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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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Dear Mom and Daddy,

I forgive me for being slow to write this week, but I've all kinds of good reasons. Seriously, I've never worked any harder or longer hours since I've been in Nursing. It seems as if our Census just keeps climbing. One nurse and 30 patients—8 of whom are infants—are quite a load. I come off duty so tired most days I can hardly move. I go play 9 holes of golf after all that, just to keep from coming to my room and falling into bed. It is rather nice out in the open in the afternoons now. The temperature is in the low 80's and the grass on the golf course is beginning to get green and pretty. I'm sure it sounds funny to you with October weather in Denver, but this is the pretty part of the year here. Jane, the civilian office manager, the one Ray employed golf with for the last year, is all by herself now too. Her fiancé just rotated stateside too. They will probably marry early next year.) Jane and
I play after work each week. Also in the evenings I have been sewing clothes and packing a few things. I have lost some weight and my clothes are hanging off again, so I've been busy trying to get something ready to wear when Ray gets here.

He has been in Las Vegas, Nevada at Nellis A.O. Base, at the National Aerial Gunnery Competition. He was selected as an Aerial Judge. He had to fly the same routes as the team competitors fly and go through the same maneuvers as they do to check them and grade their gunnery. He flew an F-100 just like they do. It sounded like a big jet, but he was pleased as punch to be in it. He should be back at Seymour by now.

I haven't heard since last Wednesday.

His last plans, if nothing has changed since he got back to Seymour, were to leave there on or about 10 Oct. and get here when he can on a space available basis you come when they have room on a plane. It will take 20 days to travel and use what we have to go it. As soon as he gets here we will apply for our marriage license and
then the 18 days wait will officially begin. I'm not taking any leave time. I only hope we can manage to be married on a Friday so I can have the weekend off. There's no place to go anyway, so we don't care too much. We can have a real honeymoon when I get home.

Mom, I mailed Helen's bread and Christmas boxes today. Tell you tell Helen for me. I don't know when she'll get them written. She packages will take at least 30 days. Maybe more. I wanted to beat the Christmas stand-on-erine rush; so I mailed them with no Christmas wrapping on the kids' packages. I found enough Christmas paper to keep Sister's and Joe's so they couldn't see theirs until Christmas. Tell Helen she can give the kids theirs from Santa if she wants to — that saves wrapping.

Tell bring yours and Daddy's, Mom. I hope. I won't know for awhile yet. I may be the only Christmas you'll get — and I surely hope you get that!! I am on for rotation in December, but I'm actually not due.
I'll stop for now and write Ray his last minute list of things to do & bring. It's spoiled, I did all his packing over here.

I'll write more later. Love you both & it's not so long now - 106 days—or less, I hope!
I mailed Mary Ann’s Christmas Doll today too. Call Artie and tell her
to keep for it in about 30 to 60 days.
It is Christmas wrapped. We can give
it to her for her birthday to see if she
wants to. I may be home to take her
something else for Christmas.