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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

CARLISLE, PA October 2, 1906.

The Honorable,

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

Sir:

Replying to office letter Education 83739-1906, September 28, 1906, in regard to the occasion for employing Annie E. Steel as Assistant Laundress during the months of April and May, 1906, I have the honor to inform you that Etta S. Fortney, Assistant Laundress, was absent during that period on account of sickness. Mrs. Fortney had obtained leave during February and March, first sick leave than leave without pay, which terminated March 31st. She was still unfit for duty, but owing to her long continued service in this school, I desired to hold the position for her so that in case she became able to resume duty, she could take up her work when ready. Mrs. Steel was employed irregularly, but as Mrs. Fortney was in Philadelphia, and I was unable for some time to get her address, further request for leave without pay was not submitted at the time. On May 31st, Mrs. Fortney, her health being still in such condition as to unfit her for duty, resigned.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Mercer
Major 11th Cavalry, Superintendent