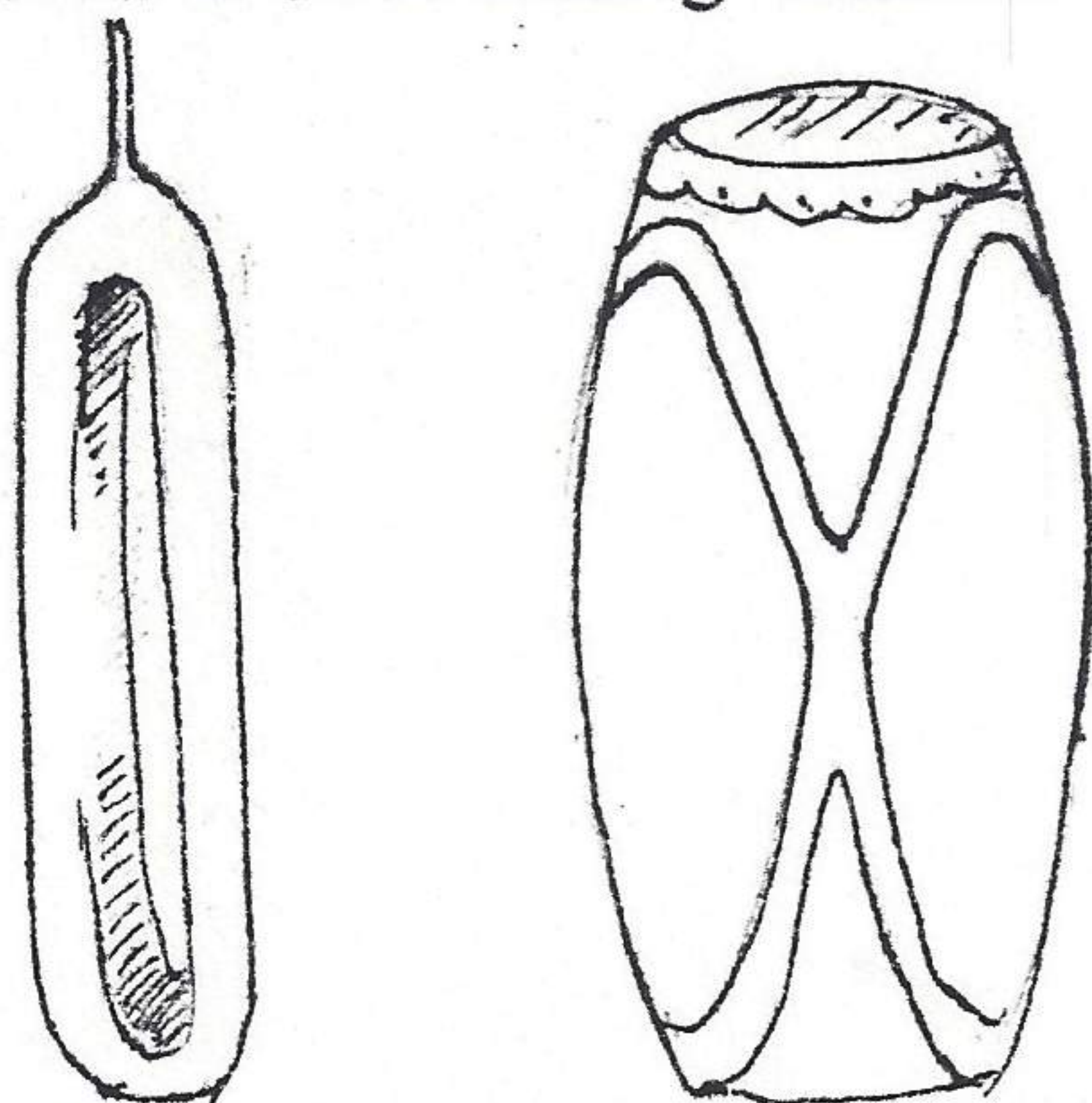


1-3-45. M and I spent the full day in an extended jungle trail trip north and east of camp APO 689. <sup>Ledo, ASSAM</sup> Our peregrinations covered ten or twelve miles during which distance we observed many interesting and unusual things. The dominant theme along the trail was one of a religious nature, culminating in a Buddhist temple. (1-1-3-45) This temple was far removed from civilization with the only means of communication by jungle trail. Elephants were probably used in transporting the material in to this area. It is remarkable that such a fine temple (in comparison with the crude primitive homes supporting it.) would be found in such primitive environs and people. We approached this temple in hopes that some one would recognize our presence and invite us in. In a moment an orange robed priest appeared and extended an invitation to visit the interior. We now had an aggregate of about 15 worshipers. Shoes were left outside according to general policy. The interior was plain and quite bare of furniture. A collection of pictures were suspended from the walls and pillars relating the life of Budha and other more modern priests of their faith. On the stage behind the draw curtains were about 10 Budha idols in several different sizes ranging from a few inches to more than life size. The material for construction and the surfacing of these Gods were varied, a gold tinted one of life size particularly impressing me. Adjoining the main room was a porch like chamber with several skulls and antlers of native deer. One long string of rodent like skulls was suspended between two poles. In this same room was 2 drums. One, a hollowed limb which



was constructed on the principle of the ordinary drum with one end open. These drums are no doubt used to call the worshipers for meetings or to keep the school on a schedule. The area beneath the elevated floor was equipped with slate for class