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The reassignment of two Indian Agency superintendents and the appointment of a third was announced today by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

William W. Grissom will move from the Superintendent's post at the Blackfeet Agency, Browning, Mont., to Superintendent of the Anadarko Agency, Anadarko, Okla. He succeeds Robert Meshaw, who died Aug. 30, 1966.

Born in Noble, Okla., Grissom served in the Coast Guard during World War II. He joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1949 as a soil conservationist at Anadarko after being graduated from Oklahoma A & M College.

Succeeding Grissom at the Blackfeet Agency is Noralf Nessel, heretofore Superintendent of the Standing Rock Agency, Fort Yates, N. D.

Nessel, born in Maddock, N. D., began his BIA career as a teacher in the Fort Yates school in 1939, after having taught at the school before it became a Federal institution. He is a graduate of North Dakota State Teachers College, Valley City.

Named as the new Superintendent at Standing Rock is Thomas J. Ellison, who has been credit officer at the Muskogee, Okla., area office. Ellison, a member of the Choctaw Tribe, was born at Fort Towson, Okla.

He served with the infantry in the European Theater during World War II and is a graduate of Colorado State University. Ellison began his Bureau career as a soil conservationist at Apache, Okla., in 1950.

All three reassignments became effective January 15, 1967.

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