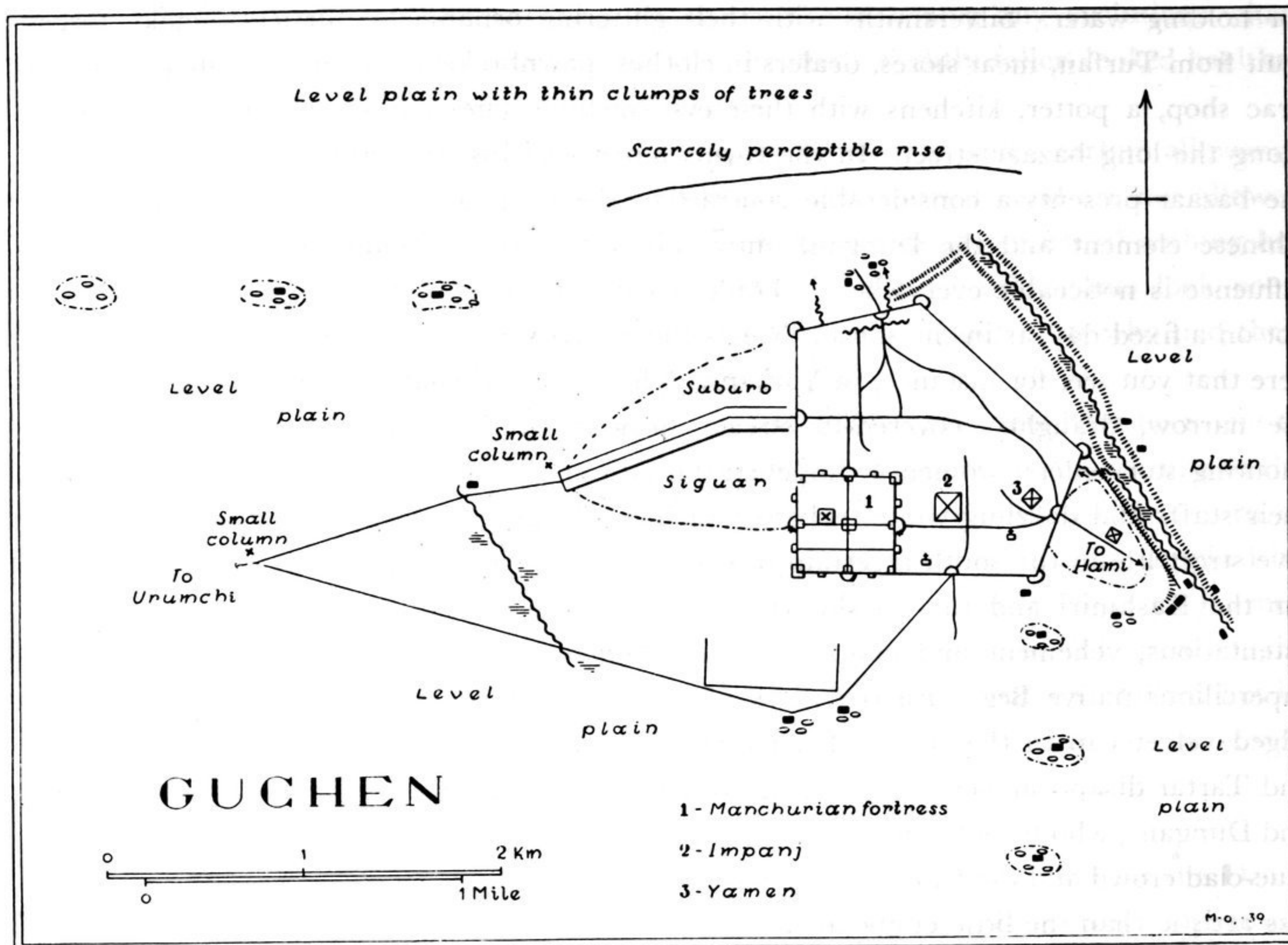


RECORDS OF THE JOURNEY



GUCHEN or KUCHENG

*Kucheng* lies in an open plain with practically no trees or houses. The wall is slightly screened by the suburb Siguan in the W. In the N and E a few houses near the wall. In the S the ruins of a fortress rampart. In the N thin clumps of trees are visible at a distance. The town wall is neglected, 3 1/2 fathoms high, including the parapet. There are ramparts forming two levels. The gates have no external protection and a slightly semicircular inner protective wall. The gates are of wood with small iron fittings. No protected ground outside the wall. A fosse, about 2 1/2—3 fathoms wide and 1 1/2—2 fathoms deep, is lacking in some places. The wall is of clay. A small impanj outside the E gate. The N and W parts of the space inside the wall densely populated. In the S there are some empty spaces. The mandarin's yamen close to the E gate. Near the S gate a small impanj surrounded by comparatively open spaces. — The Manchurian town forms inside the SW corner. Its area is densely populated. The wall, including the parapet, is 3 1/2 fathoms high, of clay except the archway which is of baked bricks. Gates of wood with iron fittings. Width of the wall 25 yards at the gates. Both wall and fosse badly neglected. There is a protected space, 3 1/2—4 fathoms wide, with a crenellated parapet, 1 fathom high, in the E and S along the wall. In the S this has half tumbled down. The gates have protecting projections. The fosse is flanked by these and the corner projections and partly by the projections between the gate and the corner. The stores of arms and of powder in the commander's quarters marked by a X. There is a commanding tower in the centre of the town and some smaller ones above the gates and at the corners. The fosse is 2 1/2—3 fathoms wide and about 2 fathoms deep. — Drawn by the author.

made goods and have their workshops along the street. There you have the undertaker with his brightly painted massive coffins, the basket-maker sits and weaves his baskets, coopers make deep, slightly flattened barrels, or rather tubs that are used by camel caravans