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BRIEF.



APPLICATION OF

Martha Thomas

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Dennis Napawat (Thomas)

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

Kiowa Agency, Oklahoma

Date of enrollment, _____, 191

Term of enrollment, Five (5) years.

NAME OF PERSON ARRANGING FOR THE TRANSFER:

Jesse W. Smith,

Position, Supervising Principal

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, Pennsylvania

of Dennis Napawat (Thomas) Male; age 15; date of birth May 30, 1900;

(Name of child.) (Sex.)

Kiowa

(Tribe.)

NAME OF FATHER. (Both Indian and English.)	LIVING OR DEAD.	TRIBE.	BAND.	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.
<u>Harry Abote</u>	<u>living</u>	<u>Kiowa</u>	<u>XXXX</u>	<u>Full</u>
NAME OF MOTHER.				
<u>Martha Thomas</u>	<u>living</u>	<u>Kiowa</u>	<u>XXXX</u>	<u>Full</u>

I, Martha Thomas, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to his

(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

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.	<u>Anadarko Public</u>	<u>1907</u>	<u>1915</u>	<u>Term expired</u>	<u>Seventh</u>
2.					
3.					
4.					

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

P. O. address: Anadarko Okla

Two witnesses:

Jesse Smith
Wilford B. Byrkit

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 11th day of Aug-, 1915

Claude S. Hawley

Physician at Kidron 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 Martha Thomas was voluntary.
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

(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 25th day of August, 1915

P. V. Sturges

Agent or Superintendent.

CERTIFICATE OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

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

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.

NAME Dennis N. Thomas Sex Male. Female.

Tribe Full Sioux State Okla. Aug: 16, 1915

Age 15 years Respiration 18 Condition of, Eyes Adverse Trachoma

Height 5 ft. 6 1/2 ins. Mensuration { Insp. 34 Ears neg

Weight 135 lbs. { Exp. 30 Throat neg Adenoid

Temperature 98 1/5 Vaccination Asd. mumps Cervical glands neg

Pulse 74 Vision 20/20 Skin neg. Pitted

Inspection of mouth breath

Palpation Increased vocal fremitus on right of

Percussion of

Auscultation of

Heart of

(Menstruation) _____

FAMILY HISTORY.

	LIVING.	CONDITION OF HEALTH.	DEAD.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Father	<u>4/10</u>	<u>Good</u>		
Mother	<u>4/10</u>	<u>Good</u>		
Brothers	<u>3 half</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1 half</u>	<u>Enteric Colitis</u>
Sisters				

Personal history of

Present condition Good

Claude S. Chamberlain, M. D.

This form is for the record of the physical condition of pupils of boarding or nonreservation Indian schools. It should be filled in by the school physician at the time of the admission of the pupil.
 Physicians in the field should use this form to record the examination of pupils for transfer to nonreservation schools. It should accompany the pupils' transfer blanks.
 The reverse side is intended as a card-index case-record for use by all Service physicians.

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May 16th, 1916.

Mrs. Martha Thomas.

203 W. Washington Ave., Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Madam:

When your letter of the 8th instant was received here a report was secured in which is indicated how your son Dennis has made himself as ridiculous as was stated in the letter that was addressed to you on the 3rd of May. However, before a reply embodying that report could be formulated he got himself into more serious trouble and he is now in the Cumberland County jail with two other boys from this school to await a hearing they are to have on Thursday afternoon of this week.

On Sunday evening Dennis and two other Oklahoma boys attacked a young man on the public highway near the school and beat him. What is far more serious is that they had several revolvers and a butcher knife taken away from them when they returned to school here. While in my office this morning the trio admitted that they had one revolver and Dennis took credit for hitting the man who was attacked.

As information has been made against the boys the only

-2- Mrs. Martha Thomas.

action we shall take in the matter is to see to it that a fair chance is given the boys to state their side of the case, but the accusation is a serious one and the Law will have to take its course.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Acting Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Stinchecum.)

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Febr. 5th, 1916.

Mrs. Martha Napawat Thomas,
Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Madam:

I regret very much to advise you that last evening your son Dennis was accidentally shot thru the thigh by another of our boys who was handling a sawed-off 22 rifle of which Perry Keotah is the owner. Dennis was at once removed to our hospital and anti-toxin was administered, so that every precaution has been taken to insure a rapid healing of the wound. I submit below for your further information a copy of the statement that was issued this morning by our school physician:

"I wish to report that Dennis Thomas was accidentally shot through the thigh last evening. The bullet was immediately removed and the patient made as comfortable as possible. In the ordinary course of events he should make a prompt and complete recovery."

We will keep you advised what improvements in your son's condition are noted.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

May 16, 1916.

Mr. Lipps:-

Mrs. Thomas wishes in her letter herewith some definite statement as to the manner in which Dennis Thomas makes himself ridiculous.

Following is just a sample of what has happened every day in the year. He is a constant nuisance in the academic classroom because he annoys the teacher and also makes it impossible for the other pupils to give proper attention to their work. He makes scarcely any effort to learn and seems to take a delight in hindering the others. He slouches down into his seat, puts his hands down deep into his capacious pockets, and sprawls his feet and legs out into the aisles. He is an ideal example of a perfect slouch. May 9, he came to academic classroom without any socks on, put his feet out into the aisle, and pulled his trouser-legs up high so as to attract attention to his bare legs.

May 10, he laughed aloud at two women visitors who came to the door of the school room and who had done nothing whatever to cause even a smile.

He scarcely ever gets out his books and gets down to work of his own accord. His teacher nearly always has to speak to him personally and tell him to get to work. And then, about all she can get out of him is something like: "I have no pencil." "I lost my book." Or "Well, where's the lesson?"

Not long ago, in the recitation in elementary civics, the teacher asked: "Why should the property of persons who have no children be taxed to support the public schools?" Whereupon Dennis cut in with: "The wimens they're all the time talkin' about taxes. Why don't they leave that to the mens?"

Dennis boasts that he never attends Sunday evening religious services and that he cuts the line whenever he wishes or goes down town whenever he wishes and that "they are too slow to ketch me."

I witnessed a performance of his in the Standard Literary Society not long ago which was absolutely and exactly on a par with what one might expect from a born idiot. The irrelevance of statement and the Bowery vernacular which characterized his talk were strongly suggestive of the ravings of a disordered mind.

As I said before, he has not, around the academic department, shown any signs of viciousness. He is just a supreme nuisance and is getting nowhere himself and doing his best to keep others from making the progress which they could make were he not in the class.

Respectfully,

John D. Duff

Dec. 21st, 1915.

Mrs. Martha Napawat Thomas,
Anadarko, Okla.

Dear Madam:

I must bring to your attention a copy of a complaint that was filed with our Principal Teacher against your son Dennis on the 14th instant by the Teacher in whose class he is enrolled. It is as follows:

Dennis Thomas has been very disorderly ever since he returned to school after his period spent in the guard house. He comes straggling in at the end of the line, making as much noise as possible and is impudent almost every time I speak to him. He never begins to study until I tell him to do so. Much of the time he fails to bring his books and makes that an excuse for not studying. Last Friday he asked permission to leave the room. I wrote him the permit and he left at 10:55 but remained away the rest of the session. The above are but a few of his wrong actions. He almost never recites."

Will you please write to Dennis and urge him to determine anew to make a creditable record while he is at Carlisle? Unless he soon shows considerable improvement in every way he will have to be sent home.

Respectfully,
Very truly yours,

S. J. Robertson Superintendent.

HKM.

December 20, 1915.

Mr. Lipps:-

This fellow that Miss Robertson complains about (Dennis Thomas), although he is the son of one of our alumnae, is apparently nothing more than a "lummix," - an all-round shyster. He shuffles along when he walks, and in the school room he slouches down into the seat like a whipped hound. He tries to be "smart" in the recitation room and pulls off stunts like coming thinly clad on cold days and then shivering (intentionally) to attract attention.

I have been thinking that perhaps a word to that indulgent mother of his might bring to him from her a little support for us in trying to get him into line, although I fear that he is a hopeless case. I think Mr. Gehringer can give you some pointers in his case.

Respectfully,

Mr. Meyer-

Please write
this boys mother & send her Miss Robertsons note.
Ask to write him & tell her unless he soon
shows ~~some~~ considerable improvement we will
now to send him home. C.A.H.

Carlisle, Pa.,

Dec. 14, 1915.

Mr. DeHuff:

Dennis Thomas has been very disorderly ever since he returned to school after his period spent in the guard house. He comes straggling in at the end of the line, making as much noise as possible and is impudent almost every time I speak to him. He never begins to study until I tell him to do so. Much of the time he fails to bring his books and makes that an excuse for not studying.

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The above are but a few of his wrong actions. He almost never recites.

Respectfully,

Sadie J. Robertson.

~~Mr. DeHoff~~

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Dennis Thomas.
Botany.

Seventh Grade.
April 17th 1916.

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Dennis Thomas. Seventh Grade

Physiology March 31st 1916.

1. To stop the bleeding from the nose is done by stopping it up with a little rag. While the nose is bleeding, all you have to do is to get a piece of rag and put it in the hole of the nose and keep the blood from coming out. Or you could wet your self on the forehead and on the back of your head with cold water, which would keep the blood from flowing.
2. A burn should be treated by putting it in the cold water or put it in ~~very hot~~ water, and after that it should be ~~rapped~~^{wrapped} up good. If a person is burned badly, it should be treated by putting remedy on the burn. The person should lay in the bed and keep quiet, until the pain goes away. It should be quiet around the burned person, because when there is noise it disturbs him and the burn place began to hurt him.
3. Well I would move the sick person on another bed, until I put clean sheets and spreads on. When I get the work done I would move him back to his clean bed. If he was very sick, I would move him over a little on the side of his own bed and pull the sheets and spreads out from under him. And to put the clean sheets on, I would put the sheet on half of the bed, and lay the sick over on the half of the sheet and pull the sheet. When the sheet came near the end I would put the sick over a little more and so on, until I would have the work done.
4. The four uses of the bones are; it holds the body in

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correct position, second. The bones helps us to walk and hold something heavy. third, the bones protect the brains, heart, lungs, kidneys, stomach etc, fourth, the bones in the mouth helps us to chew our food as the teeth and the jaw bone which makes the teeth successful in moving up and down.

5. The three classes of joints are cervical region, phalanges and the thorax. The four kinds of movable joints are phalanges, wrist, knee and the arms.

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7. To prevent sneezing you have to press on the upper lip.

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Dennis Thomas

Seventh Grade

Grammar. Mar. 30, 1916.

(1) A simple sentence has only one clause; as: The boy went to the show. A compound sentence has two clauses or more, and a compound sentence has an independent clause and a dependent clause; as: The man was going home from work, as the sun was going down. A complex sentence has more than one clause also, but it has a dependent and a independent clause; as: That man is the man who played ball yesterday is very ill.

(2) A clause is a group of words connecting connected by a conjunction; as: The man was very sick, as his daughter came in. A group of words showing distinct office in the sentence is called a phrase.

(3) The boy who was sick is well.
~~The man is going to the church.~~

4 The woman who was well is sick in the bed ← no period.

(4) Will you stand over here? I fear that he is coming.

Will you paper the wall. You ring the bell.

8 James water the flowers. (5) I went to school. He came before me. I went after him. He came over here. I must go over the fence. Did you come over here for me?

6. The is an adj. Lion is a noun. shall ~~is~~ ^{and} lie are
9 the verbs. down and with are Prep. the is an ~~adj~~
adj. lamb is a noun

7. The boy played and sing.

7 The boy and girls are playing.

8. Noun. Pron. adj. verbs. adv. Prep. conj. ^{Interj.} ~~Interj.~~

9. The is an adjective modifying the ~~the~~ ^{subject} earth.

The is an adjective modifying the subject air.

8 and is a conjunction connecting air and the.

8 the is a adjective modifying the subject water
earth, air and water are compound subjects
are full is the predicate, of life is an adverbial
phrase modifying the predicates are full.

The sentence is a simple declarative.

10. On is a prep. the and motionless are adj. modifying
the noun branches. This is an adverbial phrase

10 modifying the ~~the~~ predicate hung. of some trees
is an adjective phrase modifying the noun

branches. clusters is the ~~the~~ subject. of autumn,

berries is an adjective phrase modifying the
subject clusters. hung is the predicate.

This is a simple declarative sentence.

Dennis Thomas Seventh Grade

10 Arithmetic March 31st, 1916.

1. $\sqrt{20736} = 144$
 $\begin{array}{r} 144 \overline{) 20736} \\ \underline{30625} \\ 24107 \\ \underline{2841136} \\ 1136 \end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{r} 175 \overline{) 30625} \\ \underline{3451725} \\ 725 \end{array}$

2. 56 lbs = weighed of a bu.
 8000 = bu. $8000 \times 56 = 448,000$ lbs
 12¢ = cost for 100 lbs. $448,000 \div 100 = 4480$
 $4480 \times 12¢ = \$537.60$

$\begin{array}{r} 4480 \\ 100 \overline{) 448,000} \\ \underline{400} \\ 480 \\ \underline{400} \\ 800 \\ \underline{800} \\ 0 \end{array}$

$3\frac{1}{2}¢ = \text{cost per } 100 \text{ lbs. } 3\frac{1}{2}¢ \times 4480 =$
 $4480 \times 3\frac{1}{2} = 2240$

$\begin{array}{r} 4480 \\ 12 \overline{) 4480} \\ \underline{8960} \\ 4480 \\ \underline{4480} \\ 0 \end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{r} 4480 \\ 156.80 \\ \hline \$694.40 \text{ cost for freight and by water.} \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{r} 13440 \\ 2240 \\ \hline \$156.80 \end{array}$

3. $2116\frac{4}{5} = 10584 \div \frac{147}{10} = \frac{10584 \times 10}{147} = 144$ school days.

$\frac{147}{10} = 14.7$

4. 284 bu.
 2.25 per bu.
 $\begin{array}{r} 1420 \\ 568 \\ \hline 568 \end{array}$

$\$32 = \text{freight charges.}$
 $\$42.60 = \text{cost for storage.}$
 $\$14.20 = \text{cost for selling.}$
 $\$88.80$

$\begin{array}{r} 284 \\ .157 \overline{) 284} \\ \underline{1420} \\ 284 \\ \underline{4260} \end{array}$
 $\$14.20$

$\$639.00$ for the pears.

$\$550.20 = \text{proceeds of the sale or gain.}$

5. $12 \overline{) 3300} = 275$ cost for one piano.

$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ \underline{90} \\ 84 \\ \underline{60} \\ 60 \end{array}$

$\frac{1}{5} \text{ of } 3300 = 660$

$\$25 = \text{sell for each.}$

$\begin{array}{r} 4620 \\ 300 \\ \hline \$4920 \\ 3300 \\ \hline \$1620 \text{ gain.} \end{array}$

$4920 \div 12 = 410$ S.O. 7 one piano.

$\begin{array}{r} 77275 \\ 5 \overline{) 77275} \\ \underline{385} \\ 410 \end{array}$

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$\frac{1}{2}$ gal = 4 pts. 1 bu. = $1\frac{1}{4}$ cu. ft. 1 acre = 160 sq rd.
1 mi = 320 rods. 1 cu ft = 1728 cu. in. 1 bu. = 128 qts.
1 bu. = 2150.42 cu. in. 1 gal = 231 cu. in. 1 gal of water weighs
1 lb. avoirdupois = 7000 gr. ~~62~~ $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
8 $\frac{1}{3}$ lbs.

7. $\frac{3}{4} \div \frac{1}{2} \div \frac{3}{5} \div \frac{5}{8} = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{1} \times \frac{5}{3} \times \frac{8}{5} = \frac{6}{10}$ mi. of wheat.

$\frac{6}{10}$ of ~~640~~⁶⁴ acres = 384 acres. of wheat.

9. 45 cu. ft. = space before compression.

$54 \text{ in} \times 27 \text{ in} \times 16 = 23,328 \text{ cu. in.}$

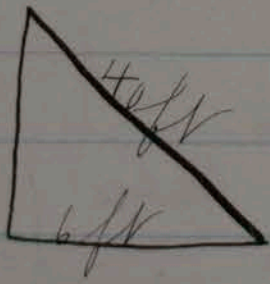
$23,328 \text{ cu. in.} \div 1728 = 13\frac{1}{2}$ cu. ft. of space.

8. $19\frac{1}{2}$ tons $\times .9 = 17.5\frac{1}{2}$ tons of sugar.

$\frac{19}{2} \times \frac{9}{10} = 17.5\frac{1}{2}$ tons of sugar.

2000
 $17.5\frac{1}{2} \times 2000 = 1000$
 10000
 14000
 2000
 35000
 1000
 $35,100.0$ lbs of sugar.

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1600
 36
 1574
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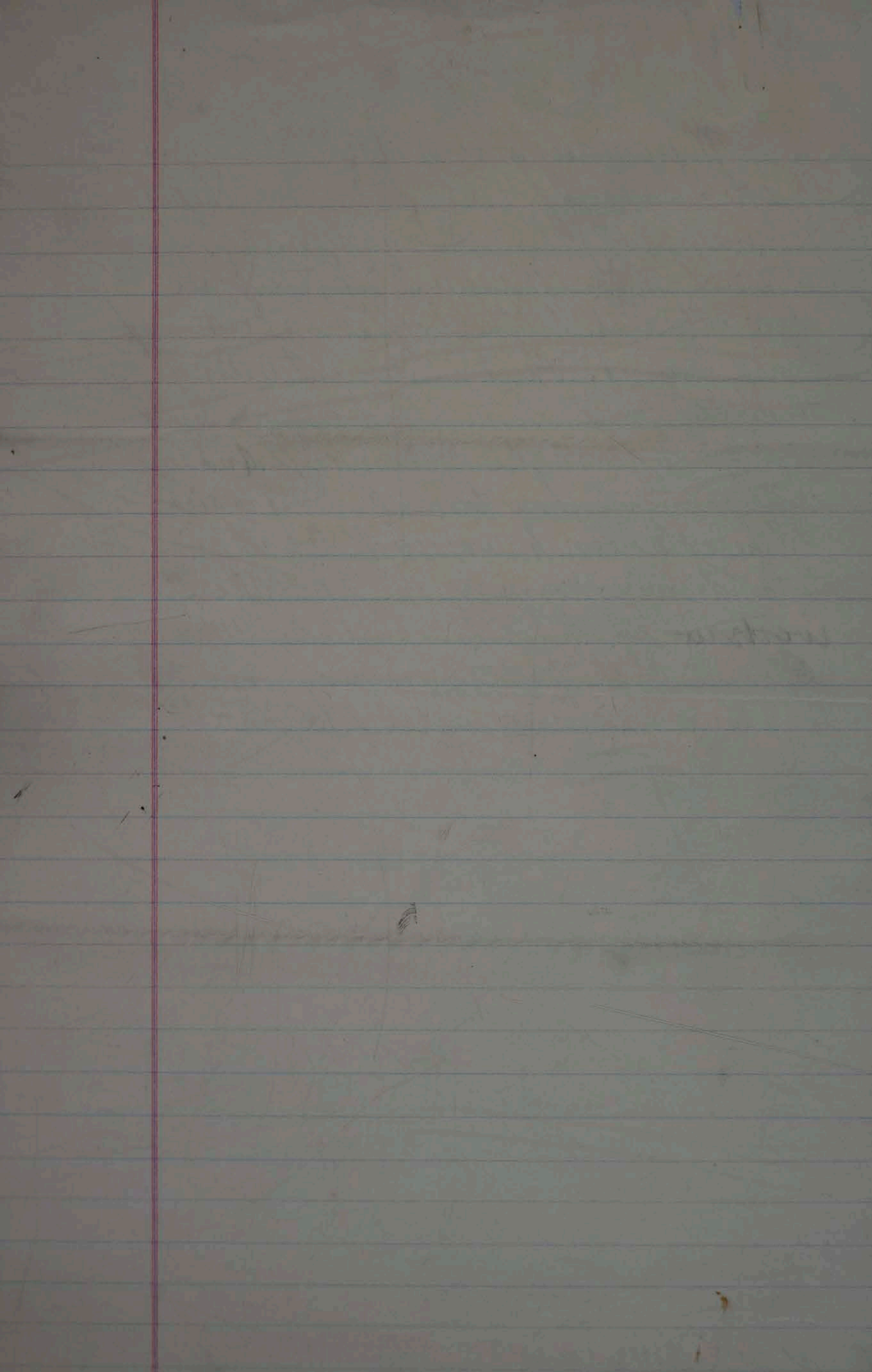
My Industrial Work.

Grade Seventh. Dennis Thomas.

February 14th 1916. Grammar.

I work at the Mason Shop, the place I am interested. All the boys ^{have} been practising brick laying, which is very interesting to all the boys. Some of the boys are practising how to make chimneys, and some are practising how to make long walls.

In the afternoon at two o'clock we all go to the drawing room for one hour. There we draw ~~of~~ all kinds of articles. When we come back from the drawing room we begin to work as usual until five o'clock.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Feb. 5th., 1916.

Mr. Meyer:

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Respectfully,

Walter Rindtorff M.D.

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CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL ✓

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No. 5419	NAME. Hapawet Thomas, Dennis	AGE. 15	TRIBE. Kiowa	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD. Full	NAME OF AGENCY AND RESERVATION, IF ENROLLED; IF NOT, POST OFFICE OF FAMILY. Kiowa
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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.)	DATE DISCHARGED
		On entering here.	At date of this report.			
Sept. 1916	2 yrs.	VII	—	—	To COUNTRY From COUNTRY 7-1-16 F. L. Sept. 8, 1916	
					JUL 29 1917	
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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								
Industrial								
(Department)								
Musical: Band								
Vocal								
Orchestra								
Department								
Physical condition								

Remarks:

CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL
Academic Division

September 21, 1915.

ORDER: -

The name now carried on the rolls of this school
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"Dennis H. Thomas."

J. D. DeHUFF,

Asst. Supt.

COPIES TO

Mr. Lipps
Miss Rice
Mr. Miller
Mr. Meyer
Mr. Gehringer
Mr. Heagy
Dennis H. Thomas

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE



Kiowa Indian Agency,
Anadarko, Oklahoma,
August 24, 1915.

Mr. O. H. Lippe,
Sup't. Carlisle School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Lippe:

I am returning herewith the application of Martha Thomas for the enrollment of her son, Dennis Thomas Napawat, in your school, having signed the Superintendent's Certificate, which I am sorry was overlooked in transmitting it originally.

I am pleased to note that you have accepted Dennis for enrollment and he has been notified to be ready to accompany the remainder of the party for you school, leaving September 3rd.

Very respectfully,

O. W. Sturges
Superintendent.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

May 24, 1917, 191

This certifies that Dennis Thomas (Name of student.)

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

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.	GRADE.	RATING.
English	1st Voc.	79
General Exercises		83
Arithmetic		83
Industrial Geography		72
Agricultural Botany		80
Carpentry		72

Effort

Department

DETAILS SERVED.	LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.	RATING.

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

Second ~~year~~ year vocational

John Francis Superintendent.

Chas. Blair Principal.

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Effort

Department

Table with columns: DETAILS SERVED., LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH., RATING.

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

Second grade year vocational

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Sept. 21st, 1915.

Mrs. Martha Napawat Thomas,

Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Madam:

I was pleased to note in your favor of the 9th instant that you and Mr. Thomas were formerly students at Carlisle and that it was at your suggestion the enrolment of your boy Dennis was effected.

Upon receipt of your letter Dennis was called to this office and it was pointed out to him how anxious you are that he shall do well. He was urged to be very careful in the selection of his companions and to come to this office for help, advice and suggestions at any time he feels the need of such aid. The appearance of the young man is entirely in his favor and I trust we can continue to make the favorable reports you desire his record here shall merit.

Stenography and typewriting are not taught at this school, but boys who are fitted to take up such special work are given the privilege to attend the Carlisle Commercial College. The cost for tuition is small and board and lodging are given here

-2- Mrs. Martha Napawat Thomas, Anadarko, Okla.

as to the students who are actually taking up their studies here. At a later date I shall gladly assist as may be desired to have Dennis enter the Commercial College.

Upon receipt of your letter it was arranged so that hereafter Dennis will be known at Carlisle as Dennis N. Thomas, although the application that was filed to cover his enrollment was not so filled out.

Hoping you will keep in very close touch with your boy and that we can help him to become what you so kindly anticipate, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.



Anadarko, Okla.

Sept. 9, 1915

Crescent, Lippan

Dear Sir:

I am glad to be able to say that I have one son at Carlisle, and I hope Carlisle will be as good to him as it had been to me. I told him about the school, and how nice everything used to be, and I sincerely hope that he will appreciate his opportunity and try to make the best use of his time; he is a bright boy and likes to study, and I hope he will like the school. I have three more boys at home, two of them attend the public schools here

at Snadaroko, I had them attending
the public schools ever since they
were of school age, I think it is
much better for them as they learn
to be with white children and are
not afraid to mingle with white people.
I want to tell you something in
regards to the boy, he has no bad
habits and I would not like for
him to be go with any bad company.
I would like for him to be around
the school and not allow to go to
town as much as he would like to.
This is about the first time he
has ever been away from home.
I hope he will learn to love Carlisle
as much as I did, Although I have not
been corresponding much to

Carlisle, I never forgot my Alma
Mater, in fact I have been shame-
fully neglecting my duties to the
school, but hereafter I will try and
do my best for the interest of Carlisle.
I hope I will be able to visit the school
one of these days, my husband and
I are both old Carlisle students.
I am glad to say that we raised
fine crops this year, We have been
having crop failures for several
years past, We are farming Denair
allotment and hope to have it in
fine shape for him when he leaves
school, I do not think he care
much about farming himself,
so I would rather have him
trained as a stenographer or clerk

I think business line is more to
his taste. I hope my boy will keep
in good health, if anything goes
wrong, please do not hesitate to
inform me. I will close my
letter, and wish you success in
your work.

I remain sincerely,

Martha Napier Thomas

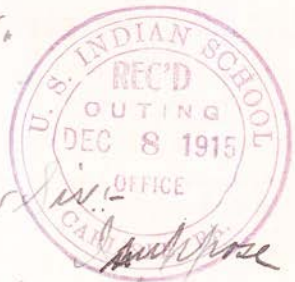
P. S. Through some mistake he
was ^{not} enroll under his father's name
but mine, so please call him
Dennis N. Thomas, as every body
knows him here by that name.

Anadarko, Okla.

Dec. 4, 1915

Mr. Wallace Denny,

Dear Sir,



you will be surprise to hear from me. but Mrs. Pedrick told me to write to you as would be the best person to find out the truth. Mrs Pedrick said she saw Jimmy Davenport in town and he told her that he had a letter from his sister Irene Davenport and his brother Ira Davenport from Carlisle and he said they wrote and told that my boy Dennis Thomas went with the party of boys to New York without permission and that they had locked him up for a month, now I am very sorry and hope it is not true. Dennis wrote and told me he was going to New York and I was sure proud to hear it. I thought everything was alright. I want my boy to be a good boy always

write to him and tell him to obey the rules
of the school, and that he would never
have any trouble, he wrote several times
and told me that they were good to him
and I always was glad to hear that, I
want him to like the school. The Danport
children never fail to say that they don't
like the school everytime they write
home. Now please answer my letter
right away and tell me all about this
trouble. Please give my best regards
to Mrs Jenny.

Very Resp.

Martha Thomas.

203 W. Wash Ave.

December 8, 1915.

My dear Martha:-

Your letter to Wallace was received a day or so ago and he has asked me to answer it. I have just had a talk with the disciplinarian of the Large Boys' quarters where your son belongs, and he tells me that Dennis was in the guard-house for two weeks but that he is out now and getting along all right. He says Dennis was inclined to be independent and to have his own way and they have had trouble with him trying to get him under the rules and requirements about getting in line, reporting for work and obeying other rules. Mr. Gehringer, the disciplinarian, says he is not a bad boy, he just needs controlling. He did not tell me about the New York escapade but Wallace thinks he did go to New York without permission. We will try to get acquainted with him and see if we can help him.

I hope you will not worry about your boy anymore. The boys seem to like it here. They have good times.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Pedrick when you see her.

With love, I am

Your friend

Sammy Thomas Adair, Okla.

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Dec. 28, 1915,

A. H. Lipps,

Dear Sir:

I received your letter, and it is needless for me to express my sorrow at such a report. I heard about him being locked up in the guard house, and wondered what he had done so wrong to be put in guard house. Whenever he writes to me he never mentions his trouble. As I have told you before he is young and always had his own way here at home, but I thought the strict rules and discipline of Carlisle might break him of his habit. Sometimes kind reasonable talk will do more good to him than harsh treatment. I suppose being put in guard-house just made him that

much more stubborn. I am sorry
that his teacher is not able to control him
in school. If she is the right kind of a
teacher she ought to be able to control
him and make him study. I noticed
that his last report was not good and I
wrote and told him about it.

Whenever I write to Denis I never fail to
tell him to be a good boy and obey all
the rules of the school and that he
would never have any trouble. I think
that after he finds out that he cant
have his own way there at Carlisle he will
try ~~and~~ to be a good boy. I wish you
would give him chance to make good
and I think he will. I will write to
~~him~~ and tell him about the
complaint.

Very Respectfully
Martha Thomas

Anadarko, Okla.

Feb. 9, 1916, 242

Mrs Nellie Denny,

Dear friend:

I received
your letter this afternoon, and
I received one from Mr Lipps
telling me about the accident.
I just came in from the country
this morning. I never expected
to hear such news, and it sure
came as a shock, but I am glad
it is not worse. I am surprised
that they allowed such things
as guns among the boys, I hope

this will be a lesson for them,
I hope they will take all the
guns away from boys, so they
will not have such accidents
again. I tell you it is hard
for us to have our children so
far away from home, we never
know what will happen to them.
We have to trust the employees
to watch our children. I sent
a telegram to Lipps today, and
I was glad to hear that he was
up and doing well. I think you
better keep the suit until
the boy is well enough to wear
it and have his picture taken

that is if they allowed such things.
I wrote to Dennis and told him
not to lend the suit to any other
boy, I am glad that you took
an interest in my boy. he is a
peculiar boy, he hates to be scold,
but you can almost make him
do anything you want by talking
kind to him. I am glad the suit
is in your hands, we won't be uneasy
about it. Well I will close now
tell Mr Lipps that I was glad to hear
that the boy is getting all right.
I will close with love,

Your friend,

Martha Thomas.

P.S. I told Dennis he might
keep the moccasins if he want
to, but sent the other things
back.

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June, 1915

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CARLISLE, PA.,

1916

Received from

U.S. Indian School

subject to the

classifications and tariffs in effect on the date hereof,

value herein stated and warranted by

shipper to be

Dollars.

Consigned to

(See foot note)

at

Charges

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.

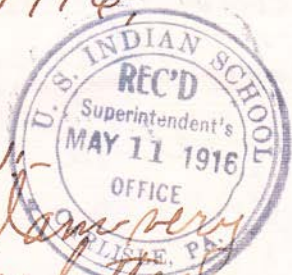
12. The Company shall not be liable for any loss, damage or delay to said shipments over ocean routes and their foreign connections, the destination of which is in a foreign country, occurring outside the boundaries of the United States which may be occasioned by any such acts, ladings, laws, regulations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

Anadarko Okla.

May 8, 1916

O.H. Lipps



Dear Sir -

I am very
sorry to receive such a letter,
it is altogether different from
what I expected to hear of Dennis.
He has been writing to me and
telling me that he was trying to
be a good boy, but I want to know
what you mean by him making
himself ridiculous, what does he
do that is ridiculous. You have
to have very good reasons to expell
a boy from school. I know

he was not a bad boy at home
and if he is now, he must learn
all that at Carlisle. The only
fault he had was to want ^{his}
his own way, he was spoiled by
his grandparents ever since he
was small, but I thought the
discipline of the school would
break him of it, but I guess the
school is different from what
it used to be when I was there,
surely it couldn't be, the way
my boy got shot by one of the
boys, I never heard of such
an accident like that when

the school was under P. H. Pratt.
I am very sorry that you think it
is necessary to send Dennis
home, because he seems to be
satisfied now. he said he was
having a nice time at school,
but I suppose what seems nice to
him, isn't nice to others. I've
been to the Office to see about
your letter, but they failed to see
the reason why you want to send
the boy home. You ought to be
more plain so we can understand.
If you are so anxious to send Dennis
home, why not send him by

government expense,
I will wait for your answer,

Resp.

Martha Thomas.

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May 3rd, 1916.

Mrs. Martha Thomas,

203 W. Washington Ave., Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo in regard to your son Dennis, I must state that his chief aim in life seems to be to make himself ridiculous and that thus far we have failed to do anything at all for him because he will not do anything that is worth while for himself.

In view of the fact that Dennis is such a character it is urged that you arrange so that he can be sent home with the party of boys whose periods of enrolment terminate this year.

It is regretted that so unfavorable a report has to be made, but this school cannot be held accountable for the failure he is continuing to prove himself.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Stinchecum.)

May 3, 1916.

Mr. Meyer:-

Dennis Thomas does not seem to be vicious - that is, as regards the rights of others. He is a harmless sort thus far. Either he was born with a streak of idiocy in his make-up, or he has practiced playing the role of idiot for so long that it is now ingrained in his nature. I can explain his actions upon no other hypothesis. His performances at the literary society meetings are enough to convince any one of his lack of something essential. He seems to have no very definite purpose in life except to attract attention; and he is willing to make himself thoroughly ridiculous in order to accomplish this end. In the class room, he is continually asking fool questions; I haven't heard of his asking one that was intended for getting pertinent information.

His marks for the first and second terms of the current school year were:

Arithmetic	60	75
English Composition	40	52
Geography	60	
Physiology	40	55
Reading	65	80
Spelling	85	77
History	50	42
Botany		40
Civics		75
Current Events		70
Writing		60

I would not recommend his dismissal now, although he is doing very little good in the academic division. Possibly he may be doing something in the way of work in the industrial departments.

Sincerely,



Anadarko, a

April 29. 11

Mr. C. H. Lipps, Supt.

Dear Sir:-

I am
going to write just a few
lines in regards to my boy,
Dennis Thomas. You know you
wrote me once that you were
about to expell him. and I
hope you have no reason to do
that now. I have been writing
to him almost every week and
telling him to be a good boy.

You know that he has not been in government school before and he was not used to obeying so many rules and it was kind of hard for him to be ordered around. but I think he is getting used to it and he always tells me that he is trying hard to be a good boy now. one thing I promised to do for him this summer, and I want to know if it could be done, so as not to disappoint him, and that is, that I would send some money for him to go to Atlantic City for a few days. I want to know if there is any

way for him to go, not by himself but if there is any one going there this summer and if he could go with them it would be a great thing for him. and another thing he wrote me last week and told me that he is suffering from tooth ache. I will send five dollars to him and please ~~see~~ if he will have his teeth attended to, I hate to have his teeth pulled out if they could be filled, I know he wont have his teeth treated unless someone just force him to. I will send him some more money some time in May.

so he could buy a Spring suit.
I think he has adenoids too
~~and~~ I told him he ought to
have them taken out, but I don't
think he will, he is so afraid of getting
hurt. I wish he would have them
taken out, I will close my letter
now, I hope you will be so good
as to answer my letter.

Resps.

Martha Thomas,

203 W. Wash. Ave.,

Anadarko,
Okla.

Some of the marks
made by Dennis
Thomas in recent
written texts.

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June 1st, 1916.

Mrs. Martha Thomas,

West Washington Ave., Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Madam:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letters of May 23rd and 26th, respectively, and take this opportunity to state that the amount of \$45.00 that was enclosed with the one on the latter date has been credited to the account of your son Dennis to be used as is requested by you. The amount of \$12.50 you transferred here by telegraph was secured from the local office of the Western Union Company and all but 50 cents has been used to pay the fine that was levied after his recent term in jail.

When Dennis was seen at this office yesterday relative to his return home he stated that he would like to remain here to demonstrate that he can make good. He was told that you want him at home and that an opportunity will gladly be given him to remain here if he can secure your consent and he has finally decided that he wants to be in earnest. You will probably hear from Dennis and whatever your decision is I will have carried out.

Let me state again in this connection that Dennis is not a bad boy. He has simply made himself so ridiculous in so

-2- Mrs. Martha Thomas, Anadarko, Okla.

many ways that nothing could be done with him or for him. It is believed, however, that he has learned a lesson and as he is now asking for a chance to make good I shall certainly give it to him if you will allow him to remain here. You must realize that if he is taken away from Carlisle now we cannot say anything in his favor and that this is about the very last chance he will have to demonstrate that he can be otherwise than the laughing stock of those associated with him in the classrooms and elsewhere this year.

Will you let me add that there are reasons to believe you have been furnishing Dennis money in violation of the school rules and that closer cooperation on your part might have been better for your boy? Even now we cannot hope to do anything for him or with him if you will not take the stand that a halt must be called on the indulgence that has been helping to keep him shiftless and irresponsible.

Please let me hear from you and state definitely whether or not Dennis shall be given the chance he is asking for in order that he can show you and all of us here that he has profited by his recent lesson and the result of his folly and that now he will be a more manly young man.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Stinchecum.)

Anadarko, Okla.

May 26, 1916.

A. H. Lipps, Supt.

Dear Sir:-

Rec'd \$45.00
C.V.P. 5/29/16

I will
enclose a draft of \$45.00 to
pay for Dennis Thomas
carfare home. Please send
him soon as possible. but
be sure and give him instructions
as how to travel. I hope his
fine is paid and everything

allright. I never could believe
the boy was to blame. he never
did get into any serious troubles
here at home. besides he is too
young to have to be put in
jails like they would a man.
he was only 16 years old on May
the 20th and you people
write about the boy like
he was a hopeless case. I
know he will be blamed for
everything that goes wrong
at the school, so I would rather
have him at home. I will find

out all about the trouble
and then I will write to
Head quarters and find out
who is to blame. Please
write and let me know
when the boy will start
for home.

Resps.

Martha Thomas.

203 West Wash. Ave.

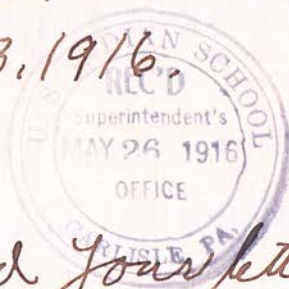
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Anadarko, Okla.

May 23, 1916

O.A. Lipps.

Dear girl:-



I received your letter last week and I have been waiting to hear from you as to what they done to the boys and whether they had any fine to pay, but as you failed to let me know, I guess I have to write so as to find out, I had a letter from Dennis and he said he was fined \$12.50 so I telegraph the money and I hope he is out by this time

You people must remember that I take a great deal of interest in my boy, and as I have said before that he was a good boy while he was here and I don't see how he could have turned out so bad as you people seem to make him. There must be some influence working against my boy, he said he hit a boy over the head for cursing them and I don't blame him, and as for him having a revolver I don't blame him for that, I think

the employees of the school are responsible for that. Why should they allowed boys to have revolvers and any other kind of guns if they do their duty and take more interest in their work, such things would not have happen, I did not blame the boy that shot my boy during the winter as much as I blame the employees and everybody around here done the same. I am sorry that I ever sent the boy to Carlisle. I thought I was sending the boy there to

be educated and making a
useful man out of him, I didn't
know I sent him there to be
turned into an outlaw. I will
send the money for his ticket
home just as soon as Supt.
Stinchecum returns from Rainy
Mt. school sometime next week
if not sooner.

Resps.

Martha Thomas,

203 W. Wash. Ave

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June 10th, 1916.

Mrs. Martha Thomas,
Verden, Oklahoma.

My dear Madam:

Your letter of the 5th instant has been received here and I take this opportunity to reassure you that every chance will be given your son Dennis to make the satisfactory record he has started out to make. He has had it pointed out to him that this is his very last chance to make good in a Government School and that it is the manly thing for him to do to make the improvement here we want him to make.

The matter of using a part of the amount you sent for his transportation has been taken into consideration with him and your request will be complied with.

Hoping other favorable reports can be conveyed to you and that we may continue to have your closest cooperation in doing what is best for your son, I am,

Very truly yours,

HFM.

Acting Superintendent.

Verden Okla,

June ~~5~~⁵. 1916,

O.H. Lipps.

Dear sir:-

I received
your letter this afternoon, and
I was glad to hear that Dennis
will try and make good, and
I think he will if he is encouraged
and keep out of bad company.
I heard the case was not as
bad as reported, he said the
gun the boy had was an old
gun and couldn't shoot if it

was loaded, and they never had
butcher knife. of course the
boy might act funny in school
just to make the other pupils
laugh. I wrote to him several
times and told him that his
school report was not good and
I knew that it could be better.
His report in these schools was
never below 95. He wrote to me
and told me he would try and
do better in his studies and
work next year. Of course I would
have like to have him here and
make him behave himself, but
since he promised to make good

I hate to refuse him the
opportunity to prove that he
could be a good boy, and
make us proud of him. If
he knows how bad it makes
me feel whenever I hear bad
reports of him, he would be a
good boy. I did not know that
it was against the rules of the
school to send money to the boy.
he was always used to having a
little spending money, so I always
send him not more than ten or
five dollars to buy little things
to eat. only last winter, I sent him
\$35.00 to buy over coat and some
winter clothes. I didn't think

he would buy anything that was
not good for him. If the boy want
to stay please let him buy a
summer suit with the money I
sent for his ticket, not an expensive
suit, but a good one. he seems to
be interested in the band more than
anything else. If the boy is in good
health let him stay, but if he is not
please send him home. I hope this
will be a last time that I will hear
any bad reports about Dennis.

Resps.

Martha Thomas,

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July 1st, 1916.

Mrs. Martha Thomas,
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

My dear Madam:

The amount of the fifteen dollar Money Order you enclosed with your letter of the 25th ultimo has been credited to the account of your son Dennis and at his request it is being arranged so that he can leave here this evening for Anadarko. A ticket for his use to that point will be provided and after he arrives at your home I would be pleased to hear from you.

In this connection I must add that Dennis has made a very earnest effort to be of use since the time he was confined to the Cumberland County jail in Carlisle and if you are willing to have him return here in September, and he is as determined as he has been to make a good record during the next year, I shall gladly give him the chance to continue to make good.

Trusting the vacation you are planning for him will be the means of helping him to determine anew that he must show his appreciation of what you are doing for him and that you will note some improvement in his conduct and his

-2- Mrs. Martha Thomas, Anadarko, Okla.

general willingness to be manly, I am,

Very truly yours,

HMM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Stinchecum.)

Anadarko,
June 25, 17

O. H. Lipps;

Dear Sir.

I will enclose
\$15.00 for Dennis Thomas. he
says he need \$15.00 more to come
home on. He wrote one before
and told me he was going to
stay and now he wrote and
told me he wants to come home.
I don't see how the boy could
be so changeable and cause
me so much trouble, but

if you are willing to let him
come home. It will be all right
with me. I don't think he will
ever be very good in school
any more. I am sure disappointed
the way he has ~~acted~~ acted while
in school, and to save you
people so much trouble I
think the best thing for him
to come home, and I will see
what I can do with him.

Very Resp.

Martha Thomas

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

TELEGRAM

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Sent to

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 8, 1916

Supt. Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Please retain any message for Daniel Thomas who calls
later.

(S) Daniel Thomas

Paid

W. U.

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October 9, 1916.

Mrs. Martha Thomas,
205 W. Wash. Ave.,
Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Mrs. Thomas:

Your letter of Oct. 6th was received today. I am glad to be able to advise you that your son Dennis is getting along very well this year. I have spoken to him a number of times and he seems to be happy and doing very well. I will see him right away and tell him to write to you, and will also find out about his sore toe. No doubt he has been to the hospital and had it treated.

As to his working on the rock crusher, that was only for a short time when we had a number of boys crushing rock to repair our driveways through the grounds. Dennis did ^{good} ~~not~~ work and I do not think the work did him any harm.

He will be permitted to continue with his work with the band and also take up the regular academic and vocational work. I assure you I will do everything I can to help him. I believe he has learned his lesson and that you need not have any further worry about him. He is really

Oct. 6, 1946

Mrs. M. T. - 2.

To Upper
Dear Sirs,
a very likeable fellow and I always have something to say to him every time I see him, and if he will continue in school I can see no reason why you may not expect him to develop into a good, competent man.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely,

L/B

Superintendent.

Wm. O. O'Farrell,
Oct. 6, 1916.

Lipps:

Dear Sir:

I am writing
this letter to know what had
become of Dennis, I haven't heard
from him since he left home,
I wrote to him last week but
received no answer yet. I want
to know if he is well or sick
or what the reason is that I
don't hear from him. He was not

anxious to go back to school at first, but afterward he was willing. He said he likes to play in the Band and I hope he belong in the Band again this year, and one thing that he didn't like was to be sent to work in the rock-crusher. I want him to learn the kind of work that he is interested in. I hope he is not in any kind of trouble again. We gave him good talk before he left home

and told him to try and be a good boy and study hard this year, but I don't know whether our words did any good. he had a very sore toe all summer when he was home, and I couldn't get him close to a doctor he was so afraid he might hurt him, but I told him he might get blood poison if he don't have his toe attended when he begin to work when he get back to school, and he said he would go to the hospital as soon as he get back to school, and I have been anxious about him

no account of his toe. I hope he
got cured of it. Please write
and let me know how the boy
is getting along, whether he
is a better boy than he was
last year. I will close hoping to
hear from you soon.

Resp.

Martha Thomas.

283. W. Wash. Ave.

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Mr Dennis Thomas

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April 20, 1917.

Mr. C. V. Stinchecum, Supt.,
Kiowa Indian Agency,
Anadarko, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter relative to the request of the parents of Dennis Thomas that he be placed where he could learn a trade.

I have had a talk with the man in charge of the shops and he tells me that it has been very hard to get Dennis to stick to any kind of work since he has been here.

He was in the carpenter shop but did not get along at all so thinking that he could give him more help Mr. Bradley took him into his own office as orderly. This work gave him more time for his academic work in which he is very weak, but Dennis did not make good use of this opportunity.

Mr. Duran, the disciplinarian, agreed to take him under his special care and give him work in the large boys quarters under his direct supervision. There is where he is working now.

Dennis is not fond of work but every effort is being put forth by those over him to try to make

Mr. C. V. Stinchecum

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him learn something and I sincerely hope that we
may all succeed in doing something for your boy.

Very truly yours,

JB:R

Superintendent.

Bradley:- What shall I write regarding Dennis' grade ?

Respectfully

N R Denny

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Kiowa Indian Agency

Anadarko, Okla.,

April 13, 1917.

Mr. John W. Francis, Jr.
Superintendent, Carlisle
Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Francis:

The parents of Dennis W. Thomas, one of our Caddo boys in your school requested me to write you in regard to his industrial work. They are very anxious that Dennis shall learn a trade, they prefer carpentering but if he shows any liking for any of the other trades they are willing that he should pursue it. Dennis' card for February, 1917 shows no trade but is rated 90 in "General" under the "Boys' courses" column.

Thanking you in advance for any help you may be able to give any of our pupils, I am,

Very truly yours,

O. W. Stinson
Superintendent.

MLD.

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Orderly - Academic work -
Instructors -
Improved - for him to us -*

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May 5, 1917.

Mrs. Martha Napawat Thomas
203 W. Washington Ave.,
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Dear friend:-

I have your letter concerning your son Dennis and have had him up to my office and talked with him. While I understand thoroughly how you feel about your son and how anxious you are that he should progress, I am inclined to think that you overlook the fact that he is still only a boy, unsettled in purpose and that it may take him two or three years to settle down to some purpose in life. I am told by those who knew Dennis last year, that his general behavior and attitude this year is far better than it was a year ago. This is encouraging. If you will leave him in our care a year or longer, I feel quite certain that we can start your boy in the right direction and help him to make ~~something~~ a worth-while man.

I understand that one reason he was taken out of the shop and placed in the Quarters to work, was so that he might have more time to spend upon his school work, in which he was weak. Mr. Duran, the

JOHN FRANCIS, JR.,
SUPERINTENDENT



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

May 3, 1917.

Martha Napawat Thomas-

disciplinarian will take a personal interest in Dennis while he is working in the quarters and I am sure that his influence upon the boy will be helpful.

I have placed the Fifty Dollars which you sent to me to Dennis' credit and he has already drawn out Twenty Five Dollars for his present needs.

I trust that you may see your way clear to visit your old school sometime. I know that you would find many interesting changes.

With my personal regards to you, I am

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Up in life
Down - Down in mind
over

Anadarko, Okla.

April 26, 1917.

Mr. Francis, Supt.

Dear Sir:-

As I am an old student of Carlisle, and interested in the school, I thought I would drop a few lines. I was one of the class of '94. I have never visited the school since I left, but I have always took an interest in Carlisle, and especially now since I have a son attending Carlisle school. I suppose you know my son Dennis Thomas by now. This is his second year and I am sorry to say his first year there was not very good. I must make some expense for him. He has never

been in government school before he went to Carlisle, I sent him and his younger brother here in public school at Anadarko ever since they were old enough so he was not used to the strict rules of a government school, and it was hard for him to get used to being ordered around. But this year he was getting along better I thought, but he don't seem to get along very fast in his studies like he used to here in Anadarko school. His little brother here is only fourteen years old and he will be in eighth grade next fall. And Dennis is only in seventh I believe, I wish he would do better, it worries me a great deal when I hear a bad report about him, I had a letter from him the first part of this month, and he was mad because he said

they would not put him to work in shop to learn
a trade. Will you please see if they would give
him a trade that he wants to learn. let him
decide for himself and if he do it make a success
it is his own fault, he is just getting along fine
in his board work, and I think he could learn
a trade too, I will enclose fifty dollars for
Dennis Thomas and if he want to buy a summer
suit and other little things please let him
have what he wants. Will you please answer
my letter and let me know how Dennis
is getting along.

Very Respectfully,

Martha Napawat Thomas,

203 W. Wash. Ave.

Anadarko,

Okla.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

KIOWA INDIAN AGENCY

ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA

May 22, 1917.

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

Francis

Dear Mr. Francis:

Referring to your communication of recent date concerning the son of Martha Thomas, will state that I have explained the contents of your letter to this woman and she is extremely anxious that the boy learn some trade. I therefore present her request to you, and while I know your employees will do the very best they can for this young man, it might be that ^{if} some special attention were given him ~~that~~ he could be induced to buckle down and do something for himself.

Very respectfully,

C. V. Stinchecum

Superintendent

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May 26, 1917.

Mrs. Martha Napawat Thomas
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:-

I enclose herewith a Vacation Request blank for your signature if you want your son Dennis to spend the coming vacation at home. As soon as this has been returned to me with the required deposit of money for Dennis' fare back to Carlisle next fall, I will take up the matter of his return home.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

Dennis Thomas

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Anadarko, Okla.

May. 15. 1917.

Mr. John Francis Jr. Supt.

Dear Sir:-

I was very

glad to receive an answer to my letter and I was glad to hear that you would do all you can to help my son Dennis. I had a letter from Dennis and he wants to come home for vacation again this summer, but I think it will be best if he would stay at the school this summer, although I would be glad to see him, but I didn't know whether you would allow him to visit home every summer. I hope he is in good

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I will enclose \$40.00 for
Dennis. to be put to his credit.
I hope he will be satisfied with
his work, and I hope he will pass
to eighth grade. I know he could
do better in his studies than he
has been doing. Well, I will close
with best regards to all.

Very Respectfully
Martha N. Thomas.

203. W. Wash. Ave.

Quadachon,

Oklahoma.

P.R. 74.

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Anadarko, Okla.

June 29, 1917

My dear son,

I received your letter the other day, but I have been so busy I didn't answer soon. In fact I was waiting for a letter from Supt. Francis in regards to your coming home for vacation. I sent \$6.00 for your ticket back to Carlisle in Sept. I thought you would surely have enough money to buy your ticket home, but you said you had only \$4.00 left. I don't

see how you come
so much money,
a letter from Frank
today, and he thought
was such a good boy,
and he hate to see you come
home and get in bad company
he said you was getting along
fine and was such a good
worker he says he took a
whole lot interest in you.
He told me at first that if you
want to come home it would
be all right, so I made an
application for your vacation
and sent the money, but he
wrote just the other way, but
it is up to you what ever you
want to do, just go to him
if you want to come home
for vacation, tell him some

good reason
sending you

good reason, I have been
sending you all your money &
thought you might be able to
save some money by sending
your money to the office.
Dennis I wish you would learn
to save money. I mean for your
own good. Now I want you to
answer right away and decide
what you will do. anything you
do will suit me. and if you
come home I want you to be
a good boy and do what ever
I say.

From your mother
Martha Thomas.

I wrote to Francis again today and
asked him to let you come.

Dennis Thomas

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Ada, Okla.

June 29, 1917

John Frances jr, Supt.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter to-day. I was glad because I thought you would say that my boy was coming for vacation. He sure wanted to come so he could see his little sister. she is the only girl in our family and the boys are all proud of her. I know he will be disappointed if he know he can't come home. His brother Fred is anxious for him to come and bring his comet

o he could hear him play, If
you are willing to let him come let
me know if he has enough money
to buy his ticket home, if he has
not enough money, I will wire him
a ticket. I was glad to know that
you took an interest in Dennis.
He is a hard boy to understand, If
he changes his mind about coming
home, please teach him to save
as much money as he can, he told
me he had only \$14.00 left of what
I sent him before. I can't imagine
how he could spend so much
money. Please answer soon and let
me know what to do.

Very Respectfully,
Martha Thomas

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Anadarko, Okla.

July 24, 1917

Mr. John Francis Jr. Supt.

Dear Sir:-

I wrote to you before in regards to Dennis Thomas. He wants to come home for vacation so I wrote and ask you that if he did not have enough money to pay his fare home, that I want you to let me know so I could wire him a ticket, but I have not heard anything more about it, so please answer and let me know what to do, I think it will do him good to come home, so I could have

a good talk with him. I heard he
was put in jail, but I never hear
what he was put in jail for, please
do not be hard on him. He wrote
and told me that he did not want to
work all day without being paid for.
I do not understand that. I thought the
boys do not work all day during
vacation. Please answer my letter
soon, as we are going away by
next month to Hot Springs.

Very Respectfully,
Martha Thomas,

203. W. Wash. Ave.

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July 22, 1917.

Mrs. Martha Thomas,
Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Mrs. Thomas:

Reference is made to your letter of June 29, 1917, regarding the return home of your son Dennis. I note your statement that he advises you that he has only \$14 left of the money sent him.

In response you are advised that the \$40 sent by you is being retained here to permit Dennis to return home if it is deemed advisable. Personally I think the boy would be better off here, but I have told him that after the harvest season is over, if he still desires to go home, I will permit him to do so. Generally speaking Dennis has been a good boy all summer except for his attitude once or twice concerning his return home when he defied the position of the school and had to be punished, since which time he has been all right.

Dennis strikes me as an industrious boy, but he gets to talking and argues himself into impossible positions which gets him into trouble.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

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July 24, 1917.

Mrs. Martha N. Thomas
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

My dear Mrs. Thomas:-

I have given your son Dennis permission to go home for a short vacation and will arrange for him to leave Carlisle Monday evening July 30th. He will leave Chicago over the Rock Island at 6 P.M. Tuesday and will be due at Chickasha the following afternoon at 2 P.M. Please arrange to have him met at Anadarko, on the first train leaving Chickasha for this point after 2 o'clock.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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June 23, 1917.

Mrs. Robert Thomas,
203 W. Washington Ave.,
Anadarko, Okla.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter enclosing \$40 to be deposited to the credit of your son Dennis.

Since my last letter to you I have had several visits with your son and I have become very much interested in him, and I feel that we can do a whole lot for him.

He is a good worker. I have watched him carefully, although he may not have known it, and I feel that there is splendid stuff in the boy, and I want to see him stay here because he is on the right road now to make a man of himself.

He wants to come home to see his parents naturally, but outside of that I doubt if he has in mind a good reason which would warrant the expenditure of the cost of his traveling expenses.

We give him work to do here but not enough to hurt him. Every minute of his time is occupied and he hasn't been in any sort of trouble for months.

He is used to discipline and I don't want him to get in the company of boys without energy or ambition who might put foolish ideas in his head and undo our efforts for him.

We might arrange to let him come home for a month in August if you really desire it and think that it would be worth the cost. Personally I think he would be better off here. I would be glad to hear further from you. In the meantime I will hold the money sent by you and I would be glad if you would give me your assistance by letter in keeping Dennis on the good road he is now following.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

Anadarko, Okla.,
June 19, 1917.

Mr. John Francis, Jr., Supt.,

Dear Sir:

I will enclose
forty dollars to deposit for
Dennis return trip in fall.
I suppose he has enough money
to pay his way home if not
please let me know right-
away. he wants to come home
for vacation again this

summer, I thought he would be
willing to stay at the school
but he wants to come home.

If you let him come please
let me know just what day
he will start.

Yours Respectfully,

Martha Thomas

203 W. Wash. Ave.

Anadarko,

Oklas.

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Dennis Thomas

September 8, 1917.

Mrs. Martha Napawat Thomas,
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

My dear Mrs Thomas:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 27, 1917 regarding the return of your son Dennis to this school, and requesting his release from his obligations. I am also in receipt of a letter dated August 23, 1917 from the Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs authorizing me to release Dennis from his contract if such action may seem advisable.

Were I quite sure that Dennis would attend business college faithfully I would gladly release him, but his record here would not warrant such assurance.

Ever since Dennis enrolled at Carlisle, I am advised that it has been necessary to discipline him from time to time. We do not feel that Dennis is a bad boy, at times he is remarkably industrious, but he has periods during which he rebels against discipline and strenuously objects to doing those things which are properly required of him. He has however shown improvement.

I note your statement that Dennis has cost you Two Hundred Dollars a year here. Our record here shows that during the last school year you sent him in care of the office One Hundred and forty Dollars from which must be subtracted the expense of his trip home, this together with the balance on deposit makes his expenditures under the authority of the office less than One Hundred Dollars for the year. It is probable that you have sent money direct without record to the school regulations, which are made to prevent students from spending unnecessary money.

Carlisle has done something for Dennis. Each year the boy has improved in behavior. As far as academic training is concerned he has not the elementary knowledge which would make him successful at a business college. What Dennis needs is disciplining. Carlisle can give this to him. He is self willed and spoiled. Carlisle can help that. If he seriously wants a trade he has every opportunity to get one here if he will do the elementary work necessary to get it.

When he was permitted to go home during vacation, you promised to return him in September. Dennis likewise promised to return. He should keep his word and come back

Mr. James Wheelock has been appointed band master and Dennis should be here at once.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

Anadarko, Okla,

Aug. 27, 1917,

Mr. John Francis Jr. Supt,

Dear Sir:

I will write you a letter in regards to my son Dennis Thomas. Since he came home I have been thinking about his record at school, and I have decided that he has just been wasting his time for two years that he has been in Carlisle. He has never made any progress since he went to Carlisle. The only good that he has done was on his cornet. he plays very good and with a little more training. He can be a good cornet player. I am very much disappointed in Dennis. So I thought it would be a good plan to send him to a business college around here

train for a book-keeper or stenographer
and I want him to take lessons on cornet,
so he can play in any Band. It did not
do me any good to send him to a
government school, because he cost me
so much money ever since I sent him
to Carlisle, it cost me at least two hundred
dollars a year to keep him in spending
money while he is in school. So I wrote to
Comd. Sells in regards to Dennis and he
thought if you was willing. I might send him
to a business college here. So please give me
your consent so I can enroll him soon as I can
to the school here. He is willing to take up
book-keeping and stenographer, he says
he can make it, and I am anxious to start
him to work before he gets too old for me
to control him. Please write and let ^{me} know
what grade he is in, I promised to pay
back to the government his fare, so
please let me know the amount.

Hoping to hear from you soon
possible.

I remain Your friend,

Martha Thomas,

203, W. Wash Ave,

Ada, Okla,

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AUG 23 1917

Mr. John Francis, Jr.,

Supt., Carlisle Indian School.

My dear Mr. Francis:

There is herewith enclosed a letter from Mrs. Martha Napawat Thomas of Anadarko, Oklahoma, requesting that her son Dennis, now enrolled at your school be allowed to go home as his mother wishes to enroll him in the business college there.

If, in your judgment, this young man should be released from his contract to remain at Carlisle until he finishes his term, you may allow him to go home as requested by his mother.

She promises to look after him and prepare him for a business life; also to repay the Government for his transportation expenses.

Very truly yours,


Assistant Commissioner.8 HML 20
Carbon to Mrs. Martha Napawat Thomas,
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

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Honorable Cato Sells,
Com. Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir, My son Dennis H. Thomas has been at Carlyle for two years

and under his contract must return for three years longer. He is now 17 years old and is only in the seventh grade, and has made no advancement since he went there as he was in the seventh grade of the Anadarko Schools. They have not permitted him to learn any trade, but have moved him from one place to another, claiming that he took no interest in any work.

I graduated from the Carlyle School ^{in 1894} and it was my wish when my boy went there that he too might graduate from the same school; but as he seems to make no progress and is only interested in his work in the band, I now wish that he be released from the other three years of school there.

I will repay the government for the fare expended to take him there, and I wish to have him enrolled in the Business College here that he may become stenographer. All of his schooling before he went to Carlyle was in the Anadarko schools, and at the age of 15 he had passed ^{to} ~~through~~ the 7th grade, and he was interested in his school work, and I have never had a good report from him since he left here. When he was home he worked well in school, and I feel that he will waste the next three years if he goes back to Carlyle.

If he is permitted to be released from his contract, I will look after him, and prepare him so he can do some kind of business, and I therefore most earnestly and respectfully request that you grant him release from this contract and promise that I will see that he goes on to get an education for I know that he will need it when he becomes a man. Please let me hear from you soon about this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Martha Napawat Thomas

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Kiowa, Okla.

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Mr. James Wheelock has been appointed band master and Dennis should be here at once.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

Anadarko, Okla.

Sept. 30, 1917

Mr. John Francis, Jr.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter sometime ago, requesting Dennis to return to Carlisle, I have been so busy every day that I failed to answer your letter. I would have sent Dennis ^{back} sooner, but he was in a program that we were to give during Fair week, so we thought he wont miss so much of school if he staid a little

longer to help us through. I would
have like to send Dennis to a
business college, I thought he was
through with eighth grade, but I
was sure he could be trained for a
stenographer or book-keeper. I hope
you will put him through his
studies this year. I know he could
do better than he has been doing,
and he promised to study hard this
winter. I don't believe he will ever
learn any kind of trade, and I
know he hates farming, although
I know that would be the best thing
for him to do. He wants to work in
a big town where he could play
in a Band. I am sending Dennis
back to Carlisle. I hope you won't have

so much trouble with him this term
He was willing to go back to Carlisle
after he heard James Wheelock was
to be a band Master. James Wheelock
was my old school-mate and so
was Dennison Wheelock. Dennis will
start back to Carlisle on Monday evening
Oct 1. I hope he will get back safe.

Very Respectfully,

Martha Thomas.

203. West Wash. Ave.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
KIOWA INDIAN AGENCY
ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA

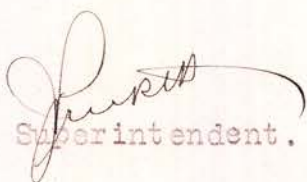
October 1st, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 8th, I have to advise
that Dennis Thomas left this morning for your school.

Respectfully,


Acting Superintendent.

JP/MCC

October 23, 1917

Mr. C. V. Stinchecum, Supt.,
Kiowa Indian Agency,
Anadarko, Oklahoma

My dear Mr. Stinchecum:

I take pleasure in advising you that
Dennis Thomas arrived during my absence. He
has been a very well behaved boy so far. Miss
Reichel, his teacher, in particular, speaks
very well of him. If he keeps up his present
pace, Carlisle will be a very different place
for him than it has been heretofore.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
KIOWA INDIAN AGENCY
ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA

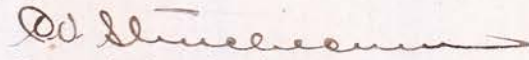
October 18th, 1917.

Supt., John Francis, Jr.,
Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the subject of the return to Carlisle of
Dennis Thomas, this young man left here for Carlisle
subsequent to my visit to your school, and this letter is
for the purpose of advising you accordingly, with the request
that if he did not finally show up at the school, you advise
me in order that we may again go into the matter. .

Very truly yours,


Superintendent.

CVS/McC

TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

Insert "day" or "night" in blank below for rate.

In lower left-hand corner show if paid for in cash or to be charged. If latter, insert name of Office or Officer to which bill for charges should be sent.

See full instructions on reverse hereof.

TO TELEGRAPH MANAGER.

This message is OFFICIAL BUSINESS of the U. S. and should be sent "PAID" at Government rate named below. Do not accept typewritten or stamped signatures. "COLLECT" messages should not be sent by Indian Office employees on official business.

If tolls are not paid in cash by sender, or collected from his local Office, forward original message with your monthly report, for collection by your Auditor.

TO AUDITOR OF TELEGRAPH CO.

If message was sent "Paid, Charge," bill on Government voucher form to Office named in lower left-hand corner and attach original messages in support of your bill.

If message was marked, "Paid in cash by Sender," your charges will be refused by Government Auditor.

Receiver's No.—	Time Filed—	Paid <u>Collected</u> Word <u>Day</u> Government rate—Toll, \$.
-----		(Day or night.)
Sent by—	-----	
<u>Western Union</u>	<u>Telegraph Co.</u>	
(Name of company.)	-----	
To	From	
<u>Martha Thomas</u>	<u>Carlisle, Pa. Oct. 30, 1917</u>	
-----	(Place.) (Date.)	
<u>Anadarko, Oklahoma.</u>	<u>John Francis, Jr.</u>	
-----	(Print or typewrite name of sender.)	
-----	<u>Superintendent</u>	
-----	(Title of sender.)	

Dennis Thomas is here and well.

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

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

Appropriation: _____

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE HEREOF.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

March 18, 1916.

METHOD OF SENDING AND PAYING FOR TELEGRAMS.

ORDER No. 5.

TO ALL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE INDIAN SERVICE:

In lieu of Circular 1056, the following instructions in regard to sending and paying for telegrams, are hereby promulgated, to be effective on and after April 1, 1916:

1. HOW SENT.

No telegram on which the charges are to be paid by the Government, either directly or by way of reimbursement, shall be sent "collect" unless sent by a person not in the Service. See 3 (b).

- (a) **Indian Office.**—Messages sent by Government officers or employees to or from the Indian Office shall be marked in the lower left-hand corner, thus: "Official Business, Government day (or night) rate. Paid, charge Indian Office."
- (b) **Field Offices.**—Messages sent to or from any field office, which properly pertain to its jurisdiction, shall be marked in a similar manner: "Official Business, Government day (or night) rate. Paid, charge _____, (giving name of the person or office to which bill should be presented for payment)."
- (c) **Traveling employees.**—All other messages sent by employees who are under the jurisdiction of a field supervising office, whether sent direct to that office or otherwise, shall be marked thus: "Official Business, Government day (or night) rate. Paid, charge _____, (give name of the person or office to which the bill should be presented for payment)."

All other messages sent by employees who are *not* under the jurisdiction of any field supervising office shall be paid for in cash at the time the message is filed with the company for transmission, and the message shall be marked thus: "Official Business, Government day (or night) rate. Paid in cash by sender." In all such cases a copy of the message, showing that the original was marked "Paid in cash by sender," must be retained by the traveler and filed with his voucher on which reimbursement is requested.

2. METHOD OF PREPARATION.

- (a) **Rates.**—Each message must be marked by the sender so as to show whether it is sent at day or night Government rates. Night rates are cheaper, and should be used when too much delay is not occasioned thereby.

2. METHOD OF PREPARATION—Continued.

- (b) **Signature.**—Each telegram must be signed in sender's own handwriting. Typewritten or stamped signatures must not be used. Telegrams phoned to sending station of company must be confirmed by written message prepared and signed as herein directed.
- (c) **Address.**—Official telegrams sent to the Secretary of the Interior, or to the head of any bureau thereof, or to any other person in the Department whose official position is of sufficient prominence to insure proper delivery of the message at Washington, D. C., over the lines of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Cable Companies, should be addressed "Washington" only, the letters "D. C." being eliminated. ("Departmental Order November 20, 1915.)
- (d) No duplicates should be furnished to the receiving office of the company, except to support lost messages, when ordered by the Indian Office, in accordance with paragraph 5 hereof.
- (e) **Appropriation.**—On each copy of the message give name of the appropriation chargeable with the toll.
- (f) **Form.**—When practicable use prescribed forms, making original and four copies, and disposing of the copies as marked thereon. Additional copies may be made as desired. If not practicable to use prescribed form; keep copy of the message and mail omitted forms as soon as practicable.

3. MANNER OF PAYMENT.

- (a) Vouchers of telegraph companies, when submitted for payment, must be supported by the originals of all telegrams filed by officers or employees of the Indian Service, after April 1, 1916.
- (b) Messages sent "collect" to a Government office or officer, by a person not in the Interior Department, may be paid for on presentation of a copy of the received message. However, the Government reserves the privilege of having such messages marked: "Paid, charge _____, (giving the name of the person or office to which the bill should be presented for payment)," and in such cases it will be the duty of the telegraph company to present the original message in support of its bill. Field officers are advised to instruct correspondents to so mark messages which are to be paid for by the Government.

CATO SELLS,
Commissioner.

Approved, March 20, 1916.

BO SWEENEY,
Assistant Secretary.

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

Confirmation of Telegram

Mail to

Anadarko, Okla.,
Oct. 29, 1917

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

Is Dennis Thomas there? No letter received.

Wire answer.

Martha Thomas.

Paid.

Sent M.
(Eastern time.)

By
W. U.
Government rate.

PAID—COLLECT

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Superintendent.

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM



NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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RECEIVED AT Western Union Bldg.
130 West High Street

ANADARKO OKLA JUL 28 1917

JOHN FRANCIS SUPT

CARLISLE PA.

PAY TO DENNIS THOMAS EXPENSE MONEY HOME TRIP

MARTHA THOMAS

853AM JUL 29 1917

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
INCORPORATED

MANAGER'S OFFICE

CARLISLE, PA., JUL 28TH 1917.

JOHN FRANCIS JR SUPT.,

CARLISLE, PA.

IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER TO

REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER OF

DEAR SIR:-

KINDLY SIGN ATTACHED RECEIPT FOR \$10.00 AND RETURN
IN STAMPED ENVELOPE.

YOURS TRULY

R. A. Richards

MANAGER.

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January 26, 1918.

C. G. Conn Company
Elkhart, Indiana.

Sirs:-

The local Adams Express Company are holding a C.O.D. (\$50.75) package containing a cornet ordered by Dennis Thomas, a pupil of this school. This young boy ordered this instrument without consulting any of the authorities of this school and without his mother's permission. He has no money to pay for it, and his mother will not advance the money.

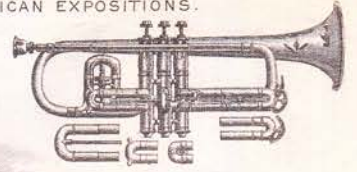
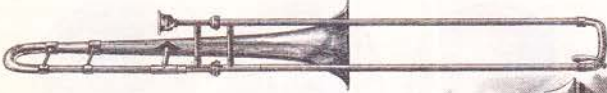
Please instruct the Company here to return the instrument to you.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

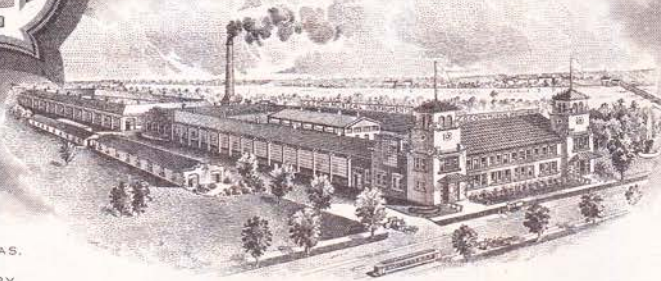
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ELKHART, IND. Jan. 29, 1918.

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

Dear Mr. Francis:-

We are in receipt of your letter
of the 26th, in regard to a C.O.D. shipment to Dennis Thomas,
Carlisle, Pa., on Jan. 15th.

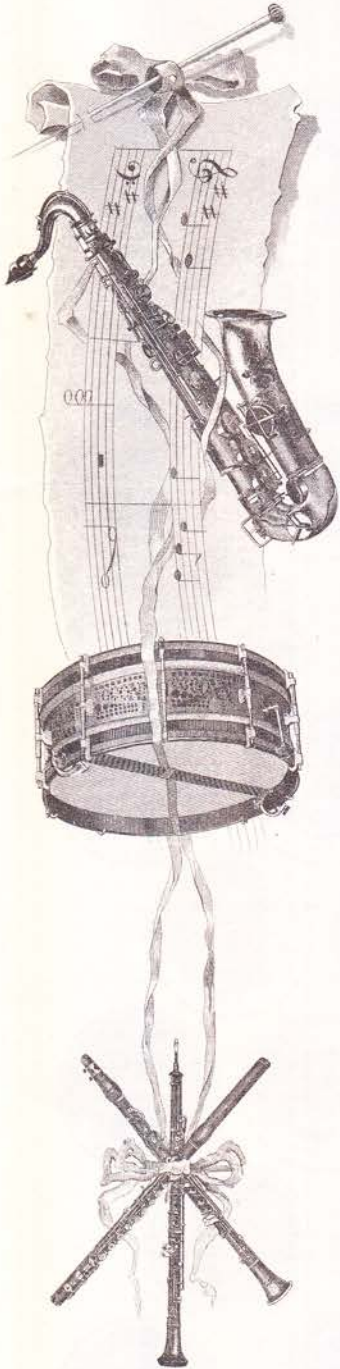
Per your instructions, we have ordered the
express co. to return this instrument to us and due credit
will be made.

Thanking you kindly for your interest in
the matter, we are

Very truly yours,

C. G. CONN LTD.

Per *[Signature]*





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A. NEVERS

W. COLLINS

F. PELZ

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January 28, 1918.

Mrs. Martha N. Thomas
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter saying that you do not want your son Dennis, to buy another cornet has been received. Dennis ordered an instrument from the C.G. Conn Company sometime ago and had it sent C.O.D. the total cost being \$89.75.

I understand from our bandmaster that the instrument bought by Dennis last year is slightly off the key but that it will do for his band work. Mr. Wheelock sees no necessity for the purchase of a new instrument at this time.

I have therefore written the Conn firm to recall the instrument as Dennis has no money to pay for it and you are unwilling to advance any.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

Anadarko, Okla.

Jan. 21, 1918

Mr John Francis, jr. Supt.

Dear Sir:

I received a letter from Dennis Thomas requesting me to buy him a new cornet, now I just bought him a new cornet just about one year ago and paid \$75.00 for it, and I thought that ought to last him several years, it was a Keeser B⁹ cornet, but now he writes and says it was no good now and out of tune, and what I want to know is if he can have it fixed and cleaned around there or sent back to wherever he bought it and let them repair it, Will you please see about his cornet and let me know just what to do. I think it is an awful waste

of money to pay so much for a cornet and have
to buy another in an year's time. please
let me hear from you soon as possible.

The trouble with Dennis is that he thinks
when anything is out of fix he ought buy
a new one instead of trying to repair it.
I will close hoping to hear from you soon.

Very Resp.

Martha Thomas

283 W. Wash Ave.

Ada
Okla.

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February 13, 1918.

C. G. Conn Company
Elkhart, Indiana.

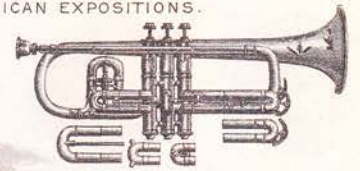
Dear Sir:- I write you again relative to the C.O.D. shipment to Dennis Thomas, a pupil of this school, to which I referred in my letter to you dated January 26, 1918. I write to inform you that Dennis Thomas now has money to pay for the cornet ordered so if you will return it to Carlisle, it can be lifted.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

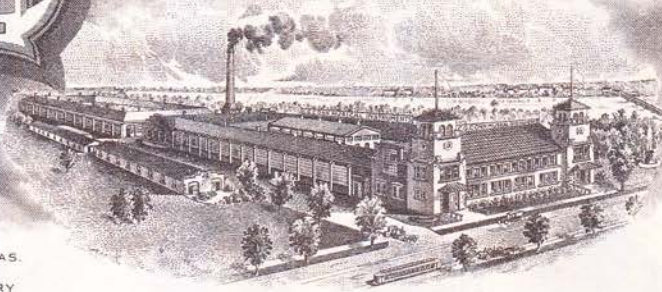
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ELKHART, IND.

Feb. 16th, 1918. #20BC

Mr. John Francis, Jr.
Sup't. U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

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Dear Sir:-

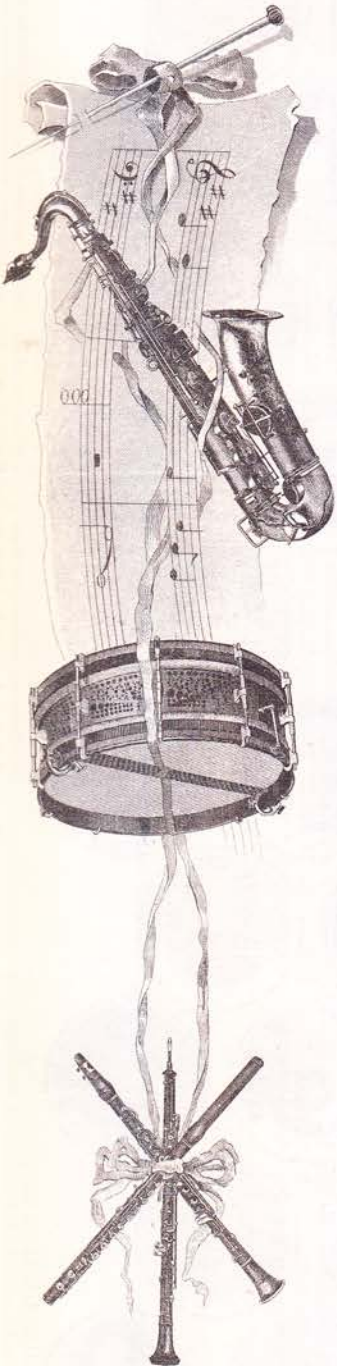
Your kind favor of the 13th received and we have again entered the order for Dennis Thomas for the New Wonder Cornet, finish one, high and low pitch of which the price is \$85.00 less 5% discount making a total of \$80.75.

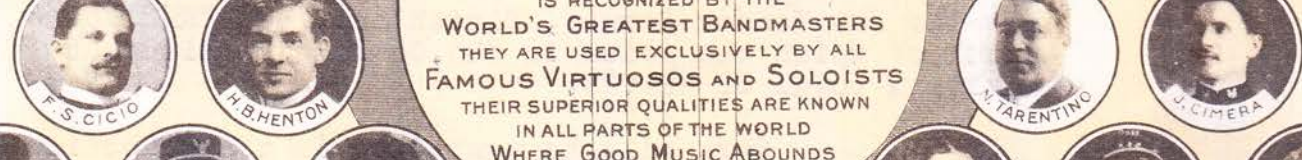
Care will be exercised in the selection of this instrument and shipment will be made as soon as possible. Instrument will be sent C.O.D. as before.

With kindest regards and best wishes, we beg to remain

Yours truly,

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242 Anadarko, Okla. 88.95-
Jan, Feb, 2, 1918.

Mr. John Francis Jr.

Dear Sir:

I have decided
to send the money to buy Dennis the
cornet, If his other cornet is out of tune
he can't do very good work in Orchestra
or Concert. Please tell the Bandmaster
to sell his old cornet or if he can't
sell it, tell Dennis to send the cornet
to us and we might make use of it
here, Please tell Dennis to take good
care of his cornet this time, so I don't
have to buy him an other one

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next year. I will send \$85.00
and if there is any left after the
expenses let Dennis have it.

I will close

Very Resp.

Martha Thomas.

203 W. Wash. Ave.

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July 30, 1917.

Mrs. Martha N. Thomas,
Anadarko, Okla.

Dear Madam:

As your son Dennis took all the money which he had to his credit here with him it will be necessary for you to deposit with me the cost of his return ticket which will be \$37.94.

This morning we received the \$10 which you wired him. This has been placed to his credit and can apply to the cost of his return ticket. You can then send me a check for \$27.94.

Trusting that Dennis arrived in good condition and that you will be pleased with the progress he has made in the last year, I am,

Very truly yours,

D:R

Chief Clerk in Charge.

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VACATION REQUEST FOR PUPIL.

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that leave of absence be granted

Dennis Thomas

from June 1917 to September 1917

to enable Dennis to visit his home. We hereby agree to pay all expenses, including round-trip railroad fares, sleeping-car fares, meals, lodging, stage fares, telegraph and telephone messages, and other incidental expenses connected with the visit. We further agree that said pupil shall be returned to the Carlisle Indian school on or before the last day of the leave of absence. We further agree to deposit with the superintendent of the school sufficient money to defray all expenses to be incurred, and should the pupils, or any one of them, fail to return to school at such time as may be agreed upon by the parents or guardian and the superintendent of the school in which the pupils are enrolled, the amount of money remaining with the superintendent, necessary to the return transportation of the pupil or pupils so neglecting to return, shall be forfeited to the Government; provided, however, that in all cases where it can be shown that there were justifiable reasons for the failure of the return of the pupil the forfeiture of the funds shall not take place.

If the pupil neglecting to return is from a reservation, the superintendent of the reservation shall certify to the reasons for the nonreturn of the pupil or pupils. If a pupil's home is not on a reservation, then the certificate of some reputable, disinterested citizen of the community may be requested as to the reasons for the nonreturn of the pupil or pupils.

Robert Thomas
Father.

Martha Thomas
Mother.

.....
Guardian.

Date: June 18, 1917

NOTE TO DISBURSING OFFICERS.—All receipts under this agreement must be accounted for officially as Individual Indian Money. However, any forfeitures must be transferred to Miscellaneous Receipts, Class I, and deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the United States.

Dennis Thomas:- Are you satisfied with the cornet from Conn's ?
Just write "Yes" or "No" on this paper and return at once. The
express Company wants to know this before 3 P.M. today.

Respectfully

Feb. 26, 1918

Mrs. Denny -
yes

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Anadorko, Alaska.

June 4, 1918.

Mr. John Francis Jr.:

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Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing
Dennis Thomas check, I wish you to
place it to his account. The boy has
been writing to me, to request your
consent to release him from his two
more years at school. I signed three
years for him, but he had it changed
for five years. Now he wants to come
home and take business course
so as to enable him to go to work.
There is so much demand for clerks
right now, even at our Agency, they
have not enough clerks to get along,
but if he was to fill his contract for

Two more years, he might never learn
any special kind of work. I think he
is advanced enough in his studies to
take business course. He surely have
passed the eighth grade by now.
Then another thing, he might be called
for war anytime, so please release
him. The Commissioner seems to be
willing if you are. Please write and
let me know soon as possible if he has
to pay his own fare, so I can send
more money. I will close now,
hoping my request will meet your
approval.

I am very Res^d.

Martha Thomas,
203. West Wash. Ave.
Anadarko,
Okla.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

June 14, 1918, 191

This certifies that Dennis Thomas (Name of student.)

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

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.	GRADE.	RATING.
English	2nd Yr. Voc.	77
Arithmetic	"	78
Soils	"	74
U. S. History	"	69
General Exercises	"	78
General Average	"	76

Effort

Deporment

DETAILS SERVED.	LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.	RATING.
Industrial		87

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

John ... Superintendent.

Blair Principal.