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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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9 August 60
10:30 pm

Dear Mom and Elmer,

I hope by now you have gotten some mail from me. I have written twice since I heard from Ray by telegram. I also sent you a birthday card early to get a day late. I wrote you on your birthday. Ray isn't getting my letters, nor any others, as yet.

They don't have enough planes for our airmail, so they have cut pick-up for the address to Ives, 1950. But they probably explained it.

I got your letter today about Helen and Joel's accident. I do hope they're both alright. Will there be scars on either of them? About Helen was fit to be tied—driving three little young ones to the hospital.

I'm glad the suitcase arrived too. It was beginning to worry about some of my favorite winter clothing...
Ray has been very busy since he went to work. He has moved from the temporary quarters to his own 2 rooms in the Bachelor Officers Quarters (B.O.Q.). He said he wished I had been there to help him arrange his furni- 
iture. I have always done those things 
for him, so I guess he is spoiled.
He had been to talk to the Chaplain about our wedding and they will send me all the papers to sign before I leave here. He is visiting a friend of ours who just left our dental clinic here 
and went to Seymour about 2oms 
before Ray. He stayed all Ray’s 
first day and will give him the results this week. Ray is so scared he will have to leave his gun same as 
he did 10 years ago in Alaska. It 
was afraid to 4 why his 
jaw swelled up here.
He hasn’t said much about the 
base, his too new to know, but he 
knows 10-15 pilots so he is not a total stranger.
I got a huge letter from Peely 
in Denver. He surely is doing a!
Good time seeing all the lovely sights in Colorado. She likes her job on a Cardiac Ward. Their Chief Nurse is evidently quite nice. Ingrid Kelly is a lot happier, because I felt she might be sorry if she left the Air Force. Emile's father is nearing death, so she has still in Virginia so she can be near her home.

Well, I have to go to work at 16:45 as usual, so I'll stop. I didn't write Ray tonight - nothing new to tell him.

Mom, would you care to forward some of the (second 17 June) with a pair of tennis shoes that are too large? I haven't heard from them, so I wondered.

Thanks again for doing the cleaning and Tell Marie and Mary Ann's folks the Air Force is 10 days. Hi! (Last 16 3 days)

Mick loves,

Bill

Stop Warring in the Belgian Congo is away from N. Africa