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**Finding Aid for the Berry Robison, II Vietnam War correspondence collection  
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**Date (inclusive):** 1968-03-1969-06

**Abstract:** This collection contains the correspondence of First Lieutenant Berry Robison, II, United States Army, to his wife Christine during the Vietnam War.

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### **Content Description**

This collection contains 21 correspondence by First Lieutenant Berry Robison, II, sent to his wife, Christine Robison, during the Vietnam War. Robison served in the United States Army as a rifle company commander and an airborne ranger. He trained at Fort Benning in Georgia and Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. While in Vietnam he was promoted to First Lieutenant and received the Silver Star. His unit was Co. B 2/187 Infantry 101st Airborne Division. Robison and his wife Christine had been married six months before he departed for Vietnam. They have two sons together but eventually seperated.

Robison signs his letters with his nickname, "Robie." Throughout his letters he writes how much he loves and misses his wife. He also describes the various assignments and missions he has as well as his opinions on the politics of the war. Sometimes he is very supportive of their mission there, other times he is against the war.

Letter dated May 30, 1968: Robison reflects on what is important to him in his life and how war has made him realize what he takes for granted.

Letter dated August 13, 1968: Robison states that he will only write letters when his morale is high so that he does not worry his wife. He tells her that he received a Purple Heart because he took a piece of shrapnel in his right leg during battle in Cu Chi, northwest of Saigon. He says "I am really proud of this minor wound, because now I can really hate that SOB."

Letter dated August 30, 1968: he writes of how much his wife's letters mean to him and how they are the only thing that keeps him going.

Letter dated September 15, 1968: He is feeling upset because he had just been to the hospital to visit some of his men that had been wounded.

Letter dated September 22, 1968: He describes how his company commander was wounded by a boobytrap, so he is now "a 22 yr. old company commander with more responsibility than you could imagine."

Letter dated May 4, 1969: He discusses his decision to become a career Army man.

Letter dated May 15, 1969: "As I sit here writing this letter, I am listening to President Nixon as he talks on the V-NAM War, to say the least I am confused. Baby I only believe in one thing and that is the Democracy that the United States of America has provided for her citizens. I still believe in our country even more so now and I would come over here or anywhere that the USA deems necessary. The main thing I have gained from V-NAM is that I was able to prove my love for my country, and the tragic thing is not every American male can say this."

Letter dated May 22, 1969: "Chris all I want to do is get out of this filthy God-forsaken place and let someone else be a guinea pig for a corrupt bunch of exploiting politicians."

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