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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—In enjoying the last bit of a lovely sunset while Ray is messin' in the kitchen cooking potatoes and boiling eggs so I can make hizzie-like potato salad in the a.m.

We were planning to do nothing tonite but Wanka & Sandy (from down the block) were coming by to show off our new patio and furniture to Wanka's Mom and Aunt who are visiting & them for the day. They have failed to show so Ray got tired waitin' & started the cooking. We had planned to have it ready to make before now but Ray got sidetracked today by fixing a gasoline
Powered lawn edger held wanted for a year so he bought it and got too involved in edging the lawn that he forgot to bail the ingredients. Other neighbors are buying shares in the edger, so it will be community property but that way no one has too much in it.

Ray got his lawn mowers repaired this P.M. also. We were afraid that we were in need of a new one but the repairman said leaves, no, he charged $1.90 for over 2 hrs. overhaul; so we feel very fortunate.

Firecrackers are popping everywhere around us. I wish there were some way to enforce the ordinance against
shooting them. We've already had one death & one probably fatal burn since 4:30 P.M. A ton dropped a firecracker in a drum containing tar and oil. It exploded & the boy was covered with burning oil & tar. His father ran out to help him & was engulfed in the burning yard. The boy is dead, the father probably won't make it. What a waste.

Mom, I will probably get some A.D. samples for you soon. I have the pharmacy men on the look out of the MSD Representative. De Jure will get them for me. I may delay my package a few more days to see if I do.

I will send Reg's prescription & the P.D. formula on it. I hope she will give it a trial. It could help him a lot but only a trial
will tell on the individual.

Mom, I re-steamed the embroidered picture and it came out very well. I also did the pillow and it doesn’t have any puckers or it at all now. I hope to finish it tomorrow. Tried to find a 16” foam square today, but didn’t so will get it today. I have the picture in my dining area well – it will look really pretty, when we get our paneling done later in the fall. I hate this wild wallpaper!

Well, Ray’s ready for me to get my other ingredients ready for the p. salad so I’ll quit. I hope you have a good Thanksgiving and good news on the house and Daddy soon.

We love you
BB & RB