

37/376
Juneau, Alaska, August 17, 1917. C. B. Gert. H. L. paid CASH.

(99-23)

Commandant, Naval Coast Defense Reserve,

San Pedro, Calif.

C. G. Reynolds resident Juneau desires enlist in Defense Reserve. Can he take physical examination here and if accepted remain at his present employment until called for service?

SIGNED, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

August 17, 1917

99-1

Mr. R. J. Weir,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I was recently advised by Brigadier General Wm. Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, that there had been issued to me, for use of the Home Guard at Seward Alaska, fifty rifles, model 1898, and 400 rounds of ammunition; and that this material had been invoiced to me, in care of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Seward, Alaska. I have been requested

by Mr. J. C. Luttrell, late commander of the Home Guard at Seward, to convey authority to someone to receive the material addressed to me; and in compliance with Mr. Luttrell's request, you are hereby designated to receive and make such disposition of the material as may be necessary for its safe keeping and preservation until turned over for the use of the Home Guard.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, August 18, 1917. O B Ass Govt NIGHT COLLECT.

(99-20)

Sulzer,

House Representatives, WASHINGTON.

Registration certificate mailed Harja July twenty fifth by Fairbanks registrar.

STRONG.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, August 18, 1917. C. B.

(99-3)

Harvest Packing Company,
Red Bluff Bay, via MAIL from Petersburg.

At request your Seattle office you are advised that your employees who are sub-
ject to registration for military service should report to W. H. Hollain, registrar
at Warm Springs Bay before September first.

STICHEL, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, August 20, 1917. O. B.

99-13

Lang, Clerk Court,

Valdez.

Referring your letter sixteenth relative registration it is unnecessary to employ stenographer for making up duplicate registration cards until further advised by this office. Cards cannot be numbered until some definite plan for draft has been arranged and this will probably not be done until some time after September second. You will be duly advised when to begin numbering cards and making duplicate list.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, August 20, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate COLLIER.

Provost Marshal General,

Washington.

99-410

Number fifteen period Referring my letter eleventh instant submitting list of city and divisional exemption boards some desire following changes in names of members of divisional exemption board for judicial division number two period. In place of Phil Ernst substitute name of James P. Daly some and in place of J. H. Mustard substitute name of D. S. Neuman period. Also desire recommend appointment of an additional city exemption board for town of Sitka in judicial division number one some composed of W. P. Mills some John G. Brady some and F. L. Goddard N. B. some this board to have same status as other city boards period. Confirming letter follows first mail period.

STANES, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

222
215

MEMO relative to City and Divisional Exemption Boards, Territory of Alaska, Submitted in connection with the Governor's telegram and letter of August 20, 1917, to the Provost Marshal General.

FOR JUDICIAL DIVISION NO. 1.

99-40

Add the following:

CITY EXEMPTION BOARDS:---

Sitka: W. P. Mills, merchant, John G. Brady, and F. L. Goddard, M. D.

(Sitka is an incorporated town of the second class, under a Territorial act. The exemption board is to be given same status as boards in the incorporated towns of the first class.)

FOR JUDICIAL DIVISION NO. 2.

DIVISIONAL EXEMPTION BOARDS:---

Substitute name of James F. Daly for that of Phil Ernst, and name of B. S. Hansen for that of J. H. Hustard. Daly is a mining man; Hansen is a physician.

As thus changed this board will be composed of the following:

James F. Daly, mining man, G. D. Cochran, lawyer, J. V. Sheldon, banker, H. O. Salberg, business man, and B. S. Hansen, M. D., all of Nome.

Juneau, August 20, 1917 O. B.

99-16/9-3

Corsar, Capt.,

Cordeva

Am recommending appointment of draft exemption board for Mc-
Carthy and vicinity and desire a physician as member of board.
Is there a reputable physician in McCarthy not subject to draft?
If so, please wire me his full name. If no physician at Mc-
Carthy or if physician there subject to draft, please wire me
the full name of the physician at Kennecott, providing he also
is not subject to draft. Members of exemption boards must
be thirty-one years age or over. Will appreciate prompt tele-
graphic reply.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

August 20, 1917

99-13

Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk,
Divisional Registration Board,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant. You are advised that the matter of serially numbering registration cards by the city and divisional registration boards is one which is being given consideration by this office at the present time, and, in due course, the various boards will be advised with regard thereto. As indicated in a telegram to you of this date, the arranging and numbering of the registration cards after they have been turned in by the precinct registrars will have to be delayed until such time as definite arrangements have been made for conducting the selective draft in the Territory. The problem of so arranging the registration cards for the various precincts throughout the Territory as to provide a fair basis for the drawing, is by no means a simple one, for the reason that there is no uniformity in the number of persons registered in the various precincts. Just what plan will be followed cannot at this time be stated, but as soon as a plan

225

321

has been evolved which is believed to be fair and equitable,
all boards will be advised and instructed as to the course
to be pursued in connection therewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 20, 1917

99-2B

The Provost Marshal General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find confirmation copy of my telegram No. 15 of this date, advising of changes in names of members of the divisional exemption board for the second judicial division, and recommending the appointment of an additional city exemption board for the town of Sitka in judicial division No. 1, and giving the personnel of that board.

Mr. Philip Ernst, whose name was given in the list of members for the divisional exemption board for the second judicial division, as submitted with my letter of the 11th inst., upon being advised that he had been recommended for membership on the board, wired this office, asking that his name be withdrawn for reasons which were satisfactory to this office. I have, therefore, recommended the substitution of the name of James P. Daly, who is a resident of Nome and, like Mr. Ernst, engaged in mining. For reasons which, in my opinion, warrant the action, I have recommended substituting the name of Dr. D. S. Neuman for that of Dr. J. H. Mustard, as a member of this board.

226

222

Upon further consideration of the matter, it has also seemed advisable that there be appointed, for the town of Sitka (incorporated as a city of the second-class, under a Territorial act), a city exemption board, and I have, therefore, recommended the names of W. P. Mills, merchant; John G. Brady, a former Governor of Alaska, and Dr. F. L. Goddard for appointment to this board. I have also recommended that this board be given the same status as boards in the incorporated towns.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

August 20, 1917

99-3

Baranof Packing Co.,

Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

On the 18th instant this office received a letter from your Mr. Peck, requesting that we advise you with regard to the registration of employees of your cannery at Red Bluff Bay on Baranof Island, where it is understood there are several young men who are subject to registration. Immediately upon receipt of Mr. Peck's letter we wired you as per enclosed confirmation copy.

The clerk of the district court at Juneau advises that Mr. McBlain is the official registrar at Warm Springs Bay, which we understand is some five miles from your cannery at Red Bluff Bay. It is believed that you will experience little inconvenience in arranging for your men to report to Mr. McBlain for registration.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

227
220

August 20, 1917

99-3

Mr. L. W. Peek, President,
Baranof Packing Co.,
1316 1/2 First Avenue,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant, addressed to the Governor, with reference to the registration of employees of your company at Red Bluff Bay, on Baranof Island. Enclosed herewith you will find a confirmation copy of a telegram sent to your company on the 13th instant, advising that employees should report to the registrar at Warm Springs Bay, which I understand is about five miles from Red Bluff Bay. There is also enclosed a copy of a letter of this date, addressed to your company at Petersburg, as requested by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

DISPATCH, Juneau,
Aug. 22, 1917.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAS IMPORTANT
NEWS FOR WALTER J. HARRIS.

99-73/10

If Mr. Walter J. Harris, of New York City, is in Juneau or vicinity,
he is requested to call at the Governor's office regarding a matter of
importance to him.

August 21, 1917

99-6

The Sheriff of King County,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

On the 30th of July last, Mr. Howard Hans Hansen, employed as a recorder with the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in the vicinity of Juneau, appeared before the registrar for the city of Juneau and asked to be registered under the military selective draft law. This man stated that he was a resident of Vashon, Wash., but temporarily in Alaska, and was advised that he could not be registered here unless an Alaska address could be shown on his registration card. He then gave his address as "Box 1071," Juneau, and was duly registered and registration certificate No. 297 was issued to him. On yesterday Mr. Hansen again appeared before the registrar at Juneau and stated that he was leaving for his home in the States and asked if he could deliver up his registration certificate card which had been issued to him by the registrar at Juneau on July 30, and have the same canceled and also cancel the registration card and have a new card filled out and certified, showing him as a resident of Vashon, Wash.

As it appeared that Mr. Hansen had only been in the Territory since early in April last and did not intend to remain here, the registrar was authorized to take up his registration certificate and cancel it and the registration card, which was done. The registrar then filled out a card and had Mr. Hansen sign it, showing his home address as Vashon, Wash. This card was given to Mr. Hansen, who was instructed that he should present it to the registrar for his home precinct on arrival there.

On the same day two other members of the United States Coast & Geodetic Survey force appeared before the Juneau registrar and made similar requests and action was taken in their cases the same as in Mr. Hansen's case. Shortly thereafter the fourth man appeared, who had also been employed in the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey work, and upon being asked for his registration certificate, stated that he had sent it to his father in the States, so that the registrar in his home precinct might make a record of the fact that he had registered in Alaska. The registrar, therefore, refused to take any action in this man's case.

It has been deemed best to advise you of the action taken with regard to Mr. Hansen, so that you may take such steps as you deem advisable to see that he presents his registration card for filing and the issuance of a registra-

tion certificate upon his return to Washonist.

If this matter does not come under your jurisdiction, we will appreciate if you will kindly refer it to the proper officer.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 21, 1917.

99-6

The City Clerk,

Chehalis, Wash.

Dear Sir:

On the 30th of July last, Mr. John Britton Coffman, employed as a signal man with the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in the vicinity of Juneau, appeared before the registrar for the city of Juneau and asked to be registered under the military selective draft law. This man stated that he was a resident of Chehalis, Wash., but temporarily in Alaska, and was advised that he could not be registered here unless an Alaska address could be shown on his registration card. He then gave his address as "Box 1071," Juneau, and was duly registered and registration certificate No. 295 was issued to him. On yesterday Mr. Coffman again appeared before the registrar at Juneau and stated that he was leaving for his home in the States and asked if he could deliver up his registration certificate card which had been issued to him by the registrar at Juneau on July 30, and have the same canceled and also cancel the registration card and have a new card filled out and certified, showing him as a resident of Chehalis, Wash.

As it appeared that Mr. Coffman had only been in the Territory since early in April last and did not intend to

remain here, the registrar was authorized to take up his registration certificate and cancel it and the registration card, which was done. The registrar then filled out a card and had Mr. Coffman sign it, showing his home address as Chehalis, Wash. This card was given to Mr. Coffman, who was instructed that he should present it to the registrar for his home precinct on arrival there.

On the same day two other members of the United States Coast & Geodetic Survey force appeared before the Juneau registrar and made similar requests and action was taken in their cases the same as in Mr. Coffman's case. Shortly thereafter the fourth man appeared, who had also been employed in the United States Coast & Geodetic Survey work, and upon being asked for his registration certificate, stated that he had sent it to his father in the States, so that the registrar in his home precinct might make a record of the fact that he had registered in Alaska. The registrar, therefore, refused to take any action in this man's case.

It has been deemed best to advise you of the action taken with regard to Mr. Coffman, so that you may take such steps as you deem advisable to see that he presents his registration card for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate upon his return to Chehalis.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 21, 1917

99-6

The City Clerk,

Puyallup, Wash.

Dear Sir:

On the 30th of July last, Mr. Larence Kenton Willis, employed as a coxswain with the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in the vicinity of Juneau, appeared before the registrar for the city of Juneau and asked to be registered under the military selective draft law. This man stated that he was a resident of Puyallup, Wash., but temporarily in Alaska, and was advised that he could not be registered here unless an Alaska address could be shown on his registration card. He then gave his address as "Box 1071," Juneau, and was duly registered and registration certificate No. 296 was issued to him. On yesterday Mr. Willis again appeared before the registrar at Juneau and stated that he was leaving for his home in the States and asked if he could deliver up his registration certificate card which had been issued to him by the registrar at Juneau on July 30, and have the same canceled and also cancel the registration card and have a new card filled out and certified, showing him as a resident of Puyallup, Wash.

As it appeared that Mr. Willis had only been in the Territory since early in April last and did not intend to remain here, the registrar was authorized to take up his registration certificate and cancel it and the registration card, which was done. The registrar then filled out a card and had Mr. Willis sign it, showing his home address as Puyallup, Wash. This card was given to Mr. Willis, who was instructed that he should present it to the registrar for his home precinct on arrival there.

On the same day two other members of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey force appeared before the Juneau registrar and made similar requests and action was taken in their cases the same as in Mr. Willis' case. Shortly thereafter the fourth man appeared, who had also been employed in the United States Coast & Geodetic Survey work, and upon being asked for his registration certificate, stated that he had sent it to his father in the States, so that the registrar in his home precinct might make a record of the fact that he had registered in Alaska. The registrar, therefore, refused to take any action in this man's case.

It has been deemed best to advise you of the action taken with regard to Mr. Willis, so that you may take such steps as you deem advisable to see that he presents his registration card for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate upon his return to Puyallup.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 21, 1917

99-3

Mr. Francis Robertson,
196 Seventh Ave. West,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, in which you ask for registration blanks to be sent to you at your Vancouver address.

In reply you are advised that your request cannot be complied with, since the registration regulations do not make provision for following the course you suggest. It is noted that you expect to leave Canada in a couple of months to return to the States, and you are advised that in that event it will become your duty, within five days after returning to the United States, to report to a registration officer and be registered.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 21, 1917

99-6

Mr. Edgar Laden,
Hotel Bristol,
1124 1/2 Pacific Ave.,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Your undated letter, addressed to the registration officer at Junesea, advising the loss of your registration certificate and asking for a letter showing that you have registered in Junesea, has been referred to this office for attention.

In reply you are advised that it will be necessary for you to forward an affidavit, setting forth the circumstances connected with the loss of your registration card, including in the affidavit the statement that the card has not been given by you to anyone else. If you will forward such an affidavit to this office, we will arrange to have the registrar at Junesea issue a duplicate certificate card to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

99-2/10

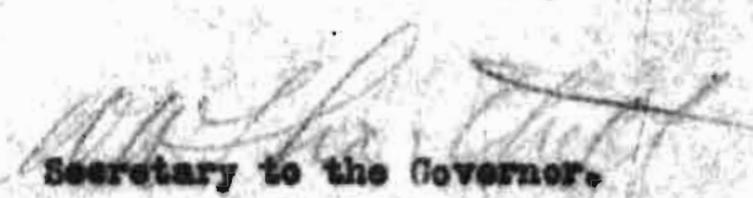
Juneau, Alaska, August 22, 1917. O. B.

Depot Quartermaster,

SEATTLE.

Has shipment of one case envelopes from US Envelope Company Holyoke, Mass.,
consigned to me July twenty fifth on WQ two thousand nine hundred fifty three
by American Express your case been received? If so, when will same be forwarded
Juneau?

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, August 23, 1917. O. B. Ass.

99-20

Ray, Mayor,

Fairbanks.

Replying yours yesterday subjects of Germany are only persons to be classed as alien enemies. Line twelve paragraph thirty eight page sixteen of regulations has reference to registration card blanks, of which ^{sufficient} ~~a sufficient~~ number were sent you to enable your board to comply with requirements.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

236
216

Juneau, August 23, 1917. Night Letter Collect.

(99-23/B)

A. Wold,

Petersburg.

It will probably be three or four weeks before exemption boards will be prepared to act. Recommendations sent to Washington on eleventh instant by this office for action by the President who appoints the boards. After appointment they must be supplied with instructions and blanks.

STRONG, Governor.

Juneau, August 23, 1917. O. B. RUSH.

(99-16/B-3)

Dr. Chase,

Cordeva.

What is full name of physician at Kennecott and is he subject
to draft? Desire appoint him member McCarthy exemption board if eligible.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

238

122

August 22, 1917

99-13

Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk,
Divisional Registration Board,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a confirmation copy of a telegram forwarded to you on August 20, in reply to your letter of August 16.

I note what you say with reference to the registration of the men at Fort Chatham, and trust that the registrar at Fort Graham will take care of that point, as intimated in your letter. I have to express my approval of the excellent work that you have done, and note that it will no doubt be some time after the close of registration on September 2 before reports from western Alaska will be received. I have also to thank you for the list of registrars appointed for the third division.

A list of names for appointment as members of the various exemption boards of the Territory under the selective draft law have been forwarded to the President for appointment, and I expect to be advised at any time that the appointments have been made.

Yours very truly,

Governor

239
225

August 22, 1917

99-23

Hon. W. T. Burns,
Chatanika, Alaska

My dear Mr. Burns:

The receipt is acknowledged of the telegram of yourself and Senator Gaustad, as follows:

"Please write letter to Adjutant General of United States Army, strongly recommending attorney G. A. Olson, of Fairbanks for commission officers' reserve corps. Olson heartily recommended by us."

In reply I have to advise you that under the rules and regulations for the enlistment of candidates for the officers' reserve corps, it is not the purpose of the War Department to give consideration to recommendations other than those called for by the various officers having charge of the selection of persons who are applicants for admission to the officers' reserve corps' training camp. The instructions with respect to such applications received by me explicitly state that all applicants would be considered upon their merits and without any influence from outside sources. I have, therefore, deemed it inadvisable to write the letter requested by you, although I would gladly have done so if I had believed it would receive any consideration.

I have to advise that if Mr. Olson wishes to become a candidate for the officers' reserve corps, he should send his application direct to Col. M. E. Saville, commanding, Ft. Wm. H. Seward, Haines, Alaska. If more training camps are opened, after the conclusion of the present camp at the Presidio, Mr. Olson's application will, no doubt, be received. Colonel Saville will then forward to this office a formal application blank to be certified by me as to the qualifications, character, etc., of the applicant.

Will you kindly advise Mr. Olson of this procedure?

Cordially yours,

Governor

August 22, 1917

97-23

Hon. O. P. Gaustad,
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Senator:

The receipt is acknowledged of the telegram of yourself and Representative Burns, as follows:

"Please write letter to Adjutant General of United States Army, strongly recommending attorney G. A. Olson, of Fairbanks, for commission officers' reserve corps. Olson heartily recommended by us."

In reply I have to advise you that under the rules and regulations for the enlistment of candidates for the officers' reserve corps, it is not the purpose of the War Department to give consideration to recommendations other than those called for by the various officers having charge of the selection of persons who are applicants for admission to the officers' reserve corps' training camp. The instructions with respect to such applications received by me explicitly state that all applicants would be considered upon their merits and without any influence from outside sources. I have, therefore, deemed it inadvisable to write the letter requested by you, although I would gladly have done so if I had believed it would receive any consideration.

I have to advise that if Mr. Olson wishes to become a candidate for the officers' reserve corps, he should send his application direct to Col. M. E. Saville, commanding, Ft. Wm. H. Seward, Haines, Alaska. If more training camps are opened, after the conclusion of the present camp at the Presidio, Mr. Olson's application will, no doubt, be received. Colonel Saville will then forward to this office a formal application blank to be certified by me as to the qualifications, character, etc., of the applicant.

Will you kindly advise Mr. Olson of this procedure?

Cordially yours,

Governor

August 23, 1917

99-6

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearers of this, Alfred Anderson, age 26 years, and Otto Anderson, age 28 years, are subjects of the Kingdom of Denmark, and are returning to their native land. Both men have been registered at Juneau, Alaska, under the selective draft act, the serial number of Alfred Anderson being No. 340 and that of Otto Anderson No. 211.

I have caused a careful investigation to be made of the statements of these men with respect to their citizenship, and I am satisfied that they are subjects of the Kingdom of Denmark and, therefore, not subject to military service under the Government of the United States.

Governor

Juneau, August 24, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate COLLECT.

(99-2B)

Provost Marshal General,

WASHINGTON.

Number sixteen period Referring my letter of thirteenth and telegram number
thirteen of the fifteenth instant concerning relative appointment additional city
exemption boards concerning please substitute name of W. W. Council for that of
Ernest S. Reedy as physician member of McCarthy city exemption board period

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

243

226

Juneau, August 24, 1917. G. B.

174 Mayor of Ketchikan

Petersburg

Wrangell

202 Clerk District Court, Nome

Mayor of Nome

221 Clerk District Court, Valdez

Mayor of Cordova,

Seward

Valdez

102 Clerk District Court, Fairbanks

Mayor of Fairbanks

Chena

Kele

Sitka

Tanana

99-7
Wired Sitka
separately
Wrote clerk, Bin. Y, and
Mayors of Douglas,
Haines, Juneau
and Shagway
wv

Referring to section thirty eight of the printed registration regulations prescribed by the President you are instructed not to have registration cards numbered by clerk of your board or make duplicate set until you are further advised by this office.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

244
89

99-21

Juneau, August 24, 1917. C. B. to McInte. PAID H. L. McInte to Iditarod.

Mayor Laplant,

Iditarod.

Referring to section thirty eight of registration regulations you are advised that registration cards should not be numbered by clerk of your board nor duplicate set made up until you have been further advised by this office.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, August 24, 1917. G. B. Govt. NIGHT COLLECT.

99-2/B

Provost Marshal General,

WASHINGTON.

Under severteen period Referring your letter so with instant to my secretary
the depot quartermaster at Seattle advised by wire dated yesterday that he has
not received shipment of envelopes from US Envelope Company nor bilading
covering period

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

246
243

August 24, 1917

99-3

Mr. J. W. Ball, Clerk,
Divisional Registration Board,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to section 38 of the Registration Regulations prescribed by the President of the United States, you are instructed not to number the registration cards returned to you by the various registrars, nor to make duplicates of the same until further advised by this office. This for the reason that certain plans with respect to the draft require to be worked out before we can determine just how the cards returned from precincts outside of incorporated towns are to be numbered.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

247
214

August 24, 1917

99-4

Mr. E. Valentine, Mayor,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to section 38 of the Registration Regulations prescribed by the President, you are advised that the clerk of your registration board should not number the registration cards for the town of Juneau, nor make a duplicate set of the same until you are further instructed by this office. This for the reason that certain plans with respect to the draft require to be worked out before we can definitely determine just how to proceed under the section referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

248
189

August 24, 1917

99-5

Mr. Samuel Nixon, Mayor,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to section 38 of the Registration Regulations prescribed by the President, you are advised that the clerk of your registration board should not number the registration cards for the town of Haines, nor make a duplicate set of the same until you are further instructed by this office. This for the reason that certain plans with respect to the draft require to be worked out before we can definitely determine just how to proceed under the section referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

249

133

August 24, 1917

99-9

Mr. Howard Ashley, Mayor

Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to section 38 of the Registration Regulations prescribed by the President, you are advised that the clerk of your registration board should not number the registration cards for the town of Skagway, nor make a duplicate set of the same until you are further instructed by this office. This for the reason that certain plans with respect to the draft require to be worked out before we can definitely determine just how to proceed under the section referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

250

172

August 24, 1917

99-4

Mr. Elmer E. Smith,
Mayor of Douglas,
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to section 38 of the Registration Regulations prescribed by the President, you are advised that the clerk of your registration board should not number the registration cards for the town of Douglas, nor make a duplicate set of the same until you are further instructed by this office. This for the reason that certain plans with respect to the draft require to be worked out before we can definitely determine just how to proceed under the section referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

251

146

August 24, 1917

99-2B

The Provost Marshal General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith confirmation copy of my telegram No. 16 of this date, addressed to you, in which reference is made to my letter of the 13th instant and my telegram No. 13 of the 15th instant, regarding the appointment of additional city exemption boards and asking that the name of W. W. Council be substituted for that of Ernest S. Reedy as the physician member of the McCarthy city exemption board. Since the forwarding of my letter of the 13th and telegram of the 15th, I have learned that Doctor Reedy has removed from Kennecott, near McCarthy, and that his successor, who recently arrived from the States, is subject to draft. There is no other physician in the McCarthy section, and, as it is quite important that there be a physician member on the McCarthy board, I have deemed it advisable that Dr. W. W. Council be appointed to that position. Doctor Council is a resident of the town of Cordova and has been recommended for appointment as the physician member of the Cordova city exemption board. However,

252

246

I do not understand that this will preclude him from serving on the McCarthy board.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

JUNEAU, AUGUST 24, 1917. O. B.

(99-23/B)

Dr. Chase,

Cordeva.

Referring your letter eighteenth Summers cannot be examined by you except upon request of exemption heard at place where he is registered in San Francisco, neither is there any provision for furnishing transportation to him. He will therefore have to wait developments, if unable to go to San Francisco.

STANLEY, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

253
238

August 25, 1917.

99-6

The Mayor of Juneau,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find registration cards signed by the following named persons, residents of Juneau, and certified by the Acting Governor:

James Joseph Coggins - card signed and certified June 18, 1917
Arthur Fairchild - card signed and certified June 26, 1917
Oscar Robertson Hart - card signed and certified June 16, 1917
Mike Succa - card signed and certified July 2, 1917.

These persons were leaving for the States, and were to have sent letters to this office advising to what addresses their registration certificates should be mailed, but to date have failed to do so. Mr. Hart is a member of the brokerage firm of Kissel and Hart, of Juneau, and will probably return to the city in the near future. We have no information as to Coggins and Succa. We understand that Mr. Fairchild went south to enlist, and that he did so, but have no definite information as to this.

It is suggested that these cards be dated, numbered, signed and filed by the Juneau registrar, and that registration certificates be mailed to the registrants, at Juneau, with a return card on the envelopes asking that they be returned to the City Clerk of Juneau if not delivered within 30 days. Should any of them be returned to the Clerk, he should carefully preserve them.

Respectfully yours,

254

2018

August 25, 1917

99-1

172

Brigadier General Wm. A. Mann, General Staff,
Chief of Militia Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With further reference to the general plans submitted by you, of June 2, 1917, relative to the organization of the National Guard units of the Territory of Alaska, I have the honor to advise you that blank forms appertaining to the formation of the National Guard and for original enlistments, and for the purpose of starting the organization, are required. I shall, therefore, ask that these be furnished as soon as possible.

I have to further advise that I have had no experience whatsoever with the organization of the National Guard, and I would respectfully request that you furnish me with complete instructions of all kinds so that the work may be pushed as rapidly as time and circumstances will permit.

Very truly yours,

Governor

August 27, 1917

99-6

The City Clerk,
Puyallup, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a letter of this date, addressed to the Mayor of Juneau, who is the executive officer of the Juneau registration board, with respect to the transfer of the registration of Mr. Frank Jacobs, who claims his home residence is in the city of Puyallup. Mr. Jacobs advises us that his home address is No. 1203 Third Ave., S. W., Puyallup.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

August 27, 1917

99-6

The City Clerk,

Puyallup, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a letter this day addressed to the Mayor of Juneau, who is the executive officer of the Juneau registration board, with respect to the transfer of the registration of Mr. Frank Jacobs, who claims his home residence is in the city of Puyallup. Mr. Jacobs advises us that his home address is No. 1203, Third Avenue, S. W., Puyallup.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

257

256

August 27, 1917

99-6

Mrs. Grace F. Paine, Registrar,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt from you on the 24th instant, of fifty registration certificate cards which were required for forwarding to the town of Petersburg.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

258

213

August 27, 1917

99-3

Mr. David J. Kinsie, Registrar,
Treadwell, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Referring to office letter of the 23d ultimo, enclosing registration cards of Charles E. Summers and George Maske, of Treadwell, I beg to advise that this office is just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Maske, dated at Seattle, Wash., the 18th instant, in which he advises that he has decided to remain there, and he asks that his registration certificate card be mailed to him at No. 8317 Fifteenth Ave., N. W., Seattle, Wash.

As Mr. Maske gave Treadwell as his home address on his registration card, it may be that you have already mailed his certificate to him at Treadwell. If so, it is suggested that you give the Treadwell postmistress Maske's Seattle address so that the card may be forwarded to him.

Will you please advise what is done in the premises so that our records may be complete.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

259

147

August 27, 1917

99-6

Mr. Emery Valentine, Mayor,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Mr. Frank Jacobs, who is temporarily employed with the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in waters adjacent to Juneau, called at this office today, stating that he desired to transfer his registration from Juneau to Puyallup, Wash., the latter place being his permanent home. It appears that Mr. Jacobs registered in Juneau on the 16th of July, his registration number being 241. His case is similar to that of other employees of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, who appeared for registration in Juneau, giving their home addresses in the States, and upon being advised that they could not be registered here, while claiming residence in the States, then gave a post office box address in Juneau. It appears, however, that the post office box is one used by the Survey boat Patterson, and that none of these men is an actual resident of Juneau. To avoid any trouble upon his return to the State of Washington, Mr. Jacobs sent his registration certificate to his father, with the request that it be presented to the proper officer in the city of Puyallup so that a record might ^{be} made of his having registered here. The card has been returned to Mr. Jacobs and

260

254

he has delivered it to this office, and I enclose it herewith.

In view of all the circumstances and the statements made by Mr. Jacobs, I believe that he should be permitted to transfer his registration from Juneseu to Puyallup; and the Juneseu registrar is therefore authorized to cancel the registration card and certificate and fill out a new card for Mr. Jacobs to sign, which the registrar should certify and deliver to Mr. Jacobs, who will then be charged with the responsibility of filing it with the proper officer in the city of Puyallup, Wash.

We are sending a copy of this letter to the city clerk of Puyallup for his information.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Copy to
City Clerk,
Puyallup, Wash.

August 27, 1917.

99-6

Mr. Emory Valentine, Mayor,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find cancelled registration cards and certificates as follows:

- No. 295, John Britten Hoffman,
- " 296, Lawrence Kenton Willis,
- " 297, Howard Hans Hansen.

These cards were cancelled by the Juneau Registrar upon written authority of this office, the holders having satisfied this office that they were not residents of Alaska but of the State of Washington. New cards were directed to be issued by the Registrar for signature by the parties named, and to be certified by the Registrar and delivered to the parties so that they might forward them to their respective registrars at their places of residence in Washington. This office notified the proper officers in Washington of the action taken.

It is suggested that these cancelled cards and certificates be filed by the Registrar and be turned over to the Registration Board of Juneau at the close of the registration period, and carefully preserved by the clerk of that board, subject to further instructions of this office with respect thereto.

The Registrar should put a blank card in the place of each of these cancelled cards, showing the disposition made of the numbered card, so that all numbers in the registration series may be accounted for.

Respectfully yours,

261

260

Governor.

August 27, 1917.

99-3

Mr. David J. Kinzie, Registrar,
Treadwell, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Herewith find registration card of Mr. Fred S. Porter, of Treadwell. This card is a duplicate of one signed by Mr. Porter in this office on June 28th, last, and certified by the Acting Governor, there being at that time no authorized registrars in this Territory.

When the original card was filled out and signed by Mr. Porter he gave the wrong year in his answer as to the date of his birth, and also gave a Seattle address instead of a Treadwell address. These discrepancies were not discovered until after Mr. Porter had departed for the south. We then made out the enclosed card, sent it to Mr. Porter, calling his attention to the errors in the first card, and asked him to sign the one enclosed, and return it to this office; suggesting at the same time that he have it certified by the registration officer for the local precinct in which he resides in Seattle. Instead of the registrar there certifying the card, he "O K'd" the letter which we sent to Mr. Porter, noting that the request had been complied with, and Mr. Porter returned the letter to this office with his card. The card herein sent you has therefore been signed by the Acting Governor, and given the same date as the original card signed by Mr. Porter, which has been cancelled and will be filed in this office with this letter for future reference.

It is suggested that you date, sign, and number and file the enclosed card, and issue a registration certificate to Mr. Porter, mailing it to him at his Seattle address, which is:

Sheridan Apartments, 5th and Virginia Streets.

Kindly advise this office when you have disposed of the matter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

262
259

August 27, 1917.

99-3

Mr. Walter Salmonson,
8317 15th Avenue, N. W.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The request contained in your letter of the 14th instant to the Governor, has been referred by him to me for attention.

In reply I beg to say that since you have removed from Alaska and have decided to remain in Washington, it would appear that you should go before the City Clerk or other proper officer there and state your case and be registered there. Registration in Alaska did not begin until July 2nd, hence you were outside the Territory on that date; and as you did not leave here until after June 5th (the date on which registration was had in the States), you could not have registered there. It is your duty, however, to register, and it is believed that the proper course for you to pursue is to call upon the City Clerk of Seattle, and inquire just what is necessary in order that you may be properly entered upon the registration records. You are at liberty to use this letter in that connection, if it will be of any service.

Respectfully yours,

263

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. In the absence of an Adjutant General in Alaska, the Governor is in direct charge of registration and draft matters.

JUNEAU, AUGUST 28, 1917. O. S. Govt. NIGHT rate COLLECT.

99-2/5

Provost Marshal General,

WASHINGTON.

Number eighteen period Reference your number forty forty-six will notify boards at once but can give them no definite instructions as have not yet received draft regulations and forms period With reference my number sixteen request that Council be transferred from Cordova city board to the McCarthy city board and that name of George C. Haslet be added to the Cordova city board period Meyer Chase of Cordova is a physician and can take place of Council as physician member of the Cordova board. period Chase and Council are only physicians available in entire Copper River section period.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

264

252

99-7

Juneau, August 24, 1917. O. B. Ans.

W. B. Sharpe,

Ketchikan.

Replying yours date on sending six hundred registration cards in two packages addressed to you. This office has no record of your appointment as a registrar or otherwise in connection with registration matters. For whom are cards intended?

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

August 28, 1917

99-1

Mr. Frank H. Foster,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 17, with reference to the formation of a National Guard in Alaska, and in which you state that there are enough men in your town to comprise a company and that they would be glad to receive the training of such an organization, with a view to becoming more efficient soldiers in the event their services shall be required.

In reply I have to advise you that under the act of June 6, 1916, the organization of a National Guard in Alaska is authorized. However, only two units are provided for--one to be stationed at Juneau and the other at Fairbanks. Major General Mann, Chief of the Militia Bureau, states that other units will be added as soon as it is shown that an increase in the number would be desirable. It is my intention to proceed with the organization of the National Guard just as soon as the necessary blanks, etc., are received from Washington.

I have to thank you for your kind offer, which will be kept in mind should occasion arise.

Yours very truly,

Governor

99-70

Juneau, August 29, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate COLLECT.

Prevent Marshal General,

Washington.

Number nineteen period Recommend appointment city exemption board for unincorporated town of Newcom in fourth judicial division composed of Justice Howard P. Curtis government railroad storekeeper comm Robert R. Duran US Commissioner comm and David H. Moore physician period This board to have same status as other city exemption boards period

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

267
764

Juneau, August 27, 1917. O. B. Ans.

Commissioner Riggs,

99-71/9-N
NENANA.

Replying yours date please advise how many persons have registered to date at Nenana. Dr. Smith not eligible to serve on exemption board under regulations as he is member military establishment. Is there any other physician there who could be named on board? Members of exemption boards must be more than thirty one years of age and not connected with military establishment. Will appreciate suggestions from you as to personnel of board of three members for consideration in case it is deemed advisable to recommend appointment of board at Nenana.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

August 30, 1917

99-2-B

Provost Marshal General,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a confirmation copy of my telegram No. 19 of yesterday's date, recommending the appointment of a city exemption board for the unincorporated town of Nenana in the fourth judicial division.

In explanation I would say that telegraphic advices received from Nenana indicate that there will be upwards of 200 men registered at that place, many of them being in the employ of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, on railroad construction work. There are also a number of men employed there who registered in the States and some of them have already been notified that they have been drawn and instructed to report to an exemption board. It has, therefore, seemed advisable to have an exemption board at Nenana in order to save these men the necessity of making a trip of more than a hundred miles to appear before the exemption board at Fairbanks.

Respectfully yours,

269

267

Enc.

Governor

Juneau, August 30, 1917. O. B.

99-13

LANG, Clerk,

VALDEZ.

Replying yours yesterday it is probably advisable that registration officers
close work nine oclock evening of September first, but if any of them register
men on the second they should be included with others.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

270

244

Juneau, August 30, 1917. O. B.

Clerk of District Court, NOME,

FAIRBANKS.

Rush

99

Copies in

99-11 + 99-13

Since September second falling on Sunday it is advisable that registration close at nine o'clock on evening of the first, but in view of fact that many of the registrars cannot be reached at this time you are advised that all cards dated September second should be counted the same as others.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

271

244

Re: Alaska

99

*Copies in
99-4
and 99-14*

Juneau, August 30, 1917. O. B.

Mayer of Cordova,

Fairbanks

Haines

Ketchikan

Nome

Petersburg

Seward

Stagway

Tanana

Valdez

Wrangell

September second falling on Sunday registration officers should close registration at nine o'clock in the evening of September first.

STRONG, Governor.

[Handwritten signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

272
244

Juneau, August 31, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate COLLECT.

99-2/5

Provost Marshal General,

Washington,

Number twenty peried Reference my tolegram number fifteen of the twentieth instant,
respectfully request be advised if executive action has been taken upon recommendations
submitted therein peried

STONES, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

273

269

August 30, 1917

99-1

The Secretary of War,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 14, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the issue to States and Territories and the District of Columbia of rifles and other property for the equipment of organizations of home guards," I have to request that there be issued to the organization known as the Anchorage Home Guards, of Anchorage, Alaska, which has an enrollment of 150 names, a sufficient supply of rifles, ammunition, cartridge belts, haversacks, etc., in such amount as available supplies will permit. It is understood that the property so issued shall remain the property of the United States and that it shall be receipted for by the Governor of Alaska.

I have to add that the officers of the Anchorage Home Guards are Thomas Dwyer, Captain Arthur Thompson, first lieutenant, and Sam McNeice, second lieutenant.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

274
95

Juneau, August 31, 1917. O. B.

99-17/B

Clark, Clark Court,

FAIRBANKS.

Replying yours date case suggested would have to be included either in column two or in column six and believe number two more nearly covers the case. The blank in will no doubt give registrars a good deal of trouble in making classifications, but as all cases will be duly considered by exemption boards the returns on the summarization blanks are only of relative value, and will in no way affect the final draft.

STENSON, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

275

270

Juneau, August 31, 1917. O. B.

99-21/B-2

Thomas Riggs, Jr.,

HENANA.

Telegraphic recommendation Henana exemption board consisting of Curtis, Burns and Moore sent Provost Marshal General on twenty ninth for submission to President. Expect telegraphic advise of appointment within day or two and will at once wire the information to Curtis.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

276

268

Juneau, August 31, 1917. O. B.

99-22/B

B. B. Hesse, Mayor,

TANANA.

The President has appointed the Tanana city exemption board consisting of yourself, J. C. Dehn, and George F. Bemis. Notify Dehn and Bemis and arrange meeting of board soon as possible and select chairman and secretary, advising this office the names of those chosen. Instructions and supplies will be sent soon as received from Washington. There being no eligible physician in Tanana arrangements for physical examinations of persons appearing before your board will be arranged later.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

277

182

Juneau, August 21, 1917. O. B.

99-22/D-2

J. J. Filbin,

RUBY, via mail from Heleasi.

The President has appointed the Ruby city exemption board consisting of yourself, John W. Dunn and Dr. E. F. Finn. Notify Dunn and Finn and arrange meeting of board soon as possible and select chairman and secretary and advise this office the names of those chosen. Instructions and supplies will be sent soon as received from Washington.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, August 31, 1917. O. B.

99-21/B

Paul Laplant, Mayor,

IDITAROD, via mail from Holy Cross.

The President has appointed the Iditarod city exemption board consisting of yourself, E. H. Stanton, lawyer, and Dr. H. E. Auringer. Notify Stanton and Auringer and arrange meeting of board soon as possible and select chairman and secretary, and advise this office the names of those chosen. Instructions and supplies will be sent soon as received from Washington.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

279

245

Juneau, August 31, 1917. O. B.

99-29/B

Henry T. Ray, Mayor,

Fairbanks.

The President has appointed the Fairbanks city exemption board consisting of yourself, Albert R. Heilig, lawyer, and Dr. H. J. McCallum. Arrange to notify Heilig and McCallum and hold meeting of board soon as possible and select chairman and secretary, advising this office the names of those chosen. Instructions and supplies will be sent soon as received from Washington.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

280

236

Juneau, August 31, 1917. O. B.

99-19/B

Charles Ott, Mayor,

EAGLE.

The President has appointed the Eagle city exemption board consisting of yourself, George E. Burgess, city clerk, and Robert E. Steel. Notify Burgess and Steel and arrange meeting of board soon as possible and select chairman and secretary, advising this office the names of those chosen. Instructions and supplies will be sent soon as received from Washington.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

281
83

Juneau, August 31, 1917. O. B.

99-18/B

Charles A. Showers, Mayor,

CHENA.

The President has appointed the Chena city exemption board consisting of yourself, W. S. Layman, city clerk, and Martin HARRAIS. Notify Layman and HARRAIS and arrange held meeting soon as possible and select chairman and secretary, and advise this office the names of those chosen. Instructions and supplies will be sent soon as received from Washington.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to the Governor.

282

119

Juneau, August 31, 1917. O. B.

89-17/B

Luther C. Ness,

FAIRBANKS.

Upon recommendation of this office the President has appointed the divisional exemption board for the fourth division consisting of yourself, Wm. T. Burns, Theodore Johnson, Adolph Bruning and Dr. James A. Sutherland. Arrange to notify these persons at once and hold meeting and select chairman and secretary and advise this office the names of those chosen. This board will act only as a board of review upon appeals from the city exemption boards of the fourth division. Instructions and supplies will be sent soon as received from Washington.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

Jesson, August 31, 1917. O. B.

(99-12/b)

G. J. Latta, Mayor,

HONOR.

Upon recommendation this office the President has appointed the Home city exemption board consisting of yourself, Edgar Grinn, city clerk, and city physician Chase. Please notify Grinn and Chase and arrange meeting and select chairman and secretary of board, advising this office the names of these officers. Instructions and supplies will be sent you soon as received from Washington.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

284 -
183

Juneau, August 31, 1917. C. B.

((99-17/n)

O. D. Cochran,

HOME,

Upon recommendation of this office the President has appointed divisional exemption board for second division consisting of yourself, James P. Duly, J. V. Shelden, H. O. Selberg and doctor D. S. Newman. You will arrange to notify all these persons at once and proceed to organize board by election of chairman and secretary, and advise this office the names of these officers. This board will act only as a board of review upon appeals from the Nome city exemption board. Instructions and supplies will be forwarded soon as received from Washington.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Judson, Aug Sept. 1, 1917. O. B. Ans.

99-11

Adams, Clerk Court,

ROME.

Replying yours yesterday you are advised that the two members of divisional registration board being a majority of the board are fully authorized to act.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

286

270

August 21, 1917

89-3

Honors. E. B. Cheney,
J. H. Willie,
F. R. Bradley (Treadwell)
C. H. Davidson,
J. P. Hooney, M. D.,
Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 19, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," the President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the first judicial division of Alaska. The duties of the divisional exemption board are those of a board of review of cases certified to it by local exemption boards.

You are, therefore, instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of the board have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are also advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one—that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will individually and collectively discharge, with the utmost fidelity, the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governeur

August 31, 1917

99-13

Messrs. F. R. Bronnson,
Arthur Lang,
John Lyons,
W. Roy Willard,
S. W. Herritt, U. S.,
Valdez, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 16, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," the President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exception board for the third judicial division of Alaska. The duties of the divisional exception board are those of a board of review of cases certified to it by local exception boards.

You are, therefore, instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of the board have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exception boards of the Territory.

288

You are also advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one—that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will individually and collectively discharge, with the utmost fidelity, the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 21, 1917

99-4

Messrs. H. E. Smith,
P. H. Fox,
Joseph Weyerherst, M. D.,
Douglas, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," The President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the town of Douglas, first judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one---that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 21, 1917

93-5

Messrs. Samuel Nixon,
Frank Hellar,
R. H. Craig, M. D.,
Haines, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," the President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the town of Haines, first judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one--that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 31, 1917

99-7

Messrs. H. J. Heneghan,
Ernest Blue,
J. L. Myers, M. D.,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," the President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the town of Ketchikan, first judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one--that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

4

August 21, 1917

99-8

Honors. Jacob Johnson,
I. J. Erickson,
J. L. Bulkley, Jr., M. D.,

Petersburg, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," the President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the town of Petersburg, first judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one--that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 21, 1917

99-9

Messrs. Howard Ashley, Mayor,
E. J. Shaw,
W. G. Gable, M. D.,

Skagway, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," the President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the town of Skagway, first judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one--that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 21, 1917

99-10

Honors. F. Matheson, Mayor,
John W. Steadman,
W. J. Pigg, M. D.,
Wrangell, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," the President, upon recommendation of the Governor for the town of Wrangell, first judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one--that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 31, 1917

99-14

Messrs. George C. Hazlet,
E. F. Hedley,
W. H. Chase, M. D.

Cordova, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 16, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," the President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the town of Cordova, third judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one--that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 22, 1917

99-100-2

Honors. W. P. Mills,
John G. Brady,
F. L. Coddard, M. D.,

Sitka, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," The President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the town of Sitka, first judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one--that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 31, 1917

99-15

Honors. J. Lindley Green,
T. W. Huskins,
J. H. Romig, M. D.

Seward, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," The President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the town of Seward, third judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one---that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 31, 1917

99-16

Messrs. James H. Patterson, Mayor,
A. J. Edmond,
Joseph A. Silverman, M. D.

Valdez, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," the President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the town of Valdez, third judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one--that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 31, 1917

99-155-2

Messrs. J. G. Watts,
Charles E. Herron,
C. C. Benedict, M. D.,

Anchorage, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," the President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the town of Anchorage, third judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one---that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 31, 1917

99-15B-3

Messrs. Joseph H. Murray,
Peter S. Erickson,
W. W. Council, M. D.,
McCarthy, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," the President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the town of McCarthy, third judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards, are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one---that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 21, 1917

09-6

Messrs. J. T. Hunt,
W. A. Clark,
L. P. Doves, M. S.,
Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," the President, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, has appointed you members of the exemption board for the town of Juneau, first judicial division, Alaska. The duties of local, or city, exemption boards are, broadly, to pass upon claims of exemption that may be made before them; and the findings of the local boards are subject to review by the divisional exemption boards.

You are instructed to organize your board as speedily as possible by the election of a chairman and a secretary, certifying the names of the officers so elected to this office.

The necessary supplies for the use of exemption boards have already been forwarded from Washington and upon their receipt here they will be immediately distributed to the various exemption boards of the Territory.

You are advised that your appointments to this board are in the nature of a draft and that the board is a continuing one--that is, it will, in all probability, continue in existence during the period of the present war. I need not remind you that you are charged with an important duty, and I am sure that you will, individually and collectively, discharge with the utmost fidelity the trust that has been reposed in you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Carbon

Juneau, September 2, 1917. G. R. Govt. NIGHT rate COLLECT, 99-24-

Prevent Marshal General,

WASHINGTON.

Number two period. Referring my letter July eighteenth and your letter July thirtieth relative requisition for funds comma have not as yet received advise of credit period Have some bills for printing President's proclamation relative registration and draft in Alaska comma and ask be advised if can pay them from the funds asked for in requisition accompanying my letter July eighteenth when same placed my credit comma or must I make another requisition period.

SHORTHILL, Disbursing Officer
and Agent for Alaska.

Disbursing Officer and Agent, Alaska.

302

273

Juneau, September 3, 1917. O. B.

9122-B-3

J. J. Filbin,

RUBY, via mail from Molesie.

Upon information obtained in your telegram relative to departure of Dr. Finn
am recommending that Dr. William Jones be appointed on Ruby exemption board.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

303

278

Juneau, September 3, 1917. O. B.

99-22/B

Mayer Nease,

Tanana.

Replying your message relative Dr. Leonard serving on exemption board beg to say that he would have been appointed but for the fact that the draft regulations do not permit of appointment of member of military establishment, and Dr. Leonard being member of medical reserve corps is therefore barred.

STROSS, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

304

277

99-710

Sanam, September 3, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate COLLECT,
Provost Marshal General,

WASHINGTON.

Number twenty one period Referring my letter August thirteen and telegram August
fifteen submitting list additional exemption boards comma as just advised that
Dr. Finn appointed on Ruby exemption board is leaving for the States comma and
therefore recommend that Dr. William Jones be appointed in his stead on the
Ruby board period.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

305

302

Sept. 2, 1917

99-12/b

Mr. Ira D. Orton,

Nome, Alaska

My dear Ira:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 18, with reference to your wire to me, stating your objections to the appointment of Mr. Phil. Ernst as a member of the divisional exemption board for the second judicial division. I also note what you say concerning Mr. O. D. Cochran, another member of the board.

Of course, you will understand that, at this distance, I had no means of knowing that either Mr. Ernst or Mr. Cochran nurtured sentiments of the kind you describe. Mr. Ernst, however, declined the appointment, but Mr. Cochran remains on the board, and, under the circumstances, he probably will continue. As these appointments are made by the President, upon my recommendation and the time is fast approaching when the board will be called upon to act, this will probably prevent the appointment of a successor. However, should such an appointment be imperative in the interests of the proper execution of the law, I will not hesitate to have Cochran's appointment revoked and someone appointed

in his place.

I understand perfectly that your telegram was not animated by any desire to criticise, and I have to thank you for advising me in the matter.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Sept. 2, 1917

99-23

Mr. Herman Goermer,
Chickena, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 14, with direct reference to the exemption of mining claims from assessment work during the period of the war.

In reply I have to advise you that I took up this matter in July last with Senator Pittman, of Nevada, who advised me that a resolution providing for the suspension of assessment work on mining claims during the period of the war, had already passed the United States Senate, and he expressed the belief that it would also be passed by the House. I have not since heard anything concerning this matter, but a few days ago I wrote Senator Pittman, asking him to advise me as to whether in his opinion the resolution providing for the exemption of mining claims from assessment work during the period of the war, would be passed. As soon as I hear from him, I shall advise you.

I believe that there are many ways in which men could better serve their country than in the doing of assessment work, which, from my observation, is usually labor wasted,

as no real development work is done by this means, as a rule. The country needs agricultural products of all kinds, and I agree with you thoroughly that farm products of various kinds are absolutely important to the success of the United States in the great world conflict in which we are now engaged.

I was indeed pleased to hear from you and it will give me pleasure to render you any service that I can.

Yours very truly,

Governor

September 3, 1917

Mr. H. C. McGown, Treasurer,
Red Cross Auxiliary,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting, by request of Mr. Robert E. Steal,
game warden, Eagle, Alaska, a postal money order for ten
dollars, to be applied to the Department of the Interior
war relief fund.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 4, 1917

99-3

Mr. John D. Johnson,
Mullan, Idaho

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the registration card sent you with our letter of the tenth ultimo, which card, it is noted, was signed by you on August 27 and certified by the clerk, local board for Shoshone county, Idaho.

We are today forwarding the card to the registrar at Treadwell, with instructions to number and file it and to issue a registration certificate card, which he will mail to you at Mullan, Idaho.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

309
187

Sept. 4, 1917

99-3

Mr. D. J. Kinsie, Registrar,

Treadwell, Alaska

My dear Mr. Kinsie:

Enclosed herewith you will find registration card of John D. Johnson (signed J. D. Johnson), a resident of Treadwell, which was signed by him on the 27th of August and certified by L. R. Adams, clerk, local board, Shoshone county, Idaho, and clerk of the district court for that county.

This card has been prepared to take the place of the one which was signed in this office on June 28 last by Mr. Johnson, just prior to his departure from Treadwell. Mr. Johnson inadvertently gave his home address as Hobart, Ind., when the card was filled out on June 28 and the error was not discovered until after he had left the Territory. This office then communicated with him and forwarded the enclosed card, which is an exact copy of the one signed by Mr. Johnson on June 28, with the exception that his home address is shown as Treadwell, Alaska, instead of Hobart, Indiana, it being Mr. Johnson's desire to be registered from Alaska. We are cancelling the card of June 28 and send the enclosed card to you with the request that you endorse upon it the date of its receipt by you and append your signature thereto

310

762

and that you then give it a number and file it with your other cards for the precinct and issue Mr. Johnson a registration certificate card, which you will please mail him at his present address, which is Mullan, Idaho.

In making up your returns, Mr. Johnson should be included therein.

For the purpose of future reference, it might be well for you to attach this letter to Mr. Johnson's card when it is filed.

Faithfully yours,

Governor

JunEAU, September 4, 1917. O. B.

99-19

Charles Ott, Mayor,

EAGLE.

Replying yours that Frank Beck should apply to commanding officer Ft. Gibben if he wishes to enlist. You should send in telegraphic report showing contents of summarisation sheet for your town registration notwithstanding only one person registered. Kindly do this at once.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

311

781

Juneau, September 4, 1917. O. D.

99-9

Mayer Ashley,

SEAGWAY.

Replying yours date by all means furnish press with complete list of persons registered. It is not necessary to give registration numbers. Lists furnished press here and other towns this section have been arranged in alphabetical order of names without numbers.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

312

250

Juneau, September 4, 1917. O. B.

9921/B-3

Howard P. Curtis,

NEMANA.

The President has appointed the Nemana exemption board consisting of yourself, Robert E. Burns, and Dr. David H. Moore. Advise Burns and Moore and arrange meeting of board and select chairman and secretary, and within wire this office the names of these chosen. Board cannot act until instructions and blanks are received. These now enroute from Washington and will be forwarded soon as received here.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

99-21/2

June 4, September 4, 1917. O. R. to Holy Cross, PAID 2000. EIGHT LETTER Holy
Cross to Iditarod.

Newspaper

Iditarod.

An informed attorney Stanton has gone outside and as
therefore recommending appointment of George W. Albrecht to succeed him as
member Iditarod city exemption board.

WILSON, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

314

119

Juneau, September 4, 1917. O. R. RUSH.

99-8

United States Marshal,

SEATTLE.

Rupert
G. J. Skinner sailed from Juneau on steamer Prince George last Saturday night for Seattle. An informant he probably did not register for military service. He is described as an American about twenty six years of age, height five feet five inches, weight about one hundred sixty, dark complexion, dark hair and eyes, clean shaven, walks erect, quick in movements. Request you take steps to find Skinner and ascertain if he holds registration card and advise.

STACEY, Governor of Alaska.

Secretary to the Governor.

Sept. 5, 1917

99-13-B

Mr. Roy Johnson,
408 Fifth Street,
New Westminster, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the "Local exemption board" at Junction, in which you state that you registered at the Nelson Lagoon cannery on July 28 last, your number being 60; and you ask what board will have jurisdiction and how you are to know whether or not your number has been drawn.

In reply I beg to advise that the method by which the draft in this Territory will be conducted has not yet been fully determined. We have, however, arranged for exemption boards in the incorporated towns in each judicial division of the Territory, and for a general board in each division. These boards will be authorized to conduct examinations and pass upon the qualifications, exemption claims, etc., of all persons who are drawn. The numbering of the registration cards for draft purposes will not be made for some little time and it is not likely that a drawing will take place inside of two months. This office has not yet been fully advised with regard to all details connected with the draft,

316

but it is assumed that provision is made in the draft regulations for giving notice to all persons who are drawn. Persons registered in Alaska and who may be drawn will, if outside of the Territory when the drawing takes place, be required to appear before exemption boards in the States for examination.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 5, 1917

599-23

Mr. Matthew Bruce,

Fort Yukon, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 30, in which you state that you received an "excellent" discharge from the United States Marine Corps in 1897, and that it is your desire to re-enter the service, but that, owing to your age, you have been rejected, and you therefore tender your services to the Territory in any capacity in which they might be useful.

In reply I have to advise you that, besides those who will be conscripted under the selective draft law, the only force to be raised in Alaska thereafter will be a National Guard, the organization of which will be undertaken in a few days. I understand that men of 45 will be enlisted in that organization. It is not at all likely, however, that the National Guard will be called into active service; in any event, not in the immediate future.

Your letter will be filed and, if use can be made of your services, you will be duly advised.

Yours very truly,

317

Governor

Sept. 5, 1917

99-5

Mr. Samuel Nixon, Mayor,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the oath of office of Mr. N. G. Hansen, registrar for the town of Haines, which was received at this office with the oaths of office of the members of the Haines registration board. The Registration Regulations provide that the oaths of office of registrars shall be filed with registration boards. The enclosed oath should, therefore, be filed with your city clerk.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

319

249

Sept. 7, 1917

99-3

Mr. J. W. Bell, Clerk,
United States District Court,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a package addressed to this office from O. P. Brown, registrar, Pillar Bay precinct, which purports to contain copies of 19 registration cards. These should have been sent to you and not to this office. If Mr. Brown has not forwarded the original registration cards to you, he should, of course, be instructed to do so; as a matter of fact, he should not have made the copies. That should be done in your office.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

320

247

JUNON, September 8, 1917. G. B. Ans.

99-13

LANE, Clerk Court,

Valdez .

Replying yours seventh under selective draft law no alternative seems to be left but to prosecute men who failed to register within time prescribed. If there be extenuating circumstances the court no doubt would take such into consideration. See section five of act approved May eighteenth last providing for registration and draft.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

321

270

Sept. 8, 1917

99-2/B

The Provost Marshal General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In connection with the registration and draft in the Territory of Alaska, I shall be glad to have the benefit of your opinion and advice in regard to the arrangement and numbering of the registration cards for draft purposes.

The conditions obtaining in Alaska are, in many respects, quite unlike those obtaining in the States. This is particularly true with respect to the matter of the geographical distribution of the population. For instance, in the incorporated town of Eagle, in interior Alaska, there was only one man subject to registration, while in the incorporated town of Juneau, there were more than 500 registered. The registrations in the other incorporated towns range from a half-dozen to three or four hundred.

Outside of incorporated towns, there are approximately 180 precincts throughout the Territory. Under the plan followed in the registration in this Territory, the returns from the outside precincts in each judicial division go to a Divisional Registration Board. The registrations in these precincts will vary greatly. In some cases there may be only

323

305

one or two persons registered, while in other cases, the registration may run as high as 150 or more. In some cases, also, several registrars were appointed in a given precinct, in order to secure registration with the least inconvenience to cannery employees and other persons situated in remote places, off the regular routes of travel.

The question arises, therefore, as to what figure should be used as the basic unit for draft purposes---that is to say, what number shall be taken as the maximum in the serial numbering of the registration cards preparatory to the drawing? The question would be comparatively simple were it not for the fact that the cards from all points outside of incorporated towns in each judicial division go to a central or divisional board and the total of these cards will, in all probability, be far in excess of the total registration in any given incorporated town. For instance, in the first judicial division there will be possibly 2,000 cards returned from precincts outside of incorporated towns, while the highest registration in any of the incorporated towns in this division will be that of Junese, which is just a little over 500.

It has occurred to me that possibly a solution of the problem might be arrived at by arbitrarily adopting the number 250 or the number 300 as the basic unit for draft purposes. In such case, the registration boards could be instructed to

arrange their cards in groups of 250 or 300, as the case may be, and to number each group from 1 to 250 or to 300, the first group to be designated by the letter A preceding the serial number, the second group by the letter B preceding the serial number, and so on throughout the series of groups. If this method were followed, a majority of the incorporated towns would probably have but one group, while three or four of them would have two, or possibly three, groups. Outside of incorporated towns, this arrangement of the cards would probably result in six or eight groups in the first division, two or three in the second division, six or eight in the third division and possibly six groups in the fourth division. We have, of course, had as yet practically no returns from precincts outside of incorporated towns, and, therefore, my estimates are approximate only. It would seem to me that some such plan as this for the grouping and serial numbering of the cards would result in a more equitable distribution of the draft throughout the Territory than would be had if the cards for the precincts outside of incorporated towns in each judicial division were regarded as one group, and this group of cards numbered from one up, and the cards for each incorporated town numbered from one up.

I have deemed it best to present the matter to you, as I have no doubt that from your experience in connection with the draft in the States, you will be able to suggest the best

method to be followed here, considering the inequality in the distribution of the population and the peculiar conditions which obtain.

Respectfully,

Governor

Sept. 8, 1917

99-1

Mr. R. J. Shepard,
Haines, Alaska

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of September 1, in which you make application for admission into the National Guard, the organization of which has been authorized for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be placed on file and given consideration in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

255

Juneau, September 8, 1917. O. N. Ans.

99-28

F. A. Bontello, Recruiting Officer,

Seattle.

Replying yours date registration period in Alaska closed September second and it will be possibly two months before arrangements can be completed for the drawing, owing to remoteness of many precincts and infrequent mail service.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, September 10, 1917. O. B.

99-5/B

Mayer Nixon,

Haines.

Dr. Craig being member medical officers reserve corps is not eligible to serve as member of Haines exemption board under War Department regulations and selective draft law. If no other physician available there will have to name some other person on board in his place and arrange medical examinations with some other physician at the proper time. Please advise as to any other available physician, who must not be member of military establishment nor subject to draft.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

Sept. 10, 1917

99-13

Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk
Divisional Registration Board,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a package which has just been received at this office from Mrs. A. E. Anderson, Ninilchik, Alaska, and which apparently contains some registration cards. This package evidently should have been sent directly to you.

Please acknowledge its receipt.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

327

~~327~~
321

Sept. 10, 1917

99-3

Mr. J. W. Bell, Clerk,
Divisional Registration Board,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a package addressed to this office by E. W. Cragin, Tenakee, Alaska, which, I take it, contains registration returns. These should, of course, have been sent to you instead of this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

328

320

Juneau, September 10, 1917. O. B. Govt. MESSY paid COLLECT.

99-2/B

Provost Marshal General,

WASHINGTON.

Number twenty two period. Referring to section five of selective draft law of May eighteenth and to section forty of printed registration regulations cover beg to be advised whether it is proper to permit at this time the registration of persons who failed to register before September second cover or must such persons be first brought before the district court and prosecuted under section five of the act alluded to period Section of act and provisions of section forty of regulations seem to conflict to some extent.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

329

323

Juneau, September 10, 1917. O. B.

99-10/B

F. Matheson, Mayor,

WRANGELL.

Replying your letter eighth instant your temporary absence from Wrangell will not require any change in personnel of your exemption board provided the other two members of the board will be available at all times during your absence for the transaction of any necessary business. It is unlikely board will have much to do for a month or so.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Sept. 10, 1917

99-10

Mr. F. Matheson, Mayor,

Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 6, enclosing a copy of the registrar's summary of the registration under the selective draft law, as compiled by him on form two; also with reference to the registration of Indians of mixed blood and in connection with the registration of Jack Fahey, who failed to register because of his absence on Kuiu Island, the registrar, Mr. John W. Stedman, having registered him and given him a card, as per instruction No. 40.

In reply I have to advise you that the summarization blank should be signed by the three members of the registration board and a copy forwarded to this office. Please see that the summarization blank and a copy thereof are signed by the board, after which, send a copy to this office. The copy received by this office is signed by the registrar only, Mr. C. E. Webber, and I am returning it herewith. I am of the opinion that the registration of Jack Fahey, under the circumstances, was proper.

331

330