

1 in 4 Qualifies In City's Draft, Figures Show

Questionnaire to 189 Boards Reveals New York Is Near Quota

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The first official figures on the draft in New York—the result of a questionnaire sent out to the 189 local exemption boards by Deputy Attorney General Conkling a few days ago—show that the city has approximately maintained the high average of qualifying every fourth man for service.

While there are twenty-three boards still to be heard from, and the figures cannot be accepted as absolutely accurate as to the status of the boards at the present time, Mr. Conkling took the totals to Washington last night to enable Provost Marshal General Crowder to obtain a general idea of how the selective conscription is progressing in the first city of the country.

The report shows that fifty-six of the 189 boards replying have filled their quotas, and that from this incomplete list only 8,374 more men are needed to fill the city's quota of 38,621. Taking into consideration the fact that some of those not heard from probably have practically completed their quotas, and that many of the others have only a few more men to secure, Mr. Conkling's prediction that this week may see the end of the physical examinations bids fair to become a surety.

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So far there have been 122,257 men examined, and of this number 82,494 were found physically fit. Of the latter number, 62,690 claimed exemption or discharge from the draft, but a large percentage of these claims will be disallowed either in the local boards or the district board. No exact figures on the result of the draft will be obtainable until the district board has disposed of every case, the numerical order of which falls within the first call for service.

"This table represents the general condition as now going on, as we are able to give it at the present time," said Mr. Conkling. "These figures are, of course, incomplete. Some of the boards were so rushed with work that they couldn't stop to give accurate figures. Many of the boards have completed their quotas, but don't want to give out any figures until they can give them accurately. Then, the boards have taken different methods of arriving at the figures presented."

For instance, some of the boards have proceeded on the method of continuing their physical examinations until they have made sure of obtaining their full quotas without those who claimed exemption. When these claims have been finally passed on, such boards, of course, will have obtained possibly double or even triple the number of men needed for the first call.

Some Not Up-to-Date

Other boards have proceeded on the basis that a certain percentage of exemption claims will be disallowed and that as these men are certified back to them by the district board their quota will be filled. Another reason why the figures cannot be accepted as to the close of work last night is the fact that the replies to the questionnaire began arriving at Mr. Conkling's office several days ago. Several boards have conducted many more examinations since then.

But, based on the figures so far received, and not taking into consideration the fact that several thousand men have been certified for service by the twenty-three missing boards, New York's share of the National Army stands well over the 30,000 mark this morning.

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THE 69TH AT MESS IN THEIR CAMP AT MINEOLA



Despite the arduous work done by the 165th Infantry (which was the 69th) since its arrival at camp, a large majority of them are tipping the scales at between one and five pounds more than they did when they departed from New York City.

In the report by Board 99, in which two members were found to be accepting bribes, and which had to do its work all over again. This board had examined 505 men, passed 376 on the physical test and received only 155 claims of exemption when the report was submitted.

Although the board reports its quota as filled, it is continuing its examinations in the belief that many of those who passed will still file exemption claims before the ten-day limit has expired. This theory was shown to be correct when the board worked until 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning, passing on 145 new cases. Exemption was granted to seventy-three of these and twenty-six claims were rejected.

2,500 Didn't Register Here

United States Marshal McCarthy informed Mr. Conkling yesterday that he believed 2,500 would be a liberal estimate of the number of men who failed to register for the draft in the greater city. Many of these, he stated, will be found to have registered elsewhere or to have good reasons for not appearing. Mr. Conkling has received a letter from one man now serving with the Canadian troops in France.

Although no afternoon session was held, the District Board maintained its speed yesterday in disposing of 144 appeal cases. It decided that 112 of these appellants had failed to present sufficient excuse for not serving in the National Army. Eighteen original applications for exemption on industrial grounds were heard, five of which were granted for a period of six months.

Two more committees of three members each were appointed by Chairman Charles E. Hughes to assist the five sub-committees already at work in considering appeals. One of these, known as Committee F, consists of Senator George B. Agnew, William H. English and Richard W. Lawrence. The other, Committee G, is composed of Howard O. Wood, Dr. Edwin E. Hicks and Dr. J. Evan Shuttleworth. With seven committees giving lengthy consideration to the individual appeals, the work of the main board will be greatly expedited. On account of the great amount of work started, the board's Chairman, Hughes announced that he had telegraphed Governor Whitman asking him to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Nathan Straus and John Dalton, at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Hughes also read a statement to the board, which he is sending to every district board in the state for the Committee of Fourteen, setting forth the interpretation of the draft rules that mothers should be compelled to go to work. "We do not concur in the view suggested in some quarters," the statement reads, "that in case of wife and children actually dependent on applicant's labor for support, and where there are no other means of support, the wife should be put to the necessity of going to work to support herself and children. Bona fide dependency of wife and children on labor of applicant, where in his absence they will be left without reasonably adequate support, after duly taking into consideration soldier's wage and support available from relatives, as stated in the rulings of the provost marshal general, is ground for discharge."

But, based on the fact that the attention of the board to the fact that the provost marshal is supposed to appeal all cases of dependency, and asked that the appealing officers report in each case whether the action is merely formal or whether a serious question is involved, in order that the board might not be swamped with work.

Case Referred to Crowder

The case referred to the provost marshal general was that of Fletcher S. Brockman, an associate secretary of the National War Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, who appealed on behalf of Carlton O. Miller, who has been in charge of the secretaries of the organization for two years and who was passed by Board No. 155. Mr. Brockman set forth that Miller has been called to take care of the Paris office, where he will have charge of between 500 and 1,000 secretaries and superintendent the disbursement of \$2,000,000.

Mrs. Joseph A. Russell made an appeal for the exemption of her husband on the grounds that she was dependent upon him for support, but Board No. 78 reported him willing and anxious to serve, so her claim was denied.

Many Drafted Men Now Seek to Volunteer

Applications for volunteer service in the army have smashed all records during the past few days. During the same time, actual recruiting figures have dropped. The young men who flock to the recruiting stations get no further than the door of the outermost ante-room, where the soldier clerk asks the visitors: "Have you been drafted?" "Nothin' doing." "Major J. H. Hughes, in charge of the

Recruiting Officers Reject Applications—Army Cooks and Bakers Scarce

recruiting office at 280 Broadway, said that in nearly every case the applicants desired to have the records show that they had volunteered instead of being drafted.

"The slump in recruiting is, of course, due to the fact that the draft has tapped the human reservoir from which cooks and bakers in the land, for very few have appeared at the recruiting stations. This is believed to be due to the fact that a large percentage of cooks and bakers in the United States are German and Austrians, now listed as alien enemies and aliens.

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But Patience Learned on Border Stands Camp Mills Men in Good Stead

CAMP MILLS, L. I., Aug. 22.—Waiting is the hardest kind of work that can be laid out for an Irishman when there's a fight in prospect—particularly when you have put that Irishman into uniform and put weapons of offense into his hand.

But the wait, which the 165th U. S. Infantry finds itself in for now, thanks to the Latin enterprise of Pancho Villa, isn't likely to prove nearly so hard as it might be. Recruits are many among the 2,400 early arrivals at the "Rainbow Division" camp, but the backbone of the organization is made up of men who were with the regiment which goes to France as the 117th Headquarters Troop and Military Police, and an ambulance company each from the New Jersey and District of Columbia National Guard.

Court Ousted, Draft Board Must Explain

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 22.—George F. Schmidt, Auditor of Passaic County, has been ordered to appear in the Chancery Chambers at Paterson on September 8 to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court. This order, which was issued by Chancellor Walker, is the result of an altercation between Vice-Chancellor Eugene Stevenson and Mr. Schmidt, who

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