

found your graceful hospitality,  
which seems to typify Louisville folks.

I am afraid that the combination  
of a good time Saturday night and  
Sunday afternoon has proved a bit too  
much for me. At any rate, I have  
spent the last two days struggling  
desperately to keep awake during  
recitations, and in trying to study while  
half asleep. But I am going to try  
my luck again next Saturday, if I am  
not on guard duty, and shall be on hand  
at the whist party. Shall I see you  
there?

Sincerely

John R. Hunter.

July 16,  
1917?

Miss Louise Matthews.  
1720 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville  
Ky.

to be able to  
to see the Yankee point,  
aside from his eyes he is  
doing well. So really and  
athletically. A certain Red-  
cliff girl is dreaming dreams.

We will have ten days for  
Christmas most of which  
we will spend "loafing."  
I have, however, consented to  
deliver an address down at  
New Bedford, Mass. on the last  
Sunday of the vacation and will  
have to spend a little time getting  
in trim for it. My subject is  
"The War and Race Prejudice" or  
"The lifting veil." (— ?)

Frank William J. Bryan last night  
my speech will of course  
eclipse his.  
Best wishes for a Xmas  
Hello to 'Will' See ~~and~~ your ~~handwriting~~.



12/12/17

My dear Louise:

Your long and  
instructive letter was well  
received. "Kinder" made  
me wish for the moment  
that I was back at  
the "old haunts" myself.

I am very glad that despite  
the unfavorable conditions  
resulting from the war  
Attwater still continues to  
go forward. I received  
a "Bulletin" and "Cameron  
and Gray" which told  
of the visit of the

"Soldier boys" my enthusiasm  
was genuinely aroused.  
Our enrollment is about 40%  
smaller here this year, and  
the effects of the war are  
well felt in many ways.  
Several of the students that  
registered this year are  
continually dropping out to  
take up military duties.  
Several of the professors have  
been called into various  
branches of the service.  
I have been ~~so~~ fortunate in  
not losing any of my teachers  
so far.

I saw Frank Lindsey a few  
times of other Atlantians (who left before  
your time) on various occasions.  
Richard Mack is in the city  
but I haven't seen him yet.

Harris wishes to be  
remembered. He is singing  
in the College Chorus. Quite  
conspicuous!

I am very glad that Mame  
is leaving Atlanta and especially  
to know that you two were friends.  
Tell her that "L. M." is wearing  
glasses now - became abso-  
lutely necessary in order

the fact is he is unusually  
light on the scholars.

The scholars have three  
days set apart solely for ex-  
aminations, only two or  
three a day. The examination  
periods are from an hour  
and forty five minutes, to  
two hours. Think of it.

Though Ymas has long  
since passed away, I must  
tell you what a real good  
time I had at home. I was  
there ten days and there were  
many parties of different kinds.

Mary and Dannie, poor

St. Athanasius'  
Brunswick, Ga.  
Jan. 16, 17

Louise dear,  
Your long interest-  
ing letter was really a  
rare treat. When I receive  
nice long letters like  
that I feel as if I am  
still in touch with humani-  
ty. You know down here  
"I am out of humanity's  
reach".

It pleases me greatly to  
know that you and Bill  
were pleased with the  
little gifts. Yours is almost

like one that I have. Yours is just a bit prettier but owing to the deep feeling that I have for you I am not jealous.

It is hard to tell which part of your dear little journal I enjoyed most.

However, it is understood that the saddest part was concerning dear little Anita.

Louise, you dear little school lassies think that it is hard work studying for an examination but the hard part comes in

when you have to make out eight sets of questions and then correct eight sets of papers.

The questions must be submitted to the "Fess" so he can get an idea of the ground you have covered.

He told me that my questions were good, but he told me to cut out a few so as to make it easier for the students. Can you imagine Cleo being too hard on a class. I think

dears, left on the day of  
one of the classic dances  
and there were others after  
their departure.

Mamma gave me a very  
pretty white coat. It is just  
about four inches above the  
bottom of my skirts, it has  
a large collar that can be  
worn flat or buttoned up  
around the chin. I think  
it is fairly classy.

That present and my trip  
home were the ones that I  
shall remember longest. I re-  
ceived a number of other  
serviceable gifts such as  
handkerchiefs, perfume, paper,

crocheted yokes, camisole etc.  
not a tie, this Xmas. I am as  
yet well supplied from last  
year.

Mildred Bryant was at home  
Xmas.

I don't want you and Anna  
to take my little sweetheart  
from my Virginia Belle.

How was the concert out  
to Morehouse? Have you  
been out to spend the day  
yet? You must tell me  
all of the news and also  
remember me to Bessie.

Tell Willie that she

has all of the sympathy that  
a withered heart can offer.  
Even now I shudder when I  
think of my trying night, one  
year ago this month. "Out in  
the South."

Louise when something of  
interest happens down here  
I shall let you know about it.  
The dryness of this letter is  
due to the condition of the place.

Love to Bill and all of the  
other folks.

Love to [Mrs Ware] and the  
table afterwards.

Write again real soon,  
Fondly Cleo.



Jan. 16, 1917

Miss Louise Matthews  
Atlanta Univ.  
Atlanta, Ga.

Athens, Ga.,  
Sept. 18, 1917.

My dear Louise,

As usual I haven't written you. I cannot let the summer pass without one word, especially after receiving such a sweet letter from you. You must forgive me for not answering sooner, but for a long time it seemed as if I couldn't write anyone.

I know you are glad you still have a month before

entering school. I am so worried I don't know what to do, you know you won't be good unless I am there to see to it, and too there are the soldiers there on the campus. What am I going to do?

I will be far away from you this year. I am going to Texas. I am not so anxious about going now, but I had planned it all along so I will go on. Perhaps I will be satisfied after I get there. I am going to take Milledge there with me for company and we leave Sunday.

What is all of that you have to tell me? I am just crazy to hear it. I know you have been worried all the summer about somebody who has gone to Washington to the training school. He will be back, an officer too.

Fannie sends love. She is doing fine

now, hears from France every two or three weeks and the boy is as fine as can be, almost three months old now.

How is "Bill"? Guess she is getting ready for work. Where will she be this year?

Hope you have enjoyed your vacation.

I have been here all the summer, have hardly been in the street. Write me all the news.

Lovingly,

Lucile.

P.S. Fannie says you must come to see her this year.

Write me at Texas College, Tyler, Texas.

[19 April 1977]

"I send you love this Easter bright,  
And every wish that brings delight,

Carrie E. Alexander.



Miss Louise Matthews.  
Atlanta University,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

250 2 Magazine St.  
Louisville, Ky.

Army

Co. A 9<sup>th</sup> Sep. Bn. Inf.  
Springfield V.  
Sept. 22. 1917.

Dear Louise:-

I received your letter the other week, and was very much surprised in hearing from you so soon. But it really was a very pleasant surprise because I enjoy hearing from one of Helen's relatives.

I really don't know just when we will have hear for Montgomery. But I am pretty ~~sh~~ sure it will be within the next ten days. As soon as I do find out when



I suppose you are very busy now preparing for school. I hope you don't dread it like I use to. Does A. U. have a basket-ball team? If so please let me know for we are going to make out our schedule as soon as we ~~are~~ are settled. And both Preston and I are awful anxious to secure a game with them.

Sincerely yours,  
Arthur Grayson.

we leave and if we pass thru Louisville I will let you know.

Louise I have been searching the entire camp for some cross guns for you and I have been a complete failure. But I have not given up hopes yet as several of the boys have them and as soon as one should happen to lay this coat down I will release him of his guns and send them immediately. I hope that will be soon.

How is your mother? I hope she has gotten rid of the hay fever. Please give her my best regards.

Miss. Louise Matthews  
1720 W. Chestnut St.  
Louisville.  
Ky.



HOSTESS HOUSE  
NATIONAL YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS  
CAMP SHERMAN, OHIO  
[1917?]

My dear Louise:  
your very much appreciated and  
interesting Card received very glad.  
indeed to hear from you. I was very  
glad also to note that your return to  
A. U. was very near at hand.

Will you must tell me all  
about the opening exercises of A. U.  
The S. A. J. C. in fact, all school activities

I was transferred from Custer  
with the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant of Supply  
so you see that I have begun my career  
already. We shall sail for France at  
an early date and I shall attend the  
College behind the lines. My officers  
are very good indeed and they take  
great interest in all of the boys

Remember me kindly to all of  
our tablemates, teachers and students and  
especially to Miss Ware and Susie W.

I am somewhat busy so I  
shall have to cut this short

Yours Sincerely  
Srgt. George W. Reeves.

We had a very delightful trip from Camp Custer to Camp  
Sherman, the Red Cross met us at the train at Battle Creek, Jackson  
and Detroit, Michigan, and Toledo, Columbus, Sandusky and

Supply Supt George W.  
Co. W. 6<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Dr  
Camp Sherman, O



"WITH THE COLORS"

1917

Miss F. Louise Matheis  
Atlanta University  
Atlanta, Georgia

Louisville, Ky.,  
Nov. 29, 1917.

My dear Louise -

It is now about 8:30 P.M. and by all odds I should be at Chestnut St. C. M. E. Church listening to Helen Hagan, but instead I am here at home writing you. I am really too tired to do much of anything else, and if this letter seems rather disconnected and thoughtless, why blame it on my tiredness - may I use such a word?

I have been to the game today between Central & Lincoln, and from there I came home and ate my Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Brown has come to my home to stay, much to my dissatisfaction, so consequently I didn't eat enough & make myself sick. I did justice to the occasion tho.

I got back to the game. Eugene brought a big fat team down here from Lincoln and simply murdered Central to the tune of 19-0. It was simply something awful. Don Higginbotham was simply out-classed, Eugene

has certainly put <sup>2.</sup> Lincoln on the map  
as to football. Only two men on his  
team ever played football before this year,  
so you see "Gene" really coached those boys.  
The field was awfully muddy and they  
hurt Central's chances of quite a bit,  
as the foot little fellows Central has  
couldn't get started. Lincoln you  
holds the State Championship, having  
beat State University 25-0, Frankfort  
State Normal 20-0 and Central 19-0.

Helen Hagan was out to the game. She  
looks well and to all appearances is the same  
Helen. About has Miss Bryant or rather  
"Methu" out to the concert. Kelly Miller  
spoke here last night. He was really fine.  
About 50 people heard him. I suppose  
there will be a few more than that out  
tonight but I am certain the house  
will be able to hold them all.

The Y. W. C. A. is being fitted up this  
week I hear and I believe the two  
secretaries will be here next week. One  
of them, Helen Tuck, is a girl I know  
fairly well. She is from Okla. -

3.

Rev. Harris' Settlement (House opened this week. It is real pretty on the inside, I like the look & auditorium is lovely. I am anxious now to get my Community Players together for their first performance. They are working hard and want to be ready sometime during the Christmas holidays. Albert is my "star" - wouldn't you like to see us? Vera is running the moving-picture machine and I have arranged with him to throw a spotlight on Albert during the play.

If we are successful this first time, we are going to give an evening in Negro Drama in the spring. We will have three plays, with a singing orchestra and most everything nice which I have in my head. You might want with Albert & me to see the J. M. Barrie plays. They were really great and each was perfectly acted.

Of his prospective correspondence, you speak of isn't materializing as fast. Paul started the thing last summer, but I think she had forgotten all about it until she wrote that she had shown

my picture to the lady. I suppose it  
is pleasing to any man's vanity to  
know that someone of the feminine is inter-  
ested after seeing his picture — or may-  
be the photographer should be pleased —  
but nevertheless this doesn't send the  
thrill thru me that other things like  
it have done before.

Maybe under other circumstances I  
should begin to fall in love with Miss Moton  
right away. But I think I have a  
single track mind in things like this — it  
can lead to but one place at a time, and at present I am  
extremely interested in someone else. I don't begin to  
tell just how I would feel if I thought or knew that  
someone else were interested in me, just a tiny bit.

You know this someone else very well. I suppose  
you know their mind better than any one else  
on earth. Now tell me truly, do you think  
they are ~~the least~~ interested just a small bit?  
Or do you think they ever will be? I know  
real hard and then tell me.

Be good, keep happy and write soon to your friend,  
Joe



Nov. 29, 1919

FORWARDED  
SHEET DESIGN

Miss Louise Matthews,  
Atlanta University,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Joseph S. Cotter, Jr.,  
2306 Magazine St.,  
Louisville, Ky

Oct 5 1917

My dear sweet Blue Eye Louise

While sitting at Home this evening, I thought of my dear loving Louise, I have certainly wanted to see you for the last three weeks. But as time comes and goes one can not have things as he wishes them during this present crisis. Everything at the camp is War and Snowing.

We had a dress parade this evening and I acted as Captain, I was somewhat nervous, but as time passed by I soon got accustomed, to the position and situation I was in at present. But I put my head down to work and trusted in the "Almighty" to bring me safety through the case, and relieve me of the burden. We made 3000

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and drilled the boys through.

The dope is at present at  
the Camp. Pay day Monday.  
Inspection at 10 o'clock also.  
I got to Toledo tomorrow at  
3:30 P. M. returning Tuesday at  
noon. Checked supper at  
Trinity Church, Monday evening  
at 8 o'clock.

Orders to move between 9 and  
14 of Oct. To the Army Southern  
Land of Montgomery Alabama.

He perhaps I will be able to see  
my sweet loving little girl.

We are also enlisting 100 more  
men in our company making a  
total 257 men to a company & Officers  
1 Capt. 2 First Lieut, 3 Second Lieut.  
1 First Supt. I am studying for a  
Second Lieut and I all goes well  
perhaps I will be ~~man~~ with the

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I have my pictures at present  
all given out, to my friends, but  
will have some taken at once,  
But sweetheart I certainly do hate  
to have them taken in my Soldiers  
Uniform, for this reason, My father  
and mother do not like to see  
me in these clothes but, if its  
you request, and desire, I will do  
anything in the world just to  
please your little heart. I will not  
say this week, but perhaps the  
next one.

As the time is getting near, I  
will close to my sweet little blue  
eyed sweetheart, I will be pleased  
to hear from you at once.

From your True Friend  
Joe —

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title as Lieut ——. Lets all be in  
hopes. Then I can come to Atlanta  
Ga to the college and see you, I  
certainly will be to call upon you  
before long after we get settled and  
I get granted a furlow. Maybe  
you can leave some impression  
upon Capt Rudd, so he will let  
me come to see you. We are  
practicing Basket Ball especially  
to be your team, so have the  
Manager to write me at once,  
maybe you had better wait  
until I let you know where to  
write my long looked for sweet  
little reply. I was taking to Helen  
and Ethel this P. M. and they  
wanted to know if I had  
answered your sweet letter, I  
told them, not as yet, but would  
answer it this evening.

Return to  
**A. D. LeBOLT,**  
Wholesale Cigars.

Springfield,  
Ohio.

Oct 5, 1917

Miss Louise Mathews  
Atlanta Univ.  
Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta University

Atlanta, Ga.

South Hall, Mon. 31 - [1917?]

My dear Louise: -

I did not have the opportunity today to see you after school to find out if I may come over to see you tomorrow. You may be going to the city or may not want me to come over. You know I certainly enjoyed the last visit and would come over every Saturday, if possible, because I see so little of you during the week. Tell me some way or other at dinner time.

I have never told you how much I like those pictures. They are pretty, just like you, and the expressions are characteristic so that I can never say that you are always away from me. I have you in my pocket - in my trunk and



Atlanta University

Atlanta, Ga.

in my heart - all, except your heart,  
when I get that an "Bill" Moses's  
picture I will have enough - all that  
I want from North Hall.

Please pardon this pencil writing.  
I am just back from Stone Hall, de-  
bating. May I come over to see my  
"sister". From your  
"Brother"

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY  
ATLANTA, GA.

March 31 -  
1917?

Miss Matthews,  
Campus