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Wednesday, May 27, cont'd.  
lowest level. Present maximum height  
of debris at top of ledge <sup>(666 m. high)</sup> adds to 680  
or about 7 m. above lowest  $\approx$  2  
corn of substructure. 11 l. loads cleared  
away in late afternoon. No rain  
today.

Thursday May 28.

Still, humid day, cumulus clouds.  
May rain later. On camp till  
8:30 reading films & fixing accounts.  
Sent Bequinos gang to pack stela  
# 36 & lintel 4. & T. Chucino deployed  
so have 5 men today working on  
temple 27. // On front of bldg.  
features as shown on next page 10.

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Plaster A is to S. of main entrance  
is 220 wide and 150 thick at base.  
But thick part is only 135 wide, for  
rather 90 m. is extension 80 m. thick  
at front built on to main entrance  
as frequent to south of base. No trace  
of symmetrical obtained to S. side of  
plaster was found, no greater traces of  
greater obtained than 55-60 m. wide  
to S. of plaster b. in entrance 3. in  
front of room C. Plaster d is  
extremely sloping & falling. The wall  
debris it, the wall built against a  
in front of the big entrance wall  
which forms front wall of Room B  
showed flanking but fell before long.

measured & photographed. Still visible  
 at base. Traces of floor at its  
 base at much higher level than floor  
 behind plaster  $\delta$ . On part of this  
 area wall there is no plaster distinct  
 behind plaster  $\delta$  as this is behind  $\delta$ !!  
 The south end of outer room  $B$ ,  
 found at a distance of about 390 cm  
 s. of edge of cut in trench and about  
 90 s. of S. end of inner room  $A$  (?)  
 Also about 190 cm. north of top of  
 north latter wall of room  $C$ .  
 Probably solid masonry between  
 Rooms  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ . The width of  
 the room at this place is 140 cm,  
 but as both walls are sloping inward

well measured only at top, width at  
 bottom is uncertain. Joint only  
 showing plaster, or masonry is just about  
 parallel with W. wall of room  $C$ , and  
 almost entirely continuous with it. Room  
 wall is probably on front of rear  
 wall of room  $C$ , but as latter slopes  
 slightly backward, former slightly forward  
 they may be on same line. Probably  
 same same width of  $C$  at base is 135-  
 150 cm. room  $B$  is at north end 190-  
 150 cm, and trench doubtless but apparently  
 130 cm. Wall between front & rear  
 room is apparently 110 cm about thick,  
 but as both are sloping, difficult to  
 determine. Undoubtedly originally

some as between joints in central  
 entrance. Chitin wall certainly 70 cm.  
 thick. At both 10-15 cm wide  
 ledge which shows in other places.  
 At base of this, 25-30 cm below  
 top of ledge is a good part of floor  
 level surface floor. This floor is  
 about 120 cm above level of floor at  
 top of ledge at entrance. Area  
 between is apparently without either  
 steps or wall. Section behind  
 plaster b not excavated shows  
 apparently floor level, dark earth,  
 in sloping grade from this level floor  
 level to first level, rather even  
 slight slope. But lower edge of this

floor section is finally 30 cm  
 higher than level of plaster.  
 Possibly a plastered ramp, but more  
 likely part plaster all such, though  
 has to explain present unevenness. Is  
 about 210 cm from base of ledge &  
 back to first of plaster a. Behind  
 this opening 2 there is an outer wall.  
 Possibly behind plaster b is a section  
 on both sides. Is a plaster of mud  
 with plaster b, and behind that,  
 the outer wall backs against end of  
 row c which may have extended, as  
 in case of row s. mud, to 130 cm  
 or of level of plaster b. but is  
 fallen out of excavation width.

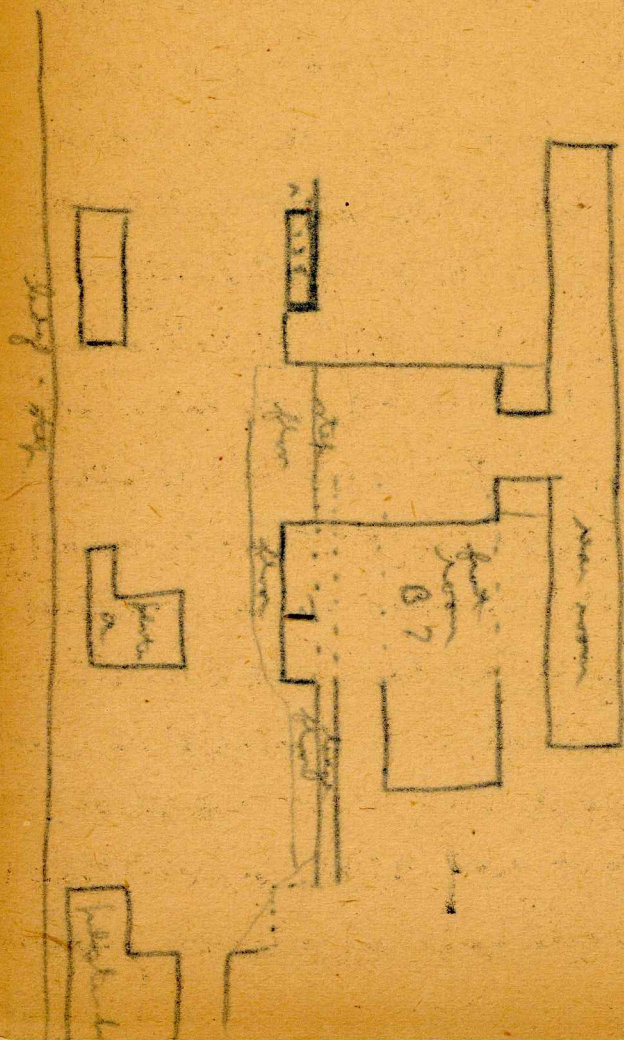
Long continuous wall apparently to a  
 back at base of s. edge of plate  
 a, as at this point an outer wall  
 has been built against it, but with  
 no plate in front of this. The base  
 is about 170 cm from w. edge of the  
 outer wall to e. edge of plate a.  
 Outer wall is only 35 cm thick & inner  
 edge stands out 35 from wall behind  
 it; the interior probably filled with  
 rubble (small stones & dark earth).  
 The wall in the air well beyond edge  
 of is probably only a curb, or ledge,  
 since no curb in wall above it.  
 Probably not architectural feature.  
 The high floor below contains

across wall in front of inner wall in  
 back of plate a, and probably across  
 entrance to room B. The stretch of  
 wall extends 250 cm to edge of trench.  
 no floor is shown to last effect in  
 back in this wall to either side of  
 entrance. But also extended out beyond  
 (W) of edge of this wall to another  
 entrance. Still no evidence as to  
 steps or matter of entry, what was.  
 Edge of backing of outer front explains it,  
 if trouble. Outer wall at first entrance is  
 about 50 thick, total thickness of 2  
 walls 145-150 on both sides. At  
 lower end of outer wall there is a  
 good trace of a step up from the

level of the floor already returned to  
 the level of the form floor in the  
 trench before excavating. Height of  
 step about 40 cm; making level of the  
 outer floor about equal to that of  
 lower floor of front room in southeast  
 of Friday May 29.

No rain now for several days. Was  
 writing letters last night till 11.15.  
 Rather pleasant day, still, nearly clear,  
 not very hot or humid. Stela 36 &  
 lintel + were packed yesterday for  
 Guatemala. Am putting finishing  
 touches on temple, mainly with pit,  
 with 5 m. Other 5 and 4 of Lutz's  
 gang clearing pyramid above stela

21 + 22 to hunt for lintels.



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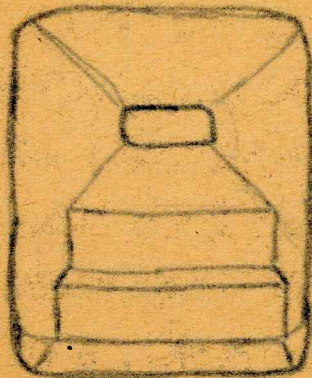
On front of entrance level of entolida slopes down slightly, just near as in entrance 2. Floor is relatively level, slightly sloping, between plaster on front and a floor, quite also with slight slope at much higher level, over a water, at back with steep slope between. Level of entolida slopes abruptly but floor near visible except in section behind plaster is already noted. || The south boundary wall also seems to indicate that the water front fell evenly, such found + topped. At lower end near S.W. corner, on a few level corners, as about opposite W. wall of Room C a few on higher level,

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the level of entolida here also at great slope. Wall between is well destroyed with many stones slanting in corners visible. || N. side of plaster line at S. side of main entrance seems to be step about a little south of corner of wall at entrance to trench. Edge of plaster at N. side of entrance is apparently at 270 cm from N. side of plaster line, making main entrance of this width. This with plaster about 1 m in thick N. corner of bathroom behind it. Main wall between rooms A + B is about 120 cm wide and feet is about 260 cm from N. side of plaster. On front of main

wall is found a feature which is also  
 seen to be replicated at wall behind  
 plaster a., and can be better viewed  
 there as the is cleared able to reach  
 adjacent central is left which interferes  
 with measurement. Section of 2.50 on  
 wall in front of main wall is in 2  
 sections, one extending to 130 S. of a  
 edge of wall at S. side of main structure.  
 The other for the rest of the wall, 12.00m  
 branch between is plastered, along that  
 one section is later. This is probably  
 S. section. A symmetrical section  
 at one of them is found a buttress  
 135 wide & 70 thick being here  
 later (?) added - found in niches

1st buttress to n. a', is apparently  
 2.15m wide along foot. This is  
 large unexcavated central section  
 covering about 2'. // Photos listed  
 5. // By lunch time we had long  
 found also stiles 22-23(?) well  
 cleared & excavation begun. Do  
 steep clay found with 2 tiers  
 at base, with the



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Pyramid is roughly square at base  
 about  $37 \times 39$  m. Tapered at  $65^\circ$   
 w. of m. Left side face steep to  
 low ground, right face steep to high  
 ground, front face steep to east upon  
 in fact, the two low terraces at  
 steep face. The terraces much  
 cut up by drainage gullies. East to  
 right is much higher and front terraces  
 dropped in higher low before right  
 edge of pyramid slope remains. Terraces  
 therefore low on slope down at right,  
 but at left <sup>low</sup> terrace is about  
 150, and higher one about same slope  
 terrace about 7 m wide, a low  
 terrace about 3. All the mounds

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give 5 for width of upper terrace and  
 5.5 for width of lower, with width  
 of slope <sup>back</sup> about 2.5, but exactly no  
 mounds that no other mounds can be  
 made. It is about 32 m. along  
 front of pyramid at rear of upper terrace  
 and north of terrace slope at w. is  
 about 4.5 m. Long stone lies on  
 upper terrace to left and north at  
 left but on court below lower  
 terrace. There is a great heap of  
 stones at left side of pyramid on  
 upper terrace about 50 m high. At  
 right foot corner of pyramid it is but  
 low ground, and here also construction  
 wall, of stepped terraces, about 4,

as the broader one, about 220 cm,  
 like part top of pyramid + has  
 very low terrace on which temple stands.  
 Probably not as well of temple as for  
 inside of the. Distance width from  
 about 170 cm. One small round  
 tree on top. Length possibly 8 cm.  
 One trace of outer wall at back of  
 low high terrace. The low terrace  
 is not so evident or actually missing  
 on sides.

Saturday May 30

No rain now for several days but  
 quiet, hot, sultry. A clear quiet  
 day with some clouds. The best day  
 of regular work. Many can expect

to quit tonight. 5 men finishing  
 north part of temple. 4 others and  
 4 of boats going working on new  
 pyramid, clearing small temple at  
 top and digging at base for level 11  
 Features at north side of temple 27  
 are evidently not symmetrical with those  
 at south. Entrance 2' on part of  
 plaster b' is left covered by central  
 debris, but entrance 3 is measured.  
 North part of plaster b' is clear, its  
 north edge being at about 8 cm from  
 central line of block on axis of temple.  
 Width of terrace B. is 170 cm  
 and terrace C. ~~at the top~~ about 70 +  
 Features in the section are much

now fallen the structure and cannot  
 be well measured or accurately measured  
 for danger of falling & inaccurate location  
 due to slipping. The first part measured  
 to the S. side of entrance 3' is really  
 to the end of the battens placed against  
 plaster b'. The beam at angle of  
 about 45°. The battens depend  
 on the hypothesis of good slipping &  
 otherwise in fact case. The distance  
 next to a side of plaster b' is  
 apparently about 40 rods N. S. + 95  
 that is N. Plaster b' about 160  
 that is N. but probably originally less  
 all for a wall plastered, including  
 behind slabs. The gap behind

plaster b' and the very much fallen  
 wall of very uncertain nature, probably  
 the same wall with battens in front  
 which also or S. side built against  
 main log wall. But as it is now  
 one like off & fallen than at S.  
 side. A small section of the left  
 against main wall but not fallen  
 found about 2 rods. What it has  
 been very far main wall, battens  
 also or plastered like just as at  
 south side. Most features like at S.  
 or N. or now is at south except  
 that room C is divided by transverse  
 wall into two rooms, the south  
 one apparently without any entrance.

Entrench 3' in very narrow, 95' long, and  
 since level 3 was found directly below  
 this on terrace it is probable that it  
 was for line. Plaster c' is very  
 much fallen & destroyed, just as in  
 case of c, and north wall is also  
 traceable only as a long thick bed of  
 stone on west of raised log wall, just  
 as on south side. East of the first it  
 ends in good condition on terrace,  
 the other side found and being long up  
 I described features at north side.  
 The east wall is. North side of terrace  
 3' and S side of plaster c' is about  
 3 m. S, part of probable outer edge of  
 on level wall. Direction of

plaster c' has almost. The east  
 wall is about 13' thick, straight &  
 well finished on inside, fallen on outside.  
 Row c' is just lost on level, bottom of  
 it, with level of upper level terrace  
 on outside <sup>at</sup> base of latter wall. As  
 at north side, row c' has little wall  
 at S. end, finished with latter wall on  
 outside to end, but about a meter  
 north of it. Base is lost on level  
 with high step in mason at S. end  
 lower outside. The base wall is  
 lost on the same level as the wall  
 between rows A + B, near a foot, very  
 well, but less fallen forward, vertical,  
 and feet <sup>wall</sup> ~~row~~ of c' is about on

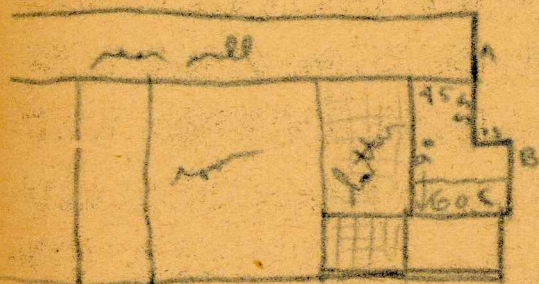
level with feet wall of foot room B,  
 making width of C' room as B. (foot  
 room) and on same level. As at south  
 side, missing base is very thick. Put in  
 about 270 from end of room room to  
 outer wall to a at s. side of window.  
 Room C' has a better wall than B,  
 but the red against return wall at  
 plate facing, the <sup>s</sup> ~~best~~ side of the  
 same wall which leads room B to  
 n. This wall is about 95 cm thick.  
 Floor of room E' is about 40 cm lower  
 than level floor of room B'. Just as  
 at south, the room end wall is built  
 against the better wall (except for one  
 hazy stone) up to height of 150 cm

above better wall fully ends, its top,  
 at distance of 70 cm. n. of return  
 wall to S. Also this part, room wall  
 is built against <sup>return</sup> wall, and plate on  
 n. face of of the return wall at level of  
 better wall return behind room wall  
 built against it, forming completely  
that return to north of wall. In  
room a later addition, and fully  
room to south. On the south side  
also, in room C, the room wall is  
built against better wall up to 105  
cm, and above this, better wall is  
in section, and room wall goes behind it,  
just as to room. Unless room wall has  
been forced on here, to n. and

right left stars longitudinal, spines of  
roof arch layer at 6.5 cm above top of  
latter wall and so 2.15 above floor of  
room C'. There is a fall of small  
stars then retired, latter wall at  
S. end of room C' but on top of  
latter wall is small wall - built corner  
of masonry indicating that top of latter  
wall is here, as it did not continue up  
slipping to meet retired wall there.

There is good masonry resting on floor  
here, does not extend to W. wall of  
C', but only for 90 cm away from  
east wall. Also within masonry, as  
before in wall, S. retired wall is  
further at 1.0 m than further west.

but he looked out very so that it  
cannot be followed to end. All very  
fuzzy



- A is retired <sup>small</sup> wall which extends below  
new wall, finished.
- B. section of same retired wall, finished  
after work
- C masonry step on top of latter wall,  
built just south retired wall

with ~~stone~~ <sup>plaster</sup> behind masonry step.

Step straight face to next side is 15 cm. high above large block of better wall.

D. top of better wall at 15 cm down level then step to e.

E. Plaster of north end wall has been covered a few days, wall about four feet of room C'.

Long in 5 m. runs behind better wall, plastered along. Better wall built against it. It can be filled any way a few cm. Slant of better wall is about 30 cm in 150 height.

Width of this undressed section of C' is 125 cm. Joints of better,

run, and feet well good, let inner face of transverse wall meet.

The indicates that room was filled with + well run to in. The in. side of

the transverse wall is good. Apparent length (n.s.) of room 80 cm. at level

of top of better wall to outer face of the transverse wall <sup>220</sup> ~~150~~ cm.

from base of better wall to mark 150. Either north section of room C' is

205 X 135. All walls well built, including section of n. limit wall.

W. room wall 70 cm long + then down for + - 150 cm to north wall. Just

same as inner room.

} 195  
 } 160  
 } 190.

Ledge is about 35 in  
 above entrance, and total rock height  
 of wall at front 1 m. I believe of  
 rock + rock with masonry, apparently  
 very thick, probably 150 m.

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Just well 110 thick. Then there is a  
 ledge which is also the sill of the  
 entrance 15-20 wide, which makes total  
 thickness at entrance 135 m. Then a  
 steep down into a narrow terrace and,  
 in front of left entrance - probably also  
 in front of right entrance, a latter  
 returning wall in fine slope. Elevation of  
 this is about 125 m out from wall.  
 Steps may have been between this &  
 only in front of central entrance, but  
 no likely, judging from surface of  
 steps and in front of all 3 entrances,  
 - falls before this as to left. ||  
 Returning to Temple 27, the total  
 front wall of room C' is about 1 m.

thick. At height of 90-95 above  
 surface fell on feet on side, which is  
 about 20 m. below floor level of  
 room C' to east, is the 15 m. wide  
 ledge found all along this building,  
 which indicates that it was <sup>above</sup> the  
 wall faced against it to front.

At 190 m. S. of this wall the  
 north end of this wall at S. side of entrance  
 to room C, is a battress built out against  
 it, its N. end nearly on line with  
 edge of plaster b' (not counting  
 thickness). This battress is <sup>about</sup>  
 75-95 m. from wall as measured  
 from above ledge. But it has  
 evidently fallen away a good deal

from the main wall which shows  
 plaster behind it. On 140 m. side  
 of probably of similar features with the  
 battress against same wall behind  
 plaster a' which is very fine, at least  
 against wall behind a, which is less  
 refined. This is 70 x 130. and  
 50 x 130. Probably also in like  
 plaster b, but this not measured, was  
 hidden by wall built in front of it, now  
 fallen forward. A wall was almost  
 certainly built against this battress  
 also, but it is terribly fallen away on  
 back of it is found at 120 m. of wall  
 against which it probably originally stood.  
 This reduced space of aisle behind

plaster b, and probably further walls  
found a topless than. The long  
n. s. wall seems tilted - slope  
returns just after s. of wall between  
B. & C, in front of B. As regards  
this is a great difference in level  
between base of plaster b, i. e. a floor  
level there, & floor level of room C's  
base of long n. s. wall. Some of this  
to be examined Sat. morning. "  
Should now dig under floors in  
front of front rooms - they found  
lots with casks of flint, obsidian &  
jade in each of 3 central - south  
entrances, in loose embolite rock  
fill, beneath floors & slope due to

walls. No floor under them, only  
embolite fill. Kind of this more  
repeated as before noted. Ramp or  
settling? All jets looking but like  
those found in vestibule above. Floor  
has holes, but not deep cups. "  
The plaster behind the outer  
plaster and at back of aisle behind  
outer plaster, or at front at  
much greater height, than does,  
than base of front plaster. This  
inner behind plaster b. Width  
of aisle is about 100, and base of  
inner plaster is 60-70 in higher than  
that of front. Floor level about  
slightly sloping over plaster, and the

steep slope of about  $30^\circ$  to base of  
 ice plateau. Again, evidence on  
 roof? I stood over dug for holes in  
 northern C. They found one but  
 determined that our well & better  
 or will do get you down below  
 floor level. But against W. well,  
 as already noted, is ledge at  
 floor level, and beneath this, filled  
 over with large meltwater, a sloping  
 face at outer edge of ledge. All  
 data indicate that the inner well  
 was about, and over an eastern well,  
 better well west, about, also an  
 eastern well, a new well the latest.  
 This well at base of ledge must be  
 followed down.

Friday June 5.

Left here Sunday to Thursday  
 inclusive dividing up rest of ap-  
 pears for Phil. Burtula &  
 photographing the group for G.  
 We reached Sunday on new  
 frames 25, and a little on tape  
 on Monday. Wagon arrived here  
 on Monday, we loaded again on  
 Wednesday, over here in my last  
 shape and left Thursday with  
 #36 for Burtula and the larger  
 part of 14 for us, also 3 boxes of  
 lintel #3. On Tuesday sent off  
 12 boxes for T. Morgan, 6 for G +  
 6 for P. main ~~of~~ contents

agent arrived Monday. I saw  
 nothing till about Tuesday & after  
 that much rain. // On the  
 room C. a second floor was found  
 at depth of 75 cm under upper  
 floor. It is a day up next year. Large  
 against next wall is 20-30 cm wide  
 and held up by slightly sloping  
 better wall. This lower wall was  
 at S. flank with end of wall above  
 and low ledge at end of wall &  
 doorway. Near wall rests on outside  
 under upper floor, and with better  
 wall rests on heavy rocks, good  
 facing entry at upper floor level.  
 All data indicate that next wall was

earliest and originally outer wall of  
 block, or wall added later & also  
 exterior wall of block, & inner wall  
 added later making room here.  
 The wall faces low sloping part  
 of wall to S. continues below for  
 low part of better wall to N. but  
 no plaster found noticeable. I see  
 no better wall was added at same  
 time as floor level was raised,  
 since low part of better wall was  
 left intact good facing. It was  
 quite near & with wall would  
 be continuous unless upper floor  
 was originally terrace. Doubtless  
 the inner straight wall like the

or better wall which was original on  
 landing of the room, or down at  
 on side of May also plaster of  
 w. wall & of s. retained wall with  
 curve. Plaster has no adhesion!!  
 Level of top of on figs 225 - not  
 found, probably had one, or of wood or  
 plain stone. Base at bottom of  
 steps well curved, & feet base of  
 steps well down in places. Face of  
 pyramid at well marked - still  
 hope of finding better for next year,  
 especially on left side. Width of  
 pyramid at upper terrace was 150.  
 Apparently on terrace to rise which  
 shows on right side beyond opposite

at 5th 2.5 on from edge. To  
 left side everything is destroyed & will  
 show below left entrance, about 160  
 high low terrace, level of which is  
 too much destroyed here. But  
 stairs as certainly in front of right  
 entrance & must have been in front  
 of left also. No more data -  
 terrace interior.

Sunday June 7. Rains every  
 night now. Spent yesterday - camp  
 Thereby still, heard a lot  
 today. Last visit to ruins for a  
 few minutes for last notes. //  
 Show of room C. can be followed  
 though doorway which will show floor

is good, but not so good as clear.  
 No ledge here. Ledge on outer  
 side, (low ledge of 2, isolated  
 on same level as that on inner side  
 in room. The low floor was  
 covered filled with a lot of  
 of large stones. No edge to the  
 floor was found, no any step  
 leading down to low levels, in  
 front. I shot north of wall in  
 lower section for all ledges 160  
 cm. Level of buttress behind plaster  
 B seems to be (low) in between  
 level of 2 floors. Did floor agree  
 with it to indicate the level of the  
 low of buttresses? // W. all against

this on W. side may have been  
 lower than the 130 cm measured  
 just before to fill. // At a point  
 the seem also to be a ledge on  
 inside of W. wall of corresponding  
 room but pretty under. // At  
 also a low floor there about 80 cm  
 below ledge. I also had to  
 determine as day very muddy.  
 All features here difficult.  
 W all is in good shape for that  
 150 + trouble at base for 200,  
 but part of this may be for found

Friday June 17.

Went with <sup>2</sup> Santa Alderson  
by boat about 10 miles down  
stream beyond Colossal (Alma  
monte) to settlement of El  
Ducend, & then took horse &  
rode 2 or 3 hours in to small  
settlements of Santa Maria and  
Tascal on telegraph line from  
Ternaque to Monterista.

There are small ruins where  
San Villanueva got a small  
number of figurines. There are  
few mounds of 20-40 ft  
height but with no evidence  
of walls or edifices. A few

Itskese lumps of promise  
found, but nothing of interest.  
Spent short time here as I was  
not feeling well.

Wednesday June 24.  
Boat finished spent several  
hours at Junta on river of  
the mud at upper end of delta  
of Mucumita. Low flat  
land of even level. At edge  
of village a high mound or  
cuzco, probably about 55 ft high  
rather steep & abrupt, central  
pyramid with terrace at about  
25 ft height. Terrace

rectangular & probably square,  
 pyramidal square or conical. As  
 now turned into masonry wall  
 with flags on top & stairs of  
 sides. No evidence of structure  
 on top, possibly a metal tower  
 below to river. A few  
 shreds picked up. Some smaller  
 mounds in valley, some built  
 one & some cut through by streets.  
 One of fair size near big one.  
 All with masonry shreds very  
 thick & masonry together & masonry  
 at sides where dug into.  
 Only this & few more. Some  
 thick but none coarse. Mostly

light red, some plastic black  
 about all year, a few mounds.  
 Sealed with black part but  
 none flyhard. Very soft.  
 Sealed in pots, annular hole,  
 etc. No handles. I used a  
 few black close together.  
 On one place, in cut for  
 street, floors of room also  
 plainly. A good lot of  
 shreds collected.