1962-11-30, 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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Mrs. M. E. Harris
1717 Highland Avenue
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Tuesday, Nov. 3rd

Dear Mom and Daddy,

Ray is supposed to be home tomorrow at noon, if nothing new crops up in the Cuban crisis. I talked to him a few minutes on the “Hot Line”, about lunch time, and he said he should be here at 1230. He sent his check on by a colonel tonight, but he forgot to endorse it; so I guess I won’t cash it after all. He wanted a couple of bills paid tomorrow.

Our draper and chair came this afternoon, so I have been as busy as a bee getting our Cappelart draper and chair back to the registry office. Then I had to rewrite the floor after they moved the new furniture in. It’s really pretty and doesn’t look bad with the old drapes. I don’t think I want the new coffee table now. I like the brass tray with it. We do need different rugs, though, because the walls are beige, the
furniture is beige (off-white), then the white rug; so you can see it's quite a bit of neutral colors. I think I may try a forest green rug, not a big one--probably two medium ones. I haven't looked yet. I want a few more bright throw pillows too. I hope Ray likes it too.

Last evening I nearly broke my back sliding furniture on to a rug and then pulling it across the room. You'd pull out all the changes then.

Ray will have to get an extension on his base antenna because I moved the TV clear across the room from the outlet. I'm using rabbit ears to see the one or two programs I want to see. I get awfully tired of TV. When this is away because I sit in front of it many times just for the noise. I've been reading some since he has been away too, but I'm ready to have a family again--it's too quiet here without him.

I'll quit now and get my self to bed. I got Daddy's letter yesterday.