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## 1961-07-28, 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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Friday afternoon  
28 July 1961.

Dear Mom and Daddy.

I'm off duty today - first one in eleven days, and, naturally, Ray had to work. He did get to come home for lunch for a few minutes and hopes to get home by about 4pm which will be early for him.

He don't know definitely about leave time yet. Ray is not going on the long trip but is leaving tomorrow for a 4-5 day one to Waco, Texas. When he returns from that, we may get our leave starting about 7 August. If he has to be acting-squadron commander here (as he was while you were here) we won't have a leave. So you see, even though he isn't going on the long one, he may still have to stay here while theirs gone. Cross your fingers that we'll get that few days off - we both need to get away from our jobs a while. Anyway both our leave requests are in and mine is approved, so I'm ready to go if he



gets his signed. -2-

He didn't say much when we called last Monday nite. Elmer hung up on me, I guess!

I didn't get to tell you about my elegant (picture enclosed) gift Ray brought from Germany. I was so surprised because he has never selected anything like that before. I was very proud of him because we never seen a prettier punch bowl anywhere.

If we get our leave, we plan to drive straight to Helen's for a one or two day stay, then to Kaip's folks for a 2 day stay, on to your house for 3-4 days and then on back.

We have only 12 days; so it won't be long with all that traveling included. Tell Helen not to plan on us and if we do get it we'll call her before the trip begins.

It's so hot here I haven't been out doors except to look and run back in. Ray has to finish the lawn mowing today. I was ordered not to do it so.... here I sit.

I have to write Gnae in N. Africa so I'll stop for now. Love 'n both,  
Patte