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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

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The Honorable

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

I am enclosing herewith for your information, copy of a letter submitted by Special Officer, Evan G. Boyd, regarding his operations at Carlisle, Pa.

Yours very truly,

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421 Carlisle

*Henry Larson*  
Chief Special Officer.

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Buffalo, N. Y. April 30, 1917

Mr. H. A. Larson,  
Chief Special Officer,  
U. S. Indian Service,  
Denver, Colo.



My Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will please find the complaint as made by the Superintendent of the Carlisle Indian School under date of April the 6th.

Complying with your instructions I completed an investigation of this matter on April 25th and find that the use of liquor among the boys at this school is very limited, and is confined to an occasional outbreak of this kind on the part of some venturesome youth who, perhaps, feels that he ought to experiment in the use of a little liquor. An occasional occurrence of this kind, while it is to be deplored, does not in my judgment constitute a bad condition. In fact, it seems to me that when we take into consideration that there are eight licensed drinking places in the City of Carlisle, that it is really remarkable that there is not more drinking among these boys.

From my investigation it would appear that there is no one making a business of bootlegging to these boys. What little trouble they have from the use of liquor is very spasmodic and there is nothing to indicate that they are able to get it with any certainty at any particular time, so that their method of obtaining it would not be ascertained and the indications are that it just so happens that now and then at rare intervals they are able to find some one of such character that he is willing to take a chance of supplying a little liquor to an Indian boy.

The Hotel Mens' Association of Carlisle passed resolutions binding themselves to use every effort in assisting the authorities in the apprehension of any person or persons suspected of bootlegging to Indian boys, and sent a Committee to the School recently to acquaint the Superintendent with this fact and to assure him of their co-operation with him in all matters of this kind.

I went over this matter with the Superintendent

very thoroughly and suggested a plan to him for the organization of a little department of his own for the investigation of these occasional outbreaks of the use of liquor, which met with his approval. This plan will include the taking into his confidence one or two of the thoroughly trustworthy Indian boys, whose business it would be to keep him advised as to matters of this kind. In this way he can have inside information that will perhaps enable him with the assistance of the night watchman, Mr. Edward Corbett, who is a deputy special officer, to cope with this situation as it may arise from time to time with very much more certainty and with much less loss of time than would be possible for an investigator from our Department to obtain.

Very respectfully,

*Evan G. Boyd*  
Special Officer.

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

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Denver, Colorado,

April 21, 1917



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

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

I have your letter of April 14 with which you enclose copies of a letter from Superintendent Francis of the Carlisle Indian School asking the assignment of an officer to look after the liquor situation in that vicinity.

Arrangements have been made for Officer Boyd to handle this on his return from annual leave.

Yours very truly,

*Henry A. Larson*  
Chief Special Officer

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Mr. Henry A. Larson,

Chief Special Officer.

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APR 14 1917

My dear Mr. Larson:

There are inclosed herewith copies of a letter from Supt. Francis of the Carlisle Indian School wherein he asks the assignment of an officer to that place in order to take up the work of suppressing the liquor traffic among the students of that school.

You should have this matter looked after by one of your officers who are operating in New York State.

Very truly yours,

*(Signed E. B. Meritt)*

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Assistant Commissioner.

Carbon to Carlisle School.

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Mr. John Francis, Jr.,  
Superintendent, Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Francis:

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In reply to your letter of April 6, reporting on the matter of Turner Dwight, a Choctaw Indian pupil, 18 years old, absenting himself from school during study hour without permission and obtaining and using liquor, you are advised that your action in regard to his conduct meets with the approval of the Office and authority is hereby granted you to send this boy to his home, as contemplated, for the better discipline of the school.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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PLEASE TAKE ACTION MY LETTER APRIL SIXTH CASE TURNER DWIGHT

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S. W. COR. 7TH & F. N. W.  
TELEPHONE MAIN 3288



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*See office letter April 10-17*

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No telegraphic  
reply necessary.





DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

April 6, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

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In letter of even date I have reported the case of Turner Dwight now in the guard house of this institution charged with obtaining a drink of liquor from some person whose name he says he does not know but of whom he has given a description.

The case has been placed in the hands of Mr. Corbett, the night watchman of this institution, who holds a commission as special officer, and an earnest effort will be made to locate the person guilty of the offense.

In this connection, with the warm weather of spring the boys can get out more in spare moments and are naturally subject to temptation from boot-leggers.

While it is not believed that liquor conditions are at all bad in Carlisle if a special officer is conveniently located so that he could run in here at an early date and capture or frighten off boot-leggers, it would be a most excellent thing.

Very truly yours,

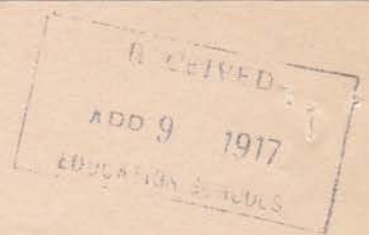
*John Francis, Jr.*  
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
**UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL**  
CARLISLE, PA.



April 6, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

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I have the honor to report that last night Turner Dwight, 18 years of age, a Choctaw Indian from Oklahoma, and a student of this school, left the school grounds without authority to purchase cigarets and obtained a drink of liquor from some person whose name he says he does not know but of whom he has given a description.

Turner Dwight was caught on his return to the school grounds by the disciplinarian who was following him up by reason of his absence from quarters during study hour without authority. While he was not intoxicated the disciplinarian smelt liquor upon his breath, he admitted the charge of having used liquor, was arrested by the disciplinarian and placed in the guard house where he now remains.

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This is not Turner's first offense. On January first he was found guilty of the same offense and at that time he was given another chance by Mr. Lipps. I am advised that it was agreed that a repetition of the offense would mean his immediate dismissal from

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school.

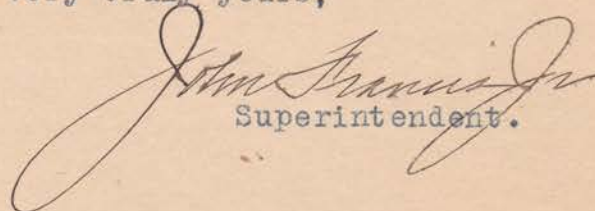
In view of these facts I feel that the discipline of the school demands that Turner be sent home at once and I request immediate authority to take this action. In the meantime I shall require him to remain in the guard house.

I understand that Mr. Lipps was given special authority when endeavoring to upbuild the tone of the school to return students to their home without authority and without reference to the office. I am doubtful of my authority to act similarly but it is very important for the maintenance of the discipline of this school that matters of this kind should be acted upon immediately.

It will be noted that I have not recommended that this lad should be expelled. He is only 18 years of age and a year at home may make him appreciate educational advantages. Please consult Mr. Lipps in regard to the case as he is familiar with all of the facts.

The matter of the liquor will be the subject of another communication.

Very truly yours,

  
Superintendent.

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