



UNITED STATES ARMY

have not been assigned as yet but will join us at the port of embarkation at a later date. The officer (Capt.) directly over the enlisted men reminds me of John Gessford in both personal appearance and manner of speech and expression so, as you see, things cannot help but be o.k.

Our training exercises of the last three weeks have been one of acquainting us with tentage, packing and unloading, transportation and general operation of the hospital. The main job has been one of setting up the hospital and then striking the unit and reloading to move on to another area, frequently involving 3 operations in 24 hours. I can truthfully say that I have never experienced greater hardships in civilian life in degree of exhaustion or prolonged working hours, but remarkable as it may seem I enjoyed it immensely, possibly I suppose because of the environment of operation.

I cannot explain or describe the beauty or thrill in working in the field in this Texas country with its mesquites and juniper, lovely wooded valleys, new and colorful birds, eroded lands, crystal clear nights with starry heavens etc. The area reminds me of southern Utah with eroded landscape dominated by juniper. Texas had many interesting natural and biological features that I would like to enjoy at a later date and, of course, under more peaceful conditions.

It was rather amusing the second day of our field exercise when we had so nicely set-up in a last years corn field with rather unstable sails