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1961-12-27, Bette to Father

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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Dear Daddy,

I hope you are feeling much better when you receive this. Mom should have been to visit you again. I hope she was able to stay over a day, although I know it was unhandy for her to travel to and from town between each visiting hour period. Did you have a nice Christmas dinner? Most hospitals outdo themselves at the holiday season, so I hope you had turkey, too.

Ray and I had a nice Christmas in our own home. We went to a Christmas Church Service at a new Methodist Church off base on Sunday morning. Then we visited some friends to see their trees on Sunday afternoon. Sunday night (Christmas Eve) we opened our presents. I gave Ray a big 24 inch barbecue grill with an electric spit for roasts, ribs, and whole chickens. Had to be...
assembled - 37 pounds of parts!! It took us from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to do it, but we finally did it, and believe it or not, we had no extra pieces left over. It's pretty but we haven't had a chance to try it out.

Ray had to leave at 2 a.m. the morning after Christmas to go to Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina for 4 days. He should be here some time Friday night. He drove the car, so he could get home as soon as his work is done. I am riding to work every morning with one of the people I work with.

Well, Daddy, I'd better stop and write Mom a little note and then get some clothes in the washer, before I hunt something to eat for supper.

I hope you are going to get all well before you start fussing to go home, because you are going to have lots to do for yourself even after the doctors say you're well enough to leave. Be good and love, Bette