

the air. Properly lined established with a row of trees. The only identifiable bird was a large white egret-like form. Except for a few small monadnock hills, the valley is flat. As we progress up the valley the Himalayan range becomes closer and closer until you know that the Upper Assam valley is finally being entered. The trees are ever increasing until you are flying over solid jungle. The upper vegetation form reminded me of closely compacted calliflowers. If there was ever a slight feeling of insecurity about riding in a plane it was exactly at this moment. As we approached the Naga range of mountains the pilot lowered the plane and a few more seconds we were walking across the airstrip at Ledo. Eight miles down the Ledo Road was to be our headquarters and hospital for several enjoyable months, at Margheritta along the De Sing River.

I am sure you have heard about Margheritta and its place on the map. It occupies a position on the south side of the upper Brahmaputra valley in Assam. It is typical jungle include plain jungle and mt jungle. Climate good - people have no justification of outrageous climates of the world. They are not as unfavorable or extreme as we are led to believe. The malarial fever incidence is high and even if one takes all precautions his chances are still greater for picking up the Plasmodium. As far ^{as} I know I have evaded the fever but it is not to my credit if I have, because I have spent practically all my leisure moments in the most favorable habitats for mosquitoes - in the swamp lands, jungles and along the river courses. I have my first site to go to sleep without crawling under a mosquito net. Also I have not made it a practice to go into villages after dark because if you are bitten by an Anopheles in a village you are sure to be bitten by a infected bug. Other than a little too much ^{tropical} sun one day I have never suffered in physical disease so far. To always be healthy becomes monotonous, but nevertheless I appreciate my fortunate position in this regard. I can thank you and Dad for a healthy ^{body} and a happy mind.