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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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26 Feb. 59
Thursday
730 pm

Dear Mom and Daddy,

Today was my one day off for this week. I haven't any hope of another until next weekend. She owes me 2 days off now. I go on 11-7 tomorrow night, come 2 nights and go back on 3-11, and then back on nights. Fun? You bet.

I got the household goods delivered this morning and for a miracle, it all's here and not a thing was broken. Everything was just as I helped them pack it, and then they crated it all together in a 980# packing case. It was a truck-full when it did come. I finally got it all unpacked and put away.

Your package got here yesterday with the rug, and oharta, Mom, but you'd better check Miller's about their stuff. Nothing has come from them except 6 pts. hose.
and nothing has come from Corrine Norman. Make up either. Of course, was expecting them first because I got your letters mentioning them nearly a week ago a half ago and only got your letter about mailing the rugs 3 days ago.

The rugs and white bedspread are already on display along with my pictures that I painted. My records are all over the quarters with the other girls playing them. Living as my life just made me very homesick but it's nice to have it here with me.

Tom is due back from Germany to take sometime. I was waiting supper on him and it got so late I went ahead and ate because I was so busy unpacking I forgot lunch. I hope he remembered to bring me a sleep nurse lighter and some mugs for coffee.
Just had a slight interrup-
tion. Base Operations Called and
said a nurse had just landed
who needed a place to stay
tonite; so I told her to bring
her on up and I'd let her
through into my room
and into the othe next to me
and gave her a trip to
Billing's hq. to get a key. She
arrived and is taking a
shower in my room now.
She's on her way to Italy and
is a colored 15th Lt. —Seems
nice.

Here we are sitting in O'Select's
room taking pictures with
her expensive new camera.
I'm afraid to trust myself
with it it's so fancy. Also
reads directions awhile and
takes pictures awhile. I'm
going to have her Brownie
to the 40 she got for Christmas and
the best if get the best pictures.

Well, nothing much to say.
So I'll quit for now. I enjoyed
the newspaper clipping
especially about the other
four police force. Love u, Billie.