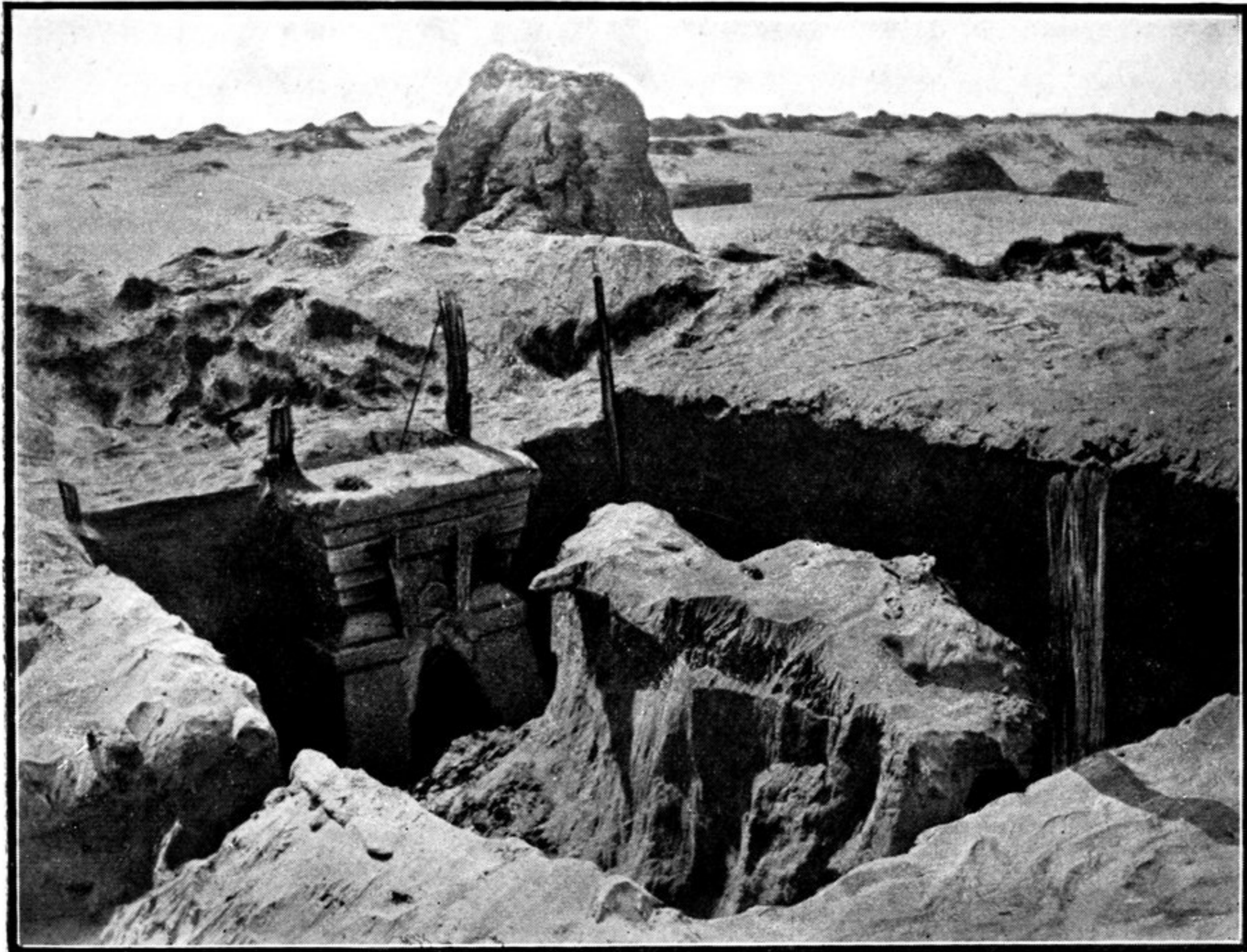


greater consistency. There was nothing to tell of the attacks from Tibetans or other foes which this little stronghold may once have resisted. But its walls have certainly helped to ward off that worst danger of ancient remains in the desert region—the erosive action of winds and moving sands. Looking around from the ruined ramparts, it was easy to realise that the original level of the surrounding ground has been lowered at least 10 feet by erosion.



LOWER FLOOR ROOM OF RUINED DWELLING-PLACE, ENDERE FORT.

Inside the circumvallation the drift-sand, once accumulated, was less liable to be shifted by the winds, and thus provided a protecting cover for the ruins.

The extent of the erosion which the whole area has undergone was brought home to me by the closer examination I made of the Stupa already noticed. On surveying the structure I found that the lowest line of bricks in its foundation was about 10 feet