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Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
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Sir:

It is with great regret that, in accordance with paragraph 228, the rules for the Indian School Service, I must report the death of Alice Finley, 19 years of age and a pupil of this school. Alice went on the Outing on April 1, 1918.

Copies of the various reports are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Each
JF-E

John Francis Jr
Superintendent

Copies of Telegrams

Philadelphia, Pa., June 12, 1918



Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Alice Finley very sick. Lobar pneumonia.
Disease developing fast. Details later, on way.

Johnston

Carlisle, Pa., June 12, 1918

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James Finley,
Meteor, Washington

Your daughter Alice in Philadelphia Hospital seriously ill with pneumonia. Will keep you advised.

Francis

Philadelphia, Pa., June 13, 1918

Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Alice Finley is just holding her own.

Johnston

Carlisle, Pa., June 13, 1918

James Finley,
Meteor, Washington

Alice is just holding her own. Has every care.

Francis

Philadelphia, Pa., June 14, 1918

Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Alice Finley's condition very serious.
Reinfection in same lung.

Johnston

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Carlisle, Pa., June 14, 1918

James Finley,
Meteor, Washington

Alice's condition very serious. Reinfection
in same lung.

Francis

Philadelphia, Pa., June 15, 1918

Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Alice Finley died at one this morning. Body
is at Bringhurst Undertaker, 1924 Arch St. Wire me
instructions.

Johnston

Carlisle, Pa., June 15, 1918

James Finley,
Meteor, Washington

With sincere sorrow I have to report Alice
Finley dies this morning. Wire me what disposition
to make of body.

Francis

Carlisle, Pa., June 15, 1918

Morgan, Supt.,
Colville Indian Agency,
Wilbur, Washington

Alice Finley died in Philadelphia Hospital
this morning Phneumonia. Communicate with parents and
wire me what disposition to make of body.

Francis

Carlisle, Pa., June 15, 1918

L.M. Johnston,
3718 Walnut St., Phila., Pa.

Have undertaker hold body until further instruc

tions. Have wired to parents concerning it.

Francis

(Copy)

Philadelphia, Pa., June 11, 1918

Mr. John Francis, Jr.,
Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.



Dear Mr. Francis:

Alice Finley has loban pneumonia in the left lung and is a very sick girl. She is in the National Stomach Hospital, 1514 N. 15th Street, Philadelphia, in the care of Dr. Strawbridge. Tonight she will have a special nurse. Dr. Strawbridge will see her at midnight. I will see him and Alice early in the morning and will wire you at once.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Lida M. Johnston

(Copy)

Philadelphia, Pa., June 11, 1918

Mr. John Francis Jr.,
Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.



Dear Mr. Francis:

At ten-thirty tonight I returned from the hospital and wrote you a brief explanation regarding Alice Finley's illness. I wrote thus as I judged a letter dropped before eleven o'clock would reach you nearly as soon as a night telegram.

The facts of the case to date are as follows:

Alice took cold about three weeks ago and a cough developed. Mrs. Uphouse used home remedies. She seemed to recover for a time, but due to continued carelessness in regard to her health in the manner explained later the cough returned.

Alice would repeatedly fall asleep in an over heated condition with her head in the window. One warm night she lay on the top of the bed clothing, partially dressed, with no other covering, and woke up as the night grew colder and found herself very cold and chilled. Sunday she fell asleep out in the hammock on the porch, cool breezes blowing over, no extra covering.

She has had a delightful room on second floor and either Mr. or Mrs. Uphouse before retiring for the night have gone in and roused her from her sleep with her head in the window.

On Monday Mr. Uphouse called his own physician, Dr. Widmyer of Drexel Hill. Dr. ordered Alice into bed at once and Mr. Uphouse came the same evening to report her condition to me. That was last evening and I reported same to you.

This morning (Tuesday) I hastened out to Drexel Hill thinking perhaps I could send her back to Carlisle or even take her if necessary on Wednesday. I found her too weak to even think of this trip. Dr. Widmyer came while I was there and

we decided she had better be taken to the hospital. Acute bronchitis was his opinion of the case. Hospital beds are at a premium owing to war conditions. The Presbyterian Hospital said they would have a vacant bed in the morning. Dr. said this would be all right and Mr. Uphouse was to take her down in his automobile early on Wednesday morning. Dr. left instructions as to her medicine and Mrs. Uphouse had a woman come in to help her. I said I would remain, too, if I were needed. Dr. agreed to see her again to-night after eight.

I called tonight at 8:20 and she had grown so much worse that it seemed advisable to get her into a hospital immediately. Dr. Widmyer is connected with the National Stomach Hospital and Mr. Reeve (a Neighbor and patron) also has had experience there. They called the ambulance and had her taken there tonight. Both Mr. Uphouse and Mr. Reeve came down to the hospital, the latter rode in the ambulance with her. I was there also at the hospital and waited until Dr. Strawbridge made his examination and this I reported in my previous letter.

I told Dr. Strawbridge to give Alice the very best possible care. He said she must be in a room alone and he had a special nurse come to care for her tonight. He pronounced it lobar pneumonia in the left lung and from the symptoms she is in the third day stage--that is it has been developing since Sunday. A crisis will be reached either on the fifth day (Thursday) or on the seventh day (Saturday).

I will wire you a report each day. I know she is in good hands and the best will be done for her.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Lida M. Johnston

P. S.

Dr. Strawbridge's mother had Indian girls in her home during Gen. Pratt's time.

(Copy)

Philadelphia, Pa., June 13, 1918



Mr. John Francis, Jr.,
Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Francis:

It was so late last night when I returned from the hospital I judged it was better to await the morning's news concerning Alice Finley and wire you which I did to the effect that she was just holding her own.

She has been passing through a crisis which began Tuesday at midnight. Wednesday afternoon her condition looked very grave. Wednesday evening Dr. Strawbridge and Dr. Widmyer (her physician from Drexel Hill) saw her together and matters looked better. They remained at the hospital until after 10:00 o'clock and they assured me it was not necessary for me to remain all night as I had expected to do if she continued to sink. Her pulse wavered in the afternoon.

Alice has been bright, recognized me every time and ready to talk. She said "Good-night" very cheerfully. Her mind is at ease which Dr. Strawbridge says is two-thirds of the fight.

This morning I telephoned to Dr. Strawbridge and his voice gave me evidence he was relieved thus far and so I wired you. She has taken and retained her nourishment, responded to treatment and if her heart can stand the pressure will pull through, but pneumonia is treacherous. I will see her this afternoon or evening.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Lida M. Johnston

(Copy)

Philadelphia, Pa., June 13, 1918

Mr. John Francis, Jr.,
Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.



Dear Mr. Francis:

This evening I saw Dr. Strawbridge and his report concerning Alice Finley is this---that barring any accident there is reason to believe she will pull through. She has had a good day. I talked with Alice this afternoon and again this evening. She is bright and cheerful.

I will not wire you unless there is a turn for the worse but will keep you posted by mail.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Lida M. Johnston