

A photograph of a handwritten note on lined paper. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed transcription on the right. The paper has horizontal lines and some faint, illegible markings at the top.

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Description: James E. Kinney wrote to Norman "Red" Wetherington about his experiences serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps

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