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1961-02-01, 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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1 Feb. 61.

Dear Mom and Daddy,

Just a short note to say Hi!

I started cleaning in today for duty. I was through by noon, and the Chief Nurse very kindly gave me the afternoon off to do odds and ends. I start to work at 1130 tomorrow for sure, as charge nurse on the surgical ward. I'm very pleased, so far. Everyone has been marvelous to me.

I got your letter today, Mom — my first at Supreme — looked good!

I'm including a $50.00 Money Order, Mom, for deposit on my Savings account. This will take the place of my February bonds since I am changing my name on it and it takes a month to get it going. So you should receive one for Jan. or Feb. not again until March. If you get confused about it, let me know.

Ray and I hope to save something each month for the Savings account, but, as yet, we can't estimate what it is going to cost us to live.

We are now #4 on the housing list and hope we move up fast. At least no one can push us ahead of us now that we are on the "Frozen List." Keep all fingers crossed.

Ray's Christmas suit arrived from Libya today and I'm just sick. It was too short in the sleeve, hoses and seat — can't understand the误差 because this plain jacket was from the same measurements and fits perfectly. I hope to sell it to someone here and get the suit another later to avoid mailing it back. I am so disappointed for it is a
lovely suit.

Ray is definitely and finally transfer-
red to 334th F.B. Aden so you can
write him at either address now. He is still
a flight commander and has to 197's waiting
for him so we're glad of that. I have to
move him a new blue and white
varsity new. to replace his red & white
don't do it all.

Well, I don't have much to write this
day. We haven't done too much since
I wrote you last. Ray invited me to
go out for dinner and Bingo, but he may
have changed his mind
by the time he comes home from
work. If he gets in front of the TV set,
it's hard to drag him outdoors again. I
don't care though, because my little
apartment is still new enough to keep
me occupied at home! It's really quite
comfortable in spite of all the junk
we have.

I'll stop and get off a letter to Fort Sam
about my bank account name change!

Marc Calde

Love u.

Beck

Ray said to send his love, too.