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You no doubt have seen by the papers the account of our Exchange and will be looking to see where we are ordered. We get no more news but we are in hopes to be sent East and to the Vermont Brigade. The 65th Ill. has rec^d marching orders and will be leaving here in a very few days they are going to Memphis. Possibly we will be sent there also but I conclude not for the reason that we did not get orders at the same time that they did. Our Regiment is rather small now on account of desertions, deaths, and discharges also for the reason that many have enlisted and still continue to enlist in the regular service but according to the order only 100 can go from each Regiment so we have furnished nearly our number and will not be troubled in that way much more. My Co. has number 65 in all and 40 for duty and this "about an average of other Companies. I rec^d a letter from you last night in which you state you found no \$5 Bills in the