

FIRST ST. LOUIS COUNTY DRAFT TEST TO BE HELD TODAY

WILL TEST FIFTY FOR DRAFT ARMY

Physical Examination in County District No. 1 To Begin Today

Fifty men, summoned by the first call for physical examination, will go through the preliminary steps in Duluth today to prove fitness or reason for discharge from military service in the first draft army.

First physical examinations called for St. Louis county, will be conducted starting at 9 o'clock this morning by the local board of county division No. 1.

According to advance figures based on registration cards of those in the first call, 45 per cent will be exempted or discharged of those examined today. This will include exemptions for dependency because of being married, or discharge because of physical disability.

14 Have Enlisted.

Added to this 14 in the first call in the first county division, have enlisted, certificates having already been filed with the board. There are also a number engaged in the railroad business with headquarters at Proctor who it is figured will claim vocational exemptions, which will later be taken up by the district board.

The first county board which has the honor of conducting first examinations in St. Louis county, in accordance with notice sent out, is composed of Fred Ward, chairman; H. H. Hillerman, clerk, and Dr. H. C. Pearson, examining physician. Warren E. Greene is legal adviser.

Jurisdiction of Board.

The area over which the board has jurisdiction includes Proctor, Brooks, Ault, Cedar Valley, Toivola, Kelsey, Cotton, Meadowslands, Northland, Geneva, Town of Duluth, Van Buren, Albion, New Independence, French, Hadden, Floodwood, Culver, Conosta, Rice Lake, Lakewood, Prairie Lake, Fine Lakes, Solway, Herman and Midway.

There are 1,338 registrants in the district, 169 quota is required and 218 will be summoned to answer the first call. This will not be sufficient however to supply the quota when exemptions and discharges are made, according to opinions of board members.

Headquarters of the board are located at room No. 211, courthouse, second floor, and the physical examinations will be conducted in the former registration headquarters on the first floor.

Four Fall in Tests.

First test in physical examination was given the first county division local board yesterday, when four appeared in advance of the first day's call. They were Gustave Warner Palmer, Karl Valfrid Weltanen, Charles Gust Hietinen and Ben Ireal Kanner. All claimed exemptions, and failed in physical examinations.

One of the number claimed about everything possible. First he had a widowed mother dependent on him. This was overlooked, however, when it was discovered he had a brother. The brother, however, he said was sick, and needed all his money to pay doctor bills. The physical examination was his next step. In this he failed, but before it was completed, it was discovered that was also a resident alien, and he was given affidavit blanks to make his claim within 10 days. He was the first man to be hit by all the exemption and discharge claims on the books, and if he falls in any of these, he can fall back on the vocational exemption, being a farmer.

The Vocational Exemption.

District board for the Duluth district expects to get action next week following the first examinations by the local board, according to statement of Dr. J. J. Eklund, chairman. Vocational exemption from six to 10 days are being filed every day, and referred back to the local boards.

H. O. Elorge of Lake Park, the only member of the Duluth district board who has failed to qualify, has said no word or what he intends to do. Dr. Eklund expects word today, as it is necessary in the event of resignation that another member be named for the board before the business can be properly conducted next week.

District board office at the federal building in room No. 5 is open every day where H. H. Lamont is the clerk in charge. Dr. Eklund will issue a call for meeting next week when first claims are presented.

Duluth residents who have enlisted in any branch of the country's military service since June 30 will be credited to the city's quota when the second draft is called, according to the regulations received yesterday by the local exemption boards. As a result, each district in the city, will be credited with the number of men next September or whenever the second draft is made, who have enlisted since the drawing.

Exemption claims have flooded the desks of the four exemption boards where the notices to appear for applications were mailed Monday night. The



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CITY DISTRICTS.

District One—Municipal building, West Duluth; office hours, 9 to 12 and 1 to 5; telephones, Calumet 688-L, Cole 26.

District Two—13 Sloan block, Twentieth avenue West and Superior street; hours, 9 to 12 and 2 to 5; telephones, Lincoln 784.

District Three—304 American Exchange Bank building; hours, 9 to 5; telephone, Mcirose 9727.

District Four—405 East Superior street; hours, 9 to 5; telephone, Mcirose 52.

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largest porportion of these came from the relatives of men who have already enlisted; and this rush to the colors with the regular forces, will mean the calling of about 100 more men to fill the quota for the draft army in each district, according to a member of one of the boards last night.

In the third district alone it was said that 12 men applied for exemption, either by writing or through relatives who called at the office, because they were already enlisted. Some of the appeals came all the way from the Atlantic coast and others from the Jefferson barracks.

Orders were received yesterday from Provost General Marshal Crowder specifying the steps to be taken by which draft candidates, who might be absent from the city at the time appointed for their appearance, might apply for an early examination.