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CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT

NUMBER 5373	ENGLISH NAME Richardson Watson	AGENCY Union	NATION Choctaw	
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Grand, P. D. Northam, Ardmore, Okla.		
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD full	AGE 16	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
FATHER	MOTHER	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.	SEX M
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Sept. 23, 1916	FOR WHAT PERIOD Five years	DATE DISCHARGED Feb. 26, 1918	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Deserter	
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS			FROM COUNTRY
11-20-17	H. C. K. Staples, Newton, Pa.			
1-25-18	Deserted			

SHAW-WALKER, MUSKOGEE, MICHIGAN. 43445

Months in school before Carlisle 5 yrs.

Grade entered at Carlisle

Grade at Discharge

Trades or Industry

Church. Methodist

60 mi. to public school

CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL

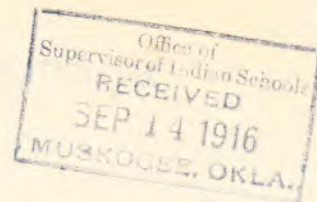
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Progress from _____, to _____,
(Date) (Date)

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*								
Deporment.....standing*								
Physical condition.....								

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BRIEF.

APPLICATION OF

C. D. WORTHAM

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Richardson Watson

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle -- pa.

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Union Agency, Oklahoma.

Date of enrollment, _____, 191

Term of enrollment, five (5) years.

NAME OF PERSON ARRANGING FOR THE TRANSFER:

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 Richardson Watson ; male ; age 16 ; date of birth Sept. 25, 1900 ;
(Name of child.) (Sex.)

Choctaw
(Tribe.)

NAME OF FATHER. (Both Indian and English.)	LIVING OR DEAD.	TRIBE.	BAND.	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.
<u>Robinson Watson</u>	<u>Dead</u>	<u>Choctaw</u>	<u>(not known)</u>	<u>Full-blood</u>
NAME OF MOTHER.				
<u>Narsissa Watson</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>Choctaw</u>	<u>(Not known)</u>	<u>Full-blood</u>

I, C. D. WORTHAM, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to his
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)
 enrollment in said school for a period of five (5) 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.
1. <u>Local district schools</u>	<u>xx</u>	<u>Now in school</u>	<u>xxx</u>	<u>Third</u>
2.				
3.				
4.				

C D Wortham
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

P. O. address: Ardmore, Oklahoma

Two witnesses:

This is to certify, that
Richard Watson, has passed
a satisfactory examination and
has completed all subjects, of
the Third (3rd) Grade, required
by law, of the state of Oklahoma.
He therefore promoted to the
Fourth (4th) Grade.

W. E. Woodard Prin.

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

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

This 16th day of August, 1916

Frederick J. Dornstetter M.D.

Physician at _____ Agency.

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 _____ day of _____, 191

Agent or Superintendent.

CERTIFICATE OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby certify that on _____, I made a careful exami-
(As soon after arrival as possible.)
nation of the physical condition of _____, 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.

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 are living, and if neither of them are 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.)

That no Indian pupil under the age of fourteen years shall be transported at Government expense to any Indian school beyond the limits of the State or Territory in which the parents of such child reside or of the adjoining State or Territory. (35 Stat. L., 781.)

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 but in all cases where the parents are living they should first be consulted.

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

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January
Twenty-Second,
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Mr. Richard Watson,
c-o H. S. H. Stapler,
Newtown, Pa.

My dear Dick:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 20, 1918 in which you tell me of what you did on Christmas day and your reason for spending the night away from home.

I am quite sure that you realize that you gained nothing but trouble by drinking liquor. This is always true. Liquor is the greatest trouble bringer that I know of. It has done a tremendous lot of harm to the Indians and as I want you to grow up into a good man, I want you to learn to leave liquor alone. I am glad that you have written me and told me all about it because I know that temptation comes to all of us but we must learn to be strong so that we can overcome it. Your last Christmas should be a lesson to you and show you how foolish it is to drink and this lesson should make you so strong that you will not give up again when temptation is around. My boy, I want you to become a good man, a credit to yourself and to your Father and Mother and to Carlisle and you can't do that if you don't leave liquor alone.

Goodbye my boy, I wish you all sorts of good luck and I am sure that my next report about you will be fine.

Sincerely yours,

Newtown Pa.

January 20, 1918.

My Dear Supt,

I will answer you

letter which I received
from you few days ago.
Will you want me to tell
about Christmas eve night
Christmas night about
leaving my country
home. Well I leave

my country home on
Christmas eve night and
I went to Brenton N. J.
and stay in town
all night and all day
ones

the reason I stay it
when I get Trenton N.J.
I thought I would drink
a little liquid and I
drank to much that
why I stay out a long
and I will be but I feel good
and stay in town all day
and come home but my
country father don't know
about it. That's all I say
from Richard Watson
Care H. E. K. Stapley.
Newtown
Pa

P.S. I was not afraid to tell
you about that drink
liquid

Post Card

CORRESPONDENCE HERE 1918

NAME AND ADDRESS HERE



Mr Deerm I will
drop you a line
to you. Well how
is all boy and school
going on
this is some place here
Paris storm ever
to-day good by
from Richard Watson
Fort Bliss, Texas
82, Fa F Bertly

Mr Gacup Deerm
Carlisle Pa.
Indian
School
Disciplin.

John Francis, Jr.

UNCLE WHO?

When you're confined to quarters
And you are layin' in your tent,
And you've got a canteen headache,
And your last two bits is spent,
And you're homesick for your mother,
And nobody gives a damn,
Then you're working for your Uncle,
Uncle who,—why Uncle Sam.

When you wake up in the mornings
And the flies buzz in your tent,
And you sort of start to wonder,
How your wife will pay the rent,
And the doctor has your number
So you can't pull any sham,
Then you're working for your Uncle,
Uncle who,—why Uncle Sam.

When they slam you in the guard house
'Cause you wouldn't shovel dirt,
And your heart is sort of aching,
And your feet are tired and hurt,
And you're waiting for court martial
Feelin' glum as any clam,
Then you're working for your Uncle,
Uncle who,—why Uncle Sam.

For you can't fool round your Uncle,
He's a sort of ornery gent.
Where you used to make a dollar,
Now he pays you 'bout a cent.
Just obey each little order
And don't growl about the chow,
For you're down here on the border
And you're in the army now.

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Mr. C. D. Wertham
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter from
Richardson Watson this morning, telling me that
he has enlisted and is now located at Fort
Slocum, New York with the 4th Company.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD



"WITH THE COLORS"



Fort Salum N.Y.
January 27, 1918

Dear Capt.

I will drop you a
few line to you and let you
know, well I am keeping
myself well at present
time.

Well say you did not know
where I was for a few days
maybe not yet and so I will
write and tell you about it
Well I left my country home
on Tuesday morning to Philad
and I joined the army
and so I am here at Fort Salum
N.Y. from

Richard Watson

Fort Salum

Camp 4th co. N.Y.

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November 6, 1916.

Mr. C. D. Wortham
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter enclosing a draft of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) to be placed to the credit of Richardson Watson, was received several days ago. This amount has been placed in bank for him and will be given to him from time to time as he requests it.

I have asked the Director of Mechanic Arts regarding the work Richardson is doing here. He tells me that Richardson is taking the prevocational work which requires that he spend 10 weeks each in the different shops. He worked in the Mason Shop the first period and is now working in the Shoe Shop. This is only half days, the other half day he goes to school. He is getting along all right so far.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

-- reg. course --

Richardson Watson was
assigned to Mason shop
for 1st period and is
now working in the
shoe shop.

CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL

SEMI-DAILY REPORT OF ABSENTEES

Room No.

Industrial Dept. *Bakery*

{ A. M. }

{ P. M. }

Date *Nov 2* 191*6*

NAMES OF ABSENTEES	Excused or not excused	CAUSE OF ABSENCE	By whose authority excused?
<i>None</i>			

I certify on honor that the above report is correct.

.....
R. R. R.
 In Charge

.....
 Disciplinarian—Matron.

THOMPSON & WORTHAM

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

FINE CIGARS, CIGARETTES AND TOBACCOS

13 NORTH WASHINGTON
TELEPHONE 846

ARDMORE, OKLA., 10/17/16

Mr O.S. Lipp. Sup

Dear Sir

*Rec'd
C.D.W.*

I am enclosing draft \$50.00. please furnish Richardson Watson a few dollars per as you may think best for him to have. He writes me that he wants a Sunday suit shoes & hat also a trunk if you think he should have them it meets my approval. His income is small so we will have to be as sparing as conditions will admit of.

I would appreciate a few lines from you advising the better course for this boy to take. Thanking you in advance

Yours Very Truly

C. D. Wortham

Guardian
for Richardson Watson

J. C. THORLOW
PHOTOGRAPHER

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June 5, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter
from Narcissie Watson requesting that her
son Richardson Watson, a pupil of this
school, be allowed to go home for this summer.
She says she is sick and wants to see him.

Will you please advise me
whether it is necessary to send Richardson
home.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

C. THURLOW
PHOTOGRAPHER

Milburn, Oklahoma May 28, 1917

Dear Sam,

I wish you would let
Richard Watson come and
visit me, if you can
possibly let him come as
he is my child and I am
in real bad health so I
want to see him.

Yours Truly
Marcella Watson,

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June 23, 1917.

Richardson Watson:

I have a letter from Mr. Wyly relative to your spending your vacation at home and he recommends that you give up this idea and remain at school during the summer.

Respectfully,

D:R

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, June 16, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Francis:

Responsive to your letter of the 5th instant, the Field Clerk at Ardmore, Oklahoma, reports unfavorably on the request of Richardson Watson to spend the vacation at home. He states that the mother, a widow, is strongly opposed to her children attending school and that if Richardson is permitted to come home she will in all probability prevent his return to school next fall.

Pursuant to the report of the Field Clerk it is recommended that Richardson remain at Carlisle.

Very truly yours,

A. S. Mely
Supervisor.

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December 19, 1917.

Richardson Watson
Care L.E.K. Stapler
Newtown, Pa.

Dear Richardson:-

I have your letter saying that you want to go home or return to the school but you give no reason for wanting these things. You do not seem to understand that when you signed to go under the cutting this fall, you obligated yourself to remain until the end of the fall cutting which would be next spring. Now unless there is better cause for a change, you would better abide by your agreement and remain with Mr. Stapler until spring.

I received your November report from Mr. Stapler and am glad to have it so good. You want to continue doing well and learn all you can in school this winter.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Newton
Dec. 16/94

My dear Supt.

I've dropped you
a few lines to you.
say Supt. since I been
here at outing I am
thinking about going
home rather back to
Carlisle. and I wish to ask you
that you could send
home I am getting lagged
around here. if that
Governor pay my way
I'll be glad to go home but
I will come back in fall.

rather back to Carlisle
and so am soon
from Richard Watson
Newtown
Per
H E Staples

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PROBATE ATTORNEY

Department of the Auditor

December 12, 1917.

Mr. Russell B. Brown
Probate Attorney, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter saying that the guardian of Richardson Watson has had a letter from him in which he tells him that he is away from the school now and located at Newtown, Pennsylvania.

This is true but he is still under our jurisdiction. Early last month he expressed a desire to try the winter in one of our outing homes and so he was placed with Mr. Horace Stapler a farmer living near Newtown. As far as we know he is getting along all right. He will attend school all day and work out of school hours for his board and care.

I enclose a copy of our Rules and Regulations concerning the Outing so that you may know exactly under what conditions Richardson has been placed out.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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Department of the Interior

United States Indian Service

Five Civilized Tribes

Ardmore, Oklahoma,
December 7, 1917

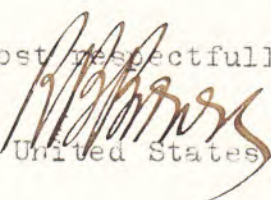
Superintendent Carlisle Institute,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

The guardian of Richard Watson states that his ward tells him he is now out of school and down at Newtown, Pennsylvania. I assume that he surely is not out of school but perhaps is down there doing some work that has been assigned by the school. however, the guardian is very anxious to find out about this matter and asked that I write you to determine just what the situation is.

I would be very glad to have an early reply stating the whereabouts of this boy and if he is yet in school.

Most respectfully yours,


United States Probate Attorney

RBB:LT

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January 8, 1918.

Richardson Watson
Care H.E.K. Stapler
Newtown, Pa.

Dear Richardson:-

I received your letters asking to be returned to the school and referred one of them to Mr. Stapler. You said in this letter that the reason you did not want to remain out was because you did not get enough to eat and were losing flesh.

I am sorry to learn through Mr. Stapler that you did not tell me the truth about this. He tells me that you eat heartily and that you are gaining in weight. I am disappointed because we thought you were a good and honorable boy, above telling falsehoods and untruths. I hope you will never do this again.

Mr. Stapler reports that you left his home Christmas eve and did not return to him until Christmas night. You know it is against the rules for you to do this. You know what punishment would be given you here if you absented yourself from the quarters for a whole night and day. Where were you? I want you to write me about this.

I hope I will not need to put anything more against your record while you are under the outing.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Jan 4 1918.

John Francis Jr.
Supt. Carlisle Indian School

Dear Sir: -

In reply to this letter I
do not believe Richardson Watson's reason
for returning to Carlisle is true.

There is plenty on my table and of good
quality and he eats heartily and is
gaining in flesh.

He does not want to go to school, and
as he has not enough warm underwear
and proper foot wear for such cold weather.
I think he should have a pair of felt boots
and an overcoat.

Richardson Watson's work is satisfactory
to me.

I can see no ^{good} reason for his wanting
to return to Carlisle.

Very truly yours.

Horace E. K. Stapler.

P.S. I have given Richardson Watson over \$3.00
for spending money.



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

December 28, 1917.

Mr. H. E. K. Stapler
Newtown, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I have had two letters from your boy Richardson Watson saying he did not like it there and wanted to return to Carlisle. His second letter received yesterday states that the reason he does not like it there is because he does not get enough to eat and he is losing flesh. Will you please look into this matter and let me know what can be done to make Richardson more contented.

Very truly yours

John Francis Jr.
Superintendent.

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January 28, 1918.

Mr. C. D. Wortham
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 26th inst enclosing
one you had received from your ward, Richardson
Watson, is at hand.

Richardson was placed in one of our outing homes
this fall upon his application to go to an outing home
for the winter. Last week, I was informed by Mr. H. E. K.
Stapler, his employer, that he had run away. He has not
returned to the school and up to this time, I have not
heard of his whereabouts.

Mr. Stapler says he received a letter from
his home just before he left and it is probable some
one sent him some money.

If he is located, I will let you know.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Meriton, Pa.

Dec. 29, 1917

Mrs. C. D. Worthen: -

I will drop you
a few lines to you this evening
that I am keeping myself well
at this time.

Well I will write and ask you
that I wish you would send
me some money if you please
which I ask of you before.

Well I want enough that so I
can buy some cloth and shoe
and beside little spending money.
and so I will close for this time
for this short writing. am soon
from Richard, Watson

care of H. E. K. Staples

Meriton, Pa.

THOMPSON & WORTHAM

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

FINE CIGARS, CIGARETTES AND TOBACCOS

13 NORTH WASHINGTON
TELEPHONE 846

Mr O. H. Lippo

Superintendent

ARDMORE, OKLA.

Jan 26th 18

Carlisle pa

Dear Sir

I am constantly getting letters from Richardson Watson requesting money to buy clothing of all kinds as it is necessary that I send him money for this purpose. if so to what extent:

I see that he has changed from Carlisle to New Town please advise if this is a branch of the Carlisle. I would also ask if it is possible that he be required to give more time to his penmanship. I am enclosing a letter from him that you may see that my request is not unreasonable. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours very truly
C. D. Wortham (for R. W.)

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January 25, 1918.

Mr. H. E. K. Stapler
Newtown, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter saying that Richardson
Watson had left you, was received this morning.
He has not returned to the school but I am of
the opinion that this is what he will do. I do
not think he will try to get very far away.

If he does not return to you after a
reasonable length of time, please send me by
express, charges collect, any clothing which he
may have left in your home.

I am sorry I do not have any one to send
you in his place at this time.

Very truly yours

Suprintendent.

NRD

Kentown Bucks Co Pa
Jan 24 1918,

Mr Francis Jr.
Supt. Carlisle Indian School
Carlisle Pa

Dear Sir: -

Richardson Watson left here
Tuesday morning Jan 22 to go to school
and he has not returned. He recieved
a letter from Home Monday night, I
presume the letter contained money.

Yours truly
Horace E. K. Stapler.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr John Francis J
Carlisle Pa
Indian
School.

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DISTRIBUTED TO SOLDIERS BY CANTEEN DEPARTMENT
SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, AMERICAN RED CROSS
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Feb 9, 1918.

Mr. Francis. Dear Friend Well I am
on way to Ft. Las to - say well hope
you will thank for me.
Will have good ride just
about week. and so close
good by then. to Carlisle Pa
from Richard Watson

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Fort Bliss Texas

June 19/1918

My dear Supt,

I will drop
you a few lines to you
to this evening and I am
all O.K. at present time.
Well how is everything
this time.

Well I haven't got
much to say now I
like to ask you a
Book at Red men of
1918. Book I wish
you would send it to
me if you please I like
to see it, and so army
life is fine

Don't see anything
matter when I do
right and so I don't
know when we will
go to France but I
hope we will go
soon it surely is
good out fit and
so I close for this
time your truly
from Richard Watson

Fort Bliss Tex

82. J. E.

J. Battery

and so on
Place

CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

May 24, 1917, 191

This certifies that Richard Watson

(Name of student.)

has made the following record in Carlisle Indian School

(Name of school.)

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.

GRADE.

RATING.

English	1V	66
General Exercises		56
Music		72
Arithmetic		45
Geography		54
Physiology and Hygiene		67
Writing		64
Drawing		71

Effort _____

Deportment _____

DETAILS SERVED.

LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.

RATING.

Farm		70

and ~~not~~ is not eligible to pursue work in the Fifth grade, academic; and
 (Cancel one.)
 _____ grade or year vocational.

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Superintendent.

Principal.