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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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19 September 1961
1230

Dear Mom and Daddy,

I'm at work, and we have a short lull in our work about this time. I don't know how long it will last.

The wind from Hurricane Esther is beginning to pick up here. We are in a phase I hurricane alert now and Ray says it will be phase 2 by noon or shortly thereafter. At this time, we are not expecting to get the full brunt of the storm, but will probably get some pretty tough winds tonight and tomorrow.

Any trip to Las Vegas has been delayed because of the storm; so, as it stands now, he will be here with me for a few days more and that doesn't make me mad because I hate wind storms.

Ray says our house should be sturdy enough to ride out the storm very well, so I'm not going to worry about it.

I haven't written you before now because we've run our legs off all week to go down hunting every afternoon as soon as we could get off duty and get dressed. We found they have a hunting area marked off right here on our base on the far side of our flight line.
had our licenses stamped for base hunting and took off. There are deer by the gross over there and we've had a ball. Naturally I'm not the one telling them, but I have made believers out of several by rattling their tail feathers. Ray says he'll learn if I stick with it. We knew we would have only last week to hunt this first half of the season, since he will be gone most of 3 weeks!

Dear Helen & Jerry. They have really had a tough time with their kids and moving situation. I hope Jeff's care got there on time. I sent Jill, Joe, each one too. I'm glad Helen & Jerry are going to get Jill in school too. I believe she's ready certainly far more than play school activities.

4:30 PM

Got busy and had to quit a while. Ray just called. He's trying to get off long enough to go to the Commissary for groceries. If we have a big storm we may need some food. I have to stay on duty until 4:30 then attend a meeting for officers at 4:30 until 5:30.

At the last report, we are going to get high winds only - so don't worry about us. We'll be over it all by the time you get this anyway.

Love, Belle
6 a.m. Thursday - 19 Sep 60

Still no heavy winds, so don't worry about us. It's apparently burned during the night due west. So it's still off shore, thank heavens!

Love Steve