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1964-12-31, 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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Dear Mom, and Elmer, if he is sober,

Ray and I just got home from a New Year's eve Open House at his old Squadron. He flew this morning, but I had the whole day off. My landers gave it to me for the ambulance run, I made the 10 pm Thursday ride.

But and I rearranged the living room this a.m. so I could shampoo the white rug just in front of the divan area. I borrowed a chemical from one of my neighbors. It worked pretty well but I want to go over it one more time this weekend.

He is going to the Officers club tonight for New Year's. I'm wearing my white dress and Ray will wear his civilian tuxedo. I haven't seen him in it since the first night we met in January 1969, I finally found a band to wear with my dress so I am
all set to go. I am due at the Beauty parlor now (in 30 min) for my hair do. Ray likes it the way I have it now but it isn’t quite fancy enough for my lovely dress.

Just as all pretty today too. I gave him a bath before lunch and we took him to the party with us. He always makes a hit with everyone — even if they think we’re nuts.

I haven’t written Helen to thank her for our lovely Christmas presents. She spent too much money this year. We can really use the salad cruet and the dip container is useful too. I should entertain. I know, but I just never have gotten started. I will probably have to give a party for Maj Sanders, since I am next in command and the new chief will come after the leaves.

I’d better quit and get ready to go to the beauty parlor. I will include your check for the car, the safe deposit box and my AFBET dues for 1965. Thanks for writing.

Please, Mom, go see Dr. O. and ask him for the info. I told you we will call you next year. Happy N. Year. We love you. Belle and ROY.