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Dear Mr. Wetherington,
I was thrilled to no end to receive your letter about the CCC Reunion. I will be there even if I have to hitchhike with shaved head, + just dungarees + boots on. I was + have been ever since terribly proud of my having been an enrollee in the CCC. It was a great thing for this country. In those days it was difficult to find summer jobs - so many married men were out of work; - so I joined the CCC. Naturally, my Mother didn't want me to. I'm sure glad I did. It did a great deal for me. In those ^{days} I knew guys who tried to get in Regular Army just to get 3 meals a day. They were turned down right + left, due to the small size of our armed forces. Most of my time was spent at the Replacement Center at Ft. Preble, 8th Coast Artillery, Portland Harbor. Just down the Road was the 5th Infantry where we were trucked to work. The CCC was put to work breaking rock to make room for garages down on the Rockledges of Portland Harbor. I had a Black man as a sledge hammer partner + we had took

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Description: Dr. Richard Stevens wrote to Norman "Red" Wetherington about his experiences serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

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There was work around FT. Preble, mowing Lawns, wheeling soft coal into basement of Bldgs., keeping grass trimmed on the steep Ramparts of the Big Bertha gun mounts, & etc. Because I had one yr. of College at Univ. of Me., the R.A. Sgt. thought I should be in office. After sitting around a few days doing nothing & bored to death, I asked to be put outside on work details. That's when I was sent to the cliffs of FT. Williams.

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