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To the Family of Frederick Hecht

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Last September, my sister and I visited my brother at Ft. Bragg and my brother was always raving about this grand fellow, Hecht, and it seems Hecht was the one whom we depended on to look after Gordon. I'm sure Hecht felt like he knew all of us, for in almost every letter we would send some word to him and my brother said he

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"I told them I would take care of you".

I know there is not much one can say to
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in his own way can console the grieved. you may
know he was one of the nation's heroes and served his
country with honor.

Will you pray with us that our brother may
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Sincerely,

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