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CARLISTE INDIAN SCHOOL

No. 5522		NAME.		AGE.	TRIBE.	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.	NAME OF AGENCY AND RESERVATION, IF ENROLLED; IF NOT, POST OFFICE OF FAMILY.	
		Thomas Slinper		18	Choctaw	3/8	Reylolds, 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.					
SEP 9 1910	8 yr.		6	100 mi.	TO COUNTRY	FROM COUNTRY	DATE DISCHARGED	
							JUN - 4 1917	
							Army	
							Presb.	

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

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May 21, 1917, 191

This certifies that Thomas Slinker  
(Name of student.)

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

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.

GRADE.

RATING.

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.	GRADE.	RATING.
English	VI	88
General Exercises		80
Arithmetic		78
Geography		81
Physiology & Hygiene		83
Penmanship		82
Drawing		75
History		85

Effort .....

Department .....

DETAILS SERVED.

LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.

RATING.

DETAILS SERVED.	LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.	RATING.
Farm		88

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



1st replacement co 28th Id.

1st Benj Harrison

Aug. 28, 1917.



Mr John Francis Jr.

Dear Supt.

Dear Sir: your letter Rec'd was glad to hear from you Mr Francis I should I wrote sooner. We have been so busy we hardly have any time to write

We are getting ready  
to leave for France  
now in about 10 days  
there is only three  
of Carlisle boys  
together we have  
been split up so  
much that we are  
separated there is  
three of us yet that  
are together Wilbur  
Shell. and I are  
the only ones that  
are together

Say Mr Francis  
will you please  
let my sister go  
to school there  
her name is Helen  
Slinker. please  
let her fill my  
place at Carlisle  
let me know if  
you will and  
also write and  
tell Mr A Nely  
of D want that  
you will accept  
her

I am doing this in  
benefit of her own  
welfare no please  
let me know soon  
I will write more  
often hereafter  
Sincerely yours  
Thos Sinker.

P.S. The only Photo  
I have is of George  
Kagwato and I  
will send better one  
of my self. later



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Durant - Okla. 6/30 / 17  
Supt. Carlisle School  
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing  
check for benefit - Thos. Shinkis  
also letter from him. I  
am sending letter so that  
you may watch him close,  
for I am sure he will  
try to leave and I am so  
anxious for him to remain  
in school, I will keep  
him supplied with money  
for necessary expenses while  
in school.

Respectly  
A. Neely

Carlisle Pa.

May 1st 1917

Mr G Feely,

Dear sir:

I believe  
you are just about to forget.  
But don't worry that you want  
me to stay here at Carlisle  
you will see me before  
long I thought you were  
man enough to let me  
come home like a gentleman  
But as it is I will have to  
do the best I can.

You can just look for  
me.

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Yours Truly,  
Thomas Shinker.

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June 28, 1917.

Mr. A. Neely,  
Durant, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd inst. relative to your ward Thomas Slinker, I have to advise that Thomas left here on the 4th of June to enlist in the Army.

I have had two or three letters from him and he seems to be well and contented in the Army.

You should have been advised of this more promptly. Thomas was very much unsettled because he was not permitted to return home and while the war fever struck the school, enlisted without consulting me. Under the law, of course, he had a perfect right to do this.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.



Durant-Okla. 6/23/17  
Supt. Carlisle Indian School  
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt  
of a letter from my ward  
Thos. Slinker placed as a  
pupil in your school; in  
which he states he has  
enlisted in the U.S. Army  
and is a member of Co. B  
10<sup>th</sup> Infantry, at present  
stationed at Ft. Ben Harrison

I want to know if this is  
true please notify me at  
once.

Respectly

A. Nuly

Co. 13, 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
H. Benj Harrison  
Indiana.

June 18 1917.

Mr. W. H. Kelly. Dear Sir:  
Tell Mr. Kelly I'm in the  
Army. hope forking for  
much I am I am going  
to stack here as long as  
I can last I am sure I'll get  
to go. he I make I with in a  
few months say I need some  
money I get some for  
the home folk one in a while  
I am going to try to enter  
the officer's reg west Camp No 2  
Pretty soon



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Wed. I got the \$25.00

My Aunt to come  
home on the 4 of  
July. If I can get  
a 10 day leave I want  
to see the home folks  
before I leave I need  
the \$20, more I may get  
my leave any time  
I am going. So my  
soon I wish in a few  
days so I want to have  
the money on hand

I'll close for this time  
hoping to hear from you  
soon

Thomas Shutev

Co. B. 10th Regt

4th Regt 1st Division  
Indiana.



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June 26, 1917.

Mr. Thomas Slinker,  
Co B, 10th Infantry,  
Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

My dear Tom:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 21, 1917. I am glad to know that you are getting along so well and that your captain approves of you and his belief that you will be sergeant within two months. Make his belief true. You will find that military life will be much easier as a non-commissioned officer and if you come back here with a pair of stripes on your arm I will see to it that you have plenty of opportunity to get show and see "my aunt" quite frequently. I will tell Jake to send your certificate to you.

As a matter of fact, my boy, you are up against the real thing and it will be hard at times to do some of the things that you will be required to do, but just remember that you have the stuff to make good on in you and go to it, don't be a quitter. Remember that everybody at Carlisle wishes you every success and is sure that you are going to have it. I will be glad to hear from you again.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.



Co. B, 10<sup>th</sup> Inf.  
Ft. Benj. Harrison Indian

June, 21, 1917

Mr. John Francis J.R.  
Near Mr. Francis:

Just to let  
you know how the Indian  
boys like the Army. We are  
getting plenty of drill. We  
drill I guess 7 hrs every day.  
We have reached as far as  
Instructors & Corporals. The  
Capt said he never had  
better boys than the Indian  
boys, we will be sergeants  
before 2 months is gone.

We are up holding. Bartlett  
has much as we can. The  
only objection we have we  
don't get "show" any more.  
We miss "your Aunt" ha! ha!

When ever we get to come  
to Carlisle again you will  
notice some changes about  
us. This is the life if you  
can like it we have to  
like it whether we want  
to or not. Tell Mr Francis  
give our love to old Carlisle  
and say tell Jake to send  
my certificate I want it It  
will be in remembrance of  
old Carlisle.

Well So long for this time  
from the boys.

Thomas Linker.

P.S. Tell the boys if they  
want to join the get in the  
Infantry they get a fine chance  
for promotion  
send me the Arrow please.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA. June 7, 1917.

Supt. John Francis, Jr.,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Francis:

Referring to your letter of recent date, enclosing a letter to Thomas Slinker, I referred the request of Thomas, that he be permitted to spend the vacation months at home, to his guardian at Durant, Oklahoma. I have a letter from the guardian in which he says that it is not necessary for Thomas to come home, and that if he does come in all probability he will not return to Carlisle.

In view of the statements made by the guardian, I recommend that permission be not granted to Thomas to come home for the summer vacation. The letter referred to is enclosed herewith.

Yours very truly,

*A. S. Wyly.*  
Supervisor.

ASW-H.

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Well Tom I got your letter was glad to hear from you. But we have all been sick untill I couldn't get time to write. Pauline is just able to be up Edward is sick and sure looks bad if Lizzie dont take good care of them he will never get through the summer cutting teeth. Mamma could be there and help see to him but she is down at Rebecca's



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has been nearly all winter. Tom you must come home and help Lizzie she has sure had a hard time but she is to blame. now she has an old man name Davis workin there and he eats and wastes more time than all you kids he has about three acres of corn that's all and eats up that she and children could eat and they could do as much work as he does and have more to eat.

she won't get no  
 rent this year she got  
 a black pony from  
 Walter and paid \$100.00  
 \$50.00 note and mortgage  
 on it and parney and  
 if you dont come and  
 help her pay it out  
 the bank will take on  
 of them she is trying  
 to sell 40 acers of her  
 land if she does she  
 will make it all right

Helen run off again  
 but they took her back  
 Did you ever see them  
 so hard I never did.  
 They are have lots of Dan



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down here and some  
good meetings Martin  
Chauteau is dead and  
George Clayburn is  
expecting to die anytime  
corn crops are good but  
cotton is sorry.

Vina and Hamiley is  
well.

Write soon  
D. A. C.

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May 26, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Thomas Slinker has brought me the enclosed letter as the reason for his return home this coming summer. He had signed to go under the outing but as he seems so unsettled and I fear that he might take things into his own hands and leave his outing home, I made no arrangement to send him out.

Will you please advise me after you have read the enclosed letter.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.



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May 12, 1917.

Gabe E. Parker, Supt.,  
Five Tribes Schools,  
Muskogee, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter regarding Thomas Slinker, a pupil of this school, who has asked to be permitted to return home for the summer, I have to advise that this matter was taken up with his guardian, Mr. A. Neely, several weeks ago. Mr. Neely's recommendation is that he remain at Carlisle his full term for the reason that his home conditions are such that it is far better for him to be away from there.

He has signed to go under the outing for the summer and I will be glad to find a good home for him.

I do not know anything of his home conditions other than what I have learned from his guardian. I do not know anything regarding his mother. Mr. Neely would be able to give you this information.

Thomas has improved since he has been at Carlisle and my recommendation would be that he

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remain here through the summer rather than  
go home.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.



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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,  
Pauls Valley.

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5-9-17 Encls.  
Return of Thos.  
Slinker.....

# Department of the Interior

## United States Indian Service

### Five Civilized Tribes

Muskogee, Oklahoma. May 9, 1917.

- Superintendent of U. S. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

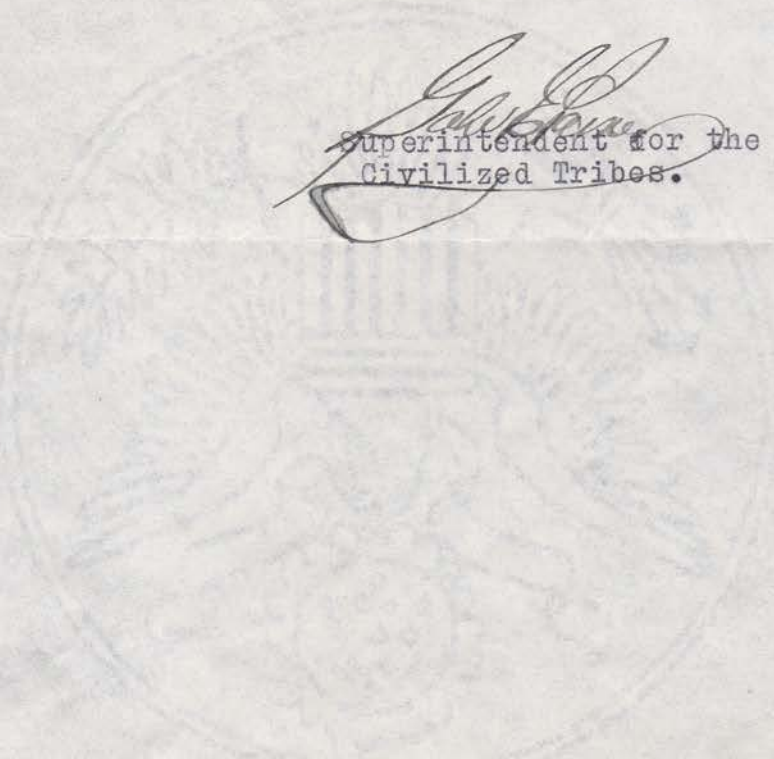
Dear Sir:-

There is enclosed a letter dated the 2nd, from Thomas Slinker, a pupil at your school, asking that he be permitted to return home in order that he may assist in the support of his mother.

Please return this letter with recommendation as to what action you believe should be taken.

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Superintendent for the five  
Civilized Tribes.



Francis, Jr.

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April 16, 1917

Mr. A. Neely,  
Durant, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the  
13th instant enclosing a check in the amount of  
\$10.00 for Thomas Slinker.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

LG



John P  
XXXXXXX

Durand Okla. 4/13/17

Supr. O. H. Higgs

Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing check for \$10<sup>00</sup> for the use of Thos. Slinker. He is writing me that he wants to spend the vacation at home. I wrote him last week that he was not financially able to make the trip.

Now I will say to you that the environments at his home are such that I think he should be kept where he is. He has made wonderful progress so

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for as I am able to judge  
and I want him to remain  
where he is; were he to come  
home we would never get him  
back, Watch him closely  
during vacation

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A. Nuly



Durand - Okla. 2/15/17  
Supt. O. H. Lipps  
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir:

Some time since I had a letter from Thos. Slicker informing me that a number of your students contemplated a visit to the National Capitol for the inauguration of the President and that he wanted to go. I am enclosing check for \$10<sup>00</sup> if you think it best for him to go, you can use this money for that purpose, if not you can keep it for future use.

I have hope for the boy if you can keep him there, otherwise I have none.

Respectly

A. Neely

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February 19, 1917.

Mr. A. Neely  
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 15th inst with a check for Ten Dollars enclosed therein was received this morning, endorsed by Thomas Slinker and placed to his credit in bank.

Thomas seems to be getting along as usual. He came to the office today and asked to be allowed to go out to work this coming summer under our outing. I told him that no boys were to be placed out until June 1st but that he could come to me again before that time and I would consider his request. I think we might be able to find a home for him and the change away from the school grounds with plenty of hard work and a change of food, might do him good.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD



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January 23, 1917.

Mr. Duran:

Will you please give the enclosed letter to Thomas Slinker and tell him that there is a check for \$18.00 at the office, this money to be used to buy a suit of clothes. Thomas' guardian wants the money spent for this purpose. He knows Thoms' weakness for spending money rashly and wants that we supervise the expenditure of this check. Will you please follow it up.

Very respectfully,

D:R

Superintendent.

Enc.

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January 24, 1917.

Mr. A. Neely,  
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter enclosing check for \$18.00 for the use of Thomas Slinker, and have requested the disciplinarian to oversee Slinker's expenditure of this amount. I have also asked the principal, Mr. Blair, to send you a copy of his monthly reports. Mr. Blair says that Thomas, while not a bad boy, has a peculiar disposition and needs watching and constant boosting. He has been writing his home letter each month and sending this with his report to his mother.

Trusting that this is the information you want,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

D:R

Chief Clerk in Charge.



Durant-Okla. 1/19/17  
Supt. O. H. Lippis  
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir;

I am enclosing check for \$18<sup>00</sup> for the use of Thos. Slinker as he says he needs a suit of clothes, I am depending on you to see that he does not spend money needlessly, if it is not asking too much of you I would like to have a report from <sup>you</sup> occasionally as to his progress and deportment; I would also like information as to the time to make application for other pupils, the grades etc.

Respectfully

A. Nully

Mr. Blair:- This guardian seems much interested in his ward. Could Thomas Slinker's monthly report be sent to him?

Respectfully

N R Denny -

Mrs. Denny:

This boy always writes his mother. He can make out a duplicate report for the guardian if it is necessary.

C.M.Blair

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December 28, 1916.

Mr. A. Neely  
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter about the health of your ward, Thomas Slinker, and judging from the reports given to me by both the school physician and the disciplinarian, I believe the boy is just trying to put up a story that might aid him in getting home. The disciplinarian told me this morning that Thomas is getting stouter right along. He did have a cold sometime ago but is over that now. Mr. Duran, the disciplinarian says he will watch him closely and if there is any sign of his failing in health, will report to me at once.

I believe that a letter of encouragement now and then from you, might help the boy.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD



Mr. Burrow: Please read &  
return to me. JRD

Durant Okla. 12/19/16

Supt. Lipps

Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir,

Yesterday I rec'd  
a letter from my ward Thos.  
Slinker in which he stated  
that he thought he would have  
to quit school on account of  
his health, it is needless to  
say that I was surprised to  
hear this; as he is and has  
been a stout robust boy at  
all times. To be frank with  
you he has never been  
willing to stay with a job of  
any kind, he would not  
stay in school any length

of time any where. I have used my utmost endeavor to impress upon him the need of preparation for the future and felt a strong hope when he entered your school that he would remain at least 3 years. As long as the novelty lasted he seemed to be well pleased. I want you to write me fully and confidentially about his health, and unless it is a matter of serious consequence I want you to keep him there, his environments when at home are the worst you can imagine. He will practice any kind of deceit



To get away from work of any  
 kind, watch him closely <sup>and</sup>  
 you <sup>will</sup> find I am telling the  
 truth,

I have written you  
 this to place <sup>you</sup> in a proper  
 attitude to observe him closely  
 and for the good of the boy.

Respectly

A. Neely

Thomas Slinker has been ill in the hospital with sore throat  
and bronchitis. There is nothing about his condition suggestive of  
tuberculosis. He claims that the gaseous fumes in the boiler house  
are very irritating to his lungs. I would recommend that his  
employment be changed for the time being.

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Copy to  
Slinker

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS  
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, Dec. 22, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Lipps:

Referring again to your letter of December 14,  
and particularly to that portion of it in which it is  
stated that Thomas D. Slinker, one of your Choctaw pupils,  
claims that he has two oil wells and \$3000 in the bank,  
you are advised that I wrote this young man's guardian  
and I have just had a reply from him as follows:

"Your favor to hand. I had received a letter  
from Thomas Slinker a few days ago, telling me he  
was not well and I immediately wrote Superintendent  
Lipps in regard to the matter. So far as his health  
is concerned, I know of no tuberculosis in his family.  
So far as oil wells are concerned they are a myth.  
His land is all in Bryan County and there is not a  
producing well in the county. Also his \$3000 in  
bank is a myth. He received about enough rent to  
keep him going.

I am anxious for the boy to remain in that  
school, as it is my opinion the very best for him.

Thanking you for your inquiries, I am, Truly yours,  
A. Neely".

In view of the statements of the guardian, I  
would not recommend that Thomas be sent home, as he is  
evidently not able to pay for his education in another  
school.

Very truly yours,

*A. S. Wyly,*  
Supervisor.



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December 14, 1916.

Mr. A. S. Wylv  
Supervisor Schools Five Tribes  
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:-

Thomas D. Slinker, one of our Choctaw pupils, has made some complaint regarding his health. I had our physician examine him and he give the following report,-

"Thomas Slinker has been ill in the hospital with sore throat and bronchitis. There is nothing about his condition suggestive of tuberculosis. He claims that the gaseous fumes in the boiler house are very irritating to his lungs. I would recommend that his employment be changed for the time being."

In the talk with Slinker, it develops that he owns two oil wells and has \$3000 in bank. If this is true, it seems to me that he is amply able to pay for his education in another school and that this, an Indian government school, is no place for him. Please advise in his case.

The doctor has also reported on Rufus Tims, whose father requested that he be sent home because he had tuberculosis. He says,-

"I have examined the sputum of Rufus Tims and can find no tubercle bacilli. He has bronchitis which is so prevalent just now but outside of this, I believe his case to be one of homesickness more than anything else."

Rufus' father sent him \$42 to pay his transportation home. As it is not necessary that he be sent home at this time, I have had this amount placed in bank for him. If you think it should be



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returned to the father, please let me know and I will send it to him.

Very truly yours

Chief Clerk in Charge.

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Durant Okla. 10/6/16

Supt. O. H. Lipps

Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find  
Cashiers check for Thos.  
Slinker, I am pleased to know  
that you will see to the expen-  
diture of this money, as Thos. is  
a great spendthrift. I have  
tried to instill into his  
mind the importance of sav-  
ing his money. This economic  
principle I am glad to know is  
taught in your school.

Respectly

A. Neely



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Durant Okla. 11/17/16  
Supt. Carlisle Indian School  
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find  
Cashiers check for \$10.<sup>00</sup> for the  
benefit of Thos. Slinker. I  
have lost your name is why  
check does not show name.  
I am more than pleased with  
improvement the young man  
shows in his letter. Please en-  
courage him all you can.

Respectly

A. Neely

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Sept. 23rd, 1916.

Mr. A. Neely,

Durant, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant has been received and I have noted therein that Thomas D. Slinker has written to you for money. In reply to the inquiry that is contained in your letter I must state that under no circumstances should money be sent direct to Thomas or any other students enrolled here, but I have no objections at all to his using some of the funds he has to his credit with you if any amount that is sent comes direct to me. A bank account is kept here for each student who has money and from time to time properly approved requests to draw from that amount are given consideration if a student's standing in school warrants such a privilege.

Thanking you for this opportunity to advise you and assuring you that I will gladly cooperate with you in any way desired to be of service to Thomas, I am,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supvr. Wyly.)



Durant-Okla. 9/19/16

Principal Carlisle Indian School  
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir:

My ward Thos. D. Slinker is a pupil in your school and is writing me for money. I am writing you for your regulations in regard to this matter. Do you allow money sent-direct to student or do you prefer having<sup>it</sup> sent to some member of the Faculty. Please let me hear at once. I want to conform with your regulations. In fact this boy is a spendthrift and should be curbed.

Respectfully  
A. Neely

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June 9, 1917.

Mr. Thomas Slinker,  
26th Company, Columbus Barracks,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Thomas:

There is enclosed herewith check #57320 in the sum of \$25.00 drawn to your order and approved by me. When properly signed by you it may be cashed.

I am very glad indeed that all of you boys have passed your medical examination and are now enrolled to support your country.

First impressions are strong, therefore make it your business to do your duty so well at the beginning that your officers will class you as a good soldier. This will be a fine thing in two ways; first, because you will get the habit of being a good soldier and second because a good reputation is a splendid thing to help a fellow when he makes a mistake and lands in trouble.

Remember that you boys represent Carlisle. If you go wrong you will disgrace the school; if you do your duty, as I know you will,



Thomas Slinker

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you will reflect credit on the school and make us prouder of you. We are proud of each and every one of you now.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

Columbus Ohio  
26th Company, Col. Bar

June 6 1917

Mr Francis

Dear Sir

Please send me  
my money to  
Columbus Barracks  
the 26th Company  
Mr Francis we were  
one passed. Give our  
best regards to  
the student body.  
I have \$25.00 in bank  
there

Yours Truly.

Thos Slicker  
26th company, Col. Bar.



October 30, 1917

Mr. Thomas Slinker,  
1st Co. 20th Infantry,  
Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

My dear Tom:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 17, 1917 wherein you describe your experiences in the trenches. You certainly have had a hard time of your life.

Mr. Duran was just in and he tells me to give you his best regards.

We have had great excitement here, had a case of small pox in the hospital. First they quarantined the hospital and three days after they came along and quarantined the whole school. They removed the quarantine on the school but it is still on the hospital but they expect to release that soon. The case came down from New York, it was George Swanson. It seems they had a whole bunch of small pox down there and he tried to give it to the whole school.

Everyone has been vaccinated including myself. Tomorrow night we have the Halloween social and expect to have a very good time. The football team took a real whipping from the Navy but it braced up last Saturday and defeated John Hopkins 15 to 7. Everyone sends regards to you. I am going to have another bunch of Arrows sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

JF-E

Superintendent



1st Co 25th Inf.

FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON

INDIANA

Oct 17, 1917

Mr John Francis, Jr.

I wish to thank you for the arrows that you sent to the boys here in the Army you dont realize how our hearts were gladdened. By the arrows I noticed some of the boys reading them It certainly did please them to read the news from Carlisle We are playing on a foot ball team here The Battalion team, We have a very strong team too Shell is playing center Welber and I are playing half backs If we go to Hoboken New Jersey to relieve the 22<sup>nd</sup> Inf of Guard duty We would like to have a game with the boys there I dont know weather we could beat them or not But they sure would earn the game We have won two games already.



I am going to tell you of my experience in the trenches here at Ft Harrison. He went in on last Monday at ~~8 am~~ In the afternoon about 2 Pm the battle started we fought for 48 hrs there were several injured by wax balls we captured several lines of trenches and the worst of all it rained on us and every body has got a cold one man died from cold he was captured and tied up in a trench it rained on him he took cold and died one thing I can say I sure was all in when we came out of the trenches I can say war is certainly h-like all my fellow soldier said I can say every one had the spirit of the trust Americans they all said they wish the enemy were real germans He would be fighting until yet



FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON  
INDIANA

Mr Francis I am a buglar  
now I am reliving the old  
buglar I like the the job.  
fine, with in a few weeks.  
practice I expect. to be an  
expert. on a bugle

Mr Francis I must close for  
this time as it is all  
most time for the light  
to go out. Oh one thing  
more the boys said  
to ask you to send the  
arrows every week if  
it is possible it would  
be great for the boys.

Mr Francis

Well I will close for  
sure this time

I remain as ever  
your friend  
Thomas Shicker.

1st Co 28th Infantry.

Fort Benjamin Harrison  
Indiana.

Write soon



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October 16, 1917

Mr. Thomas Slinker,  
1st Co. 28th Infantry,  
Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

My dear Thomas:

I am delighted to have your letter. We are delighted to see that all you boys get copies of the Arrow. During the summer we suspended its publication. The school is getting along fine and we and we are filled up. Mrs. Ewing has more girls than she had at anytime last year, Mr. Denny claims to be overflowing, Mr. Duran says he has only room for seven more boys. As I have about twenty more pupils in sight, I don't know what I will do with them, somebody will have to go on the Outing probably.

I am delighted to know that promotion has come to some of the boys. I hope it soon come to you and the other boys also. I am just in receipt of a letter from Peter Tarbell who with Jesse Wofford, Theodore Frank and George Francis are "Somewhere in France!" I also have in my mail today a letter from Andrew E. Conner. who All the boys are getting along extremely fine and I know they are good soldiers, in fact I have never heard of any Carlisle boy failing to do his duty most excellently during this call and I am quite sure I will not have reports of that kind. Bless your heart, I know that you may be filled with Monkey Shine and Minor Deviltry, but at heart you are the real thing and there is not a streak of yellow in any of you.



October 16, 1917

We have a splendid football team. We beat Albright sixty to nothing, Franklin and Marshall sixty-three to nothing and were defeated by West Virginia twenty-one to nothing. The West Virginia game was nothing to nothing until the last five minutes of the game, then the umpire claimed that Nick Lassa slugged a man and penalized us twenty-seven yards and then penalized us for five yards for an off-side play. Our boys got mad and a little excited and in the mud West Virginia ran over us. We play the Navy at Annapolis on Saturday and the Army at West Point in November. Despite Last Saturday's defeat, we are in the game to stay and you just watch our old school smoke.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent

JF-E



1st, Co, 28th, Inf.

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ARMY AND NAVY

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS



"WITH THE COLORS"

Oct 5th 1917

Mr John Francis, J.R.

Dearest Supt.

Mr Francis I've not forgot  
you I'll try to tell you  
how every thing is among  
the Indian boys here  
in the Army. David  
Crow, John Needham,  
has been made Corp,  
John Sumner is made  
Serg, Milber, Shell,  
King, Kaguatosh, and  
I are still Buck  
privates in the rear  
rank ha! ha! I dont  
think we will be  
privates very long for  
advancement is sure  
to come our way  
sooner or later The Capt.  
tells us that the Indian

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"WITH THE COLORS"

1917

boys will become scouts  
as soon as we reach  
France Capt says the  
Indians are the only  
reliable scouts going.  
Because they know  
something. Mr Francis  
the Indian boys are  
upholding Carlisle to  
the highest standard.  
And I know we will  
be remembered by our  
friends back at Carlisle  
Some day Mr Francis  
we will all be back  
to Carlisle to see our  
friends Mr Francis  
Please send us some  
arrows. We get so  
homesome all we  
do is think. S J



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"WITH THE COLORS"

1917

Carlisle If we got  
the arrow often we  
would know then  
how every thing is  
Every time we meet,  
each other we all say  
Have you heard any  
thing from Carlisle  
Generally the ans. is  
"No," So send us the  
arrow. You send them  
to me & I'll deliver  
them to the boys.  
Be sure now, Carlisle  
is our home & you  
are the same as  
father to us so do  
this for your boys.  
Your true friend.  
Thomas Slinker.  
1st Co 28th Inf.


 ARMY AND NAVY  
 YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION


"WITH THE COLORS"

Sept 1st.

1917

1st Co, 28th Inf.

 Ft. Benj Harrison  
 My Dear Supt and  
 Best friend:

 Mr Francis My mind  
 is back to Dear old  
 Carlisle and when I  
 write to you I think  
 of the Good old times  
 I have had at Carlisle  
 "But now we are  
 in the Army and will  
 soon be fighting  
 for Uncle Sam  
 over in No man's  
 Land, and if there  
 is any thing Carlisle  
 wants from the <sup>(over)</sup>



~~Carlisle~~ Kaiser The  
Indian boys will  
bring it back Because  
we are not going  
to stop we are going  
to Berlin and when  
we get there we  
are going to sing.  
It's a Long way to dear  
old Carlisle But I'm going  
right back. The other  
evening. The Indian  
boys were called to  
gather by Chaplain  
Hedham. we went  
out and ate doughnuts  
the girls and we  
were talking about  
Carlisle serious and  
every thing was quiet  
for a few minutes

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

"WITH THE COLORS"

1917

Then all at once David  
Crow said Gee I wish  
I could see your Aunt  
back at Carlisle Gee  
we laughed at him  
for a long time we  
knew all the time  
that we wished we  
were back our selves  
And every time we  
meet each other we  
always say Have  
you heard from my  
Aunt <sup>back</sup> at Carlisle  
they sure talk about  
Carlisle too some one



would make this  
remark. "Snap <sup>out</sup> of it  
my boy. You are in  
the Army now?  
Uncle Sam has got you  
now just wait until  
you get in France  
you'll see those French  
you'll for get all about  
Barbelle

Tell Mr Francis  
I'll close for this  
time

your friend

Thomas Linker.

4015  
September 4, 1917.

Mr. Thomas Slinker,

Ft. Benj. Harrison,

My dear Tom:

I thank you for your nice letter of September 1. I am going to take it over and read it to the girls some night, because I want them to remember that you have not forgotten "your Aunt". I know they have not forgotten you from the doughnuts they sent. I am hoping it may never be necessary for you to go to Berlin except as tourists later on when you have made your fortune, but if you do have to go I am sure that you will remember Carlisle, your race and your country, and acquit yourself like men.

Good-bye lads, I wish you both the best of luck and success.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.



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Receiving Form 21  
June, 1915

**ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY**

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NON-NEGOTIABLE RECEIPT

CARLISLE, PA.

June 22

1915

Received from

*Carlisle Industrial School*

subject to the

classifications and tariffs in effect on the date hereof,

*one trunk*

value herein stated and warranted by

shipper to be

(See foot note)

Dollars.

Consigned to

*Mrs. Lizzie Shinker*

at

*Carlisle, Pa.*

Charges

*freight*

which the Company agrees to carry upon the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof,  
to which the shipper agrees, and as evidence thereof, accepts and signs this receipt.

Shipper.

For the Company.

**NOTE**—The Company's charge is based upon the character of the property, of which its value is an element, and its value must be declared in writing by the shipper unless its character is otherwise disclosed. When goods are hidden from view by wrapping, boxing or other means and the company is not notified of the character thereof, the shipper's declaration of value may be made by notation, "not exceeding \$50.00" or "not exceeding \$50.00 or 50 cents per pound, actual weight."



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The provisions of the receipt shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the consignor, the consignee and all carriers handling this shipment, and shall apply to any reconsignment or return thereof.

2. The rate charged for carrying said property is dependent upon the actual value of the property which must be specifically stated in writing by the shipper, and applies only upon property of an actual value not exceeding fifty dollars for any shipment of one hundred pounds or less, or not exceeding fifty cents per pound, actual weight, for any shipment in excess of one hundred pounds. If the actual value is greater than fifty dollars for any shipment of one hundred pounds or less, or exceeds fifty cents per pound, actual weight, for any shipment in excess of one hundred pounds, such actual value must be specifically stated in writing by the shipper, and excess charges for such greater value must be paid therefor in accordance with the lawfully published tariffs of the Company.

3. Said property is accepted as merchandise only, and the Company shall not be liable for the loss of money, bullion, bonds, coupons, jewelry, precious stones, valuable papers or other matter of extraordinary value, unless such articles are enumerated in the receipt, as the Company does not transport such articles except through its money department.

4. Unless caused by its own negligence or that of its agents, the Company shall not be liable for —

- a. Difference in weight or quantity caused by shrinkage, leakage or evaporation.
- b. The death, injury or escape of live freight.

5. Unless caused in whole or in part by its own negligence or that of its agents, the Company shall not be liable for loss, damage or delay caused by —

- a. The act or default of the shipper or owner.
- b. The nature of the property, or defect or inherent vice therein.
- c. Improper or insufficient packing, securing or addressing.
- d. The Act of God, public enemies, authority of law, quarantine, riots, strikes, perils of navigation, the hazards or dangers incident to a state of war, or occurrence in Customs warehouse.
- e. The examination by, or partial delivery to, the consignee of C. O. D. shipments.

f. Delivery under instructions of consignor or consignee at stations where there is no agent of the Company after such shipments have been left at such stations.

6. Packages containing fragile articles or articles consisting wholly or in part of glass must be so marked and be packed so as to insure safe transportation by express with ordinary care.

7. If no express company has an agency at the point of destination, said property may be carried to the agency nearest or most convenient thereto and the consignee notified.

8. Claims for loss, damage or delay must be made in writing to the carrier at the point of delivery or at the point of origin within four months and suits must be instituted within two years after delivery, or in case of failure to deliver after a reasonable time for delivery has elapsed.

Unless claims are so made and suits so brought the carrier shall not be liable.

9. If any C. O. D. is not paid within thirty days after notice of non-delivery has been mailed to the shipper, the Company, may at its option, return the property to the consignor and collect the charges for transportation both ways.

10. The Company shall not be required to make free delivery at points where it maintains no free delivery service nor at any point beyond its established and published delivery limits.

### Special Additional Provisions as to Shipments Forwarded from the United States to Places in Foreign Countries

11. If the destination specified in this receipt is in a foreign country, the property covered hereby shall, as to transit over ocean routes and by their foreign connections to such destination, be subject to all the terms and conditions of the receipts or bills of lading of ocean carriers as accepted by the Company for the shipment, and of foreign carriers participating in the transportation, and as to such transit is accepted for transportation and delivery subject to the acts, ladings, laws, regulations and customs of oversea and foreign carriers, custodians and governments, their employes and agents.

12. The Company shall not be liable for any loss, damage or delay to said shipments over ocean routes and their foreign connections, the destination of which is in a foreign country, occurring outside the boundaries of the United States which may be occasioned by any such acts, ladings, laws, regulations or customs.

13. It is hereby agreed that the property destined to such foreign countries, and assessable with foreign, governmental or customs duties, taxes or charges, may be stopped in transit at foreign ports, frontiers or depots, and there held pending examination, assessments, and payments, and such duties and charges, when advanced by the Company shall have become a lien on the property.

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France 7/17/18.

Mr John Francis Jr.

Dear Supt.?

It has been sometime since I last wrote to you I am well at present I have just returned from the Hospital. My eyes got out of condition so, I had to go to the hospital.

Carlisle has had no casualty yet that I know of. While I was in the Hosp. I happen to run on to Henry Lange. one of the Ford boys. He was a fine looking fellow. France seemed to agree with him. He had a long

talk with each other, all the other boys are well so far especially Shell & Wilbur. and so is Naguatooh. Now is everything at Carlisle this year. It will soon be school time again. Shell Mr Francis give my best regards to my many friends.

I remain as ever  
Yours Respectfully.

Bugler, Thomas Slinker.  
Co. D. 28<sup>th</sup> Inf.

A. C. F.

France.

A. Macfarland  
N. M.



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Some where in France.



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Jan 23 1918

Mr John Francis Jr. -  
Dear Sir -

As I am thinking  
of old Carlisle I am  
going to take pleasure  
in writing you a  
few lines to night.  
Miller, Shell, and  
myself are in the  
finest health.

We are having some  
very nice weather  
at the present time  
But it generally is  
raining.

How is every little  
thing there at  
Carlisle I suppose  
it is cold there  
at Carlisle.

AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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Mr Francis I am  
going to be at last  
by next year as I  
fate is stilling hat  
hi! Well I think  
I have said as  
much as I know  
Will write again  
soon.

I remain as ever

your friend

Byler Thomas Slinker  
Co. D. 28<sup>th</sup> Inf.

OK  
G Butler  
2nd Lt.



Some where in France.

AMERICAN

ON ACTIVE SERVICE



WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Jan 23, 1918

To the American Red  
Cross of Carlisle  
Indian School.

Dearest friends.

After a long time  
we have rec'd the  
packages sent to us  
which includes  
Hilber, Shell, and  
my self. They have  
asked me to write  
to your branch of  
Red Cross. To make  
a long story short,  
I must say that  
we thank you very  
much for the gift.  
It certainly brought  
memories of old  
Carlisle to us.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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I hope that we  
may be back to  
Garlisli soon.  
And then we can  
thank you personal  
for your kind  
thoughtfulness.

I remain sincerely,

Bugler Thong Slinker  
Co. D, 98th Inf.  
A. E. F. France.



**Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully**

Office of  
Supervisor of Indian Affairs  
RECEIVED  
JUL 25 1916  
MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

**BRIEF.**

**Application of**

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

*Thomas Dewey Slinker*

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

**Carlisle, Pennsylvania**

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Date of enrollment ..... 191.....

Term of enrollment *three years* ( *3* ) years

Printed by Carlisle Indians.

12/63  
3/8

**Important**—Only those students who desire to come to Carlisle because they have a definite purpose in view will be admitted. Applications for enrollment must be submitted in all cases for consideration before transportation can be made available. Time will then be taken to find out the records students have made in the schools previously attended, and to secure recommendations as to their *moral character* and their worthiness for further attendance at a Government institution.



# 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 .....

of Thomas D Slinker ; ~~Chas~~ male ; date of birth Aug 18 1898  
(Name of Child) (Sex)  
Chactaw  
(Tribe)

NAME OF FATHER <small>(Both Indian and English)</small>	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD
<u>Jim Slinker</u> <small>NAME OF MOTHER</small>	<u>living</u>	<u>German</u>		
<u>Lizzie Slinker</u>	<u>living</u>	<u>Chactaw Indian</u>		<u>3/4</u>

I, A. Neelym, Guardian, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to Thomas D Slinker enrollment in said school for a period of 3 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
<u>1. Jones Academy</u>		<u>1913</u>	<u>Small-pox</u>	
<u>2. Armstrong Acad.</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>Small-pox</u>	
<u>3. Good Land</u>	<u>sep '15</u>	<u>Dec '15</u>	<u>Didn't like the school</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
<u>4.</u>				

A. Neelym  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin)

P. O. address: Durant,

Two Witnesses:

Okla.

R. Tolson  
Jasfarbrough



## 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 22 day of July, 1916.

M. J. Kelly  
Physician at Coury 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)  
was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of said child.

This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 1916.

A. S. Wiley  
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 employe 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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August 30, 1917.

A. S. ~~Wiley~~, Supervisor,  
Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I have a letter from Thomas  
Slinker, who is now in the Army, asking  
that his sister be enrolled at this school.

Will you please get into  
communication with his guardian Mr. A. Neely  
of Durant, Okla, and if you think it advis-  
able take up the matter with him relative  
to the enrollment of this girl.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.