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, at, has the honor of securing the best mark of the 82 reserve men who were examined by a board consisting of Deputy Supt. Philmon D. Warren and Capt. 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 February 7, 1911, and for several months before his shift to East Dedham at was on duty at Division 3.

From April 30, 1916, until Feb 26 of the present year he was a member of the Fire Department, serving at Ladder 11, Brighton, and Ladder 12, Stoncohol, East Boston. Prior to that he was a well-known athlete, being the manager and playing center on the East Boston A. A. basketball team, which a few years ago was defeated in the semi-final of the Massachusetts Basketball League. He is a brother of James J. Crowley, the High School athletic instructor, and John J. Crowley, formerly a fireman, and point race champion.

Next to Crowley stood reserve officer Maurice A. Rice of Division 5 with a percentage of 954. In order, Rice, came the following policemen, with percentages: Clement C. Van Lumin. Division 7, 946; William E.

Carr, Division 6, 942; Lawrence J. Nelligan, Division 11, 937; James J. Claffin, Division 13, 931, James J. Martin, Division 13, 935; Ritchie and Carr were appointed policemen Feb 3 of this year, Van Luminham and Nelligan came to the service March 1, 1916, Claffin, June 20, 1916, and Martin, April 24 of this year. Martin is the most recent appointee of the police reserves.

Edward J. Kelly Jr. of Division 16, who will be advanced to the regular patrol force tomorrow night, was recommended by John J. Shea of Division 6 and Patrick J. Walsh of Division 7.

Sixty-six men of the 82 men examined received more than 93 per cent in the examination. Commissioner O'Meara said that the men who did not receive 95 per cent 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 frequent applications for transfers to certain divisions are often based on the ground that the applicant wishes to be placed in a better business. A study of the results of the examination makes it clear, he said, "that it is not the peculiar division but the man who makes the police force. The argument of the commissioner is that the ability and the inclination to learn will carry any man anywhere."

Police Commissioner O'Meara has promoted patrolman William A. Suswaid of Police Headquarters to the rank of sergeant. This promotion will take effect at roll call tonight. Sergeant Suswaid has been a policeman since Dec 1, 1897, when he was placed in the Charlestown division, Nov 23, 1899, he was removed to Division 1, and to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Aug 8, 1904. Sergeant Suswaid is attached to the Pawtucket Police Department at headquarters and has done so much good work that his superiors believe he deserved an increase in rank and salary.