

This Report was to be handed by me to the Members of the Mr. O'Grady's Draft Board at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon on January 15, 1944.

Mr. E. Lindsey Cummings, the Chairman of the Board, had requested that I appear before the Board at 3 o'clock and give reason why Mr. O'Grady should be deferred.

At 2:15 o'clock of the same Saturday afternoon I received a telephone call from Mr. Frank Ryan, Vice President of the National Bank of Commerce and Trust Company, a very good friend of mine and a member of the Board, telling me that I need not appear, because Mr. O'Grady had been placed in Class B a few moments previous to the telephone call giving him a deferment of 6 months inspite of the fact that General Dean had placed him in Class 1A.

Evidently my reasons given to Mr. Cummings over the telephone in the morning for Mr. O'Grady's deferment <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ sufficient for the Board's action.

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