

Aug. 4, 1907

Sat. Morning

My dear Miss Julia:-

Well I hear you are in Stamford now but will go to Vada soon so please write and tell me your plans. I am expecting to get out there and see you and Vernon before you leave us and want to know when that will be. Vernon will be home next week for a furlough, won't he?

We expect to leave

the last of next week
and stop ~~at~~ home
a day or two and
on to Stamford to
stay about two weeks
with Dollie and we
want to be sure
and get there while
you and Vernon
are there. I guess
Elmo will be up here
before we go - sorry
thing he won't write

Free is in Houston
now but may be home
in the morning - just
for a day or two.
He is working hard

but that is the only
way he is satisfied
you know. He don't
know yet whether
we will move here
or not but am afraid
we will have to.

Write me right
away so I will get
it before leaving here.
yours
hab



Mrs. Julia, C. Hart.
203 E Oliver St.
Stamford,
Tex

Tues. Sept. 11-

My dear Miss Julia:-

I simply can't realize
you and Vada are away
off in Ill.

We are located once
more - have plenty of room
and are going to be
very comfortable when we
get straight. The house is
in need of repair all over
but the owner would only
paint the outside, build
a garage and paper
two of the worst rooms so
Randolph and I have
turned painters and have

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been fixing up things ^{ourselves}
 We have varnished floors,
 cleaned and painted walls
 and now are varnishing
 our old furniture, enameling
 beds and fixing things
 up to beat the band. You
 move old furniture twice
 and I can tell you
 it needs something done
 to it before you can use
 it. The car came in
 good shape however. And
 there was only one thin
 glass and one breakfast

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plate broken in the whole
 car. He packed everything
 on Tues. and Fri. after you
 left us on Wed. and Sat.
 The car was loaded and
 we went over to Mrs
 Browns and stayed
 until Mon. Freeman
 came out Sun. and
 we all came home in
 the sedan Mon.

Elva and Elmer are
 moving to the plains.
 He is going into the
 land, loan, & insurance
 business in Silverton

thirty miles from a R. R. which
is at Plainview. He expects
to get rich in 2 yrs and
come back to Dallas. If
it is a success I'll wire
you and we will go out
and make our fortune
too. But don't pack until
I find out a little more
about it - please -

Mrs. Milton Patillo lives
about five blocks from us
and Mrs Corley not much
further and Parnoy
Moon on the next street
and Willie in a mile -

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of us so we feel like we have a few friends to begin with.

I went to the school with Maxine and Randolph this morning to be classified for work next week - We found the principal very nice indeed and the children had no trouble going ~~and~~ right on with their work - The building is nice and well equipped. Julia goes to a Ward Building and don't know any one but that won't

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appreciate a letter so much.

Well I have written several letters and have a few more so won't spend any more time on you.

Lots of love for yourself and dear old "Dada".

Devotedly
John

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bother her any - We moved in this house on Sat. at noon and Sun. afternoon she had a tea party for the children in the neighborhood - had five children with her to tea. She is a case - I think you had better rear her for me.

Elmo is in Ft Worth now - Co I. Seventh Tex Inf - Camp Bowie - write him - he thinks so much of you and would

Dear Miss Julia! -

I wrote this letter over a week ago but had no envelopes and so much has been going on that I am just now - getting back to it. We have been here in this house three weeks and besides all this cleaning up etc Maxine had an Abilene girl with her for a week - Mrs H. S. Pratt came and stayed a few days with us. The next week school began the next week and Elmo and Benj - spent Sat and Sun with us the past week - so you

see why I hav^{9.}nt gotten
back to your letter.

I rec'd a card from
mother telling of Mrs
Harrul's illness and
of her having to give
up going to Calif-
until Sarah got home.
Why couldn't Gladys and
Cam look after Alice
and Arthur and let
mother go on before
it gets cold. I wonder.
Julia rec'd your

to tell him" but found
out that he knew all
that he did - so you
see he is keeping up
with the family. I ask
Elmo if he told him
any thing about
you and he said - No
Mr Dale didnt ask
and he didnt call your
name - but I venture
he knows where you

letter and ¹⁰ was going
to answer right then
but I told her to get
her lessons first and
when she got through
she was too sleepy - she
will write soon -

Elmo saw Mr
Dale in Ft Worth the
other day - he asked
about the whole Hart
family, but you - Elmo
said that he started

are just the same.
am sending you separate cover for goodness take care

Elva came over and
spent the day with
me yesterday - She
will not go to the ^{land}
until Feb - Elmer is out
there but cant get a
house -

I must stop and
get to sewing - these
girls are in need of
school clothes - With
love -
Feb



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Ill -

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SANTA FE
EATING HOUSE AND DINING CAR SYSTEM
FRED HARVEY MANAGER
GENERAL OFFICE
UNION STATION KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

TEMPLE TEXAS

Mrs J. B. Hart.
540 West Main St.
Decatur, Ill.

9/20/17

Dear Sister:-

Here I am down at Temple, see funny to be here and not out at Tom's old Place. Stopped off here on business on my way to Houston and as I don't get my train until 12:45 I have plenty of time for once to write.

Have just finished reading your Letter to "Ju-bag" which I brought away in my pocket, so you see I am not a very good mail carrier. I heard Tob say she was writing you the other day so I wonder if you got her letter. She certainly has been busy getting straight in our new quarters and we are not straight but like the place fine.

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So much room, on two powed sheet,
one block from car line, in good
neighborhood and just 3 or 4 blocks
from Kid Spring so we are just
about as well situated and could
be.

Was in San Antonio Tuesday. Phoned
out to Vernon so he come in to
see me, brought Langford with
him and I had a long talk
with them after supper while
waiting for my train. They were
very much interested in thier
work. had already received some
of thier new (green) soldiers
and Vernon was debated to meet
some more at 1 o'clock that
night so as to conduct them
ant to Camp. He says he is
still studying hard and determined

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Learn all he can. He is Ranking 2nd
Lieutenant in his company and
would be the first to be made
1st Lieutenant should there be
a promotion above him in his
Co. I am prouder every day
about him going

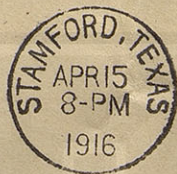
My business is still looking
good but was dull in August
all lines of business were, it
is beginning to look up again
now and I am being kept
on the go.

I wrote Ed a few days ago
he seems to be getting along O.K.
Mrs Henry Pratt spent Sunday &
Monday with us and had seen
Ed just before she came.

Much love to you and Jada, tell
he I am awfully proud of her too
if ever if she want write to me.
Off -
Freeman

FREEMAN DUGGAN

STAMFORD, TEXAS



Mrs. Julia C. Hart,
Stamford, Texas.

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Grand Ave

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Dallas, Oct 5th 1917

My dear Miss Julia: -

He received your good letter day before yesterday and I am going to surprise you by answering right away. I do like so much to hear from the family and in order to do that I have to write too. I have just had a real four paged letter from Ed and it was written real well

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Elmo and Ben want to get off for a night and day - and then Sun. Elmo told me to write and ask Johnny to come down for one week end and so we are expecting and planning for company. I expect to bake several cakes, and keep canned goods fresh tomatoes etc in the house all

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too. I could read every word of it. He doesn't think he can come down during the fair - I am afraid that will be the way the greater part of the Westeners will decide to do. Mrs Brown and family are to come - Dollie is to come - Maxine is fully expecting all of Abilene to come at different times during the fair,

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the time so I can fix
up a meal on a very
short notice. The big
Baptist Convestion is
on at the same time
too so Dollie will get
to go all she can stand
up to for once. Miss
Juanita meant to come
during the fair but
decided she had better
come on while she
could fasten her clothes.
she doesn't feel well at

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all but is getting along
abright and is so de-
lighted to get ready for
the little one.

You are a good
one - studying for a
Gov. position - I don't
blame you I'd do it
to if I had your chance.
Freeman left for Waco
and Abilene tonight - will
be gone until Sun. morning.
I have been sewing to
beat the band this past

and then ⁷ bought enough
blue Geo-crepe to make
a new waist and trimmed
it in the plaid that
I cut off of the skirt
and it is surely pretty
and that shade of blue
is so becoming to
Maxine - then I ripped
up that rose crepe ^{decho}
of hers, turned it and
made her a good
looking dress out of
that - then I made
over her last years

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2 weeks. I have made
Julia three new gingham
dresses, made over her 2 yr
old silk dress and fixed
up her black bloomers
and petticoats - have made
Maxine three Sun. dresses -
all out of old things -
the silk skirt I bought
this summer began to
wear out around the
bottom so I cut it off
short enough for Maxine

woolen dress and it came
back, looking like new,
from the cleaners today.
Then I made myself three
of the big aprons and
have been embroidering
X's on towels and sheets.
Next week I'm going to
rest and clean up and
cook for the fair so you
see how busy I've been.
But every body leaves
me at eight-thirty in
the morning and I

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dont see them any more
until night and I sure
can work - I havnt gotter
started to any church
affairs yet and so I
want to finish up my
sewing and then I
can do other things.

I did go to the Parent
Teachers Ass - this afternoon
and joined it of course.

I havnt heard a
thing from Mrs Harrell,
have you?

I had a letter from

to my notion yet and
then I want us to get
straightened out and
Julia to get started
in her school work
good first so don't
know when she can
begin but soon I hope.

Well I must stop
and write to Mother
and Johanne -
Love to Bada and
lots for yourself
Aunt Tab.

Edlen saying she would
get home next week
she thought - I know
she is anxious.

The children are
carried away with their
school and seem to be
at work - You should
see Randolph in
his Cadet suit - he looks
fine in it.

I don't know when
Julia can begin her
music - I haven't found
a teacher according



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Fri. Nov 31st

Dear Miss Julia:-

If you could
have seen how little
we had planned for
Thanksgiving on Wed-
nesday before, you would have
been glad you was not
going to eat here. Ben
went home (or was
supposed to, I don't know
whether he got off or not)
and Elmo was to go to
Stanford so we had
decided we would have
no real dinner and



Over night I was sitting
here feeling a little
lonely with Free away and
thinking about what we
were doing this time
last year when we
walked Elmo. They only
gave him a 48 hr. pass
so he couldn't go to
Stanford - my! how glad
I was to see him - only
thirty miles from us and
he hadn't been over in
four weeks - And the
camp is so full of
sickness that it keeps
me scared to death



all the time. They have
1700 in the hospital and
have had about 20 deaths
already. They have eight
cases of meningitis now
and so much pneumonia
~~and~~ measles. I certainly
hated to see Elms go
back this morning.
He is well only has a
terrible cough. But they
have finally gotten their
woolen clothes and can
take better care of themselves.
I certainly got busy
then, on Thurs. morning
for I was determined



Elmo should have a good dinner - and while we didn't have turkey we had chicken, cranberry jelly, fruit salad ~~etc~~ and every thing I could think of that Elmo liked.

Yesterday afternoon he, Freeman and Randolph went to see the football game between Southwestern and S. M. U. - the girls and myself went to a 10¢ picture show and last night we went to the Majestic - Elmo left thro



morning at nine thirty -
and I have worked as
hard as I could to keep
from having the blues -

I don't know what
we will do about mas-
No body knows what they
can do - Elms was to go
to Stanford but can't
tell what he can do - They
are getting so strict
about letting the boys off -
and they never know
until the last minute
what they can do. Ed
thinks he will spend
the holidays out there
and we havn't heard



from Vernon. Lollie wants
us to come out there but
we are not even considering
it. A. P. was here the other
day and he said they
were not coming so
the prospects are that
we will be alone in
Dallas for Xmas. We
will give ~~no~~ gifts except
to our own children this
year - ~~they are~~ every
thing is too high to buy
gifts and you feel like
a slacker or traitor
to sit down and work
on fancy work etc when
the soldiers boys need



pajamas ~~etc~~ bandages
and other things like
that. I have been
going to the Red cross
work rooms and sewing.
I almost made a suit
of pajamas last time.
I havnt learned to knit.
I wish I could -

I know you are proud
of Vernon - Free cant talk
of ~~any~~ thing else much
since he saw him - I
had a letter from Ed the
other day - Hasnt he
improved in his writing?
I have just answered



his letter and told him
if he came to Dallas
after Christmas I'd like
to have him for a star
boarder —

Mr Keen was over two
weeks ago — stayed Fri.
night and until noon
Sat. with us — It is right
queer the way he does
Elmo and I have just
now decided what is
wrong — He never goes
out to see Elmo or has
Elmo to see him and
I just believe he feels
like he ought to be in
service and don't like