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Mrs. Dom Adams  
P.O. Box 118  
Alpine, Texas

Dear Mrs. Adams:

I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Air Medal and two Oak-leaf Clusters, representing two additional awards of the same decoration, have been posthumously awarded to your son, Major, then Captain, Charles Benton Adams, Air Corps. The citations are as follows:

AIR MEDAL

"For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 7 January 1945 to 22 February 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights are worthy of commendation."

OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL

"For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight near Bagbag, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 January 1945. Captain Adams was flying in a formation of 10 P-51 aircraft escorting B-25's when an enemy bomber was sighted. He opened fire at a range of 250 yards and set the Japanese airplane afire. It went into a spin and crashed into the mountains. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Adams during this flight reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces."

OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL

"For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight along the western coast of Formosa on 7 February 1945. Major Adams led a section of 6 P-51 aircraft which flew as cover for B-25's on a low-level strike against shipping along the western coast of Formosa. While the bombers were strafing and bombing a freighter, Major Adams sighted a small enemy submarine surfaced approximately 300 yards from shore. He led his flight on a strafing run over the vessel and scored hits aft and around the conning tower. Coming in for a second pass, he and his pilots scored additional hits on the submarine and it rolled over and sank. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Major Adams during this flight reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces."

The decorations will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Eighth Service Command, Dallas, Texas, who will select an officer to make the presentation. The officer selected will communicate with you concerning your wishes in the matter.

May I again express my deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL  
Major General  
Acting The Adjutant General