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1959-02-11, Bette to Parents

Bette J. Barto

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Summary
This collection contains 139 correspondence from Maj. Bette J. Barto, USAFE to her parents while serving as a nurse during the late 1950s and 1960s. Also included are three photographs, one special orders document, and one marriage license. In several cases, Bette refers to her parents as "Lizzie" and "Hugh Elmer," or simply "Elmer." Three letters from 1961 or 1962 are undated and placed in a separate folder.

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11 February 59

Dear Mom and Clarke,

Don't you dare laugh when you read this, but today at 10 am I was admitted to Ward D with bilateral mumps!! Isabelle, another of the girls that came in November with Polly and who came in Hunter with us last year) was admitted a couple days ahead of me; so we are in the same room and will probably be here about ten days. It has really upset the hospital because this really puts the other kids in a tough bind. I was to have had the day off today and tomorrow and then go on 11-7 for me, so someone had to pull my 11-7 for me. To add to this Emilee's father was just operated for Ca, the lung, total left pneumonectomy. Emilee just got the telegram this am. and right now she can't leave because of us. She doesn't know where we got the mumps because there have been no
diagnosed case). Since he been here, so I guess we must have admitted someone for surgery who was incubating the mumps. Don't worry about me, because I will be nearly well by the time you get this letter because my left fav is about double the normal size now, and the right one is ballooning fast so she probably be there about 10 days. I am apparently only going to have it in me side.

Your Tom, he just back in flying status day before yesterday from his operation, and he hasn't had the mumps and has been busy for me after work every evening this week. I called him this morning to tell him he not be going out to dinner tomorrow night and he nearly jumped his lid when I told him. He said he'd better rush out and fly his designated house this month before he got his fight jaws!

I'll quit for now and lie down. We are on APCD, 6-6 o'clock if needed. Pay diet (we refuse the soft). We are on Bed Rest & Bath Room Priv.
and I am on Pro-banthine to cut down secretions and thereby diminish the pain. If it works on her I get it too. Otherwise I’m to be the non-paying guinea pig.

Love, — Lee write soon later

Belte

I.P.R. time!
I had 99° on admission