

Pease Boys and the Military in Theda Pease's 1951 & 52 Diaries

[Ma didn't write every day, often with multiple-day gaps but this gives an interesting picture of Howard's 1st year and a half in the Army, from his mother's viewpoint. When I was doing the 1952 diary, I found several references to Gerald and Francis military status as well, so included those entries at the end of Howards] Compiled by Art Pease, May-July 2017

1951

- 5\10 Glenn, I, Arthur and Howard and Barbara started for Lebanon at 3. Got there at 10 past 4. He left for Manchester on the bus at 15 of 5. We got home at six Glenn ate and then took Barbara home.
- 5\11 I took care of some of Howard's clothes and fixed his bed.
- 5\13 Howard called while we were gone. Said he was allright.
- 5\14 Howard called up before supper and wants Glenn, I, and Barbara to come down to Devens tomorrow night to see him as he is being shipped to Arkansas Friday. Called Barbara and she will go.
- 5\26 Got a letter from Howard written in Arkansas. The got there at 9:30 Sun. a.m.
- 5\29 Wrote a letter to Howard
- 6\1 Finished Howard's letter and Glenn done up package.I sent 6 slices of bread, 2 doughnuts and jar of jam with his clothes.
- 6\11 Wrote a few more lines to Howard and sent him the pictures.
- 6\12 Had a letter from Barbara and Arthur had a box with plastic bank, cast racer and boat from Howard.
- 6\17 I picked over papers on table and cut out things to send to Howard.
- 6\18 I finished my letter to Howard.
- 6\24 After dinner Francis and Arthur went out to see the cattle and Glenn and I started to see Barbara. Stopped at Vernie's about 1\2 hr. Saw B. a minute at 5:30 Said she would be thru at 7:30 so we went around the lake and then got her. Stopped at Mother's had shortcake and saw grammy and grampa. Got to the Drive-in Theater about 8:45 just before the show. Saw "Pagan Love Song" real good [*Hmmm - sounds pretty 'racy'!*] We had a nice visit left her at 12:45 and got home at 1:30.
- 6\28 Glenn, Arthur, Winnie and I started for Uncle Herbs about 6. Called and saw Barbara a minute at Hillside. I didn't hear from Howard today but she did. [*This is Winnie Jackson, cousin from Canada, going to visit Ma's Uncle Will Lowd. Winnie has come down on the train to Fairlee.*]
- 7\2 Irene and Bertha wrote to Howard.
- 7\5 Finished Howard's letter and got a long letter from him and 8 pictures all good
- 7\6 Finished letter to Howard and did up the cake to send to him.
- 7\11 Barbara was here a couple hours this afternoon.
- 7\12 Marm had a letter from Howard today.
- 7\13 I wrote a six-page letter to Howard.
- 7\19 Got a letter from Howard saying he hadn't got cake yet but had moved to a different place in the same camp.

- 8\5 Wrote a few lines to Howard. . . Glenn and I went down to Dorice's and she, Charles, and Dale went down to see Barbara. Rode around the lake while we waited for her. She came out and set in the car for about an hour.
- 8\6 I wrote a letter to Howard.
- 8\9 Got a letter from Howard and he sent me a picture of him in his combat uniform. . Mrs. Robie called me tonight to ask me to Barbara's shower the 22nd.
- 8\11 Wrote a few more lines in Howard's letter.
- 8\15 Started a letter to Howard tonight.
- 8\16 Wrote some more in Howard's letter tonight.
- 8\17 Marm and I each had a card from Howard today.
- 8\27 Got a letter most done to Howard tonight.
- 8\28 Wrote a few lines more in Howard's letter.
- 8\29 Barbara called and said Howard was leaving Ark. Sun. and that she and her Dad were meeting him in New Jersey Tue.
- 8\30 Got a card from Howard . .B. called and said they were being married the 6th at 7 p.m.
- 9\1 Gerald, Francis, Irene Arthur and I started for Lebanon about 20 of 1 Got Doris and her mother. Got dress, shoes and hat for Irene, suit, shirt and tie for Arthur, dress, hat and slip for me. Gerald bought him a suit and tie and Francis got a suit, tie and shoes. Irene got a red pitcher and tumbler set for Barbara. Got home about 6:30. *[I bet there were never so many new Pease clothes bought at once!]*
- 9\2 [S] We showed everybody our new clothes.
- 9\4 Jay went down and got May about 1:30 and she gave me a "Stanley Permanent." Gave her about a half bushel of corn. She went home about 6. *[All that build-up and then she doesn't write for 10 days!]*
- 9\18 Howard and Barbara came about 4:30 Irene took pictures of them She had her wedding dress. They went out to Hazel H. and got his birth certificate. I made Howard some Heavenly Hash. Irene took four flash pictures in Marm's room. She felt terrible and how I hated to say goodbye. They went to Grange with Glenn, Francis and Irene and then they took them to Plymouth.
- 9\20 Arthur had a card from Barbara from Boston. *[I have that card, postmarked 5:30 p.m. Sept. 19, which Ma had saved. It has a picture of the Washington Monument in the Public Gardens in Boston and she writes, "Howard and I are on our way and are waiting in North Station until 3 p.m. for a train to N.Y. Give our best to Gram. Love, Barb"]*
- 9\23 [S]Barbara came while we were eating. Couldn't see Howard so came home. The pictures were great. She, Irene and Arthur went up to see Bertha.
- 10\3 Finished my letter to Howard.
- 10\10 Wrote a little more in Howard's letter.
- 10\15 Got letter from Howard. he is in Southofen, Germany on the Swiss Austrian border. Sent some little pictures.
- 10\17 Marm wrote a letter to Howard today.
- 10\23 Started a letter to Howard tonight.
- 10\24 Wrote a little more to Howard and a short letter to Barbara.
- 10\27 Barbara came up a while in eve. Says Howard has moved again.
- 10\29 Got 2 letters from Howard. One mailed the 15th and one the 19th he has moved to Bafenhhausen, near Frankfurt, Germany and expects to stay there a while.

10\30 Wrote a letter to Howard and just a line to Barbara. Got another letter from Howard, mailed the 22nd.

11\7 Sent Howard's pkg.
11\26 I wrote 2 pages to Howard tonight.
11\29 Did up package of paper and envelopes for Irene to send to Howard.
11\30 Marm wrote a letter to Howard today.

12\2 Francis and I went over and got Ruth L. and Barbara and went over to see Ma. . . We took Barbara to the train and then went to the movies. Saw "The Blue Veil." Very good but sad.

12\10 Wrote a two-page letter to Howard tonight
12\12 Glenn and I and Gram had cards from Howard.
12\19 Wrote a letter to Howard.

1952

1\2\52 Got a letter from Howard he got my Christmas package Dec. 8. He has been in Baumholder, Ger., in the French zone.
1\3\52 Had another letter from Howard today He is Pfc. now.
1\4\52 Wrote a short letter to Howard. Got another one from him.
1\8\52 The book that Howard ordered about his training at Camp Chaffee came today C.O.D. \$3.47. I looked at that and didn't do much.
1\14\52 Made a date & nut cake by Bertha's recipe and one by Vernie's to send to Howard. Wrote two big pages and a half tonight got a letter from him
1\15\52 Glenn helped me do up Howard's box. Put in two cakes, two boxes of fudge, his gloves and new underwear. It weighed 10 1\2 lbs. I finished his letter
1\23\52 Got a letter from Howard
1\24\52 Wrote a big two page letter to Howard

2\4\52 Got a letter from Howard
2\18\52 .got a letter from Howard he sent air mail
2\20\52 Got another letter from Howard
3\6\52 Finished up Howard's letter.
3\20\52 Sent Howard's box, 45 cents.
4\4\52 Finished letter to Howard. Got letter from Howard.
4\16\52 Wrote a short letter to Howard

5\1\52 Got two letters from Howard. He got his cake and got out of hospital on his birthday, only fixed one side of his nose and filled three teeth. Marm got a birthday card and letter from Howard today too.
5\5\52 Wrote 2 big sheets to Howard
5\12\52 Wrote about 2 1\2 pages to Howard in evening.
5\15\52 Got letter from Howard.
5\16\52 Packed about 3 lbs of sugar cakes in two boxes to send to Howard also maple cream, horseraddish and 3 fruit cakes.
5\17\52 Finished packing Howard's box and Bill did it up. Weighed 15 1\4 cost 70 cents.
5\22\52 Finished and sent Howard's letter today.
5\26\52 Got letter from Howard airmail sent 21 pictures he took over there.

5\28\52 I wrote 2 long pages to Howard tonight.

6\17\52 Wrote a letter to Howard this forenoon.
6\24\52 I wrote to Howard . .Got a letter from Howard said he got the pkg. I sent May 17th on June 9 all OK.

7\5\52 Wrote 5 pages to Howard before breakfast.
7\21\52 Francis took Bertha, Arthur and I down to auction at E. Thet. Got Howard's radio - they couldn't sell it. Got a few curtains and odds and ends.
7\28\52 Had an airmail letter from Howard.
7\31\52 Did up a bundle of records to send to Howard today.

8\19\52 Marm, Irene and I each had a letter from Howard, airmailed.
8\20\52 I wrote a long letter to Howard.
8\28\52 Wrote three pages to Howard tonight.

9\2\52 Had a letter from Howard. He wants me to send him some JimJams. *[Good choice - two thin, soft molasses cookies with jelly or jam between the cookies - way better than any Oreo!]*

9\6\52 Cost 74 cents to send Howard's pkg. today.
9\26\52 Had a letter and pictures and a lovely anniversary card in box from Howard. *[Ma's underlining]*

10\6\52 Had a long letter from Howard and 14 more pictures. He sure looks good.
Got my pkg. Sept. 25 came fine.
10\20\52 Sent a long letter to Howard today.

11\6\52 Wrote a short letter to Howard Haven't heard from him since October 13.
11\18\52 Wrote a letter to Howard today.

12\1\52 Marm, Gerald and I got xmas cards from Howard had a short letter too. Got the pkg. that I sent the 19th.
12\4\52 Wrote four big sheets to Howard.
12\6\52 Barbara called in eve., says she leaves Wed., the 10th, on the "United States" to go to see Howard. Expects to get to Ulm the 17th.
12\26\52 I wrote a letter to Howard and Barbara, got a long letter from her today. She got there O.K.
12\30\52 Had a letter from both Howard and Barbara. They are fine and so happy to be together.

Address:

•P.F.C. Howard G. Pease, U.S. 51091492, Btry. A., 272 F.A. Bn., A.P.O. 46, % Postmaster New York, N.Y. May 3, '52.

5\1\53 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•Corp. Howard Pease returned home from Germany Saturday. He and Mrs. Pease were at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pease, Sunday.

CHARACTER OF SEPARATION:		REPORT OF SEPARATION FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES			DEPARTMENT	
HONORABLE					ARMY	
1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME		2. SERVICE NUMBER		3. GRADE - RATE - RANK AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT		4. COMPONENT AND BRANCH OR CLASS
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16. ENLISTED IN OR TRANSFERRED TO A RESERVE COMPONENT		COGNIZANT DISTRICT OR AREA COMMAND				
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11 MAY 51 MANCHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE						
21. NET () SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES EXCLUDING THIS PERIOD						25. ENLISTMENT ALLOWANCE PAID ON EXTENSION OF ENLISTMENT IF ANY
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22. NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES THIS PERIOD						26. FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE
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NONE						NONE
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NONE						NONE
GOVERNMENT INSURANCE INFORMATION: (A) Permanent plan premium must continue to be paid when due, or within 31 days thereafter, or insurance will lapse. (B) Term insurance not under waiver same as (A) above. (C) Term insurance under waiver - premium payment must be resumed within 120 days after separation. Forward premiums on NSLI to Veterans Administration District Office having jurisdiction over the area shown in Item 47. Forward premiums on USGLI to Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C. (See VA Pamphlet 9-3). When paying premiums give full name, address, Service Number, Policy Number(s), Branch of Service, date of separation. Contact nearest VA office for information concerning Government Life Insurance.						
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38. REMARKS (Continue on reverse)						39. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN
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COMPENSATION, PENSION, INSURANCE BENEFITS, ETC.						NONE NA
41. DATES OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT		42. MAIN CIVILIAN OCCUPATION		43. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYER		
FROM TO		3-16-1950		GLENN F PEASE OXFORD NEW HAMPSHIRE		
1948 1951		FARMHAND VEG.				
44. UNITED STATES CITIZEN		45. MARITAL STATUS		46. NON-SERVICE EDUCATION (Years successfully completed)		MAJOR COURSE OR FIELD
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47. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AFTER SEPARATION (St., R.F.D., City, County and State)						48. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED
RFD #1 PLYMOUTH NEW HAMPSHIRE						Howard G. Pease

ALL ENTRIES APPLY TO CURRENT PERIOD OF SERVICE (unless otherwise indicated)

Gerald Pease Military Mentions:

- 2\2\52 Gerald is 1A now.
2\8\52 Gerald got his notice to go for his physical the 14th.
2\14\52 Gerald went home after dinner and got ready to go to Manchester for his physical. Glenn and Doris took him down. They got back about 6.
2\15\52 Doris, Glenn and Arthur started after Gerald about 3 . . Glenn and Arthur didn't get here till about 7 Don't know if Gerald passed or not.
2\27\52 Doris called this noon and said that Gerald got his letter saying that he passed.
2\29\52 Glenn and Gerald started for Woodsville about 9 to see the county agent about getting Gerald deferred. *[He certainly got a deferment but Ma doesn't mention it.]*

Francis Pease Military Mentions:

- 7\30\52 Francis has to go to Manchester the 7th.
8\7\52 Glenn and Arthur took Francis to take his physical. . . Glenn and Arthur got back about 6:30. *[When I mentioned Gerald's deferment to Francis, he said, "That's why I went into the service - the farm couldn't support two of us." On this page in the diary is the following clipping: "A Boy May Leave by Anne Campbell. A boy may leave home, but he does not leave\His mother. His image forever stays\In lips that tremble, in eyes that grieve\In memories lighting the vanished days. A boy may suddenly die, far from home\And live in a heart that will ever pine,\ Through all the desolate years to come,\ His mother remembers, her heart a shrine."*
8\8\52 Glenn went to Lebanon this p.m. and got Francis. They got home a little past 6. Don't know if he passed or not.
8\15\52 Francis got letter today saying he passed.
11\28\52 Francis got Ruth and her Ma and Arthur and I started for Claremont about 10. Had lunch in 5 & 10. No chance for Francis to get in Navy. Went to the air force place may be able to get in there. . . Went into Draft Board in Lebanon 35 before him after Dec. quota of 18.
12\3\52 Francis has to meet the Air Force man in Lebanon Mon. p.m.
12\8\52 Francis and I started for Lebanon about noon. Took 2 calves to auction. He filled out his papers to go into the Air Force. *[He went it in early January.]*

[August, 1952: Howard is in the Army and Gerald has an ag deferment but now Francis has had to register for the draft. This must be something Ma clipped out of a newspaper in August. I wonder if she ever thought of it after Irene died.]

"A Boy May Leave

By Anne Campbell

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In memories lighting the vanished days.*

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