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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson has named Francis E. Briscoe, 56, an enrolled member of the Caddo Indian Tribe from Anadarko, Okla., Area Director, Portland Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs Briscoe has served in an acting capacity since Dale M. Baldwin retired last year.

"The Bureau of Indian Affairs is fortunate in having a man with the education and experience of Francis Briscoe to fill this post," Commissioner Thompson said. He has served in four Area Offices of the Bureau as well as with the Bureau in Washington, D.C. He also brings to the job a degree in business administration

Briscoe began his 25-year career with the Bureau in 1949 as a clerk typist in the Central Office, Washington, D.C. He then held positions of increasing responsibility in Area Offices at Minneapolis, Minn., Aberdeen, S. Dak., and Albuquerque, N.M. From 1955 to 1965 he again served in Washington, D.C., as an accountant, supervisory accountant, and financial manager. He moved from the post of Area Director for Administration in Aberdeen, S.Dak. to the same post in Portland in 1972.

Briscoe is a graduate of Oklahoma University, Norman, Okla., with a B.B.S. iii Business Administration. Fran 1940 to 1945 he served in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany as part of the 45th Division (Thunderbirds) of the U.S. Army.

He has completed the Interior Department's manager training program and has had additional supervisory and management training.

He is married to the former Bonnie Lee Stribbling (Choctaw), Ardmore, Okla.