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1961, 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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Dear Mom & Elmer,

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

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

Thank you muchly (No more on the furniture.) Mom, I don't know what to do about Jack & Glacie's intended visit. I have to drive to Pope Air Force Base to pick Ray up next Monday. I will not be here except Thursday, Friday, Sunday and then go after Ray. We can get a plane ride to Pope only. Will you tell Jack & Glacie? I would like
to see them, but I don’t know how unless they can make it later I’ll be there, note.

My work phone # is 7401 (Base extension). You call Seymour Johnson AFB first, then ask for 401 at me.

Dad is changing at the bit to come home. He graduates @ noon Friday next and hopes to leave there for Hope by 1 pm.

She’s been busy as a bee in our garden. We had salad (Rusu, Carro, etc) out of our garden last nite — radishes, onions, leaf lettuce — it just tasted better.

Mom, be careful with that swivel do exactly as Dr. Son says. I’m sorry to hear about Bailey.

Tomorrow is another big day of surgery for me; so be quiet & get to bed.

I miss you. Love you.

Betty