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## 1965-11-24. 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 Daddy.

This will be tardy for Thanks-  
going, but at least my intentions  
were good.

I've been so busy trying to beat  
the Christmas shoppers that I  
have done little else. I want  
to get Helen's box ready to go  
before too much longer so  
maybe it will arrive in one  
piece.

I wish you could see what  
I've brought for them so far. I'll  
at least try to describe each:



Jill's <sup>gold</sup> dress - off white wool top & gold  
wool skirt - the tabs &  
buttons up the front are  
gold wool too. I couldn't  
find a gold blouse or  
sweater to match so I  
got a gold dickey of the  
exact same shade. It  
looks lovely.

Bag - light golden brown  
leather with a shoulder  
strap. It has all sorts  
of zippered pockets & is  
real soft & pretty.

Jeff -

Pauls - beautiful rust  
hopsacking (looks like  
"nice" burdap) with  
the prescribed wide belt  
loops & skinny pegged  
legs.

Jeff - (cont'd)

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Shirt - Rust paisley print - very "Mod"  
with gold to grey figures. &  
button down collar.

Belt - Rust suede on one side - reversing  
to black smooth leather -  
2-3 inches wide (like my Sam  
Brown Belt of yester years)  
complete with a gorgeous  
big gold buckle.



Books - 2 paper back  
novels. "The Blue Max"  
(about WWI airplane  
drivers in Germany) -  
It's a big hit movie  
right now.  
and "The Purple Quest"  
by FRANK Slaughter.

I'm going to try to read  
enough of each to see if  
they're OK for Jeff - Helen  
said current novels if they  
were decent.

Joel -  
Shirt - The latest craze in his age  
group my neighbors say -  
a "Ponderosa shirt".

Blue denim - very pretty  
with <sup>light</sup> brown leather thong  
lacing the front.

Pants - Soft brushed denim  
in blue with a 2-3 inch  
wide <sup>light brown</sup> leather belt & big  
gold buckle - This belt isn't  
reversible but I hope the  
leather-laced shirt will  
avoid hard feelings.

I still have some money to  
spend on him so I hope to find  
a nice game.



I got Helen a <sup>3</sup> lovely blue or teal sweater hand-crocheted with pretty cut out pattern at the top, sleeves & bottom. I have one in a cascade so I know she'll love it.



That & her baking dish, warmer, & cheese server should make her happy.

I got today a lovely beige all wool golf sweater with large metal buttons down the front. I have him a tie carrying case for trips. and I want to add a tie or two to it if I can select a pretty pattern in Helen's mod look.

I'll still be looking for Ray. I want to buy him a shirt but don't know if I can afford it just now.

He may know yes or no by 10<sup>am</sup> today about his job. He got a call yesterday explaining the delay.

My thanksgiving dinner is all bought; now all I have to do is cook it. We will have a 10# turkey, cornbread dressing (I made the bread last nite) & giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, Av. Cakes & marshmallows - (just for me), Waldorf salad - Ray voted me down on Dadawa 24 hr. salad, pecan pie, pumpkin pie & coffee. I wish you all could help eat it. We are to be alone. All our neighbors are going to relatives.

I'll quit & go mail this before I miss the bus -

We love you & wish you were here -  
More shopping news later BB.