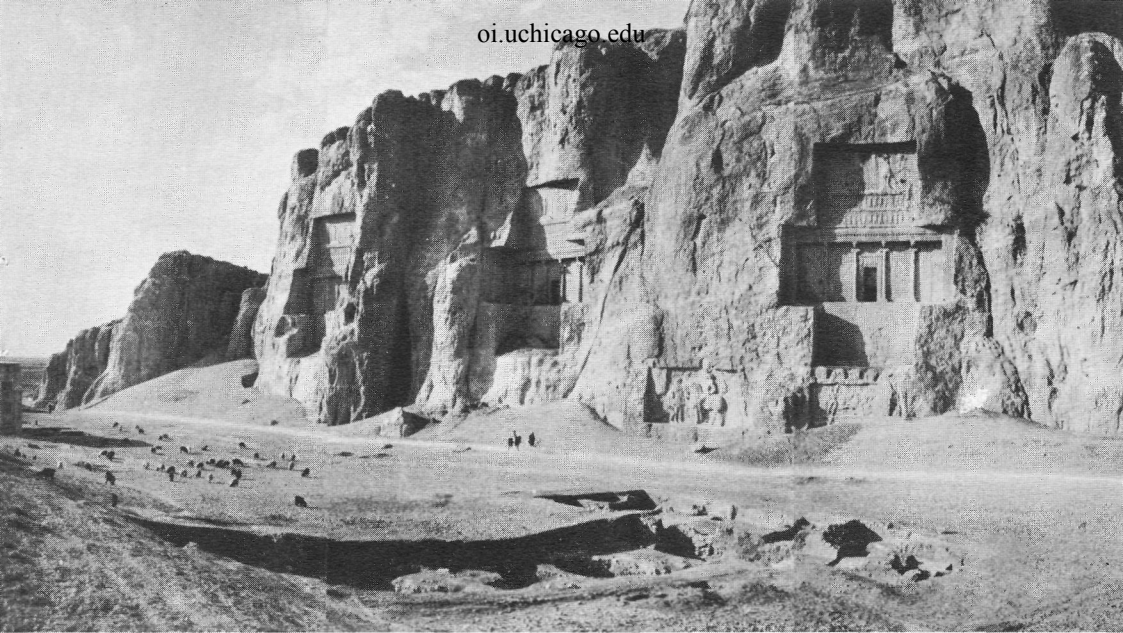


1. THE IRANIAN EXPEDITIONS

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The major operation of the Oriental Institute in Iran covering the years 1931-39 was the excavation of Persepolis, the dynastic capital of the Achaemenids. In 1934 the University Museum of Philadelphia and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston became joint sponsors with the Oriental Institute of this project, which included also excavations in the environs of Persepolis, namely, at Naqsh-i-Rustam, Istakhr, and Tall-i-Bakun, covering periods from prehistoric to Islamic times. Available publications include A. Langsdorff's and D. E. McCown's *Tall-i-Bakun A*, G. G. Cameron's *Treasury Tablets*, Schmidt's *Treasury of Persepolis* and the first volume of his definitive report: *Persepolis*. The second *Persepolis* volume is in press, and the third is nearing completion. The Persepolis Fortification Tablets are being prepared for publication by R. T. Hallock and R. A. Bowman.



Rock-cut tombs of Achaemenid Kings at Naqsh-i-Rustam

In 1938 the Oriental Institute sponsored jointly with the Iranian Institute and the University Museum an exploratory expedition into the mountains of Luristan. The results of this highly successful enterprise, which culminated in the discovery of the sanctuary of Surkh Dum, are being prepared for publication by Schmidt.