

some of them cleverly camouflaged as outhouses and abandoned buildings. Many Japanese tanks remain in the area some of them pretty battered up with sections torn away or melted out of shape. As I walked thru this area I couldn't but help feel that many Japanese were buried as a result of the bombing action. Burmese women are nicely built and walk with a normal energetic gait as compared with the slower and smaller India women. Water buffalo dominant animal.

21st Departed Rhawo. Road leaves valley and begins up an endless and winding grade to top of mt hence down other side into a beautiful valley. A high suspension bridge leads the valley. Hills green and denuded of jungle. (completely). Tern, cormorant & heron present. The fields were being plowed by buffalo with a few already planted with the young sprouts. ^(much farther advanced than India in time) from solid green patches at edge of field. Most of the fields inundated. Practically all the Burmese wear broad hats and have a inner bark shield which they carry on their backs for protection against the rain. Most of the beautiful temples have been destroyed. Air strip 8 miles south of Mu Se with 8 C47's wrecked in fields. Air strip well fortified. Higher hill country generally populated with naga-like clearing created from repeated firing. However the burn scars as such are not incidence. As soon as we approach the China border the children begin to line up on the edge of the road and with thumbs up call out 'Dung Haw' which technically mean 'Hello' but in practical life means 'Have you got something to eat'. One can estimate the population of the area by the number of children along the road - they are omnipresent and range from children hardly able to walk to about 12 years of age. The rest of the family is probably working in the fields. Weather cool, clouds low and breeze fresh. Arrived Mu Se in evening. Watched sun go down from top of a hill near Conway camp.

22nd Departed Mu Se. this morning. Followed river bottom for several miles then up to a high ridge trail, hence down into another broad valley bordered by mts. native still in process of plowing and planting rice. Considerable evidence of former fighting all along the route, particularly at the smaller villages and more strategic spots. Have passed several Chinese armies - pathetic sites. They trail along either side of the road in a long line car