

HOTEL BON AIR  
AUGUSTA, GA.

19<sup>th</sup> Feb 1917

My dearest Lois

You see I have arrived.  
It was not a bad trip although  
the country through which we  
came was rather dreary.

My geography is very poor  
but I think the big towns we  
came through were Philadelphia  
and Washington. There were  
no leaves on the trees and the  
country was all brown. The  
soil was generally sandy with

long stretches this morning  
ranging from reddish to yellow  
where in colour.

The houses along the way  
are all wood with next to no  
paint. There are almost no  
fences. Last year's cotton  
plants are standing like  
our burr plants all planted  
out in rows about 18" apart.  
All this morning the people  
we saw were coloured and  
moving at about the rate of those  
we saw in Bermuda.

I met a Miss Margery Clark  
who said she came from Elm

Avenue, Westmount. It was quite a co-incidence she had lower 8 while I had the upper. Later I got mine changed for lower 12.

I did not notice the heat much until we reached Augusta. The thermometer now says  $72^{\circ}$  in the shade.

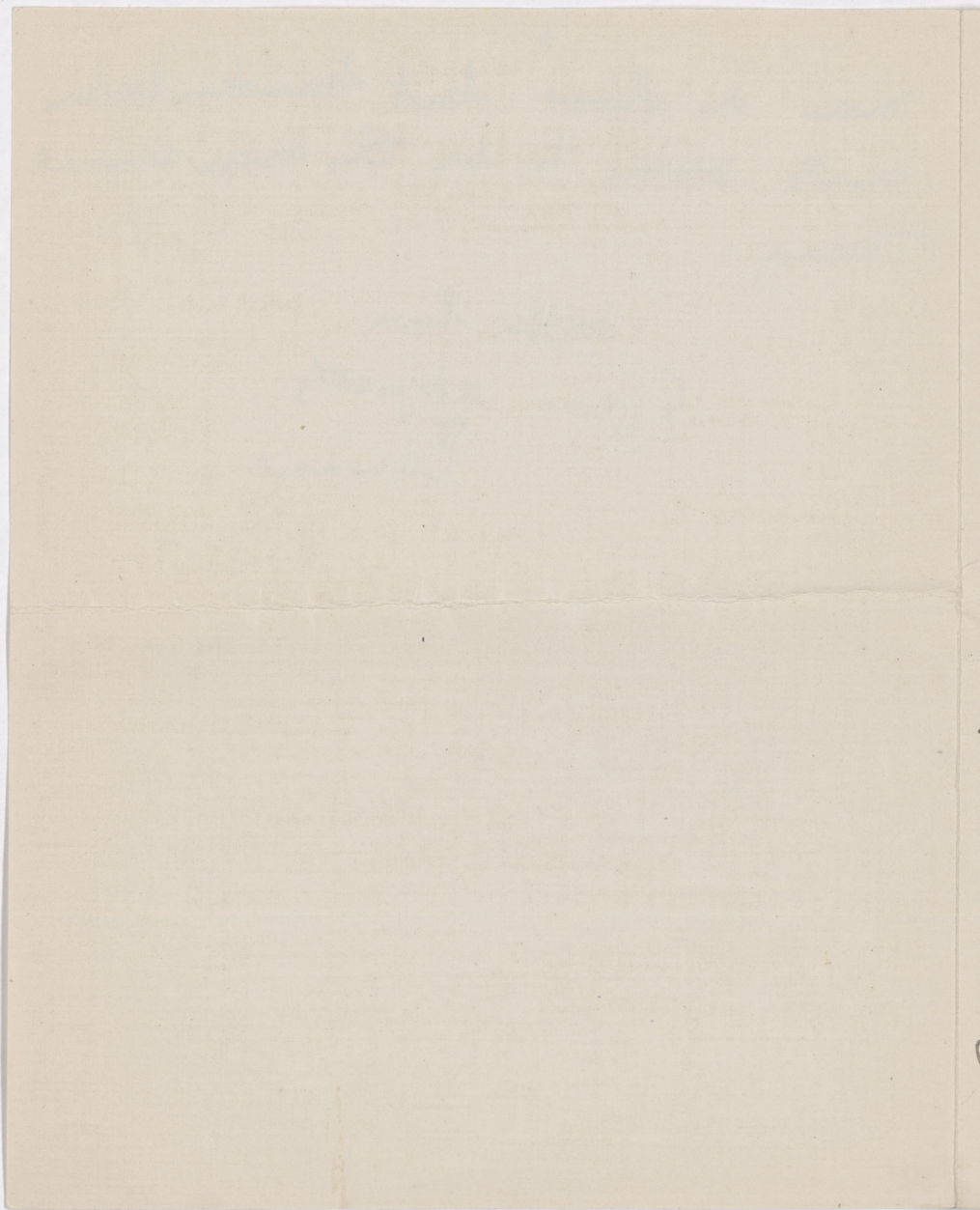
The Hotel has 10 or 12 large motors one of which met us at the station. Mr & Mrs Gilman met me on the hotel verandah and we went in at once and joined the two girls at lunch.

I shook hands with Mrs Remon

and the Donaldson as we passed their table.

The hotel is on high ground a couple of miles I should think from the station. It has a reasonably green lawn and green trees with leaves about the shape & size of banana

The grounds rise considerably from the road and the hotel veranda is high above the grounds. There are verandas everywhere. We are to have dinner in a few minutes at 7.15. Everyone dresses and they dance every evening probably



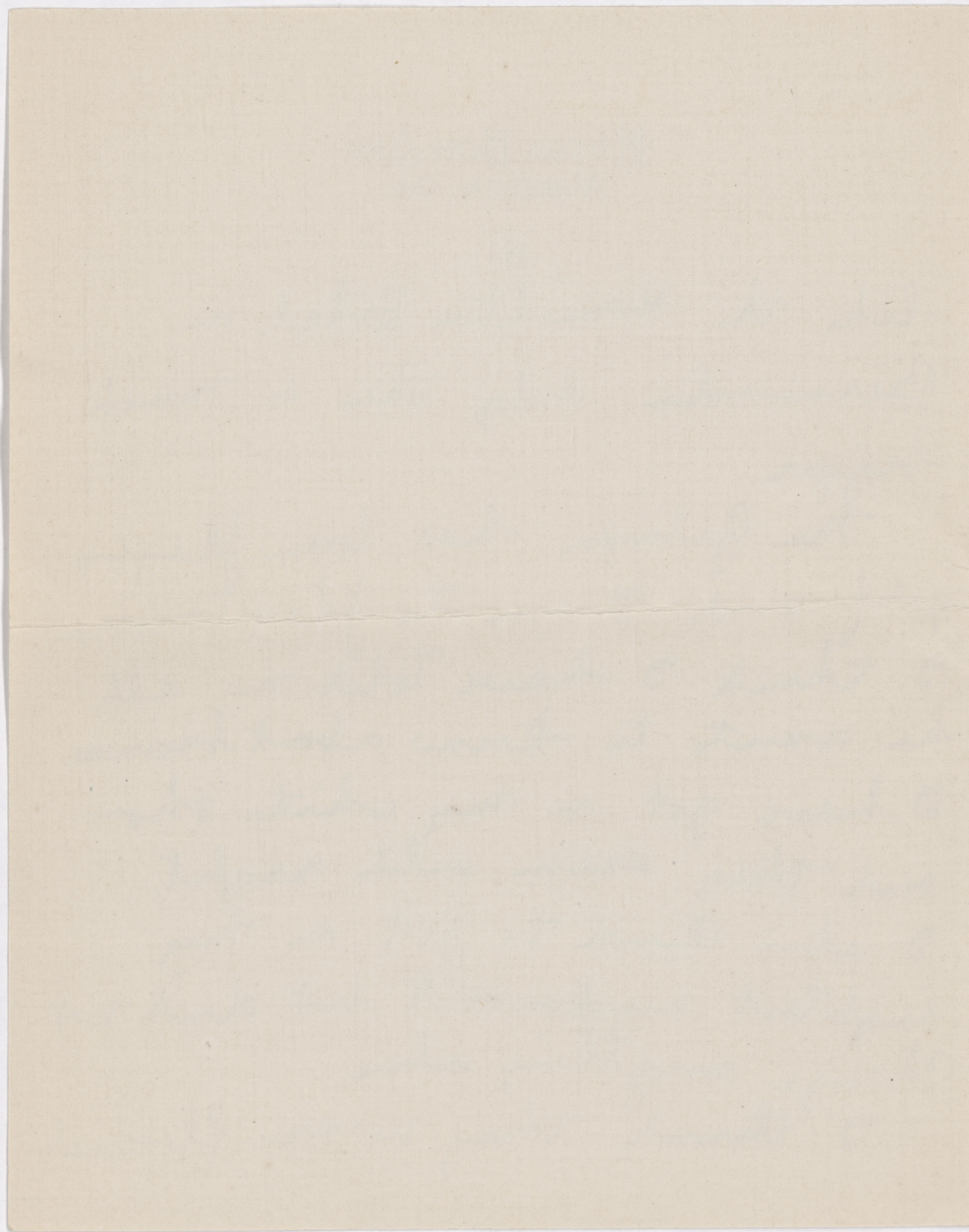
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like the Hamilton Hotel in  
Bermuda only this is much  
bigger.

Mr. Gilman has been playing  
golf and I am to play tomorrow.  
I think I have told me all  
he wants to know about business.  
I have got on my white shoes  
and they seem all right.  
I also had to put on my  
lightest under vest but did not  
change anything else.

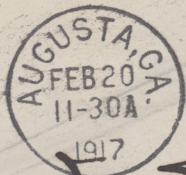
I think they wear flannel



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more or less but knickerbocker  
suits seem to be the more usual  
thing.

with love  
Yours affectionately  
Edward.





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