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Mr. Oscar H. Lipps,
Supt. Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

There is inclosed herewith copy for a pamphlet on general rules for uniform gradation of examination papers, which it is desired you shall have printed in a pamphlet which shall be uniform in appearance with the pamphlet recently printed by you on the same subject. About 2500 copies are needed.

Very truly yours,

(Signed E. B. Meritt)

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Mr. John Francis, Jr.,

Superintendent Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Francis:

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The Office has your letter of April 26, relative to the graduation of your senior class of forty-eight members, twenty-three of whom in your judgment should receive a full diploma and the remainder, not having completed the full work of an industrial course, should be given proper recognition, for which you suggest a special diploma showing the completion of less than the full course.

Your recommendations in this respect are acceptable and your conception of the high standard of training and efficiency that should be maintained at Carlisle is noted with appreciation.

In compliance with your closing request there is enclosed a photostatic copy of the full diploma decided upon, with some change in the wording at the top, which will probably answer your present purpose in arranging a suitable form for a special diploma.

The full diploma will be engraved and it was expected that they would be delivered from the Bureau of Printing and Engraving by this time, but pressure of work has prevented.

If you can make early use of the enclosure to the extent needed, please return the same in a few days.

Very truly yours,
Signed C. F. Hauke

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Acting Assistant Commissioner.

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Under the circumstances I think the Supt. should be told that he & the heads of departments should use their judgment.

Mr. Francis needs no authority to do what he requests as he proposes to give ^{full} Diplomas only to those who complete the full Course & Special diplomas - which practically amount to Certificates - to those who complete the Academic & part of the Vocational Course.

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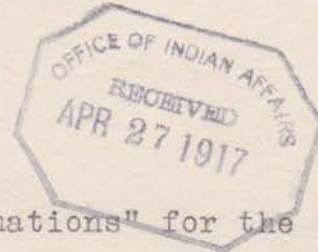


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

April 26, 1917.

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Sir:

The pamphlet entitled "Final Examinations" for the school year 1916-1917 contains on page 21 the following instructions:

"The Superintendent, in view of this fact, should issue certificates only to those who have completed all the requirements of the course of study authorized by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. In schools where one or more of the authorized vocational courses have not been given in full, pupils will receive credit on Form 5-259 for such subjects as they complete, but no diplomas shall be issued until pupils have met all the academic and industrial requirements."

My attention has been invited by Messrs. Blair and Bradley, the Principal and Supt. of Industries, to certain conditions which the so-called Senior class at this school must face by reason of the introduction of the new course of study.

The so-called Senior class is composed of some 48 pupils. Of this number the following students, if they maintain a creditable rating in the final examinations and there is every reason to believe they will, should be graduated this spring and be given a full diploma as provided by the Tentative Course of Study:

E. C. H.
George Warrington
Wilford Eshelman
John Flinchum
Max LaChapelle
Lyman Madison
Ed Miller
Earle Wilber
Andrew Beechtree
George Merrill
Alex Roy

Uneda Burson
Rhoda Fobb
Jane Gayton
Agnes Hatch
Mary Welch
Elizabeth Allen
Maude Cook
Belle Peniska
Marie Poupart
Amy Smith

Henry Sutton
George Tibbetts
Isaac Willis

The following names should also be considered:

Mike Gurno	Lucy West	Roberta Seneca
Arnold Holiday	Mary Lonechief	Sara Monteith
Francis Ojibway	Daisy Eshelman	May Lavadore
Peter Jackson	Evelyn Schingler	Sara Fowler
Herman Kelly	Eva Jones	Mary Ann Cutler
Marion Paris	Mary Wilmet	Addie Hovermale
Ralph Tourtillottee	Lena Parker	Margaret Raiche
Hobson Tupper	Pauline Chisholm	
Wilson Wyley	Alta Printup	

These students are understood to be members of the Senior class and will complete satisfactorily, it is believed, the academic work provided for in the 4th year vocational class. They have not, however, had the industrial training under the new course of study which they should have had to entitle them to a full diploma. These students were to have graduated from this school last May under the course of study then prevailing and were persuaded to return so that they might have the benefit of the last year's work under the Tentative Course of Study.

Many of them have had work in High Schools and will complete the academic branches under the course of study prevailing at the time of their entrance and until the past year when the requirements for graduation were academic only.

In many cases there is no question but that if these students were given 4th year vocational final examinations in the industrial work they would pass the examinations creditably, yet they would not have had the shop training and actual experience work which would justify us in giving them the full vocational diploma.

In every case they have done far more than the work provided in the pre-vocational courses and are entitled, under the course of study, to more than the special certificates indicated by the regulations. Likewise, having pursued in good faith the course of study laid down at the time of their entrance into school they seem, in justice, to be entitled to some recognition. In some cases the only comprehensive industrial training which these pupils have had has been during the time that the Tentative Course of Study has been in effect. Most of the girls have received training in sewing, housekeeping and cooking, can make a dress, can prepare a meal and perform similar services of this kind. Yet they have not the broad training and

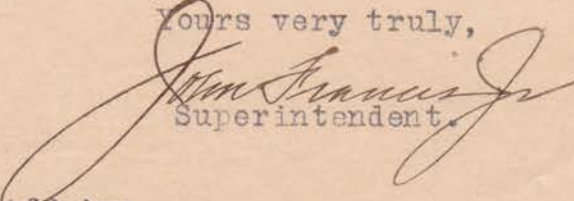
experience required by the new course of study. The boys have had only limited training in their trade or agriculture along the line indicated by the new course of study, yet they have had the training formerly given throughout the Indian service, and both boys and girls have in many cases been at the school for years.

Carlisle desires to maintain its full diploma at the highest standard and does not wish to graduate a boy or girl with the statement that they have certain attainments until they have fully completed the training necessary for them to merit such action. At the same time it is not practicable to ask the boys and girls who have completed the academic side of the course to return for two or three years to take only industrial work. Likewise, it does not seem fair to say to these boys and girls who have spent years at this school and followed the course formerly laid down by the school authorities that they must now leave school without any recognition.

It is recommended, therefore, that I be authorized in the case of all those in the first list who pass creditable examinations to issue the full diploma of the Indian service, and that in the case of those students in the second list who pass creditably final examinations in the academic work, I be authorized to issue a special diploma which will show their completion of the academic course and such work as they may have done in the industrial courses. } 20

In view of the fact that Commencement is only three weeks off a decision at the earliest possible date is necessary so that the diplomas may be prepared. Please furnish us also with copies of the general diploma which has been prepared for the entire service so that arrangements can be made for the special diplomas for those who have completed only the academic courses. ✓

Yours very truly,


Superintendent.

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

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