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Civil War Div. Section D.
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John A.Smith,alias
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August 9,1916.

Mr. John A. Smith,

2333-Division Street,

Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

In response to your letter stating that you were born July 4, 1841, and entitled to an increase of pension as of 75 years of age, you are advised that the best evidence in your case, including your statement at date of enlistment, October 3,1864,that you were then but 30 years of age, shows that you were not born prior to 1844, and this Bureau properly accepted July 4,1844 as the date of your birth,which action will be adhered to unless you furnish reliable record evidence showing that you were born on an earlier date.

You, therefore, will not be accepted as 75 years of age until July 4,1919, from which time your pension will be increased to $24 per month,as you will see by examining your pension certificate.

Very respectfully,

[redacted] Commissioner.

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