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1-18-45 M and I spent the day at an English logging camp located 4 miles directly east of LEDO, APO 689. This jungle camp is owned by an English concern but is operated by a group of native Hindus, Nagas, Gurkhas and possible Muslims. Approximately 40 elephants supply the animal power required to snag in the monstrous logs and load them on the small flat cars. A small gage railroad leads to the main trunk line of the _____ branch, connecting at _____. Apparently this jungle camp is not too old as evidenced by the newness of the construction activities of the camp, the uncompleted railroad route and the temporary housing accommodations of the few Indians who remain at the site. Through the kindness of the fellows of communications, messing at the hospital we were graciously taxied to _____, the starting point of our elephant safari. A short wait here until two Indians appeared who were to operate the deisel engine. While tarrying Mr Das passed on his way to work. Mr Das is responsible for checking the logs as they are placed on the train. It was through the son of Mr Das's brother that I originally was informed of the elephants. This 16 year old son is one of the most remarkable and pleasant Hindus I have ever met. He has a most unusual personality, so friendly and cheerful. Each week end he travels 60 miles from where he teaches school to this camp to visit with his father and family. If all Indians were only half as brilliant and possessed with such pleasing personalities as this boy this country would be a leading nation today, pointing out to me the potential possibilities of its developing into an acceptable society and civilization. This camp has nothing of the aggressive and overbearing personality of the general run of Indians of the higher social level. Mr Das rides to work in a hand propelled push cart sitting like a king as it were upon a throne with three Indians manning the mechanical propulsion of the cart from the rear seat. While this means of transportation is slow it is nevertheless much faster than the deisel engine.

During our short wait we also observed the workers on their way to the