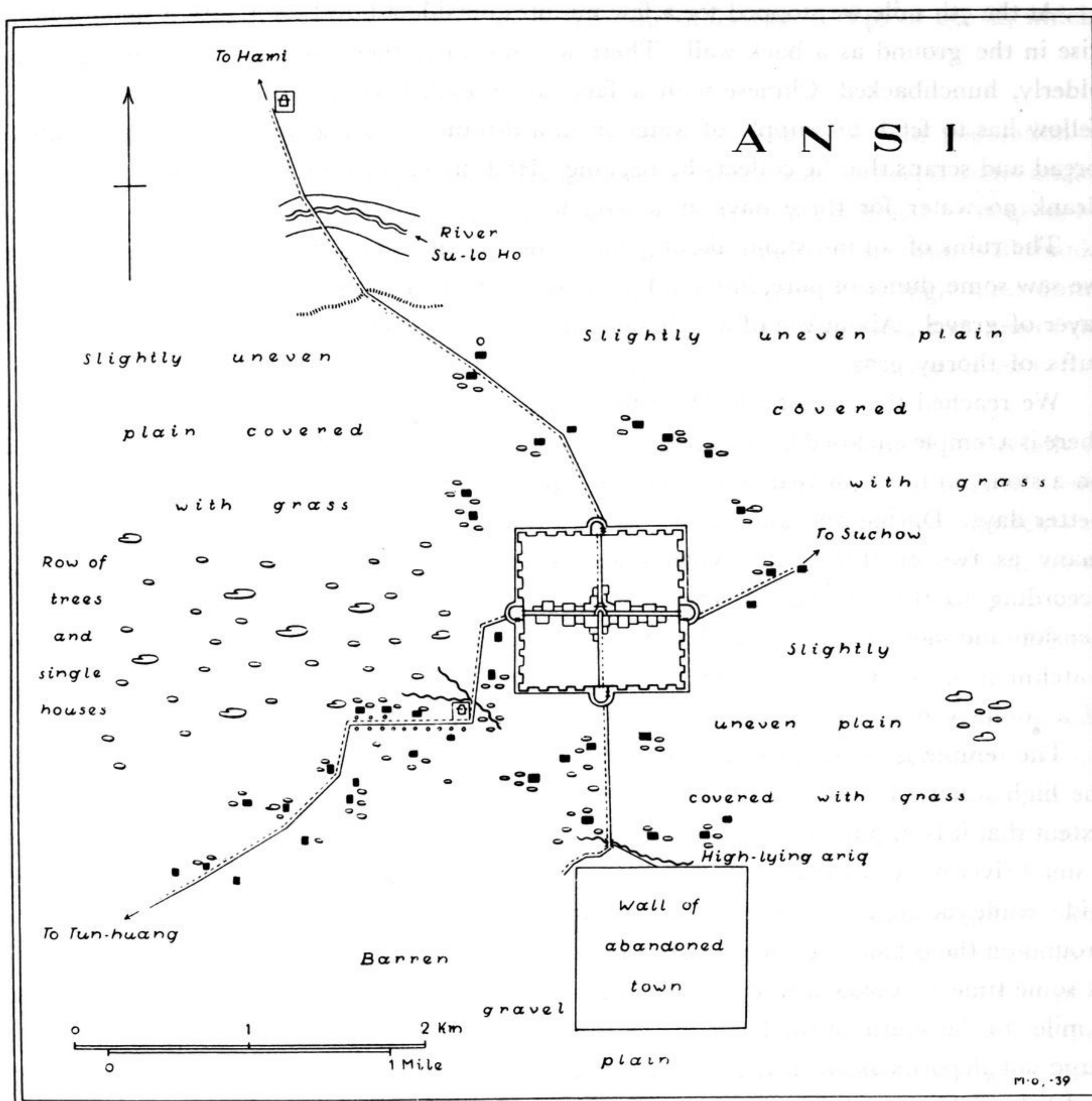


RECORDS OF THE JOURNEY



ANSI

Ansi is surrounded by a wall,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms high, with a crenellated parapet. The parts of the wall, in which the inner gates are enclosed, and the outer archways are of baked bricks, the rest of the wall of unbaked bricks and very dilapidated. Sand dunes extend up to the parapet of the E wall. The fosse has disappeared in places. It is only flanked by the gate projections; the other wall projections are insignificant. Outer archway 16, gate projection 36 and inner archway 26 paces in depth. The space inside the wall is uninhabited excepting the centre and a street running from the E to the W gate. The surrounding ground is covered with grass. There is a ledge in the N, S of and parallel to the river Su-lo Ho. S and SW of the town wall an ariq, lying high. In the S well-preserved massive walls of an abandoned town. The houses in the vicinity quite small. In the E there are practically none. In a W and slightly WSW direction there is a row of single houses and comparatively numerous trees, running from the town about  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a mile wide. They continue uninterruptedly for 14—16 miles. — The Su-lo Ho is swollen in the spring and is said to be over 3 m deep for 3—5 days at a stretch. At other times it is easy to wade or ride across. There are no materials for building bridges except in the tree-covered area referred to. — Drawn by the author.