

A SURVEY OF THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHERN
MESOPOTAMIA

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Using methods similar to those employed in the study of the Diyala region, this survey is concerned with tracing ancient canal and settlement patterns in a number of other areas on the Mesopotamian plain. The first season of reconnaissance was carried out in 1956-57 in cooperation with the American Schools of Oriental Research. Since then two briefer campaigns have virtually completed coverage of the region between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers from north of Baghdad to the ancient city of Nippur. In 1960 the focus of operations was shifted to the district of Khuzestan in southwestern Iran, where studies were conducted with the cooperation and sponsorship of the Khuzestan Development Service.