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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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8 Sept. 59
Monday - Labor
12 noon

Hi Morn & Elmer,

This will be really short because I'm dead tired and I go back to work at 6:00 after a really good day off.

I worked all day on the site. We had so many plans for Sunday - Monday that I didn't sleep but 2 hours Sunday am.

Ray was off too, so we ran ourselves to death since it's really our last free weekend. He started 6th school Wednesday and from the stack of books he had, I can see our notes out are dwindling rapidly.

I got your letter mailed from Council Bluffs, Iowa on exactly 3 days from the postmarked date isn't that something? I'm sorry your trip was so thoroughly unpleasant, Mom - I hope Cleveland gets better soon.

I played my first 18 holes of golf today with Ray & 2 other fellows from his outfit. For a beginner, Ray thinks I did exceptionally well, so he promptly engaged a pro to give me a series of lessons. I won't start until next week tho. The playing lessons will be increasing too because Ray is now a regular golf club instructor. He is very good with beginners - knows just what to
Dear Mom,

I see you before you ask after me, and he never ridiculed if you ask a stupid question. He keeps because I'm not sure them, but, of course, after 20 years of this, he should be good.

She spent most of Sunday on the beach and then went dancing at the Club Saturday night. Tonight we had charred grilled steaks and then watched television for awhile. Tomorrow is a work day, so we didn't stay long at the Club after supper.

Rolly should be leaving for 2 weeks in Germany about Wednesday. It looked funny to see her getting our winter clothes for the trip when we are still in our dresses here.

Mom, did I ask you to send me a couple of the long-legged Peter Pan tiger girdles? If not, will you? Of all mine except the black ones are in Thrills. The warm girdles you sent were too small, but can be worn, so please warn Millers to send the large girdles also to air mail and make certain it goes air mail.

I'll stop for now. I had to be up early and was supposed to write letters tomorrow pm, but I wanted you to get me soon after getting home.

Here's a not good snap of me and one of my younger who, by rights, should be blonde but will be discharged to duty this week. I've had him about so lonely it will seem strange to leave flip. It's a good day. Country Tennessee boy from old Hickory.

Love, Belle