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Keywords

World War II, WWII, 30th Infantry, Battle of Mortain, Prisoner of War, Army Medic

Disciplines

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Provenance: Gift of Robert Bell Bradley

Biography:

Robert Bell Bradley was a medic with the 30th Infantry division during WWII. Prior to enlisting, he was a pre-med major at the University of Maryland. He was taken as a prisoner of war on August 9, 1944, in France after the Battle of Mortain. He was imprisoned east of Berlin and freed by the Russian army in January, 1945. After finishing his tour of duty working at a contagious ward in Virginia, he returned to college and became a medical physicist, designing and testing medical equipment. He met his wife Marjorie while working at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

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Folders:

- 1/1 Letter to Dr. Birkner from R.B. Bradley
- 1/2 Copies of Newspaper Articles of 50th Anniversary of D-Day:
 - Hanover Sun – 10-16-94 – “We will never forget”
 - French newspaper – 9-4-94 – photos
 - Hanover/Adams – 12-22-02 – “TV special features vet”
- 1/3 Copy of Certificate of Honor
 - To Robert Bradley from city of Saint-Jean-de-Daye – 8-24-94
- 1/4 Copies of Poems – English/French translations
 - Your Little Girls / Vos Petites Filles
 - Your Little Boys / Vos Petits Garçons
 - Mortain, France / Mortain, France
- 1/5 Uniforms
 - ROTC uniform – '38-'39
 - Combat Aid Man – Charles E. Binckley
 - Description of Combat Aid Man's first aid kit
- 1/6 Genealogy summary: Bell family
- 1/7 Oral history tape descriptions
 - 2 typed copies
 - 1 handwritten copy
- 1/8 “A Comment” by R.B. Bradley
- 1/9 Catalogue information:

National Library of Medicine – Robert B. Bradley papers, 1970-1997

Aid Man! – Robert B. Bradley

- 1/10 *Providence* – 11-11-86 – by Robert Bradley (2 copies)
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- 6 CD’s: “Aid Man – WWII” by Robert Bradley
- 6 Audio cassettes: World War II Oral History Tapes, 1998, by Robert Bradley