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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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Thursday Note

Dear Mom & Elmer -

This will be short because I'm nearly asleep. I worked in the yard until it was dark. My ward is full of new surgery; so I've been washing both at home & at work!

Mom, My curtains came in good condition Monday. They're up and look perfectly beautiful. I'll add that cost to your other check payday.

Thank you muchly (No news on the furniture) Mom, I don't know what to do about Jack & Gloria's intended visit. I have to drive to Pope Air Force Base to pick Ray up with Dickey. I will not be here except Thurs. Note. I have to work Thurs. & Fri and then go after Ray. He can get a plane ride to Pope only. Will you tell Jack & Gloria? I would like



to see them, but I don't know how unless they can make it later ^(the following week) or some Thurs. nite.

My work phone # is #61 (Base extension). you call Seymour Johnson AFB first, then ask for 461 & me.

Ray is champing at the bit to come home. He graduates @ noon Friday next and hopes to leave there for Jose by 1 pm.

I've been busy as a bee in our garden. We had salad (Ruee, Carol + I) out of our garden last nite - radishes, onions, leaf lettuce - it just tasted better.

Mom, be careful with that Divil. Do exactly as Dr. Don says. I'm sorry to hear about T Bailey.

Tomorrow is another big day of surgery for me; so I'll quit & get to bed.

I miss you &
love you
Betty