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The Enrollment and the Draft.
PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE.

WASHINGTON D. C., Oct. 19, 1863.

Sir: I have the honor to report, for your information, certain general facts connected with the draft, as shown by reports made up to this time.

Of those drawn in the present draft, including the 30 per cent additional over 30 per cent, have been in accordance with the provisions of the boards. Of the 30 per cent, who have not reported, many are not willing deserters, being unavoidably absent at sea and the like. The deserters are being arrested.

All examined about 30 per cent, have been exempted on account of physical disability, about 30 per cent, have been exempted under the provisions of the second section of the act, or found not liable to military duty on account of alienage, unsuitableness of age, non-residents, &c. Those who are not liable to military duty, and form no part of the national forces, and therefore have been erroneously enrolled, appear in the general reports of the boards among those exempted, because their non ability to serve could not be established until they came before the boards. The number of exemptions thus made is likely to increase.

About 10 per cent. of the men examined have been held to service, and have either enlisted or furnished substitutes, or paid commutation.

About one-half of those held to service have paid commutation; of the remainder about one-third have gone in person, and two-thirds have furnished substitutes, and all except a few in transit and a small proportion of deserters from among the earlier substitutes accepted, are in the ranks of their regiments, in front of the enemy. It is fair to suppose that most of those who wilfully fail to report, and thus become deserters, are physically fit for service; if they had been examined the proportion exempted for physical disability would have been reduced to about 25 per cent. The proportion of exemptions would be still further reduced by purging the enrollment lists before draft of all cases of manifest unfitness, and of aliens and others not liable to military duty, as may be done where this system of raising troops is well established.

The propositions above given are based upon the reports up to this time from the several Congressional districts where the draft has been completed, or has most nearly approached completion.

Since the present rebellion began about 200,000 soldiers, after entering service, have been discharged on surgeon's certificate of disability. It is probable that at least one-half of them were unfit for service when received. It may be safely said that forty millions of money was needlessly expended in bringing them into the field, to say nothing of their subsequent expense to the Government.

In Great Britain, under the system of voluntary enlistment, the rejections average over 20 per cent. In France, from 1831 to 1842, the average number of exemptions annually was 94,890; so that, to secure the contingencies of 80,000 men, 175,989 recruits were annually examined.

The recruits who presented themselves for enlistment in our regular army in 1862, 70 per cent. were rejected for physical infirmities, exclusive of age or stature. Between 1st January and 1st July last, more than half were rejected. These were men who could not be accepted. These propositions are of interest in connection with the fact that less than one-third of the drafted men who desire not to be accepted have been exempted on account of physical infirmities.

All the expenditures up to this time on account of this bureau, including the enrollment, draft, and pay of officers, and persons connected with it, are but little over \$1,200,000. These expenditures include all made on account of the machinery which has produced the arrest and return of twenty thousand deserters.

The amount of money received from the draft up to this date is about ten times as great as all the expenses incurred on account of the enrollment act; those resulting from the New York riots are not, however, included in this statement, as they are more properly attributable to other causes and other persons than to the draft or the officers of this bureau.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES B. FRY,

Provost Marshal General.

Hon. E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

Local Affairs.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—Divine service will be held in the Presbyterian Church, in this place, opposite the depot, on every Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Young, Pastor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE GOOD INTENT FIRE COMPANY.—We are requested that state that an election of officers of the Good Intent Fire Company for the ensuing year will be held on next Monday evening. All the members are requested to attend.

COURT.—The special court commenced its session at this place on Tuesday, but in the room of the court house, upstairs, were occupied by the Provost Marshal and the board of enrollment in the examination of conscripts, as well as the unenlisted state of the country. It was deemed advisable by the Court and Bar to hold no special court, and it was also determined to postpone the whole civil list of the regular November term, commencing on Monday next, to January term. The Court will convene on Monday next, for the trial of criminal cases only.

ARRIVAL OF THE SUNBURY GUARDS.—The members of this Company, commanded by Captain Gobin, arrived home from Key West, Florida, on Tuesday last. The officers and men look well and hearty, and received a most hearty welcome from their friends and relatives. Among them was our faithful and intelligent correspondent, H. D. W. They came home on furlough and number about fifty men. They have been absent over two years, and have resorted in the veteran corps for the sake of the increased bounty of that service, which we believe, amounts to \$400. The government is anxious to keep her well tried and experienced soldiers in the service, and we trust most of them will follow the example of the Sunbury Company. The effects are: Captain J. P. S. Gobin, First Lieutenant Wm. Boren, Second Lieutenant Daniel Oster, orderly sergeant U. Ross.

NOBLE BOYS.—We learn that the officers commanding the Forty-ninth and Fifty-third regiments of Pennsylvania volunteers (three years men) have unanimously consented to extend their terms of service another year longer. This is a highly commendable act, as the best positive evidence that these noble young cadets have and set at their country's

BONUSES TO VOLUNTEERS.—The following circular, relating to the pay and bounty of men volunteering under the late call for three hundred thousand, and over, has been issued by Provost Marshal General Fry, and will be found interesting to all who are able to perform military duty:

District Agents are to be appointed by the Provost Marshal General to recruit deserters and procure recruits.

Twenty-five dollars premium will be paid to the agent for each selected recruit presented by them, who has served in the army at least nine months, and has honorably discharged for other causes than desertion.

Thirty dollars premium will be paid to all other accepted recruits.

The monies received from drafted persons as an exemption from service shall constitute a substitute for the payment of premiums and bounties.

The total amount of bounty to be paid to each recruit is four dollars, and will be paid while he is in the service, twenty-five dollars each before leaving the general rendezvous. The balance will be paid to him by instalments according to existing regulations.

The monthly compensation of soldiers enlisted under this order will be at the following rates:

If confined in the service three years, Veterans' Allowance, twenty-four dollars; other volunteers, twenty-four dollars, and twenty cents.

If discharged at the end of one year—Veterans, twenty-nine dollars and seventy cents other volunteers, twenty-five dollars and fifty cents.

If discharged at the end of two years—Veterans,

thirty dollars and twenty cents other volunteers.

If discharged at the end of three years—Veterans,

thirty-one dollars and twenty cents other volunteers.

If discharged at the end of four years—Veterans,

thirty-two dollars and twenty cents other volunteers.

If discharged at the end of five years—Veterans,

thirty-three dollars and twenty cents other volunteers.

If discharged at the end of six years—Veterans,

thirty-four dollars and twenty cents other volunteers.

If discharged at the end of seven years—Veterans,

thirty-five dollars and twenty cents other volunteers.

If discharged at the end of eight years—Veterans,

thirty-six dollars and twenty cents other volunteers.

If discharged at the end of nine years—Veterans,

thirty-seven dollars and twenty cents other volunteers.

If discharged at the end of ten years—Veterans,

thirty-eight dollars and twenty cents other volunteers.

If discharged at the end of eleven years—Veterans,

thirty-nine dollars and twenty cents other volunteers.

If discharged at the end of twelve years—Veterans,

thirty dollars and twenty cents other volunteers.

If discharged at the end of thirteen years—Veterans,

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If discharged at the end of fourteen years—Veterans,

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If discharged at the end of fifteen years—Veterans,

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If discharged at the end of seventeen years—Veterans,

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