



Virginia May, 21st, / 64
Spotsylvania County

Dear Wife

I will write you a few lines
this morning I am yet a live
but am a most tired and we are
haveing a very hard campaine
proibly you have learned the
causalities in this regt before this
time I write to you the tenth
of this month but our mail is

n to
very u^certain I wrote ^ Mrs
Edmunds about her husband
haveing his left arm ampitated
dont know whether h she will get
it or not I understand he is
doing well he was at Fredericks
burge, at last accounts but is at

Washington probly before
this time and likely she will
hear from him there has been more
or less fighting evry day since the

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Date: May 21, 1864

Description: Marshall Phillips from Spotsylvania

fourth of this month there
has ~~some~~ been some of the
hardest contested mistky battles
that we have had during the
war mostly in the thick woods
with very heavy loss we have lost
over half of our regt since we
left winter quarters in killed
and wounded I have received
but one maile this month and
then received two letters and two
papers we some expect a mail to
night there is quite a fight a going
on now about a half a mile from
here we are expecting to be called
in to line evry moment Lee
has intrenched himself in and
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