

passing a few temporary Naga huts arrive at the loading site proper. The Naga homes are the ultimate of primitiveness being merely a low super framework structure with grasses carelessly piled against them.

Nothing compared to the fine Naga homes of the hills and river environs. There are many spectacular things to be found at this camp



such as Indian homes, construction activities, the jungle proper etc but the dominant attraction is the actual operation and activity of the elephant herd.

Of the 40 elephants use in this camp approximately 30 are used as logging animals while the remaining few are employed in the loading process. The general appearance of these elephants will not vary from the ordinary circus elephants. However there are a few things which are slightly different.

First one notices the result of a hard working animal in the form of perspiration or dampness of the body mainly confined to the frictional surfaces of the harness and particularly around the eye. These lacrimal tears streak down to the ventral surface of the jaw. The tail frequently beats out the dust from the back and hind quarters but of just what value this tail might have is questionable as I know not of any insect pest that could possibly penetrate the surface of the hide. Occasionally moisture is drained from the mouth by use of the trunk siphon and then forcefully expelled between his front legs. It is difficult to tell whether this excessive moisture come from the mouth or trunk. The eye is a watchful one and is always trained on the observer and while it will not deviate from his normal course he will always regard you with a critical inspection.

Of the two groups the loading animals are the ones more highly trained and in general the larger in size. The duties of the logging elephants are to drag the cut logs from the jungle to the loading area being apparently a very simple job. The harness used for this purpose is of the usual type and does not vary from our own pack saddle except in proportions and design. The main support on the back is massive and nodoubt takes most of the strain. However