

11-6-44. Picture (2-11-6-44) of water buffalo and native. A frequently used crossing for cattle. Found these animals roped to stakes with the buffalo partially submerged in the water. They remained in such a position for several minutes and then would turn over to expose the other side to the coolness of the water. During turnovers they would continually chew their cuds or abruptly twitch their heads to momentarily eliminate the hordes of annoying flies that persisted around the head regions as securely as the mud adhered to their backs. A rope inserted thru the septum of the nose held them in the area. Many of these animals graze in the fields where they are stakes to a small wood peg not too securely anchored. It is this beast who dictates to my choice of route. This animal is considered to be the most ferocious animal in this country and I have had enough experience with them to not question the statement. Have noticed that most animals in this country like the cat or even this buffalo have a peculiar way of accepting a foreigner. In the case of the animal he will throw back their head with the long horns curving over their back with eyes strained as if in an angry mood. This may all be merely a pretense in attitude but to me it suggests a charging repose. When one sees little children of seven years of age herding them around all day one is prone to believe that this is only putting up a bold front. In addition to its striking pose it emphasizes the breathing in attempt to pick up any unusual odor. It is always my policy when passing by one of these animals to pick out an avenue of escape or a tree or stump to dodge behind. The usual combination is to find them in pairs with occasionally an immature calf in tow. A common site is to see a young boy either standing by or in the immediate vicinity or more frequently riding or reclining on its broad back. I know of one young fellow who was always found on the back of his Buffalo whenever I chanced to pass the area. It seems so remarkable that these six and seven year old lads can manage these presumably wild animals. They have a most