1959-09-30, 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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30 September 59
7:30 pm

Dear Mom, Susan, Joey and the youngsters,

I just got my school bag up to class and stashed out supper dishes. We didn't have much because I was busy filling my physical exam for my required applications and didn't get to the commissary before it closed. Ray worked from 0630 until 5:30, so he will be bushed when he gets out of class at 6pm.

I got the #2 package, Mom, and every thing was fine. Only broken - thank you so much! It's so nice to smell decent again. I particularly needed the deodorant.

Today was my day off - middle of the week - but I used it to good advantage. Got my physical, dental appointment, trip to the club for tabindex points to pay my laundry bill tomorrow - we're not allowed to give them Green money or script.

Sally and Emilee should be getting it here any minute from Germany. They will be 6402 @ midnight. I hope they make it - Is 3 Mary
are due to leave Friday and Saturday Nov 30 for Munich, Germany. They plan to attend the Beer Festival there and then go on to tour Austria, Switzerland, Germany and maybe France. They are beginning to get excited.

Me, I'm getting excited about January, I still haven't gotten definite approval on our leave. Ray has his, but Majer's mississippi is holding out on me — anyway, if nothing terrible happens, I'll get it.

Ray says we may be able to catch a hop out of Charleston to streaker with the 52nd group and come back to see you all, hilar.

If so it would be a great thrill and then we'd hop from there to New York City. Don't plan it — cause nothing is for sure in this outfit.

I'm having a wonderful time taking golf lessons. We had to go find the Pro guy at Naval Coordination and he allowed me to advance more rapidly than they usually do. Ray and I play most every Sat, or Sunday at some time— depending on when I want to play with a couple who live
in our respective B.O.S. Jane Ellis, a secretary in 17th Air Force Headquarters—had Chuck Carson, another Capt. who is in charge of all transportation vehicles on base. They are a lot of fun—we go delivering with them quite often, too.

I told Ray he is really stuck with his bargain now because the last of my old boyfriends was married this month. Tom married his little German fiancée on 20 Sept., and she went to Albany, Georgia. Then yesterday I got an announcement from Capt. Freddie Stiles in San Antonio. He married a girl from California. I don’t know her, but I’m pleased that he got married. He is a fine man.

Here, I have nothing much else to say now. I have been on 3-11 since Saturday and go back on duty at 7 in the a.m. I don’t do anything when I’m on 3-11—just sleep.

Wish I could be there to see you & the kids, too, Bill & Jerry—maybe soon.

Love
Bill.