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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 138 BRADLEY, Robert Michael, 1947-2006

3 boxes. 33 folders. 344 items. 1852-2002.

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BIOGRAPHY

Robert Michael "Mike" Bradley, son of Sue and Henry Bradley, Jr., was born on October 1, 1947, in Nashville, Tennessee. His family moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1952. Bradley attended T. C. Cherry Elementary School, Bowling Green Junior and High Schools and Western Kentucky University. He was drafted in January 1968, and sent to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for basic training, then to Fort Polk, Louisiana, for advanced infantry training. Arriving in Vietnam on July 5, 1968, he was selected to be a part of the Blue Team of the First Air Cavalry Division located near An Khe. After a short time Bradley was assigned to the unit called the First of the Ninth. This special unit was responsible for engaging in every battle the division fought in, as well as reconnaissance and rescue missions. Bradley was injured twice in Vietnam, the first time from shrapnel and the second time when he tripped on an anti-personal land mine. After his discharge, Bradley returned home to become part owner of a Bowling Green funeral home that had been in his family for over one hundred years.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Collection.
 Interviews, March 28 and April 9, 2002.

THE COLLECTION

The collection chiefly consists of letters Mike wrote to his parents, by Robert's parents, Sue and Henry Bradley, after his arrival in Fort Campbell and throughout his stay in Vietnam. Also, three cassette tapes of interviews done with Mike concerning his ward experiences. Additionally, related materials include information about Agent Orange, First Cavalry, MIA's/POW's, and veterans issues. Some records of the Gerard-Gerard Funeral Home that was located in Bowling Green, are included too.

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Folder 3	Henry and Sue Bradley – Letters from son Mike	January 1968 - December 1969	7 items
Folder 4	Henry and Sue Bradley – Letters from son Mike (including 1 st cavalry patch)	April 1, 1968 - December 30, 1968	36 items
Folder 5	Henry and Sue Bradley – Letters from son Mike	January 1, 1969 June 22, 1969, n.d.	22 items
Folder 6	Training notebooks	n.d.	2 items
Folder 7	Sue Bradley to Mike	November 19, 1968 - Sept. 27, 1969	4 items
Folder 8	Henry and Sue Bradley – Injury notice and greeting cards	August 2-16, 1968	7 items
Folder 9	Letters to parents about Purple Heart award, including newspaper article about award and Army special orders	March 15, 1968 - June 30, 1969	31 items
Folder 10	Sue Bradley – Calendar she kept	January 1968 - July 1969	3 items
Folder 11	Photographs	1969	25 items
Folder 12	Pocket Guide to Vietnam; Tips on VC/NVA Mines; Military ID packet; Combat Slang list	n.d.	5 items
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	Congressman William Natcher	December 20, 1969	
Folder 15	Postcard from Dept. of the Army Graduation ceremony program plane ticket, Western Union telegram, etc.	July 1, 1966 - October 1, 1968	6 items
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Folder 19	Vietnam Veterans – Warren County list	September 21, 1970	2 items
BOX 2	Bradley, Robert Michael – Vietnam War	1986- 1991	86 items
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BOX 3	Gerard-Bradley family papers	1852- 1950	70 items
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Folder 2	Gerard family – Legal documents including will, etc	October 2, 1852 - September 1, 1910	14 items
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Folder 4	Warren County – Deeds	August 21, 1860 - February 25, 1950	14 items
Folder 5	Receipts – Miscellaneous	February 22, 1866 - May 3, 1932	29 items
Folder 6	National Casket Company book	n.d.	1 item
Folder 7 C1 - D2b #8	Henry W. Bradley – Cradle Roll certificate (Westminster Presbyterian Sunday School)	Sept. 28, 1927	1 item

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- Vietnam War letters written to his parents Sue and Henry Bradley, Jr., of Bowling Green, Kentucky documenting his tour in Vietnam, July 6, 1968-July 5, 1969. Includes information about 1st cavalry division, agent orange, MIA/POW's, veterans issues, and Gerard-Gerard funeral home, 1860-1950.
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