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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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3 August 1960

7:15 pm Wed.

Dear [Name],

Happy Birthday! I'm sorry your gift will be a little late. It was mailed yesterday in my usual fashion. I also mailed Liz Long her long awaited wedding gift so tell George to get it to her.

This will be only a short note to tell you I got 4 letters from Ray and me from yesterday. I was not surprised, but, still, sorry to hear that Daddy ran Ray off as usual. I don't suppose it will ever be any different. He enjoyed being there for a little while anyway.

The last letter was written late the night he got to Seymour. It was pouring rain and he was very tired, but he had eaten all the lunch you packed,
Picking up a road-side park in the Smokies. He was to have gone to Charleston to return the parachute he borrowed to get to N. Y. So he didn’t sound as if any 2 his leave was very successful except playing golf with his brother and seeing this Father and Mother.

I’m going to the club in a few more minutes to play Golf. I had a lovely day at the beach today with Mary Anne so got and then we all went to the beauty parlor afterwards. My hair is all done up in a new gypsy Italian style— couldn’t wait it to save my legs, so it will be down tomorrow you can bet

All stop. Mom and get dressed. I hope you had a good birthday. Don’t worry your plans for Key didn’t pan out. I think so much of you.

Happy Birthday,
I Love you Muchly,
Belle