



Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

Washington, December 11, 1920.

My dear Mr. Hamilton:

I am directed by the Major General Commandant to forward to you herewith Victory Medal with ribbon, together with battle clasps, stars, etc., as indicated below, to which you are entitled as next of kin of the late Gunnery Sergeant William W. Hamilton, 49th Company, 5th Regiment, U.S. Marines:

- 1 Aisne Defense Battle Clasp,
- 1 Aisne-Marne Battle Clasp,
- 1 St. Mihiel Battle Clasp,
- 1 Meuse-Argonne Battle Clasp,
- 1 Defensive Sector Clasp,
- 5 Bronze Stars.

It is hoped that this insignia, which is awarded you as the father and next of kin of the late Gunnery Sergeant Hamilton, reaches you in good order, and I know that you will ever cherish its possession in precious memory of your dear son, who made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of Liberty.

Will you please sign and return the enclosed receipt card, using the accompanying envelope, which requires no postage.

Very sincerely,

F. A. BARKER,
Major, Asst. Adjutant & Inspector.

Enclosures: 13.

Mr. William J. Hamilton,
Bedford, Mass.