

I. Letters written by Robert Rigoulot during his Vietnam service (1971) in the U.S. Army.

Earliest letter (on yellow lined paper, undated, headed "Friday" – written during Basic Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey – August or September 1970

Other letters, sorted in chronological order, beginning January 6, 1971; last letter is dated October 24, 1971.

File also includes:

a sheet from his family, filled out with package preferences

a punch card sent to his family by Robert Rigoulot, giving his Fort Dix address

a list of letters sent to Robert Rigoulot by his family and written by him to his family – maintained by his family, this may be useful to you in ordering letters.

II. Photographs of Robert Rigoulot in Vietnam.

3 black-&-white photos, approximately 4x6, taken in Vietnam, developed by Robert Rigoulot, and sent to his family (2 have penciled comments by Robert on the back)
1 small photo of Robert Rigoulot taken near the 23rd Infantry Division sign
1 3x5 color photo of Robert Rigoulot in informal fatigues, taken near his hootch
1 3x3 color photo of Robert with a dog, probably taken while on leave in 1972

III. Drawings by Robert Rigoulot, probably sent by him to his family in various letters
Folder contains one drawing of a barber shop and 2 drawn maps of bases (probably Chu Lai or nearby

IV. Letters and documents relating to his service in Vietnam.

"Welcome" letter to the Rigoulot family dated January 21, 1971

Letter of Commendation dated April 30, 1971

Bronze Star Citation

Order regarding the Bronze Star, dated June 18, 1971

DDForm 214 for Robert Rigoulot,

Recommendation for Promotion dated May 3, 1971

In-Country Travel Authorization dated June 18, 1971

LOIS MARGARET RIGOULOT (older sister, born 1937)

27 Letters:

(Note: Numbers written on the back of some envelopes are the sequential order of letters; some were never received by Robert Rigoulot, and others were lost or destroyed along the way.)

August 17, 1970
August 30, 1970
September 14, 1970
October 9, 1970
November 2, 1970
November 5, 1970
November 6, 1970
November 9, 1970
November 20, 1970
November 23, 1970
December 1, 1970
January 5, 1971
February 23, 1971
April 20, 1971
June 23, 1971
July 17, 1971
July 26, 1971
August 28, 1971
September 8, 1971
September 16, 1971
September 20, 1971
December 17, 1971
December 21, 1971
December 29, 1971
January 8, 1972
January 11, 1972
January 24, 1972

PARENTS:

Samuel M. and Lillian RIGOULOT

14 Letters (dates based on postmarks; most identified only by day of week):

September 8, 1970
December 8, 1970
December 7, 1970
March 10, 1971
June 16, 1971
June 29, 1971
September 9, 1971
December 17, 1971
December 20, 1971
December 22, 1971 → October 22, 1971
December 28, 1971
January 6, 1972
January 13, 1972
January 18, 1972

RELATIVES:

Dorothy ("Dottie) HORSMAN. Aunt; Mother's oldest sister

3 Letters:

October 26, 1970

December 30, 1970

May 3, 1971

Patricia ("Tricia") MOONEY. Cousin; daughter of Mother's youngest sister

2 Letters:

November 9, 1970

April 5, 1971

JACK CHALFIN

College roommate at Hobart College, NY (1965-1969)

10 Letters:

Postcard, August 1970

August 31, 1970

October 19, 1970

November 5, 1970

February 6, 1971

February 21, 1971

April 13, 1971

April 28, 1971

Undated letter, probably May or June 1971

June 4 and 12, 1971

ALAN HERMAN

Friend, probably from undergraduate years at Hobart College, NY (1965-1969)

2 letters:

February 22, 1971

June 6, 1971

CHARLES PETITHOMME

Friend made during AIT Training at Fort Ord (and in Vietnam), based on information in letters

4 Letters:

May 6, 1971

June 3, 1971

July 10, 1971

September 13, 1971

Joel Rosch

Friend from undergraduate years at Hobart College, NY (1965-1969)

3 Letters:

July 28, 1970

July 31, 1970

November 28, 1970

ZACHARY SCHIFFMAN

Friend from undergraduate years at Hobart College, NY (1956-1969) and graduate school at The University of Chicago (1969-70, 1972-1975).

Zach Schiffman was Best Man at Robert's wedding to Barbara Hayler in 1988.

7 Letters:

October 9, 1970

October 26, 1970

Fall 1970 postcard

December 4, 1970 (including brief note from Sarah Warwick, student at The University of Chicago)

March 12 (1971?)

May 25, 1971

January 22, 1972

MAGGIE SNYDER

Friend from undergraduate years at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, NY

4 Letters:

July 2, 1969

February 22, 1971

April 5, 1971

June 1, 1971

NORA TOCKNELL

Friend from undergraduate years at Hobart and William Smith Colleges

3 Letters:

February 8, 1971

May 4, 1971

June 23, 1971

Wedding invitation for October 3, 1971

SARAH WARWICK

Friend from graduate school at The University of Chicago

8 Letters:

June 17, 1970

October 31, 1970

November 4, 1970

April 7, 1971

June 7, 1971

July 20, 1971

September 20, 1971

December 1971

ARTHUR FELDSOTT

Friend from undergraduate study at Hobart College

1 Letter: June 14, 1971

Miscellaneous:

Invitation to a wedding on May 23, 1971

Christmas card with message, received from an unidentified friend ("Bob") in December 1970.