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Hon. J. V. Quarles  
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Rel. to application  
of Capt. Mason M.  
Mason for place of  
Military Instructor at  
Carlisle

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To Quarles 3/14/05

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Memo for answer.

This gentleman  
has misunderstood  
my plans with  
regard to Carlisle  
and is probably  
also unaware  
that the military  
instruction given  
at that institution  
is already provided  
for. Should any  
other offering  
of his services  
would be available  
it will ~~be~~ <sup>give me</sup> ~~a~~  
pleasure to consider  
his case.

F. E. Leupp.



United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 8, 1905.

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*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
Hon. Francis Leupp  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington, D.C.  
March 8, 1905  
Very truly yours,  
J. H. ...  
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Hon. Francis Leupp,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to hand you herewith, letter of Captain Mason M. Maxon, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, making application for appointment as Military Instructor in the Indian School at Carlisle; also Captain Maxon's letter to me and various other papers bearing upon his efficiency, experience, etc. I have the honor to request that the application and inclosures be filed for proper consideration.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. ...*

-Inclosures-



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GOVERNOR

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Indian Office,

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Guthrie, Oklahoma.  
W. H. Anderson, In-Chief.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 24, 1905.

Sir:

My dear General,

I simply enclose  
 these papers to show  
 reasons given by  
 Gov Ferguson for  
 not asking for my  
 detail with the  
 National Guard of  
 Oklahoma Territory,  
 and not for file  
 with application  
 for service in  
 the Indian Department.

W. M. M.

Feb 11/05.

The Officer does not become a member of the Governor's staff.

Very respectfully,

H. P. Burlingame,  
Adjutant General.



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525 College Ave.,

Waukesha, Wis., Feb. 10, 1905.

The Military Secretary,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir,-

I have the honor to request that the Honorable J. V. Quarles, U. S. Senator, from Wisconsin, address Senate Chamber, Washington, may be furnished with copies of the efficiency reports in my case which were made by the Inspector General Southwestern Division when he inspected the University of Arizona in March 1904 and the Oklahoma State Military Institute in January 1905.

Very Respectfully,

(sgd) *Mason M. Maxon*  
Captain U. S. A. ret'd.



525 College Ave.,

Waukesha, Wis., Feb. 10, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

(Through Hon. J. V. Quarles, U. S. Senator.)

Dear Sir,-

Having noticed it mentioned by the press that you contemplate introducing a course in military instruction in the Indian School at Carlisle, I have the honor to ask for employment as a Military Instructor.

I feel quite confident that young Indian boys would take very kindly to the new Army drill regulations, and if a systematic military course should be introduced, not only into the Carlisle School but some of the reservation schools good results would be obtained. My observation during years of service on the Southwestern frontier convinced me that the methods in force, viz: herding the Indian tribes about military camps and agencies, to teach them the white man's way of living were very demoralizing. No matter how faithfully the Indian teacher and missionary worked to elevate the Indian, or the army performed the double office of protecting the pioneer and the Indian, the latter were almost certain to be lured into the ways of vice and degradation not of their making.

I doubt not that the innovation you propose, to teach the Indian youths the American method of fighting would save many a young Indian from the pit-falls which advancing civilization has carried to the homes of the nations' wards.

Very Respectfully,

*Mason M. Mason*

*Captain U. S. A. ret'd.*



525 College Ave.,

Waukesha, Wis., Feb. 10, 1905.

The Honorable J. V. Quarles,  
U. S. Senator,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir,-

Enclosed herewith please find a note from Dr. Kempster and a letter which I have addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, asking for employment in a new line of work I understand he wishes to introduce into Indian Schools. I also enclose with Dr. Kempster's letter copy of a letter from General Sumner, Commanding Southwestern Division to the Governor of Oklahoma Territory, and copy of letter of Adjutant General Burlingame to Governor Ferguson.

It seems the Governor and Burlingame are holding off to get the detail of a retired Brigadier General.

I have requested the Military Secretary to furnish you with copies of efficiency reports which are on file in the War Department. See copy of letter herewith.

I hope you will find time and feel disposed to lay my application for work before the Commissioner in a favorable way.

Very Respectfully,

*Mason M. Maxon*  
*Captain U. S. A. ret'd.*



WALTER KEMPSTER, M. D.  
426 JACKSON STREET  
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Feb. 7. 1905

Hon J. V. Quarles

U. S. Senator

My dear Senator

Captain Mason M. Mason, a son of our  
old friend Dr. Mason, is an applicant for  
the position of Military instructor, at the  
Indian School at Carlisle, which the  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs states is  
to be created.

Captain Mason is a graduate of the  
Military Academy at West Point, and  
has long service both in peace and war,  
among the numerous tribes of the South West,  
including those of Arizona; and is therefore  
thoroughly familiar with Indian characteristics.

His career in the U. S. Army has been most  
honorable, and the papers forwarded by Capt



Mapon, will indicate, what his superior  
think of his efficiency, and his record  
may be readily obtained from the War  
Department.

Latterly Mr Mapon has been engaged  
as Military Instructor in the University  
of Arizona and at the Oklahoma  
Military Institute.

I have known Capt Mapon for thirty  
years and take pleasure in commending  
him to you as a gentleman in every way  
worthy your influence.

I believe no better appointment could  
be made and hope it may come to him

Truly truly

Walter Kempster



T. B. FERGUSON,  
GOVERNOR.

ROBT. M. CARR,  
PRIVATE SECRETARY.

# Territory of Oklahoma

Executive

Department

Guthrie


Jan'y. 30, 1905.

Capt. Mason M. Maxon,  
Waukesha, Wis..

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 28th instant will state that the Governor was under the impression that he had written you personally on the 23rd instant, but on looking the matter up I find that he addressed the Adjutant General requesting him to advise you in the matter. A copy of the Governor's letter to the Adjutant General and his reply are herewith enclosed for your information.

Very respectfully,

  
Private Secretary.



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Guthrie, O.T., Jany. 24, 1905.

Governor T. B. Ferguson,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Your communication of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. is at hand, and I have the honor to state that Capt. Maxon has notice that Capt. Donaldson has been detailed to make the annual inspection for 1905.

The position desired by Capt. Maxon is that in connection with which Gen. Craigie was mentioned, but whom the Hon. Secretary of War declined to detail because the number of troops here did not come up to the dignity of his rank.

Notice was then given that an officer not above the grade of Lieut. Col. could be assigned to Oklahoma, and, it now rests upon the conditions stated in my former letter upon this subject.

The Officer does not become a member of the Governor's staff.

Very respectfully,

E.P. Burlingame,  
Adjutant General.



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Jany.23, 1905.

Genl. E.P. Burlingame,

Guthrie, O.T..

Sir:

You are requested to write Capt.M.M. Maxon and inform him that the position of inspector has already been filled for the year 1905.

I presume that Captain Maxon desires to become connected with the Guard as a member of the Governor's staff. I have been informed that a bill is pending in Congress which provides for the government paying expenses. It may have become a law by this time. Captain Maxon desires the position, as I understand it, once assigned to General Cragie.

Very respectfully,

T.B. Ferguson,  
Governor.

E.P. Burlingame,  
Adjutant General.



## HEADQUARTERS SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

Oklahoma City, O.T.

cap

January 21, 1905

Excellancy:-

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, with reference to Captain Mason M. Maxon U.S. Army, retired, who is an applicant for appointment with the Oklahoma National Guard, under the provisions of the Act of January 21, 1903 (Section 20) commonly known as the "Divk Militia Law". I have known Captain Maxon, by reputation and personally for many years; he was an active, energetic soldier who saw considerable hard service while on the active list from which he was finally forced to retire on account of physical disability incident to said service. The disability only impairs his efficiency in so far as active field service is concerned. For the duty incident to the position he seeks with your troops, he is apparently physically qualified. Mentally I consider the Captain perfectly qualified and for his moral fitness, I have never heard any aspersions against his character.

He is rather blunt in manner, but impartial, honest and zealous, and if any friction should obtain between him and individual members of the guard, it would be because the zeal of a man exclusively trained as a soldier does not always meet with a full response from those individuals who have other professional or business interests.

In my opinion the Captain's services would be beneficial to your troops and satisfactory to yourself. If otherwise he can be relieved at any time upon your request as the law contemplates such action.

Respectfully,

To His Excellancy

T.B. Ferguson

Governor of Oklahoma Ter.  
Guthrie O.T.Samuel S. Sumner  
Major General U.S. Army  
Commanding

A true copy,

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