used to manage the

Woodward store here in W. S. is now
managing the one in Twin Bridge
so we stopped to see him. Had a
nice visit, & bought a few things
we needed, that we couldn't find
any where else on our trip. Then
we came on to Anna & Joe's, had
dinner with them. Then on to Tom-
und and stopped to see Red & Blandie
for a little while. Then on home.
Alma helped us unload, & had us
over for supper. She & Mom had
the house just shining clean so
it was nice to come home to.

Haven't had much nice weather
since we got home. Seems as though
it blows & storms all the time.
We're having our Mar. weather
in April I guess, that is the
way it goes when it is nice in
Mar.

Bud, Alma & Charlie are all work-
ing for Clifford Shian, lambing.
Alma is helping Marie, guess
she does most of the cooking.
They started to work for him on
Mon. The 2nd & Charlie went on
Thurs. He gets pretty tired, but
doesn't do any lifting. The 3rd of
them drive back & forth to get the
lamb. They leave a little before six in the

morn. & don't get back until a-
round 8 at nite, so make a
long day. I've been plenty busy
it beens getting things straightened
around and picked up, so haven't
had time to get very lonesome.

We did a little bumming around
before Charlie went to work. Went
out to Ringling one day. Had din-
ner with Volga. Then Charlie went
out to where Angus was at the Harder
place to see our cattle. We have sev-
eral calves. Then we had supper
with Hazel, as she has probably
written you. She is pretty well. Looks
better than she did when we left
last fall. She is supposed to come
up this next wk. end. Wanted her
to this wk. end, but she was taking
her 2, 8th graders to Helena for a
trip. Then the next afternoon we
went to Townsend to see about a
cow of ours over there, & to see Red
& Blanche & the kids. Had supper
with them & a nice visit. Start-
ed home a little after 10 & took
us 4 hrs. to come home. The gas
line on the car was plugged,
& we'd go about a mile, then get
out & blow the thing out with
the tire pump. Sure was a long
old trip home, & we were sure tired.

Guess you've been around plenty
from your last letter telling us
some of the places you'd been.
My guesses had been pretty near
right on some of them. I don't sup-
pose there is much to do when
you do get to go ashore. Of course
it would depend upon where you'd
get to go. Sure will be glad when
you can come ashore at home again.

I got your letter saying you
had souvenirs for us. We'd have
liked to brought souvenirs for every
one from Arizona, but anything
worth while cost so much we just
couldn't. Didn't even bring any
for ourselves.

Suppose Mama has written you
that she is home again. Haven't
seen her yet, but hope to soon.

Have seen Papa a couple of times.
He is fairly well, about the same
as he has been I think. He is
sure thing though.

Alma & Bud were out stepping
last nite. Guess there was a dance
in town & Ted Jefferson is home
on leave. I didn't go up town
last nite even. Charlie went
up for a few minie., & Angus &
family stopped a little while after

the show. Charlie is too tired for us to take in any more life as long as he is working until he gets stronger again. He really shouldn't be working, but then you know Charlie.

Don't worry Wally if there is anything very bad happens here at home that I think you don't know I'll write and tell you. I don't think there will be. Anyway we'll hope for the best, & that you can be home with us again before too long.

Oh yes, Al is back out at the Stewart ranch. He got hurt in the mine & can't go back there for awhile. Jimmie man he had that went there when Bud left, bought a place down by Townsend. Seems there is another couple to come pretty soon from East Helena or some place, & Al is to stay with them thru the summer to get them started. I think Al is the best man Jim ever did have there for the way he wants his ranch run.

Ivan is fine. Seems to be glad to be home. The 2 little Buckingham girls came to see

here Easter Sun. right after church.
Brought him an Easter basket
and stayed several hrs. I fixed
them a little table & they had
dinner to gether. They had a
good time. Are sure cute girls.
They are the ones he played with
last summer when we put up hay.

Ivan & I are going out to Lheavis
this afternoon. Alma is to come
in & get us. Charlie wanted us
to come up to the shed awhile
where she is. Then I baked Charlie
a birthday cake & that I'd take
it out for supper. His birthday
was the 3rd, but we weren't home
long enough at that time to
make him a cake.

We had quite a tragedy in town
yesterday. The school children were
gathering old paper, (scrap paper)
and rags. Were several guys
helping haul it. Wicker, (I'm sure
you know him) was one. He had
that big ~~orange~~ orange truck he
used around town. Anyway
there were several children with
him, including his own. He
figured they were all in, and
started the car, instead of that
his little boy was just climbing
up the wheel, & of course he came over.

him, killed him instantly. Pure
was a terrible thing. But seems
like things like that will happen.

Have seen Dorothy Jean a couple
of times. She is just as much of
a scatter brain as ever, and
of course was terribly abused in
the Service. Had to work a little
something she isn't used to. She
is supposed to have some trouble
now. I guess she has, but some
times I think alot of it is put on.

Seems I have so many letters
to write. Have had 2 or 3 from
Joyce, that I haven't answered.
Haven't heard from Paul for some
time but guess the rest is.
I sent Paul & Anna a picture
of him. Guess I didn't rate one.

Well Wally this has become
quite a mess paper so will
close for now. Hope you are
fine and write whenever you
can. Love look forward to
your letters. Lots of love.

Bernita, Charlie
& Ivan.

White Sulphur Springs
Montana
April 16, 1945

Dear Wally:—

I am going to try and get a little letter writing done this afternoon so will start with you. Hope you are fine. We are all pretty good here at the present time. Charlie is pretty tired when he gets home nites, but feels pretty good most of the time.

was going to wash to day, but by the time I got breakfast, dishes washed, & house work done it was rather late, so decided to wait until to mor. Wasn't too nice a day anyway.

Suppose Hazel wrote you she was up and spent the wk. end with us. Ivan & I went & got her Fri. nite. We had a nice time together. Suppose she told you how we spent Sat. making formalin and catching mice. The Junior Prom is Sat. Her & I are going to have dresses alike. They are cute I think. Hazel has to make them this wk. The two of them cost us \$4.00

so they certainly aren't very expensive. I sure wish I could sew like Hazel can. She started to make me a hat yesterday. Didn't get it finished will have to do that some other time.

We didn't do anything exciting over the wk. end. Hazel & I went out to see Papa Sat. mite. He was quite sick for a little while, but was better again yesterday. One of those short minded spells again only a bad one. Has some baby chickens out there, & they had given them some alfalfa chaff to scratch in. Papa had the door between the room he lives in where the chickens are open, & he was inhaling all that dust & it sure got him down. Finally come to him what was causing it, so he's closed that door now & dusted out his room so maybe he'll feel better. Surely hope so. He isn't too well at the best.

yesterday afternoon we went up to the lambing shed & foaled around awhile. Then I took Hazel home. I was decided to stay with Charlie. I wasn't in long but only a

just mine. Came back & had sup-
per at Lina's & then we came home
after Alma got the supper dishes
done. Lambing is getting pretty
well over out there. Have a little
over 200 in the drop band is
all. Sure have made a swell
lambing so far & dandy lambs.
Alma will probably be there this
wk. They can move out there &
Bud can have an all summer
job with Clifford, but I don't know
what they'll do. Alma seems to
think she can't move out of town.
She wants Bud to work for Alf.
this summer, so I don't know
who'll win out.

Don't know yet just what we
are going to do either. Will have
to decide after Charlie gets them
out there.

Had a letter from Cook. He is
over in Germany. Seemed to
be fine when he wrote.

Lure was sad about our Presi-
dent wasn't it. I suppose you guys
heard it shortly after it happened
as I heard a broadcast from
a ship saying the news had
come in and how the guys
took the news. Certainly was a

shock to every body I guess.
Called Mom up when I was in
Ringling Sat. Haven't seen her
yet, as Charlie needs the car, &
when I go over I'd at least like
to be able to stay all nite.

Ivan is fine. Busy drawing
pictures and playing.

Talk about mice. We sure had
them here. We started trapping
them Sat. afternoon in a couple
hrs. we had 13. Caught 2 at once,
one time. We saved those to
show Charlie, Bud & Alma, as we
didn't think they'd believe us
if we didn't have proof.

Seems as though it just can't
warm up here. Went up town
this morn. wearing my spring
coat & about froze to death be-
fore I got home.

Wish you were going to be here
Sat. nite to go to the Prom with
us. We'll be thinking of you anyway.

Well Wally there doesn't seem
to be so much to write this time
so will close for now.

Heris hoping you are fine & to
hear from you real soon.

Angel had a letter from you
last nite when she got home

so she was tricked.
Bye now write whenever
you can.

Lots of love
Beinta, Charlie
& Ivan.

Mandlow, Montana

May 4, 1945

Dear Wally: —

Must now get busy and write you a few lines again. Wonder how you are by now. I hope fine. We are all pretty well at the present time.

As you can see from our address we have moved again. We are lambing for Frank Morgan, 6 or 7 mi. from Mandlow. Charlie and Angus bought a bunch of sheep from him, but they don't receive them until the 10th of June. Charlie & I are just working for wages now. We may be down in this country all summer, as the sheep range to run the sheep or is down here & we will do the camp tending, & if we can't get a decent herder to put in the mountains for 60 days we'll herd them ourselves. Sounds like a very good deal they have. Hope so any way as we hope to make some money.

There is a 4 room house here

nothing fancy, just a camp
mostly. At present I have
7 to cook for counting Iwan
and I. There isn't much house
work to do besides the cooking
so I don't think I'll have to
work very hard. Seem to have
plenty of time so far. Charlie
is wrangling bunches.

We had lunch with Hazel
the day we came down. She
has likely already written you
and told you that.

Iwan & I were over to see
Mama Mon. Stayed overnite.
She is pretty good. Would have
liked to spend more time with
her, but maybe I can later on.

But is still working for Clif-
ford. Walks back & forth to work.
Alma has the promise of a sum-
mer job at Annie Berge. Don't
know if she will get it. She
spent a few days in Livingston
visiting Tessa. Her little boy
isn't very good. Has a blood
clot on the brain which is
causing paralysis on one
side. Also has convulsions
at times. Altogether it doesn't
sound very good for him.

I gave Charlie a wrist watch

for his birthday. He seems to like it. I hope it is a good one.

Also had the bad luck to loose my coin purse the day we came down here. The last I can remember having it was in Mike Ryan's. Called Mom up & paid for the call. There wasn't so much in it but I hate like the devil to loose it. Was about \$3.50 in money. Most of it I want, then a key belonging to Bud. I am still in hopes I might get it back if I left it at Mike's and I think that is the only place I could have left it.

Ivan is fine. Busy playing. Went wrangling sheep with Char. He after supper last nite.

Nobody has heard from Paul for about a mo. now so he must be on the move again.

We don't have our radio fixed up yet. Sent for a battery it should be here before too long. Sure will be glad when we get it. A person doesn't know what's going on way out here in the sticks.

Saw the Jap Stewarts the day before

we left. They are looking real well. Are going back out to the Keith place this summer.

Oh yes Wink & Waneta are back. They were up to W.S. the day I was gone to see Mom. Alma was gone, too. Bud saw them. Said they are going to have an increase in the family. I feel sorry for the kid with a couple like them for parents.

Guess J. B. this wife were home not long ago. Mrs. Keith couldn't even find anything about her she didn't like so he must have picked a good wife.

Well Wally I guess I better close for now & get to work. I think you might as well send our letters to W.S. as I don't know for sure how long we'll be here, and they will forward them to us if we are here.

Ken is hoping you are fine & to hear from you soon.

Lots of love,
from
Beruta, Charlie
& Ivan.

Mandala Montana
May 14, 1945

Dear Wally: —

Received your very welcome letter written the 16th of Apr. so will now get busy and answer. Lundy was glad to hear from you again.

Hope you are fine. We are fairly well. Have colds, and I've been having a little more asthma but not so bad. Feel a little better again today. Every body is busy. Charlie is working like a beaver. He wrangles bunches, spends some time with the drop band, works in the shed, in fact any thing there is to do. He feels pretty good most of

the time. Larya he gets a fair in his other side once in awhile, but not often.

I can't remember if I told you Charlie and Angus bought a band of sheep from Mr. Morgan. That is mostly how we come to be here is to look after our interests, although we are just working for wages, too. Mr. Morgan has around 2000 sheep, the first 500 Bob Campbell bought, that is the 1st 500 I saw then we get our band out of the middle, & some one else takes the tail end bunch so we should get a fair bunch of lambs. Charlie & Angus receive their sheep on the 10th of June

We run them here on Morgan's range for the summer at so much a head. This buyer Mc Lumberg is in the deal, Charlie & Angus have already sold the sheep back to him, in other words they just bought them for about 5 mos. Have also contracted the lambs back to Mc Lumberg at so much a lb., & Charlie & Angus get all the wool. It is a kind of a funny sounding deal especially when you try to explain it to somebody, but looks like we should be able to make quite a little money at it.

Walter Donahue wants us to put up the hay on the Loophole again this yr. but don't know whether we will be able to take that on or not. Would like to. I'd like to make money enough to settle down some place of our own this fall. I'm getting tired moving around, and with Evan starting to school we are going to have to stay in one place. We are getting our cattle built up to where they amount to something. Will have 26 steers to sell this fall if nothing unforeseen happens.

Am glad you liked the picture. Sent Mom my negatives & told her to get some pictures developed. I just don't know where to send to get upshots any more. So maybe I'll have some more to send you some of these days.

Hazel will soon be through in Ringling. She will be glad. She is supposed to come down & spend a few days with us before she goes home.

It has been raining here, & the roads are really a mess in this country when it rains. Worse than at Stewarts. We sure

needed the rain though. Am in hopes it will clear off now & dry up again. We need some groceries pretty badly & I like to get the mail again before too long.

Morgans are nice people to work for. Mr. Morgan & his oldest son are here. Mr. Mor. sure gets a lot of work done for a man his age. He hardly stops a min. Is his own shed man besides doing anything else that is to be done. There are just 6 of them to lamb out these sheep so you can see they are plenty busy. One is a kid that doesn't know beans about sheep.

He leads the drop band, then there is another older man with the drop band that looks after the broadcasting. The kid has a saddle horse & he never gets off him all day long outside of to eat lunch I guess. We have a ewe here in the yard that had magits. They doctored her up so there is no wool on her back part & she is all brown colored from the junk they put on her. This guy asks me what happened that sheep if somebody set fire to her. He's a nice guy but not a man & doesn't seem to care to learn. He's been in the Merchant Marines. Got out on a medical discharge. He is 20 yrs. old.

Sounds like you have been around again. I can well imagine you have seen plenty from some of the things we've read that has gone on around those places. Of course, I don't think any of us even have a good idea of what you guys have to go through. It is sure nice to know that the Americans are taken care of any way. Lots of those kids will be coming home from that side & lots of them going where you are. It will certainly be a wonderful day when it is all over on that side, too.

Charlie got a coyote the other day. That is he shot it and is sure he killed it, but couldn't find the thing. Mr. Morgan said he'd promised \$10 to anyone that killed a coyote here in lambing time. Charlie said he didn't want the money as he couldn't produce the coyote, so Mr. Morgan gave the money to Evan.

We got a radio battery the other day so have our radio going now. Seems good to have it again. A person hates to be without one when there are so many things happening.

I think it would be kind of nice here for the summer. It is a fair house, trees in the yard, a lilac bush out in front. Nothing fancy, but nice & comfortable. We don't know for sure yet if we will be here for the summer, but if we do the camp tending which is quite likely we will probably be here more or less.

Well Wally guess I better close for now and get to work. Hope you are fine & to hear from you real soon again.

Lots of love
from
Bernita, Charlie
& Evan.

jobs done, but all we did
was get out of town as
far as the Dave Winter
place & got stuck in an
awful mud hole. Had to
jack the car up, put boards
under it, & then Back Camp.
It happened along with a
saddle horse & gave us a
pull, & we finally did get
out. So believe it or not
for once we turned around
and came back to Ringling.
We are at Angus' now, & I
think we'll stay put until
it dries up some. I never
saw such muddy roads
in my life & as you know
we've traveled some pretty
muddy ones.

We were out at Stewart's the
other day. Al is holding down
the place by himself. Had a
couple there, but Al's story is
they went to town one Sat.
nite & got drunk & never came
back. That sounds just like
Al. I imagine there's a lot of

Mandow. Mont.
June 8, 1945

Dear Wally: —

As usual I am
way behind in my letter
writing. Received a very
welcome letter from you yes-
terday. Written the 18th.
Surely was glad to hear
from you, & that you were
O.K. Surely hope you still
are. We are all pretty good
at the present time.

It must take my letter
a long time to get to you
some times, as I wrote you
about going to Mandow
to lamb. We are through
lambing now, finished
up last Sat. Charlie &
Angus receive their band
of sheep Mon. morn. We
tried to go back down
there this morn. as we
want to get a horse
Ranger killed & a few odd

work nearly every morn. &
goes & gets lunch every mite
so she can have the car
to chase around during
the day. Some don't think
she gives Bud a square deal
but it is a problem they'll
have to work out. I don't
think Alma realizes how
lucky she is, & the chance
she has for happiness, only
hope she doesn't find out
too late. Clifford & I want think
the world of Bud, & are very
pleased with his work. Don't
ever say I said anything really
but then I know you mean it.

You have likely heard by
now that Paul & Joyce are
married. I am glad for them
as there is no reason
why they should waste the
best yrs. of their lives
waiting for a man to get over.

I imagine Hazel wrote
you she was down to see
us before she left. We had
a nice time. She came on
the train Memorial Day.
I've took her to the train
to D. D. - too tall.

he another couple coming the
10th Hard to tell how long
they'll stay. Al's Johnnie is
coming to spend the sum-
mer with Al so that will
at least be company for him.
We got our horses, that is
Dan, Tony & Duffy, then we
got Sugar out of a bunch
up here by Ringling. We'll
have to use pack horses
to get salt & groceries to the
herd after he goes in the
Rumme, that's the reason
we need all the horses. I
hope to be able to ride some
this summer, too. It's been
so long since I've had a
chance to ride, & after shear-
ing I shouldn't have alot of
other work to do after shear-
ing, and that should only
last one day unless a rain
storm catches us, & I certainly
hope that doesn't happen.

Bud is still out a Shearman.
He sold the Chrysler they
got for \$50, I guess, & paid
\$8.00 for the new one he

Called Mon Sup. & so. etc.
she seemed to be pretty
good. Bud, Alma & Mrs.
Badgett were over last Sun.
& had dinner with her.
Sent her a nice slip & a
cute salt & pepper shaker
on her birthday. ^{well}

Ivan is fine. He went
with Charlie quite a lot dur.
ing lambing. He is growing,
getting tall now. will have
to go to school this fall.

Saw Pat while we were
in W.S. ^{in 4 to}
but not good.
Seems like he never gets
very good any more.

We are in hopes we can
get back to where the sheep
are to mor. It has been
nice this afternoon, so
should have dried up
quite a lot if it just does-
n't rain again to mite.

Paul Mikhelson was home
on furlough. ^{was} in town
the other day, but we didn't
get to see him. Fred Rap

you one of the shepherd's
fell for her. He's old enough
to be her father, but no
fool like an old fool I guess.
Poor Hazel we raised her
so much. She took it all
good natured though. She
plans to come back some
time this summer & see
us. Truly hope she can.

You ask about Lulla. I don't
know whether she is going
with anyone or not. Mr.
Wylie is the county agent
for the summer, & Lulla
works for him. She was
his secretary at school, too.

Dorothy Jan is still
messing around doing no-
thing. Her boy friend
she had such a case on
married another girl. Even
he was quite a nice guy.
She has a case on some
guy in Townsend now, but
I don't know who.

We went to a show while
we were in W.S., Two Girls
& a Sailor: we enjoyed it
a lot

also has 2 & 3 days Jimmie
+ Bunker was home too, but
we didn't get to see him
either.
Well Wally & I have run
out of seeds, and am
tired, so I'll close & go to bed.
He's hoping you are fine,
and I'd like to hear from you
again. I'll write
you in a few days.
Lots of love
from
Bunker Charlie
and Susan.

June 15, 1945

Dear Wally:-

I don't have chances to get letters mailed so often any more it seems, so will get my and write you a few lines as I hope to get some letters mailed to mor. Wonder how you are by now. I hope fine. We are all pretty well at the present time.

We men out for a horse back ride this afternoon, first time I've been on a horse for ages. Ivan & I rode Tony, Charlie rode Dan. Charlie tried the fishing, caught four nice ones, enough for supper for the 3 of us. Our cabin is right close to a nice stream. It is almost too high for good fishing yet, but should be better if it quite raining once again.

Charlie & Angus received their band of sheep last mor. Have a nice bunch of lambs, 1230 of them. Sure hope they

we can keep the loss down. We have a herd now, but when they go in the Reserve the 1st of July or about then Charlie, Ivan & I may herd them. We aren't sure yet. Charlie is going up to look at the range one of these days pretty quick I see how tough it is. The herd we had really planned on lost 30 lambs in about 10 days, so at that rate we'd have to buy in another band of lambs by fall. Angus'd have to pay me about \$200 a mo., so we might as well herd them ourselves and earn that money. We aren't just sure yet. Will let you know what we decide.

We haven't had the mail for 2 wks. now. Went down to get it due. but the road is all washed out in places this side of Mandlow, & it isn't fixed yet - there is a

over there on the railroad?
and they piled up alot of
rocks some place they
shouldn't be that caused
the wash out. Sure hope
we can get the mail soon.
Don't like going so long
with out it.

we were in Ringling W.S.
the first of the wk. Went
up after our saddle horses.
Saw Helen Metier & met her
husband. She is certainly a
happy looking girl to have
him back again. I guess
he went through decent plenty
Angus told us some of the
things he told about and
they were plenty bad. He
gets a 60 day furlough,
then has to report back
and he doesn't know what
after that. He looks well
and managed not to
let his imprisonment get
him down. Was in prison
almost a yv. The Owens
boy from W.S. Hayden, is also
back & is O.K., but for a few

face. when the Dr. get
through I doubt if it will
even be noticeable. We
didn't get to see him.
He had been in W.S., but
left for the Dakotas to see
his folks.

Guess I'll play sheepherder
to-mor. Our herder has
to go to Boyerman to pick
up some compensation pa-
pers, so I think I'd rather
herd the sheep than to
take him in. There can
be a bad man in this coun-
try get my goat when I
try to drive them, & if
it happens to rain. They
are awful.

Duan is fine. He is busy
drawing pictures. Does
pretty good drawing
some things. He'll soon
have a birthday. Doesn't
seem possible he'll soon
be 21.

I don't know whether Hazel
has written me since she
went home, as we haven't

had the mail since the night she left.

Saw Bud & Alma when we were in W. S. Bud is still working for Clifford. Alma is taking life easy, mostly well. Well Wally there really isn't much to write about so I'll close for now. We're hoping you are fine & to hear from you when we get the mail.

Lots of Love
from
Bonnie, Charlie
& Ivan.

June 19, 1945

Dear Wally: —

Received a very welcome letter from you yesterday. it was with in the 5th. I am glad you men O. K. & had been on land once again. Bet it seems good even to drink a few beers. Are the natives hard to deal out of souvenirs and are they very friendly.

We are all pretty good at the present time. Some days I don't feel too good some days, but can't complain most of the time.

Finally, got the mail yesterday. Had quite a bunch as it had been over 2 wks. since we'd got. then the mail back. Had 3 letters from Mom, one from Hazel, Anna, Audrey & Eva together, Mary & Liz, & yours. Then two from

funny books! That O. Schylfarvik sent me from W. B., so he was happy.

Charlie is busy getting caught up on this fishing. Had been wishing you could be here while we are as we know you used to enjoy fishing. & it is pretty good here. We are just a little ways from the Creek. The water isn't as high as it was so the fishing is getting better all the time. They are sure good fish to eat. Don't know when I've eaten any that tasted as good as since we've been here.

We aren't working very hard just at present. Charlie has been watching the sheep early in the morn. & late in the eve. while the harder would get his ones. He has

...to another, & the
coyotes are so bad. A
person sure has to watch
the sheep closely. Don't know
just yet when we will shear.

I sheared them last Sat.

Like Charlie & I went to take
the lumber to Boyeman. &
got along O. K. When they
came back Charlie & I
brought me the nicest
pair of brown boots and
a big hat, so I am kind
of a combination cowboy
shepherd now. Love like
both my boots & hat. Some
thing I've always wanted.

Imagine Hazel wrote
you she is in the hos-
pital at Billings. I'm sure
-he'll feel alot better after
her operation, her side
has really been bothering
her a lot. She should
get along fine as appendix
operations aren't serious
now days.

It sure takes a long time
for your mail to get to
you & I sometimes wonder
if you ever get it all. I
write pretty often usually
average, once a wk. & I think
some times often, and I
now tell you where we
are & what we are doing
and so on, & it seems
like ages before you ever
get the letters. I suppose
it all takes time though.

Was surely too bad about
your Buddy being lost in
that storm. Mama told
me you had a letter from
his Mother. Love is tough
when things like that
have to happen, but a
person never knows it
seems. You don't always
have to be in battle for
things to happen.

Papa went to Butte the
day before we were in W.S.
last time to see if we
could have anything done

gradually getting more &
& of course it bothers the
other eye a lot. Sure hope
he can have something
done. I don't know what
is the matter with it.

Ivan is fine, growing
like amed. Will soon have
a birthday. You don't need
to worry about him for-
getting you, he remembers
his Uncle Wally & also
knows what ship you are
on. He'll probably have
a million questions to
ask you when you get
back. Maybe you can
answer some of the ones
I can't.

Haven't rained here the
last 2 or 3 days. Really
seems good to see some
sunshine once again.

Clifford & Marie Cheever
are supposed to come down
& see us some time this
mo. & spend a couple of
days. Hope they do. We

also hope to have a lot of fun
with them.

Found a piece in the
Bozeman paper about Mr.
Tallman Sr., he is retiring
from the Mathematics Dept.
in Bozeman after 45 yrs.
of teaching there. They are
going to Florida to make
their home. Billy Jr. is there.

Well Wally seems to have
run out of news so will
close for now. Hope you
are fine & to hear from
you soon again.

Lots of love from
us all.

Bernita, Charlie
& Ivan.

Wilsall Mont.

June 26 1945

Dearest Wallace.

Well dear guess I'll get busy and write you a few lines once again to let you know that I am fine. And I hope these few lines find you the same. Well we had a little excitement in the neighbor hood this morning. The brooder house at Dallas Mather caught a fire. And it was right close by their new bunk house and shed. The men have just got back from there. She saved all the little chickens. It didn't take the neighbor hood long to gather and help. Had another hard rain last nite. Mr. W. & I were out in it and did we ever get soaked befor we got home. We had the team in the plow. I'm canning rutab this after noon. Should have around 12 quarts. The men are all fencing as its to wet to plough.

I did my washing yesterday. And really had a big one. Haven't had my mail yet this week. Maybe I'll have a letter from you when I do get it. Wrote Bud & Alma a letter. Will write Paul Berneta & Hazel yet too. I sent Ivan five dollars for his birthday that's to morrow. Well dear there doesn't seem much of any thing to write about so guess I'd better say cheerio with lots of love & kisses to you from your loving Mom.

Wallace mama has some awful sad news to tell you since I wrote your letter. Berneta passed away last nite Dec. 26 That's all the word we've gotten so far. We don't know where she's at or where she died at. I'm at Bud & Alma's. Wallace mama don't know how she's going to go through it. I feel so bad for you & Paul when you get the word. Something awful dear has been taken from us But I guess God knows

White S. S. Mont.

July 1 1945-

Dearest Wallace.

Well dear guess I'd better get busy and write you a few lines to let you know that mama is pretty fair. The rest are all the same. Well dear our darling Berneta was layed away yester day. She had a lovely funeral and lots & lots of lovely flowers over 50 sent her flowers. We got her a spray for you 2 boys and Bud Papa & I for 15-dollars. Carnations & sweet peas. The pallbearers were Hubert Plymal, Ted Kuhner, Bill Blakely, Clifford Dear, Mr Prescott, Harold Bilton, Mrs ^{Jim} Higgins & her sister ~~say~~ sang. There'll be no disappointment in heaven that was ammas pick and mine was Beautiful Isle of some where. There sure 2 beautiful singers. Mrs Berg played the organ. We sent Hazel a telegram but I don't think there was any chance for her to get it. And Mrs Badgett told me she had a letter from Hazel and that she was in Billings to have a check up.

showed. I know that we could have
gotten word to her there. I know
she'd feel bad that she didn't get
it come but we did the best we
could. I guess Charlie's been out
going to stay at Angus and
take care of the cattle & haying
end of it and the Angus will
take care of the sheep and I guess
his going to look the horse over
in town. You write him dear for
Bernard's sake. He doesn't have much
to say to me but I'll need to
that now. Little Juan takes it like
the good little soldier he is. He still
loves his Grandma. You should see
how thoughtful he is of Charlie.
He likes to draw pictures a lot and
Bud happens to be some writing on
one of his pictures and he seen it and
told me about it so I told him Bud
did it and he'd have to talk to Bud
about it so he went soon Bud and
when he come back. He said Bud

admitted he done it. It sure sounded
cute. Well dear guess this
will be all for this time. Think
I'll go back home to day as
there isn't much of any thing
I can do here now. And I'm needed
there. So heres hoping you are
fine. So Bye dear for this
time with lots of love & kisses to
you from your loving mom.

Wilsall Mont.
July 3 1945

Dearest Wallace.

Well dear here I am back again
so guess I'll write you a few
lines. Mamas well as far as her
health goes. But I just cant get
a poor little Berneta of my mind.
It will be a week to morrow nite
since she passed away. Im just
wondering how Charlie will make
out with Evan. I sure hope all
right. His problem will come when
school starts. To morrow is the
4th I'll likely stay at home
as I havent the heart to do
any thing. I'd like to go to
Ringling and spend the day with
the Badgetts and maybe go fishing.
Mrs Badgett is a real Pal. I dont know
what Bud & Alma is going to do.
Alma wants to go to Livingston
but Bud just couldnt see it that
way. So dont know how it will
turn out. Had a nice long letter
from Paul & Joyce this morning

when may 28. They were rushing
around getting ready to be married.
Think I'll just send his letter to
you. Wonder where you at and
what you doing. Sure hope you
well and all right. Its sure hot
here to day comencing to look like
thunder showers again. Wink signed
up to ride again. Hope he's lucky
and doesn't get hurt. Well dear
you excuse a short letter as its
rather hard for mom to write
now. So heres hoping you are
fine. Bye dear with lots of love
and kisses to you from your
loving mom.

Wilsall Mont.
July 7 1945-

Dearest Wallace.

Well dear guess I'd better get busy and write you a few lines again. To let you know that I am well. And I hope this finds you the same. Had a couple of letters from you a few days ago. You seemed to be fine then. Have only had the 1 letter so far from Paul. And I sent that on to you. We've been having quite warm weather here the last week. But still the evenings seem to be quite cool. There expecting the sheep shears here most any day now. Sure will be glad as the sheep went tagged and they are in very good shape.

Had a letter from Hazel ~~and~~ yesterday. She seems to be getting along all right. Saw Al a few minutes the 4th. I'm going to send him your letter where you wrote and told me about fighting. Joe was there for the 4th but I didn't get to see him. Well dear you excuse a short letter this time as I'm sending you Donavon's letter to you and you send it on to Paul to his A. P. O. address at San Francisco to his same address. So Bye with lots of love & kisses to you from your loving mom.

Dearest Wallace.

Wheatmont.
July 9. 1946-

Well dear I am going to write you a few lines to let you that I'm well as far as my health goes. But awfully lonely for Berneta. I just can't forget I've been wondering how Bern is getting along. I wrote him a letter last week and will write him again. I told him I'd write him a letter every week. Poor little dear. I haven't heard any more letters from Paul & Joyce. But should be getting one again one of these days. I haven't heard from Bud & Alma since they were here. I had a letter from Iago & Aid gotten my letter telling her about Berneta. She seemed to be feeling pretty good. They heard she sheep her yesterday. I'll bet Arthur and a guy from Clyde Park. I'll bet is ^{long} away from being like he should be. He cuts the sheep a lot. Well we've been having quite warm weather. But of course the ~~weather~~ nights are always cool. The girls were over yesterday for dinner. After we got the dishes done we spent the rest of the afternoon down to the ad. They told me that Carl & Ethel's wife was expecting the sixth child the reason why she didn't take the Wilson school this fall. Berneta is still in Wheat. So far I've never had a chance to talk to her. How much money was that you sent as you never said in your letter. The girls Bern is going to be sent over soon to now. Wallace would soon be having a birthday can you tell me any news would like to hear her send you. I just don't know what to get you. Well dear this isn't much of a letter but there just doesn't seem to be any thing more to write about so guess I'd better say Bye with lots of love & kisses to you from your loving Betty

Dearest Wallace.

Aug 19, 1940

Well dear here it is another Sunday so guess I'll write you a few lines once again. Wonder how you are I sure hope fine. Mamas well. I'm not working today. They had just a little more stacking to do at the young place so I didn't have to go. Rel is here finishing up the mowing. Don't know any news. Paul has a new address. All though he didn't say any thing about it. Got a leather case from them yesterday its got stationary in it. Got a letter from Charlie & Evan yesterday. Charlie is an answer to the one I wrote and ask him if I could help them in any way. But he gave me to understand that I wasn't fit to help take care of Evan. The only way he can think of me is with pity and regret. I don't think I deserve all of that dear. For if ever a mother tried to do right by her children I think I have. Maybe he'll see his mistake some time. He knows how he can hurt me through Evan. I'll write Evan but I'll not write him. I'm going to send him 20 dollars toward Bernetas head stone. That will be 5 dollars for each one of us. I do wish I could get to her grave more often. Mama gets so blue seems all I do is cry & cry some more. Mamas so in hopes you boys can soon come home. I guess every mother is wishing that. I sure hope the war is over but it feels like its not.

They're ~~it~~ taken of the gas rationing. and I guess
vegetables, and a few things like that. I sure have
a lovely garden here. Wish it was mine. We'd
have plenty for all winter with out buying if you
boys get home. But guess well make out any
way. Hope next year we can all be some where
to gether. Its soon 4 years since we seen Paul.
I thought maybe Bud & Alma would get over to
day but guess not as its after 1 now. He likely
had to work to day as I guess his been working
sundays from the way Alma wrote. Mama got
him one of those bracelets like you have for his
birthday. I thought that would be nice for him.
So gotten you one to but I knew you had one.
Do you wear yours all the time. Did I tell
you that I had Bernetas wrist watch that we gave
her. mamas been so thankful that she gave it
to her as she got so much enjoyment out of it.
I know she loved mama dearly. Mrs Prescott said she
begged her to stay a while longer at Arizona but
Berneta said no. this is the first time I've ever
been away from mama this long and I've just
got to get home to see her. Then she was here
a month befor she could come to see me and then
only 1 day and left the next. Then he blames me for causing
her a lot of heart ake. Well dear guess this better be all
for this time. So Bye with lots of love & kisses to you
from your loving mom.

Dearest Wallace.

Wilsall m out
Aug. 26. 1944

Well dear guess I'll write you a few lines this evening to let you know that I am fine. And I hope & trust these few lines find you the same. Well dear I have some good news from Paul. He's still at Brisbane waiting for a ship to bring him home. Mamma's so glad as it's been so long since I last seen him. And I sure hope and trust you get to come soon too. Mamma's sure looking forward for that time to come. And it can't come none too soon. But you know dear mamma's always thinking of you. And where ever you are she's always with you in thoughts. We finished haying yesterday. And we're all glad. The boys came up and helped so it didn't take too long. I suppose Hazel will be in Ringling to morrow said she'd call me up. But it don't make much difference. She's nice enough bid in a way. But some times she didn't weigh quite enough. It kinda amuses me about those silly girls. When I wrote to Alice she didn't know how nice to be to me now when I see her it hurts her to even say hello. And now Hazel she used to write me all the time. And only one letter now since

she had her operation. Mama learned Hazel's
ways what little time I spent with her in Bingham
and when she came here to see me. I nearly got my
head bit off several times over nothing. Everything
was pretty lively when the good news came we
were in Livingston. All business places ~~called~~
closed for 2 days. Well dear there doesn't
seem to be much of any thing more
to write about so guess I'll say cheerio
with lots of love & kisses to you
from your loving mm.

Dearest Wallace.

Wiscasson Ont.

Aug 28 1945-

Well dear mama rec'd 2 ever welcome letters from you to day. And was so glad to hear from you again and that you were fine. which this leaves me the same. Had a letter from Ben and Alma. They were fine. They'll likely be over this coming sat. nite. They'll likely be going to the rodeo at Livingston. We're not planning on going. mama doesn't care about going. Didn't you get your birthday card I sent you? mama will send you some coolade & stuff the first time I get to go to town. Wish you'd told me a long time ago to send you something like that. Have you and Hazel had a fall out. you never mentioned her. Hope you don't feel bad about it dear. As you'll never be sorry. she wasn't the right kind of a girl for you anyway. you'd found that out if you'd been around her more. Berneta liked her real well because Hazel was nice to her and she was never around her only a little while a time. When you get back again you'll likely find some one that will be better suited. and your own age. Yes dear I still get Paul's allotment is his never had it changed. I think it will be a good idea dear if you send the money home now as you have a nice lot of bonds 17 so far and I'll put it in the bank like I do for Paul

you get some interest on it. Then its like you say
if you need some you want have to cash your bonds.
no I havent seen any of the Hetzels for ages.
You might can get so good kind of a job when you
get back. as the talk is there'll be good jobs for
you boys that have been across and in the thick
of it. Sure wish you were coming home Paul will
be so anxious to see you too. As we all will.
If Berneta just could have stayed with us.
She'd been so happy over the war ending. I
havent seen Charlie or Ivan. Since we layed
Berneta away. I've got no way to go see them.
Then I havent the heart to go where Charlie
is any way. It sure hurts that I can't help
take care of Ivan but guess I'll just have
to make the best of it. Well dear its 10³⁰
and 5³⁰ comes pretty quick. So guess I'd
better bring my letter to a close so Bye
with lots of love & kisses to you from
Your loving mom.

did you ever get the picture corners I sent
you and all the pictures
of Bernetas.

Sgt. Paul J. Ringer 20929246

Hq. Co. Det. 3

A.P.O. 923

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San Francisco Calif.

Glendive Mont.
 Dearest Wallace. March 16 1945
 Well dear you'll likely be
 surprised to hear from me
 here. But I'm on my way to
 Wisconsin as I got a telegram
 from Aunt Margaret saying
 Grandma was pretty low and
 for me to come if possible.
 So I'm on my way. I didn't
 get a chance to write you a
 letter before I left. I'll only
 be gone around 3 weeks. If
 you get this any where near
 soon you can write me a
 letter there and if not
 send it to Willard same
 as always. Had a letter
 from Berneta just before I
 left. Said she wasn't feeling
 as good as when she was at
 the Park. I came as far

April 2 1945
 Dearest Wallace,
 Just a line to
 let you know
 I'm on my way
 home. I'm at Miles
 City. Had a nice
 trip so far. quite a
 bit of snow
 through North
 Dakota as
 will write you
 soon as I get
 home lots of love
 Mom.

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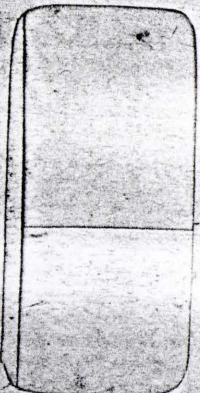
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July 18, 1945
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White Sulphur Springs
Mo. Sept. 2, 1945.

Dear Wally.

at last I am going to pull myself together and try to answer the two nice letters I got from you. I was sure glad to hear from you and I am so sorry I didn't answer sooner. But I just couldn't write to anyone.

Two long endless lonely months have passed since your sister and my sweet wife passed to her eternal rest. Wallace & I surely have been hard to take for myself and little Fran. One can lose a mother or brother or sister or father and naturally one grieves and mourns their loss. But to lose your wife and especially a darling sweet little woman like Bernita was there just isn't any way of explaining it. No one can understand it that hasn't been there. It. God was good to me at the last.

She passed away in my arms
with her arms around my neck
delivering sweet messages to me
until her last breath. She
didn't suffer any at the last
Walloch for which I am thank-
ful. It didn't even have time to
awaken from she went so fast.
She passed away at 2:30 A.M. on
the 27th of June (Horse birthday).
in the little home we had
planned for the summer. We were
so happy and she was feeling
fairly well all spring. She
was feeling up to the top all
evenings and we talked until
eleven that night and at 2:30 she
was taken from me. God called
her home he that it left. I am
sure she is in Heaven and I know
she will wait for Aron and I.
May God rest her weary soul. I
will always love and cherish her
memory for the good woman she
was. I love all I could for her

the eleven short years we were
married and I have done all
I can for her since she is gone.
I buried her in a lovely blue and
white dress in beautiful pink
colored casket. I put her in a
vault. She had a lovely funeral
with lots of flowers and many
friends. I saved the littlest
cards to show you and Paul. I
have a very nice marker coming
which shall have been set up
~~at~~ before now. As you see I really
I have done about all I can for
your sister. I loved her so much
it was a hard to go on without
her. I must carry on some how
for the little son she gave me.
I shall bestow all my love and
devotion on him and try so hard
to bring him up to be the kind
of a son his mother would wish
him to be. I will tell you all
about her passing when I see
you which I hope will be long.

Avan has to go to school in
one more week. I guess I will
school him in W. S. S. this term.
We are living with Angus and
family now. We will get rid of
the sheep in in other month as
we have them all sold. I will
sure be glad to. Avan goes to
camp with me all the time. It
is all packing with horses which
is quite a job.

I haven't seen your mother for a
long time. She never comes around
to see Avan or I.

Avan and I take flowers to the
grove once or twice a week.

Well, really I must close. It is
sure hard for me to write as I feel
pretty lousy but every thing, you
be sure and write often. I hope
you can come home soon. I think
Paul will be home soon. Write
to W. S. S. With love and good
wishes to you

Charles and Avan Boy.

White Sulphur Springs
Montana Sept. 25, 1945

Dear Wally,

Received a very welcome letter from you a couple of days ago. We are glad to hear from you and that you are O.K. I am getting along somewhat and Fran is well and happy and that is about all that matters with me any more. I guess I told you on Wed. that we are staying at Cliffords and Marie Shuster. I don't know just how long we will be here but for some time yet I guess. Fran is getting along swell in school and likes it fine. The first couple of days he sure didn't want to go. He was really cute the excuse he made up. Especially the second morning. He woke up

real sorry and says today I just
cant go to school today and I
asked him why and he says you
will get to someone for me. That
died work so he got awful sick.
I told him to get up and eat a
good breakfast and I would take
him to the Dr. & took him to school
instead. Since then he has been
swell tho. Morrie is awful nice
to him and that helps a lot. I sure
feel bad to think that your mother
and cant get along but it seems
we cant. She could have come
nearer giving than mother love
than any other person in the world.
But it just didnt turn out that
way it seems for which I am sorry
from the bottom of my heart. He
I mean from these lots of friends
both kids and grown ups as we
will get along some how.
It is almost three months since
I lost my wife and I have got times
spent here and there for me. She
has been working and the week or
months for me. Maybe some day

things will be better for me. As
far as my heart is concerned I
will never forget it. I shall always love
and cherish his memory. I found all
the consolation I look is in little
grave and going to the cemetery
with flowers. I was to the cemetery
this morn. for a while. It will
soon be winter and no flowers
to be had to take to his.

Annual Report. all the time
we can with your dad. I sure
feel sorry for him. But won't go
near him. He can't live. He is
enough of his own. I can not
achieve of him and he sure needs
some one and if he ever did. Write
to him often Wally as he believes
in you more than any of his family
and since Remmie is gone. Wonder
how long it will be before you and
Paul get home. I hope soon.
I am sure that one of
you will be with me in the
time one of the other. I am
going to wait and see you at
the end of the road. I hope it
will be the last time.

Well Cognac and I will be out of
the ship business in a few days
now. Was with the other work. We
weigh our goods for tomorrow
and deliver them in a few days
later. I am to be paid in
the evening for the first time for
the year.

I miss the part of a sum of
cell to the billings. the other day. I
lost my paper. they will bring my
much. in it. I will not get it
I had. I have a long good store
that I have cost nothing at 12 1/2 cents
for the 10 ct. of the billings. they
will bring me a handsome price.
And after all is paid up I would
have too much left as I have a
tremendous expense the last year. It
cost me eleven hundred dollars to
make the trip to Ariz. but with it
I got my money back. I will
be in a position to make a good
thing. I would

sure haven't been much help to
him so far. Maybe some day he
will get going. I sure hope so. I
know he will never do any good
as long as they are in town.

I said they were going to Wyo.
to track him up. I hope you will
be able to find him. I think you
are the best hunter. I hope you
will find him. I hope you will
find him. I hope you will find him.

Well Wally I think I will have
to sign off and get ready to go to
chip camp.

From land I send our best wishes
to you and may God grant that
you can come home soon.

Always yours.

W. C. C. & Son.

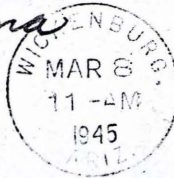
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