1963-05-02, 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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Thursday AM  
2 May 63

Dear Mom and Daddy,

This will be short; it's 6:30 am and I must soon scramble for work. Ray is just getting up. We've been paying bills and did want to say hi again this week.

We enjoyed your lovely, if short, visit, Mom and Daddy, you should have come.

Ray is improving and started putting his weight off his crutches at short intervals yesterday. He has no pain or swelling so far.

We had really good rain and on for 2 days and our yard is growing like mad—more mowing this weekend. So cold today—40°.

Dent hunted the house over for the rest of the day for you. Mom, he really misses his new playmate more spoiled than ever now.

Today dash—here's the box on the silver. We do thank you so much for the help with the gift.

Love,

Betty Ray