

No. 5522		NAME.		AGE.	TRIBE.	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.	NAME OF AGENCY AND RESERVATION, IF ENROLLED; IF NOT, POST OFFICE OF FAMILY.	
Thomas Slinper		18		Choctaw	3/8	Reynolds, Okla.		
DATE ENTERED.	Months in school before enrollment here.	IN WHAT GRADE OR ROOM.		Distance to nearest public school from pupil's home.	REMARKS. (Temporarily absent, outing, deserters, on sick leave, special authorities for enrollment, etc.)			
		On entering here.	At date of this report.					
SEP 8 1910	8 yr.		6	100 mi.	TO COUNTRY	FROM COUNTRY	DATE DISCHARGED	
							JUN - 4 1917	
							Army	
							Presb.	

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

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

Remarks: _____

CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

4734

May 21, 1917, 191

This certifies that Thomas Slinker

(Name of student.)

has made the following record in Carlisle Indian School

(Name of school.)

SUBJECTS—ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.

GRADE.

RATING.

English

VI

88

General Exercises

80

Arithmetic

78

Geography

81

Physiology & Hygiene

83

Penmanship

82

Drawing

75

History

85

Effort

Department

DETAILS SERVED.

LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.

RATING.

Farm

88

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

1st replacement Co 28th Id.

1st Bn Harrison

Aug. 28, 1917.



Mr John Francis Jr.

Dear Sir,

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

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

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

I am doing this in
benefit of her own
welfare so please
let me know soon
I will write more
often hereafter
Sincerely yours
Thos Sinker.

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

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

Dear Sir:

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

Respectly
A. Neely

Carlisle Pa.

May 1st 1917

Mr G. Neely,

Dear sir:

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

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Yours Truly,
Thomas Shinker.

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June 28, 1917.

Mr. A. Neely,
Durant, Okla.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

Respectly

A. Nulty

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Neddy I got the \$25.00
day I want to come
home on the 4 of
July. If I can get
a 10 day leave I want
to see the home folks
before I leave I need
the \$20, more I may get
my leave any time
I am going to my
soon I wish in a few
days so I want to have
the money on hand
I'll close for this time
hoping to hear from you
soon
Thomas Shutev
Co. B. 10 2nd Lt Ben H. Wilson
Indiana.

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June 26, 1917.

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

My dear Tom:

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

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

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

Co. B, 10th Inf.
Ft. Benj. Harrison Indian

June, 21, 1917

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

Just to let
you know how the Indian
boys like the Army. They are
getting plenty of drill. They
drill I guess 7 hrs every day.
They have reached as far as
Instructors & Corporals. The
Capt said he never had
better boys than the Indian
boys, they will be sergeants
before 2 months is gone.
They are up holding. Bartlett
has much as we can. The
only objections they have they
don't get "show" any more.
They miss "your Aunt" ha! ha!

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

Tell So long for this time
from the boys.

Thomas Linker.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA. June 7, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Francis:

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

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

Yours very truly,

A. S. Wyly.
Supervisor.

ASW-H.

5/20/92

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

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

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

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

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

Vina and Hamiley is
well.

Write soon

Bob

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May 26, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

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May 12, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

remain here through the summer rather than
go home.

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.

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

Local Offices:

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

Idabel,
Hugo,
McAlester,
Holdenville,
Atoka,
Madill,
Ardmore,
Chickasha,
Pauls Valley.

Superintendent.

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Return of Thos.

Slinker.....

Department of the Interior

United States Indian Service

Five Civilized Tribes

Muskogee, Oklahoma. May 9, 1917.

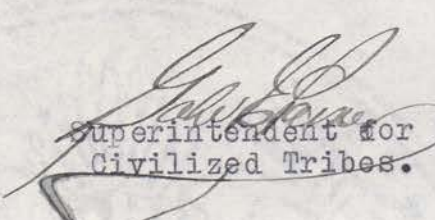
- Superintendent of U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

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

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

Sincerely yours,


Superintendent for the five
Civilized Tribes.

Francis, Jr.

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April 16, 1917

Mr. A. Neely,

Durant, Okla.

Dear Sir:

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

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

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John P.
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Durant Okla. 4/13/17

Supl: O. H. Lipp

Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing check for \$10⁰⁰ for the use of Thos. Slinker. He is writing me that he wants to spend the vacation at home. I wrote him last week that he was not financially able to make the trip.

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

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

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A. Nulty

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

Dear Sir:

Some time since I had a letter from Thos. Slicker informing me that a number of your students contemplated a visit to the National Capitol for the inauguration of the President and that he wanted to go. I am enclosing check for \$10⁰⁰ if you think it best for him to go, you can use this money for that purpose, if not you can keep it for future use.

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

Respectly

A. Neely

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February 19, 1917.

Mr. A. Neely
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

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

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

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

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January 23, 1917.

Mr. Duran:

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

Very respectfully,

D:R

Superintendent.

Enc.

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January 24, 1917.

Mr. A. Neely,
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Very truly yours,

D:R

Chief Clerk in Charge.

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

Dear Sir;

I am enclosing check for \$18⁰⁰ for the use of Thos. Slinker as he says he needs a suit of clothes, I am depending on you to see that he does not spend money needlessly. If it is not asking too much of you I would like to have a report from ^{you} occasionally as to his progress and deportment; I would also like information as to the time to make application for other pupils, the grades etc.

Respectfully

A. Nully

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

Respectfully

N R Denny.

Mrs. Denny:

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

C.M.Blair

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December 28, 1916.

Mr. A. Neely
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

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

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

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD

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

Durant Okla. 12/19/16

Supt. Lipps

Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir,

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

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

To get away from work of any
kind, watch him closely ^{and}
you ^{will} find I am telling the
truth.

I have written you
this to place ^{you} in a proper
attitude to observe him closely
and for the good of the boy.

Respectly

A. Neely

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



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, Dec. 22, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Lipps:

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

A. S. Wyly,
Supervisor.

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December 14, 1916.

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

My dear Sir:-

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. S. Wyly-2

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

Very truly yours

Chief Clerk in Charge.

WRD

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Durant Okla. 10/6/16

Supt. O. H. Lipps

Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir:

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

Respy

A. Neely

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find
Cashiers check for \$10⁰⁰ for the
benefit of Thos. Slinker. I
have lost your name is why
check does not show name.
I am more than pleased with
improvement the young man
shows in his letter. Please en-
courage him all you can.

Respectly

A. Neely

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Sept. 23rd, 1916.

Mr. A. Neely,

Durant, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:

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

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

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supvr. Wyly.)

Durant-Okla. 9/19/16

Principal Carlisle Indian School

Carlisle Pa.

Dear Sir:

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

Respectfully
A. Neely

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June 9, 1917.

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

Dear Thomas:

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

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

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

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

Thomas Slinker

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6/9/17

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

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

Columbus Ohio
26th Company, Col. Bar

June 6 1917

Mr Francis

Dear Sir

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

Yours Truly.

Thos Slicker
26th company, Col. Bar.

October 30, 1917

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

My dear Tom:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

JF-E

Superintendent

1st Co 25th Inf.

FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON

INDIANA

Oct 17, 1917

Mr John Francis, Jr.

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

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

FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON
INDIANA

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

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

Well I will close for
sure this time

I remain as ever
your friend
Thomas Shickel

1st Co 28th Infantry.

Ft Benjamin Harrison
Indiana.

Write soon

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October 16, 1917

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

My dear Thomas:

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

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

October 16, 1917

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

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent

JF-E

1st, Co, 28th, Inf.

NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL

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"WITH THE COLORS"



Oct 5th 1917

Mr John Francis, J.R.

Dearest Supt.

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

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

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"WITH THE COLORS"

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

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"WITH THE COLORS"

Sept 1st.

1917

1st Co, 28th Inf.

Lt. Benj Harrison
My Dear Supt and
Best friend:

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

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



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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

"WITH THE COLORS"



1917

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

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

Tell Mr Francis
I'll close for this
time

your friend

Thomas Linker.

4018
September 4, 1917.

Mr. Thomas Slinker,

Ft. Benj. Harrison,

My dear Tom:

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

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

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

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UNIFORM EXPRESS RECEIPT

Receiving Form 21
June, 1915

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY

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NON-NEGOTIABLE RECEIPT

CARLISLE, PA.

June 22

1915

Received from

Carlisle Indian School

subject to the

classifications and tariffs in effect on the date hereof,

one trunk

value herein stated and warranted by

shipper to be

Dollars.

(See foot note)

Consigned to

Mrs. Lizzie Shinker

at

Lebanon, Pa.

Charges

freight

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

Shipper.

For the Company.

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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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France 7/17/18.

Mr John Francis Jr.

Dear Supt.?

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

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

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

I remain as ever
Yours Respectfully.

Bugler Thomas Slinker.
Co. D. 28th Inf.

A. E. F.

France.

A. Macdonald
A. Macdonald

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AMERICAN



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WITH THE

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Jan 23 1918.
Mr John Francis Jr. -
Dear Sir -

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

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

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

AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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Mr Francis I am
going to be at Carlisle
by next summer if
fate is willing. hat
hi! Well I think
I have said as
much as I know
Will write again
soon.

I remain as ever.

your friend.

Regt. Thomas D. Slinker.
Co. B. 28th Inf.

OK
G Butler
2nd Lt.

AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Jan 23, 1918

To the American Red
Cross of Carlisle
Indian School.

Dearest friends.

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

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WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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

I remain sincerely,

Bugler Thomas Slinko
Co. D, 48th Inf.
A. E. F. France.

Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully



BRIEF.

Application of

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

Thomas Dewey Slinker

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

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

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

Printed by Carlisle Indians.

*12/63
3/8*

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

Application for Enrollment in a Non-reservation School.

(For a child enrolled at an Agency)

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

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

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

I, A. Neelym, Guardian, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to Thomas D Slinker enrollment in said school for a period of 3 years, and also obligate myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian Schools.
(Not less than 3)

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL	DATE OF ENROLLMENT	DATE OF DISCHARGE	CAUSE	GRADE
1. <u>Jones Academy</u>		<u>1913</u>	<u>Small-pox</u>	
2. <u>Armstrong Acad.</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>Small-pox</u>	
3. <u>Good Land</u>	<u>sep '15</u>	<u>Dec '15</u>	<u>Didn't like the school</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
4.				

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

P. O. address: Durant,

Two Witnesses:

Okla.

B. Coleman Durant, Ok.
Jas Farbrough

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

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

This 22 day of July, 1916

Physician at Courcy, N. B. Agency.

CERTIFICATE OF AGENT OR SUPERINTENDENT.

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

This 22nd day of August, 1916

A. S. Wiley
Agent or Superintendent.

SPECIAL NOTE.

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

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

Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully

INDORSEMENTS.

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

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

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

The rules provide that—

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

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

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

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

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August 30, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

Very truly yours,

D:R

Superintendent.