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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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Midnight Tuesday
15 November 60.

Dear Mom & Dasey,

Forgive me the long delay in writing, but Roy and I were trying to crowd a lot of living in the space of a few short hours this last week. By the time you receive this, he will probably have had time to call and chat, for he left me at 3:15 pm yesterday. He should be home by now, or at least in Charleston. I hope his flight was a quiet and fast one because he doesn't sleep when he flies, and he hates multi-engines so much.

I got a letter, Mom, from Helen telling me you were in the hospital for your check-up. I hope this letter finds you much improved and at home. What did Dr. San D. decide? Is your Bp down and did he place you on any restrictions? I feel so helpless from here, but it won't be long now. My calendar shows 65 days more, but I hope that's an over-estimate I'm not at all certain. I'll make it before Christmas, but I'm trying.

Ray was sick part of last week with the flu syndrome - muscle aches and pains - headache and dizziness. He had no business being up, but I couldn't keep him in bed while I worked; so he ran himself on sheer determination. He has a lot of this over here. I had a light attack for a day or so, but threw it off, I guess.

Helen got her Christmas box, and yours is in the mail; so should be there in about 30 days. There will be two boxes in all - one from me and the other mailed by the gift service here - they are not for opening before 25 Dec!

Ray has a list of do-dads ^{from home} I want him to get when he gets our house to put them in. He plans to come up possibly with a station wagon. So don't worry, he will call you.

I'm tired & sleepy; so I'll quit & go to bed. I miss Ray very much, but I know he had to go back so I can follow him soon -

Take care of yourselves; I'll be Stateside soon.

Love you,
Bette

Mom, If you feel up to it, write &
Tell Mary Lou Edwards
I got her gift - its a bit
large so I'll probably let
her exchange it for me -
I'll write a little later.

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