review Winter Brothers filecards for material abt diary handwriting etc.
, ampersands flying, (find a place in quote from letters to use this?)
the letters are a literacy in another way (showing what our life was like)
I have B's pen (that probably wrote the letters)...

--the circuit of letters

--ports of call

--ink (bottled) Quink?
The vim of her reports (Billy Jean Mayne; woman married to 3 GIs, etc.)
tracery (of ink)
Dangerous thing, ink.
V-mail: the Morse code 3 dots and a dash for V
of Berlin. My mother tended her net of correspondence—even Wally, at
(longitude and latitude in S Pac), has heard the lure of Phoenix and
asked, giving Wally
a bit of older-sister counsel to hang onto his extra pay now that he's
made Seaman First Class, You will need all...
The war has spread us far and wide that Christmas. We are here in aluminized Arizona; Alzona, my grandmother is in Montana, Wally is Army at (latitude and longitude; quote Ault logbk), my uncle Paul is in Australia. The distances between, my mother feels; I think it is a reason for her letters, the fountain pen tracing toward where the scattered family members are. ...
the letters:

Ink, thank God,
letters of reintroduction
Mar 7, 45
Wickenburg

...Dr. says Dad's appendix "very bad."

possible quotes:

"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, not hot & cold
water & so on, but more the ranch style, & comfortable.
There are 2 rooms, but we are just going to use one.

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

Details:
- Blue Cross wing flown, plant
- Came to Wickenburg March 5
- Desert "beautiful in
- desert way..."
- Interrupted letter for dinner
- Mont. picnic @ Mesa
- Rainy
- Happy Easter, Brother card
Mar 14, Dad had appendix out; out of hosp. Mar. 18.

possible quotes:

"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."

"Time has gone pretty 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 letters written or whatever I had to do it would be about noon! "...a day was shot before I realized it."

"Sure was surprised when I walked in the room today & found Charlie dressed to come home."

"You remember Ethel Mason Lowry. Suppense some one has written you the jam she got herself in. Married to about 3 soldiers and no divorces, & getting allotments from all three. She was doing alright until the F.B.I. caught up with her."

Details:
- in win "1/2 mi from town"
- then back to desert cabin
- cloudy & rainy, but green

Mood: she doesn't say so, but this is 3rd place lived in, in these 3 letters.
March 22, ’45

(Wickenburg)

- back at desert cabin (since Wed.)

possible quotes:

"Keeps me busy poking wood in the fire to keep warm."

"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 anywhere 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."

over

Details:

- raised hand all night, then snowed
- G'ma Yo Wire. because her mother had stroke
- stray white show
- hamid dog she feeds
- advice a Rand
- 500 pieces
- doing jigsaw puzzle

mood: maybe pensive, staying up after Dad and I have gone to bed, answering Wally's qns abt Hazel.
advising Wally abt Hazel: (on age difference between them) "...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 2 kids."

"I think she is the kind that if she loves a guy she'll stick by him thru Hell & high water..."

"If a couple loves one another enough (her underlining) they can overcome most anything..."
April 8, 1945
(Sunday)

WSS

possibly WSS “a little over a wk ago” (March 30) (Army-Mt trip the 4 1/2 days)

Dad went for Clifford Sh. during lambing

Our cattle @ Dater place, offly pastured by Angus

“a little bumming around”.. went to Ringling (but not on to G'ma @ Wabalo)

Hagel teaching school (in Ringling?)

possible quotes:

"Charlie is too tired for us to take in any nite life... 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 should know I'll write and tell you. I don't think there will be."

"Ivan is fine. Seems to be glad to be home." (B'ham girls visit)

"Ivan and I are going out to Shearers' this afternoon.... Charlie wanted us to come up to the shed a while where he 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."

Details:

- Alma & G'ma cleaned house before we arrived
- stormy & windy
- plugged gas line caused 4-14 trip home from Townsend.
- 2 B'ham girls visited me for Easter
- called @ Anna's & Rea's on way over Ariz.
"Haven't heard from Paul for some time but guess the rest do. He sent Bud & Alma a picture of him. Guess I didn't rate one."

Detail:
- boy is run over by his father during scrap drive
April 16, '45

(Monday)

- Hazel spent weekend w/us; made pour over & put out for Jr. from.
- Tom Ranger also has been ill—"short-winded..."
- p. 3, "Sad o." FDR

possible quotes:

"Yesterday afternoon we went up to the lambing shed & fooled around awhile. Then I took Hazel home. Ivan decided to stay with Charlie."

"Lambing is getting pretty well over out there. Have a little over 200 in the drop band is all."

(After telling Wally uncertainty of Bud & Alma's job plans for summer) "Don't know yet just what we are going to do either. Will have to decide after Charlie gets thru out there."

"(about FDR's death) "I suppose you guys heard it shortly after it happened as I heard a broadcast from a ship saying how the guys took the news."

"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 of 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 mom. wearing my spring coat & about froze to death before I got home."

"Hazel had 2 letters from you last nite when she got home, so she was tickled."
Dear Wally:

Received your very welcome letter written the 16 May 1945 and will now get busy and answer. Sandy 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. Everybody is busy. Charlie is working like a beaver. He Wrangles bunches, spends some time with the drop band, works in the shed, no fact anything there is to do. He feels pretty good most of
the time. Says he gets a pain in his other side once in awhile, but not often.

I can't remember if I told you Charlie and Angus bought a herd of sheep from Mr. Morgan. That is mostly how we came to be here is to look after our interests, although we are just working for wages, too. Mrs. Morgan has around 2000 sheep, the first 500 Bob Campbell bought. That is the 1st 500 Island then we get our band out of the middle, someone 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 live on Morgan's range for
the summer at 25 cents a head. This buy-
er McLenburg is in on the deal. Charlie &
Angus have already sold the sheep back to
her, in other words they just bought them
for about 5 mos. Have also contracted the
lambs back to McLenburg at 25 cents
a lb. & Charlie & Angus get all the wool. It is a
kind of a funny sounding deal especially where
you try to explain it to somebody. It looks
like we should be able to make quite a little
money at it.
Walter Donahue asks us to put up the hay on the Loophole again this ye. 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 when they amount to something. Will have 24 steers to sell this fall if nothing unforeseen happens.
needed the rain though. Am in hopes it will clear off now I dry up again, we need some groceries pretty badly & I'd like to get the mail again before Tuesday.

Morgan's are nice people to work for. Mr. Morgan this oldest son are here. Mr. Mr. sure gets a lot 4 work done for a man his age. He hardly stops a minute. Is his own chief man besides doing anything else that is to be done. There are just be of them to come out there shop as you can see they are plenty busy. One is a kid that doesn't know hene what to do.
Am glad you liked the picture. Sent Mom my negatives & told her to get some pictures developed. I wish I don't know when to send to get reprints any more. So maybe I'll have some more to send you some of these days.

Hazel will soon be through with prev. 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 then at Stewarts. We are
Sounds like you have been around again. I can well imagine you have seen plenty from some of the things we 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 surely nice to know that the Germans are taken care of any way. Lots of those kids will be coming home from that side & lots of them going when you are. It will certainly be a wonderful day when it is all over on that side, too.
He studies the drop hand, then there is another older man with the drop hand that looks after the broadcasting. She had her saddle horse she never gets 7 of him all day long outside 2 to eat lunch I guess. We have a line that runs in the yard that had mags. They started 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 asked me what happened that sheep is somebody else's. This is a nice guy but main man I don't seem to care to learn. He's been in the Merchant Marine. Later on a medical discharge. He is 20 yrs. old.
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 camping which is quite likely, we will probably be here more or less.

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

Love to you from

Berneta, Charlie

J. Evan.
Charlie got a coyote the other day. He shot it and he sure he killed it, but couldn't find the thing. Mr. Morgan said he'd promised JD anyone that killed a coyote he'd win hunting trip. Charlie said he didn't want the money as he couldn't produce the coyote, so Mr. Morgan gave the money to Duane.

We got a radio battry 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.
June 8, '45 (Friday) in Rungling

Possible quotes: entire letter photocopied on next 7 cards.
Dear Old Friend,

Many thanks for your letter. I hope you are well. I am doing quite well and enjoying myself. I am working hard and making good progress. I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes,

[Signature]

June 8, 19[...]

[Address]
He had 2 & 3 days, Joanna. Bureau very slow, too, but
we didn't get to see them either.

Well, Walt's about on
out of mends, and am
trick, so I'll close & go to bed.
Here's hoping you all fine,
and to think from you
never again.

Lots of love,

Bunty, Charlie
and your others...
June 15, '45
(Friday)

Maudlow

Heart letters #10

Possible quotes: entire letter ph'copied on next 5 cards.
Dear Wife,

Your note this morning was nice and full of promise. [Beginning a new paragraph]

I am just as anxious to get some reading done as you are. The weather is so nice today, and I think we'll have a good day. [Beginning a new paragraph]

I am so glad you wrote me last night. It's been very quiet here, and I've been feeling a little lonely. I hope you're all right. [Beginning a new paragraph]

I am very sorry about the money you sent me. I know it was a lot, but I think it will be spent wisely. [Beginning a new paragraph]

I hope this letter finds you well. I am looking forward to seeing you in a few days. [Beginning a new paragraph]

Love,

Your husband,

[Signature]

June 15, 19__
I can't find the words. She was a good friend of mine. I feel so much pride in her love and support. She was a kind person, so I think she was very close to you. I wish you all the best. She was a great woman, and I feel so much pride in her love and support.
possible quotes: entire letter ph'copied on next 6 cards
March 19, 1923

Dear Wally:

I received your letter from Mudland, Mass., and I am thrilled to hear from you. I hope you are well and that you are enjoying your trip. I heard that you are planning to go to Europe, and I am excited for you. Please keep me updated on your travels.

Yesterday I was in New York City, and I visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art. It was quite impressive. I also attended a concert at Carnegie Hall, and it was a wonderful experience.

I have been missing you and hope to see you soon. Please write and let me know how your trip is going.

Best regards,

[Signature]
Jewmy brooks, that Bill Schiffman and sent mine from W. P. so he was happy.

Charlie is busy getting.

Caught up on the fishing.

I have been wishing you

And the more 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 has

As high as it was at

The fishing is getting bet

Ter 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

And fish at present.

Charlie has been watching

The sheep early in the

Morn. I late in the eve

While theorden would

Get his me. I'll understand.
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 times now and then some times otimes. and I reckon I tell you about the work we are doing and so on, it seems like ages before you ever get the letter. I suppose it all takes time though was surely too bad about your buddy being last in that storm. Mama told me you had a letter from his mother. Life 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 went west. Last time I see of he could have anything done
keeping the sheep from one camp 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. Sheared them last Sat.

While Charlie & Ivan took the tender & Bozeman, I got along O.K. When they came back Charlie & Ivan brought me the nicest paid of brown boots and a big hat, so I am kind of a combination camp & shepherd now. Sue like both my boots & hat. Some thing I've always wanted.

Imagin Hazel wrote you she is in the hospital at Billings. I'm sure she'll feel alot better after her operation, her side has really been bothering her a lot. She should get along fine as appendicitis operations aren't serious any more days.
always 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. Bill Jr. is there. Well Wally seems I have run out of space so will close for now. Hope you are fine & to hear from you soon again.

Lots of love from us all.

Bernice, Charlie
9, Ivan.
about his eye. It is just gradually getting worse.
I don't think the other eye is affected. I hope he can have something done. I don't know what is the matter with it.

Even if one gets growing like a weed, will soon have a birthday. You don't need to worry about him for getting you, he remembers this Uncle Wally. I also know what ship you are one. 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.

 hasn't rained in the last 2 or 3 days. Really seems good & all some sunshine once again.

Clifford & Marie Shearer are supposed to come down & see me some time this week. Spend a couple of days. Hope they do. The
May 4, '45  
(Monday)

- Lambing at Frank Morgan's.

possible quotes:

"As you can see from our address we have moved again. We are lambing for Frank Morgan, 6 or 7 mi. from Maudlow. 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 on 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 will 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 Ivan and I. .... Charlie is wrangling bunches.

Ivan! "Busy playing. Went wrangling sheep with Charlie after supper last nite."

"Sure will be glad when we get (radio fixed up). A person doesn't know what's going on way out here in the sticks."

Details:
- don't have radio
- battery yet
- gave Dad 16 day watch
- d'might w/ G'ma.
  (Dad not along)
- somebody's child
  w/ black dot on brain
- lost his coin purse

over
--Wink & Wanetah Taylor "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. & his 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."
May 14, '45 (Monday)

possible quotes: entire letter ph'copied on 10 cards following this.
"Charlie is the one that isn't well. His stomach bothers him all the time. He is so thin. 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 somehow you seem to be a better pal than any one else."
Feb 4, '45
(Sunday)

1168 Algonia Park, Phoenix

...Dad "so thin"; I had even be writing you my troubles...

"sure can rain"

possible quotes:

Ivan "had a fox hole dug out in the back yard you could bury a cow in."

Wink Taylor & wife and mother-in-law (?) "apt to have a private war all their own one of these days."

"...if Charlie doesn't improve I think the best thing for us to do is go home & him go under the Dr's 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."

Mood: 1p.m. and haven't had Sunday dinner yet; thinks resting will do Dad more good.

Details:
- movie dbl/eater
- + housing being built
- "cat" care (Saturdays)
- Wally got 17 letters done

over
march 22 letter:

"If a couple loves one another enough"--the only underlined words in any of the letters?
The diaries are a walkway to the past (arched bridge?)—0000 days set down end to end
ransack diary entries of Mont trips—esp. fall '84 book tour—for possible sources.
Montana news clips and Carol's summary letters to her folks and Jean Roden about our Montana summer trips are in the annual letters files; my summary letters to Mark Wyman are in my Wyman letter file.
the letters' references to me outside playing are oddly reassuring, lightening my estimation of myself as a lifelong grownup.
June 19 letter mentions receiving one from Wally written on the 5th, had been on land again—check with logbooks.
May 14 letter, out of heavier stiffer paper, folds up of its own accord like a change purse.
April 8 letter, telling of trip from Townsend to WSS--i.e., through Deep Creek Canyon which Wally later was in charge of:

"Took us 4 hrs. to come home. The gas line on the car was plugged, and we'd go about a mile, then get out and blow the thing out with the tire pump. Sure was a long old trip home."