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1960-01-06, 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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Last letter    6 January 60

4:30 P.M.

Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm sitting in an empty room with my suitcases and uniform. The packers got all my worldly goods at 10:30 this morning. After all the trouble I had before, I was really pleased by the careful job they did on my precious things. I hope everyone else will be as careful and I should get everything home in one piece.

Now if I'm under my weight allowance for going on the airplane, I've got this thing licked.

Only ten days to go and I'm so excited I can't sleep!
My eyes have been circles and I look 100, but I'm happy, so who cares!

If the schedule is not altered, I have only 36 Qs left. I need work to wear. Then I will spend 26 weeks. There's Turkey getting cleared by all the various organizations instead. So, at long last, I'm coming home, the great Joe Williford. There have been days when I wasn't sure to make it! Well, they're playing the Starspangled Banner to lower the flag so I knew it was time to stop this. I have an errand in town with Jerry and they a gang I was going to stay in town.

Love you and see you soon.