

1962

## 1962, 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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SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE

*Goldsboro, North Carolina*

Monday June  
7<sup>30</sup>  
PM

Dear Mom and Daddy,

I started a note at work and got one sentence done before a child with a fever of 105° came in and that was that.

Ray got home at 5<sup>PM</sup> Friday night and left at 3<sup>AM</sup> this morning. He hopes to come home tomorrow night and to fly Wednesday. He is very uncurrent in the aircraft; so hopes to flying Wed, Thurs and Friday. If he gets to come, he will be here the rest of the week and the weekend. I won't know for sure until he calls me tomorrow.

We had a lovely ~~or~~ busy weekend. I even mowed the lawn early in the week so Ray wouldn't have that to do when he got here. We had a neighborhood back yard party up the street on Saturday night about 40 people cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. Gent was peeved at us for going without him. We came



home and got him a little later on and he was a perfect ham for about a half an hour.

Sunday we drove out to a new lake and looked at land. He found a lovely lot on the lake front and it was just about an acre square. We finally talked to one of the owners of the property and found out the lot was only \$8000.00. Of course that includes paving the road in front of the property, underground sewer, underground electrical cables, membership in the recreational area which will include a golf course, lake for fishing & boating, swimming, archery range, picnic area. He liked it very much but that's a lot of money and still no house. He do have pretty "he fallutin" taste and no money to go with it.

I received a letter from Jeff thanking me for the dollar I stuck in his birthday card. He also related the transition of Penelope to Sir Jerry. I believe we suffered likewise with our old yellow "Tom" at 414 Louisiana avenue or was he  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  ?

Don't worry about Christmas for Ray and me. We don't need anything. In thinking about selecting a crystal pattern - just for water glasses, wine glasses & shellbert dishes. We never



made any selection before - never could find something plain enough to suit me without its being too expensive.

Let me hear from you as soon as you get the list from Helen. I hope to go down to Camp Lejeune in about a month to get started on the shopping.

The latest hurricane apparently is going to miss us except for some wind and much rain. I only hope it holds off until Ray gets here. Then it can pass!

I'll quit for now and get to bed. We got up awfully early this a.m.

I'll write more later this week.

Love,

Belle & Curt