

COMMISSIONER O'MEARA PROMOTES RESERVEMEN

Patrick L. Crowley Makes the Highest Percentage Of 82 Examined, 97½—W. A. Sayward Takes Rank as Sergeant.



PATROLMAN PATRICK L. CROWLEY



SERGT WILLIAM A. SAYWARD

When Police Commissioner O'Meara issued a general order several weeks ago announcing that thereafter vacancies in the regular patrol force would not be made until reserve men had passed written examinations, he made a promise to promote to the rank of patrolmen immediately after the papers were examined the seven who stood at the head of the list. He fulfilled that promise last night. Not only did he name the first seven for advancement, but he promoted three other men who also had satisfactory percentages.

Reserve officer Patrick L. Crowley of Division 5, East Dedham st, has the honor of securing the best mark of the 82 reserve men who were examined by a board consisting of Deputy Supt Philemon D. Warren and Capts George C. Garland and Charles W. Searles, of Police Headquarters.

Crowley secured a percentage of 97½ and at rollcall tomorrow night his pay will jump from \$2 per day, to \$1000 a year, or \$19 17 a week. Crowley was appointed to the department Feb 27, 1911, and for several months before his shift to East Dedham st was on duty at Division 12, City Point.

From April 30, 1906, until Feb 26 of the present year he was a member of the Fire Department, serving at Ladder 11, Brighton, and Ladder 21, Saratoga st, East Boston. Prior to that he was a well-known athlete, being the manager and playing center on the East Boston A. A. basket-ball team, which a few years ago was defeating all comers. He is a brother of James J. Crowley, the High School athletic instructor, and John J. Crowley, formerly a fireman, and potato race champion.

Next to Crowley stood reserveman Maurice A. Ritchie of Division 13 with a percentage of 95%. In order, after Ritchie, came the following patrolmen with these percentages: Clement C. Van Lamington, Division 7, 94%; William E.

Carr, Division 6, 94½; Lawrence J. Nagle, Division 16, 94½; James R. Claffin, Division 13, 94½; James J. Martin, Division 15, 93%.

Ritchie and Carr were appointed policemen Feb 27 of this year, Van Lamington and Nagle came into the service March 21, 1910, Claffin, June 20, 1910, and Martin April 24 of this year. Martin is the most recent appointee of the lucky reservemen.

Edward J. Kelly 31, of Division 16, will also be advanced to the regular patrol force tomorrow night, as will reservemen John J. Shea of Division 6 and Patrick J. Welch of Division 7.

Sixty-six men of the 82 men examined received more than 75 percent in the examination. Commissioner O'Meara said that the men who did not receive 75 percent are not regarded as having shown a present knowledge of police duties to justify their promotions even when their turn comes. Their cases, he said, will be considered hereafter.

Police Commissioner O'Meara further said that frequently applications for transfers to certain divisions are often based upon the ground that the applicant wishes to go to a division where he will have "a better chance to learn the police business."

"A study of the results of the examination makes it clear," he said, "that it is not the particular division, but the man that makes the policeman." The argument of the commissioner is that a patrolman or reserveman who has the ability and the inclination to learn can learn anywhere.

Commissioner O'Meara has promoted patrolman William A. Sayward of Police Headquarters to the rank of sergeant. This promotion will take effect at roll call tonight. Sayward has been a policeman since Dec 1, 1897, when he was placed at the Charlestown division. Nov 20, 1899, he was removed to Division 3, Joy st, and to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Aug 8, 1904. Sayward is attached to the Pawnbrokers' Department at headquarters and he has done so much good work that his superiors believe he deserved an increase in rank and salary.