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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.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>BRADLEY, Robert Michael – Vietnam War</b>	<b>1966-2002</b>	<b>188 items</b>
Folder 1	Descriptive Inventory and data		
Folder 2	Selective Service Notification and Air Force papers	April 5, 1966 November 28, 1967	11 items
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 <sup>st</sup> 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
Folder 13	Military debriefings and Vietnam maps	August 18, 1960 - June 24, 1969	7 items
Folder 14	Henry Bradley, Jr. – Letters to	October 30, 1968 -	5 items

	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
Folder 16	Robert Michael Bradley – Reminiscences of Vietnamese Conflict experiences	1968-1970	1 item
Folder 17	Henry and Robert Bradley – Letters from William Natcher and Veterans Administration	February 2-16, 1970	5 items
Folder 18	Interviews by Terrance “Chris” George of Robert Michael Bradley (3 cassette tapes)	March 28 and April 9, 2002	3 items
Folder 19	Vietnam Veterans – Warren County list	September 21, 1970	2 items
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Bradley, Robert Michael – Vietnam War</b>	<b>1986- 1991</b>	<b>86 items</b>
Folder 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Cavalry – Data	1968-1983; n.d.	12 items
Folder 2	Letter from Matt Brennan, concerning Bradley’s entry in <i>Headhunters</i> – a publication by First Cavalry members, etc	December 2, 1986 - August 30, 1987	7 items
Folder 3	Agent Orange – Data	April 1985- August 1991	29 items
Folder 4	MIA/POW – Data	May 21, 1991	5 items
Folder 5	Veterans issues – Newspaper clippings, magazine articles, etc.	March 8, 1988 - January 15, 1989	17 items
Folder 6	Vietnam War – Magazines	Fall 1986; June 1990	3 items
Folder 7	Miscellaneous items	n.d.	13 items

<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Gerard-Bradley family papers</b>	<b>1852- 1950</b>	<b>70 items</b>
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Folder 2	Gerard family – Legal documents including will, etc	October 2, 1852 - September 1, 1910	14 items
Folder 3	F. W. Gerard – Incoming letters concerning divorce decree	September 3, 1902 - January 1911	10 items
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

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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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 1<sup>st</sup> cavalry division, agent orange, MIA/POW's, veterans issues, and Gerard-Gerard funeral home, 1860-1950.  
3 boxes. 32 folders. 344 items. Originals, photocopies, typescripts and photos.  
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Gerard-Gerard Funeral Chapel – Bowling Green

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Western State Hospital – Hopkinsville

#### Western State Mental Hospital

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Western State Hospital – Hopkinsville

#### Widowhood

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