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CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER 5571	ENGLISH NAME Moses Thomas	AGENCY	NATION Choctaw				
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Valliant, Okla.					
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD full	AGE 26	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX M
FATHER D	MOTHER I	ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 23, 1916	FOR WHAT PERIOD Three years	DATE DISCHARGED Jan. 14, 1918	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Termination of leave		
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS					FROM COUNTRY	
12 - 14 - 17	On leave						

SHAW-WALKER, MUSKOGEE, MICHIGAN. 49445

Months in school before Carlisle, 27

Grade entered at Carlisle,

Grade at date of Discharge,

Trade or Industry,

Church, Methodist

30 mi. to public school

write right
Lippo

ENROLLMENT IN A NONRESIDENT SCHOOL

Office of
Superintendent
RECEIVED
AUG 17 1916
MUSKOGEE JRLA

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BRIEF.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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APPLICATION OF

Moses Thomas

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Limosey

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle Pa.

Ed. School
92-754-16
A. S.

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Date of enrollment, _____, 191

Term of enrollment, _____ (*5*) years.

NAME OF PERSON ARRANGING FOR THE TRANSFER:

Henry J. Cooper

Position, _____

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN A NONRESERVATION SCHOOL.

(For a child enrolled at an Agency.)

For and in consideration of the Government of the United States assuming the care, education, and maintenance in the United States Indian School at Carlisle Pa

of Moses Thomas; Male; age 26; date of birth 3/15/1890;
(Name of child.) (Sex.)
Choctaw Roll No 1416
(Tribe.)

NAME OF FATHER. (Both Indian and English.)	LIVING OR DEAD.	TRIBE.	BAND.	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.
<u>Billy Thomas</u>	<u>Dead</u>	<u>Choc.</u>		<u>Full.</u>
<u>Mableona Thomas</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>Choc.</u>		<u>Full.</u>

I, Moses Thomas, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to my
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)
 enrollment in said school for a period of 3 years, and also obligate myself to abide by
(Not less than 3.)
 all the rules and regulations for Indian schools.

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL.	DATE OF ENROLLMENT.	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	CAUSE.	GRADE.
<u>Good luck</u>	<u>1909</u>	<u>on vacation</u>	<u>school vacation</u>	<u>4</u>
2.				
3.				
4.				

Moses Thomas
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

P. O. address: Waukiat

Oklahoma

Two witnesses:

J. M. [unclear]
O. Blanche

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that I have this day carefully examined the above-named child herein proposed for transfer and find him to be in proper physical condition to attend school, and not afflicted with tuberculosis or any disease which would be a menace to the health of other pupils.

This 5 day of Aug, 1916

C. R. Huckabay

Physician at Walliaux Agency *OK.*

CERTIFICATE OF AGENT OR BONDED SUPERINTENDENT.

I hereby certify that the statements made in the foregoing application and certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, are true; that the consent of _____ (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.) was voluntary.

(Here state whether the child lives within reach of a public school, whether the State laws permit it to enroll therein, and if it lives near the public school why it can not attend such school.)

I recommend the transfer of the said child.

This 20th day of Sept., 1916

L. A. Myler

SUPERVISOR

Agent or Superintendent.

CERTIFICATE OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby certify that on Aug 5 - 1916, I made a careful examination of the physical condition of _____ (As soon after arrival as possible.) _____, the child named in the foregoing application, and found _____ to be _____

I therefore recommend that the said child be _____ enrolled in this school.

This _____ day of _____, 191 _____

School Physician.

SPECIAL NOTE.

This form must be executed in duplicate when a child is transferred from a reservation to a nonreservation school. The Superintendent of the nonreservation school will retain the original for his files, and the duplicate shall be deposited in the reservation school records. The reservation superintendent should send to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs his certificate as provided by law. All the blanks must be properly filled in every case.

If the information called for on any part of the blank is not known, that fact should be stated. No space should be left unfilled. Whether the parents are living or dead, their names must be given.

The person who signs the blank as consenting to the transfer should indicate his relation to the applicant by marking out the word "parent," "guardian," or "next of kin," leaving unmarked only the title appropriate to the signer.

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The enrollment of Indian pupils in nonreservation schools is governed by the "Rules for the Indian Service, 1913," sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 36, 112, 113, 114, 117, 118, 124 (b).

The Rules should be consulted before filling out the application blanks.

SPECIAL NOTE

Department of the Interior

United States Indian Service

Local Field Representative

Five Civilized Tribes

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Idabel, Oklahoma,

12/28/17.

Mr. John Francis,
Supt. Carisle Institute,
Carisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Francis:

Moses Thomas came to this office and I went with him before the Local Board and this Board had him file his Questionnaire in the usual manner.

Regarding his failure to report on the first call, he was merely certified and is now subject to call in the event this County needs men before the next contingent is sent, which is not probable in this County.

Sincerely yours,

E. O. Inead

Field Clerk.

EPS/PS

CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL

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No.	NAME.	AGE.	TRIBE.	DEGREE OF INDIAN SCHOOLS.	NAME OF AGENCY AND RESERVATION, IF ENROLLED; IF NOT, POST OFFICE OF FAMILY.
	Moses Thomas	26	Choctaw	Full	Wallace, Okla.

DATE ENTERED.	Months in school before enrollment here.	IN WHAT GRADE OR ROOM.		Distance to nearest public school from pupil's home.	REMARKS. (Temporarily absent, outing, deserters, on sick leave, special authorities for enrollment, etc.)
		On entering here.	At date of this report.		

9/23/16 27		3	30	To COUNTRY	FROM COUNTRY	DATE DISCHARGED
				DEC 14 1917		JAN 14 1918

Methodist
~ 1039 ~

Progress from _____ (Date) _____, to _____ (Date) _____,

FIRST YEAR IN THIS SCHOOL	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.
Class or grade								
Academic..... standing*								
Industrial..... standing* (Department)								
Musical: Band..... standing*								
Vocal..... standing*								
Orchestra..... standing*								
Department..... standing*								
Physical condition								

Remarks: _____

CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

----- May 24, 1917 -----, 191

This certifies that Moses Thomas
(Name of student.)

has made the following record in Carlisle Indian School
(Name of school.)

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.	GRADE.	RATING.
English	111	53
General Exercises		10
Music		86
Arithmetic		51
Geography		69
Physiology and Hygiene		35
Writing		88
Drawing		59

Effort -----

Department -----

DETAILS SERVED.	LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.	RATING.
Shoe and Harness		78

and ~~is~~ is not eligible to pursue work in the Four th grade, academic; and
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----- grade or year vocational

John Francis
Superintendent.

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Principal.

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(Cancel one.)
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Superintendent.

Principal.

September 26, 1917.

Local Board McCurtain County
Idabel, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

On September 18, 1917, Moses Thomas a pupil at this school came to me with a notice from your board, to report on duty at a training camp.

I telegraphed you as follows:

Your notice Moses Thomas. Boy here without funds to get to training camp.

I latter discussed the matter with the representative of the Local Draft Board in Carlisle, who told me that everything necessary had been done, and that your board would furnish transportation in due time.

However, as time has elapsed without hearing anything from you, I desire again to bring the matter to your attention, and wish to advise you that Moses is in this institution, and will be sent to a training camp as soon as arrangements are made for his transportation.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

JF-S

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August 29, 1917.

Mr. E. E. Cochran,
Chairman Local Board McCurtain County,
Idabel, Okla.

Sir:

I today telegraphed you as follows:

"Your notive Moses Thomas to appear 29th received yesterday. Has no funds to return. Advise steps which should be taken by him. Can he not report to local board Carlisle for examination?"

I also caused Moses Thomas to report to the local board for Cumberland County and was furnished with the enclosed notice of transfer which they instructed me to fill out and submit to your board for its approval. In accordance with the suggestion of the local board of Carlisle I am enclosing this form for your action.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

JF/S
encl.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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November 16, 1916.

Mr. A. S. Wyly, Supervisor,
Five Civilized Tribes,
Muskogee, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Wyly:

Referring to your letter of the 13th inst. relative to the request of Moses Thomas for \$75.00 of his money which he wants transferred to this office I have to say that I have no objections. You can send the check to me and I will see that the money is placed to his credit in bank and that it is expended for things he needs.

Very truly yours,

D/B

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, Nov. 13, 1916.

Supt. O. H. Lipps,
U.S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lipps:

There is enclosed a letter from Moses Thomas, who is a student in your school. The matter was referred to the Accounts Division and they state that it is necessary for you to make recommendation as to the amount of funds necessary to meet Moses' expenses, and the amount suggested will be forwarded to you for disbursement as your judgment dictates.

Very truly yours,

A. D. Wiley
Supervisor.
[Signature]

Encl.
CB-GH
CC to Moses Thomas.

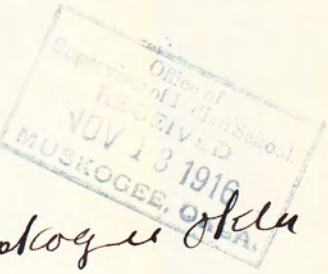
Carlisle Pa

Nov 9th

1916

A S Staley

Muskogee Okla



Dear Sir

Please your land money about \$7500
 and when your land come that money and your land
 by Mr. Jappes I want buy Good Solid cloth and
 some thing else your Truly

Moses Thomas

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When I started com here I save up there muskoge
 I get \$7500 & \$22500 left there

Choctaw.

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Very truly yours,

A. S. WYLY.

Supervisor.

Encl.
CB-CH
CC to Moses Thomas.

Ms. Lenny - Moses wants \$75⁰⁰ and you may recommend that be transferred for deposit to his credit here

WLY

GABE E. PARKER,
SUPERINTENDENT.

Make all remittances payable to
W. M. BAKER, Cashier

Local Offices:

Vinita,
Jay,
Nowata,
Sapulpa,
Okmulgee,
Muskogee,
Tahlequah,
Sallisaw,
Poteau,

Idabel,
Hugo,
McAlester,
Holdenville,
Atoka,
Madill,
Ardmore,
Chickasha,
Paulsvalley.

CASHIER-
MRL-12-6-16
Encl. money

Department of the Interior,

Transmitting check United States Indian Service
No. 6638-F N McA-\$75.00 Five Civilized Tribes
Restricted Per Capita
Payment-Choctaw Nation
Moses Thomas

Muskogee, Oklahoma, Dec. 6, 1916.

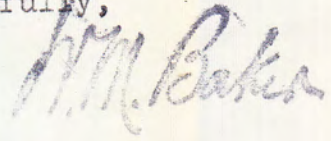
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Mr. O. H. Lipps,
Supt. Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lipps:

There is enclosed herewith my official check No. 245, drawn on the First National Bank, McAlester, Oklahoma, in the amount of \$75.00, against the restricted per capita funds of Moses Thomas, Choctaw, Roll No. 2607. This amount is transferred to you for disbursement for the benefit of this allottee, to be accounted for in the same manner as other pupils' funds held by you.

Very respectfully,



Cashier.

Receipts returned 12-19-16

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March 27, 1917.

A. S. Wyly, Supervisor
Five Civilized Tribes Schools,
Muskogee, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Moses Thomas comes to me with a request that you send him \$50.00 of his money in your hands. He says that he sent his mother \$50.00 of the \$75.00 which was sent to him during this last year. He has spent the balance all but \$2.00 or \$3.00. You can send him whatever amount you think reasonable and I will be glad to take care of it for him.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

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April 9, 1917.

Mr. A. S. Wyly, Supervisor,
Five Civilized Tribes Schools,
Muskogee, Okla.

My dear Mr. Wyly:

Reference is made to your letter of April 2, 1917, regarding the request of Moses Thomas that \$50.00 be sent here for him and your statement that the account of Moses Thomas has been closed at the agency.

Upon taking this matter up with Moses he advises me that he had \$300.00 with the agency when he left Muskogee last September; that he drew \$75.00 at that time and \$75.00 has been sent to him, and ought therefore to have a balance of \$150.00 at the present time.

Please ask the agency to give us a statement of his account in order that the matter may be straightened out.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

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Copy to
Moses

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, April 2, 1917.

Supt. O. H. Lipps,
U.S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lipps:

Replying to your letter of March 27, with reference to a request of Moses Thomas that \$50 be sent you for him, I am advised by the Agency here that his account has been closed and that he has no balance on hand. The Indian Bill provides for an appropriation of \$100 per capita payment to the Choctaws but this will not be available until after July 1.

Very truly yours,

A. S. Wyly
Supervisor.

ASW-GH

Copy to Moses.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, April 12, 1917.

Supt. John Francis, Jr.,
U.S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Francis:

Referring to your letter of April 9, relative to Moses Thomas' financial affairs, you are advised that on conferring with the Accounts Division it is found that \$75 was paid to Moses when he went to Carlisle and \$75 was forwarded to Mr. Lipps on December 2, 1916. Upon recommendation of the Field Clerk, W.E. Foltz, \$152.70, being balance with interest, was sent to Mr. Foltz on March 17, 1917, for delivery to a Hardware Company of Idabel - the bill being O.K'd by Moses Thomas and on file in the Accounts Division.

Very truly yours,

A. S. Wyly
Supervisor.
B -

CB-GH

Department of the Interior

Account of United States Indian Service
Moses Thomas.
WGC

Local Field Representative
State Council Office

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Idabel, Oklahoma, April 28, 1917.

April 28, 1917.

Mr. William E. Peltz
Field Clerk
Idabel, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 18th inst., I am enclosing herewith a check for One Hundred Fifty Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$152.70) made payable to Moses Thomas and properly endorsed by him. This check is to pay for fencing material purchased by him from the Valliant Hardware Company.

I am also returning, properly signed by Moses Thomas, a receipt and voucher for the above amount.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Inclosures.

Department of the Interior

United States Indian Service
Local Field Representative
Five Civilized Tribes

Idabel, Oklahoma, April 30, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Francis:

There is returned for your file a carbon which
perhaps was folded in with your letter of April 28, erroneously.

Yours truly,

W.E. Galt
June 20

Field Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

June 11, 1917.

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Mrs. Mahlone Thomas,
Valliant, Okla.

Dear Madam:

I have your inquiry regarding your son
Moses Thomas and have to advise you that Moses
is still at the school and the disciplinarian
tells me that he will remain here all summer. He
has not expressed any desire to join either the
Army or Navy.

Trusting that this information will quiet
your fears about your son, I am,

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

cc A.S.WYly

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA. June 7, 1917.

Mr. John Francis, Jr.,
Supt. Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Francis:

Enclosed herewith is a letter of Mrs. Mahlone Thomas, of Valliant, Oklahoma, the mother of Moses Thomas who is enrolled at your school. The letter is self explanatory and I would thank you to write me concerning the statements therein at your early convenience. Please return the enclosed letter.

Yours very truly,

A. S. Wiley
Supervisor.

ASW-H.

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Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM



NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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RECEIVED AT

130 West High St.

Carlisle, Pa.

34P S 22 GOVT.

MUSKOGEE OKLA DEC 12TH 1917 410PM.

FRANCIS SUPT.,

CARLISLE, PA. "RTE PHILA"

YOUR TELEGRAM ELEVENTH FIELD CLERK IDABEL WIRES MOSES THOMAS SHOULD
COME HOME IMMEDIATELY ACCOUNT MOTHERS SERIOUS ILLNESS

WYLY

720P

Telephone No.

Telephoned to

N.R.D.

Time Delivered

7:20 PM

By

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To Be

Mailed

Attempts
to
Deliver

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TO OFFICER SENDING TELEGRAM.

- 1. Keep copy on this form for your files.
- 2. Mail confirmation to addressee indicating that purpose by check mark in this circle.
- 3. Mail copy to your Supervising Field Office, if any.

MEMORANDUM COPY
OF OFFICIAL TELEGRAM

Will NOT be accepted if presented by Telegraph Company attached to bill for tolls, in lieu of original message.

Receiver's No.—	Time Filed—	Paid <u>Paid</u> Word <u>Day</u> Government rate—Toll, \$
Sent by— <u>Western Union</u>		(Day or night.)
(Name of company.)		Telegraph Co. <u>Carlisle, Pa. Dec. 11, 1917.</u>
<u>wily, supervisor</u>		(Place.) (Date.)
To	<u>Muskegee, Oklahoma.</u>	From <u>John Francis, Jr.</u>
		(Print or typewrite name of sender.)
		<u>Superintendent</u>
		(Title of sender.)

Mrs. Malene Thomas, Valliant, Oklahoma writes her son Moses she is ill and needs him home. Please advise.

Charge : Carlisle Indian School, Pa.
 (If not paid in cash, insert name of office to which bill should be presented for payment.)

PAID _____ By SENDER.
 (Insert "In cash," if so paid.)

Appropriation: _____

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Carlisle, Pa.

December 13, 1917

Dr. C. E. Wogan,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith check No. 37209 made payable to your order in the amount of \$15.00 to cover dental work for Moses Thomas, a pupil of this school.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

LG
encl.

5771

Carlisle, Pa., Dec 10 1912

Moses Thomas

Public School

To C. E. WOGAN, D. D. S., Dr.

3 S. Hanover Street.

Terms Cash.

Dec	3	Gold Delay	3 00
"	6	2 Gold Delays	5 00
"	"	Gold Gown	7 00
			<u>\$15 00</u>

Pd ch. #37209.

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File
He means Moses Thomas

Idabel, Oklahoma,

December 18, 1917.

Thomas

Mr. Moses Williams,
Valliant, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Williams:

In compliance with letter from Superintendent John Francis, Jr., I have consulted the Local Board concerning the present status of your draft call, and the Board has requested that you appear immediately on your arrival home. It is suggested that you come to this office in order that we may assist you in this matter if necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Field Clerk.

EPS/PS

TO OFFICER SENDING TELEGRAM.

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Receiver's No.—	Time Filed—	Paid _____	Word <u>Day</u> <small>(Day or night.)</small>	Government rate—Toll, \$ _____
Sent by— <u>Western Union</u> <small>(Name of company.)</small>		Telegraph Co.		
To <u>Francis, Supt.,</u>		<u>Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 13, 1917.</u> <small>(Place.)</small> <small>(Date.)</small>		
<u>Carlisle, Pa.</u>		From <u>Albert S. Wily</u> <small>(Print or typewrite name of sender.)</small>		
		<u>Supervisor Indian Schools.</u> <small>(Title of sender.)</small>		

Your telegram eleventh. Field Clerk Idabel wires
Moses Thomas should come home immediately account mother's
serious illness.

(signed) Wily

Supervisor Indian Schools.

Charge: _____
(If not paid in cash, insert name of office to which bill should be presented for payment.)

PAID _____ By SENDER.
(Insert "In cash," if so paid.)

Appropriation: _____
Ind. Sch. F. C. T. 1918.

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December
Thirteenth,
1917

Field Clerk,
Idabel, Okla.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a wire from Supervisor Wyly regarding the illness of Moses Thomas's mother and the necessity that he be returned home.

In this connection, your attention is invited to the fact that I imagine his present status may be that of an Army deserter, due to no fault of his own but to the failure of the Local Draft Board to either furnish him transportation or transfer his case to the Carlisle Draft Board so it could have handled the matter. Moses Thomas is leaving for home tonight and I would be very glad if you can take such steps as may be necessary to straighten his case out with the Local Board. This boy's case has given me more bother and anxiety than all the other boys who have been drafted. In all other cases, when the boy had no money, he was transferred to the Local Board who furnished him transportation and sent him to the camp and Moses has only had money during the last two weeks during which case has been in the hands of the Local Board.

I will be very glad if you can straighten this matter out. Please advise me of the outcome. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the Draft Board which sets forth the facts.

Sincerely yours,

Enc.
JF-E

Superintendent

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December
Thirteenth,
1917

Mr. E. E. Cochran, Chairman,
Local Board McCurtain County,
Idabel, Oklahoma

Sir:

On August 29, 1917 I advised you concerning Moses Thomas, a student of this school and registered in your county who had been ordered to appear before you, that Moses had no funds to return and requested to be advised what steps should be taken by him and suggested that he report to the Local Board at Carlisle for examination.

He was examined at Carlisle and passed the examination. On September 18, 1917 he brought to me a notice from his Board to report at a training camp. I then telegraphed you as follows:

"Your notice Moses Thomas.
Boy here without funds to
get to training camp."

I later discussed the matter with the representative of the Local Draft Board at Carlisle, who told me that your board would furnish transportation for this boy. On September 26, 1917 I again addressed you a letter on the same subject, but without reply, neither did Moses Thomas receive transportation.

Early in this month I received, from Muskogee, certain funds due him as an Indian Allotee. I therefor took the entire matter up again with the Local Draft Board in Carlisle and I understand that they took the matter up with you with the view of having the boy transferred to them and then sent to a nearby camp.

I am this morning in receipt of a telegram that Moses Thomas's mother is seriously ill and requesting that he be permitted to return home at once.

In view of these facts, after consulting with the representative of the Local Board, I decided to send the boy home immediately. I am writing this to advise your Board so that you may be fully advised of his whereabouts and take such steps as you may deem proper to arrange for his going to a training camp under your supervision.

The delay in this young man reporting to a training camp is due solely to the fact that he was not furnished transportation. At the time he was ordered to report to a camp he had no money of his own available and has only received some in the last few weeks. As soon as he did obtain funds the matter was taken up with the Local Draft Board here as I had no answer to my correspondence with you so that it might be determined what further action should be taken and they still have the case.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent

JF-E

December
Twenty-seventh,
1 9 1 7.

Mr. Moses Thomas
Valliant, Okla.

My dear Moses:

I am wondering if you have taken prompt steps to report to the local Draft Board. You must do this at once or you will get yourself into trouble as a deserter.

I have taken your case up with the local Field Clerk and he sent me a copy of a letter where he had told you to go to the Draft Board. Don't overlook this matter or you will find yourself in serious trouble and no one can help you. After you have gone to the Draft Board I would be glad if you would write and tell me.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

JF/S