

Alvan (One That Kills Horse)

Date of Death: March 29, 1882

Documents compiled here recording information about the death and burial Alvan (One that kills Horse):

1. Card from Student Information Cards Series, NARA, RG 75, Entry 1329, box 5.
2. *The School News*, volume 2, Carlisle Barracks, PA, April 1882, page 4.

Name Alvan File No. En.
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Indian name
One that kills Horse

Tribe Sionx Age 12 Blood

Agency Rosebud. S.D.

Father Roaster

Arrived 10-6-79 Departed 3-29-82 Cause Death

Class entered Class left

Trade Outing

Character

Married Deceased 1882

Remarks

INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL, CARLISLE,
March 31st, 1882.

DEAR FATHER STANDING BEAR:—
Day before yesterday one of the Sioux boys died. His name is Alvan. He was a good boy always. So we were very glad for him. Because he is better now than he was on Earth. I think you may be don't know what I mean. I mean he has gone in heaven. Because he was a good boy everywhere. I hope you will understand exactly what I mean, and you should think that way. I want you must give up Indian way. I know you have give it up a little. But I want you to do more than that and I told you so before this. But I will say it again you must believe God, obey him and pray to Him. He will help you in the right path and He will give you what you want if you ask Him. Dear father I know it is very hard for you to do that out there. But you can try to think that way you must try day after day until you can do it. Then you will be always happy. Now I shall say a few words about what we have done here. We are trying to speak only English nothing talk Sioux. But English. I have tried. But I could not do it at first. But I tried hard every day. So now I have found out how to speak only English. I have been speaking only English about 14 weeks now I have not said any Indian words at all. So I wish you will try to do like that after while you will go forward in which is no sorrow and no trouble. You could not do nothing if you don't believe me what I told you in this letter. So I wish dear father you must turn round and try to walk in the right way. Now dear father I would like to know if you have

that store. Do you keep it yet or not? I will help you when I go back home. That is all I have to say. Good-bye from your son.

LUTHER STANDING BEAR.

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Christopher Columbus was discovered in the year of 1492 on Friday, on the 3d day of August. This great man was born in Italy. When he was fourteen he had made a great many voyages. And all his ancestors were learning the same trade, but Columbus a sailor. The people in Europe thought there were no such lands as they had in their own country, but Christopher thought there must be such land as they had. So he made of his mind to make a sail. So he went through Palos, seaport town of Spain. He told the queen of Spain that she might give three little ships. This man Columbus was nearly sixty years old when he told the queen there were a balance of land in the eastern continent. After he going all his ancestors knelt down and prayed for him and all the people who with him too. So they started three little vessels. Their names were Santa Maria, Pinta, Nina. These were the ships Columbus had when he sailed in the Atlantic Ocean. After many days his people were saw the land and they cried out, "Land, Land," because they were sailing for three months without seeing single land, so that was just the reason they cried out "Land, Land." Christopher Columbus died in the year 1506.

JOHNSON.

MEASURE your mind's height by
the shadow it casts.