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William V. Battese, a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Kansas, has been named Superintendent of the Anadarko Indian Agency in Oklahoma, the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced today. His appointment is effective July 3.

Battese has been, since 1974, Assistant Area Director for Administration in the BIA's Portland, Oregon office. He succeeds Stanley Speaks who is now the Area Director at Anadarko.

A Navy veteran from World War II, Battese was Administrative Officer and Acting Deputy Area Director at Anadarko before going to Portland. He has worked with the BIA in South Dakota, Arizona and Utah. He was also an employee of the Navajo Tribe for seven years.

He is a graduate of the Haskell Indian School at Lawrence, Kansas.

The Anadarko Agency serves seven tribes