

leads into the town by a gate that faces N. The wall is about 3 1/2 fathoms high without a moat or protected external area and, except for the gateway and the crenellated parapet, is built of unbaked bricks. At the four corners there are small projections crowned with minor clay pavilions and in the middle of the wall in each direction there are similar ones, also of negligible size. The main street runs from the N gate to the middle of the S wall. The actual square of the fortress is in a SSW—NNE direction. The space inside the wall is densely covered with small mud houses, with an occasional single house here and there. To the S an uneven unpopulated area.

The road was good to-day, but the snow was 0.3 m deep and it was hard work for the arbahs to get through the considerable snowdrifts that had formed in some places. The town population was apparently busy carting the snow on to the road in large baskets placed on arbahs. The name by which the town is designated in Russian maps does not correspond at all satisfactorily to the Chinese Yumen hsien. The district contains the following villages:

On the E bank of the San-tao-Kow river:

Ehrdago, about 15 li SE—NW 270 houses

Thence to the SE approx. parallel to the road Sandogo-

Yumen:

Kuandsjuangza 33 houses

Liangzago 34 »

Nanjangsjyng 31 »

Tchuanpeitching 40 »

Hsia Tunkhunkho 30 »

Hsia Sikhunkho 34 »

Thence to the E:

Ja Wan 37 »

From the town about 50 li to the N:

Huantsa van 70 »

To the S in the mountains:

Tchangma (60 hou) 60 »

30 li in length.

From the town:

To the NE: *Khuakheiza*

(about 100 hou) 300 houses
over 10,000
sheep, 500 oxen,

To the W: 400 horses.

Hsi ta tschy 43 houses

To the E:

Tschung tschy 60 »

To the SE on the road to Suchow:

Tchi tchinsia 36 »

Thence to the SSE:

Tchi tchin pu (40 li .. 340 »

in circumference) and . yearly

Shangtshyting in the SE . over 10,000
tons of grain

Further along the road:

Tchitchinhu 10—12 houses

mil. post, mapoza, 2 sarais.

Thence 3 li to the NE:

Joutchyenza 17 »

Further along the road:

Hoshaogo 4 »

mapoza, 2 sar.

Thence 10 li to the N:

Shenma tcheng 4 »

Further along the road:

Khuikhui pu 17 »