

Fig. 42. Approximate plan of ruined city between Qara-shahr and Korla. Hatching = masonry.

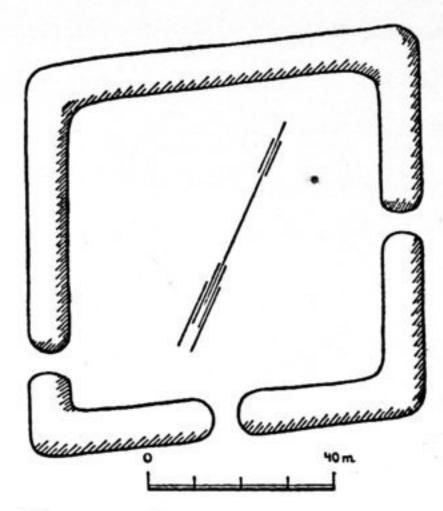


Fig. 43. Earth rampart at Qumush, Quruq-tagh. Approximate plan.

The flat bronze button Pl. 15: 14 is harder to place, but the strap end Pl. 15: 5 can be compared with Arne 1914 Fig. 228, which was found in Qara-khoja near Turfan and is ascribed to a post-Sassanian period. The relief decoration shows affinities with Hungarian strap fittings of the migration period. (Hampel's fourth group).

With the exception of the two Sino-Kharoshthi coins, these objects seem to be from the time during the T'ang dynasty when this region saw heavy traffic and a colourful life in the now ruined monasteries.

LIST OF ANTIQUITIES FROM THE QARA-SHAHR REGION

Ming-öi.

K. 13442: 1. Three joined fragm. of a small clay vessel of light-red ware and with dark-red painting.

K. 13442: 2. About half of a small low lamp of earthenware. Diam. 5.5 cm.

K. 13442: 3. Small potsherd with two black lines. Light yellowish, hard-burnt ware.

K. 13442: 4. Small fragm. of ornament of burnt clay, probably from a sculpture. (Marked Mi. xi, apparently dropped by Stein.)

K. 13442:5. Stucco relief head, the upper part missing. Nearly full size. The arched eyebrows run down into the very sharp-edged nose. Half-closed eyes, but with large swelling eyeballs. Short upper lip, small much-curved mouth. Straight chin with double chin marked below. Pl. 32:9.

K. 13442:6. Stucco relief head, much decayed.

About half life-size. The hair is parted by a horizontal ribbon, the lower part having the coils laid against the sides. The ear-lobes are somewhat elongated. Pl. 32:11.

Baghdad-shahri.

K. 13444: 1. Small fragm. of Chinese coin with the character "yüan" below the hole. Probably a K'ai-yüan.

K. 13444:2. Sawn-off point of a horn-core.

K. 13444: 3-4. Two small chips of black flint.

Danzil.

K. 13443: 1. Chinese coin, Ta-li-yüan-pao (766-780). Diam. 21 mm.

K. 13443: 2. Chinese coin, with unclear legend, probably Chien-chung-t'ung-pao (780-784). Diam. 21 mm.

K. 13443: 3. Chinese coin, much corroded, broken. Diam. 22 mm.