

2-4-45. Departed 8:45 APO 689 for DEBRUGARH arrived 1:00 PM via train. One is led to believe that the transportation facilities in our country are critical but they cannot be compared with the confusion and the surging masses of passengers. ^{in U.S.} Would remind me of a troop train of the last war with everyone hanging out of the windows and clinging on to every available hold on the side of the car. Tickets are purchased but are never called for until leaving the railroad station at the end of their destination. Because of this rather loose arrangement am led to believe that 50 per cent of these natives are traveling without proper authority. It is amusing but also pathetic to see so many apparently ignorant people trying to cope with the more highly complicated activities of modern day. Observed many instances where only part of a family was able to get on the train with the remaining part of the family desperately struggling to gain an entrance into the car. Would say that only about one half of the people are able to be accommodated. Nor do they give up the fight until the train gains sufficient speed to keep them from boarding. The village of DEBRUGARH is ideally situated on the edge of the large BRAHMAPUTRA river. The Himalayan mountains support the background. To look out over this beautiful river and on into the distance is a most serene and lovely view. It has the added distinction of being a river village with that addition color of boat and fishing life. Recorded the following pictures at this village.

(1-2-4-45) Hindu edifice of some undetermined significance overlooking the river which appears as a small line streak in the background.

(2-2-4-45) Tibetan character. The few individuals of this race of people who come down to this village (at) sell various odds and ends are easily distinguished from the Indians. They are always found in the street selling in precious jewelery and stones. Each one has a small box with an assortment of precious and semi-precious stones. Would expect a high percentage of fake and synthetic material in their collection as evidenced from