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## Private Robert M. Frey

### Training Camp Correspondence

Carlisle, Pennsylvania / Augusta, Georgia: 1953

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A collection of 37 letters and telegrams to Private Robert M. Frey during his basic training at Camp Gordon in Georgia in the immediate aftermath of the Korean War. All items are very good or better with some tears from opening and light age toning.

Robert M. Frey enlisted in the Army at the end of 1953 after having completed the law school at Penn State University. The letters are from various relatives, including his parents, and friends between September and December of that year. His sister, Charlotte, who refers to herself as "Charlie," writes, "With your legal and college training you should be able to get a pretty good job - why not G-2 or something dangerous and sneaky? Does every recruit have to go through the same basic program? (My achin' feet!)"

During this time Frey took and passed the Pennsylvania Bar Exam and opted to stay with the Army for the minimum 20 months instead of 3 years with a commission so that he could start his practice sooner than later. Many of the letters are congratulations from colleagues and friends on his success as less than 50% of the class of 1953 passed. Frey would go on to practice in Carlisle, creating the firm Frey & Tiley. Between 1993 and 1998 he was the President of the Penn State Law School's former Board of Trustees. [BTC#389642]