



## Little Phil A Reassessment of the Civil War Leadership of Gen. Philip H. Sheridan

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Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Gen. William T. Sherman, whose

controversial Civil War-era reputations persist today, Maj. Gen.

Philip H. Sheridan has been largely untouched by controversy. In

Little Phil, historian Eric J. Wittenberg reassesses the war record

of a man long considered one of the Union Armys greatest

generals. From his earliest days at West Point, Phil Sheridan

refused to play by the rules. He was fortunate to receive merely a

suspension, rather than expulsion, when as a cadet he charged a

superior officer with a bayonet. Although he achieved fame as a

cavalryman late in the Civil War, Sheridan actually began the

conflict as an infantry commander and initially knew little of the

mounted service. In his first effort as a cavalry commander with

the Army of the Potomac in the spring of 1864, he gave a

performance that Wittenberg argues has long been overrated.

Later that year in the Shenandoah Valley, where Sheridan

secured his legendary reputation, he benefited greatly from the

tactical ability of his subordinates and from his huge manpower

advantage against the beleaguered Confederate troops of Lt.

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