DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,

CARLISLE, PA.

Death of Alice Sowtea.

April 7th, 1913.

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The Honorable, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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I regret very much to report to the Office that
Alice Sowtea, a twenty-two year old Pueblo girl, who was
enrolled here from Laguna, New Mexico, in September of
1909, died on the afternoon of April the 1st. The following statement from our school physician gives a history of
her case:

"Alice Sowtea was admitted to the Hospital on January the 3rd of 1912 with tubercular glands of the neck. Some of the glands broke down and abscessed. She gained in weight and the glands disappeared after giving tonic, open air and tuberculin treatment, so that on August 12th she was discharged from the Hospital but was still kept on the tuberculin treatment.

On February 20th, last, she was again admitted to the Hospital, as other glands had become enlarged and broken down and abscessed. She still held her weight up to March 20th, when she began to lose weight and was recommended to go home, but on the day arrangements had been made for her to go home, March 24th, she developed tubercular meningitis with unconsciousness, from which she never rallied and finally died on April 1st."

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quested by wire to inform the girl's mother at Laguna of the seriousness of the case and was kept informed by later telegrams. After the girl's death the Superintendent reported that the mother desires to have the body shipped to her home, and arrangements were made accordingly.

This afternoon funeral services were conducted in the School Auditorium in the presence of the entire student body and the remains will go forward by express this evening.

Very respectfully,

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Superintendent.