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Mrs. Mary Warner  
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Dear Mrs. Warner,

On behalf of the Marines, Sailors and Soldiers of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, I offer my deepest, heartfelt condolences for the tragic loss of your son, Adam. I realize any words from me are little comfort to you in light of such a terrible loss. But please know that Adam's death is a source of deep sorrow to the entire Battalion. The service members here in Iraq share an enormous pride for having had the honor of serving with your son. He was a superb Marine, and he made a very tangible difference in this challenged land - and, more importantly, to the security of our own great nation.

Adam was a dedicated and well respected member of our command. He conducted himself in a noble and honorable manner during his time with "America's Battalion." Your son was a bright, talented and resourceful Marine who could be counted on to complete any mission. I have spoken with, prayed with, and grieved with the members of your son's company as we try to come to grips with his death. We will all miss him deeply. Please know that Adam conducted himself with honor and dignity as he served to protect our nation. Your son's courage and dedication to duty has been inspirational to us all.

I am truly honored to have been Adam's Battalion Commander, and I stand humbled to have served with such a fine young man. It is my sincerest prayer that you see his service as a source of pride and know that his devotion to duty and winning spirit live on among the Marines with whom he served so well. As we continue this fight, our Marine family is with you, in body and in spirit. Please accept our profound sympathy in your time of mourning. I hope to one day have the opportunity to meet you and share with you in person how much Adam meant to this Battalion. May God bless and assist you and your family during this trying time.

With deepest sympathy,

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