

CONNECTICUT MEN

FLOCK TO ARMY.

Russians, Italians, Poles and Others Among the Latest Recruits.

Connecticut men within the military age are flocking to the various army recruiting stations and sub-stations in this state for the purpose of enlisting in the regular army for the period of the war only, according to a report received at the main office at New Haven. Among the many accepted applicants are Russians, Italians, Poles and others. The indications are that the young men of registration age have decided to join the regular army instead of running their chances with the draft, which will select 1,000,000 men. Once a man has been selected by the draft, it will be impossible for him to enlist in any service or remain in his occupation. He must go where the war department assigns him and that will be to the draft camp, where all will be given military training.

A new feature of the Registration program is that men of registration age accepted for enlistment in the army prior to June 5th but not actually enlisted before that date must register.

With over 90,000 men enlisted in the army since April 1, it is expected that this number will be doubled during June, for 100,000 men are still needed to bring the land force within war strength. This number does not include the 200,000 necessary to bring the National guard up to its proper strength.

A review of the enlistments made in this state during the last few days, since Memorial day, indicates that recruiting is speeding up all over the state and that many young men have decided to do the proper thing, that is, enlist voluntarily and serve their country. With so many splendid opportunities awaiting bright young men in Uncle Sam's land forces at this time, the boys are beginning to wake up to their opportunities. Letters received from a number of local boys in the army show that the army presents splendid opportunities for young men who attend to their duties.

That the young men between the ages of 21 and 31, the draft age, will have to step lively in the matter of selecting their branch in the army or else face the chances of conscription and become subject to the orders of the war department is indicated in the latest orders from the war department, received by Major W. A. Mercer, commandant of the Connecticut district, at his headquarters in the army recruiting office at New Haven. The order states that registration is no bar to enlistment, but men drafted for the federal army cannot be accepted for enlistment in the regular army. Men of registration age accepted for enlistment prior to June 5th but not actually enlisted before that date must be registered.

REGISTRATION NO.