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as compared to the somewhat delicate and manotaneous liquefaction of the North West. In just 10 minutes of concentrate effort by one cloud the camp was completely inundated with torrential streams where ditches were meant to be. During such periods the mud is tracked into the barracks and for a day or two there becomes ^{distinguishing} no separation of between the barracks floors and the outside. The walks after a storm build up from the accumulating mud dislodged from shoes. To combat this situation a special implement has been provided to shovel and scrape out the mud in one simple and combined operation. The weather, I understand, is not feared quite as much as the sand storms that follow in the drier periods of the day. Before I dispell any further glories of Texas weather must consult data from meteorological records to assure myself that I am not exaggerating - contradictory evidence or no - I do not question the reality of rain and mud in Texas.

One of the fellows at Barnes kindly consented to ship the 2 boxes and Mary's suitcase and rather than make complications of shipping charges and receipts, suggested he send C.O.D. The box with the camera is under pressure so suggest its release as soon as possible. The insulating qualities of the pillow impresses me as being suitable for packing purposes, and being in excess of allowance, am borrowing for life. Might make a good camp item.