

1-26-45 M and I to paddy fields APO 689. Spent the day walking thru the open savannas and visiting native homes. Practically all rice has now been harvested from the fields, with the thrashing and drying process still in progress. Found several large baskets being constructed out of bamboo for the storage of the rice being processed. It is a monster measuring about four feet square at the base and four or five feet high. The construction plan is the same as would be followed in making any ordinary basket with long stripes of bamboo being used as weaving material. After it is completed it is lined with a mud or clay which gives it a rigid and solid form. These baskets are kept in the homes or outside sheds. Most of the water used in their household operations is taken from creeks or rivers but in several cases where the hut is located too far distant from the natural water a well is supplied. It is constructed in the usual way but instead of lining it with rocks it is surfaced with a complete bamboo lining. At the point about four feet from the water surface proper the channel is narrowed but with a continuation of the basket weaving lining. Several huts had improvised levers to draw up the water from the depths, however most of the water is drawn by a rope with a bucket attached on the end of it. The water looks cool but not too appetizing. Drainage not considered in the position of the well. There appears to a predominance of young goats and dogs as well as chickens, calves and even human babies, all emphasizing the fact that spring in here. Found several young babies not too many days old who were wearing metal bracelets and chains on their wrist or upper arm. These solid rings are made extra large so that the arm can subsequently grow to fit the ring. It is impossible to remove these wrist and arm rings except by cutting the strand. A waterbufflo carried a mass of green vegetation on head with-

