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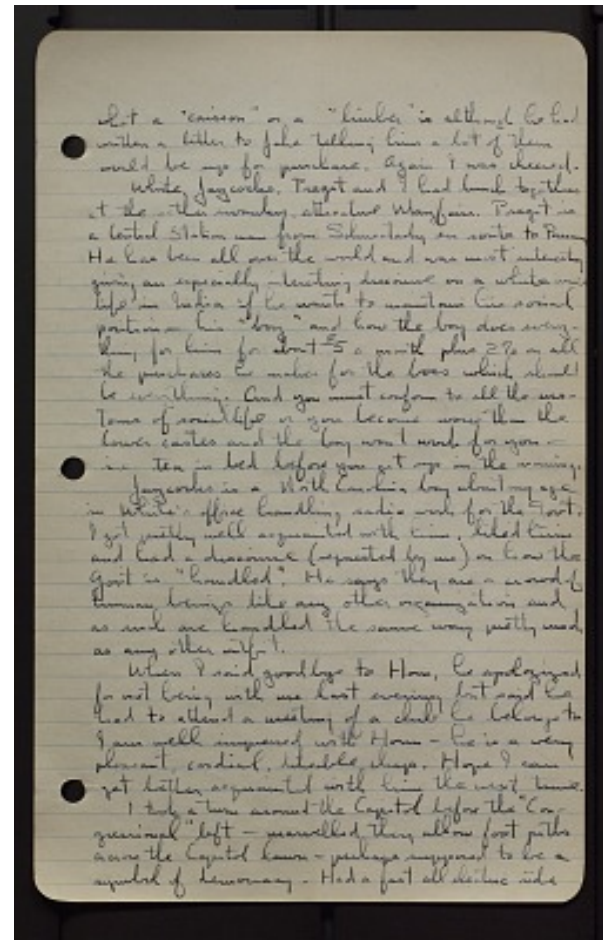
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Jaycocks is a North Carolina boy about my age in White's office handling radio work for the Govt. I got pretty well acquainted with him, liked him and had a discourse (requested by me) on how the Govt is "handled". He says they are a crowd of human beings like any other organization and as such are handled the same way pretty much as any other outfit.

When I said goodbye to Horn, he apologized for not being with me last evening but said he had to attend a meeting of a club he belongs to. I am well impressed with Horn - he is a very pleasant, cordial, likable chap. Hope I can get better acquainted with him the next time.

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