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July 12, 1918.

Mr. Meredith Crooks
Battery "K", 52nd Art. C.A.C. A.E.F.
Dear friend:-

The last few days have brought quite a number of letters from our boys at the Front and we have been pleased to get them. Every day during the heavy fighting, we watch the casualty list in the newspapers very carefully, looking for Indian names. We have found a few but so far we have not seen the names of any of our Carlisle boys. When we get letters from the boys, we are sure then that so far, they are safe.

You may be interested to know that our Superintendent, Mr. Francis has also enlisted. He took the examination for a commission and secured a first lieutenancy and is now stationed at Fort Niagara, Youngstown, N. Y. We are proud of him because he got what he was after but we are very sorry to lose him as our superintendent. We hope that perhaps after the war is over, he might in some way, be able to return to us.

Our school is very small now. So many of our boys are doing war work this year, some on Bucks County farms and others in the Philadelphia ship yards. We have just enough here to do the farm work and other necessary work. The boys and girl work hard all day and then play base-ball during the long evening. The girls have teams and play on the lawn in front of the bandstand. Occassionally, we all go to the movies and then of course every Saturday evening, we have a social. On Sunday we hold a song service in front of the band stand. So the weeks are going by.

I presume you will hear from your Invincible Teacher, that she has left the Indian Service and is now working in a bank at Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is getting better wages and she seems to like the work in the bank. We will miss her here for she was a good teacher and always took an active part in whatever was done for the benefit of the boys and girls.



UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

I am sorry that we will not have the Arrow to send to you during the summer months. We will have one more issue, that is, the Year Book 1918. I will send one of these to you and then you will have to wait until September for the next number.

With my best regards to you, I am

Very truly yours

Trav. Aud. in Charge.

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ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

June 20, 1918

Mr John Francis Jr

Dear Sir,

Your letter of June 16 was received and was glad to hear from you.

It is very nice for me to hear that they are all well as I was sick for about a week now I am well again and I hope I keep well for the rest of the time I am over here.

I have an idea that the school is very well vacant on account of summer outing and vacation.

I have read in the Arrow that Com. Catskill was going to organize a regiment of young Indian from school and if it is so I am willing to transfer if I can.

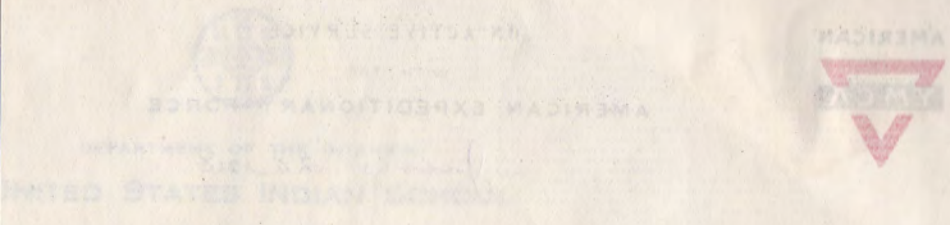
I am satisfied where I am but it is better to be with my own nationality.

My Bonds will soon be paid for and I have something to depend upon after the war is over.

I wish you success and luck to have as many students as you had last year.

W. M. Mucky
St. Caesars

Yours truly
Meredithe Crooks
Battery "K"
12nd. Artillery C.A.C.
A.C.F.



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CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

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DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER 5-493	ENGLISH NAME Meredith Crooks	AGENCY none	NATION Sioux		
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Morton, Minn.			
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD 3/4	AGE 18	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.
FATHER	MOTHER				FORCED EXPR.
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Jan. 20, 1916	FOR WHAT PERIOD	DATE DISCHARGED Sept. 7, 1916	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Deserted		
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS				FROM COUNTRY
5-31-16	Henry McEwen, Bangor, R. F. D., Pa.				
7-7-16	Ran				

Months in school before Carlisle. 9 yrs.

Grade entered at Carlisle.

Grade at date of Discharge,.....

Trade or Industry,.....

Church. Episcopal

2 mi.

Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully

BRIEF.



Application of

Mr. George Crooks

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Meredith Crooks

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Pipestone Superintendency.

Date of enrollment January 1916.

Term of enrollment..... (.....) years

Printed by Carlisle Indians.

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Application for Enrollment in a Non-reservation 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 Meredith Crooks ; Male ; date of birth Sept 14 1896.

(Name of Child)

(Sex)

Sioux

(Tribe)

NAME OF FATHER (Both Indian and English)	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD
George Crooks	Living	Sioux	Mdewakanton	Full
NAME OF MOTHER				
Alice Crooks	Living	Sioux	Mdewakanton	$\frac{3}{4}$

I, George Crooks, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to his

enrollment in said school for a period of three years, and also obligate myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian Schools.
(Not less than 3)

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL	DATE OF ENROLLMENT	DATE OF DISCHARGE	CAUSE	GRADE
¹ Birch Cooley	1902	1908	Trans. Pipestone	3
² Pipestone	1908	1915	Finished course	8
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George Crooks

(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)

P. O. address: Morton,

Minnesota.

Two Witnesses:

A. H. Himmman

Jessie W. Himmman

NAME Meredith Crooks Sex Male Female

Tf. No. Full 11 Sioux State Minnesota Jan. 13, 1916

Age 18 years Respiration 17 Condition of, Eyes good

Height 5 ft. 8 3/4 ins. Mensuration { Insp. 37 Ears good

Weight 149 lbs. { Exp. 32 1/2 Throat good

Temperature 98 2/5 Vaccination yes Cervical glands good

Pulse 67 Vision 20/20 Skin Normal

Inspection Normal

Palpation Normal

Percussion Normal

Auscultation Normal

Heart Normal

(Menstruation) _____

FAMILY HISTORY.

	LIVING.	CONDITION OF HEALTH.	DEAD.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Father	<u>60</u>	<u>good</u>	<u>2 brothers died in</u>	
Mother	<u>about 55</u>	<u>good</u>	<u>infancy cause</u>	
Brothers <u>8</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>health of all is</u>	<u>unknown</u>	
<u>5 living</u>	<u>26, 27, 13</u>	<u>good</u>		
Sisters <u>5</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>health of both</u>	<u>3 sisters died in</u>	
<u>2 living</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>good</u>	<u>infancy cause unknown</u>	

Personal history Applicant has had no serious sickness

Present condition Apparently in sound health

J. W. Penhall, M. D.

Information regarding pupils to test eligibility and whether in need of Federal aid.

Date of report.....

Name of child Meredith Crooks Age 17 Grade 8

Home post office Morton Minnesota

Tribe Soux Degree of Indian blood 3/4

How many acres of land do you own none Location none

What is the annual income from your land nothing

Do you have any other income no How much no income

Is your father living yes

Father's name George W Crooks

Home post office Morton Minnesota

Tribe Soux Degree of Indian blood Full blood

Is he a citizen yes

How much land does he own 12 fee simple, Allotment No Two 23, and 5 acres

What is its estimated value \$3500.00

What is the annual income from his land None

Does he have any other income No

If so, how much Nothing

Does your father pay taxes on land or personal property pays taxes on some land and personal property

Is your mother living yes

Mother's name Elice Crooks

Home post office Morton Minnesota

Tribe Soux Degree of Indian blood 3/4

Is she a citizen yes

How much land does your mother own None Allotment No No allotment

What is its estimated value nothing

What is the annual income from her land *Nothing*
Does she have any other income *No*
If so, how much *Nothing*
Does your mother pay taxes on her land or on personal property *No*
With whom do you make your home *with father & mother*
How many rooms in the house *5 rooms*
How many live in the house *8*
How far is your home from the nearest public school *Two miles*
Why do you not attend that school *because no industrial training*
How many teachers employed there
How many grades maintained *8, 4th year of High school*
How many months of school each year *9 months*
Did you ever attend a public school *No*
If so, how long *Not at all* Where *No Where*
How many brothers of school age have you *2 brothers*
How many sisters of school age have you *None*
Are they in school *2 bros are*
Where *One at Pipestone ^{Indian Sch} Mann and other at Birch Cooley*

Remarks and recommendations of superintendent with reference to eligibility and need of Federal aid:

The applicant desires further industrial training and is fully eligible so far as I can ascertain.

J. J. Mann,
Superintendent.

NOTE.—One of these blanks should be filled out by each pupil at Government boarding schools, preferably with the assistance of the superintendent or some one designated to act as his representative. If the superintendent is of opinion from the information given that the pupil is entitled to enrollment he should so indicate by signing the blank in the proper place and filing in the individual pupil's folder. In the case of pupils concerning whose eligibility or need of Government aid there is some doubt, superintendents should make proper remarks and recommendations in the space indicated and forward the form to the Indian Office for consideration.

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 13th day of Jan., 1916

J. M. Peckhall

Physician at Birch Creek Agency.

CERTIFICATE OF AGENT OR 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 George Crooks
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)
was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of said child.

This 15th day of January, 1916.

J. J. Mann

Agent or Superintendent.

SPECIAL NOTE.

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

NOTE.—Age limits, fourteen to twenty years. Preferably fourteen to eighteen. Students must be at least one-fourth Indian, preferably full Indian. Special cases beyond the age limit will be given consideration. An industrial course only can be taken and the term reduced to three years, in exceptional cases.

Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully

INDORSEMENTS.

The laws relating to the transfer of Indian children from reservations and schools are as follows:

That hereafter no Indian child shall be sent from any Indian reservation to a school beyond the State or Territory in which said reservation is situated without the voluntary consent of the father or mother of such child if either of them is living, and if neither of them is living without the voluntary consent of the next of kin of such child. Such consent shall be made before the agent of the reservation, and he shall send to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs his certificate that such consent has been voluntarily given before such child shall be removed from such reservation. And it shall be unlawful for any Indian agent or other employee of the Government to induce, or seek to induce, by withholding rations or by other improper means, the parents or next of kin of any Indian to consent to the removal of any Indian child beyond the limits of any reservation. (28 Stats., p. 906.)

Provided, that hereafter no Indian child shall be taken from any school in any State or Territory to a school in any other State against its will or without the written consent of its parents. (29 Stats., p. 348.)

The rules provide that—

A pupil who has been regularly enrolled in a nonreservation school must not be taken to any other nonreservation school without the consent of both Superintendents and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and Superintendents will be held to strict accountability for such pupils taken to their schools.

An Indian boy or girl 18 years old and over may, without the consent of parents or others, personally sign the application form on its being changed to suit the case.

This form is to be used only in transfers from reservations, or Indian schools, to nonreservation schools.

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October 26, 1917.

Mr. Meredith Crooks
Battery K Brigade 7 Regiment C.A.
A.E.F. Via New York

Dear friend:--

Your letter addressed to the Arrow has been received and copies of this paper have been sent to you. I will place your name on the list so you will get the paper regularly.

I have also showed your letter to Miss Reichel, the advisory member for the Invincible Society so that you may hear from some of your Society friends before long.

We are all glad to hear from you and hope that you will continue writing to us. We shall always be interested in you. Carlisle is well represented in the Army and Navy. We have had over thirty of our students volunteer their services since spring. Some have gone over and we have heard from them from "Somewhere in France".

Miss Reichel is going to have an Invincible Service flag and this flag will have a blue star for every Invincible in the Army or Navy. You will have a star. This large flag will hang in the Society room.

With best wishes to you from Carlisle, I am

Very truly yours

NRD

Superintendent.



ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Sept 27 1917

To the printer

Just a line to let you know that I am well, As I was a student at Carlisle 1916 and now I am some where across the Ocean.

I wish to tell all the Invisible boys that I still remember there society as I was a member.

I know thru much that the Invisible is the best society.

I am the only one from Carlisle that is where I am, I am not to mention the place.

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my address will
give you all an idea
where I am.

I would like to have
some of the members
to write and tell me
how they are getting
along.

This is all.

From old Carlisle Student

Meredith Crooks

Battery "K" Brigade

7 Regiment C.A. ~~Regt~~

American Expeditionary
Force.

Via New York.

Some where in



Please send me a
copy of Carlisle Arrow

CHARLES S. VANCE,
LIEUT., C. A. C.

*Miss
Miss
Miss*

SEP
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1917
No. 7



*Soldiers
mail.*

SEVENTY
NO AT ANY PLACE WHERE POST OFFICE

Carlisle Arrow

Carlisle Pa

Indian School

U.S.A.



Charles S. Vance
CHARLES S. VANCE.
LIEUT., C. A. C.

AMERICAN

Y.M.C.A.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Nov 12 1917

Mr John Francis Jr.
Dear Sir.

Your letter of 12th was received and was more than glad to hear from you.

Your copy of Carlisle Arrow has not been received yet but I am expecting it any time.

I am glad to hear that some of the students have volunteered and it is more of willing boys and I hope they will all help.

Please give me some of their addresses so that

I will write and find out how they like this country

I spose you all know that I am in the Coast Artillery in

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France.

I have been in the service since last March.

I have told great many of my soldier friends that Carlisle was the best school for Indian boys in the U.S. and I also said if I lived to get back to U.S. I would go back to Carlisle.

I remember the school as well as my own name.

How is the school has it changed any since 1916?

I am glad that you have showed my letter to the advisory member Miss Reichel.

The Inevitable Society is the best for I will always

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be a member.

Best wishes and regards
to you and all.

Very truly yours

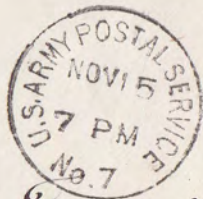
Meredith Crooks
Battery "K"
7 Regiment C.A. Brigade
American Expeditionary Force
France.

J. J. Sumner
1st. Unit, C.A. V. S. R.

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Battery "K"
7 Reg C.A.C.,
A.E.F.



Soldiers Mail.



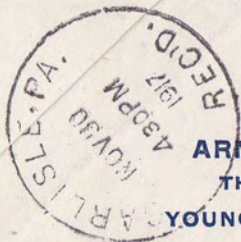
Supt John Francis Jr
Carlisle Ind. Sch.
Carlisle Pa.
U.S.A.



at. P. O. U. S. R.

If not delivered in Ten days return to

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ARMY AND NAVY DEPARTMENT
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
(IN THE FIELD)

GENERAL OFFICE

124 EAST 28TH STREET, NEW YORK, U. S. A.

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December
Twenty-seventh,
1917.

Mr. Meredith Crooks,
Bat.K., Brig.7, Regiment C.A.A., A.E.F.,
France, c/o P.M. New York, N.Y.

My dear Meredith:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 25th and was very glad to hear from you. I am quite sure that all you boys in France are going to do your duty to your country, and make us all very proud of you.

We are always glad to hear from you and want you all to know that you have our love and affection in the trials which you must face.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

JF/S

ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Nov 25, 1917

to John Francis Jr.

Dear Sir,

The copy of the Arrow was received and was more than glad to receive them.

I am expecting for more copies.

When I looked at the school magazine I couldn't forget of the time I spent at Carlisle and I am willing to go back and make good whenever I get back to the states.

The boys all say that Carlisle was a good school and they wish to go ~~to~~ there for visit when they get back.

I give my best regards to all and wish them a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

~~Yours truly~~ yours truly
Murdith Cooke

Feb 17, 1918

Dear Sir,

A few lines to tell you that I am well and was glad to hear that all are well at school.

The weather is very nice and we hope they it will keep it up.

I think I am the only one in the coast artillery from Carlisle and I wish I could see some that I know.

I have my best wishes and love to you all

Yours truly,
Battery K¹¹

New address,

52nd Artillery
C.A.C., A.E.F.

M. Crooks

Carroll C. Taylor
1st Lt. C.A.C.

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May 16, 1918

Mr. Meredith Crooks,
Battery K,
52d Artillery C. A. C
A. E. F. France

My dear Meredith:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 25, 1918. I am particularly glad to know that you wisely invested in the Government insurance and also in war bonds. I think that your action is perfectly fine.

I am so glad to know that you are well and happy. We are very proud of our boys in France and we appreciate what they are doing for us and our thoughts are always with them.

I wish you all sorts of success and good luck, and I hope the day may come when you triumphantly parade through Berlin.

Sincerely yours,

ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Mar 25, 1918

Mr John Francis Jr.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of Mar 23 was received and was very glad to hear from you.

I am taking interest in war that I have taken \$250,00 Liberty Bond and \$10,000 Insurance. I am paying \$25.00 a month for Bond and \$6.50 a month for Insurance and only drawe 1.50 until I made 2nd class gunner so it will help me out.

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BY ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
EXPERIENCE
AMERICAN
MILITARY
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Trusting to hear from
you in the near future
Yours truly,

Meredith Crooks
Battery "K"
52nd Artillery C.A.C.,
A.E.F.

P.S., please give
these letters to the owners

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It was hard to make gunner
because the guns are big
and many parts in it to
remember.

I thank you for giving
me the attention of insurance
but I already taken it.

I thought it was a good
idea to take it in case of
total disability and I am not
sorry of it.

The papers you send
me are very interesting
and I am anxious to
get back as I know you
will give those who willing
to study the foundation for
higher education.

I praise your school
up to the top bench.

OUTING RECORD - CARLISLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

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Name of Student *Meredith Crooks* Home Address *Geo. Crooks, Morton, Minn. Tribe Sioux*

Age at Entrance	Date of Entrance	Shop	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL OR AVERAGE
18	1-20-16														
Patron <i>Henry M. Evers</i>	Locality	Days in School													
Address <i>Bangor, Pa. R7D.</i>	R. R. Station	Conduct													
Recommended by	Grade in School	Ability													
Grade of Home	Church	Health													
Date of Outing <i>5-31-16</i>	Date Returned <i>6-15-16</i>	Wages													
<i>Geo. B. Murston</i>															
<i>Morrisville, Pa.</i>															
<i>6-15-16 - Jan 7-2-16.</i>															

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March 23rd, 1916.

My dear Mr. Mann:

Your letter of March 20th was delivered to me this morning and I have noted your statement of facts in regard to the help you gave Meredith Crooks so that he could have a chance at Carlisle. I thank you for your letter and assure you that I realize in what position you have been placed.

A copy of your self-explanatory communication is being submitted for Superintendent Wise's information and he will be requested to let me have his recommendation in the case, so that it can then be determined what further action will be advisable. I will write you again when I have heard from Superintendent Wise.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

Mr. F. T. Mann,
Superintendent, U. S. Indian School,
Pipestone, Minn.



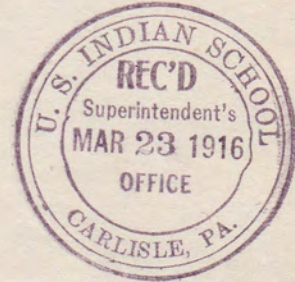
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

United States Indian School

PIPESTONE, MINNESOTA

March 20, 1916.



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

Dear Mr. Lipps:

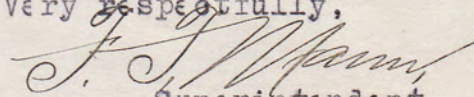
I have your letter of March 16, 1916, and note with surprise the quotation from the letter of Superintendent Wise, of Haskell, relative to Meredith Crooks.

My understanding and belief in this matter, until the receipt of your letter, was that Meredith in company with his brother went to Haskell late in the fall and applied for admission, but found the school filled and his application was refused. This was the statement he made to me and also the information that I had from others who would be likely to know about the matter. I had not a suspicion even, that Meredith had run away from school, and had Superintendent Wise notified me promptly of this, I would not under any circumstances have imposed upon you by effecting his transfer to your school. Upon reflection, however, I recall that Meredith went to Haskell of his own accord and without my knowledge and recommendation, so I assume that Superintendent Wise was unaware that this boy was under my supervision.

As to him and his brother having the odor of liquor upon them when they went to Haskell, I have to say that I have understood that this brother of Meredith's does not amount to much, but as to Meredith, himself, we have never had a boy in Pipestone School who conducted himself better than he, with the exception that he perhaps did smoke cigarettes. Of course, he did not do so on the school premises or in the presence of myself or any employe of the school, but I think that he and other boys addicted to the habit would smoke when they were out from under our immediate supervision.

As to the disposition of this case, I have nothing further to say than that he evidently merits expulsion, but in view of his good record at this school, and of the fact that this is his first serious transgression to my knowledge, personally, I would be glad if he could be allowed to remain in school. However, I leave the matter entirely to your discretion and I assure you that I regret having sent the boy to your school under the circumstances.

Very respectfully,


Superintendent.

FTM:K
Carbon to Supt. Wise.

March 30th, 1916.

Mr. J. R. Wise,
Superintendent, Haskell Institute,
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Wise:

I respectfully report that prior to the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant in further reference to the case of Meredith Crooks I submitted all the correspondence pertaining thereto to the Office at Washington and requested that authority be granted to keep him only long enough to enable him to get funds from home with which to reimburse the government for the amount that had to be expended to bring him here and with which to provide a ticket for his use to his home.

Very respectfully,

EKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Mann.)



HASKELL INSTITUTE
UNITED STATES INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL
LAWRENCE, KANS.

March 28, 1916.



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

My dear Mr. Lipps:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant regarding the case of Meredith Crooks, and quoting at length from the letter of Superintendent Mann to you on the subject. I had also received a carbon copy of Superintendent Mann's said letter.

In connection with the matter I do not see what more there is for us to say. I would certainly dislike to stand in the way of this young man's continuing in school and having the opportunity for training. It seems to me the case is one where the regulations governing enrollments and the instructions of the Indian Office should be consulted.

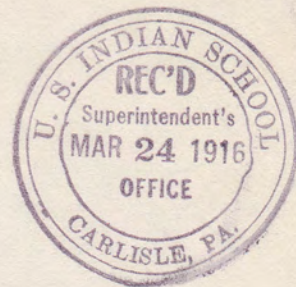
Very sincerely,

J. O. Mann
Superintendent.

JRW
(EIH)



HASKELL INSTITUTE
UNITED STATES INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL
LAWRENCE, KANS.



March 22, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Lipps:

I have your letter of the 16th instant regarding the case of Meredith Crooks. The application and other papers which you enclosed have been examined with interest and I desire to thank you for the opportunity to see them. The same are returned to you herewith.

I shall be glad to be advised what disposition is made of the case.

Very sincerely,

J. R. Wise
Superintendent.

JRW*EP
Encls.

March 23rd, 1916.

Mr. John R. Wise,
Superintendent, The Haskell Institute,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Wise:

Referring further to the case of Meredith Crocks, who has recently become a subject for an exchange of letters, I now submit below for your information a copy of a self-explanatory communication that was addressed to me on the 20th instant by Superintendent Mann of the Pipestone School:

"I have your letter of March 16, 1916, and note with surprise the quotation from the letter of Superintendent Wise, of Haskell, relative to Meredith Crocks.

My understanding and belief in this matter, until the receipt of your letter, was that Meredith in company with his brother went to Haskell late in the fall and applied for admission, but found the school filled and his application was refused. This was the statement he made to me and also the information that I had from others who would be likely to know about the matter. I had not a suspicion even, that Meredith had run away from school, and had Superintendent Wise notified me promptly of this, I would not under any circumstances have imposed upon you by effecting his transfer to your school. Upon reflection, however, I recall that Meredith went to Haskell of his own accord and without my knowledge and recommendation, so I assume

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that Superintendent Wise was unaware that this boy was under my supervision.

As to him and his brother having the odor of liquor upon them when they went to Haskell, I have to say that I have understood that this brother of Meredith's does not amount to much, but as to Meredith, himself, we have never had a boy in Pipestone School who conducted himself better than he, with the exception that he perhaps did smoke cigarettes. Of course, he did not do so on the school premises or in the presence of myself or any employe of the school, but I think that he and other boys addicted to the habit would smoke when they were out from under our immediate supervision.

As to the disposition of this case, I have nothing further to say than that he evidently merits expulsion, but in view of his good record at this school, and of the fact that this is his first serious transgression to my knowledge, personally, I would be glad if he could be allowed to remain in school. However, I leave the matter entirely to your discretion and I assure you that I regret having sent the boy to your school under the circumstances."

May I hear from you again regarding the matter so that it can be determined what action in Meredith's case would be equitable? Your recommendation is desired and will be appreciated, so that the entire situation can then be referred to the Office.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

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Please return
papers here
with to the
Carlisle School.

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FROM

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

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Jan. 4th, 1916.

Mr. Frank T. Mann,
Superintendent, U. S. Indian School,
Pipestone, Minn.



My dear Mr. Mann:

The recommendation you give Meredith Crooks in your letter of the 30th ultimo indicates that he should prove himself a desirable pupil at Carlisle, so it is being arranged that a ticket for his use to Carlisle will be made available at Morton. An order from your office should secure the ticket for him.

The application may be approved and sent on with the young man or mailed to me in time to have it on file when he arrives here. There is being enclosed herewith a blank form in duplicate and additional sheets upon which supplementary information should be given.

Thanking you for bringing the young man's desire to my attention and assuring you that your further help will be appreciated, I am,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Acting Superintendent.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

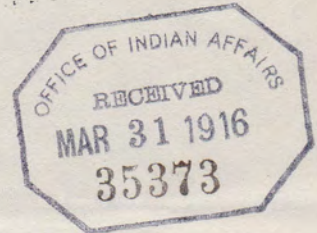
United States Indian School

PIPESTONE, MINNESOTA

December 30, 1915.

Superintendent O. H. Lipps,

Carlisle, Pa.



Dear Mr. Lipps:

We have a boy, Meredith Crooks by name, who graduated from the eighth grade here last year. He desires to enter Carlisle and I am writing you to inquire whether you have a place for him at this time. He is seven-eighths Indian, age 19, of the Mdewakanton Sioux band, and lives near Morton, this state. He is an exceptionally good boy but is not extremely bright in his studies, although his grades were fairly good. He has had considerable experience working at the plasterer's trade; his father being an excellent plasterer. Should you accept him you will find him an excellent pupil, unless he goes back on the record he made here during about ten years of his school life.

Kindly let me know if you can accept him, and if so I will have a proper enrollment form executed. His ticket should be placed at Morton, on the Minneapolis and St. Louis railway, if he is to go.

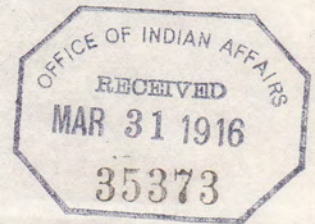
Very truly yours,

J. S. Mann
Superintendent.

FTM:K

Jan. 20th, 1916.

Mr. F. T. Mann,
Superintendent, U. S. Indian School,
Pipestone, Minn.



Dear Mr. Mann:

I respectfully report that Meredith Crooks has arrived here and that arrangements are being made to have him begin his studies at once.

This is also to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 15th instant, with which you forwarded an approved application in duplicate for the young man's enrollment. Just as soon as our Physician has made the required physical examination of Meredith the duplicate of the application will be properly endorsed and returned to you for the files at your office.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Acting Superintendent.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

United States Indian School

PIPESTONE, MINNESOTA

January 15, 1916.



Superintendent O. H. Lipps,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lipps:

I am submitting herewith the completed application for the enrollment of Meredith Crooks, of Morton, Minnesota, in your school. I believe the papers are satisfactorily executed; if not, I shall be glad to do anything further that may be necessary. Meredith will leave for Carlisle on Monday, the 17th instant. I hope he will make you a good pupil.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

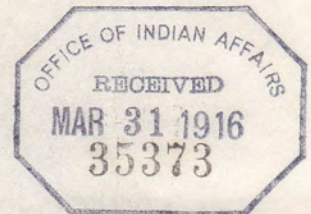
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March 16th, 1916.

Mr. John R. Wise,
Superintendent, Haskell Institute,
Lawrence, Kans.



My dear Mr. Wise:

I thank you for the information regarding Meredith Crooks's former enrollment at Haskell Institute you so kindly conveyed to me in your communication of the 13th instant and for your information I submit herewith correspondence and other papers which are self-explanatory. Will you please have the enclosures returned to me for the files at this office?

A copy of your letter is being mailed to Superintendent Mann and I have requested him to let me have such additional information as will aid me in reaching a decision in Meredith's case.

Assuring you that your cooperation is appreciated,
I am,

Very truly yours,

Encls.

HKM.

Superintendent.



HASKELL INSTITUTE
UNITED STATES INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL
LAWRENCE, KANS.

March 13, 1916.

Mr. Oscar H. Lipps,
Superintendent Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.



Dear Mr. Lipps:

I notice by a recent number of The Arrow that Meredith Crooks has been enrolled as a pupil there, and I believe you will be interested in knowing that this young man enrolled at Haskell early in November, last, and deserted after remaining but a short time.

He and his older brother appeared here together and both made long, earnest pleas for permission for Meredith to enroll. They both had the odor of liquor on them when they came and Meredith admitted that the cigarette habit was strongly fixed upon him. After we finally concluded to give him a trial, on the promise that he would observe every school rule and requirement, it was found that he was not far enough advanced to take up the business course. I think this unsettled him again. In the meantime we received a letter from the father, George W. Crooks, of Morton, Minnesota, making an earnest plea for the enrollment of his boy.

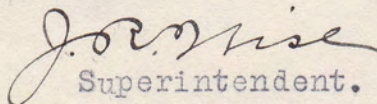
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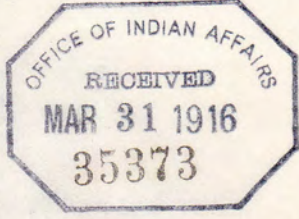
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Very sincerely,


Superintendent.

JRW-EIH

March 16th, 1916.



Mr. Frank T. Mann,
Superintendent, U. S. Indian School,
Pipestone, Minn.

My dear Mr. Mann:

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As a decision in Meredith's case must be reached soon it will be appreciated if you can let me have such additional information as will aid in coming to some conclusion regarding him and what must be done with him.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

Mortimer Wilson

July 13th, 1916.

Mr. Geo. W. Crooks,

Morton, Minnesota.

My dear Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th instant and have noted the inquiry contained therein about your son's work now and for the next school year. In reply thereto I must state that Meredith was given permission to go to an outing home on May 31st to do farm work and that on the 7th of this month he deserted. As we have not succeeded in finding out where he is it will be appreciated if you will let me hear from you if Meredith arrives at home or you learn where he is located.

Regretting that so unfavorable a report must be conveyed to you, I am,

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Mann.)

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Moston Minn

July 10th / 1916

Supt Oscar H Lipps

Sir I just want to drop you a few lines to ask you if Meritt Crooks is under you at the school I hear he is out on a farm working.

And is he going back to Carlisle to school in Sept or is he under the school rules

Truly

Geo. H. Crooks

Moston Minn

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Meredith Crooks July 18th 1914

Supt.:

O. H. Lipps

I have read your letter and glad to hear. first- I must say that- we had under-stand that- you did not- want- to Recp Meredith- at- your school because he had run away from Haskell, if this was so and he had no way to come home I had thought- of sending him fair but first- I wanted to know if this report

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true, that is
why I had written to
you to find out if
you will keep him,
I want to tell you first
he did not go to Haskell
on the school rules as
he wanted to go there he
went on his account -
after he got there he
did not like the school
or they did not care
to take him he came
back. We did not sing
no papers what ever
Now if he can be
at the school at Corlies
I shall be very glad
to have him kept there

I see he is under
 way yet I am very
 glad as he was to
 stay 3 years. I want
 him to stay. I shall
 tell you where he is
 now he writes to us
 very often. The place
 he was transferred to he
 said he worked so hard
 and did not like it - he
 could not stand it so
 he ran away to where
 Alex Wokubau is working
 he is working there now
 and likes it - much
 Trenton N. Jersey is
 where he is writing from
 Now Meredith - is very

H
I am sure and
not look after him
why I shall be very
glad if you can. He
writes me he is sorry
what ever wrong he did
and he prays he may
not do any thing wrong
again. So I think he
will try to obey you
Now please write me
your lines and tell me
if you can take Meredith
back at the school
again can he not
stay there the coming
year. We are all sorry
Mistake is our life and
hope he will see his

this is all

shall be very
glad to hear from
you

Respectfully

Mr Geo Crooks

Mortons

Miss

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December 11, 1916.

~~Meredith Crooks~~
Stra, N. J.

Dear Meredith:-

In compliance with your request, I enclose herewith a check for the money due as outing wages, the amount being \$3.42. I am also sending to you by express charges collect, your trunk which contains your personal belongings. The disciplinarian has removed from it the government clothing which you had. The trunk will be shipped to Hightstown, New Jersey.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Inc.

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Stratford New Jersey
Dec. 9, 1918

Dear Sir,

I have just a few words in regarding of my trunk.

I would like you to send my trunk for Xmas present if you have an opportunity of sending it, and a word or two about the money I earned. is there any of getting my money which was earned while under the school rules.

I know I have did wrong but I

hope I will live
to regret it and I
am sorry of doing
so.

Please send my
trunk before Christmas
for I need it very bad.
Address my trunk
to Hightstown, New Jersey
and money which I
earned.

Good bye yours
truly

Meredith Crooks
Send the letter to
Etra New Jersey when
you write
Merry Xmas and
Happy New Year to all