

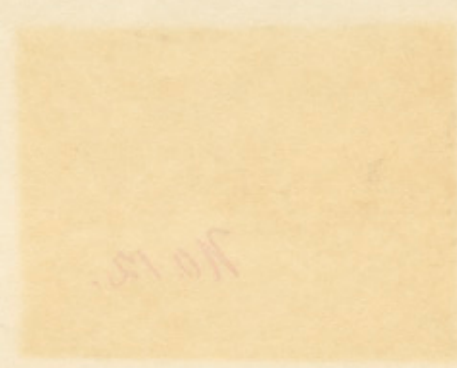
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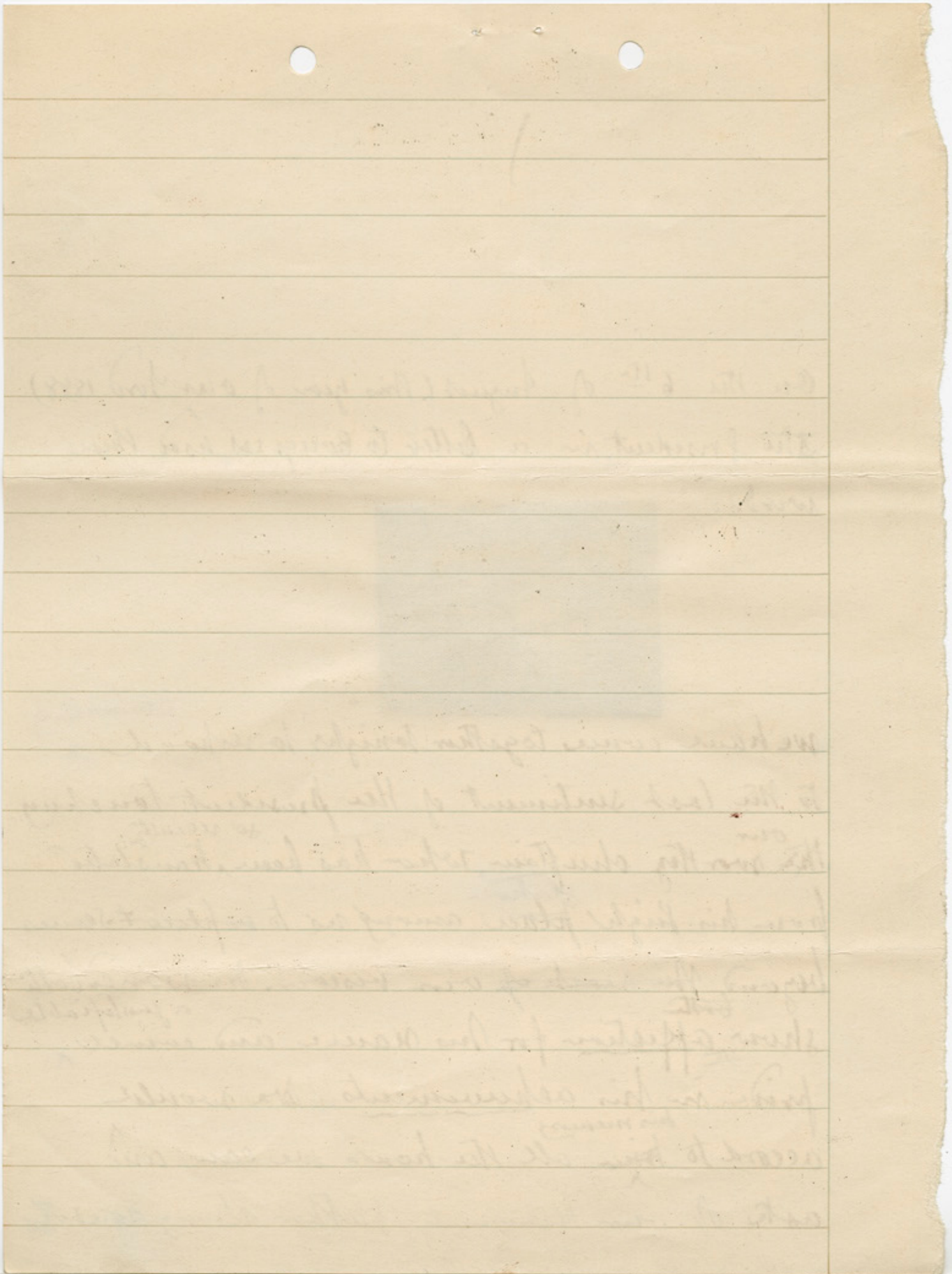
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On the 6th of August (this year of our Lord 1888)
the President, in a letter to Congress, used these
words: "

It becomes my painful duty to announce to Congress and the people of the United States the death of Philip H. Sheridan, General of the Army, which occurred at a late hour last night at his summer home in the State of Massachusetts. The death of this soldier and patriotic son of the Republic, though his long illness has been regarded with anxiety, has nevertheless shocked the country and caused universal grief. He had established for himself a strong hold in the hearts of his fellow-countrymen, who soon caught the true meaning and purpose of his soldierly devotion and heroic temper. His intrepid courage, his steadfast patriotism and the generosity of his nature inspired with peculiar warmth the admiration of all the people. Above his grave affection for his name and pride of his achievements will struggle for mastery, and too much honor cannot be accorded to one who was so richly endowed with all the qualities which make his death a national loss.

we have come together tonight to respond ^{particularly}
to the last sentiment of the President touching
the ^{our} worthy chieftain who has been ^{so recently} translated
from his high ^{station} place among us to a place & scenes
beyond ~~the reach of~~ ^{both} our vision. We would both
show ^{a justifiable} affection for his name and ^{pride} in his achievements. We would
accord to ^{his memory} ~~him~~ all the honors we can, and
ask of our heavenly father strong consolation



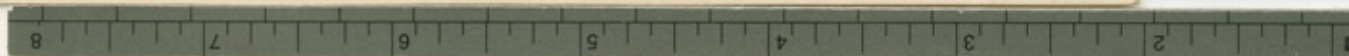
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tion for his little family in these sad
hours of its bereavement.

Perhaps those of us ^{at about the same age} who have been long
associated, at the ^{midday} academy & in all the eventful
subsequent ~~years~~ ^{years}, have too much knowledge
of detail to be the best judges of real history, so
let me not attempt a portraiture of his 39
years of eminent service, but ~~say~~ merely
write a few ~~very~~ impressions.

His comrades justly accord to him a soldierly
competence. As company officer, quartermaster,
commissionary, regimental, brigade, and division
commander, positions which he successively held,
he ever did his whole duty and with zest. ^{His} ~~This~~
valuable experience enabled him to grow in
knowledge & strength as he was advanced.

His ^{successful} command of mounted men when
a lieutenant in Indian warfare led to
his selection for a cavalry regiment, and this
in turn to the cavalry corps. Like Grant & Sherman
he had his



Handwritten text on lined paper, likely a letter or document. The text is written in cursive and is mostly illegible due to fading and bleed-through from the reverse side. The paper has two punch holes at the top and a ruler is visible at the bottom.

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Those last days, after Sheridan had been
raised up almost from the dead, were
^{no doubtless} his ^{most} wonderful days. His friend Cardinal
Gibbons says:

"Gen Sheridan died not only at peace with
all mankind, but with his God also, for
Sheridan was not only a soldier & citizen
but he was also a Christian."

This declaration gives his life-long friends
great ~~consolation~~ satisfaction. Let him
& Grant & Thomas & Meade & McClellan
& McPherson and a host of other friends
who freely offered their blood for their
country & died in ^{the} Christian faith meet in
peace & be clothed in ~~the garments~~ in
such shining garments as the Master ^{would} ~~can~~ give.

There is a great deal of
work to be done in the
country. The people are
very poor and the
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