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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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Mrs. Mrs. H. E. Harris
1717 Highland Avenue
Knoxville 16
Tennessee 37916
Dear Mom and Daddy,

This will be a brief hi because I'm waiting for the coffee to perk while Ray gets his shower and shave.

I usually get off a bit from 0545 to about 0630 because I have to get into the bathroom to mess around with my morning and all so I often do ½ a day's housework each morning. Helma, the maid, came today so I hope everything is all well lined up for her to do.

I made a mistake when I bought 2-(9x12) gold cotton rugs. They were one until
they began to be spoiled and now I find it impossible to get them washed for less than 6° and they cost only 10° initially. So do them in the Washateria 5°. All but you can't dry them there, so I have to wait for a Sunny day and bring them home to dry on the fence! Never again.

Ray and I have an extra day off tomorrow (my 3rd. Wash. B/F. Holiday) and we need it because we have had no chance to get the yard done yet. I scavenged some new patio paint too, and we want to get it on this week if possible.
I started scratching out
the dead eye grass & roots
in the front yard day
before yesterday afternoon
and got a dozen baskets
full and only got half
of the yard completed. It
looks like it might let
the roots of the live grass
breathe again, but I don't
know. Roy didn't fuss when
he saw my sandalwood so
I guess it was ok.
My tulips, hyacinths white
camelyth are blooming like
crazy in the back yard.
Tulips in the front yard are
not a later variety but will
probably come out by
next week!
I'm glad you got Jill off o feet something off for Easter, you'd never have been satisfied if you'd missed it. Here you I have nothing yet and don't plan on anything. I will need new white shoes this year but I don't plan on buying new dress alterations,

Cal will be home for a few days this weekend. The Florida check was out by the little R-19 (moter driven airplane) didn't take Cot the as long as scheduled so they're taking leave to come home. Get the house ready to move. The tennis trip is still on for
Cal. Sue.

We still are waiting to hear from Gen. Graham. He got back from Iran Saturday and went to Mexico again in the States so we didn't get to talk to him. If Ray goes to work for him we would stay here, Mom; just Ray's job would change. He would probably go quite a bit with the Defense but he wouldn't have as much flying time in fighter aircraft so that's what is not too pleasing to Ray. We will have to wait on the Defense though because things change so quickly.

Don't worrying though.
Mom, because we will probably have to go overseas at least one more tour and it's so much dangerous over there than it is at 1717 Highland in this day & age. The foreign countries don't want bombs there any more than we do so it's about as risky one place as another. We are not on the look for any assignment at present. Ray checked through a friend in the Pentagon.

Gotta quit so get ready. More later. I enjoyed all the extra mail. I hope you and mysteries to mail you & love the box almost Ready. Love, Better Day.