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Cost Accountants Wanted for Signal Corps

The United States civil service commission announces an open competitive examination for expert cost accountants, for men only. Vacancies in the accounts section of the finance department of the equipment division of the signal corps, war department, for duty in Washington, D. C., or in the field, and in positions requiring similar qualifications in other branches of the service will be filled from this examination, unless it is found in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer or promotion.

The function of the accounts section of the finance department is to determine the cost to the contractors of the equipment manufactured and supplied to the government under these contracts and also to maintain detailed classifications of these costs for statistical purposes.

Special consideration is given to men with experience in factories and familiar with machine shop or wood-working operations, but in addition to the above qualifications these men should be competent to conduct general audits, pass upon the adequacy of factory cost systems, and if necessary install them.

Because of the technical qualifications necessary for these positions, a special examination has been prepared, under civil service regulations, providing for the payment of salaries to accepted applicants ranging from \$2,400 to \$6,000 a year.

The detail of checking vouchers, payrolls, invoices and the summarizing of cost data is handled by civilian employees or enlisted men who must have qualifications as first class accounting clerks.

It is possible for commissions to be issued in rank as high as captain, but such commissions are issued mainly to men over the draft age and to men subject to selective draft only if they do not fall within class I.

In the civil service examination there are two grades—grade I, paying from \$3,600 to \$6,000 a year, and grade II, paying from \$2,400 to \$3,500 a year. The examinations are open to male accountants only and applicants are rated 30 per cent. for education and 70 per cent. for experience. The rating is not based upon an actual examination, but upon the information relating to education and experience as disclosed by the application blanks provided by the civil service commission for that purpose. Statements regarding education and experience are accepted subject to verification.

It is suggested to persons interested that they communicate with Major Dean Langmuir, officer in charge of accounts section, finance department, signal corps, 119 D street, N. E., Washington, D. C., for full information.