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OPHIDIA:

Lycodon aulicus: 2 ♂, 2 ♀.

860 6.3.45 ♀ Taken alive among attaps at new hut 122: measured and liberated.

864 12.3.45 ♂ Taken in open, garden near Hut 20, c. 9.30 a.m.. Stomach contained the terminal 18 m s. of tail of a skink, probably Lygosoma bowringii: hind gut full of faeces: gall bladder much distended.

866 14.3.45 ♂ Found under log of wood near Hut 121, c. 10 a.m.. Gut empty.

902 31.3.45 ♀ Taken ? South Lower Garden: gut empty: two early ova c. 8 mms. long.

Lycodon -sp-: 1 ♀.

867 14.3.45 ♀ Taken by outside fatigue just outside the North Gate. Tip of tail missing. Gut contained the pelvic region, hind legs, and base of the tail of a lizard, the remains being too far digested for identification. In general colour this snake is dark, almost black, above, and dark grey, paler on the throat, below. There is a white collar, and at intervals down the body until they fade out at mid-body are four or five white transverse bars about 5 mms. in width. The lepidosis is very similar to Lycodon Aulicus. The snake was unknown to any of us, but Sworder thought that it might possibly be another sp. of Lycodon of which he thinks there is more than one in the Malayan list.

Chrysopelea peleas: 1 ♀.

901 30.3.45 ♀ Taken ? South Lower Garden: measured and liberated.

Maticora intestinalis: 1 ♀.

865 12.3.45 ♀ This specimen fell out of an internee's mattress in Hut 124, as he was going to bed. Gut empty. The 9th and 10th pairs of subcaudals from the anus were black the remainder being the usual vermilion.

LACERTILIA:

Draco volans: 1 imm. ♂.

861 6.3.45 ♂ Taken near Hut 107.

Mabuia multifasciata: 1 ♂.

858 1.3.45 ♂ Taken in rat trap by Cpt. H. M. Pendlebury. Gut empty.

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