1959-12-09, Bette to Parents

Bette J. Barto

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.chapman.edu/bjbarto_correspondence

Recommended Citation
Barto, Bette J., "1959-12-09, Bette to Parents" (1959). Bette J. Barto Correspondence Collection. 44. https://digitalcommons.chapman.edu/bjbarto_correspondence/44

This Letter is brought to you for free and open access by the CAWL Archives: Cold War and Interwar Periods at Chapman University Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Bette J. Barto Correspondence Collection by an authorized administrator of Chapman University Digital Commons. For more information, please contact laughtin@chapman.edu.
Subject Terms
Women and the military, Women and war, United States -- Air Force, United States -- Army -- Air Forces, Photographs, Armed Forces -- Correspondence, Correspondence -- Vietnam War -- 1961-1975, Christmas

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.

Keywords
1959-12-09

Identifier
2017-219-w-r_-Barto_ColdWar_1959-12-09

Copyright
The Center for American War Letters Archives promotes open access to its collections for "private study, scholarship, or research" subject to the intellectual property rights of others. Chapman University may not hold copyright or intellectual property rights to all items in the collections, and contents may be subject to restricted access or use. As a condition of accessing and using material from the Archives, you agree that you are responsible for obtaining all required consents of any copyright holder and to indemnify and hold the University harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, that may arise from any third party claims for copyright infringement, torts, or invasion of publicity or privacy rights. You further acknowledge and agree that photocopies or other reproductions may only be made with the University's prior approval. Requests will be considered on a case by case basis and approval will be in the University's sole discretion.

This letter is available at Chapman University Digital Commons: https://digitalcommons.chapman.edu/bjbarto_correspondence/44
Dear Mom and Daddy,

I'm on the day off for this week - work both Sat. and Sunday for a change. I don't mind too terribly though because I will be lonely anyway. He is scheduled for a cross-country trip to Italy, Germany, France and England and will be gone from Friday till Sunday Night. Sally, Jo, Mary and Emilee leave here for the US. either Friday Night or early Saturday. They should be in Charleston by Sunday Night or Monday. I don't know if they plan to stay a day or so in Charleston, but of course, they have to get discharged and that takes time. So don't worry about Sally until you see
Mr. She & Enna may drive from Charleston with Mary who lives in Pennsylvania.

Last night we drove down town to eat dinner at the Farters as a going away party for the girls. Ray was flying so he couldn't go. We got home at 10 pm and he was here curled up in a chair in the day room watching T.V. He was so tired he promptly went to sleep as soon as he knew I was back safely from that territory. He hates for me to go off base without him.

I just talked to him on duty and he has to fly again tomoite. The guys of 243 are going to the Club to eat together, and he will join us after he gets down about 8pm. This should be the last night he has to fly for 6 months at least.

The girls are out now cleaning the base - takes about 2-3 days.
to accomplish that.

I'm off because my Mother
won't me on duty every day
from now on till the admit
the Queen of Libya (tomorrow)
and Operate on her Tuesday.
I have orders to clean & clear
a 3-bed room with an adjoining
bath to the King Idris will
stay in one room & the Queen
and her Secretary in the other.
There will be guards, interpreters
and the like also and military
special nurses if there
is any. If anything happens
to her, I'll tell her, I guess.

I got a present ready but it will
be late by the time
I send it. It goes by boat — yours
is on its way, Mom — but it
will be late too — I sent it
by boat. My clothes came by
boat & that is 30 days & here
I mailed my Christmas cards
by boat too & don't worry
about them.

Mary Ann is 4 years old
tomorrow so I hope the present
got there in time - I mailed
it some time ago.

I still don’t have definite
promise of my leave but I
should know soon. Ray is
still guessing too. I’d be almost
agreed to try to come without
him because of the chance of
getting flights back. He thinks
the flaps and tie probably
get caught and have to pay
my way back commercially
without him. So keep your
fingers crossed that we
get our leaves OK together!

I want to get this in the
mail even though I haven’t
said anything - I’m so tired
of this place? I have nothing
to tell anymore.

Love you.

[Signature]