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1960-07-10, 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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Airmail

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Dear Mom and Daddy,

I'm sitting here in my room as blue as Indigo. Ray the bull gone my four deep and it has been four years to me. I have literally been myself to death to get away from the fact that I love to be here without him until 19 January at the latest.

Everyone has been marvelous to me. Chuck and Jone and Ed have invited me to play golf two afternoons. I went once and played at 8am this morning. All my gang have invited me to go and do things with them. We bowled and danced and ridden my side, but nothing relieves me of the fact that I'm only waiting to pack my bags for N.Y.

Ray should be on the way to get the new car at the post in New York. I'm already hoping for a letter tomorrow afternoon. Although I know the face tired.
thing has finally had a chance to write. I've already written 3 - no, 4, and will write again before you get this. Give them for ten because he will be coming your way soon. He won't come until he's at his parents' home or how long he'd stay so he asked me to write to you until he leaves. Your house... then he write to Seymour. He's going to stop in Washington to speak to our Colonel Graham in the Pentagon. Ray Philip Captain Cal. C. can get the assignment directly to Seymour so we won't have the agony of getting my assignment straight after we get married.

Thursday afternoon 7 July at 1 o'clock, I took the Oath of Office for Regular Commission. My new serial number is now 596160, instead of 46028984. If Ray had seen, there may one day longer he could have administered the oath – since any other Officer can swear you in. It would have saved that and he'd have been so proud.

Now that I'm a Regular I can get married and to tell...
With anyone who says otherwise.
If Ray can figure a way to get there on time by October
we can be married here or
will be married as soon as
that plane gets to the USA.

I'm glad you traded radios
because I wanted you to have
one like his - they didn't have
them when I bought yours.

Clover, Mom tells me you
are adding beer to your
diet. If you do that, there's
no need for her to bother
with the diet, the alcohol
will put you back in the
hospital anyway, so hear
about giving yourself groans
and lay off the booze.

Well today 3/26 Long Beach
is 39 years old, I hope she
has a good time. I hope you
can get her address in Spain. I'm
fired of looking at this page.

Mom, I mailed my suit case
about the 15-16th of June so
you probably won't get it
until 15-16 July, just in
time to send Ray to the
Blacks. I'll bet I think Steve
Smith will probably toke better
care of them than any other — but you decide.

You never mentioned how
Kellie liked the new house
point out I gather from
her letter that she had
take the lawn mower — might
as well, we never had any
grass to mow — just weeds
and sticks. Are you planning
to plant anything in place
of the tree that died in our
yard? It must be bare on
that side.

Don't break your neck on
the table chairs. As I said,
as I mentioned, she'll love it
but can't use it much in a
trailer.

Well, Mom, I gotta write
and address another letter
to your and Cline's address
to fill stop for now and
try again.

I chat all day for time
to write this — I imagine Hill
be vacation of reading
by the time he wakes throug
all I will have written by
18-19 July. — I love you two.

S. L.