1964-07-29, 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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Hi to Claymore, too. If they are still with you.

29th July.

By the time we got home from the lake and got our gear put away we had company from across the street and they stayed until 10 pm so it was too late to call you. I was glad I had mostly cleaned my house on Thursday and had my uniforms ready for the week so all I had to do were polish shoes with company to watch.

We went to the lake just to get a break from the routine weekend. We have gradually gotten ourselves into (he likes open house and clean house and iron). He is worn out on one house he can't find a buyer for; so this got him off it for one Sunday - maybe they will break the ice.

We will be busy getting ready for Rap's party. I have all my major decisions made and most major chores done. Now I must think about what to have to eat and that part. Ray says no problem but I know who will squirm as someone says "I like it but it doesn't like me!"
to menu planning may help and some put up.
We have our little postage stamp
patio carpeted new and, now, it
turned out beautifully. I couldn't
be more pleased. The greatest
asset is that it made the whole
edge double as extra seating
and also makes the other slate
cement look whiter. There was
a large strip left over so I
put it like a runner on our
tiny entrance way out front. It
almost made the whole length
and doesn't look bad at all.

This week I will get my
pads for the patio chairs and
also my 3 big flower pots I've
been hunting for geraniums!
Ray saw some on an errand to
diner last week but wasn't
sure it was what I wanted.

Theoodles really had a fine
time at Tonahute. The first
time they could romp and play
and wade in the water and 

Tom - Tolley found out he could get his stick
even if it floated over his head
and then the couldn't keep him
out of the lake. The plant was
land scared right down to the
water so they didn't get muddy
and there was no danger of
snakes and we saw no mosquitoes so all of us had a fine time. We didn’t fish but people did right from the shore line. They sell a year’s license for $30.00 as for residents so if we are able to go down again in October we plan to buy license as they are open year round. The whole area is owned by a Wichita man — a builder.

Mom, your birthday present will be coming. I had to change my plans. It was going to surprise you with a geiger counter picture but the photographer couldn’t make my deadline as it’s a pretty detailed process without the negatives. So I’ll plan on that for one of your Santa presents. Do you suppose grillers might still have the negatives? If I could obtain that it would surely be better.

Have you heard anything from J. It’s an account the house? Did you talk to the social service worker in the phone book? Well, it’s gotten to be time to go to work & it’s sprinkling rain so I’d better get gone.

We love you. Be sure & keep.

Bette & Ray