

# A LEGIONNAIRE'S OPEN LETTER TO GREGG CHERRY

May 16, 1944  
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Honorable R. Gregg Cherry,  
Raleigh,  
North Carolina.  
Dear Gregg:

It was my pleasure to serve in France with you in World War I in the 30th Division. Of course, as you know, I was in the 105th Engineers and you were Captain of the 115th Machine Gun Company. I recall as if it was yesterday when we were building concrete machine gun emplacements in "no-man's" land near Ypres, Belgium.

As you remember, this work had to be done at night as we were under observation and range of the German artillery and also machine guns. I remember the many nights while we were at work that you would come out and inspect and advise us in the construction; and also as soon as one emplacement was completed, you and your men would move in. I know that never a night passed but that you visited each and every one of these emplacements, looking to the welfare and comfort of the men who served under you and my comrades who were helping construct these emplacements.

I had the opportunity time after time to talk to the men who served in your command, and I know that they held you in the highest esteem; that they felt like that at all times you were looking after their well-being; that no task was too menial, but that you would take hold and help them out and that you had the interest of every man in your command at heart. The test of a good commanding officer is the esteem in which he is held by his men. You oftentimes exposed yourself to danger beyond the call of duty to further the well-being and the interest of your men, and it is my judgment that after talking with numerous men in your command and seeing you in action on different occasions, that the spirit you engendered by your leadership added greatly to the success of your Company and undoubtedly saved many lives and was in a large measure responsible for the wonderful record that your Company made on September 29th, 1918 in the breaking of the Hindenburg Line.

It might interest you to know that my boy, Lieutenant Bill Rierson, was recently shot down over Germany while flying a P-38 and is now a German prisoner, and I believe that I know something about what War means; and I further believe that your experience as a soldier and as a leader, together with your experience in serving seven terms in the Legislature admirably fit you to meet the problems of the returning soldier from this War. I also know that thousands of mothers and fathers feel about this as I do.

With best wishes to you for your continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. BRYAN RIERSON,

Member of the 105th Engineers Company,  
30th Division.

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## CLAIM MUST BE FILED BEFORE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS CAN BE PAID

Men and women, 65 years old or more, who formerly worked in covered employment and became fully insured under Old-Age and Survivors Insurance provisions of the Social Security Act, can claim their benefits, even though they are now employed in a job with the Government or in some other occupation that is not covered by the law.

N. A. Avera, manager of the Wilmington office of the Social Security Board cited the case of a man 67 years old, who transferred, two years ago, from a job with a business concern to a job with the Government. Although he had worked long enough and earned sufficient wages to justify payments of the retirement benefits, and had reached the age of 65, he did not apply for his Social Security Benefits. Therefore he failed to receive 24 monthly payments which he could have claimed. For payments can not begin until the claim is filed.

1. Have reached age 65 or more.
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4. No longer be employed on a job covered by the law.
5. File a claim for benefits

with the Social Security Board. Jobs not covered by the law are those in Federal, State or Local Government service; those in agriculture or domestic service, and jobs in religious, charitable, or other non-profit institutions.

Mr. Avera stated that the Social Security Board is ready and willing to pay benefits to every person who is qualified receive them. He expressed the hope that residents of the Wilmington area, who have reason to believe that they are entitled to benefits, would come to his office immediately and talk the matter over with him or one of his assistants. He says, that, if requested, assistance in filling out papers, and in securing necessary proofs will be given without charge.

The Wilmington office is located in the Customs Building, Room 130, Wilmington, N. C.

## PLENTIFUL FOODS

Eggs, white potatoes, canned peas and canned green and wax beans will be in plentiful supply throughout most of the country during June, the War Food Administration reports. Other plentiful foods now include: oranges; frozen vegetables; frozen baked beans; peanut butter; citrus marmalade; raisins; dried prunes; dry-mix and dehydrated soups; soy flour, grits and flakes; wheat flour and bread; macaroni; spaghetti; noodles; oatmeal; and rye breakfast foods.

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