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*Essie Crowe, pupil at Carlisle,
wants permission to make visit home.*

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Carlisle, Pa.
June 9, 1908



Dear Sir:

Francis E. Leupp, Can
a person go home from here
while he is pay his own
way home. But I am not
except the government
to pay ^{my} way home I am willing
to pay my own way.

I have been here over ten
years in this school now.
They told me I can not go
Of course you want to know
how old I am, I am going on
24 years of age. I have been
here long enought now.
I will like to go home
this spring.

Your Respectfully
Ossie Crowe.

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[Handwritten initials]

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

June 12, 1908.

Education
38901/08
WAM

Subject: Enclosing letter for report.
Pupil desires to return home.

Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Penn.

Sir:

There is herewith enclosed a letter from Ossie Crowe, who, it seems, is a pupil at your school and wishes to make a visit home.

Please make a brief report on the letter, returning it to the Indian Office.

Very respectfully,

[Handwritten signature]

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., June 16, 1908.

Subject:
Request of Ossie
Crowe to visit his home.

The Commissioner

of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In reply to Office letter marked " Education, 38901/08, W.A.M.," dated June 12, 1908, concerning the desire of Ossie Crowe to go home, I have to report briefly as follows:- Ossie Crowe originally enrolled in this school April 5, 1898; he was discharged June 22, 1904. He returned again for re-enrollment October 22, 1904, and entered for a term of five years. Under this arrangement, of course, his term would expire October 22, 1909. In view of the fact that Ossie has not made very much progress, I would not feel justified in putting an impediment in his way in his desire to go home.

He now works as fireman at the hospital, and spends part of his time in horticultural work.

In view of the fact that this young man has been here for a number of years, it might be well to grant him

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special permission to visit his home. I believe if he did this, he would not return, and in most cases of this kind, the return fare which he deposited would be forfeited. I do not believe that the government should be at continued expense in lavishing education upon students who will not, or cannot, benefit by it.

On the other hand, this young man has made a definite promise to stay a definite length of time. I have always informed students that it is my desire, and the desire of the Indian Office, to keep any promises made the Indians. Furthermore, they have been cautioned that it is just as necessary for them to keep the promises which they make.

I do not believe our Indian boys and girls are any different in this respect than white children similarly placed. After being away from home for three or four years, they yearn to see their people, and it is not so much a question of breaking a promise as a love for their home that actuates them to make the requests which are made.

On receipt of advice from your Office, I shall take definite action in this case.

Very respectfully,



Superintendent.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

Education
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WAM

July 1, 1908.

Subject: Request of Ossie Crowe to
visit his home.

Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Penn.

Sir:

Your report of the 16th ultimo on the request of Ossie Crowe, a pupil, to be returned home, is received.

It seems that Crowe was originally enrolled in April, 1908, and discharged in June, 1904; that in October, 1904, he was re-enrolled for a term of five years; that he is twenty-four years old and wishes to return home at his own expense. You say that in view of the fact he has not made very much progress, you would not feel justified in putting any impediment in the way of his desire to go home.


The Office agrees with you that it would be well to permit this young man to return home. He has now reached the age when he ought to get away from school and be given opportunity to try to make some progress in the outside world. As it seems that he voluntarily returned for reenrollment, the Office feels that he should not be put to personal expense for his return home, even though his term of enrollment will not expire till more than a year yet.

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You are therefore authorized to send him home at the expense of the school.

Very respectfully,



Acting Commissioner.

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