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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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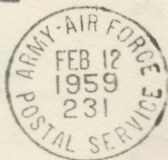
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AIRMAIL

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Mr. AND Mrs. HUGH E. HARRIS
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TENNESSEE

11 February 59
2 p.m.

Dear Mom and Clark,

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 of hours 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 3 nights, so someone has to pull my 11-7 for me. So add to this Emilee's father was just operated for Ca of the lung - total left pneumonectomy. Emilee just got the cablegram this am. and right now she can't leave because of us. He don't know where we got the mumps because there have been no

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diagnosed cases; since I've 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 jaw is about double the normal size now and the right one is ballooning fast so she probably be here about 10 days. It is apparently only going to have it in one side.

Poor Sam, he just back on flying status day before yesterday from his operation and he hasn't had the mumps and has been by for me after work every evening this week. I called him this morning to tell him he not be going out to dinner tomorrow nite and he nearly jumped his lid when I told him. He said he'd better rush out and fly his designated hours for this month before he got his tight jaws.

I'll quit for now and lie down. We are on a PCXI, ± C. if neces.
Reg diet (we refused the soft.) We are on Bed Rest ± Bath Room Priv.

and I.e. is on Pro-banthene to
cut down secretions & thereby
diminish the pain. If it works
on her I get it too. Otherwise
I'm to be the non-getting
guinea pig.

Love, & see write
you later

Bette

J. P. R. time!
I had 99° on
admission