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THE plan of the explorations recorded in these volumes was based upon the experiences and results of my travels during the years 1906-8. In the course of these I had explored ancient remains and carried out surveys through the whole length of Eastern Turkestan to the westernmost marches of China and Tibet. The fascination of archaeological problems and the geographical interest of vast areas which, in spite of their present barrenness, have a historical past, combined to draw me back to that great region of innermost Asia. Ruined sites long ago abandoned to the desert have there preserved for us relics of an ancient civilization that grew up and flourished for a thousand years under the joint influences of Buddhist India, China, and the Hellenized Near East. As my thoughts recurred, while I worked on the results of my second Central-Asian journey, to the openings for fruitful exploration which, from lack of time, I had hitherto been obliged to neglect, the call of those vast deserts was imperative.

The labour entailed by the arrangement and study of the large collection of antiques which I had Proposal for brought back from those travels to the British Museum kept me busy in England until the end of 1911. The record of the results, as embodied in the volumes of Serindia, claimed most of my time even after I had returned to India and was engaged on archaeological work on the familiar ground of the North-West Frontier and Kashmir. That heavy task was still very far from completion when in the autumn of 1912 a variety of considerations induced me to submit to the Government of India my proposal for a long-planned third expedition in Central Asia. Among these the favourable political conditions then prevailing in the regions to be visited within the limits of China and Russian Turkestan were not the least important. In view of the changes that we have since witnessed, I have special reason to feel grateful for the shrewd advice of two kind friends, Sir Henry McMahon, then Foreign Secretary to the Government of India, and Sir George MACARTNEY, H.B.M.'s Consul-General at Kashgar, which helped me to decide on an early start.

Lord HARDINGE, the then newly arrived Viceroy of India, had from the first shown a kind Sanction of interest in my past labours, and I remember with sincere gratitude the very encouraging auspices proposed under which I thus embarked on my new plans. For the generous support which the Government tions. of India accorded to my proposals I was largely indebted to two kind friends, Sir HARCOURT BUTLER, who as Member of the Governor-General's Council was then the enlightened head of the Education Department and has since been in succession Governor of the United Provinces and Governor of Burma, and Sir John Marshall, Director-General of Archaeology in India. The latter, as the Government's chief adviser in archaeological matters, has never failed to lend me his most cordial and effective aid in all the efforts entailed by the preparation of my successive Central-Asian expeditions and the working out of their results. The proposals as finally sanctioned in April, 1913, by H.M.'s Secretary of State for India, included provision for the payment in three successive years of a total grant of £3,000 to cover the estimated cost of the intended explorations, the Indian Government reserving to themselves in return an exclusive claim to whatever 'archaeological proceeds' in the shape of antiques, &c., my expedition might yield. It was understood that

1 This provision was supplemented in 1915 by a further grant of Rs. 12,000. This was necessitated partly by the increased cost of transporting to India the bulky collection of antiques and partly by the rapid rise of prices. &c., which made itself felt after the outbreak of the war throughout the regions visited.

expedition.

the Museum of Indian Ethnography, Art, and Archaeology which it was designed to instal at New Delhi would be the first to benefit by prospective 'finds'. Thus by the close of July 1913 I was free to set out from Kashmir for another long journey.

Help of Survey of India.

For the geographical investigations which were intended to play a large and important part in my travels, most effective help from the Survey of India was assured to me from the outset. Colonel Sir Sidney Burrard, then Surveyor-General of India, very readily extended to this part of my programme the same unfailing aid and encouragement by which my previous topographical surveys and their publication had benefited so greatly. He kindly agreed to depute to assist me my old experienced travel companion Rai Bahādur Lāl Singh, Sub-Assistant Superintendent, Survey of India, and also to make available the services of a second Surveyor of the Department. Apart from a special grant to cover the expenses connected with the employment of these surveyors. the Survey of India also provided all requisite surveying equipment, including that to be used by myself and a third assistant, Miān Afrāz-gul Khān, whose valuable help will be presently noted.

Support of R. Geographical Society.

In connexion with the wide extension of our topographical labours which was thus rendered possible, I must record also my very grateful appreciation of the moral support which the Royal Geographical Society generously gave me, in addition to granting the loan of some surveying instruments. From the constant sympathy and friendly interest with which Sir John Keltie, the Society's lamented Secretary, ever followed my efforts, I never ceased to derive true encouragement.

Interrelation of geographical

In devoting so large a share of my care and attention to work of direct geographical interest I was guided by two important considerations. On the one hand my explorations were taking me and histori- through portions of innermost Asia where extensive areas, both in the barren mountains and in the desert wastes of the great drainageless basins, were still in need of systematic survey or practically unmapped. On the other hand these very regions, though in some respects deserving to be counted among the least attractive portions of our globe, are, when studied on the ground with an eye to their past, singularly fitted to illustrate the close interrelation between physical features and human activity, as reflected by history and archaeological relics. In my lecture on 'Innermost Asia: its Geography as a factor in History', I have fully discussed the reasons which make it particularly important for the historical and antiquarian student of that great region of Asia to pay the closest attention to its peculiar geographical features. I have shown in the same lecture how helpful for the investigation of much-discussed physical changes may be the study on sound critical lines of the traces which the human past, whether of historical or prehistoric periods, has left on such ground.

Record of topographical work.

The important bearing here briefly indicated which the exact record of topographical facts must have upon archaeological research in this region will explain the special value that I attach to the generous help of the Survey of India, since it has made it possible to issue with the present publication the atlas of detailed maps forming Vol. IV. These 47 map sheets on the scale of 1:500,000 have been prepared at the Trigonometrical Survey Office, Dehra Dun. They embody the carefully compiled results of all the surveys made on my three Central-Asian expeditions. These surveys comprised throughout continuous plane-table work by my assistants and myself, and, where conditions would permit, triangulation and astronomical observations. How great were the labours in the field involved by these systematic surveys is sufficiently indicated by the fact that they extended over no less than 28 degrees of longitude and 8 degrees of latitude. The appearance within the limits of these maps of unsurveyed and in many cases wholly unexplored areas is to be attributed to the exceptional physical difficulties of penetrating the vast forbidding deserts and the lofty and almost equally desolate mountains that constitute the major portion of this ground.

² Sce Geographical Journal, 1925, lxv. May-June, pp. 377-403, 473-98.

The great extent of the ground and the varied nature of the materials brought back from the Preparation different journeys necessarily made the task of compiling, drawing, and reproducing these maps a very heavy one. The work, begun in 1916, had to be carried on for the most part during a period when operations connected with the war threw a great strain upon the Survey Department. My special thanks are therefore due to Colonels Sir Gerald Lenox-Cunyngham, E. A. Tandy, and H. McC. Cowie, R.E., successively in charge of the Trigonometrical Survey Office, for the steadily continued efforts which secured the final completion of the maps by the summer of 1922.

These maps have come to comprise a vast but well-defined region of innermost Asia which, by Memoir on its present conditions and by its important role in the past as the meeting-place of the civilizations of India, China, and the West, is attracting more and more the attention both of the geographer and of the historical student. It had been my constant endeavour in the field to make our surveys as exact and detailed a record of the prevailing physical features as limitations of scale, time, training, &c., would permit, and the revision of the maps in the successive stages of drawing and reproduction has during the years which followed involved no small amount of personal labour on my part.2a I feel therefore glad that the preparation of a detailed *Memoir*, which with the sanction of Colonel C. H. D. RYDER, Surveyor-General of India, was published as Vol. XVII of the Records of the Survey of India, has enabled me fully to record the history of all the surveys carried out under my direction, to discuss the chief physical features determining the character of each distinct geographical area, and to furnish detailed notes on the materials used for each individual map sheet. In that Memoir full explanations will also be found as regards the methods of compilation, the representation of physical details, and the record of local names. To that publication I may be allowed to refer also for my grateful appreciation of the manifold and most willing help I received in the preparation of the cartographical records of my journeys from Officers connected with the Trigonometrical (now Geodetic) Branch of the Survey, especially the late Colonel R. A. WAUCHOPE, Colonel H. H. Turner, Dr. J. de Graaff Hunter, and Majors F. J. M. King, K. Mason, and W. E. Perry.

To the amount of work which Rai Bahādur Lāl Singh, a veteran of indefatigable energy, Work of accomplished in the course of my third expedition, the Memoir and the maps themselves bear ample R. B. Lai testimony.4 Of the very serious hardships, not always free from risks, under which his surveys in waterless deserts and high wind-swept ranges were carried out, it will be possible for the reader of the present volumes to form some idea.

My selection of two other Indian assistants who completed my small staff also proved very Other fortunate. In Naik Shamsuddin, a corporal and now a Jamadar of the Bengal (King George's Indian as-Own) Sappers and Miners, the loan of whose services the kind offices of Major-General J. E. DICKIE, R.E., enabled me to secure from that distinguished Corps, I found a very capable and helpful 'handy-man' for all work requiring technical skill. The other assistant was a young military surveyor, Mian Afraz-gul Khan, a Pathan of the saintly Kaka-khel clan and then a Sepoy in the Khyber Rifles. Having been first employed by me in 1912, on Sir George Roos-Keppel's recommendation, in connexion with excavations on the NW. Frontier, he soon proved by his energy and

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Appendices by Major K. Mason, M.C., R.E., and J. de Graaff Hunter, Sc.D.' Trigonometrical Survey Office, Dehra Dun. 1923. Fol., pp. xiii, 208; 29 plates; 12 charts.

²⁰ The fact that the map drawings, proofs, &c., had in most cases to be revised by me before the corresponding portions of my report were written will help to explain the instances where slight mistakes of compilation or draughtsmen's errors escaped my attention.

³ See 'Memoir on Maps of Chinese Turkistan and Kansu. From the surveys made during Sir Aurel Stein's explorations, 1900-1, 1906-8, 1913-5, by Sir Aurel Stein, K.C.I.E. With

As far as possible I arranged for R. B. Lal Singh to follow routes independent of my own; for the method by which these routes have been distinctly marked on the maps. see Memoir, pp. 60 sq.

superior intelligence a very useful practical helper in archaeological field work. His keen topographical sense and zeal allowed me in addition to make use of him with distinct advantage on survey work.⁵ The marked ability and pluck displayed by him were recognized on our return by the award of the Macgregor Silver Medal and secured him admission to the Survey of India as Sub-Assistant Superintendent. This appointment has been fully justified by the distinguished services which Miān, now Khān Sāhib, Afrāz-gul Khān has since rendered.

Extent of journey.

The close links I have indicated above between the archaeological and geographical purposes of this voyage will help to account for its wide extent. When I returned in March, 1916, to Kashmir, it had lasted close on two years and eight months, and the aggregate of the distances covered by my marches amounted to nearly 11,000 miles. The objects of my expedition were not confined to the exploration of ruined sites from which to gather fresh materials for antiquarian and philological research in Museum and study. Quite as important in my opinion were the observation and record of whatever could throw light on the past and present of the ground traversed by those ancient Central-Asian routes which for centuries had been the channels of trade and cultural intercourse, and by which the influences of religious belief and political conquest had linked China with India and the Near East. It is for this reason that the record of this journey takes the reader from the passage land of westernmost China across the whole Tarim basin to the uppermost Oxus and to Irān, from the Hindukush valleys in the south to Dzungaria and Inner Mongolia in the north-east. Exacting claims on my time since my return from this expedition have not allowed me to publish a personal narrative of it, such as might have served as a guide to the scope and bearing of the record presented in the present volumes. Hence a rapid synopsis of their contents may usefully find a place here.

Start for Käshgar through Darēl and Tangīr, The favourable conditions that happened to prevail at the time of my start from Kashmīr allowed me to pass through the valleys of Darēl and Tangīr, a Hindukush territory never visited before by any European and since closed again through lapse into tribal anarchy (Chap. I). There I traced the route by which Chinese pilgrims in Buddhist times used to make their way down to the Indus. Then travelling through Yāsīn I crossed the glacier pass of the Darkōt, the scene of a memorable Chinese military exploit, and crossing the snowy ranges enclosing the head-waters of the Karambār and Hunza rivers reached Chinese territory on the Tāghdum-bāsh Pāmīr. On my way thence to Kāshgar I examined certain old remains in the great Sarīkol valley, and then surveyed a new route down the difficult gorges of the Kara-tāsh river, which had so far remained unexplored (Chap. II).

Help of Sir George Macartney.

A brief stay at Kāshgar under the hospitable roof of my old friend Sir George Macartney, H.M. late Consul-General, allowed me to organize my caravan and to benefit greatly by the practical help and advice which this kind friend gave me with regard to my intended explorations. Conditions of Chinese administration in the 'New Dominion' had greatly changed since the revolution, and it was mainly due to the unfailing watchfulness and energetic support exerted from afar by that ever-helpful friend that serious interference with my plans, owing to official obstruction, was avoided. I shall always remember very gratefully the great and manifold advantages which his exceptional influence and forethought secured for me throughout my travels on Chinese soil.

From Kāshgar I traced an ancient route through unsurveyed desert along the outermost

⁵ For the excellent work done by Afraz-gul Khan on the supplementary survey he carried through the Lop Desert in February-March, 1915, under considerable difficulties and privations, see below, ii. pp. 741 sqq.

⁶ In the Map to illustrate routes followed by Sir Aurel Stein through Childs, Darèl and Tangir (see Vol. iv), prepared since

Chapter I was printed, there have been embodied the results of the plane table survey, on the scale of 2 miles to the inch, carried out by R. B. Lâl Singh under my direction over some 1,200 square miles of ground which had never been mapped before or even seen by European eyes.

T'ien-shan to Maral-bashi (Chap. III. sec. i, ii). I then endeavoured to traverse from that point the Journey to great 'sand ocean' of the Taklamakan in a straight line to the Mazar-tagh hill on the Khotan river. The attempt, however, was baffled, after trying marches, by the formidable sand ridges that we encountered, but not before I had been able to secure definite evidence of the geographically important fact that an ancient range, now completely effaced by wind-erosion, had at an earlier period joined those hills to the isolated rock islands around Maral-bashi. Travelling along the Yarkand river and then up the dry bed of the Khotan river, I reached the Mazar-tagh hill, where numerous Tibetan documents were recovered near a ruined fort, and the remains of a Buddhist shrine were traced (Chap. III. sec. iii, iv).

and Khotan.

Having regained my old base at Khotan I secured there a considerable collection of small Exploraantiques from the ancient capital and other old sites of the oasis (Chap. IV. sec. i, ii). Rapid as was tions between necessarily the journey of close on 700 miles to the Lop Desert, the main goal of that winter's Khotan and explorations, it allowed me to revisit the areas of ancient settlements abandoned to the desert Miran. beyond Domoko and the termination of the Niya river. In the latter area I succeeded in supplementing my former discoveries by observations and finds of distinct antiquarian interest, the latter including a further collection of Kharosthi documents on wood (Chap. IV. sec. iii, iv). Having reached the last inhabited ground towards the Lop Desert by the beginning of 1914, we explored two small sites to the south of Charkhlik, and then, resuming work at Mīrān, recovered early frescoes and other remains from Buddhist shrines of the 'old eastern town' of Shan-shan (Chap. V). There I was rejoined by R. B. Lal Singh after an absence of four months, during which among other survey work he had carried his triangulation along the main K'un-lun range over five degrees of longitude eastwards.

A short-lived 'revolutionary' outbreak at Charkhlik having allowed me to escape the obstruc- Work tion with which I was seriously threatened, I started my long-planned explorations in the waterless started in desert of Lop. They led to the discovery of two ruined sites of ancient Lou-lan, abandoned since the early centuries of our era, which yielded interesting relics. The crossing of the wind-eroded desert northward revealed a succession of dry river-beds, unmistakably proving a southern extension of the delta in which the 'Dry River' that once watered the Lou-lan of Han times had emptied itself into the bed of the ancient Lop Sea (Chap. VI).7

Resumption of work at and around the walled Chinese station of Lou-lan led to the discovery of Relics of more relics of the traffic that once came here by the earliest Chinese route leading into the Tarīm basin. From grave-pits containing burial remains of the first centuries before and after Christ we recovered, besides other relics, a mass of remarkable textiles, including fine specimens of the earliest known figured Chinese silks as well as woollen tapestries showing clear evidence of Hellenistic art influence (Chap. VII, sec. i-vi). Reconnaissances pushed farther into the desert northeastward led to the discovery of an ancient Chinese castrum and an outlying watch-post with a burial-ground containing remarkably well preserved bodies of the ancient indigenous population of Lou-lan (Chap. VII. sec. viii).

With the help of the indications thus secured, we were able subsequently to start on the very difficult task of tracing the route which the Chinese had followed in their earliest trade and military

7 In order adequately to show all the details of geographical or archaeological interest recorded in the course of our surveys across the Lop Desert, both on the second and third expeditions, there has been prepared for insertion in Vol. iv the special Map of the Lop Desert, on the scale of 5 miles to 1 inch.

This map, which is enlarged with additions and correc-

tions from Sheets Nos. 29, 32 of the general Map Series contained in Vol. iv, was reproduced at the Dehra Dun Survey Office after Chapters VI-VIII and XX, sec, iii had been passed through the press. It should be referred to in preference for all topographical and other details mentioned in those chapters.

Chinese route through Lop Sea-bed.

enterprises towards Central Asia, across the forbidding salt-encrusted bed of the ancient Lop Sea, and the equally desolate waterless wastes around it. How, thanks to lucky archaeological finds and the scanty notices preserved in the Chinese Annals, I succeeded in tracing this route right through to its eastern end, near an old terminal basin of the Su-lo-ho in the desert of Tun-huang, has been recorded in Chapters VIII and IX.

Westernmost Chinese Limes.

I had now arrived on ground which had retained a special fascination for me since the explorations of my second expedition on the westernmost extension of the ancient Chinese Limes. In the desert to the north-west of the Tun-huang oasis and then again east of it towards An-hsi I traced portions, previously unexplored, of that protected line of Han times, the remains of its ruined watch-towers yielding further early Chinese records on wood (Chap. X. sec. i, iii). In the course of these labours I was able to pay a fresh visit to the 'Caves of the Thousand Buddhas', south-east of Besides other relics I secured there a not inconsiderable addition to the collection of ancient Chinese manuscripts which I had recovered in 1907 from the great cache of its walled-up chapel, in the shape of some 570 well-preserved rolls containing texts of the Buddhist Canon (Chap. X. sec. ii).

Han Limes explored to Mao mei.

For a month from the middle of April, 1914, I was occupied in tracing and exploring the remains of the ancient Chinese Limes eastwards, first along the Su-lo-ho to its bend below Yü-mênhsien, and then through the desert to the Mao-mei oasis at the confluence of the rivers of Su-chou and Kan-chou (Chap. XI, XII). Chinese records on wood found at ruined watch-posts proved that this portion of the Limes, which we explored over a distance of more than 250 miles, was originally constructed about the close of the 2nd century B.C. as a defence against the Huns, and was garrisoned down to later Han times.

Explorations along Etsin-gol.

The friendly support of the Tao-t'ai of Su-chou enabled me to push from Mao-mei down the Etsin-gol into a portion of southernmost Mongolia and to explore remains, dating mainly from the Tangut and Mongol domination, at and near the site of Khara-khoto first discovered by Colonel Kozlov. Besides obtaining abundant remains of manuscripts and block prints in the Tangut language and Tibetan, as well as other archaeological finds, we were able to make interesting geographical observations regarding the Etsin-gol valley and its delta. At all times it had served as a highway for nomadic inroads from the north, and Marco Polo's account of it was fully verified on the spot (Chap. XIII).

Pei-shan ranges

Marching south from Khara-khoto through unsurveyed desert hills, we gained the city of ranges crossed into Kan-chou and thence set out for the high ranges of the Nan-shan. There a serious accident prostrated me in the middle of July; but R. B. Lāl Singh's energy made it possible to round off, as I had intended, our topographical work of 1907 in that great mountain region by a survey of the head-waters of the Kan-chou river (Chap. XIV). We regained Mao-mei at the close of August, and thence by a month's arduous travel over ground almost wholly unexplored crossed the utterly barren ranges of the Pei-shan and the eastern extremity of the T'ien-shan (Chap. XV). Our journey beyond, along the northern foot of the latter, acquainted me with portions of eastern Dzungaria which have played an important part in the history of China's Central-Asian expansion. Finally it brought us to the ancient site of Pei-t'ing and, by an old route across the T'ien-shan known so far only from T'ang accounts, down into the basin of Turfan (Chap. XVI).

Winter's work at Turfan sites.

The great number of ancient remains to be found within or close to the oases of the Turfan district reflect its importance, as fully attested by its early history (Chap. XVII). Though these sites had been the scene of very fruitful excavations by several preceding expeditions, there remained scope for profitable archaeological work and also for a detailed survey of an area of great geographical interest. During our stay, which lasted through the winter, we were able to make a close

examination of all the more important sites and to secure, besides other antiques, a considerable collection of interesting mural paintings from ruined Buddhist shrines (Chap. XVIII). Particularly ample results rewarded the exploration of a large burial-ground near Astana, the deposits of its tombs yielding abundant relics of the early T'ang period, such as figured silks, stucco figurines, and other objects of artistic or technical interest (Chap. XIX).

From Turfan I paid a rapid visit to the provincial head-quarters at Urumchi, north of the T'ien- Visit to shan. It enabled me to see again my old Mandarin friend P'AN TA-JEN (Mr. P'an Ch'ên 潘 意),74 whose kind support, which I had experienced on all my former explorations, was now helping to ward off threatened official obstruction. To the memory of this lamented friend, who died in 1926, still in office and honoured throughout Hsin-chiang for his high character, true scholarship, and rare integrity. I wish to offer here my tribute of sincere respect and gratitude.

During these months R. B. Lal Singh had carried out extensive survey operations in the Explorawaterless Kuruk-tagh range to the south. Starting in the middle of February, 1915, I was able to tions in Kuruk-tagh. supplement these by work in the western portion of the same desert region and by the exploration of ancient burial-grounds along the 'Dry River' that once flowed to Lou-lan. At the same time our topographical knowledge of the Lop Desert was enlarged by a survey which Afraz-gul successfully carried out under very trying conditions (Chap. XX). Moving between the western foot of the Kuruk-tagh and the Konche-darya which had once fed the 'Dry River', I examined the remains marking the line by which the ancient highway from China gained the string of oases along the northern rim of the Tarim basin (Chap. XXI). Our move westwards by the latter allowed me to trace Move to the line followed by the ancient Pei-lu, the 'Northern Route' of the Chinese Annals, to Kuchā, and subsequently to explore a series of old sites now abandoned to the desert which mark the former extent of this large oasis, important both geographically and historically (Chap. XXII, XXIII). While R. B. Lal Singh was carrying his survey along the Tien-shan as high up as the early season would permit, I myself rapidly travelled to Kashgar by the present caravan route, acquainting myself with ground that I had not previously visited (Chap. XXIV).

Kāshgar.

After arranging during a busy stay at Kashgar for the safe transport to Kashmir of my collec- Journey tion of antiques (which filled 182 cases), I started in the middle of July, 1915, for my journey across the Russian Pamirs and the valleys of the Upper Oxus. It was greatly facilitated by the friendly Upper Oxus offices of Prince MESTCHERSKY, the Russian Consul-General at Kashgar, and Colonel I. D. JAGELLO, then commanding the Pāmir Division. Passing down the great Alai valley I followed the route of the ancient silk trade from China, as described by Marinus. Then crossing the succession of high ranges which divide the main feeders of the Oxus, I reached ground on the Alichur and Great Pāmīrs which had seen the passage of the armed forces as well as the Buddhist pilgrims of China (Chap. XXV). As I made my way through Wakhān and up and down the secluded alpine valleys of Ghārān, Rōshān, Shughnān, and Darwāz, I was able to examine ruined strongholds of early date and throughout to observe much that is ancient in the racial type of the people, their language, and ways of living (Chap. XXVI). The anthropometrical materials here collected are discussed by Mr. T. A. JOYCE in Appendix C. After regaining in Kara-tegin the route of the old silk traders Past Samartowards Baktra I travelled through the hills of Bokhāra to Samarkand. Thence the Transcaspian kand and railway allowed me to gain Persian ground. Subsequently, a rapid but instructive journey of Afghan three weeks along the Perso-Afghan border, brought me safely to Sistan by the close of November, border. 1915 (Chap. XXVII).

70 See below, ii. pp. 634 sq.; Fig. 298. For the constant help which P'an Ta-jen had rendered me ever since my first visit to Khotan in 1900, cf. Ancient Khotan, i. pp. 237 sq., 507, &c.; Ruins of Khotan, pp. xxi, 200. 214 sqq.; Desert Cathay, i. p. xvi; ii. pp. 421 sqq.; Serindia, i. pp. x, 311; iii. pp. 1185, 1273.

Explorations in Sistan. My winter's work in that small but geographically very interesting pendant of the Tārīm basin, was successfully begun with a survey of the large ruined site on the sacred hill of Kōh-i-Khwāja. It was rewarded by the discovery of wall-paintings and other remains going back to Sasanian times (Chap. XXVIII). While most of the numerous ruined structures examined in the Persian portion of the present Helmand delta were found to date from Muhammadan times (Chap. XXIX), surveys in the desert to the south, once watered from a branch of the river, revealed remains dating from far more remote periods. There on wind-eroded ground I discovered sites of prehistoric settlements marked by stone implements as well as by abundant painted pottery closely linked in type with corresponding relics of chalcolithic times that have come to light in localities so far apart as Transcaspia, Mesopotamia, Balūchistān, and Western China. And across this area of prehistoric occupation, now all desert, I was able to trace a line of ruined watch-stations, which certainly dates from pre-Muhammadan times and curiously recalls the ancient Chinese Limes on the far-off Kan-su border (Chap. XXX). With a three weeks' camel ride by the caravan route connecting Sīstān with the railhead at Nushki my journey came to an end about the end of February, 1916.

Prehistoric remains in desert south.

Collection deposited at Srinagar.

Some four months earlier my collection of antiquities had, under R. B. Lāl Singh's watchful care, safely arrived in Kashmīr. The fortunate circumstance that Mr. Fred H. Andrews, O.B.E., then and for a number of years thereafter had charge of the Technical Institute of Kashmīr at Srinagar, made it possible for me to leave the collection in the care of that artist friend. His close association with the custody and examination of my former collections, no less than his exceptional familiarity with Eastern arts and crafts in general, made him once more a most valued collaborator in the heavy and multifarious work involved in the arrangement, close study, and description of the thousands of objects now brought together. I therefore felt very grateful when sanction was secured for the temporary deposit of the new collection at Srinagar under Mr. Andrews' care for the purposes above indicated.

Mr. F. H. Andrews' work on antiques.

Treatment of mural paintings. There during the years 1917-22, Mr. Andrews devoted whatever leisure he could spare from his heavy administrative and educational duties to the preparation of the Descriptive Lists of Antiques which are included in the present Report and which are mainly his work. In addition he utilized his winter vacations of those years and subsequent cold-weather periods, while on special duty under the Indian Government, for the exacting task of setting up the many fine mural paintings brought away from ruined Buddhist shrines. As these wall-paintings, all executed in tempera on mere mud plaster, were to be accommodated and exhibited at New Delhi in a temporary museum specially erected for the purpose, very careful treatment was indispensable to assure their future preservation from climatic and other risks.¹⁰ This labour has now been completed. But the reproduction and interpretation of these important remains of Buddhist pictorial art in Central Asia will claim a separate publication, now in preparation. Hence, with the exception of a number

⁸ For convenience of reference the portion of the 1:1,000,000 Sheet No. 30, from the Survey of India's Series, India and Adjacent Countries, showing the main area of the Sistān basin, has been reproduced at the Dehra Dun Survey Office and inserted as a separate map in Vol. iv of the present publication.

In order adequately to illustrate the position of the ancient remains, &c., surveyed in the desert to the south of the present Helmand delta, the corresponding portion of Degree Sheet No. 30 F of the Survey of India (published 'for Official Use only') has been reproduced, with the needlut

additions, at the Dehra Dun Survey Office and inserted as a separate map in Vol. iv.

For permission kindly granted for this reproduction I wish to express here my thanks to the Chief of the General Staff in India.

¹⁰ For the very skilfully devised methods and special materials used by Mr. Andrews in treating and setting up these wall-paintings, which in some cases cover surfaces of as much as 16 feet by 10, see his full statement in the Annual Report of the Archaeological Survey, 1921-2, pp. 98 sqq.



PIECE OF WOOLLEN TAPESTRY, L. C. iii. 010. a, FROM GRAVE PIT OF LOU-LAN SITE L. C. (See Chap. VII. sec. iii-vi).

of minor pieces which could be treated at Srinagar, the wall-paintings of my third collection have not been included in the Descriptive Lists of the present work.

This collection as a whole, in accordance with the orders of Government, will be housed at the Collection New Delhi capital, excepting representative specimens to be presented to the British Museum.11 to be perma-Reference to the originals will therefore not be practicable, except in rare cases, for those students in housed at the West who are interested in researches bearing upon Central-Asian and Far Eastern art and New Delhi. civilization. This consideration rendered it all the more important that all entries in the Descriptive Lists should be exact and adequately detailed. For this purpose Mr. Andrews was provided with the assistance of Miss F. M. G. LORIMER, who, as one of the assistants engaged on the objects collected in the course of my second expedition, had acquired ample experience in dealing with Central-Asian antiquities. The efficient help rendered by her at Srinagar during the years 1919-22 been prepared by competent hands, their contents have been throughout carefully checked and, where necessary, revised by myself, when dealing in the present Report with the observations on the sites and objects concerned.

After my return in 1916 from the explorations recorded in these volumes I was placed on special Labours on After my return in 1910 from the explorations recorded in these volumes. was placed in special duty for the purpose first of completing Serindia, the detailed report of my second expedition, and and present then of carrying through the varied work entailed by the elaboration and record of the results of the publication. third expedition. This arrangement, which the constant friendly support of Sir EDWARD MAC-LAGAN, then Secretary to Government in the Education Department, and Sir John Marshall, greatly facilitated, has since enabled me to devote myself wholly to these labours. During the years 1916-18, spent partly on deputation to England and partly in Kashmīr, Serindia claimed most of my time. The preparation of the present work, which followed, was necessarily interrupted during 1920, when the heavy task of passing the volumes of Serindia through the press kept me fully engaged for some eight months at Oxford. This visit to England was utilized for temporarily transferring to the British Museum the manuscript materials recovered on my third expedition and arranging for their examination and cataloguing. During 1921 I was obliged to devote most of my time to the publication of The Thousand Buddhas, the much-needed complement of Serindia, which deals with the pictorial treasures recovered from Tun-huang, and to the preparation of my above-mentioned Memoir on Maps of Chinese Turkistan and Kansu.

Work on the Report steadily carried on in 1922-3, together with the completion of the Descrip- Work at tive Lists of Antiques, made it possible for me, with the sanction of Government, temporarily to British Museum. transfer in 1924 to the British Museum that portion of the Collection from which the specimens now comprised in the plates illustrating this Report had to be selected for reproduction. For the exacting task of making these selections and assuring the proper execution of the plates while on deputation in England, I fortunately had again the benefit of Mr. F. H. ANDREWS' expert help.

11 This does not apply to the literary remains, for which deposition at the India Office Library and at the British Museum, on the lines followed in the case of those from the second expedition, is under consideration.

18 The arrangement of entries in the Descriptive Lists closely corresponds to that followed in the case of Serindia and explained there, i. p. xv, note 16.

The numerical order of the 'site-marks' has been followed throughout. These were entered on the objects at the time of discovery, acquisition, or unpacking. Hence this numerical order nowhere represents an attempt at systematic classification. 'Site-marks' given at the time of discovery show the initial letter of the site, the number of the ruin. room, &c., followed by plain Arabic figures, e.g. N. III. x. 15. When the objects had been marked by me on the spot only with the place of the 'finds', and consecutive numbers in Arabic figures have been subsequently added, whether in the course of the journey or at the time of unpacking, these numbers are preceded by a zero, e.g. L.M. 11, iii, 02.

The abbreviations R, and L, indicate the right and left side of objects as they are seen in reproductions, except where the right and left proper of the human body are referred to.

At the same time he directed and supervised the proper treatment and illustration of hundreds of specimens of ancient textiles. This arduous work was greatly assisted by the convenient accommodation and other facilities which Sir Frederic Kenyon, Director of the British Museum, with the ready assent of its Trustees, kindly put at our disposal. For this generous help I may be allowed to express here my deep sense of gratitude.

Assistance received at British Museum. If the many extremely delicate and fragile objects recovered from the desert sands and ruined sites of the most arid parts of Asia survive in future the effect of wholly different climatic conditions, it will be largely due to the special treatment it was possible to secure at the British Museum. Through the same ready co-operation it became possible during the summer of 1925 to arrange a temporary exhibition of representative specimens of antiques in the Ceramic Gallery of the British Museum. In its arrangement as well as in other tasks Mr. Andrews and myself received very useful assistance from Miss J. Joshua. For all the advantages thus enjoyed during our work at the British Museum my very grateful acknowledgements are due to the Keepers and Deputy Keepers of the Departments directly concerned, Dr. L. D. Barnett, Mr. Laurence Binyon, Mr. O. M.Dalton, Dr. L. Giles, Mr. R. L. Hobson, as well as to Dr. Alexander Scott, in charge of the British Museum Laboratory.

Completion of Report.

During the period of my deputation to England, which extended to the autumn of 1925, I was able to complete my manuscript of Chapters I-XXIV dealing with the explorations on Chinese soil and to begin delivering it to the press. After my return to India a fortunate opportunity arose of carrying a fruitful archaeological tour into Upper Swāt and the adjacent tribal territory, once the scene of Alexander's memorable Frontier campaign and hitherto inaccessible for research.¹³ This tour and certain urgent tasks imposed by its results prevented my finishing the remaining six chapters until towards the close of 1926.

Work on Chinese documents and inscriptions. It would have been impossible for me to make these volumes a comprehensive record of the antiquarian and kindred results of my expedition but for the manifold and very effective help I received from fellow-scholars and others. Among the written remains brought to light in the course of my journey, the Chinese documents and inscriptions were those most likely to yield information bearing on archaeological and historical points. In respect of these Chinese records I suffered the loss of a hoped-for collaborator of unequalled eminence by the death of my lamented friend M. EDOUARD CHAVANNES. On my passage through Paris in May 1916 the greatest of Western Sinologues of our times had very kindly promised his help towards the publication of the Chinese materials brought back from my third journey. But his death in the spring of 1918 frustrated the hope of seeing them soon made available for research in a companion volume to his Documents Chinois, to which my Serindia had owed so much.

Collaboration of M. Maspero. Deprived of this hope I had reason to feel very grateful to M. Henri Maspero, his pupil and successor in the chair of the Collège de France, who on his return from the Far East in 1921 kindly undertook the study and eventual publication of those materials. To him I am indebted for the translation of four of the sepulchral inscriptions from the cemetery of Astāna, comprised in Appendix A and provided with valuable notes throwing light also on the pre-T'ang chronology of Turfān. In addition, M. Maspero has very kindly placed at my disposal preliminary abstract translations, with notes, of most of the Chinese documents on wood and paper recovered from ruins of the ancient Han Limes of Turfān and other sites. The antiquarian information gleaned from them has so far as possible been utilized by me in Chapters X-XII, XVIII, XIX. For this help I wish to record here my sincere thanks, coupled with the hope that these interesting materials may before long be made fully accessible by M. Maspero in a proposed separate publication.

¹³ Cf. Serindia, i. pp. 2 sqq. [See now my paper, 'Alexander's Campaigns on the Indian North-West Frontier', Geographical Journal, 1927, November-December, pp. 417-440, 515-540.]

M. Maspero's labours have been greatly facilitated by the transcripts which my valued friend Help of Сніанд Ssu-чен (Mr. Chiang Hsiao-yuan 蔣孝瑜), the Chinese secretary of my second ex. Chiang Ssupedition, had prepared of numerous documents during my stay at Kashgar in June, 1915. He had bestowed upon this task the same thorough critical care that had made him during my former journey the best of scholarly helpmates. 14 Regard for his state of health had obliged me, to my great regret, to forgo his services on my third journey; but even from afar this devoted Chinese assistant continued to prove his keen interest in my labours until his lamented death in 1922.

My heartiest thanks are due to Dr. L. Giles, Deputy Keeper of Oriental Printed Books and Collabora-Manuscripts, British Museum, for his very valuable assistance in undertaking the difficult task tion of Dr. Giles. of translating and interpreting the sepulchral inscriptions from Astana, available only in photographs, as well as the records on ancient textiles (see Appendix I). The work of cataloguing the great collection of Chinese manuscripts recovered in 1907 from the Thousand Buddhas of Tunhuang, upon which he has been engaged for a number of years past, will, I hope, be extended to the abundant supplementary materials brought back from my third expedition. In addition I feel deeply indebted to Dr. L. Giles for the unfailing kindness with which he has at all times been ready to assist me from his store of Sinologue knowledge. To Mr. L. C. HOPKINS, I.S.O., my thanks are due for the decipherment of certain Chinese seals, as well as for the verification of Chinese characters and transcripts in some of the proof-sheets.

It was a source of special satisfaction to me when the late Mr. F. E. PARGITER, I.C.S. (ret.), Inventory was kind enough to undertake in 1920 the preparation of an Inventory List of manuscript remains, mainly in Sanskrit. His former collaboration with the late Dr. A. F. R. Hoernle and his own pains- Brālmī taking care made him the right successor to a task which that true pioneer of Central-Asian philo-script. logical researches might have claimed, had he survived. Appendix E shows the great amount of unsparing scholarly labour that Mr. Pargiter has devoted to the task, even where the fragmentary state of the materials rendered it far from attractive. Professor STEN KONOW, the distinguished Indologist of Oslo University, who has made the language of ancient Khotan the subject of special studies, honoured me by offering to examine the manuscript remains in that tongue. If the In ventory List contributed by him in Appendix F also includes text fragments in Sanskrit and Kuchean, this is due to the difficulty experienced after my departure from England in 1920 in securing an exact classification of the smaller materials in Brahmi script.

As regards the Kharosthi documents recovered from the sites of Niya and Lou-lan (Chap. IV, Collabora-VI, VII), it is gratifying to know that their decipherment, undertaken by Professor E. J. RAPSON tion on with the assistance of Mr. P. S. Noble, will before long permit the completion of the important Kuchean, publication, comprising all Kharosthi records discovered on my journeys, to which Professor and Sogdian Rapson and in association with him M. ÉMILE SENART and Abbé BOYER have devoted so much scholarly effort for close on twenty-five years.146 These materials are the oldest surviving original documents in Indian script and language, of an administrative, legal, or private character. Their complete edition, together with a full Index, will, I hope, stimulate studies which are bound to throw interesting light on the conditions of life prevailing in the Tarim basin during the early centuries of our era. To my old friend M. SYLVAIN LEVI, the great French Indologist, I am indebted for the interpretation of the fragments of texts and records in Kuchean, reproduced in Appendix G, while his pupil M. E. Benveniste has furnished welcome notes (Appendix H) on manuscript

16 See Kharosthi Inscriptions discovered by Sir Aurel

Stein in Chinese Turkestan. Transcribed and edited by A. M. Boyer, E. J. Rapson, and E. Senart, Clarendon Press, Oxford. Fasciculus 1, 1920; fasc. 11, 1927, 4to.

¹⁶ Regarding Chiang Ssu-yeh's former help, cf. Serindia, ii. pp. 569, 593 sqq., 646, 714, &c. For a portrait taken of him at our final parting in 1915, see below, Fig. 355.

remains in Sogdian, including a fairly long letter in that early form of Sogdian writing which was first discovered by me on the Tun-huang Limes. Dr. W. Lentz has instructively treated in Appendix P an interesting fragment of a Manichaean parchment in later Sogdian script and language.

Examination of Turkish, Mongol, Tibetan, and Tangut MSS.

Turning to literary remains in languages other than Indo-European, I must record my tribute of gratitude in the first place to the late Professor VILHELM THOMSEN, the great decipherer of the Runic Turkish inscriptions, for having honoured this publication with the exhaustive treatment of a text fragment of Manichaean origin in that script (Appendix Q). Professor A. von Le Coo, the distinguished archaeologist and Turcologist, has put me under a special obligation by kindly contributing an Inventory List of manuscript and block-print remains in Uighur, Mongol, and Sogdian scripts (Appendix K). Dr. A. H. Francke, a valued collaborator on the Tibetan materials brought back from my former expeditions, has translated and annotated a Tibetan inscription discovered on the Darkot Pass (Appendix L). Professor F. W. THOMAS, who from the first had devoted much expert attention to the abundant Tibetan materials recovered on my second journey, has kindly furnished me with useful indications also as regards those brought back from the third. Notes of his concerning certain Tibetan MSS. are contained in Appendix R. It had been a source of encouragement to me when Dr. B. LAUFER, the learned Director of the Field Museum, Chicago, agreed in 1920 to take charge of the very numerous written and block-printed remains from Khara-khoto in the Tangut or Hsi-hsia tongue, as yet but very imperfectly elucidated, for the purpose of an inventory. Unfortunately other claims on his time obliged him to renounce this intention in 1925. To him, however, is due the transcript of the Tibetan characters which in one manuscript (see Pl. CXXXIV) furnish a phonetic rendering of the Hsi-hsia syllabic signs. These may yet prove helpful towards the study of the language.

Mr. An-DREWS' help for art remains.

Among those who gave me valuable help with regard to relics of arts and crafts I must mention in the first place Mr. F. H. Andrews. The most helpful guidance afforded by the Descriptive Lists of antiquities in which his was the main share has already been indicated above and is reflected in many of my chapters. I may, however, single out for special mention the advantages I derived from his penetrating study of the ancient textiles (Chap. VII, XIX), his expert comments on drawings and paintings excavated (Chap. XIII, XIX, XXVIII), and his thorough analysis of the interesting remains of prehistoric painted pottery from Sīstān (Chap. XXX). From Mr. Andrews' hand is also the Descriptive List, contained in Appendix M, of the antiques, including a number of interesting painted panels and wood-carvings, which Mr. H. I. Harding, late British Vice-Consul at Kāshgar, acquired at Khotan and generously presented for the Delhi collection.

Collaboration on other antiques. To Mr. LAURENCE BINYON is due, besides much other friendly guidance, the expert description of the remnants of a remarkably fine Chinese painting from a tomb of Astāna (Chap. XIX).¹⁷ Mr. R. L. Hobson, from his exceptionally wide knowledge of ceramic art in Asia, has supplied in Appendix D a very helpful synopsis of the varied ceramic products represented in the collection. Mr. Reginald A. Smith, Deputy Keeper, British Museum, besides supplying me with descriptive notes on the individual stone implements discovered (Chap. VI, VII, XXX), has in Appendix N compared their type with that of corresponding discoveries in widely distant parts of Asia. The

¹⁵ First discussed in 'Ancient Chinese Figured Silks excavated by Sir Aurel Stein at ruined sites of Central Asia. Drawn and described by F. H. Andrews', Burlington Magazine, July-September, 1920.

16 For a first abstract account, see 'Painted Neolithic Pottery in Sistan, discovered by Sir Aurel Stein. By Fred H. Andrews', Burlington Magazine, December, 1925.

Mr. Andrews' analysis of the Sistan painted pottery has

been of very great help to me also in dealing with the abundant remains of a closely corresponding ceramic art, discovered on my archaeological tour of 1927 in northern Balüchistän and belonging to the chalcolithic period.

¹⁷ See 'Remains of a T'ang painting discovered by Sir Aurel Stein. Described by Laurence Binyon', Burlington Magazine, June, 1925.



FRAGMENTS FROM DIFFERENT PANELS OF SILK PAINTING, AST. iii. 4. 010. b-j, FROM ASTANA CEMETERY. (See Chap. XIX. sec. ii, vi).

Inventory List of coins in Appendix B has been prepared from notes which Miss F. M. G. LORIMER Inventory had compiled with much patient care. Mr. J. Allan, Deputy Keeper, British Museum, was good of coins. enough to check and where necessary to supplement these notes, besides making the selection of coins reproduced in Plates CXIX, CXX. To Mr. Allan I must record my thanks also for the practical help he has given by undertaking since 1920, under an arrangement sanctioned by the India Office, the care of all manuscript materials issued to collaborators or returned.

The anthropological field of research has derived distinct benefit from the thorough analysis Mr. Jovce's to which Mr. T. A. Joyce, Deputy Keeper, British Museum, in Appendix C has subjected the analysis of anthropoanthropometrical records collected by me in respect of some 430 individuals on the Pāmīrs, in metrical the Upper Oxus valleys, and Sistān. Owing to the fact that the measurements made on this records. journey were obtained largely in secluded alpine valleys, Mr. Joyce's present Note on the Physical Anthropology of the Pāmīrs and Oxus Basin is a particularly welcome supplement to his previous contributions dealing with the racial elements to the south and east of the Pāmīrs, as observed by me on my first two expeditions.

If I have left to the last the expression of my thanks for the very valuable contribution to the Prof. present report made by Professor W. J. Sollas, F.R.S., and his assistants Messrs. R. C. Spiller Sollas on rock and and D. F. W. Baden-Powell, it is merely because the specimens of rock and sand of which they sand have furnished an exhaustive analysis in Appendix O belong wholly to the field of physical research. specimens. They were collected by me in the course of our travels through the Tarim basin and the desert ranges to the east of it. Though unfortunately devoid myself of geological training, I was encouraged to collect them by the interest which my regretted friend, the distinguished Hungarian geologist Professor L. de Lóczy, had shown in similar, if less extensive, materials brought back from my first two expeditions.16 My visits to Professor Sollas's laboratory in the University Museum, Oxford, made me realize the heavy labour involved in the petrological examination of these specimens. To Dr. A. B. RENDLE, Keeper of Botany, British Museum, I am indebted for the determination of certain archaeologically interesting plant remains. 19

It still remains for me to record my grateful acknowledgements for the manifold help which Printing of has furthered the production of the present work. In the first place my thanks are due to the Report. Government of India, which generously sanctioned the proposals submitted by me in 1923, with the support of the late Dr. B. Spooner, then officiating as Director-General of Archaeology in India. They thereby rendered it possible to secure for the publication all the advantages offered by the Oxford University Press. For the constant care and attention which this great of, îcina has bestowed on this work, as on former Reports of mine, I feel sincerely grateful. In respect of all detailed arrangements which were subsequently needed during my deputation to England in 1924-5 I received much kind consideration from Sir Atul C. Chatterjee, High Commissioner for India, and his Office. The execution of the plates illustrating antiques was carried out by Messrs. Henry Stone and Son, of Banbury, with the skill and care attested by their work on the plates of Serindia and the Thousand Buddhas. It is gratifying to note that in the truthful

18 See 'Notes on sand and loess specimens, by L. de Lóczy', Appendix G, Ancient Khotan, i. pp. 588 sqq. The sand and loess specimens brought back from my second expedition have been fully examined and described by Dr. A. Vendl, working under Professor de Lóczy's instructions, in the Annual Reports of the R. Hungarian Geological Survey, 1913, vol. xxi. pp. 1-33, Figs. 1, 2 (in Hungarian; for a German translation, see 'Mineralogische Untersuchungen der von Dr. Aurel Stein in Zentral-Asien gesammelten Sand- und

Bodenproben', in Mittheilungen aus dem Jahrbuche der Kon. Ungar. Geologischen Reichsanstalt, xxi).

Professor de Lóczy, as a member of Count Széchenyi's expedition, had in 1879 had occasion to carry out important geological investigations in the region of Tun-huang and Suchou. For hints of great archaeological value which I received from him, cf. Serindia, ii. p. 791; below, i. p. 511.

19 See below, ii. pp. xxi sqq., 736.

reproduction by three-colour process of selected specimens of ancient figured textiles, &c., the same high standard has been maintained.

Help with proofs. Owing to my return to India it had been impossible for me to see more than one proof of the text beyond Chapter VII. Even for the reading of that single proof the time available was very scanty and the conditions of work in camp or on travel far from favourable. Hence I have much reason to feel grateful for the valuable help rendered by Dr. L. Giles, who generously undertook the reading of all the proofs, especially in order to assure correctness of Chinese names and terms. Similar useful assistance was rendered by Miss J. Joshua with regard to the verification of all references, whether to Descriptive Lists, Plates, &c., or to other publications. In view of the difficulties created by the above conditions it was very reassuring that, under an arrangement approved by Government, it has been possible to entrust the reading of 'revises' of the text from Chapter VIII onwards to Dr. E. Norman Gardiner, of Oxford. The same very competent scholar also kindly undertook to prepare the Indices. For the painstaking care he has bestowed upon this troublesome task I wish to express here my sincere gratitude.

While I have been engaged in the labours now completed, my thoughts have ever turned longingly to those far-off deserts and mountains which have seen the most cherished portion of my life's work. Limitations of time have not allowed me to present a personal narrative of this journey. But readers who know my Sand-buried Ruins of Khotan and my Desert Cathay may well feel, when consulting this record of my third expedition, that the efforts faced by me in the field, notwithstanding the attendant hardships, meant for me less strain than the prolonged desk-work involved by the elaboration of its results. Whether Fate will allow me to visit regions of innermost Asia still calling for fresh explorations, only the future can show. But I feel gratitude for having been permitted, in the alpine peace of the same high mountain camp where twenty-nine years ago I planned the first of my Central-Asian journeys, to complete the record of the third.

AUREL STEIN.

Camp, Mohand Marg, Kashmir: August 25, 1927.

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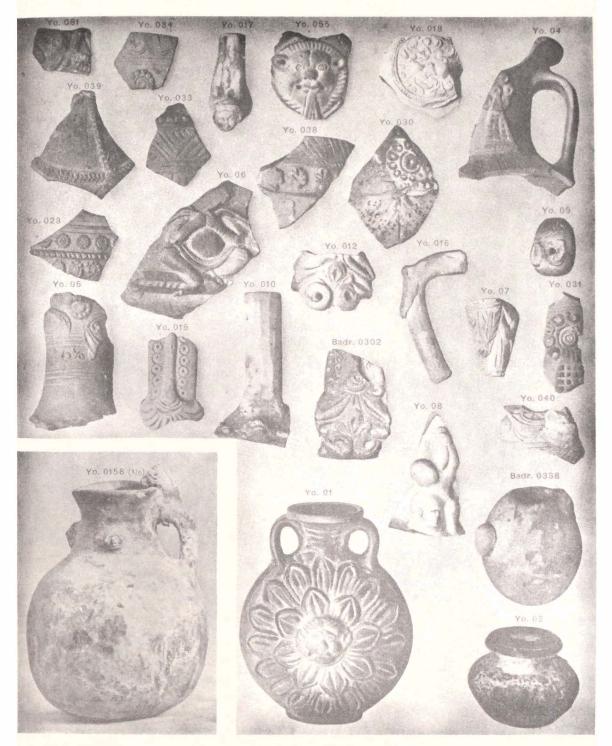
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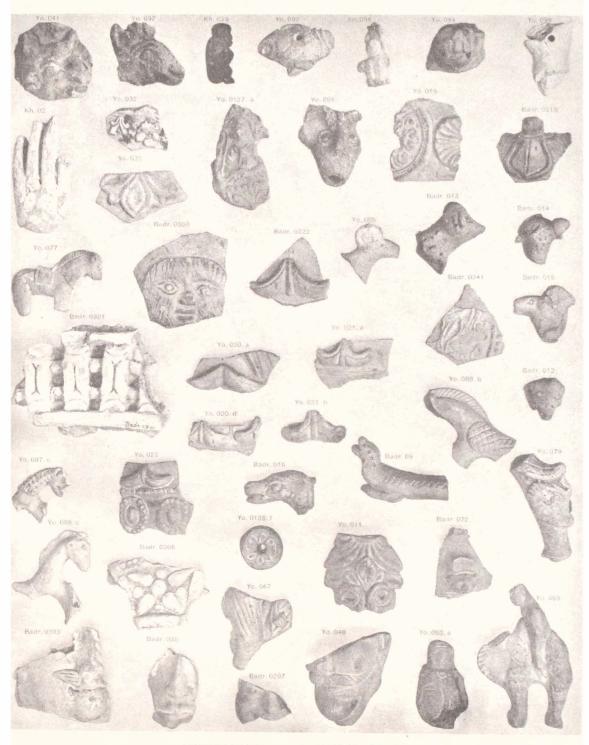
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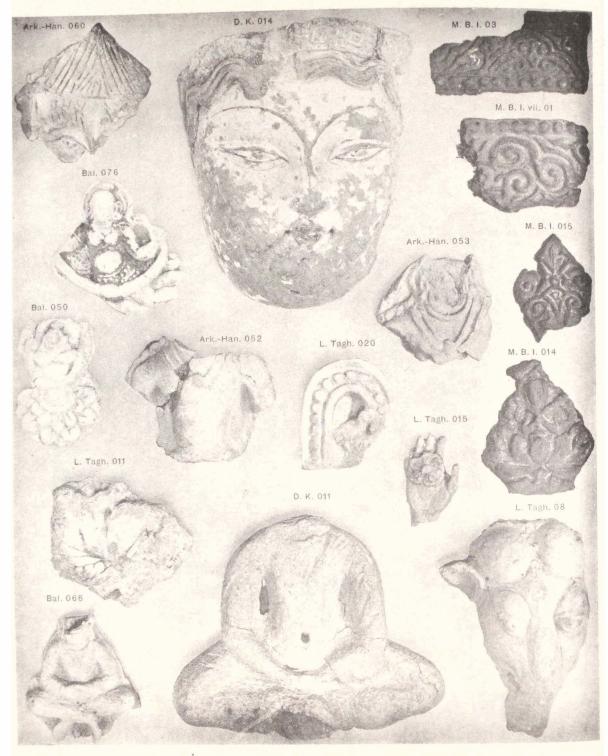
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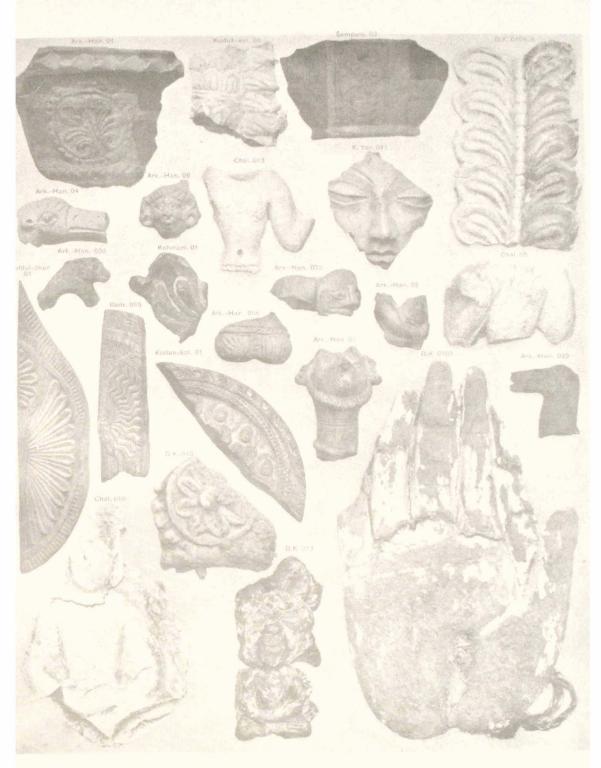
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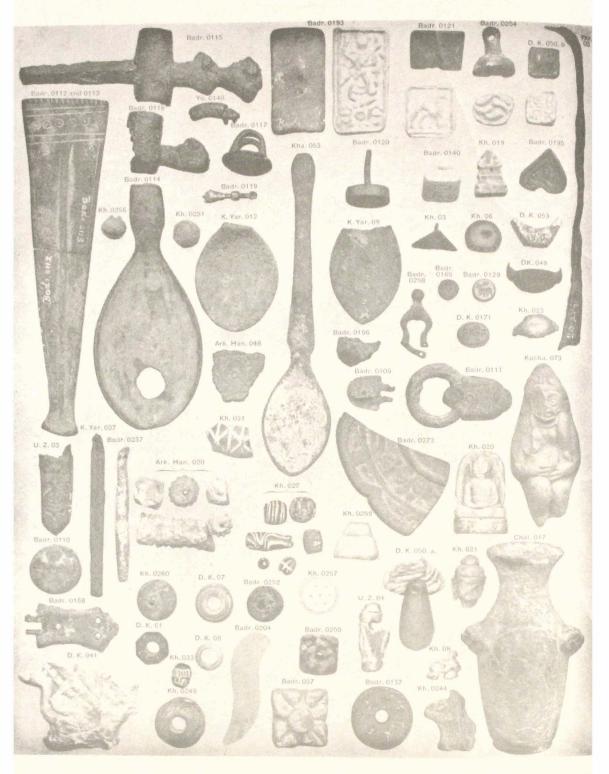


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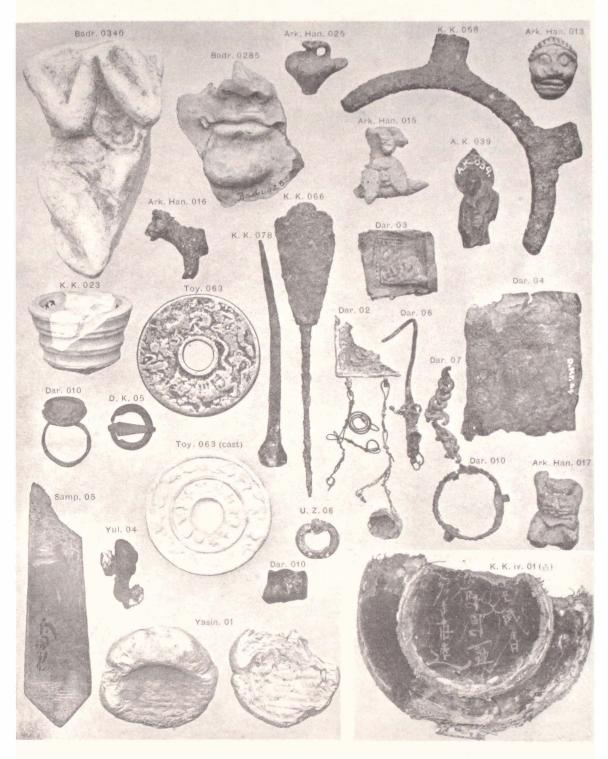


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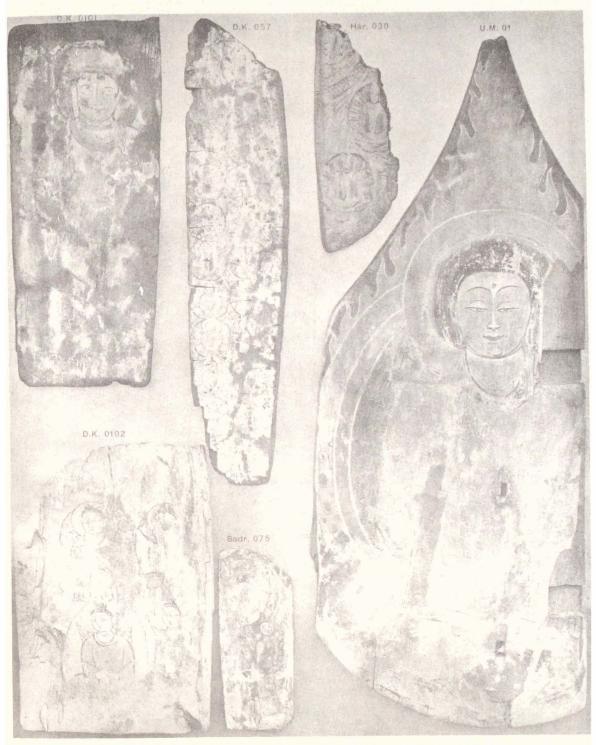


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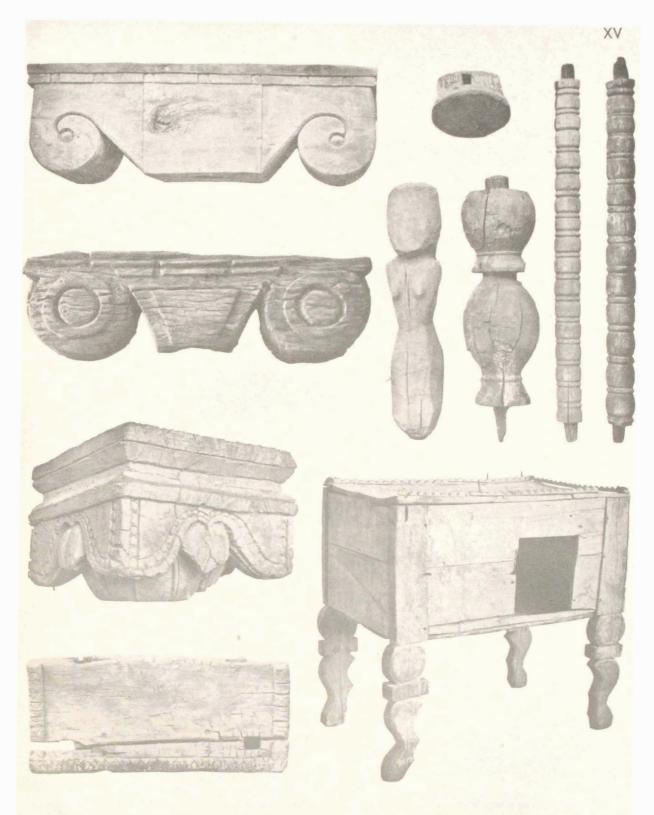
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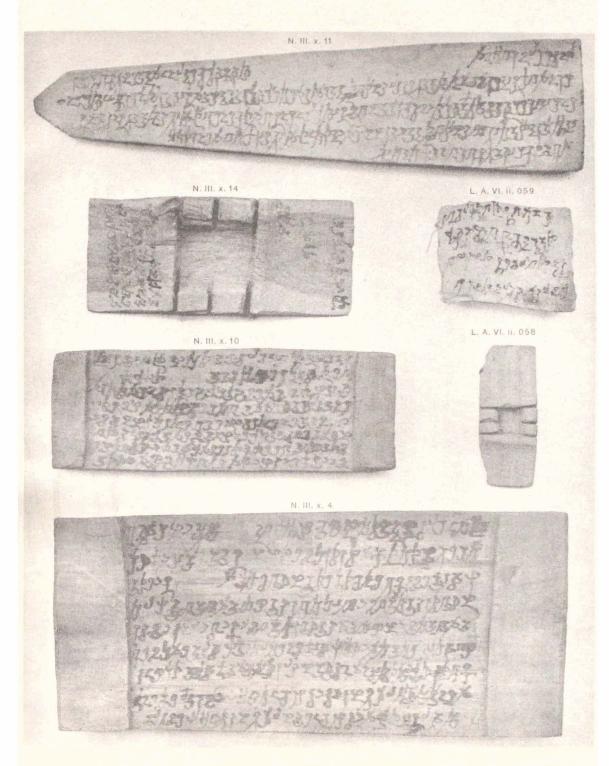


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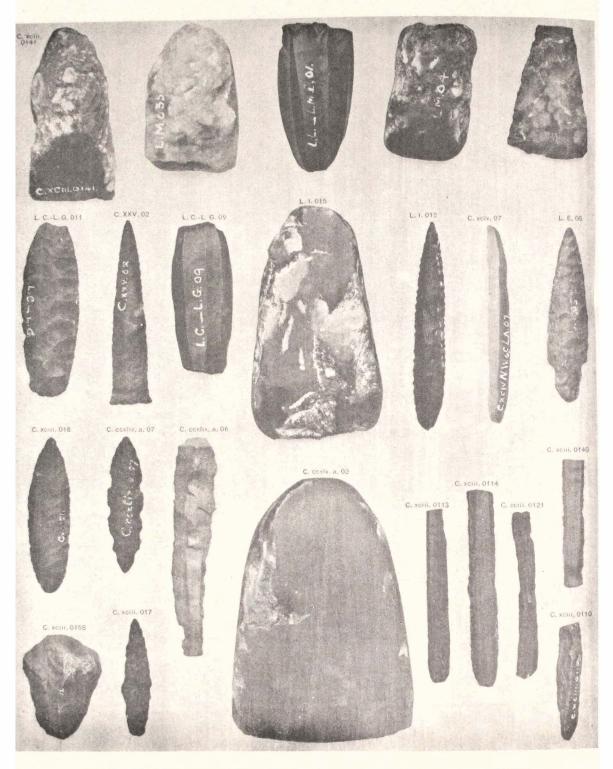


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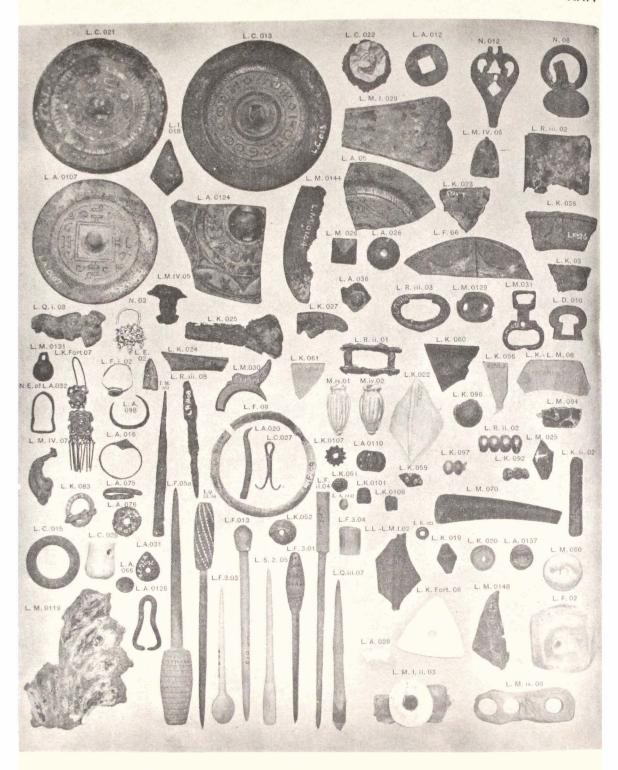
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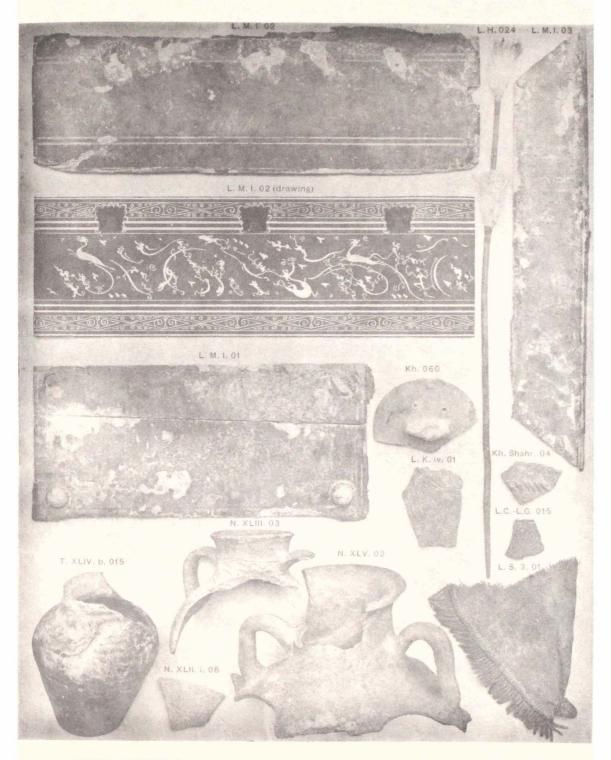
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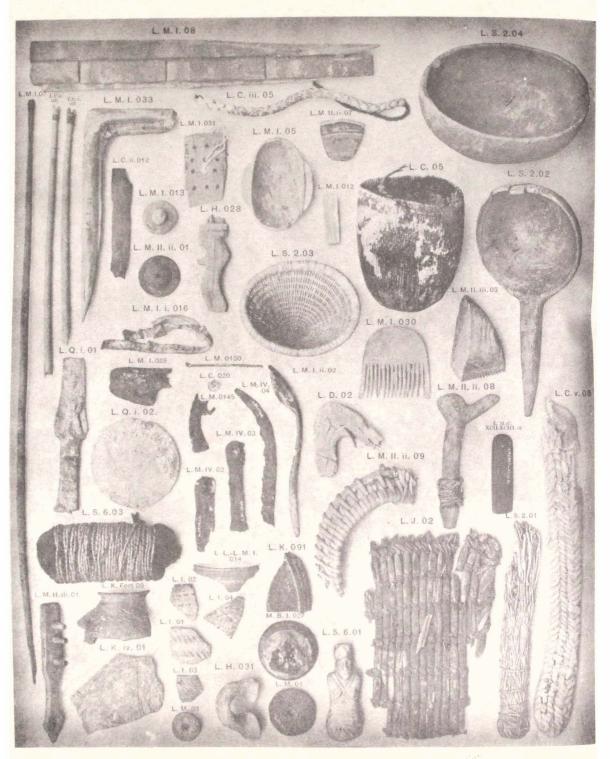


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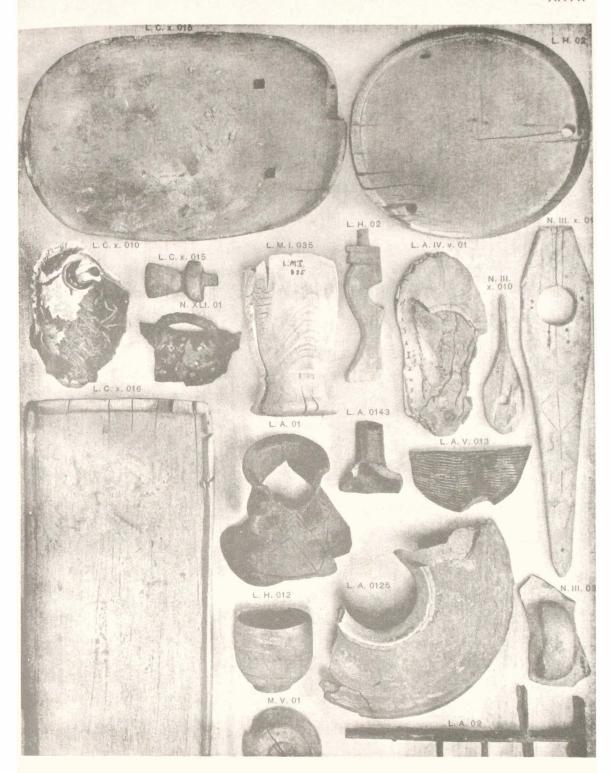
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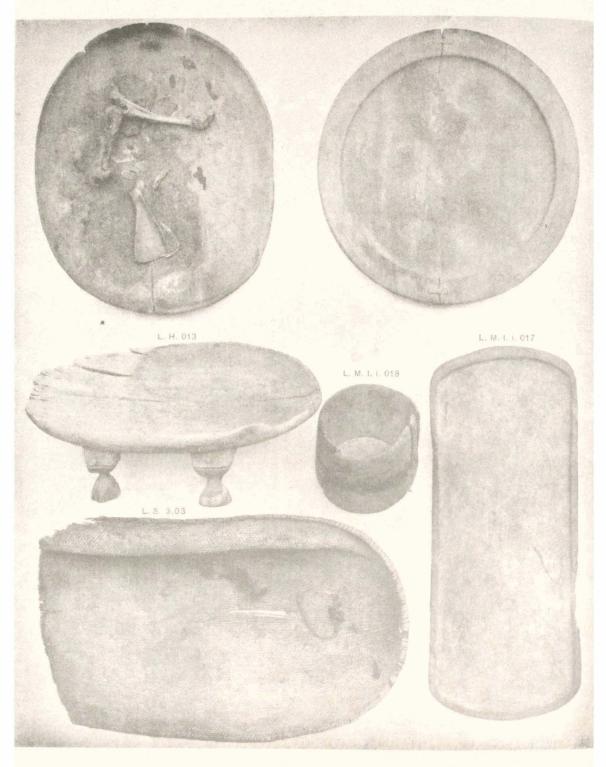


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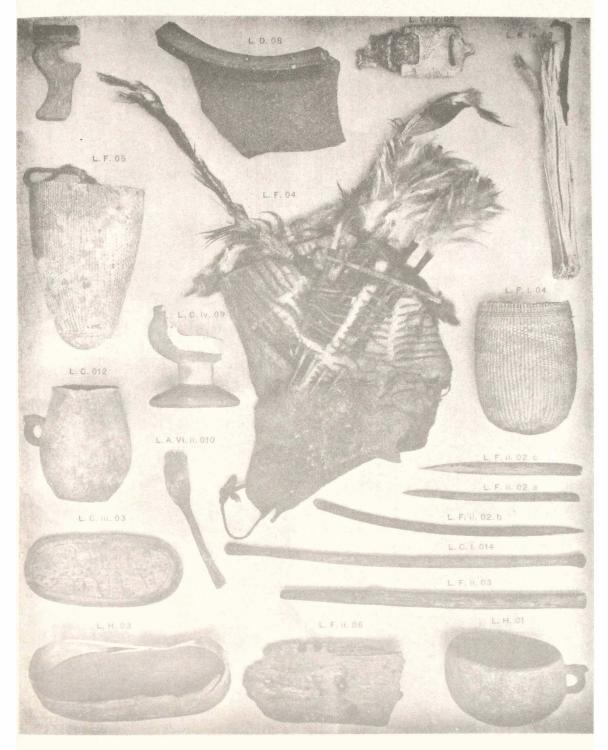
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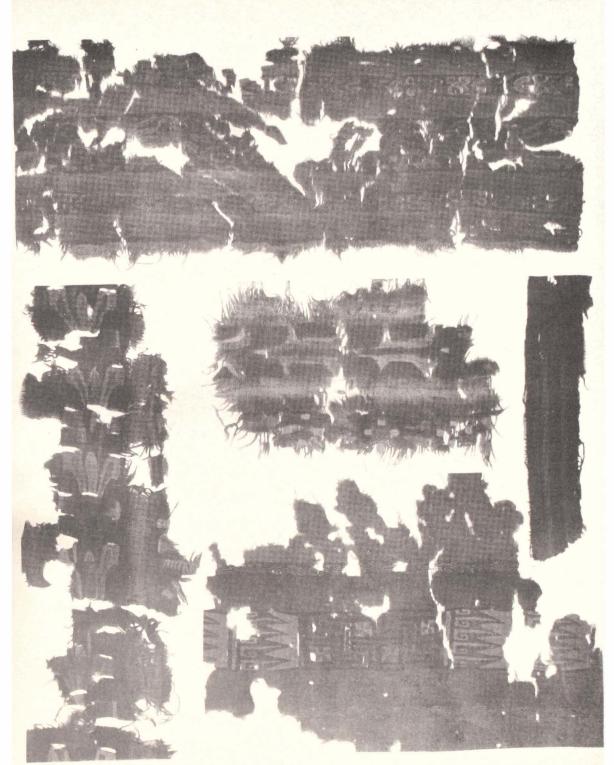


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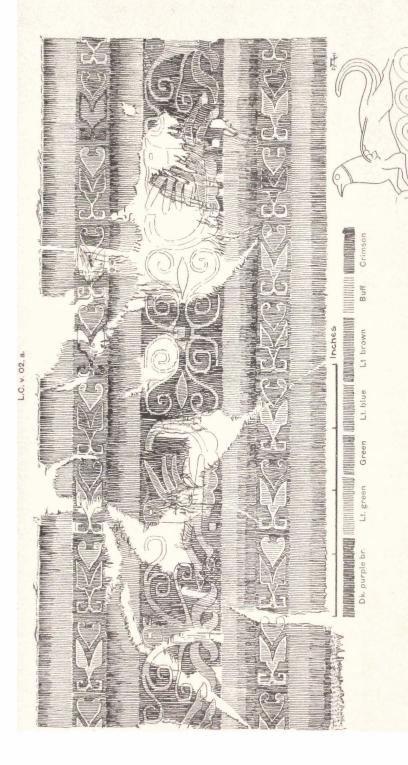
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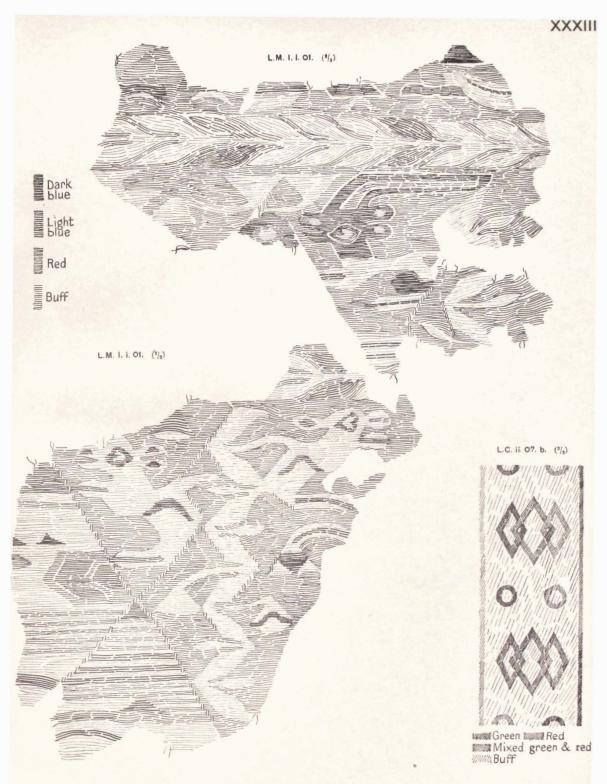
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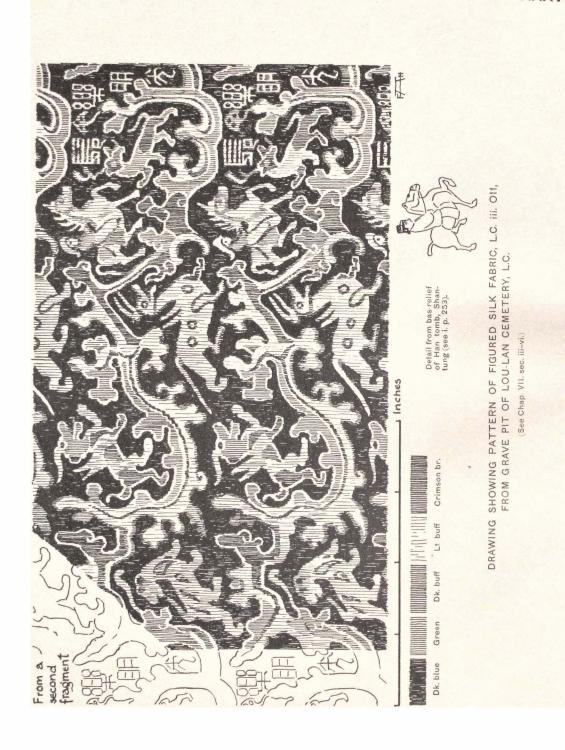
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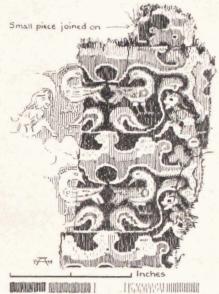


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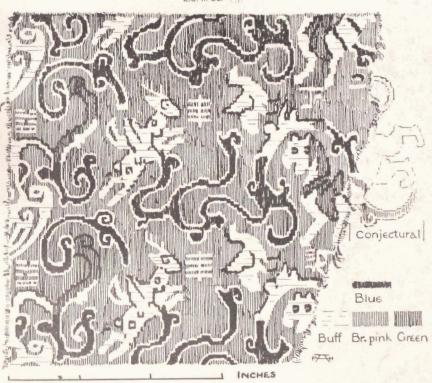


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DRAWINGS SHOWING PATTERNS OF FIGURED SILK FABRICS, FROM GRAVE PITS OF LOU-LAN CEMETERY, L.C.

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Ground, dark yellow-brown. Pattern, rich bronze green.

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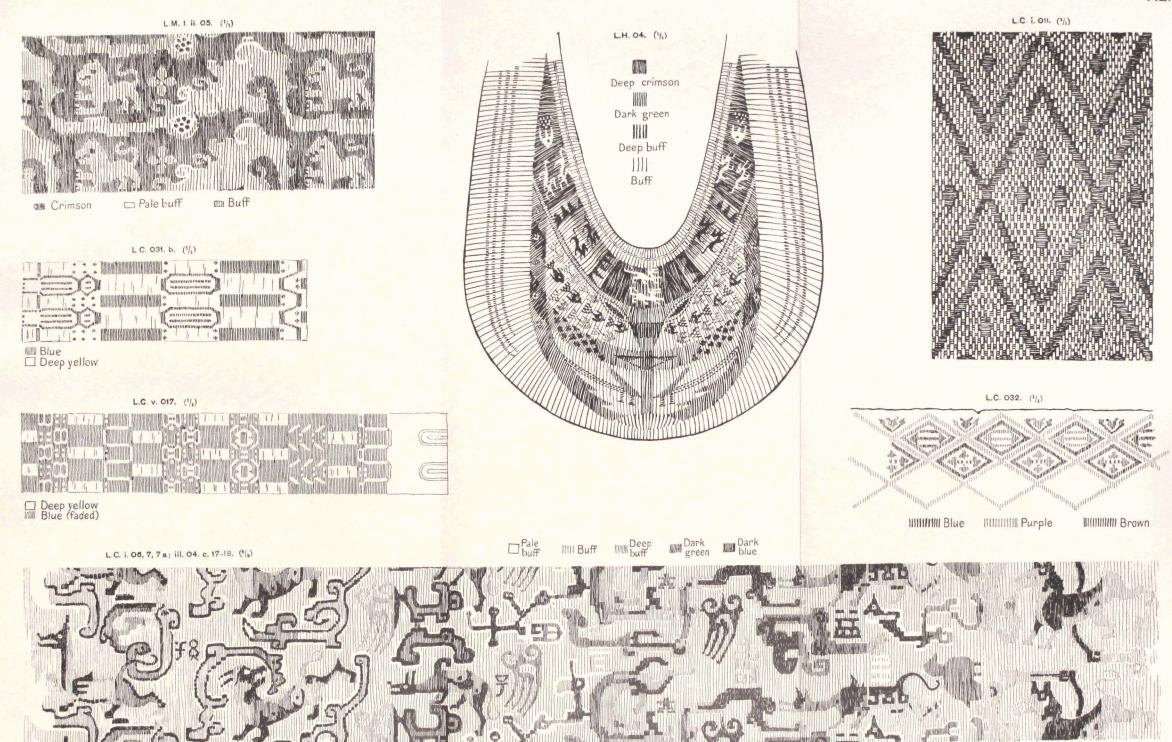
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(See Chap VII sec. iii-vi.)



DRAWING SHOWING PATTERN OF FIGURED SILK FABRIC, L.C. O2, FROM GRAVE PIT OF LOU-LAN CEMETERY, L.C.

(See Chap. VII. sec. iii-vi.)





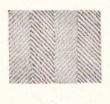










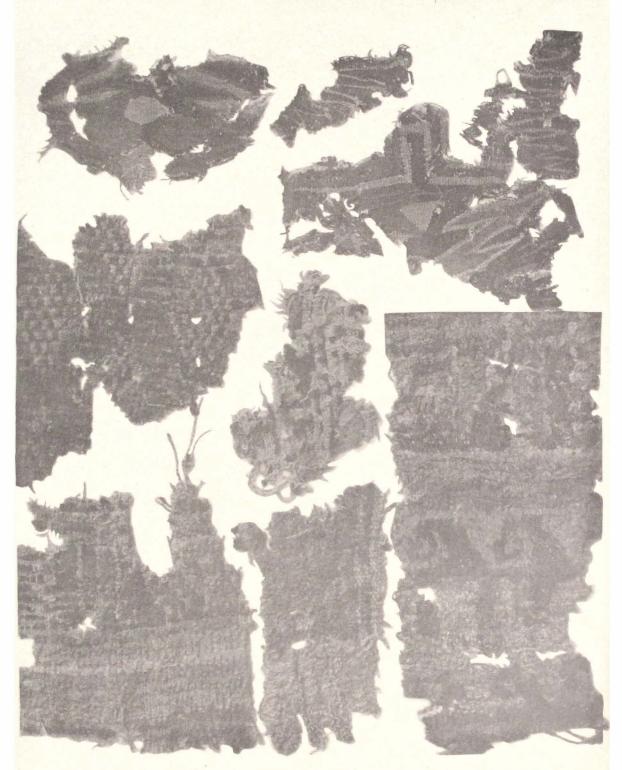








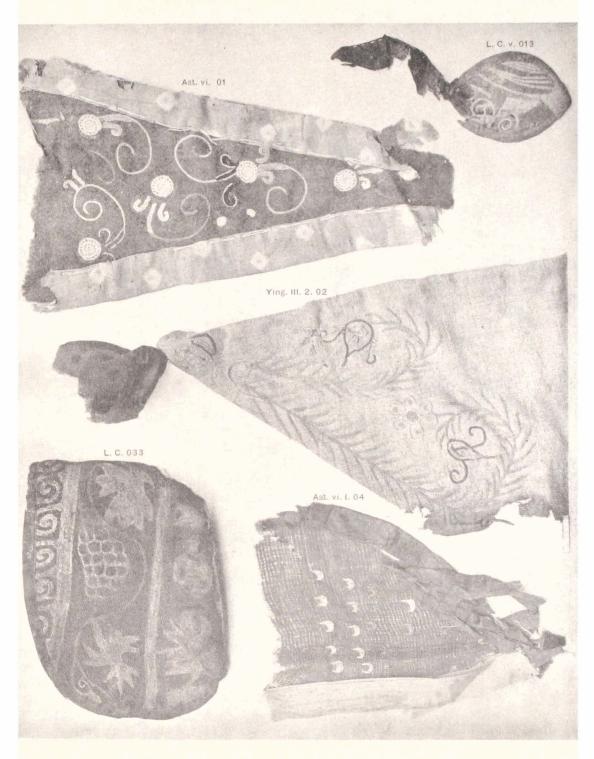
DRAWINGS SHOWING PATTERNS OF FIGURED FABRICS, INCLUDING SILK DAMASKS, AND OF SILK EMBROIDERY, L.C. vii. 04, FROM LOU-LAN AND TURFĀN SITES.



PIECES OF WOOLLEN TAPESTRIES AND PILE CARPETS FROM GRAVE PITS OF LOU-LAN CEMETERY, L.C.

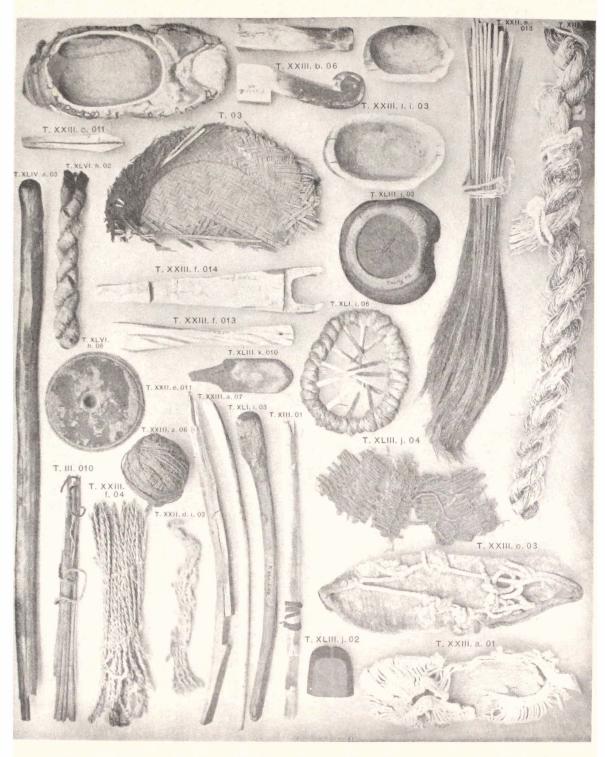
(See Chap. VII. sec. iii-vi).

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PIECES OF SILK-EMBROIDERED FABRICS FROM GRAVES OF L.C., ASTANA AND YING-P'AN CEMETERIES.

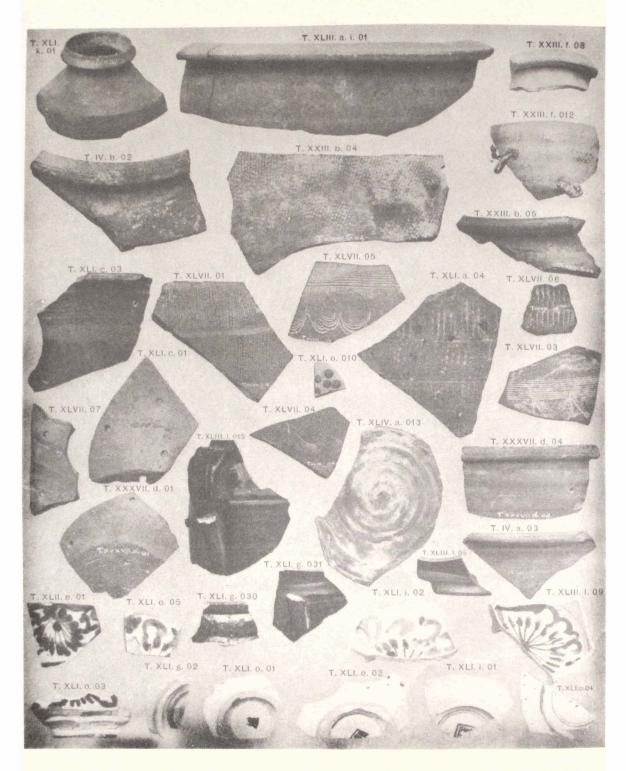
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MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS IN WOOD, STRAW, STRING, ETC., FROM WATCH-STATIONS OF HAN LIMES.

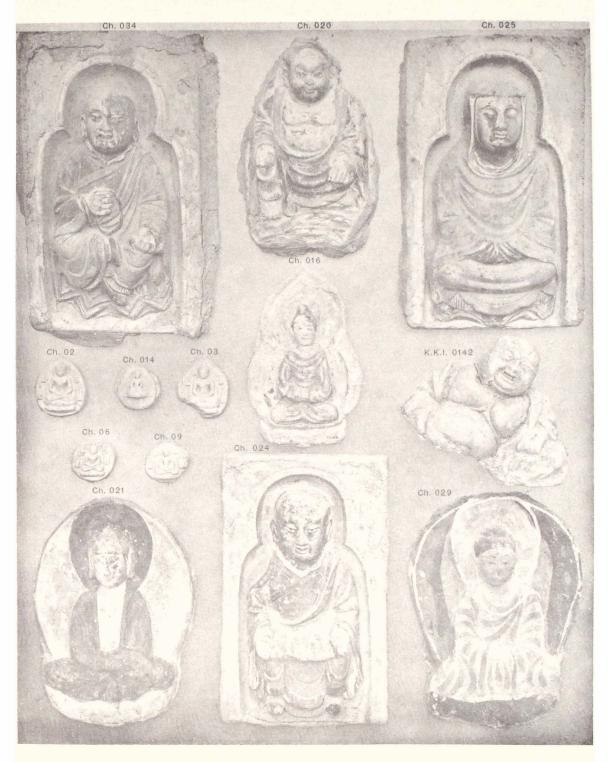


MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS IN WOOD, METAL, ETC., FROM WATCH-STATIONS OF HAN LIMES (See Chap. X. sec. i; Chap. XI. sec. i-iv; Chap. XII. sec. i, iii.)



FRAGMENTS OF MISCELLANEOUS CERAMIC WARE FROM WATCH-STATIONS OF HAN LIMES.

(See Chap. X. sec. i; Chap. XI. sec. i-iv; Chap. XII. sec. i-iii).



STUCCO RELIEF PLAQUES FROM CH'IEN-FO-TUNG, TUN-HUANG AND KHARA-KHOTO.



POTTERY TILES AND MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS IN CLAY AND STUCCO FROM RUINED SHRINES OF KHARA-KHOTO, CHIAO-WANG-CH'ÊNG, ETC.

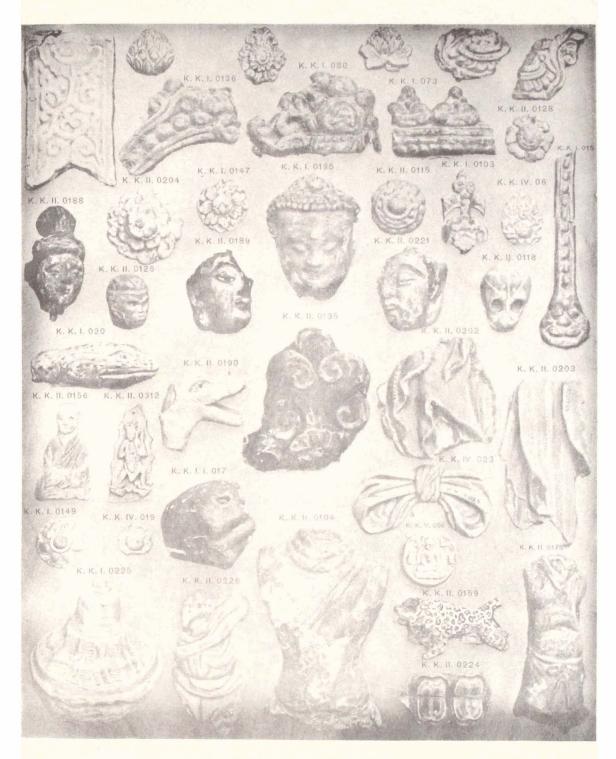
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FRAGMENTS OF MISCELLANEOUS CERAMIC WARE, ALSO OF METAL, FROM SITES OF ADUNA-KORA, KHARA-KHOTO, ETC.

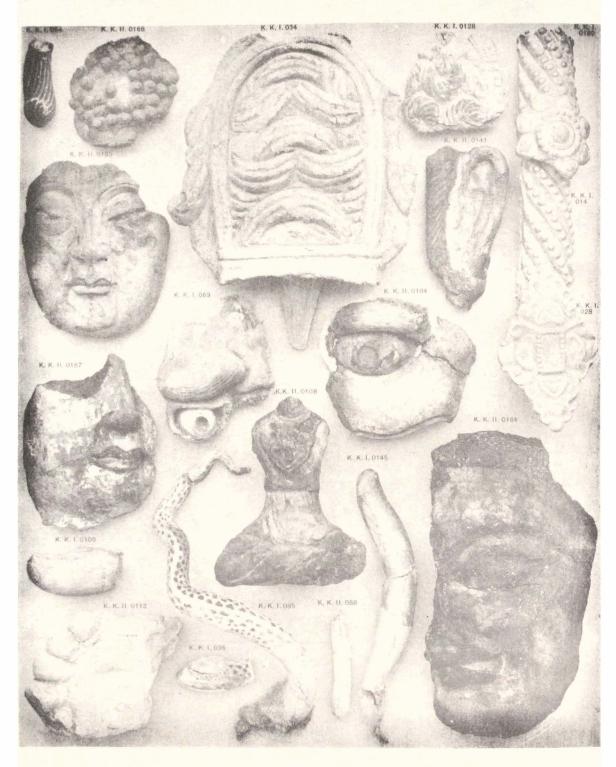


FRAGMENTS OF GLAZED FAIENCE SHOWING ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS FROM RUINED SHRINE K. K. I, KHARA-KHOTO.



STUCCO RELIEF FRAGMENTS FROM RUINED SHRINES, KHARA-KHOTO.

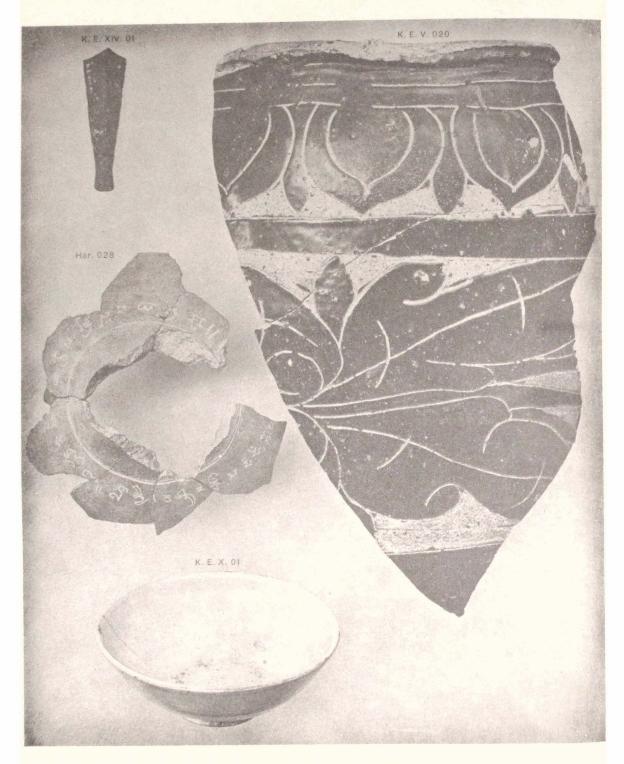
(See Chap, XIII, sec. ii, iii, v).



FRAGMENTS OF STUCCO RELIEFS AND IMAGES FROM RUINED SHRINES, K. K. I, II, KHARA-KHOTO.



FRAGMENTS OF STUCCO FIGURES AND WALL DECORATION, FROM RUINED SHRINES, K.K. I-IV, KHARA-KHOTO.



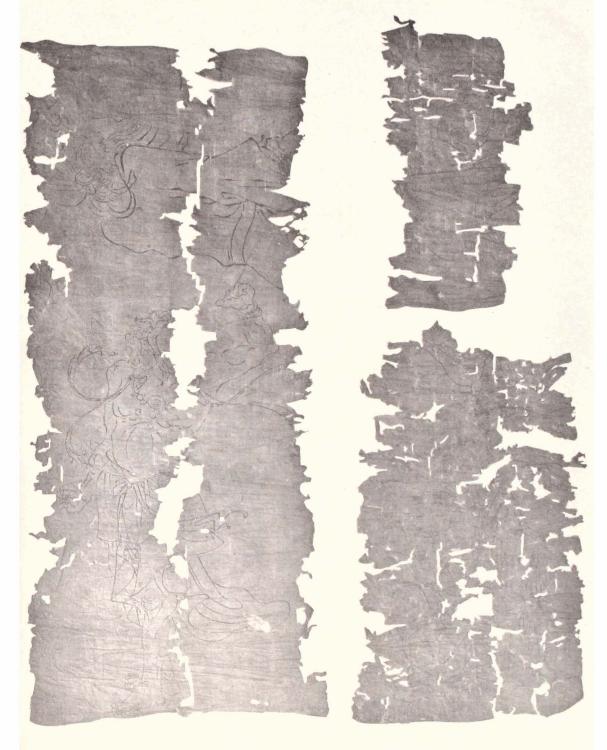
MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS IN POTTERY AND METAL, MAINLY FROM SITE E. OF KHARA-KHOTO.

(See Chap. XIII. sec. iii, v; App. M).

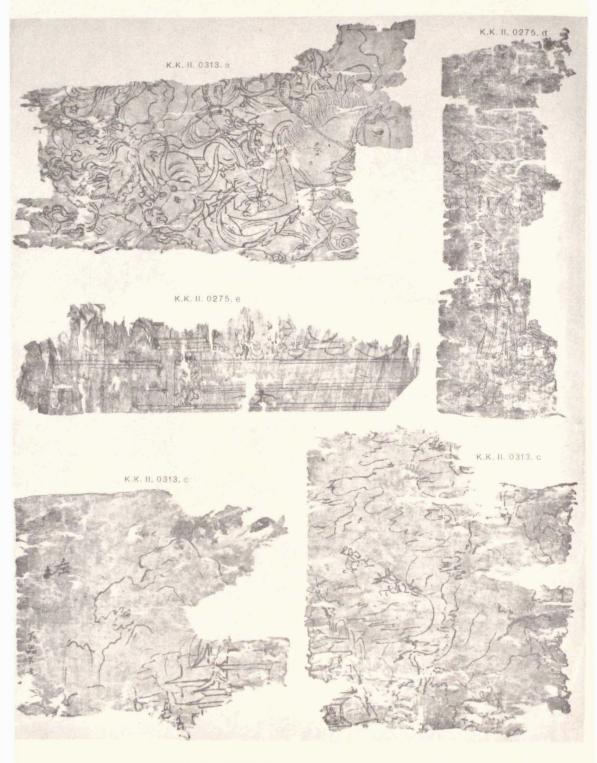


FRAGMENTS OF GLAZED POTTERY, PORCELAIN, ETC., FROM KHARA-KHOTO SITES.

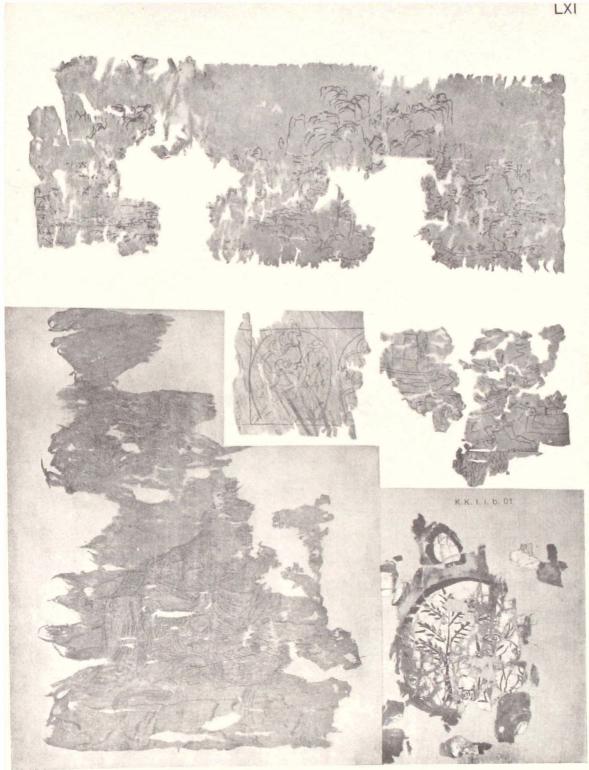




DRAWINGS ON PAPER FROM RUIN K. K. II, KHARA-KHOTO.

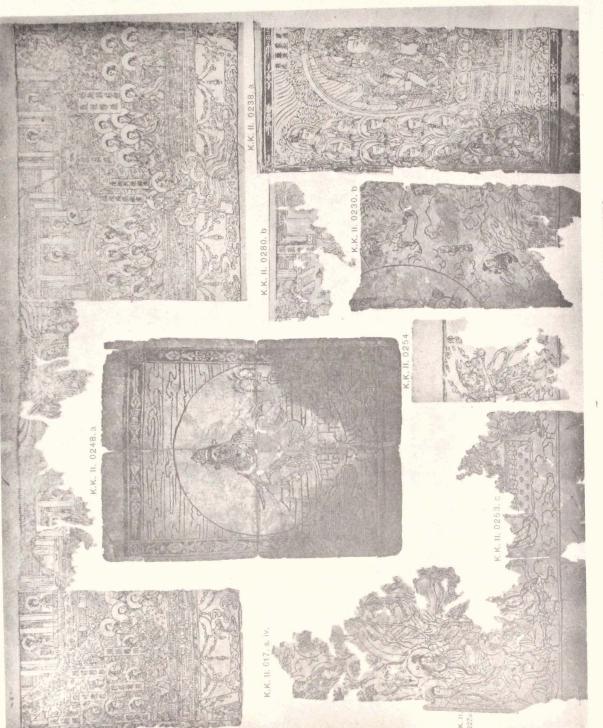


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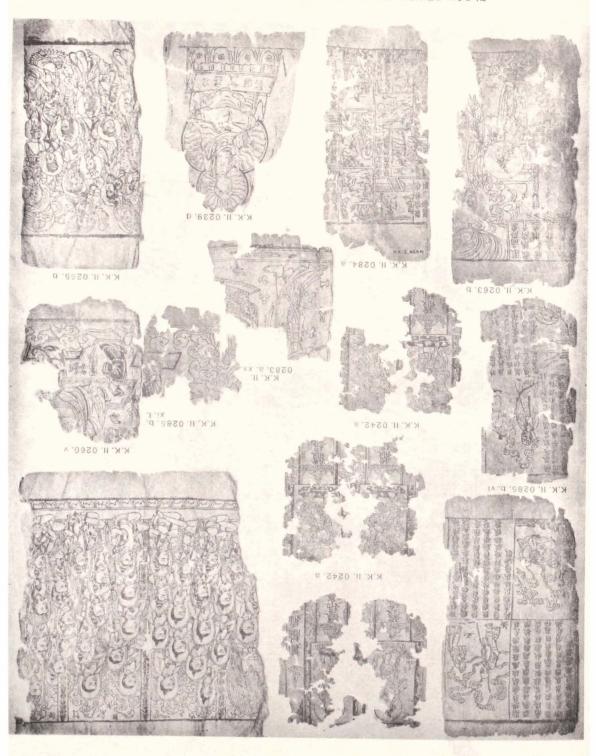


FRAGMENTS OF DRAWINGS AND PAINTED SILK FROM RUINS, K.K. I, II, KHARA-KHOTO. (See Chap. XIII. sec. ii, iii, v).

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BLOCKPRINTS ON PAPER FROM RUIN K.K. II, KHARA-KHOTO. (See Chap. XIII. sec. III, v).

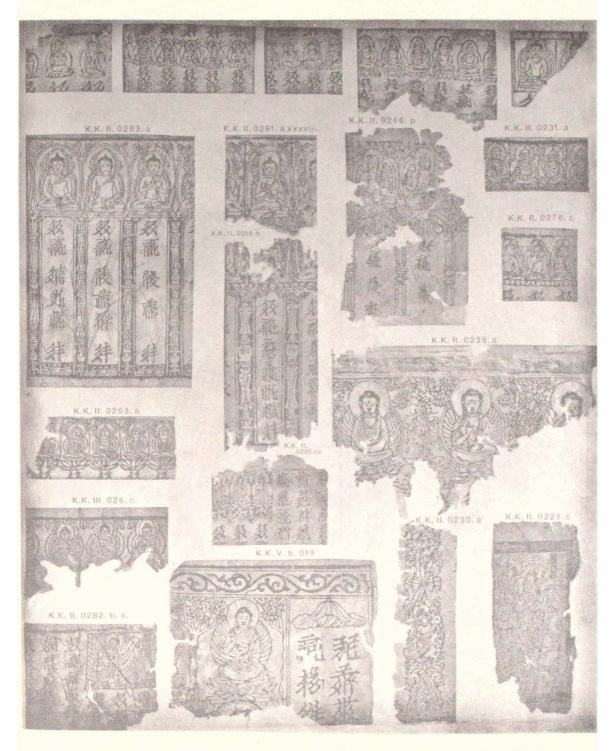


BLOCK PRINTS ON PAPER FROM RUIN K.K. II, KHARA-KHOTO,

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BLOCK PRINTS ON PAPER FROM RUINED STUPAS, K.K. II, III, V, KHARA-KHOTO.



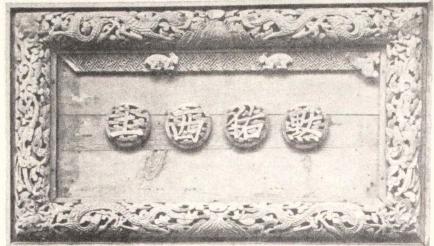
MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS IN WOOD, METAL, ETC., FROM KHARA-KHOTO, ETSIN-GOL AND TURFAN SITES.



STUCCO RELIEF PLAQUES FROM MA-TI-SSU CAVE SHRINE.

(See Chap. XIV. sec. ii).





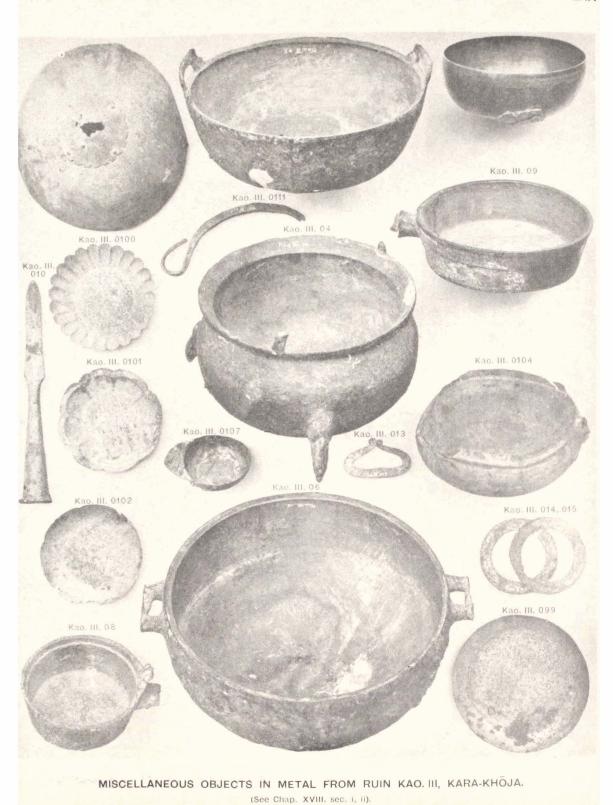


WOOD CARVINGS FROM DARKOT, MA-TI-SSU, KALA-WAMAR. (See Chap. II. sec. ii; Chap. XIV. sec. ii; Chap. XXVI. sec. iv).



RELIEF FIGURES IN STUCCO, TERRACOTTA, ETC., FROM HU-P'U-TZU AND KARA-KHŌJA.

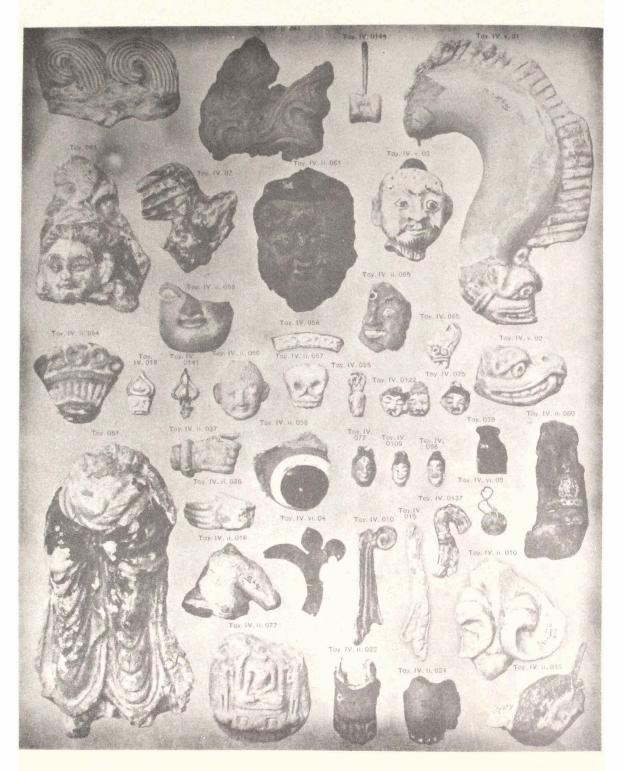
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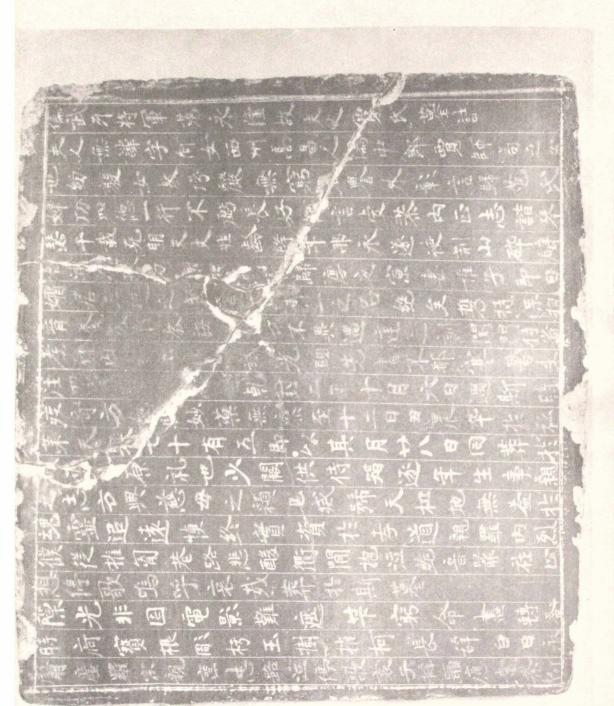
MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS IN METAL, STONE, ETC., FROM KARA-KHŌJA. (See Chap. XVIII. sec. i, ii).



FRAGMENTS OF STUCCO RELIEF FIGURES, ETC, FROM SHRINES, TOYUK. (See Chap. XVIII. sec. III, iv).



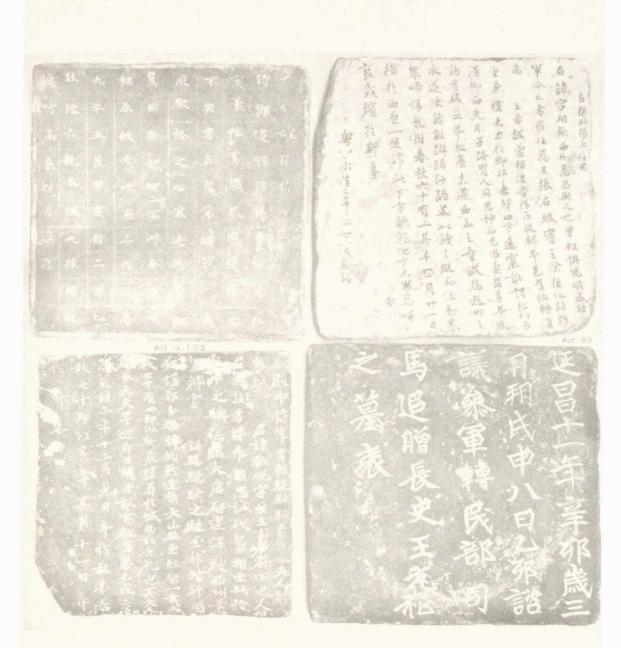
PIECE OF COLOURED BLOCK-PRINT, KAO. 05, FROM KARA-KHŌJA.
(See Chap. XVIII. sec. i, ii.)



CHINESE SEPULCHRAL INSCRIPTION ON BURNT CLAY SLAB, AST. v. 1.07, DATED A.D. 667, FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.

(See Chap. XIX. sec. ii, vi; App. A).

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CHINESE SEPULCHRAL INSCRIPTIONS ON BURNT CLAY SLABS FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.
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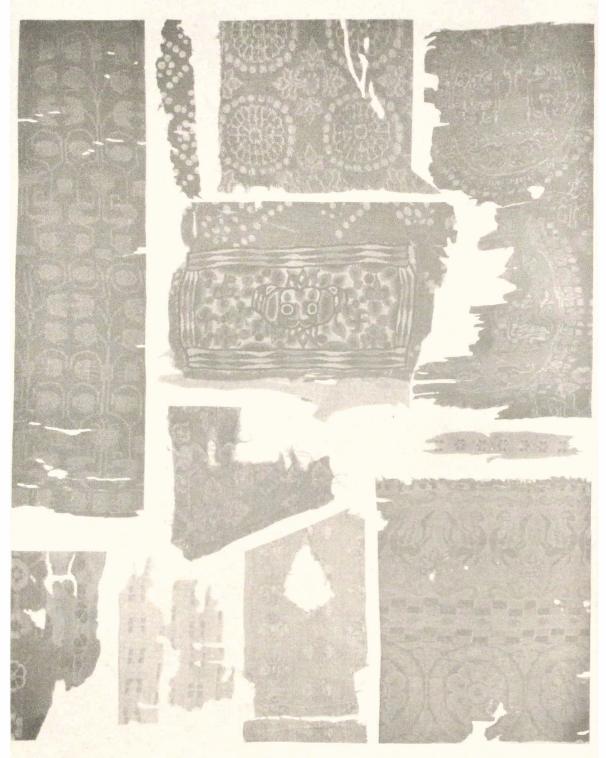


PIECE OF FIGURED 'SASANIAN' SILK FABRIC, AST. i. 5.03, FROM ASTĀNA CEMETERY.
(See Chap. XIX. sec. i, v, vi).



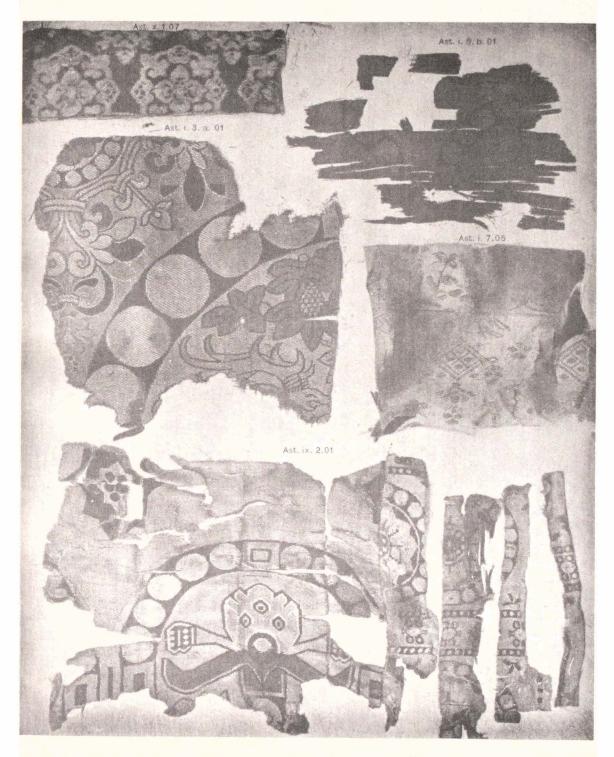
REMAINS OF MINIATURE PAINTINGS ON PARCHMENT AND CLOTH, AND SPECIMENS OF WOOLLEN TAPESTRY AND FIGURED SILKS FROM KHOTAN, KHARA-KHOTO AND TURFAN SITES.

(See Chap. IV. sec. i, ii; Chap. XIII. sec. ii, v; Chap. XVIII. sec. i, ii; Chap. XIX. sec. v, vi).



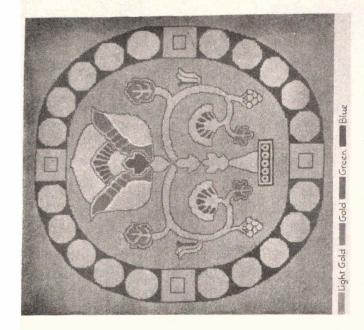
SPECIMENS OF FIGURED SILK FABRICS, EMBROIDERY AND 'RESIST'-DYED SILKS FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.

(See Chap. XIX. sec. i-iii, v, vi). Scale 3/4



FRAGMENTS OF FIGURED SILK FABRICS FROM ASTĀNA CEMETERY.

(See Chap. XIX. sec. i, iii, v, vi).

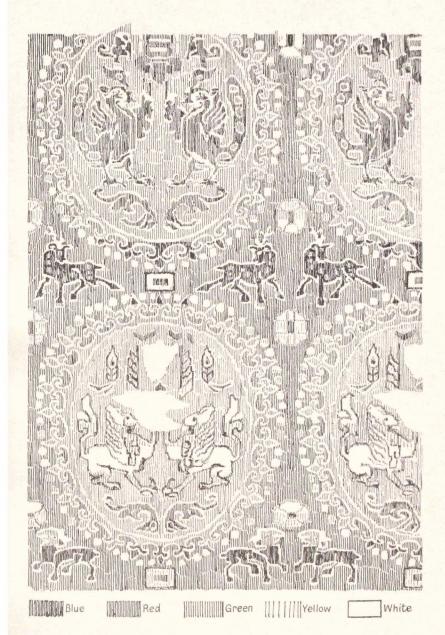








DRAWINGS SHOWING PATTERNS OF FIGURED SILK FABRICS FROM ASTANA CEMETERY. (See Chap. XIX. sec. v, vi).



DRAWING SHOWING PATTERN OF FIGURED SILK FABRIC, Ast. v. 2. O1, FROM ASTĀNA CEMETERY.

(See Chap. XIX. sec. v, vi.)







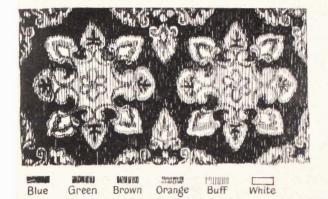


DRAWINGS SHOWING PATTERNS OF PRINTED SILK FABRICS FROM ASTANA CEMETERY AND TOYUK.

(See Chap. XVIII. sec. iv; Chap. XIX. sec. v, vi), Scale 3/5

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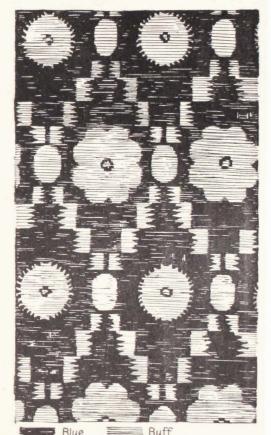
 ■ Pale buff 를 Green

Pale yellow
Dull brown

Ast. x. 1. 06. (1/1)

Ast. ix. 2. 02. (1/2)





Dark

Light

Green

Red

Brown

Yellow

DRAWINGS SHOWING PATTERNS OF FIGURED SILK FABRICS AND EMBROIDERY, FROM ASTÂNA CEMETERY AND KHARA-KHOTO.

(See Chap. XIII. sec. v; Chap. XIX. sec. v, vi.)

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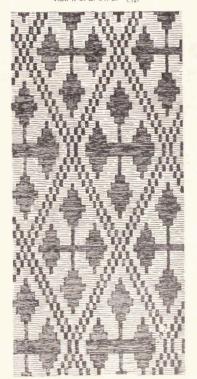


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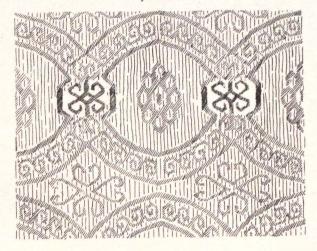
DRAWINGS SHOWING PATTERNS OF SILK DAMASKS AND FIGURED SILK FABRIC, FROM ASTÂNA CEMETERY.



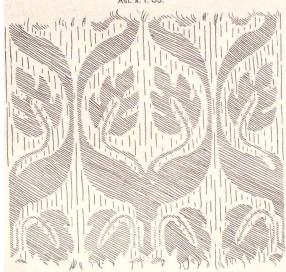
Toy. 111, 033,



Toy. III. 033.



Ast. x. 1. 05.



Ast. viii. 1. 01.



DRAWINGS SHOWING PATTERNS OF SILK DAMASKS, FROM ASTANA CEMETERY AND TOYUK.

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Kao. III. E. 01. b.







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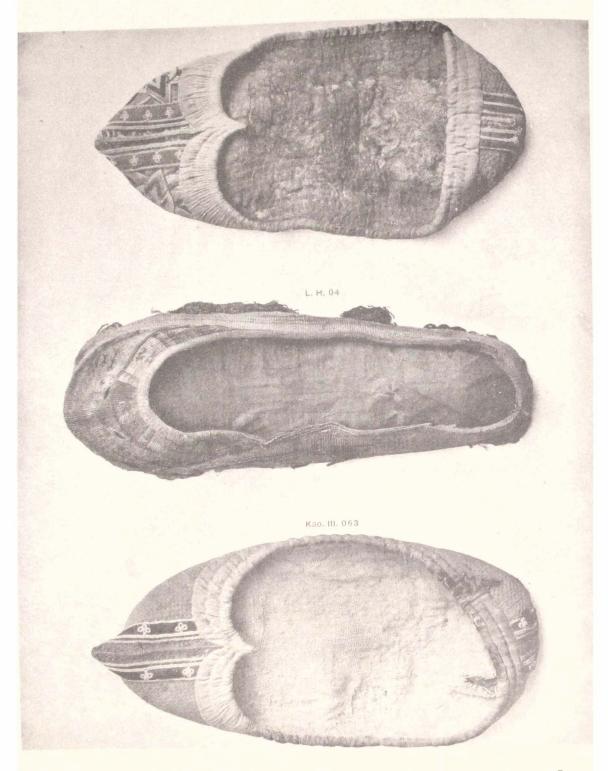
DRAWINGS SHOWING PATTERNS OF SILK FABRICS, PRINTED IN 'RESIST' OR 'KNOT-DYED', FROM LOU-LAN, KHARA-KHOTO, AND TURFĀN SITES.

(See Chap. VI. sec. iii, iv; Chap. XIII. sec. iii, v; Chap. XVIII. sec. i, ii; Chap. XIX. sec. v, vi.)



PIECES OF WOOLLEN TAPESTRIES, FIGURED SILK FABRICS, PRINTED SILK, ETC., FROM LOU-LAN, KHARA-KHOTO AND TURFAN SITES.

(See Chap. VII. sec. iii-vi; Chap. XIII. sec. iii, v; Chap. XIX. sec. v, vi).



TAPESTRY AND SILK-EMBROIDERED SHOES FROM LOU-LAN CEMETERY L.H. AND KARA-KHOJA.

(See Chap. VII. sec. viii; Chap. XVIII. sec. i, ii).



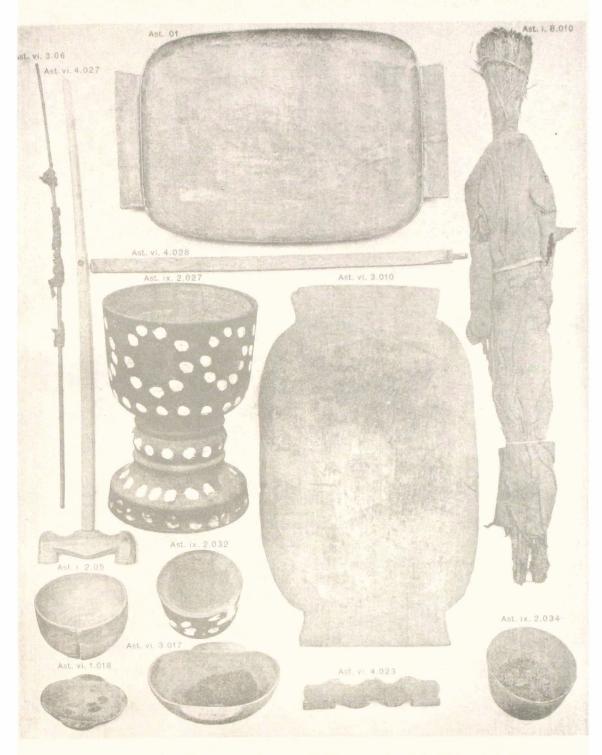
MISCELLANEOUS SEPULCHRAL DEPOSITS FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.

(See Chap, XIX. sec. i-iv, vi).



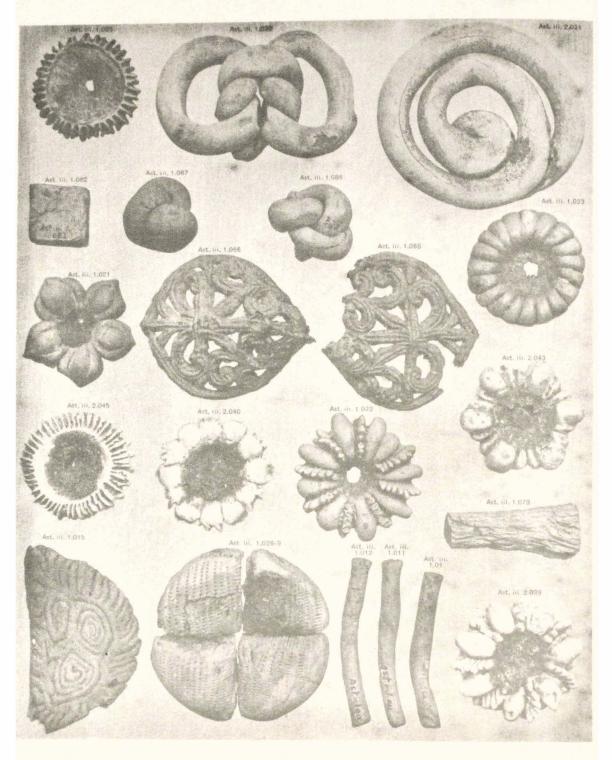
POTTERY WITH SEPULCHRAL OFFERINGS FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.

(See Chap. XIX. sec. i-iii, vi).

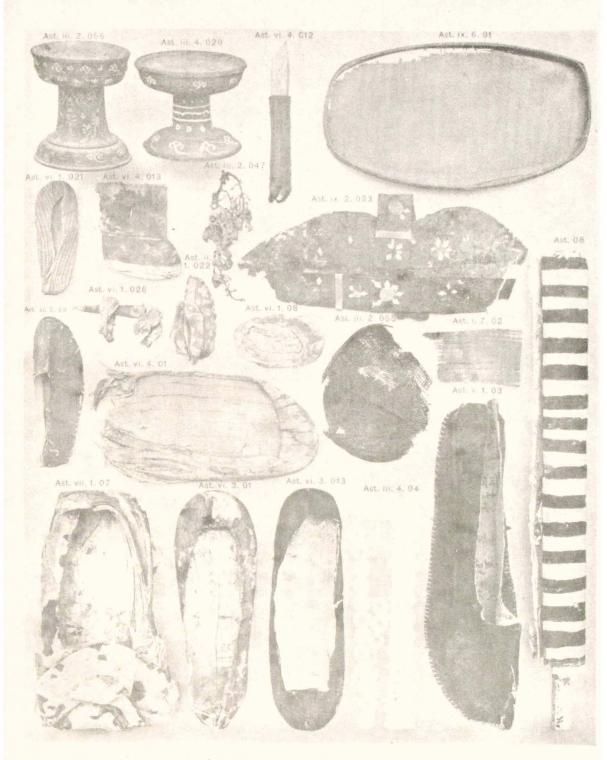


MISCELLANEOUS TOMB FURNITURE FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.

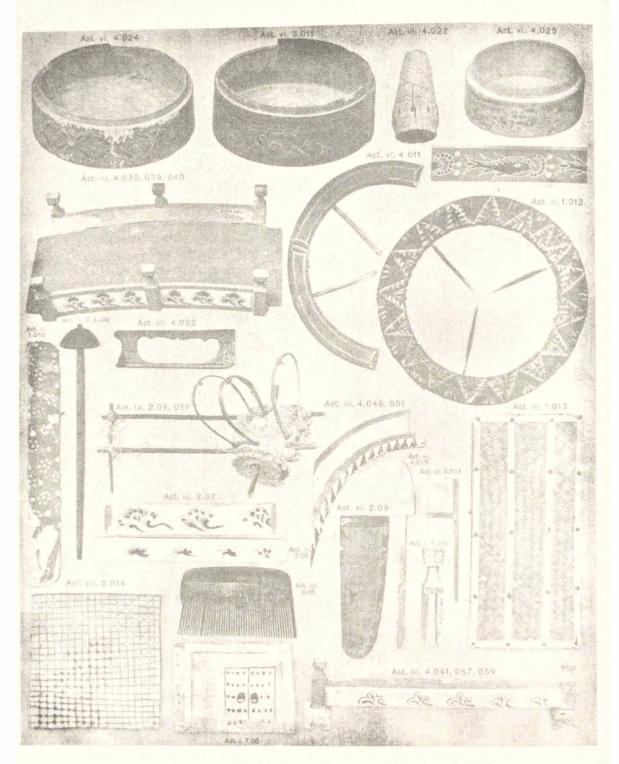
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SEPULCHRAL DEPOSIT OF PASTRY FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.
(See Chap. XIX. sec. ii, vi),

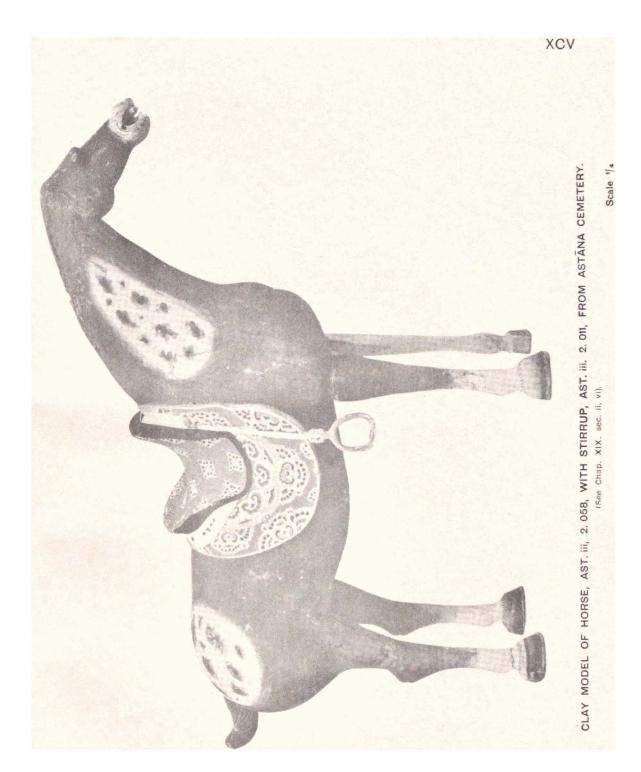


MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES OF SEPULCHRAL OUTFIT IN WOOD, PAPER, ETC., FROM ASTĀNA CEMETERY
(See Chap. XIX. sec. i-iii. vi).



SEPULCHRAL FURNITURE, ETC., MAINLY IN WOOD, FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.

(See Chap. XIX. sec. i-iii, vi).

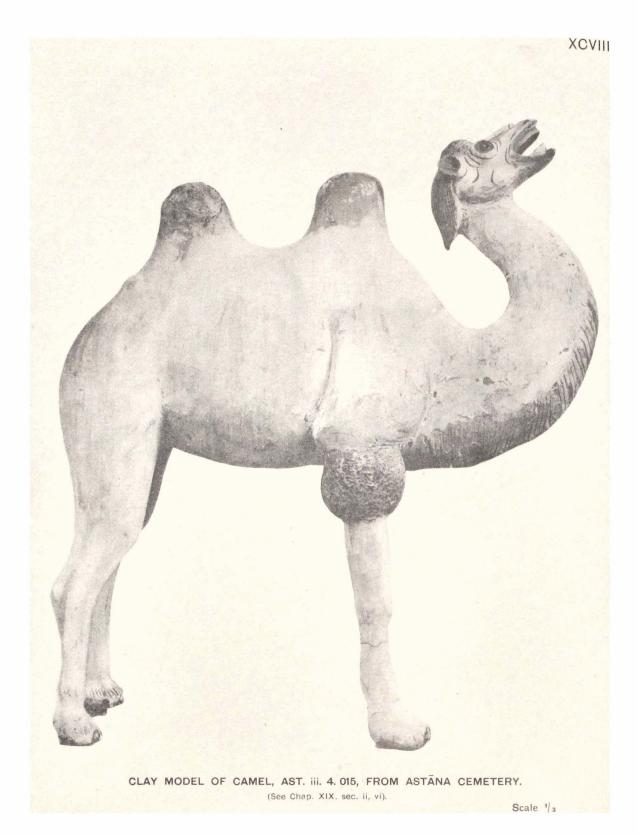


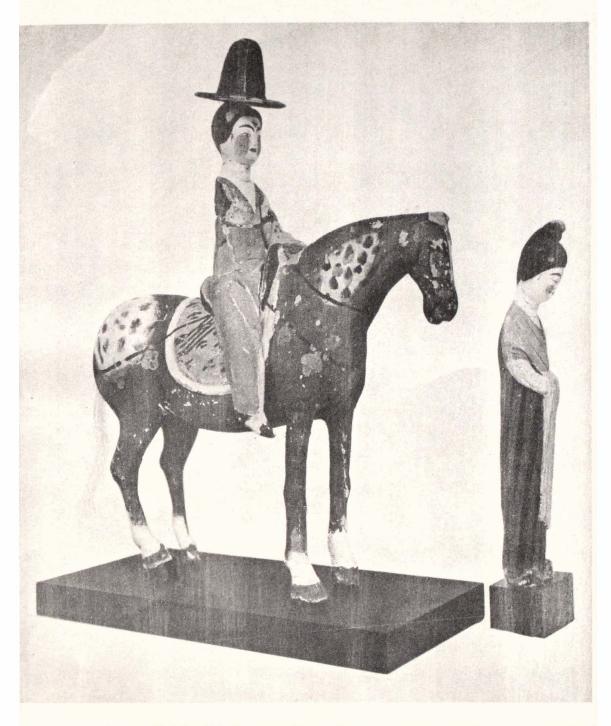


CLAY MODEL OF MONSTER, AST. iii, 2. 059, FROM ASTĀNA CEMETERY. (See Chap. XIX. sec. ii, vi).



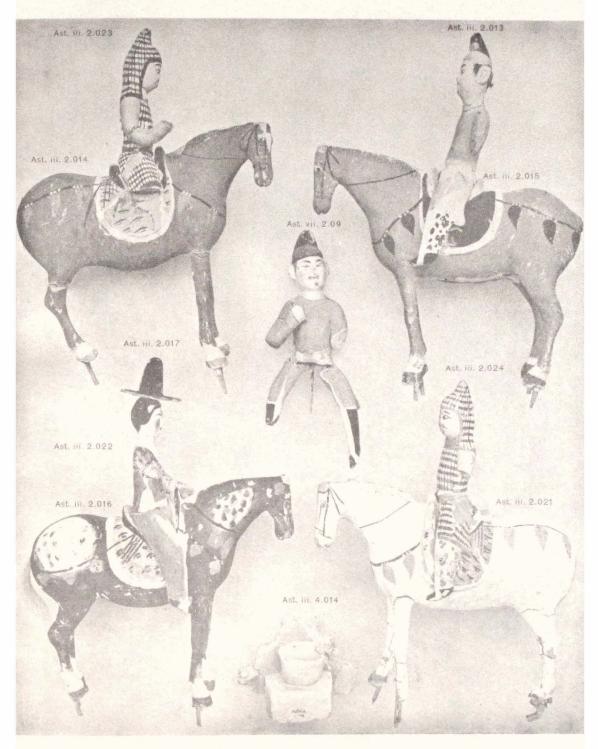
CLAY MODEL OF HORSE, AST. iii. 2. 057, FROM ASTĂNA CEMETERY. (See Chap. XIX. sec. II. vi).





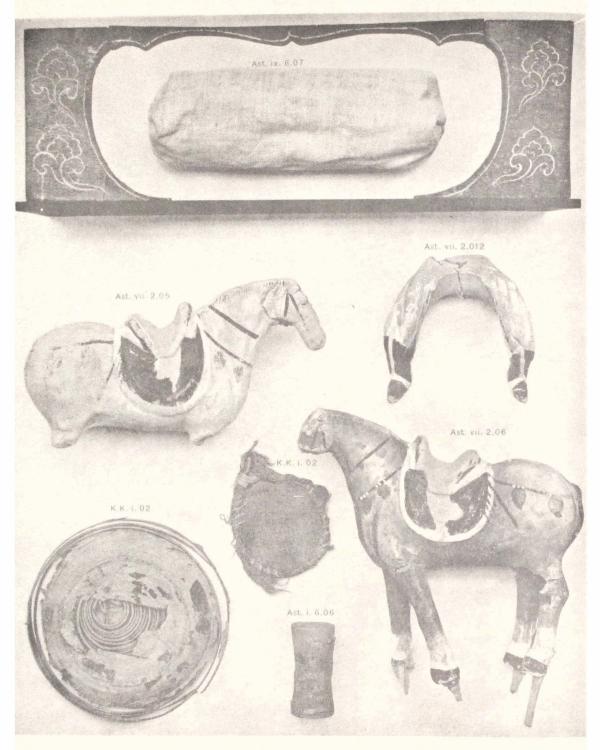
CLAY FIGURE OF LADY RIDER, AST. iii. 2. 022, ON HORSE, AST. iii. 2. 016, AND OF LADY ATTENDANT, AST. iii. 4. 064, FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.

(See Chap. XIX. sec. ii, vi).



CLAY FIGURES OF RIDERS FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.
(See Chap. XIX. sec. ii, iii, vi).

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CLAY FIGURES OF HORSES, MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS IN WOOD, ETC., FROM ASTANA CEMETERY AND KHARA-KHOTO.

(See Chap. XIII. sec. ii, v; Chap. XIX. sec. ii, iii, vi). Scale 3/8



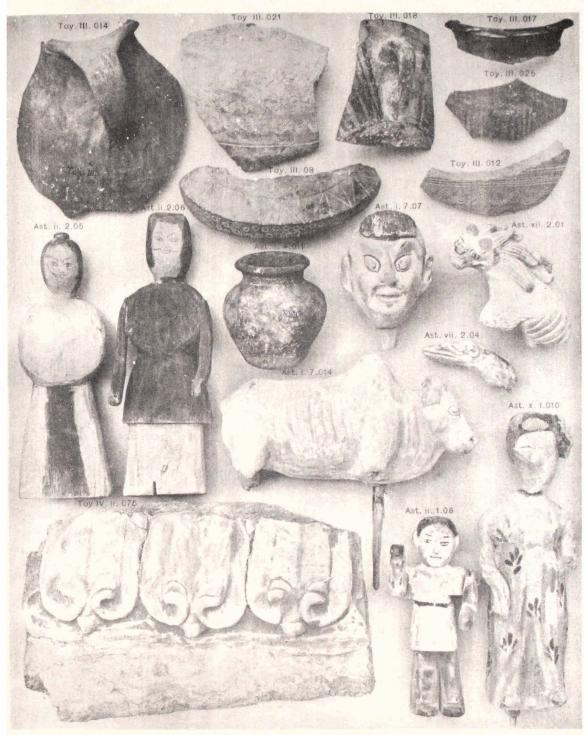
REMAINS OF CLAY FIGURES FROM ASTANA CEMETERY AND MURTUK.

(See Chap. XVIII. sec. v; Chap. XIX. sec. i, iii, vi).



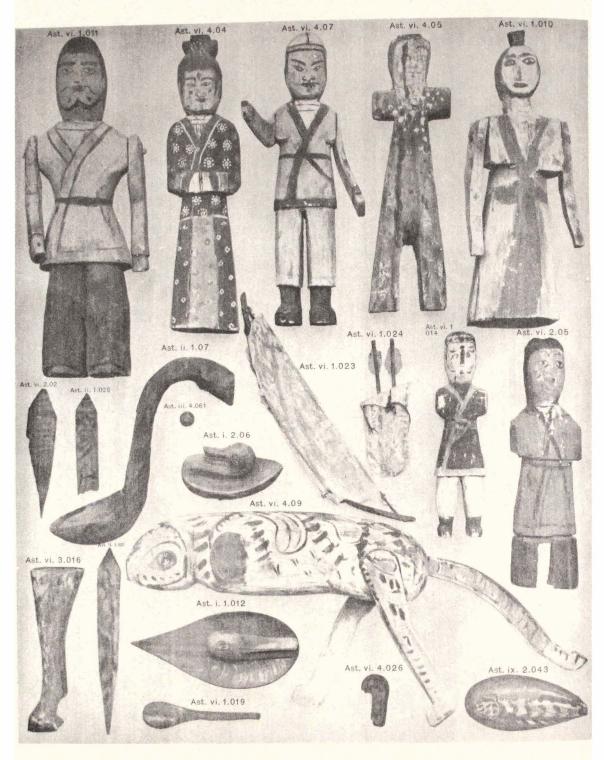
CLAY FIGURES WITH MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS IN STUCCO AND CLAY FROM ASTANA AND TOYUK.

(See Chap. XVIII. sec. iii, iv; Chap. XIX. sec. ii, iii, vi).



FIGURES IN CLAY AND WOOD, ALSO POTTERY REMAINS, FROM ASTANA AND TOYUK.

(See Chap. XVIII. sec. iii, iv; Chap. XIX. sec. i-iii, vi.)

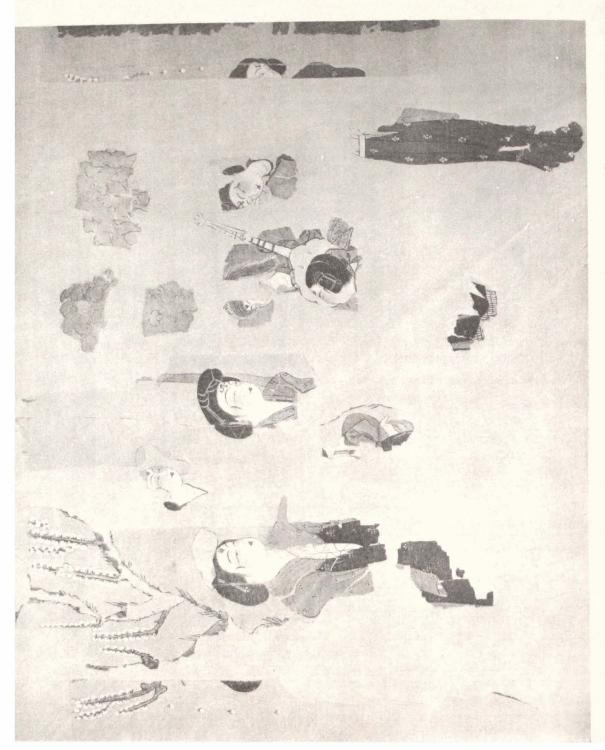


FIGURES IN WOOD AND MISCELLANEOUS SEPULCHRAL DEPOSITS FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.

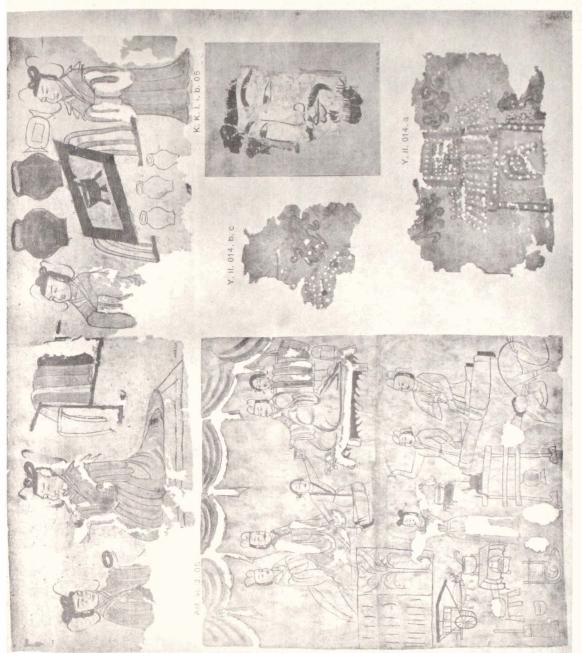
(See Chap. XIX. sec. i-iii, vi).



PORTION OF SILK PAINTING, AST. iii. 4. 010. a, SHOWING LADY AND PAGE, FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.



FRAGMENTS FROM DIFFERENT PANELS OF SILK PAINTING, AST. III. 4. 010. b-j, FROM ASTĀNA CEMETERY. (See Chap. XIX. sec. ii, vi).



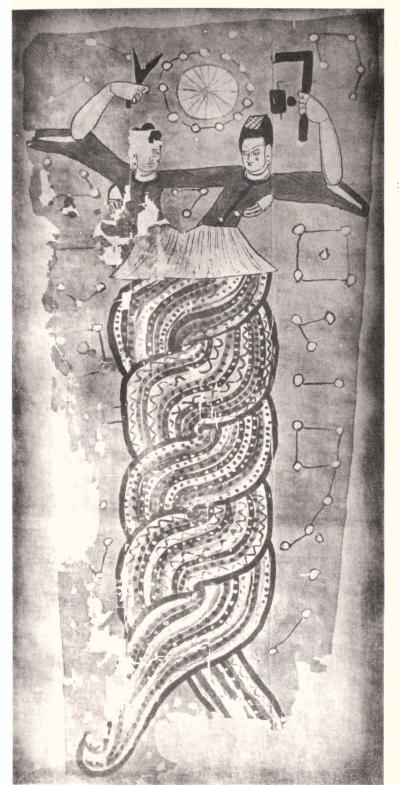
PIECES OF PAINTINGS ON PAPER AND SILK FROM KHARA-KHOTO, ASTĀNA CEMETERY AND WATCH-STATION, Y. II.

(See Chap. XIII. sec. ii, v; Chap. XIX. sec. ii, iii, vi; Chap. XXI. sec. iii, iv).

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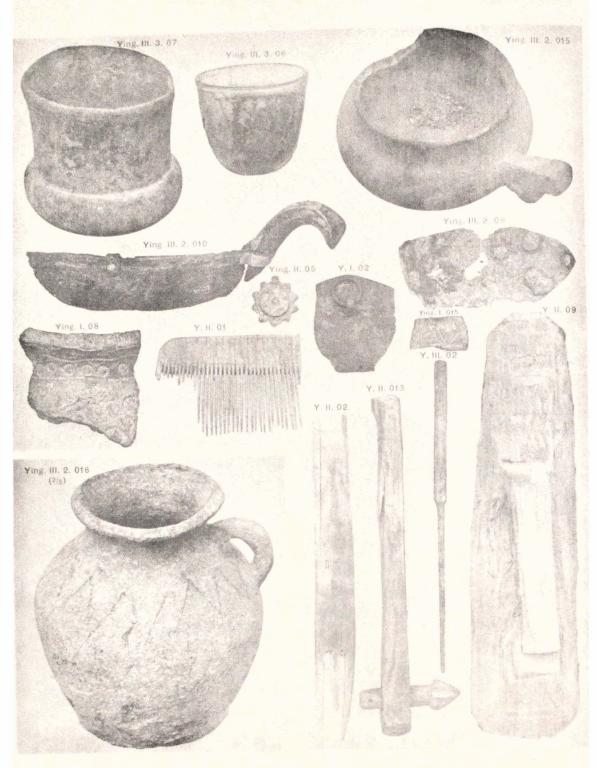


PAINTED SILK COVER OF COFFIN, AST. ix. 2. b. 012, FROM ASTANA CEMETERY. (See Chap. XIX. sec. iii, vi).



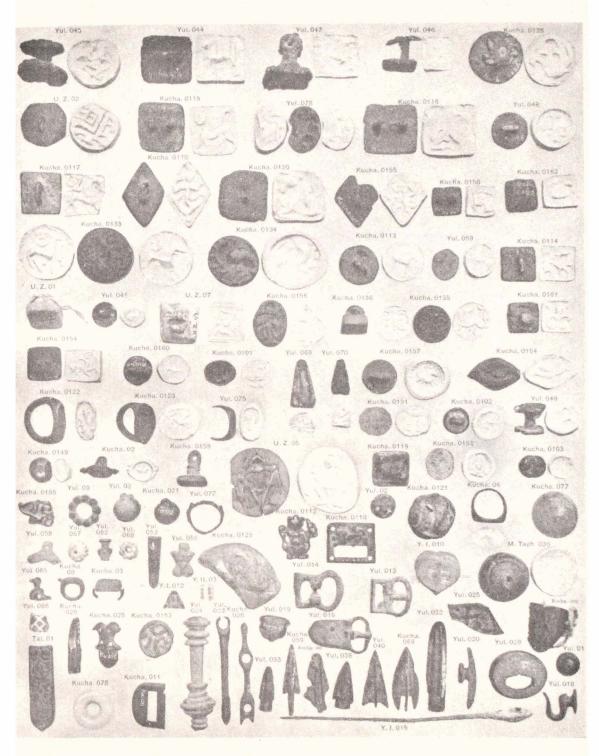
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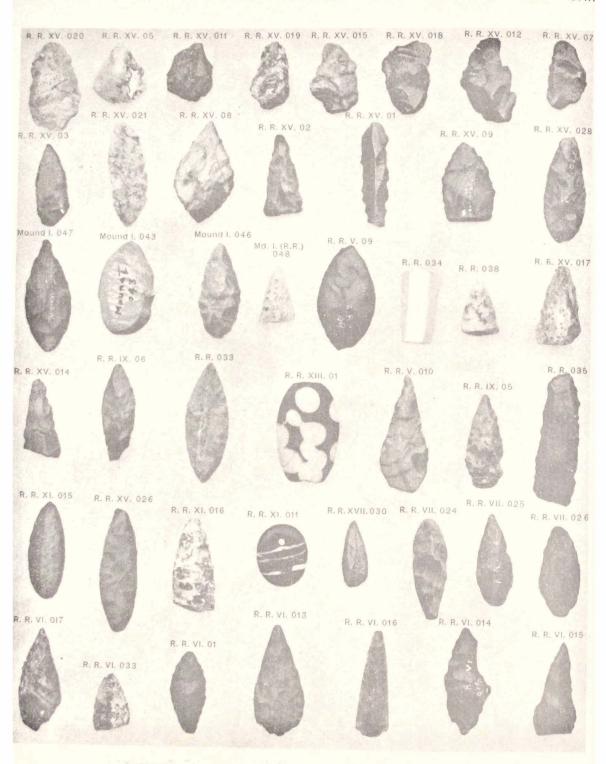
MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS IN WOOD, GLASS, POTTERY, ETC., FROM YING-P'AN AND WATCH STATIONS, Y. I-III

(See Chap. XXI. sec. i. iii iv).



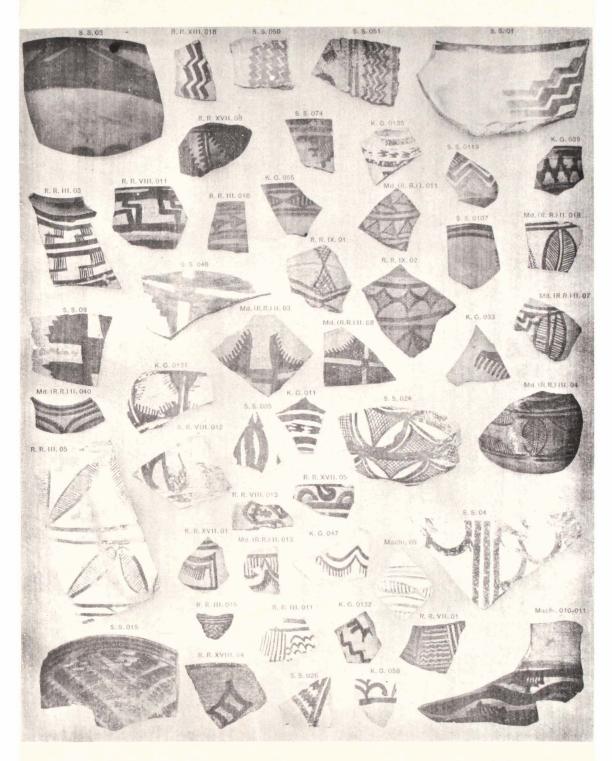
SEALS AND OTHER SMALL OBJECTS IN METAL, STONE, GLASS, ETC., MAINLY FROM KUCHĀ SITES.

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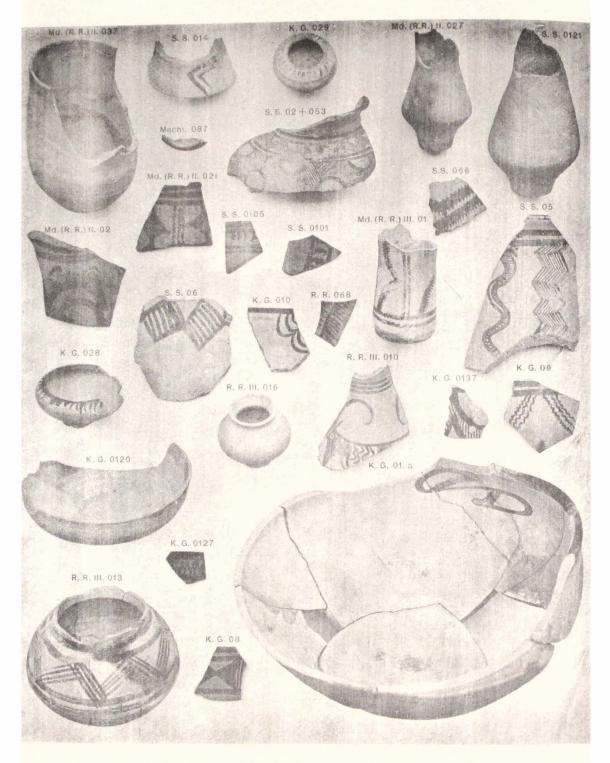
STONE IMPLEMENTS FROM DESERT DELTA OF SISTAN.

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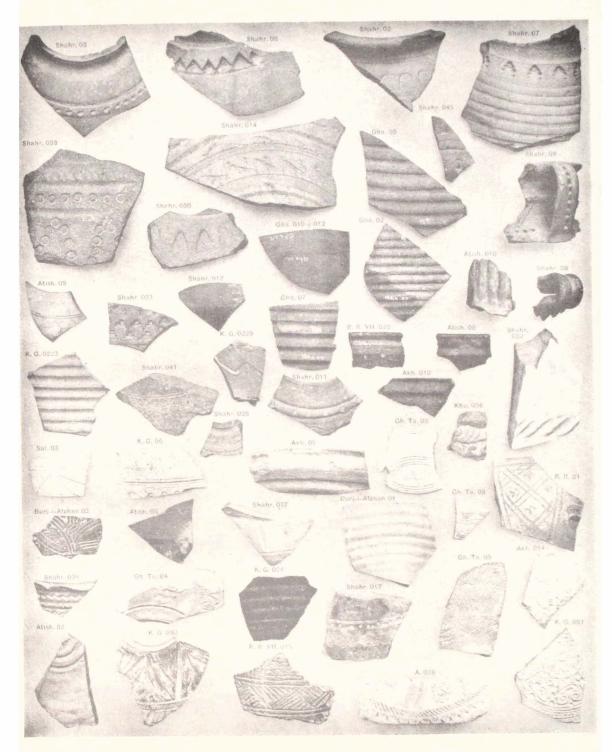
FRAGMENTS OF PREHISTORIC POTTERY FROM DESERT DELTA OF SISTAN.

(See Chap. XXX. sec. ii, iii.)



REMAINS OF PREHISTORIC POTTERY FROM DESERT DELTA OF SISTAN.

(See Chap. XXX. sec. ii-iii).



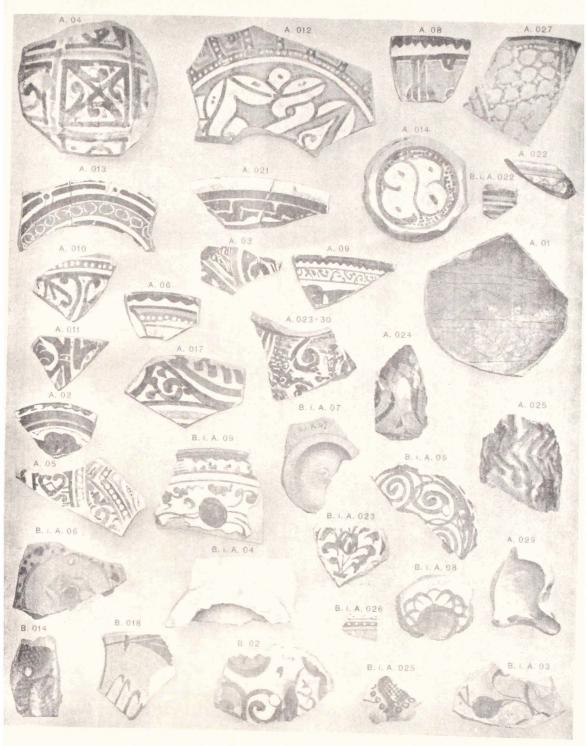
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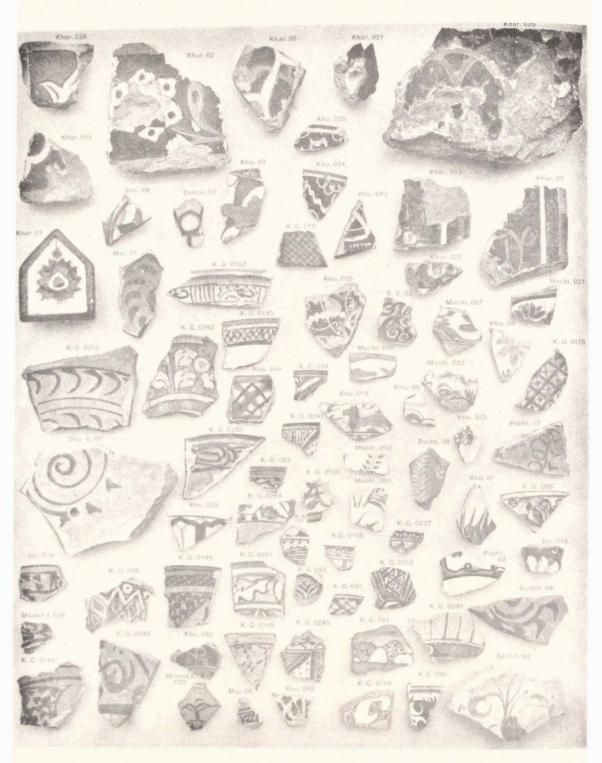
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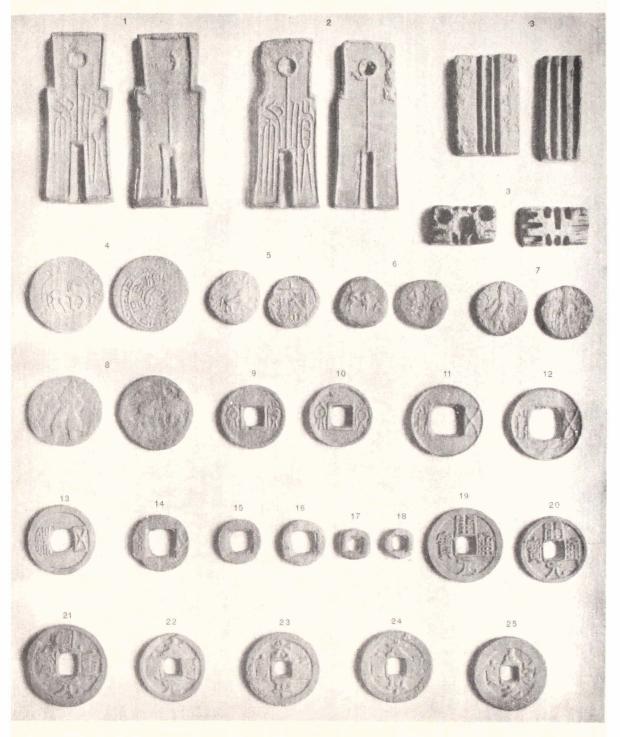
FRAGMENTS OF LATER GLAZED POTTERY FROM SISTAN SITES.

(See Chap. XXIX. sec. iii, iv).



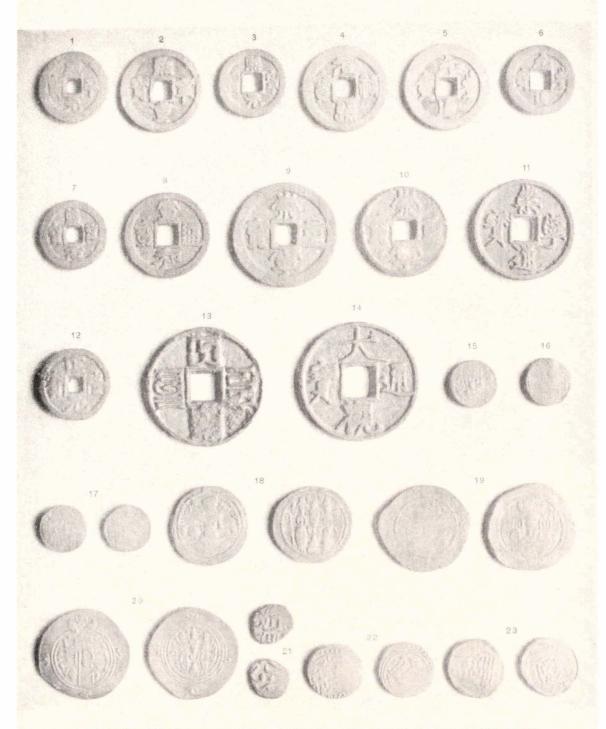
FRAGMENTS OF GLAZED WARE FROM KHORĀSĀN AND SĪSTĀN SITES.

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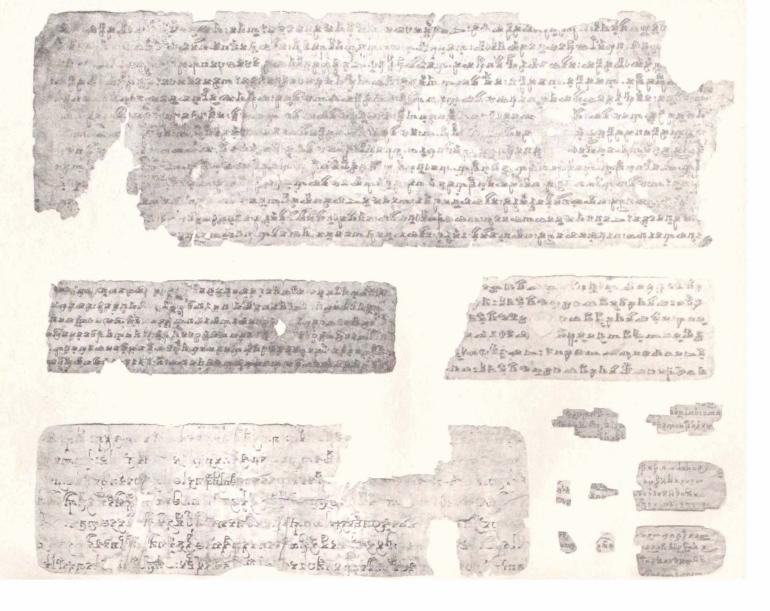
SINO-KHAROSTHĪ, INDO-SCYTHIAN, AND CHINESE COINS FROM KHOTAN, LOU-LAN, TURFĀN AND OTHER SITES.

(See Appendix B, with Table).



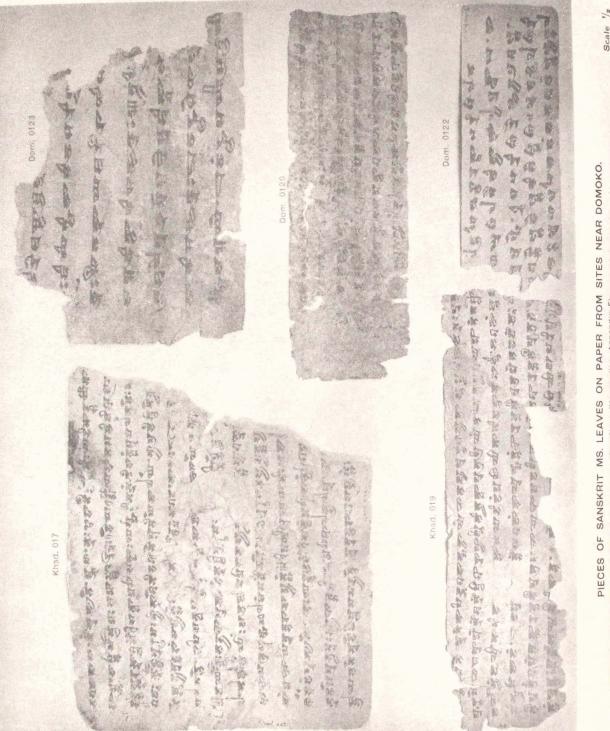
MEDIÆVAL CHINESE, BYZANTINE, SASANIAN AND MUHAMMADAN COINS FROM KHOTAN, KHARA-KHOTO, ASTĀNA, KUCHĀ AND SĪSTAN SITES.

(See Appendix B, with Table).



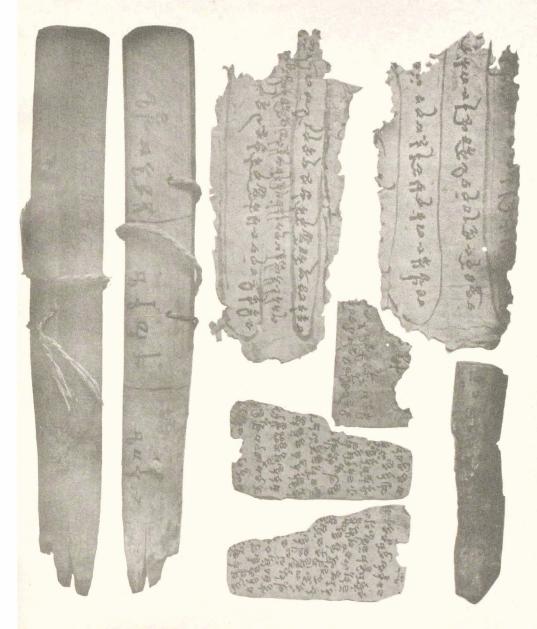
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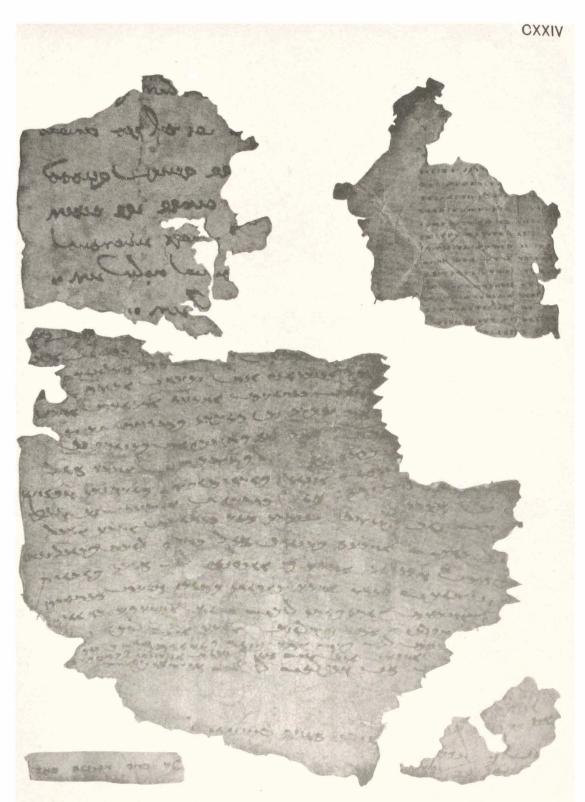


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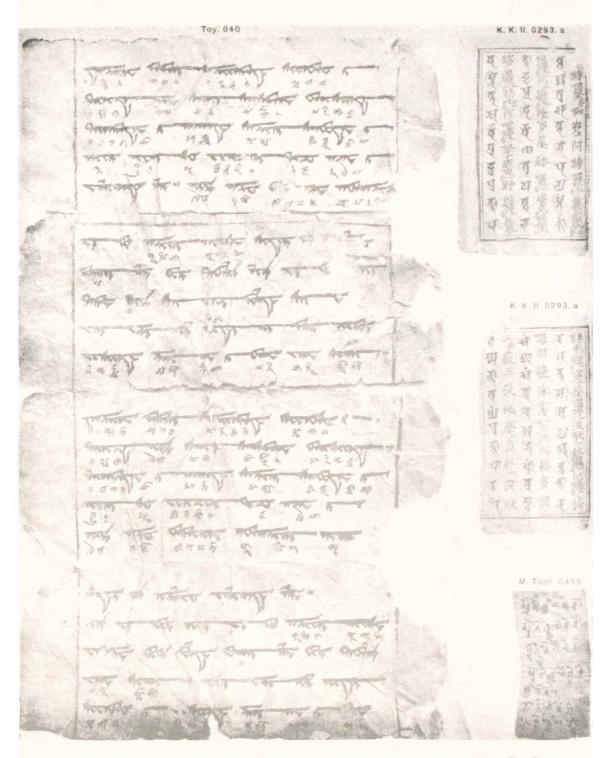


FRAGMENTS OF DOCUMENTS IN KUCHEAN AND KHOTANESE ON PAPER AND WOOD FROM KUCHĀ, TURFĀN AND MAZĀR-TĀGH. (See Chap. III. sec. iv; Chap. XXIII. sec. ii; Appendix G),

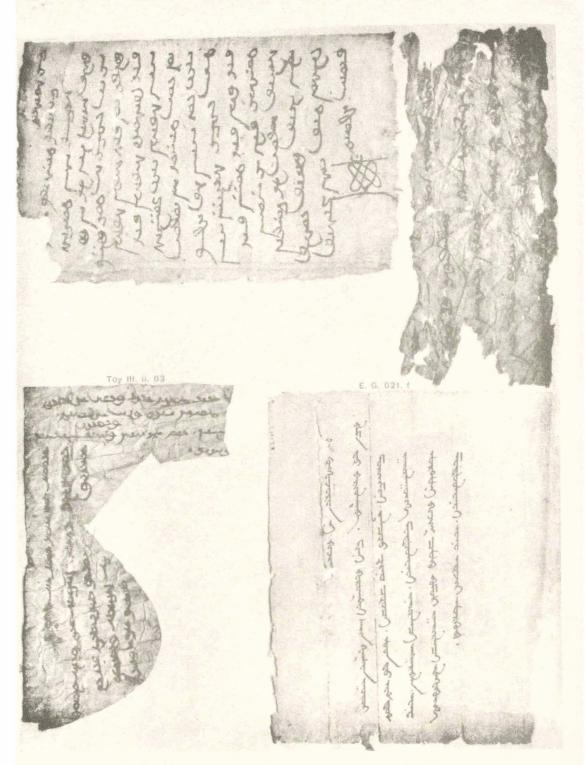


FRAGMENTS OF PAPER DOCUMENTS IN SOGDIAN AND OF PAPER MS. IN TURKISH 'RUNIC' SCRIPT FROM LOU-LAN SITES, KARA-KHŌJA AND MAZĀR-TĀGH.

(See Chap. VI. sec. iii; Chap. XVIII. sec. i; Appendix H, Q).



BLOCK-PRINTED PAPER LEAVES IN CHINESE AND UIGHUR WITH INTERLINEAR BRÄHMÎ TEXT, AND DOCUMENT IN KHOTANESE, FROM KHARA-KHOTO, TURFÂN AND MAZÂR-TĀGH.



PAPER DOCUMENTS IN UIGHUR AND MONGOL FROM KHARA-KHOTO, ETSIN-GOL AND TURFAN SITES.

(See Chap. XIII. sec. ii, iv; Chap. XVIII. sec. iii, v; Appendix K).













CHINESE INSCRIPTIONS ON CLOTH SHROUDS AND ON SEPULCHRAL SLABS OF BURNT CLAY FROM ASTANA CEMETERY.

(See Chap. XIX. sec. iii; Appendix I).

CENTURY 5th-6th BUDDHAS,' SOME OF PAPER MS. ROLLS, THOUSAND FROM CHINESE

影響八年島 宗承紹常民 孫然在資程 哲語を発 事件を語る 前年司在歌

際或證章軍 此事制心职 風光五次等 衛禁女子衛

一個一百光 **然有於語行孫** 表展於12 具是大力衛

成演習大學 震治於衛州 女 盤無 等 其 熙鄉商子奉

走量聚走條 四年李式水 地名地理里 全成器群世

顺西等层里

神典歌声神

弘, 宣然, 如鄉 福館漫水館 不見然 如奉

東灰海衛山 四川世樂學 奏所完全性性

歌海和歌家

一口笑生日

福里 選 工業

大強何多本

除火一切養

17重差洪洪

包括東北衛

等情法無其

茶炭馬馬馬

如故學城果

際南木一台

表面體實際

遊強在必改

不久見歸佛

超學過運動

出世經續水

夫用諸大婿

在寒 | 古能

一切景京縣

予題佛種俱

大衛大衛頭

是是他们是的基础的国际主要主要的现在分词,但是一个

布施施學可以各群軍官在軍衛衛衛行不不可以使用軍軍不禁門也仍在軍人

無限分本在等該該被犯各分本 治吏有妻如之以以及以以外即有之利之是是

軍事政治的在大衛的職者可以以被政治政治有強人的任政法司等不可以不管因仍 即學具備是也在是在官部所衛衛衛衛衛士至其世界等不是官官各立人

雖然以後也被囚犯不少原口以及出來及在分子此門即一十五次在原行不在 禁食人

文章都行江光清明无恩因納不衛等有被強以召失於以在轉成人并未深之

被我不可以或有本可知或罪欲難 二成是武衛衛等如一大京子本於原於行行於

大照然、奏與過萬日不無以我会又随我也亦大為日本行以外方

外往田職養職就其正行行行之有者奏其二次明十支

東小有五級權利 致素数而至分十大次明要於方便以與此便以係不住

在日飲天養福斯致後大寒以明十後衛,南上防治年十年年十八時,等明之

學致職处東京職職家四軍即受犯為五所職家公和大村於仍不以前

徒日衛力等親立有平治才候四八百四秋以来数与五天失失一所改

京門便敢有三個官員有一個民民者便以於其四有用的就正是俱然了不可以不 俸

我不能因去監在我的被行出了人名安外然也以不知知為人本於日八歲十分人

可能存在日科行本侵名的門行我日本等官民的事俱以由好官及例係之次

我心操學在前外都都衛在 是出户上就不可以

取心即如即轉門在北京軍盗籍者有以等出外問

随意俱免 医有饿狼 阿奴克属各致万法軍 替 故思無於 婚人職門不敢即由囚禁審問罪因職等在其軍刑部為仍然因 以人口分及從何以依好 的議行 教教皇 有者 有力力者 許職與無以人為其在有無戰軍衛衛人施以去來以以及以 民分極上戶之以改奏然不可衛故奏機之情以處處等臣 俸文門公世 大 免除故者雖能在 失成故言之以不必敬以則 查照存行為此之為此之所致於即奏雜之為限了之不及以少以 中因不敢至去如口及在缺口職問而以仁人後官不如明年 光歌自以起海經復我依德五等在依照相立名以為在以 送門白者歌者子也成以海上於動院大衛而今之後 俱有於因以魔監治与大士惟為若者即即以以及乃以及 既即成大衛女有之大徒都一回以者何不改我回直衛者 馬果然於不及為以者 夢以同日本分明 門端下司 施ひ

除便随端東往於海東縣分川衛直衛可走衛不置直送

近日過去有自由有自然亦事可納在九代明四日指身 外口有心學過 在自中在教養照在此年尚者 己如此有日時與何問而可以 北北中山鐵智東五大司商和祖当 如口巴的快過馬班面一個也亦 大口衛衛亦門雜四大於右大口日中海海有衛門外各門衛門衛門 你可以力力是一右衛於如我日少在右一位衛武於是日少数衙 不禁以为機若令十衛者人為衛民吏罪,因以為右等 通以各等係 議為傷者為京衛在有一個是以該司及流知分補有限若少者有 你知能又然具即你如指也不以可有不面指因我是能力看你如然 若完成為軍在也想來不以蘇京你如各合物以祖去學過我可以 馬通源在我監察因果鄉等門十五名本知點自由來民國或其也 我可以民以与会通仍然有為直接以外人所以言以外以外也以可 孫己祖先員己本衛衛己即鎮俸者以衛衛并此為衛子之首奏九八十年衛祖与 引向各四民司者原會副以其因有在外班便是大民北班北京外路方 衛我偷隸軍機不明先不得在本者与大法外外以外俱外吏囚官官不不禁府 你盡之生網各有二項之生結正各仍有意當仍不住於官也在強能之其

7TH-9TH CENTURY INCLUDING

ROLLS,

MS. OF

PAPER

今から 京子山東南京東京大阪下京衛 日本部はち 在京府在在美人民四是以本各分分分人 自同我者并是以聖人被獨僚五行 知不知是不知知府是以重人不衛以來蘇 顺明文片權了

技不侵成例 大城至先旗其所 看无衛年所 吏長衛不縁見以不係故害人目知不日見 司京不在實政本成成以 18

勢所放例以害行不敢所治此而者或即或 雲百公所恩恩知其故民及通不會而審除 不言而言係不任而因來不如而其其其其 海海照信在外次

民首不畏犯者何以為便之若改常不及死 官亦者張你為其刑罪或亦在己以為其 表於司所者是代文臣所支状大臣所看不 治安子や

人之何以其五合為改多是以俱有姓之緣 法以其上有其是以不治民之發配以其其 宋之原是以報先支官及以去既并追官代 · 一种 一种

人之意所來完監照等仍是是是自然問見

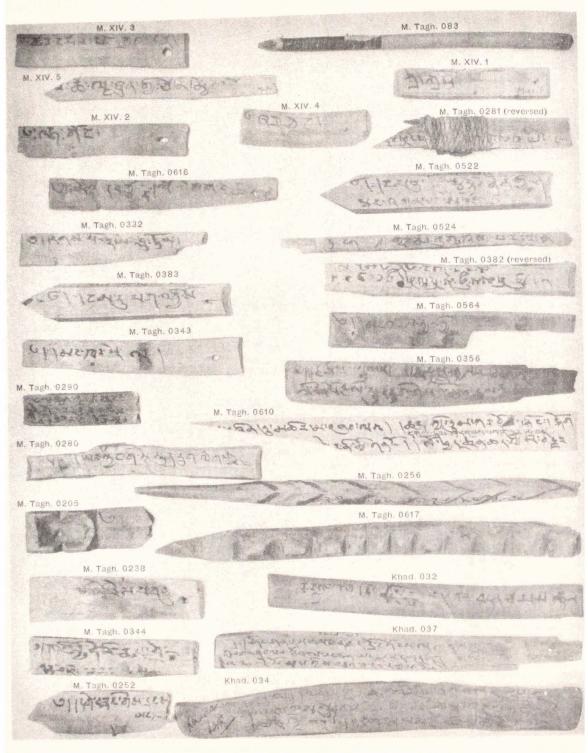
我二种的心理是不是一个人都在这种证明 二年一年上海的一种 医动物 嫌弱子不允以若有其門官職解機以不以身樣不致三國原因 京教育はいる、各本は日のないともなる大は我家知識といいは、 我如何在我在一些地方不可能在我来人一一一般知识的我在我们不会 以成了一分就在我不少心不不敢不不可以不会,如日本在我的人一大在你 一大きる人は大事とと、一個を大ないから、日本の大きないか、日本とは日本の 八大百二十一日日本一大一日日本日 人日本日本日本日本日本日本日本日本日 有京公子正正日日報十七 不己用的至在日本一年一日日本外的 在我的人的女子也是我有我的人的女子的女子 多年年二年 是禁心中有十八分年十八十八十八日八日八日日日五十二十八十八十八十八十八十八日日日日 每日中午日日日衛衛門本中日本日本日本日本人一十十八日本年十二十八日日日 而仍就等一本二是人用好正問各合一一都以我仍及言係問題不必 去明二日衛 具有在本人衛民中風外不不由田的人人口的人 成公川京在左大大都多少如如此人不知我人人如此中的人也就要明明日本 これの大人とうとうとなるなべて、一下村は小はれんと一下日本は 明月衛性心中、一部以本京丁文百年大年初十分四万衛住於明年十八年前 and hall are all the are to salt and a larger to the

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官告軍官被者以即無關令後職置因者之此 以大衛至者強機但也五月因光能者即明 柳黑大王府下也万成在為化者以照 松呈方於但因無為之化心掌領者以代不移 命亦如 李明察為原大於學 強分果 重任衛我以外務於司張其故事在華屋監練 林置安者我是及其中因此 推和其片 也仍各所人者官得官同村者官有人依照此 弘 過去不分 然小衛力人也是日 大者并法 候詞不完合花成姓其民 對機係無各獨 等以在四個不獨口在母籍外 " 是 子 臣 例也能合法告人王聖人者即問 尚考之道故得大臣問係之多為文化官者 食物物 排回以及照照化原因成 引於解散我國公大年在都如今官 什里以大衛衛仍戛然府政武司巡按衛之

人名芬布姓马舍 物圖指照在被以及

然而且如所原府府者者等已得之分於原 打出案故事因以表而就係者 我等合口 開係等数 飲善所隨 待果官首 除正律問 當仍住保 先上寶東 不敢自将 群知重子 知惟无法 接入巡 追 東川他上 阅以籍門五十條年 其父妻公四方為京 家之既被 衛出一杖 意正合意 五次日照 具家員官 多清全鎮 卓很為理 真扶而機 衛門字子 智明白無四來備陳人民與多 出人及刑乃通他門 的作員人 无意不有 半万億 展 围绕恭成 富為王者 之所聚合 草及豪鎮 官共京直 以清練放 往来老果 衛出知是 有大力學 而年行送 盖東公子 規定機备 化時時至 庭子路便 五十分日



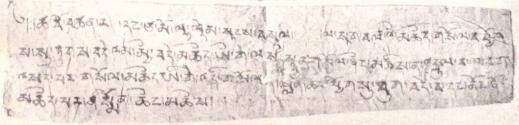
TIBETAN DOCUMENTS ON WOOD FROM MAZĀR-TĀGH, KHĀDALIK, MĪRĀN.

(See Chap. III. sec. iv; Chap. IV. sec. iii; Chap. V. sec. iii).



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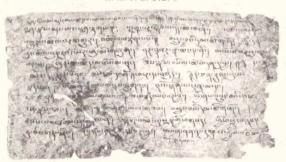
TIBETAN POTHI LEAF AND DOCUMENTS ON PAPER FROM MAZAR-TAGH AND KHARA-KHOTO.

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K. K. V. b. 012. c



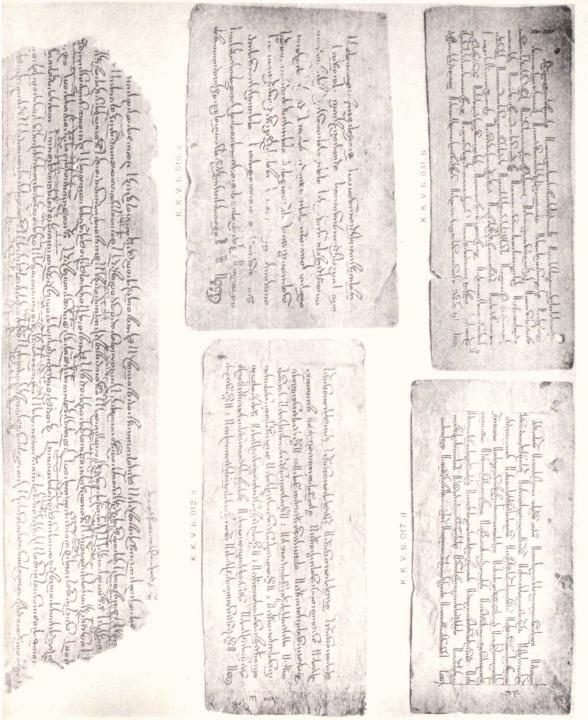
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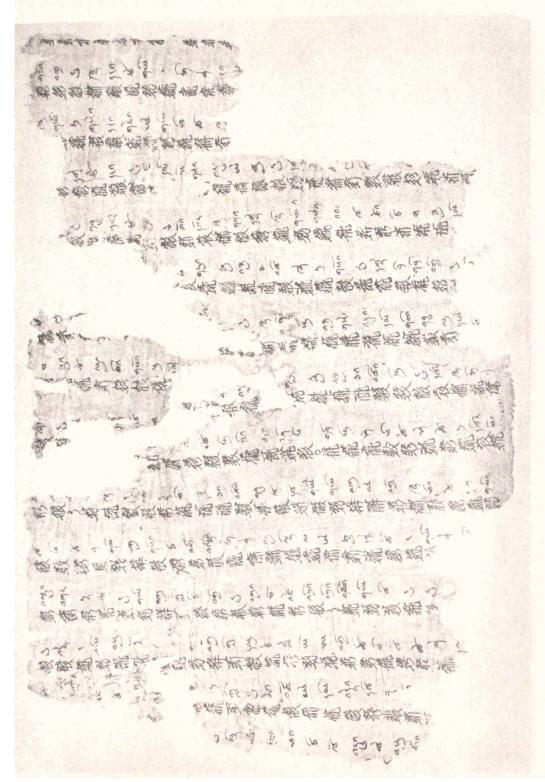
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TIBETAN POTHI LEAVES CONTAINING BUDDHIST TEXTS AND SACRED DIAGRAM, FROM KHARA-KHOTO AND ETSIN-GOL SITES.



TIBETAN POTHI LEAVES CONTAINING BUDDHIST TEXTS FROM KHARA-KHOTO. (See Chap. XIII. sec. iii).

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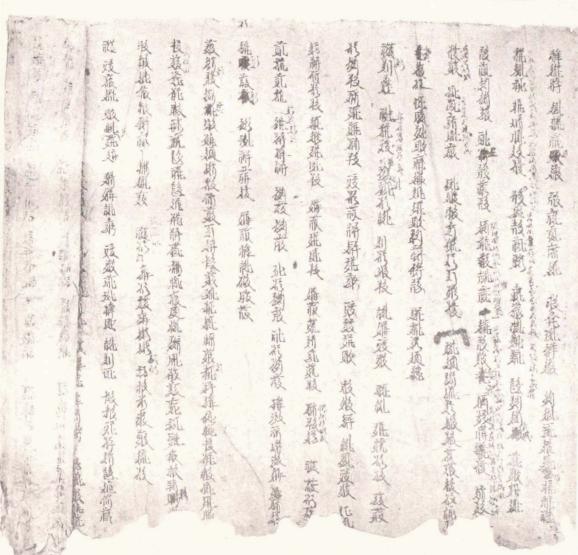


TIBETAN INTERLINEAR TRANSLITERATION FRAGMENT OF HSI-HSIA (TANGUT) MS. ROLL, K.K. II. 0234. k, WITH FROM KHARA-KHOTO.

See Chap. XIII. sec, iii. Tibetan Characters transcribed by Dr. B. Laufer).

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HSI-HSIA (TANGUT) MS. ROLL AND BLOCK-PRINTED BOOK LEAVES FROM KHARA-KHOTO.

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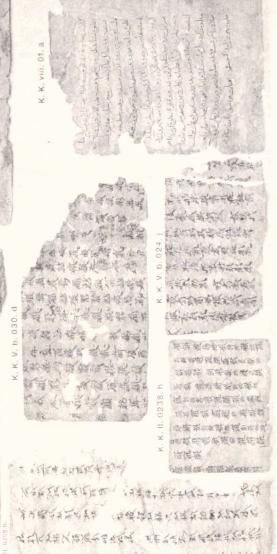


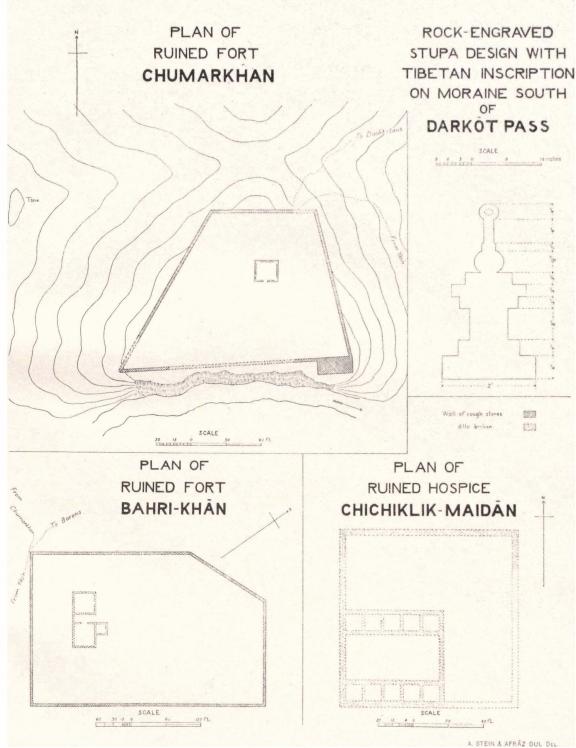
高着獨懷維持衛衛 行應急形 孫旗龍被結構衛衛衛衛衛衛衛衛衛 從後後衛衛維進成尾尾衛泰祥殺後,該魏及湖 許歲極為所是是於 即日本難執力被該盡應於結為 解決 閱點都分 試結後後及清清

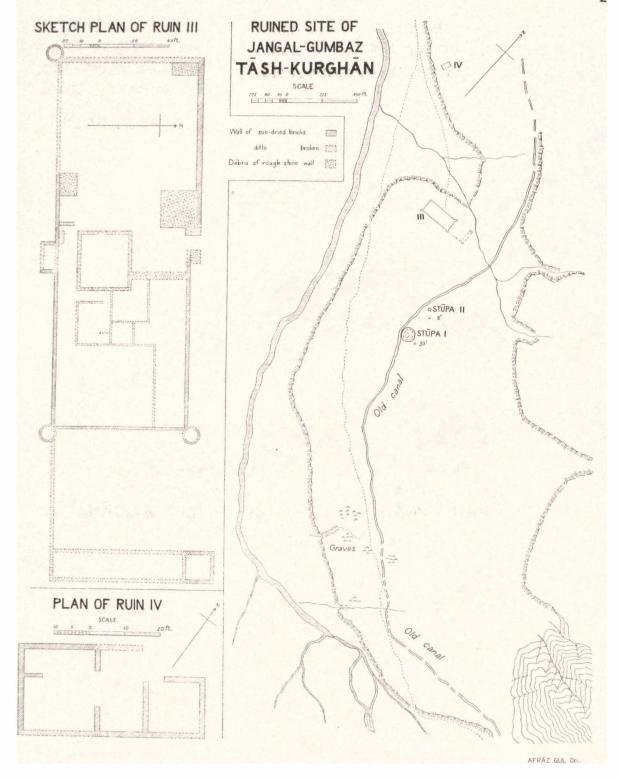
表就應信賴,承來看應情能而 等以圖賣作雜表女及節其一 作品雖及衛知信意故問之為意義而 等這處設備問題致犯傳養素所 解於敬辱而或故事亦养所 所於敬辱語改唱文而及同個獨主教 學院改為所謂改唱文而及同國獨主教 學院學者其實於於此為

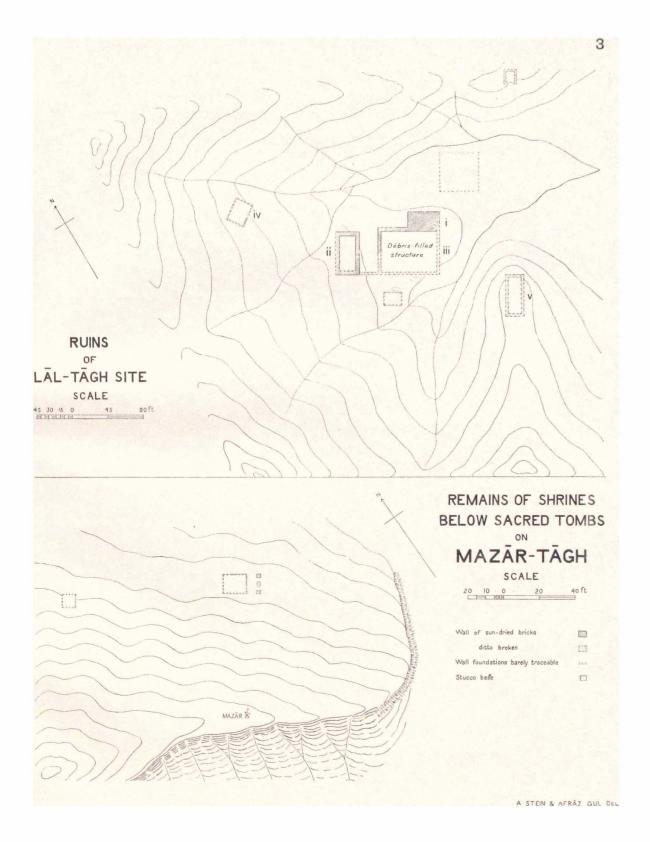
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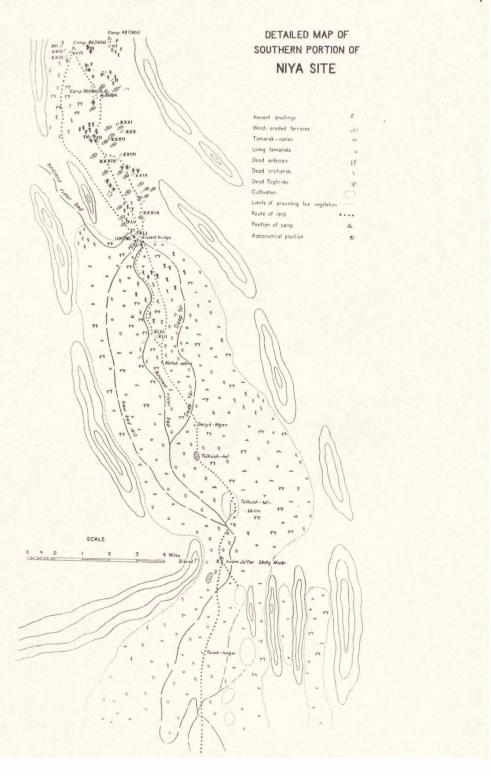






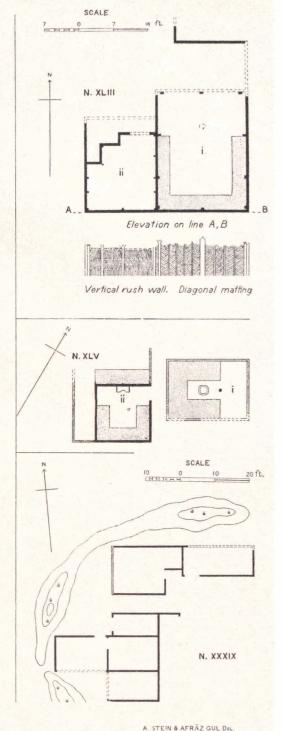




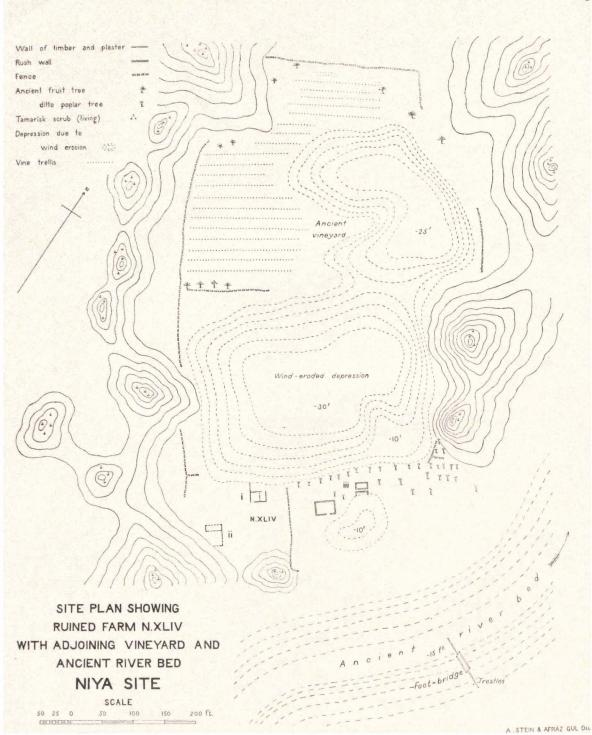


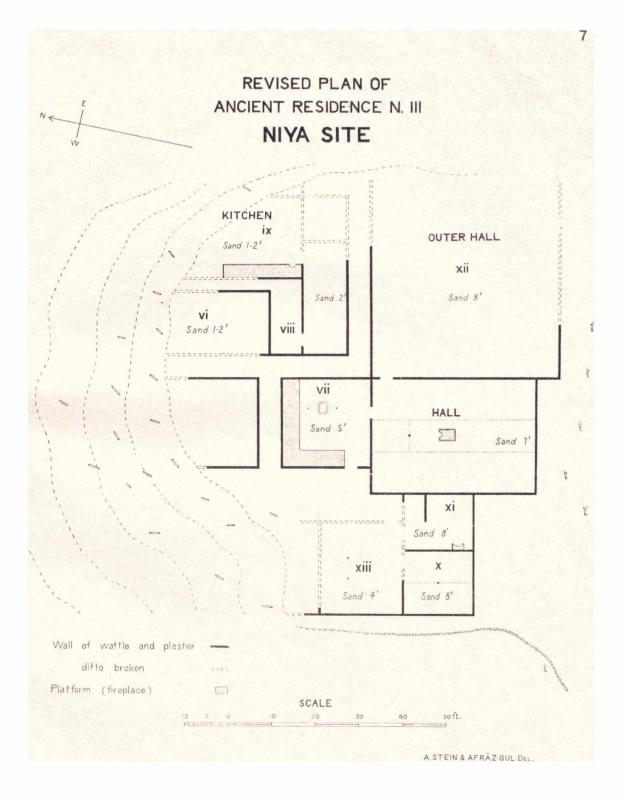
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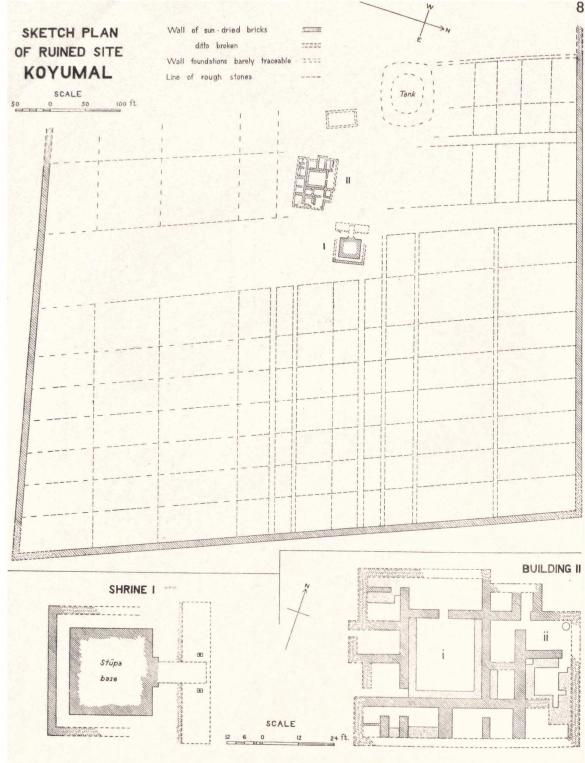
NIYA SITE Wall of wattle and plaster - Fence ditto broken ==== Platform of clay Wall of rushes and plaster - Wooden post N. XLII



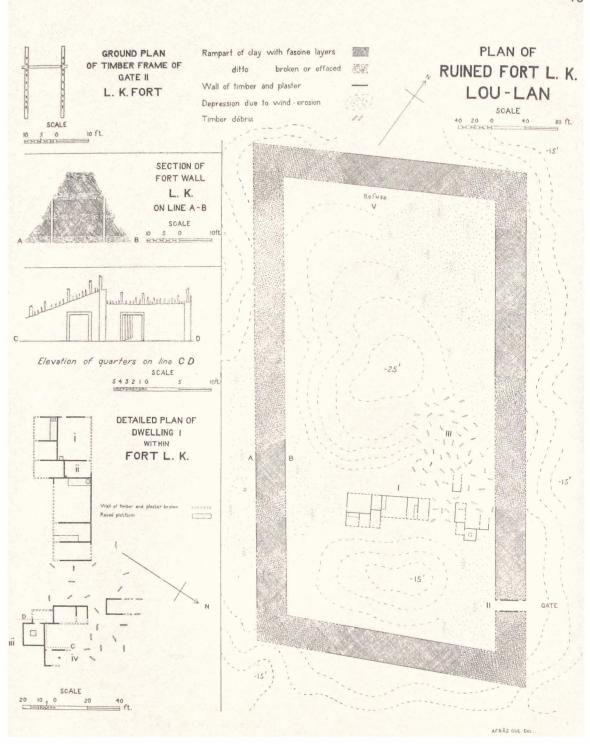


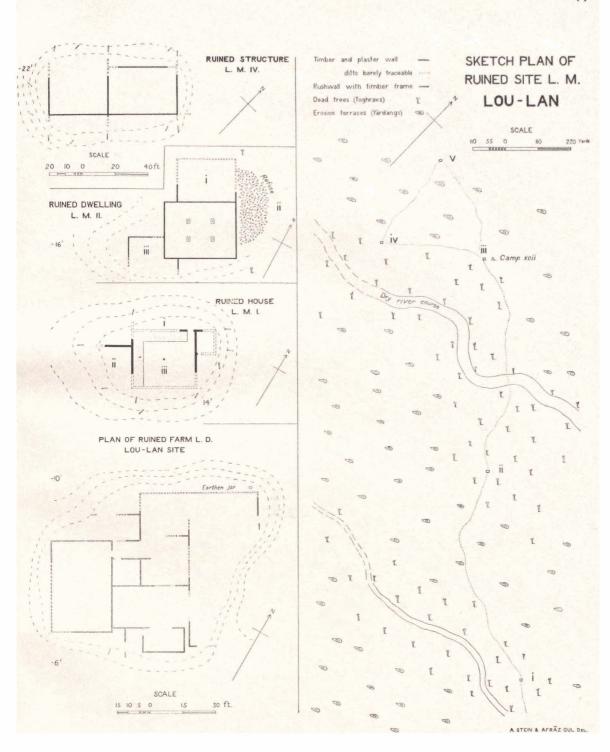


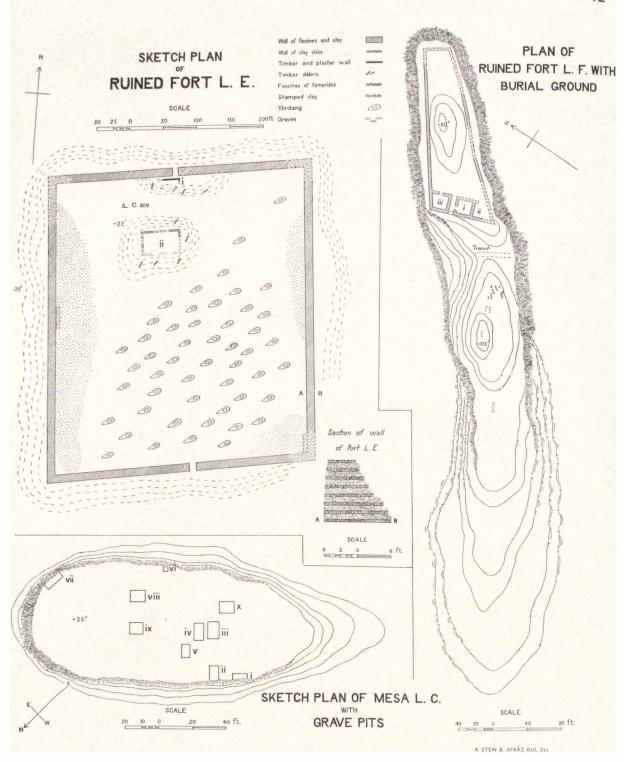


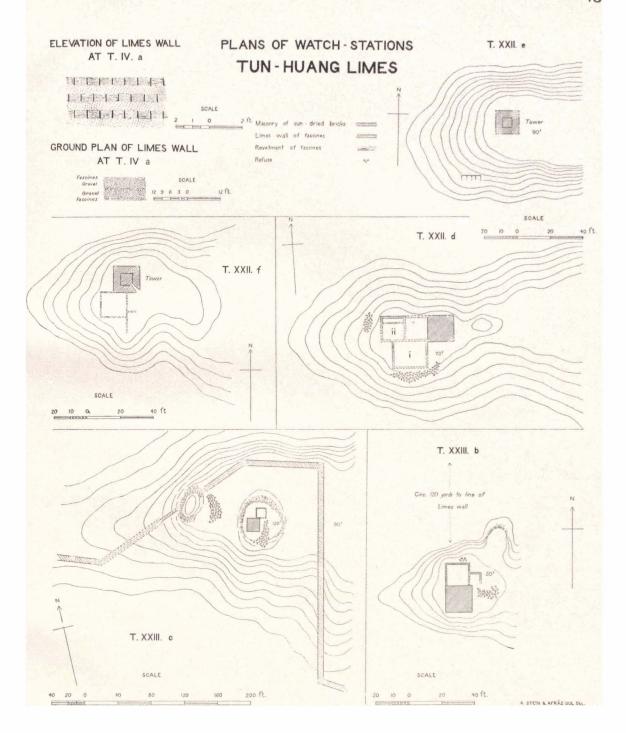


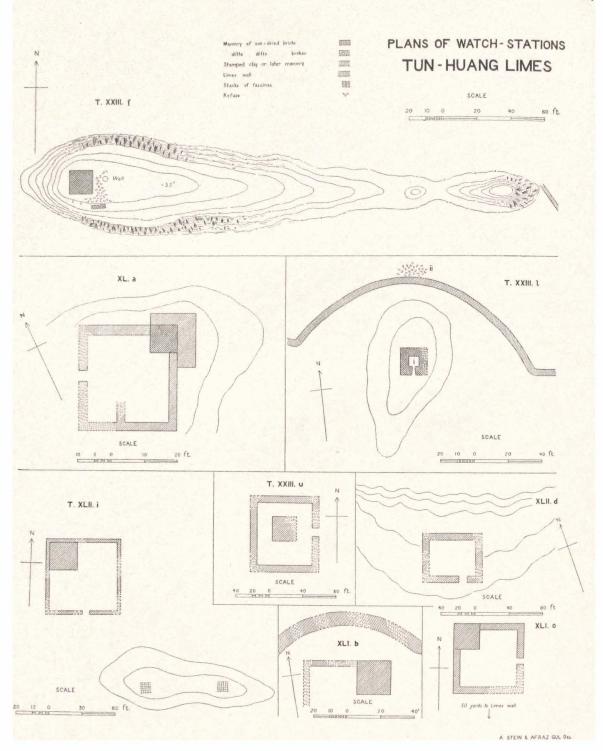
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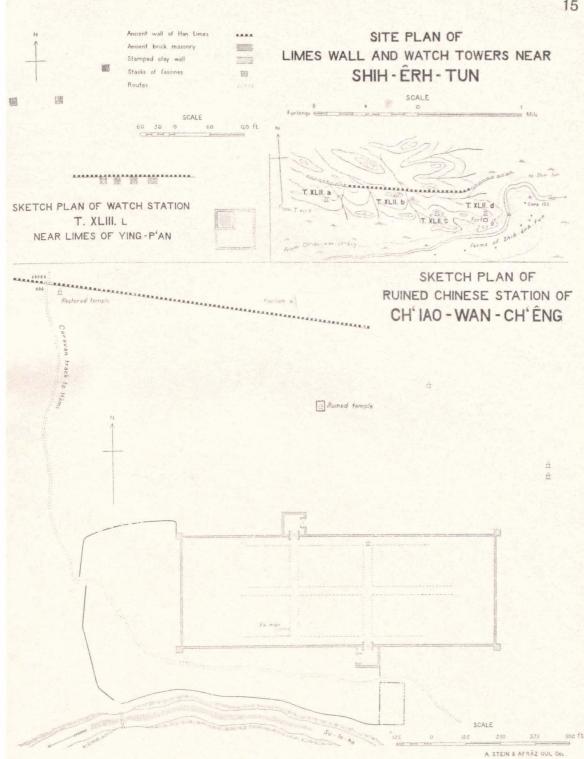


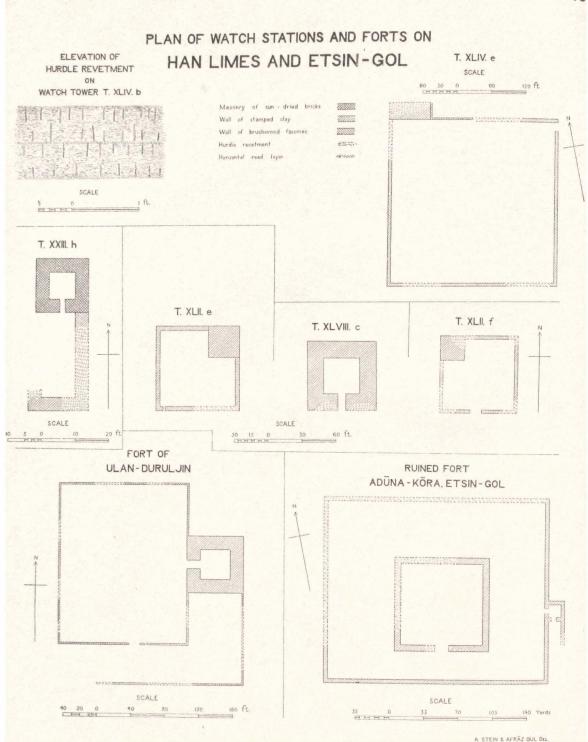






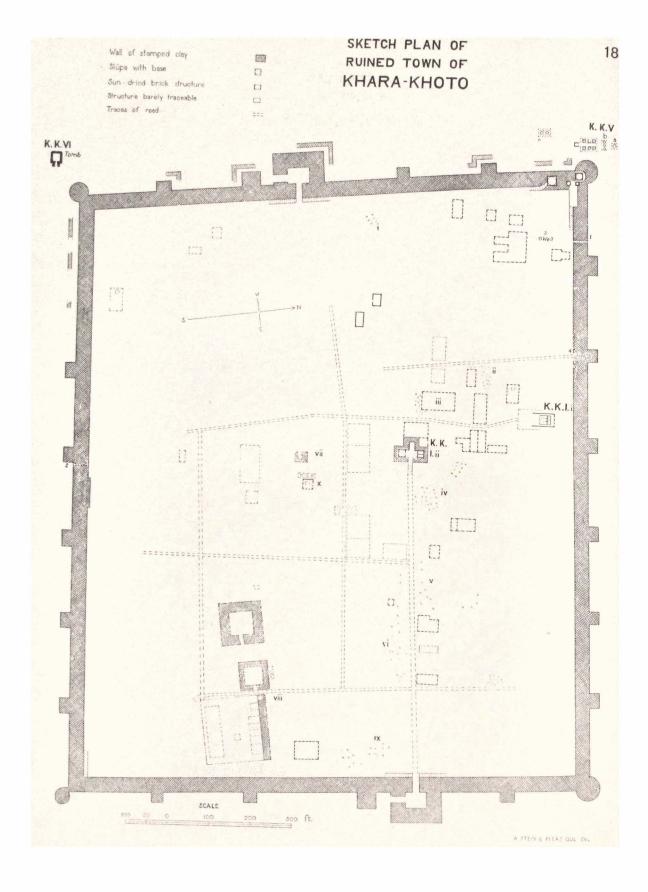


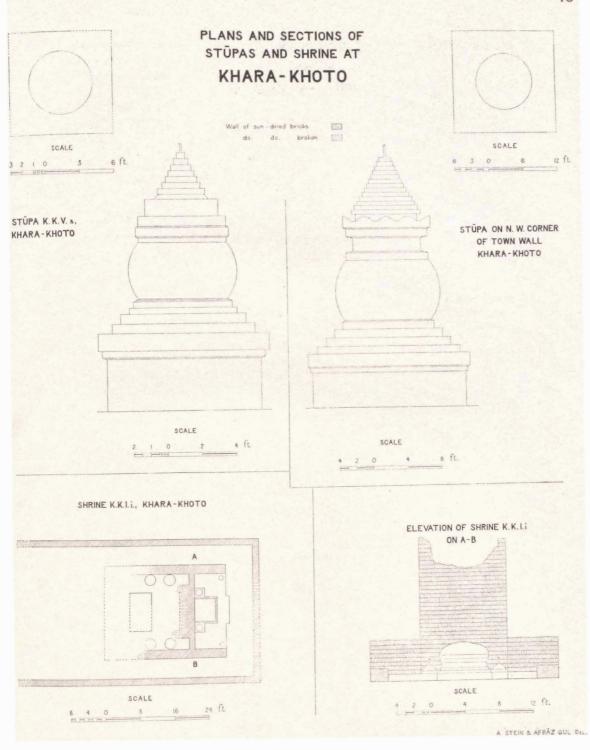


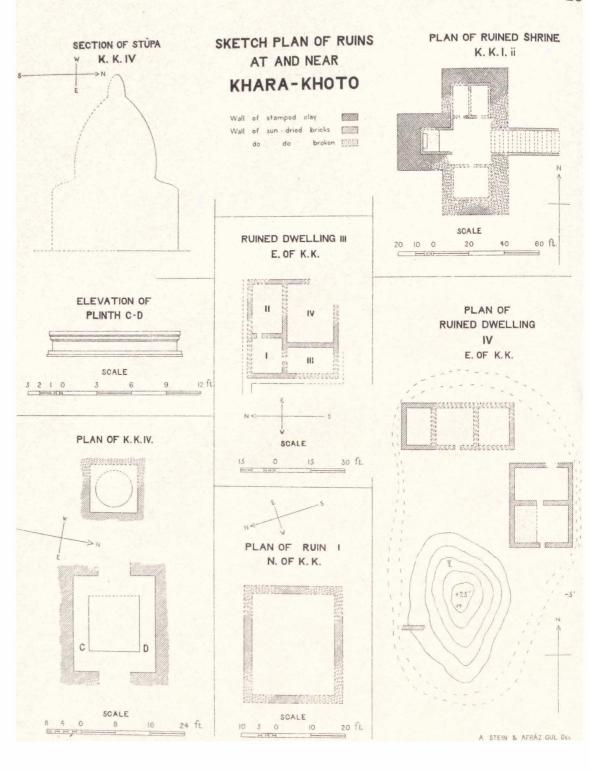


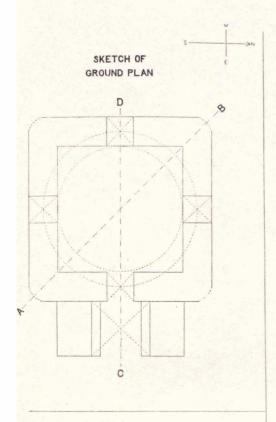
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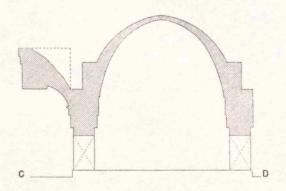




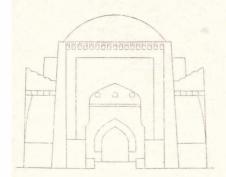
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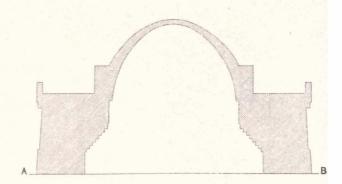
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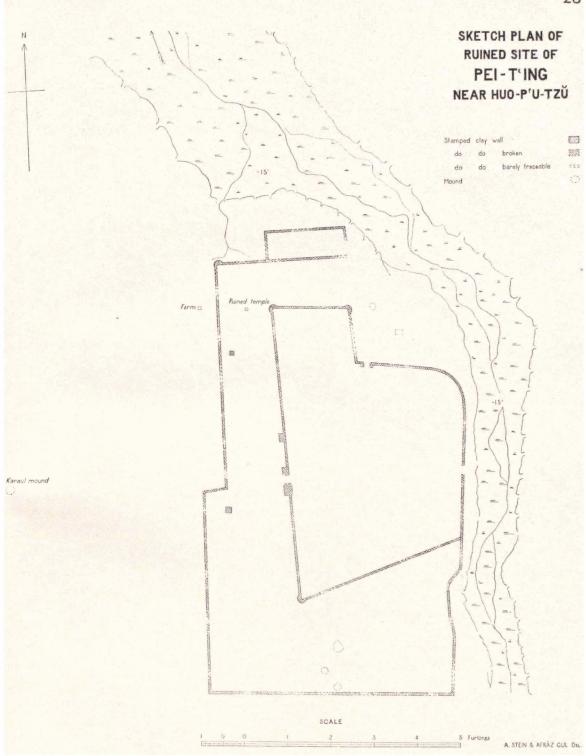


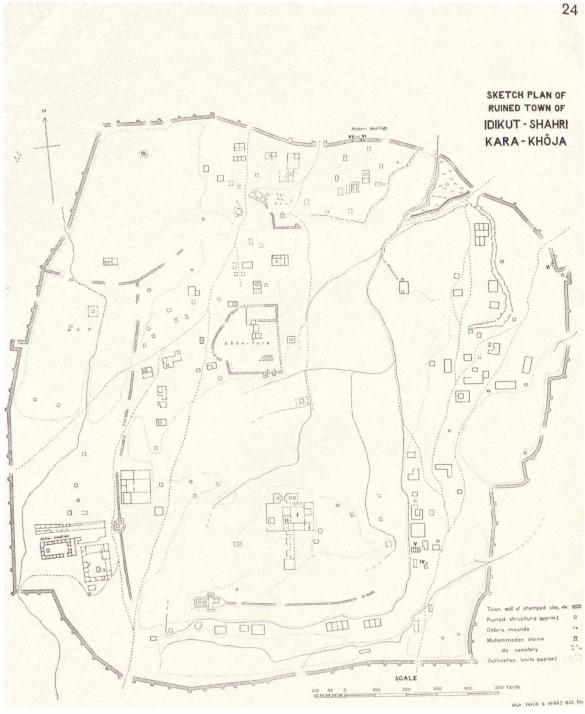
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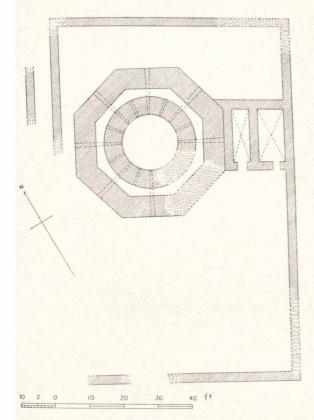


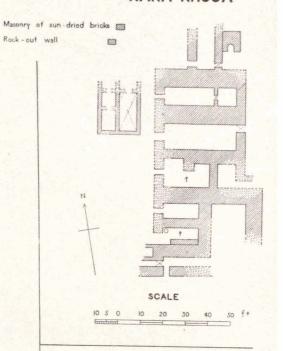


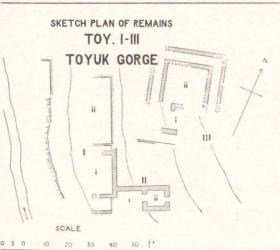
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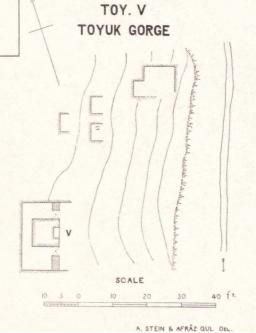
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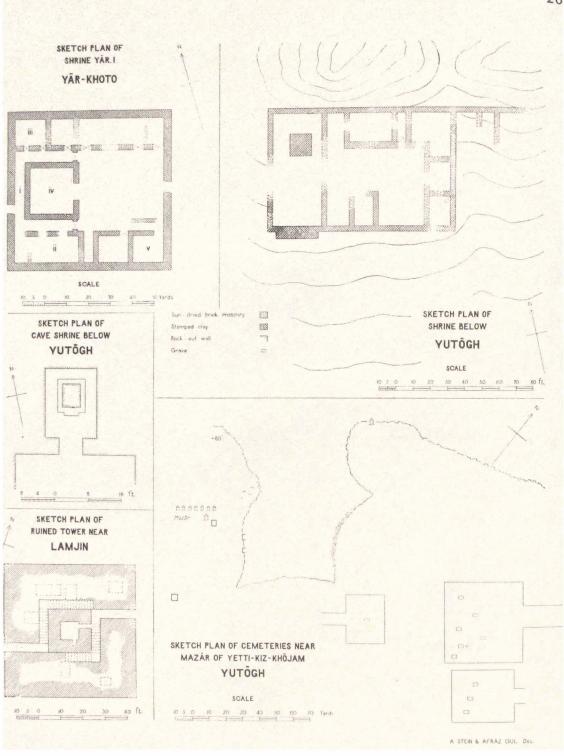


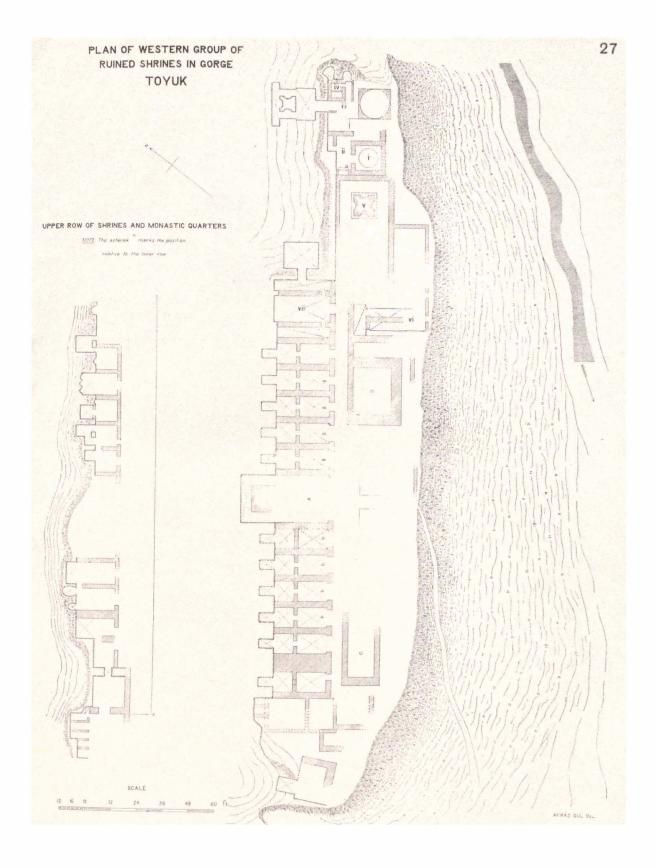


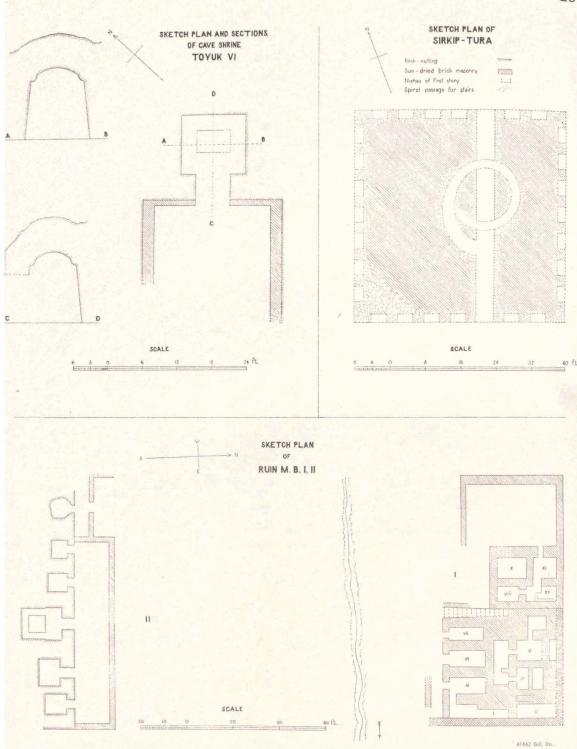


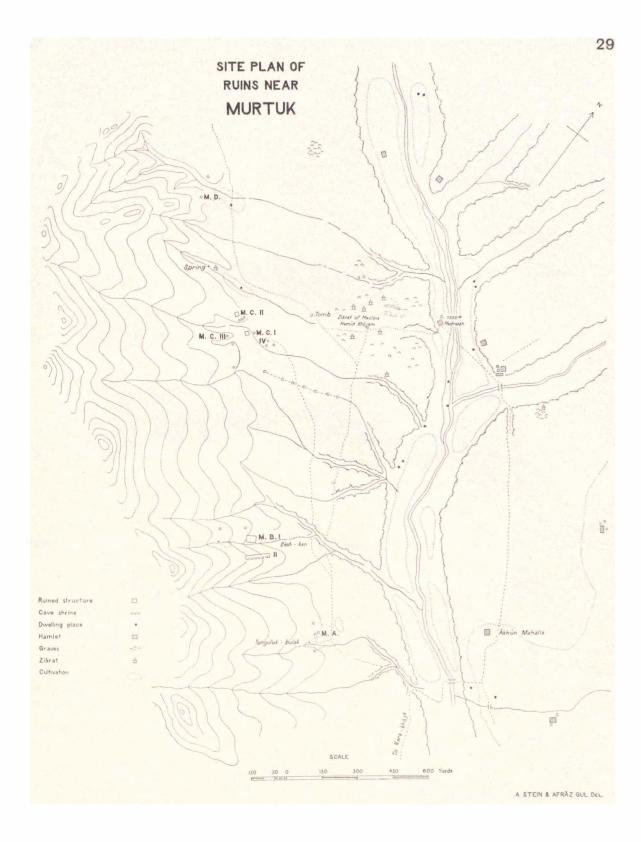


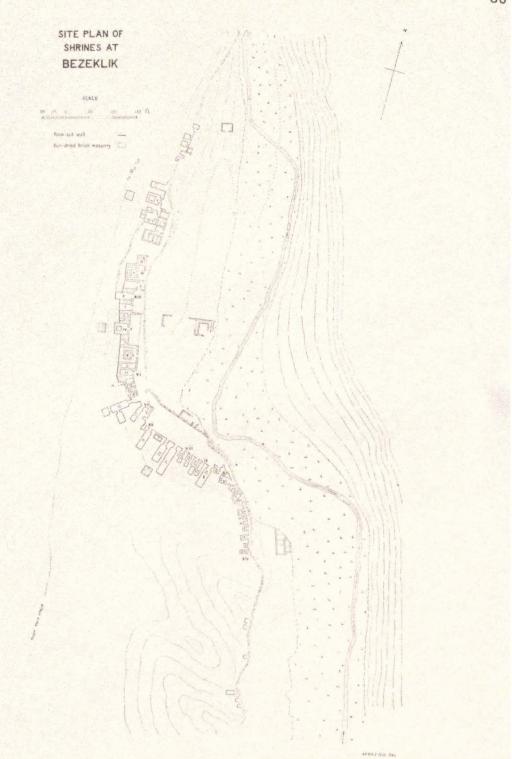
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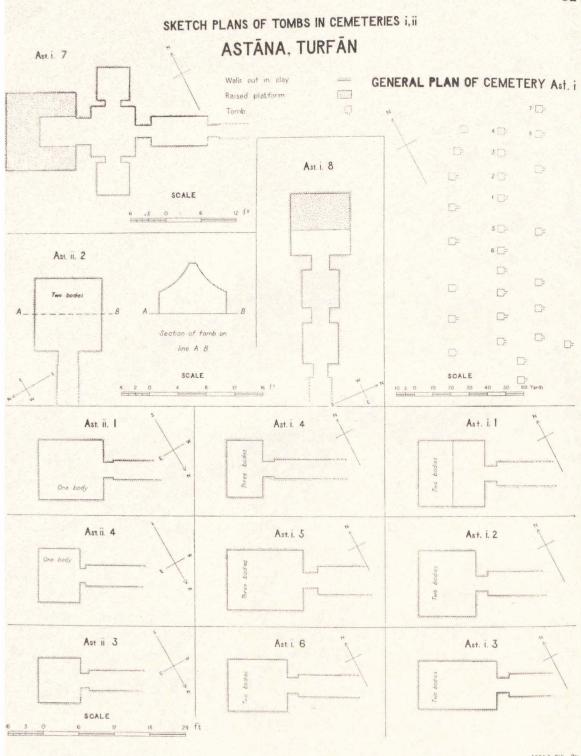










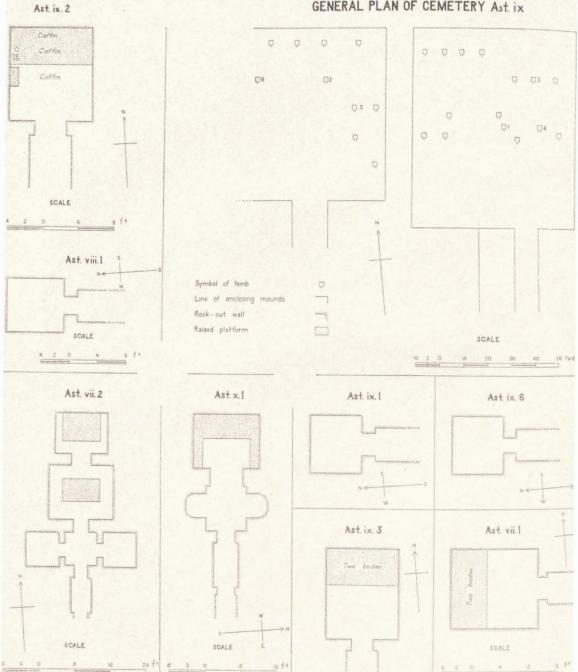


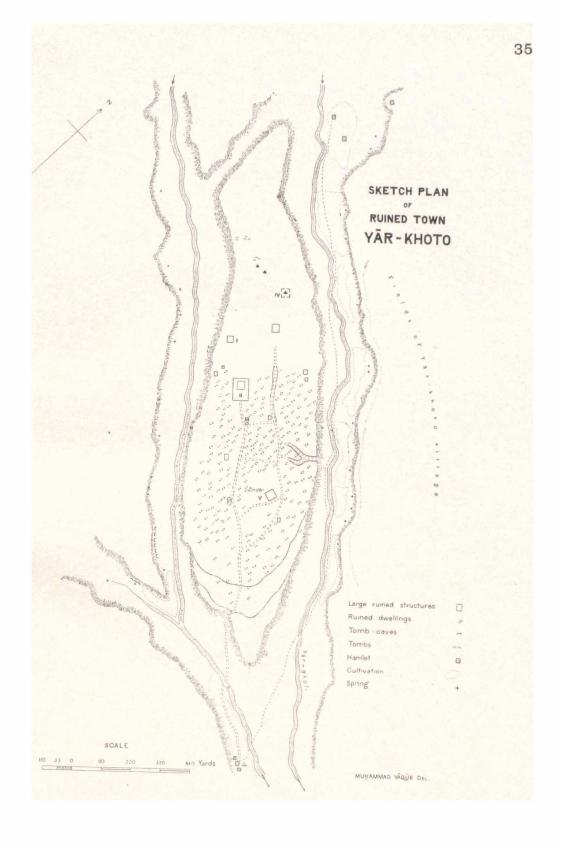
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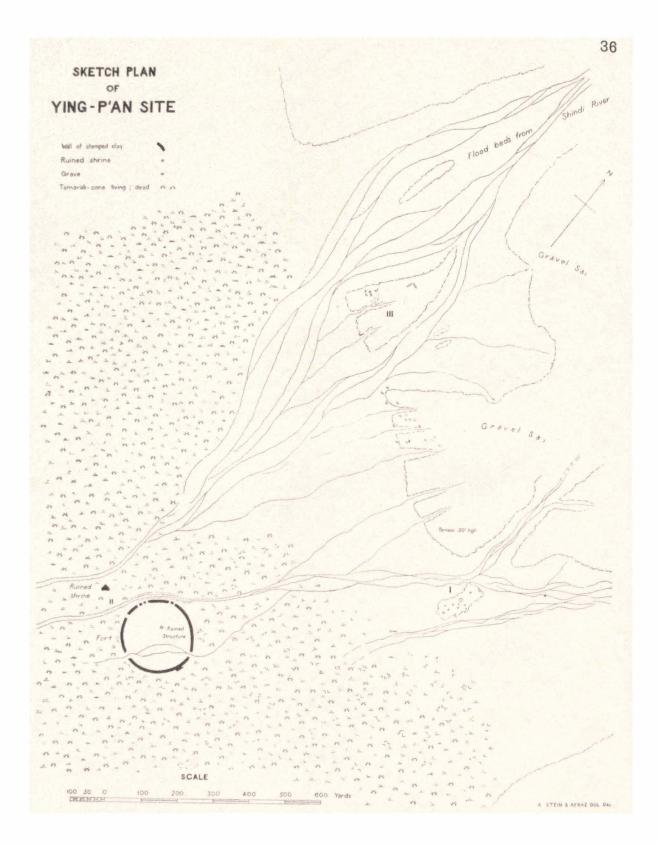
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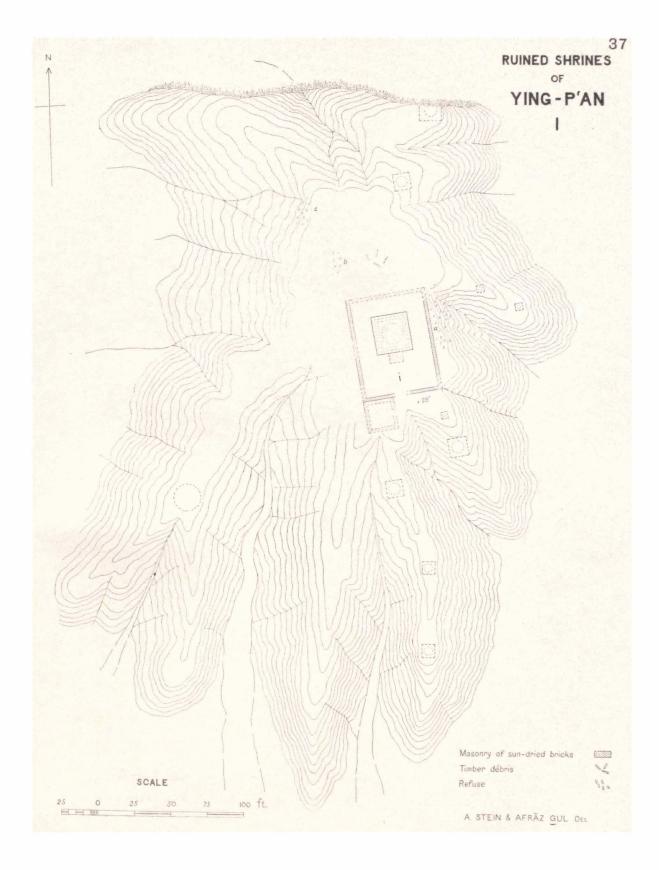
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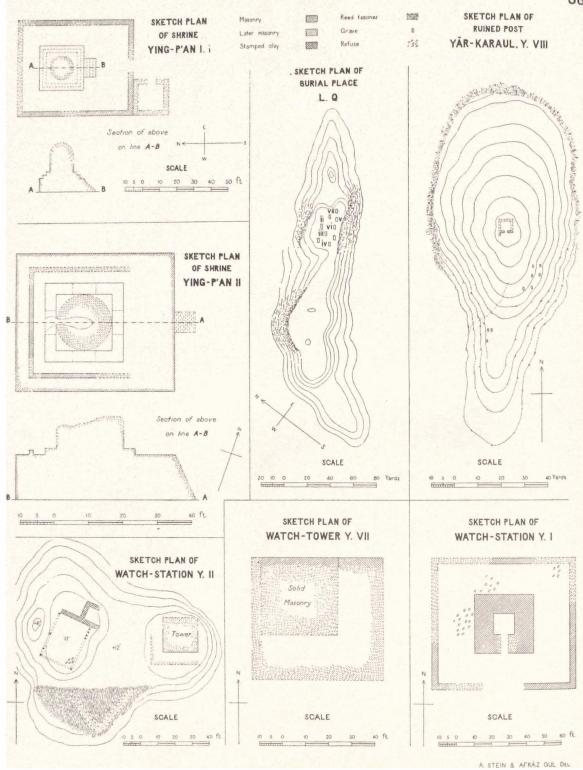
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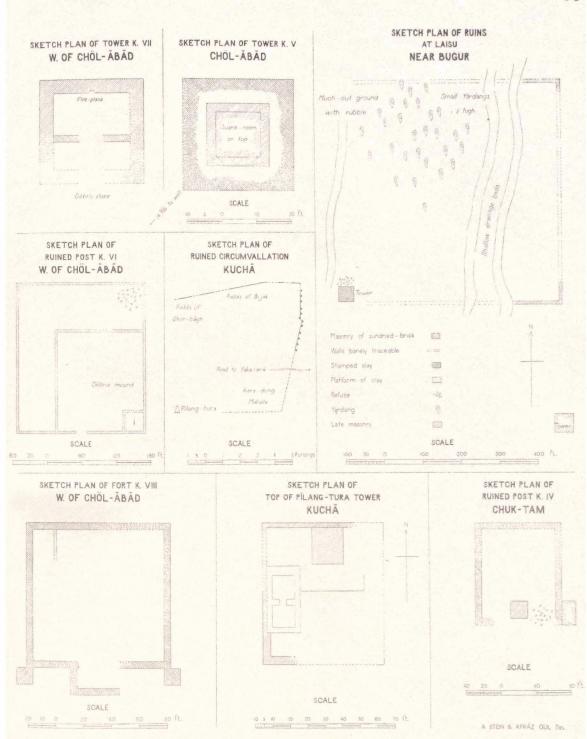


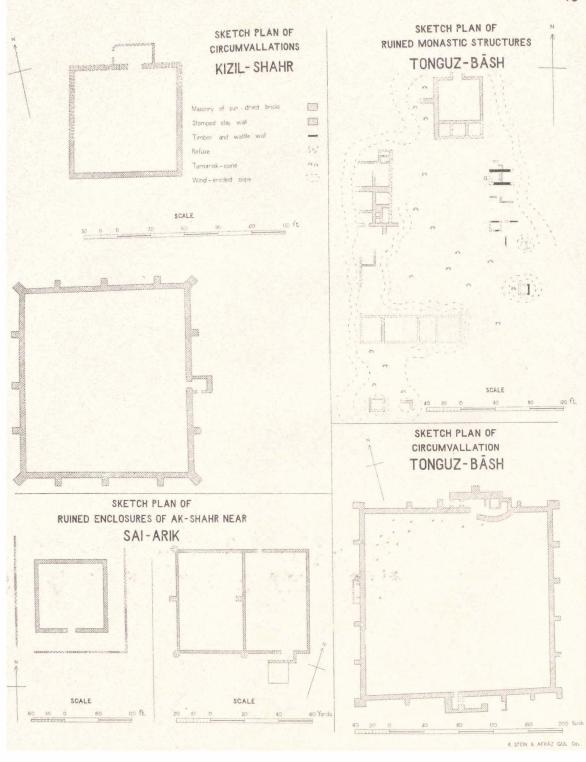


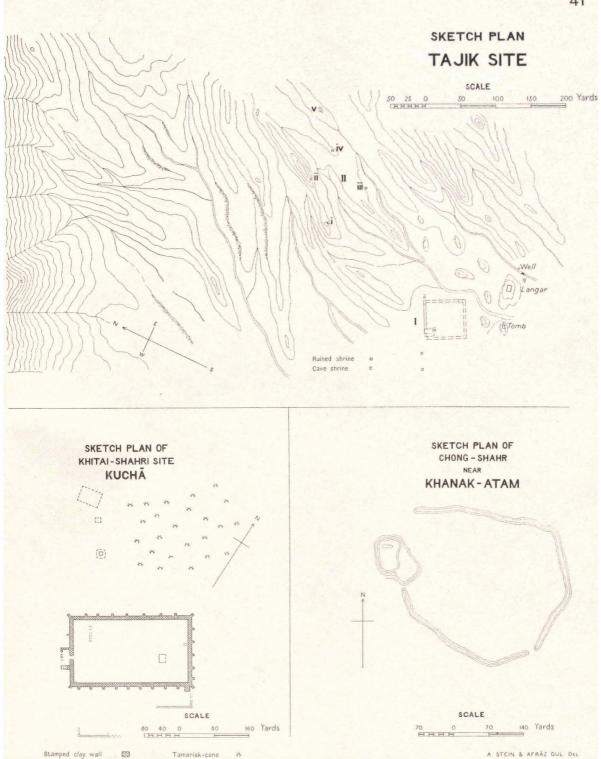


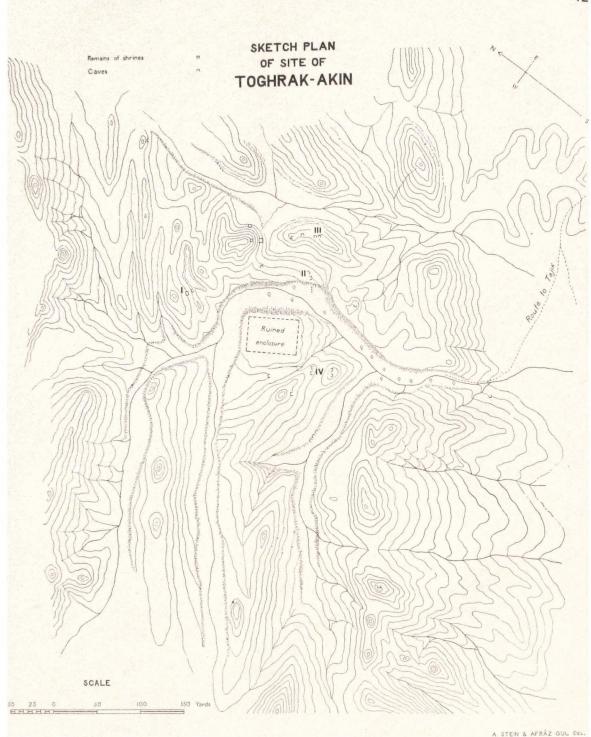


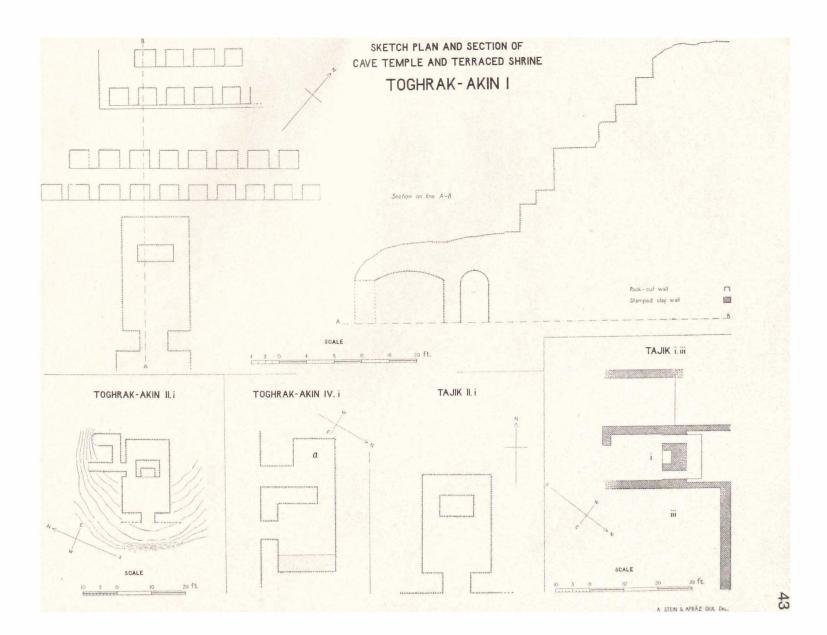


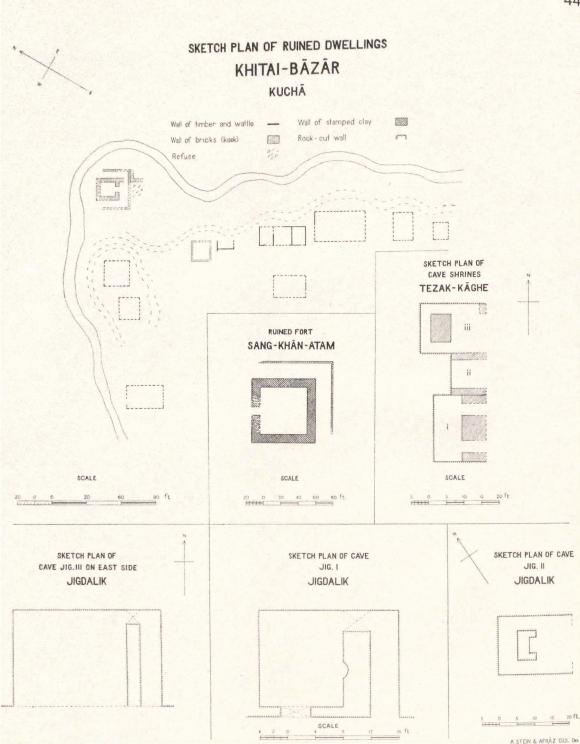


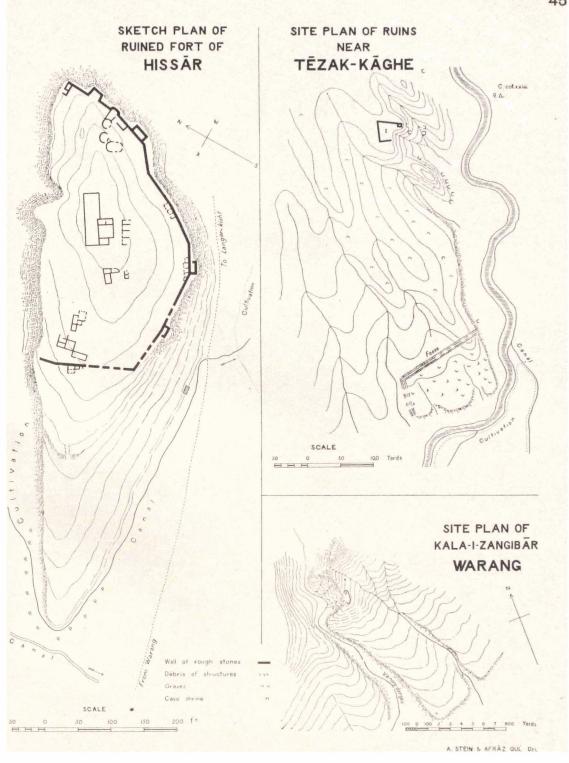


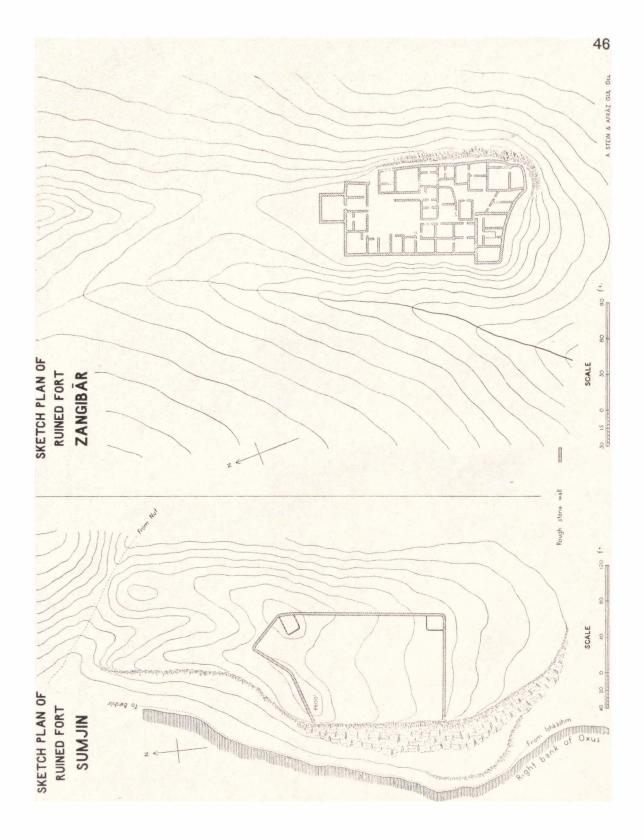


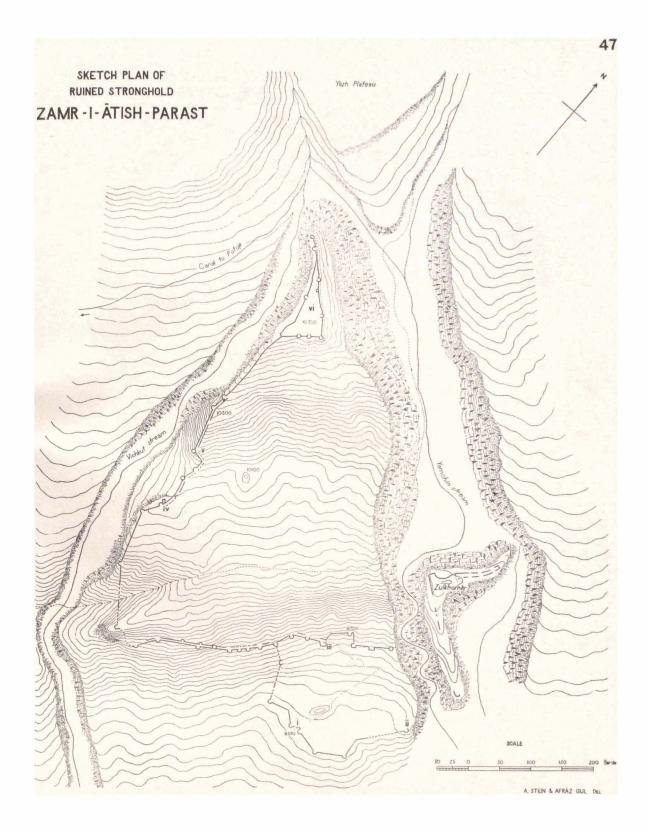


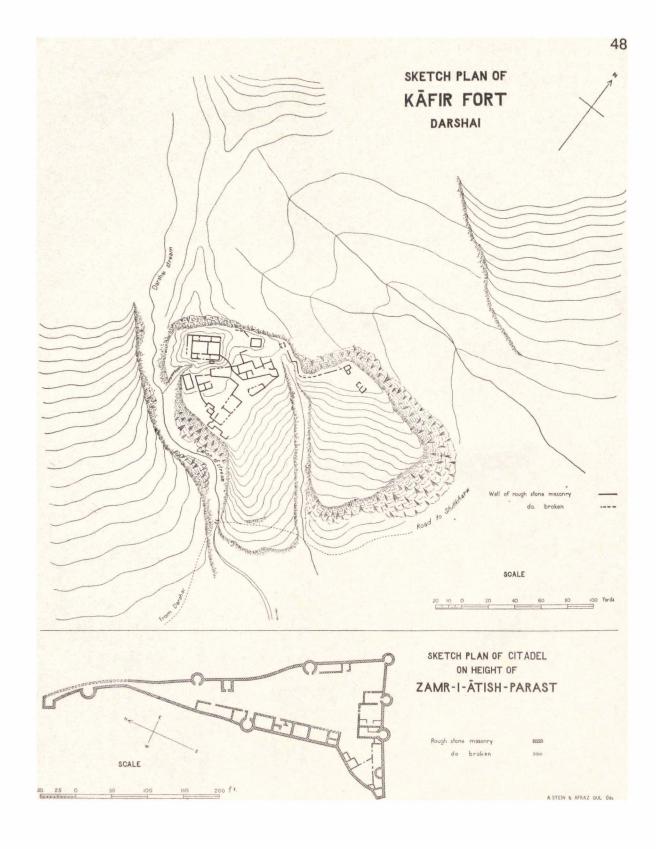


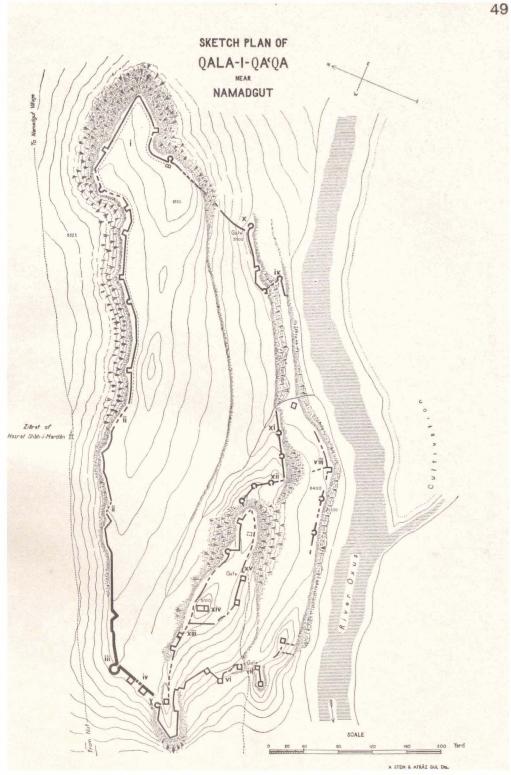




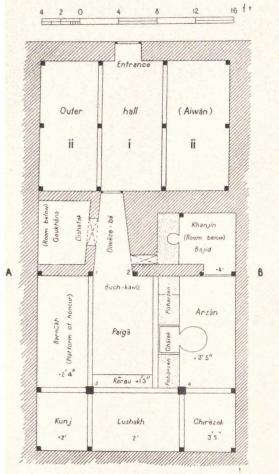








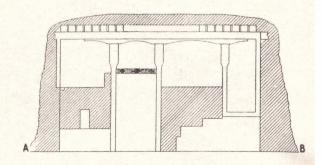
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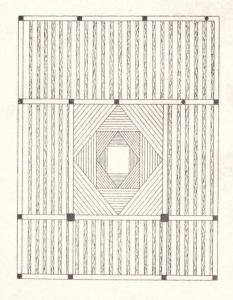
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ELEVATION ON LINE A-B



SKETCH OF CEILING OVER CENTRAL PART OF HOUSE

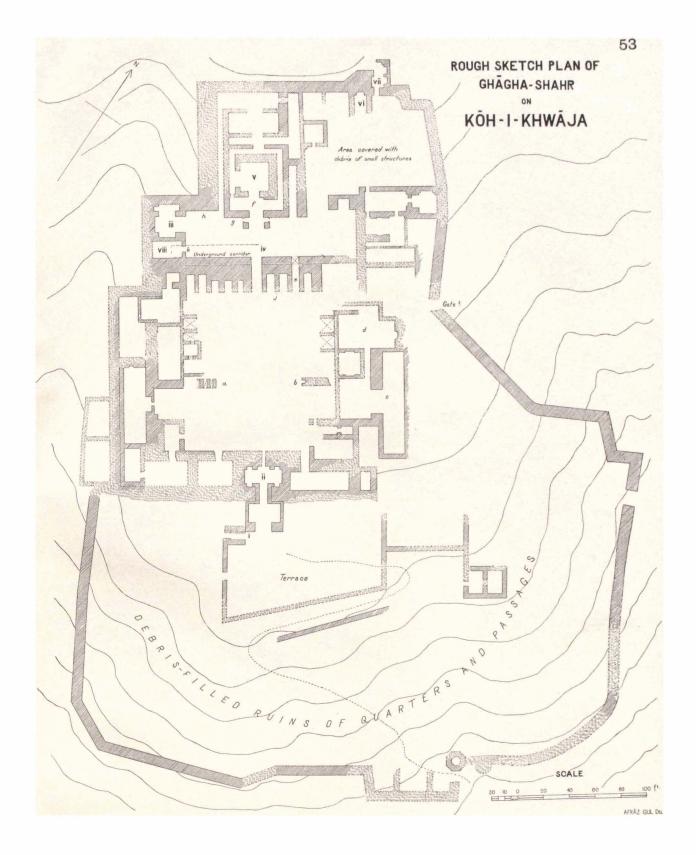


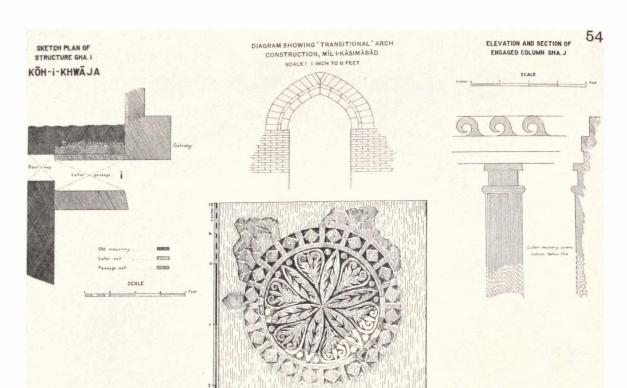
Rough stone and earth wall Wooden post

Wooden beams



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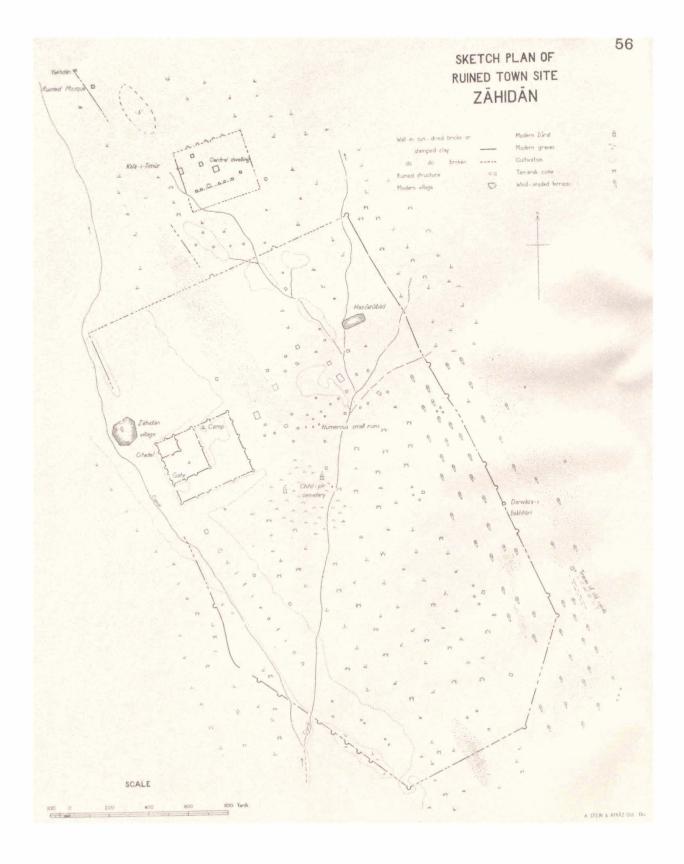


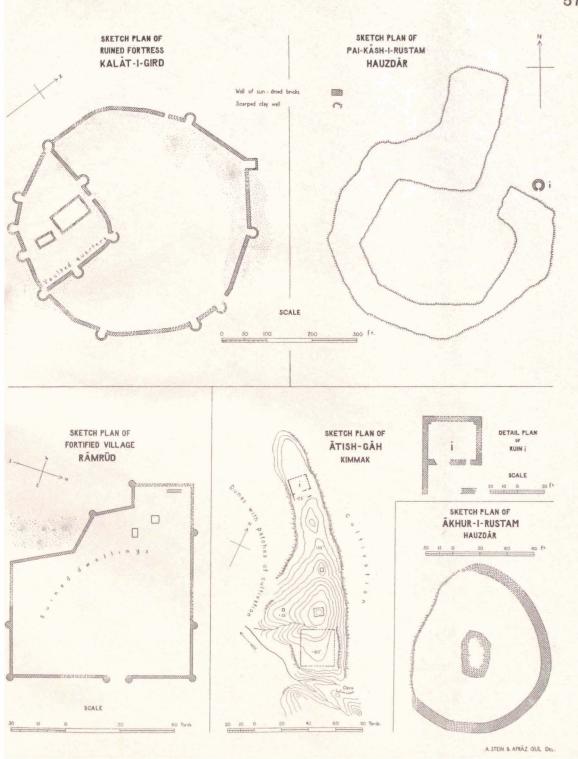
DRAWING SHOWING DESIGN OF DECORATED PLASTER PANEL FROM DOORWAY k, GHĀGHA-SHAHR.

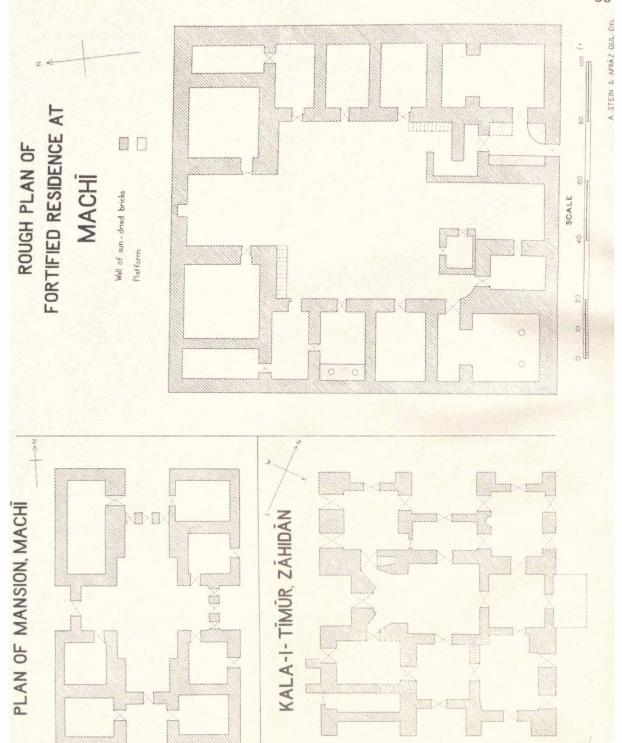


DRAWING SHOWING REMAINS OF MURAL PAINTING IN VAULTED PASSAGE GHA. IV, GHĀGHA-SHAHR (SCALE ABOUT 1/11).

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ROUGH SKETCHES OF GROUND PLAN OF WATCH-STATIONS NORTH OF RUD-I-BIYABAN Masonry of sun-dried bricks [22] Enclosure decayed into lew mound mount Platform of clay R. R. XVII R. R. XII R. R. XVII 60 ft. R. R. XXV SCALE SCALE R. R. IV R. R. XX R.R. XIV R.R. V A STEN & AFRAZ GIAL DEL