

one impulse and flew east toward rising sun. This <sup>solid</sup> line of parakeets extended for miles like the band of ducks that sometimes fly across Utah skies. There were many many thousands of birds in this formation - it was the first congregation of such numbers that I had ever experienced before. The nearest to it would be some of the late fall duck flights one would find at Bear River. Terns and an avocet like bird were found in the river with a few crows flying up & down its shoreline. The area around myitkyina shows signs of the previous battle with abandoned tracks and pill boxes and shrapnel railroad cars. Very few inhabitants in northern Burma.

19th Departed myitkyina in morning. Between here and Bhamo found the valley filled with high grasses and canes with fewer trees. Bamboos and banana trees preoccupying new acres. These two plant forms are successional plants and can be compared with weeds in America. Long vines invade the new road cuts first. As we approached Bhamo more people were in evidence with a greater utilization of valley for paddy fields and terraced flats. The mts & ridges were being used for cultivation purposes and they were cleared like the Naga handling of India with the long hut propped up in the center of the field. These clearings are generally placed on a very steep hillside and near the top of the ridge. The buildings are larger than in India and are stilted and better constructed. The people are much different and wear clothing predominantly black or blue. At Bhamo examined the devastation left by the Japanese. The town was quite thoroughly leveled, probably by our own American bombs. The trees were leafless and stumped, buildings shattered or writhled with bullet holes. Examined one beautiful Buddha Temple which was completely wrecked and while the Buddha statue still remain was fragmented and full of holes. The solid brick spire was well beaten up. Collected a piece of mirror which was part of a solid wall of enlaid glass. Floors and court yards tile. The area where the Japanese took their greatest stand was completely perforated with bomb craters, some of them 30 feet wide and 20 feet deep. The bombardier who did this bombing did a most accurate and thorough job of it. The town is completely trenched and dotted with pill boxes