

rice. The meals are apparently prepared to serve individually as each one more or less eats by herself. Some set upon the dirt baskets, some in typical hindu fashion, while others sit crosslegged or in some-reclining position. A box of candy and cookies was distributed to these workers which was gratefully received, but without a recognition of thanks except thru visible expressions and actions. The more elderly member of the group dominated the situation and it was she who decided to keep the colorful box. Bamboo cups used to hold the tea while others had copper bowls. Their sole duty while on the job is to carry dirt from the excavation pit to the brink of the fill where it is dropped. All fill material is carried in a small basket nicely balanced on the head and after shaking off the dirt from the empty container they replace it in an inverted position giving the appearance of our own modernistic head gear. The women in this perpetual working file were in a complete state of curiosity as to our presence, always with eyes turned in our direction as they worked back and forth in slow pace before our station. Whenever a small group would congregate they would respond with an audible chatter and punctuate it with a broad but timid smile. M in foreground at lunch site. A couple of elephants assisting natives in placement of logs in the background.

✓ (7-1-18-45) photo elephants loading railroad cars, (no neg.)

(1-1-19-45) Bernard Kaplan. One can only predict a successful future for the lad. He has one of the most intelligent minds I have ever known and has an equally dominant personality. (see page 141, 1945 for photo)