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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 & Daddy,

I got the check at 11:30 and it is probably on the way to the Buick dealer now. Ray had gone to get the title and our license plates - we will have to pay for the last quarter of 1963 license and then buy for 1964 also.

Ray was at work at 0730 and gave a briefing to the Wing Commander regarding the homecoming of the rest of the squadron. I know he must be worn out because we still didn't get to bed until 9:30 last night and had to get up at 6:00.

It's surely nice to have him home, but he's so tired I'm going to be busy trying to keep him up. He just couldn't eat the food over there and he has already eaten enough to make him ill since yesterday. I'm going to make some sandwiches, calla, and corn bread to take - as his request. We are going to the club for New Year's even if it is expensive. We will wear our fancy mess dress uniforms since we won't wear them on New
Year's Day to the Commander's reception.
Now that everyone has bought these
expensive things they are having us
wear our work day issue uniforms.
Roy received only 490° for his
spy glass so we will send you approv.
3 day or so after 1 Jan. Then we
will get the legal office to figure
the interest rate on the balance at
5 1/2% if that's OK with you? Anyway
we will pay you back as rapidly
as we can.

My Christmas was complete when
Roy got his present opened. He really
liked his shoe brush from them and
his country ham that I got from
one of my retired air force officers who
is living on a farm near his NC.
Thank you for the cash deposit
you recent, but I'll send you a check
for 1/2 of it plus the 12° labert due
you don't need to pay that for me.
I don't have my check book with
me out at this appointment desk where
I'm waiting today.

I'll quit so I can mail this on
the way home. More later, love back.