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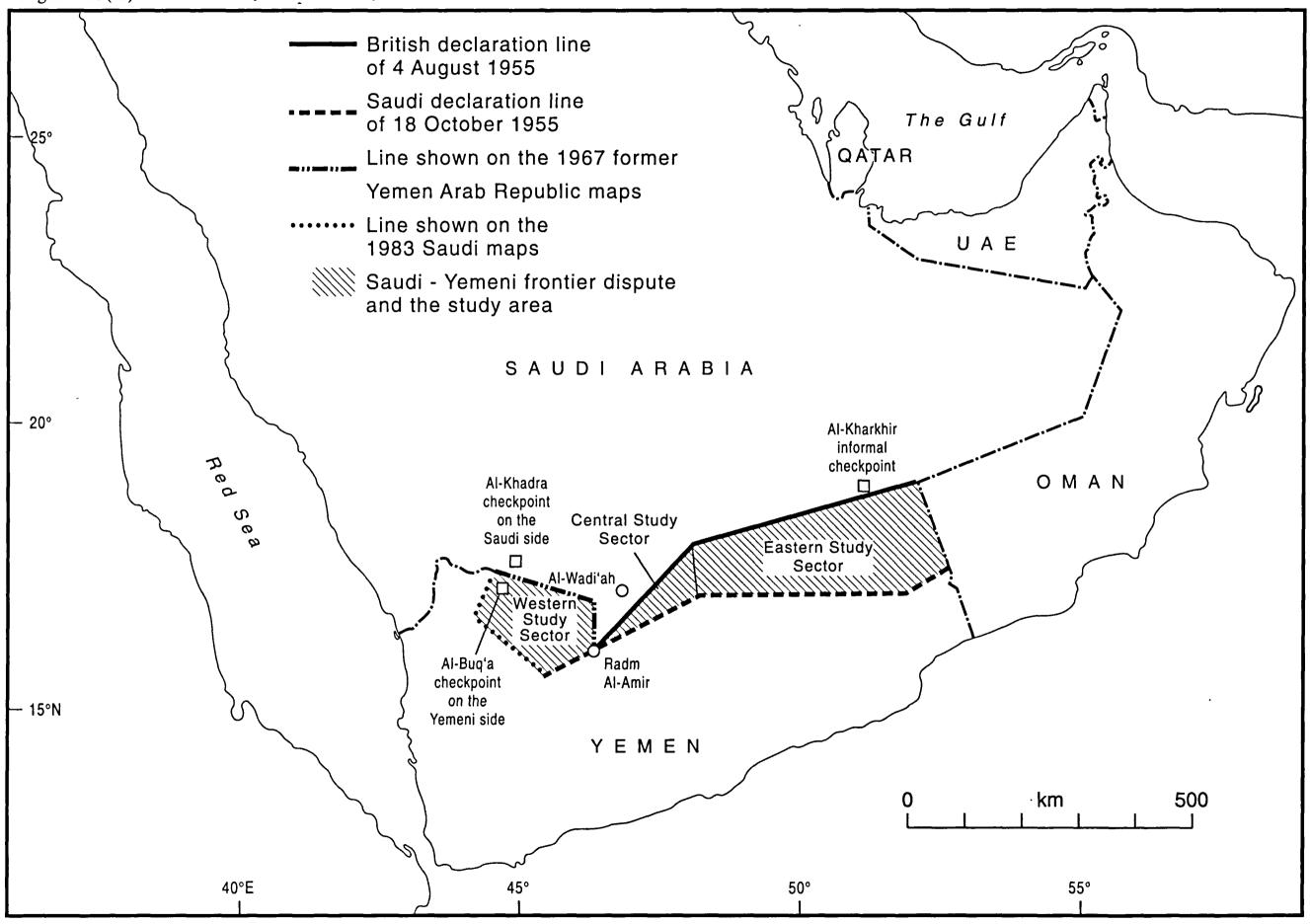
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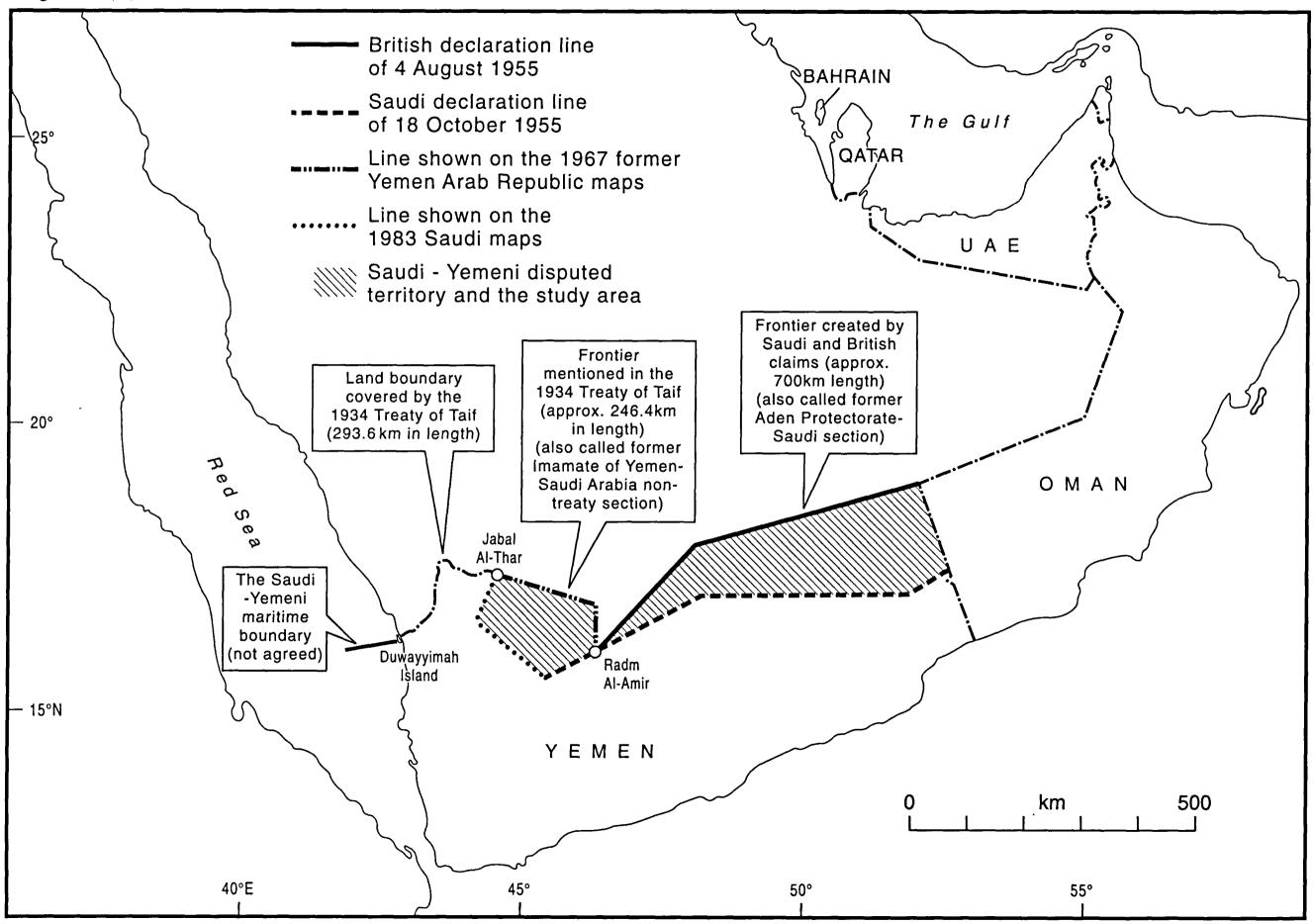


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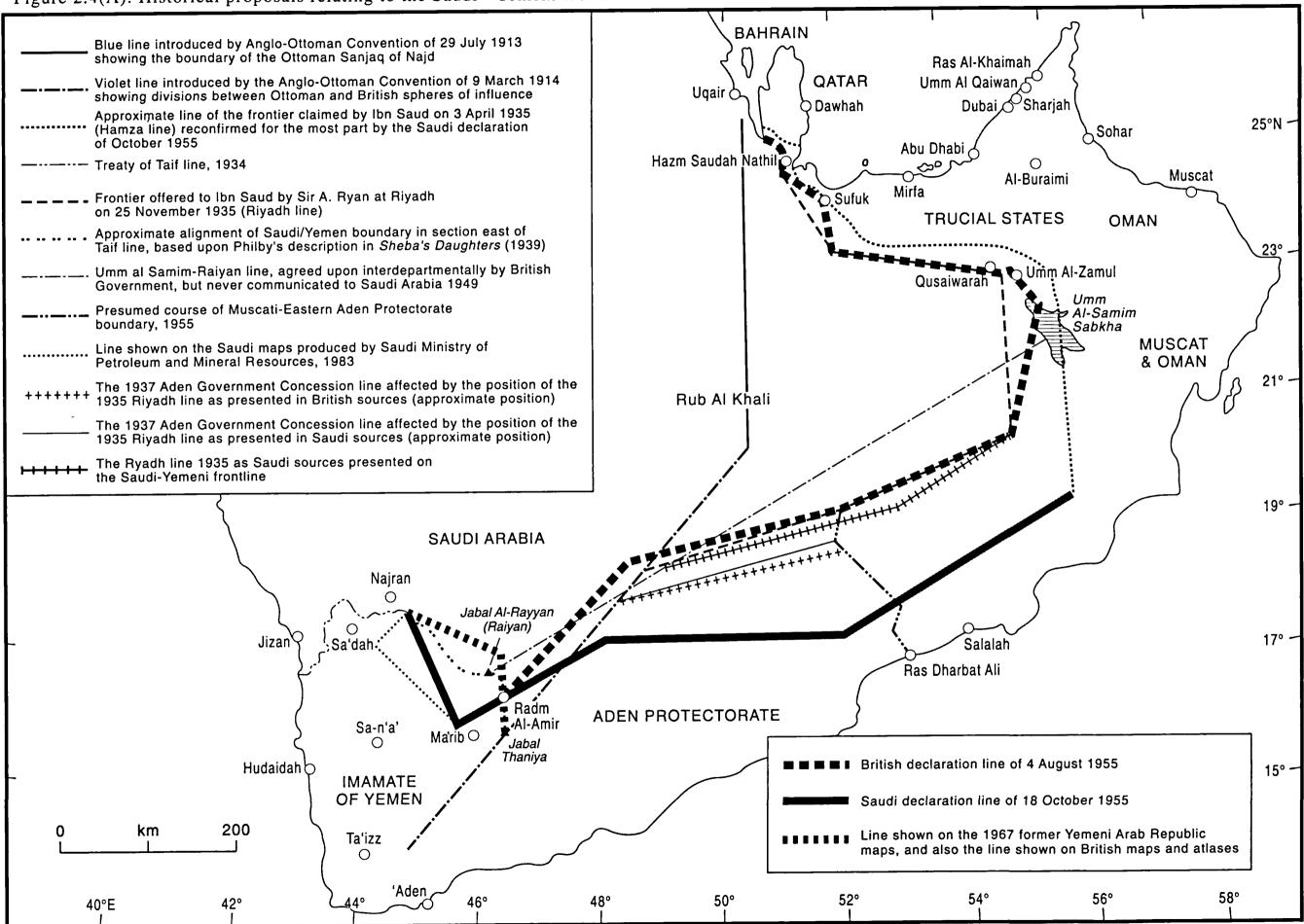
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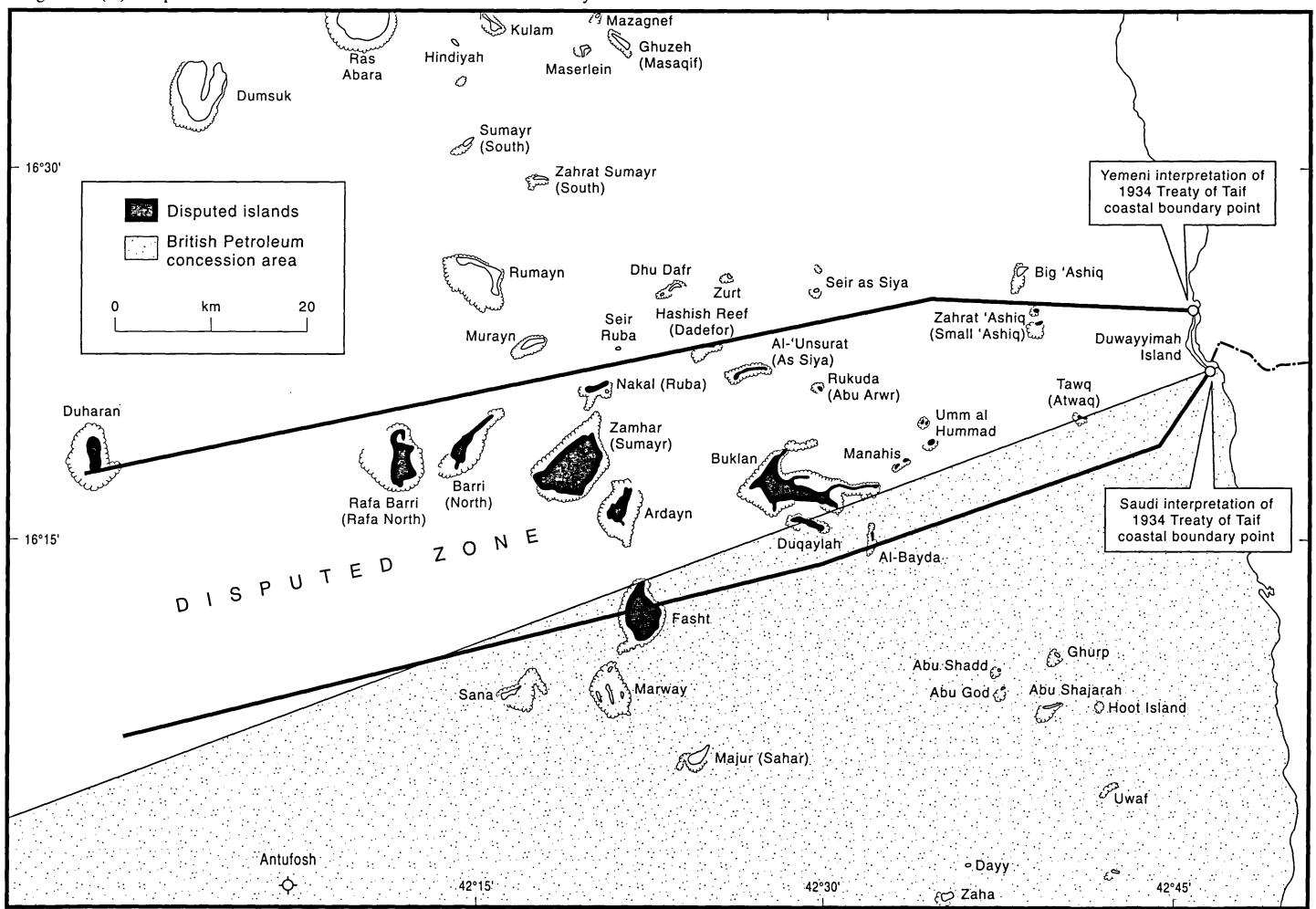
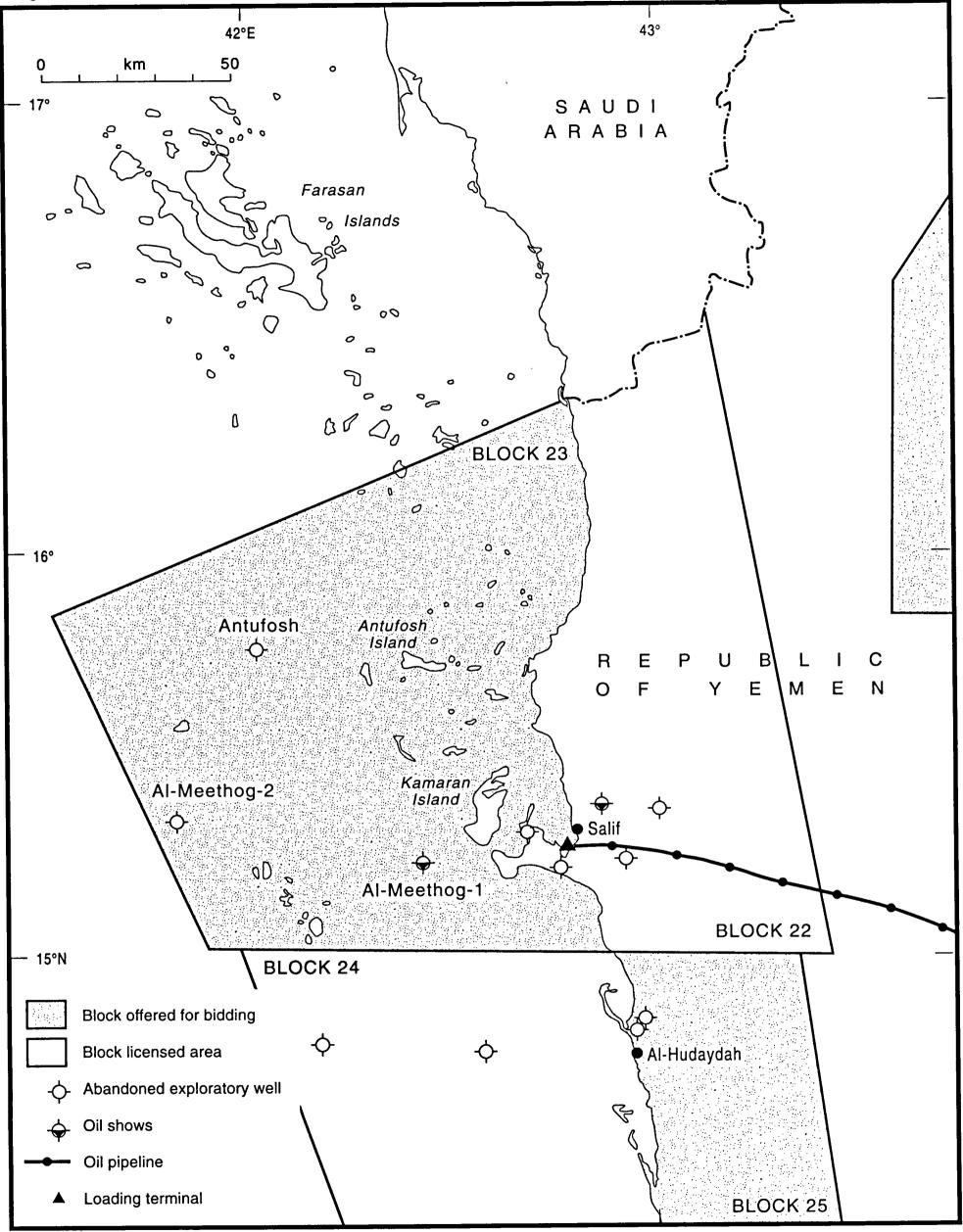


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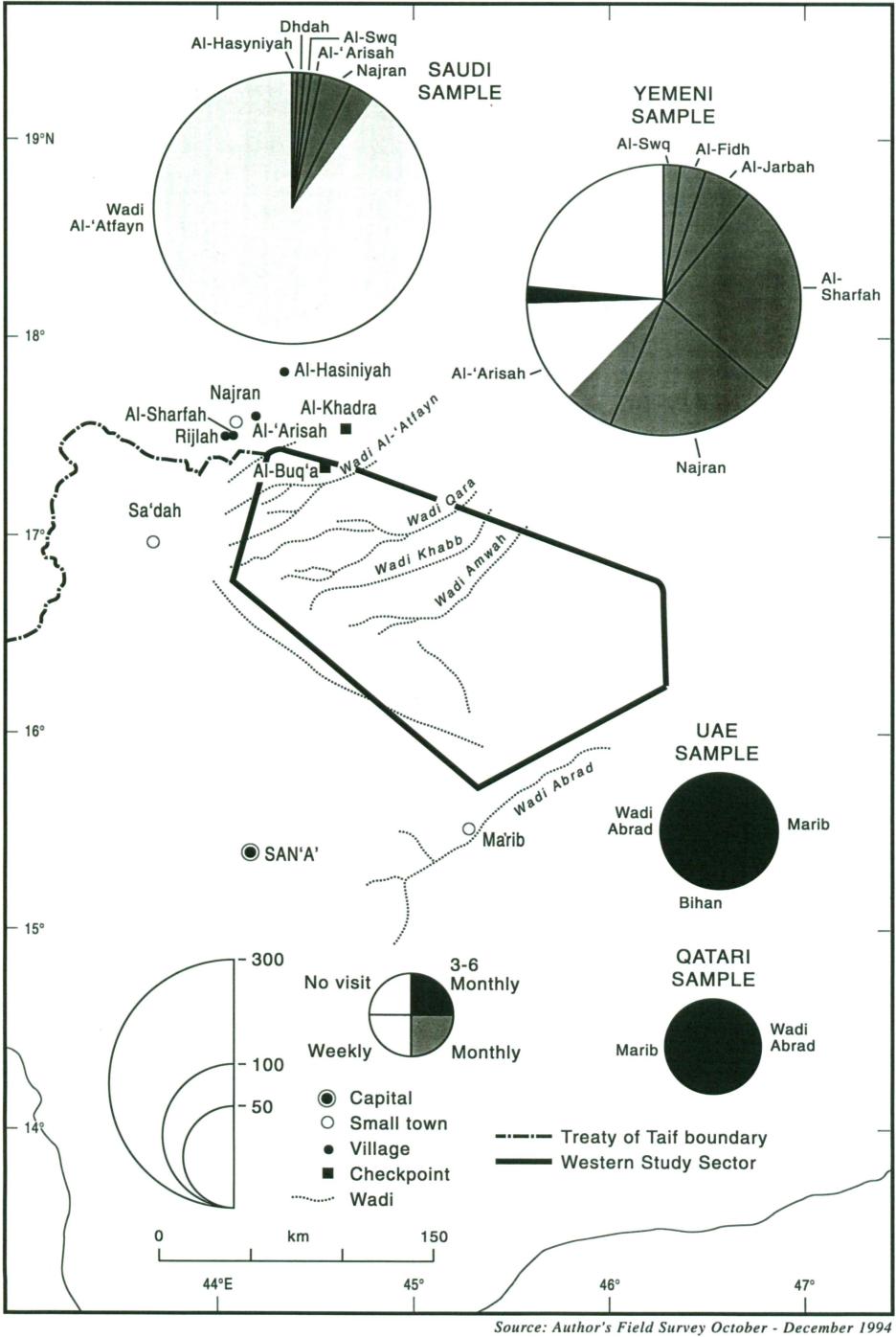
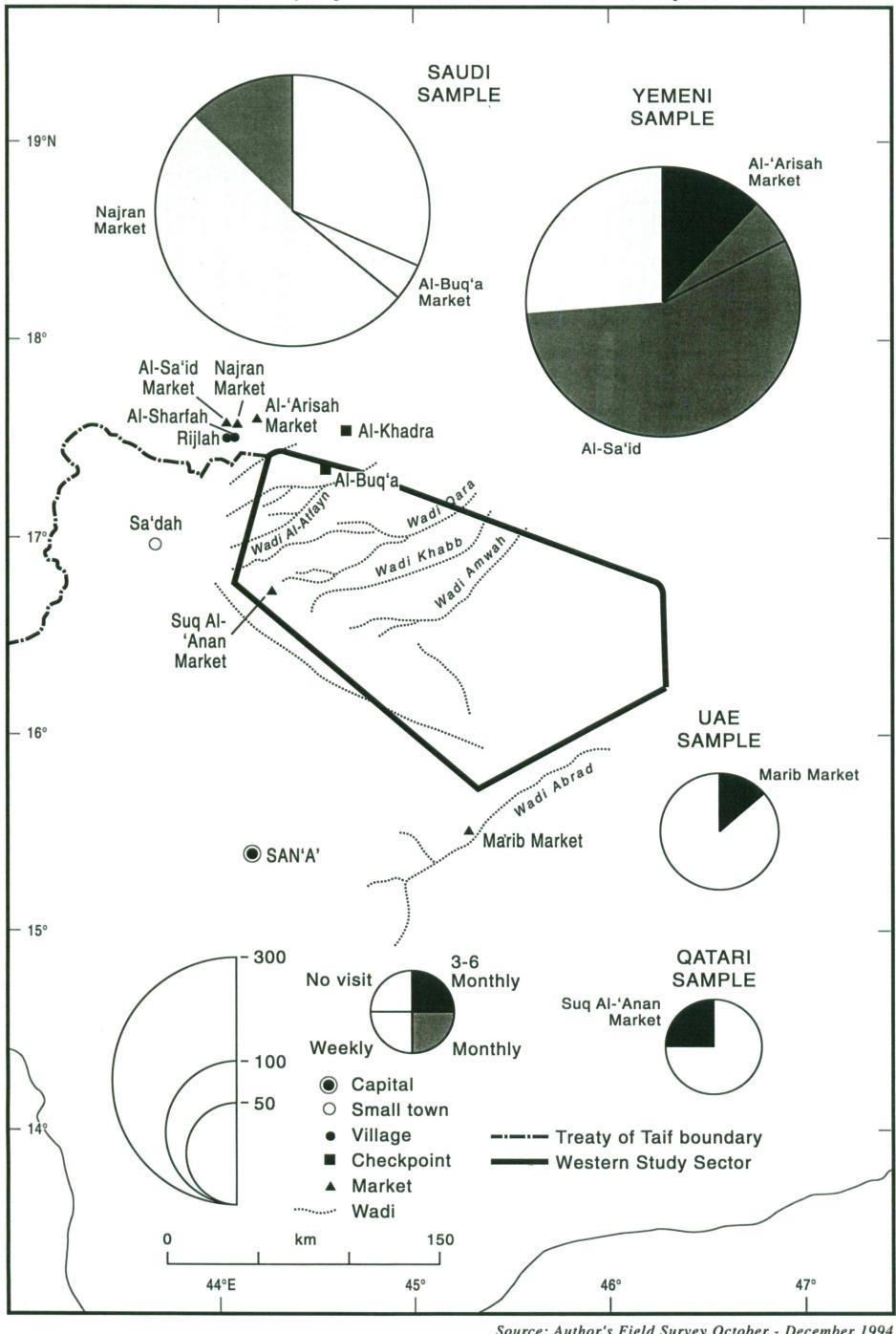
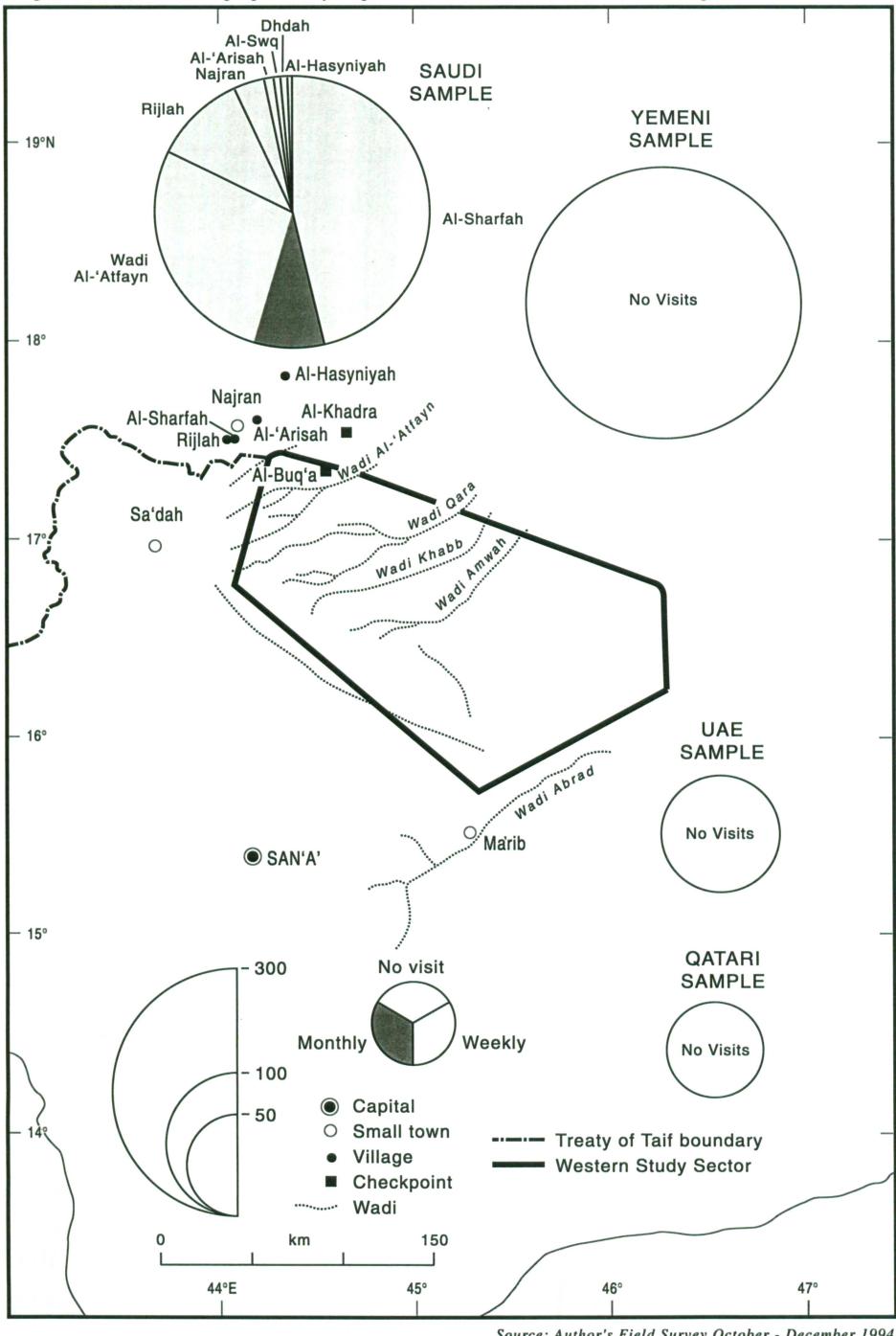


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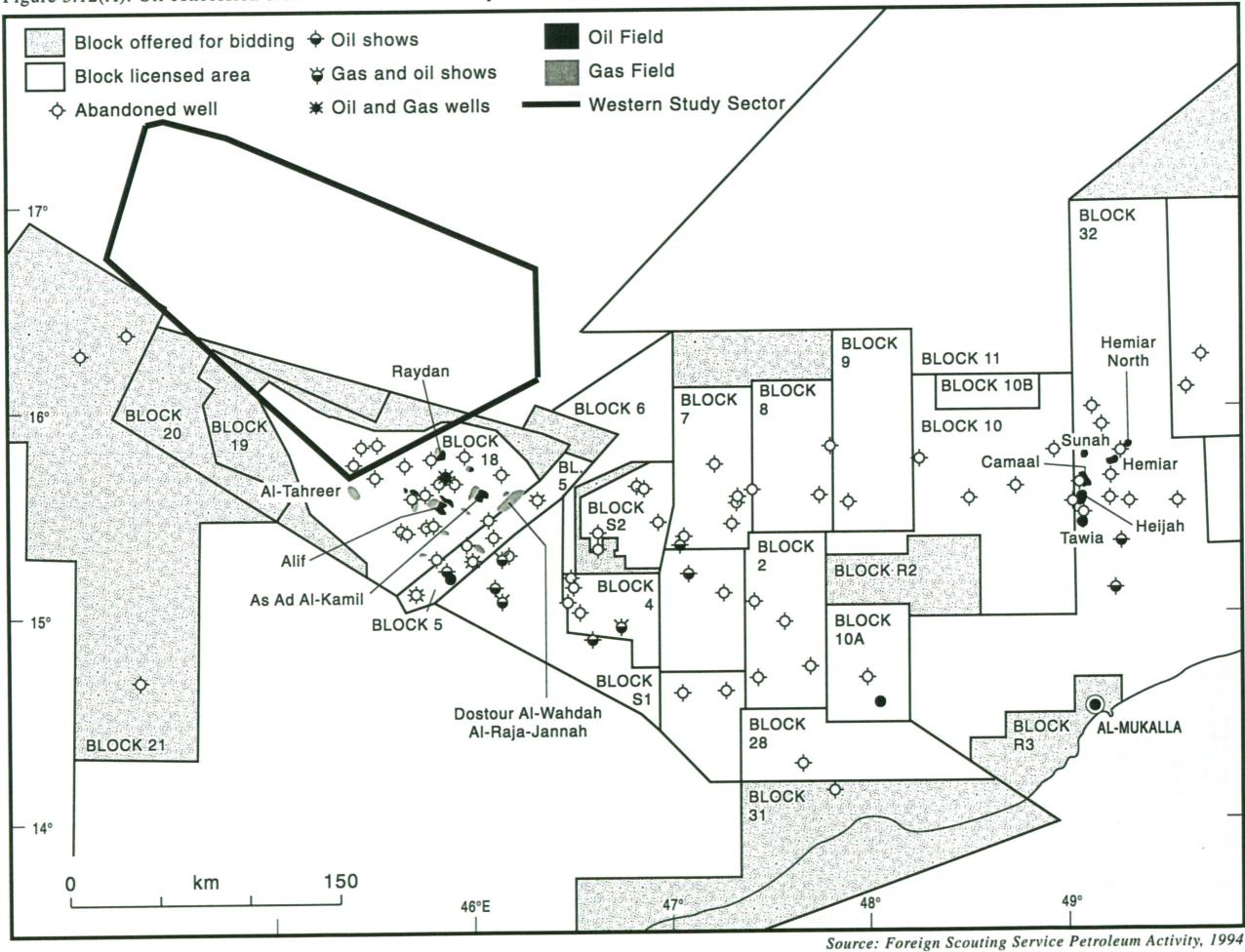


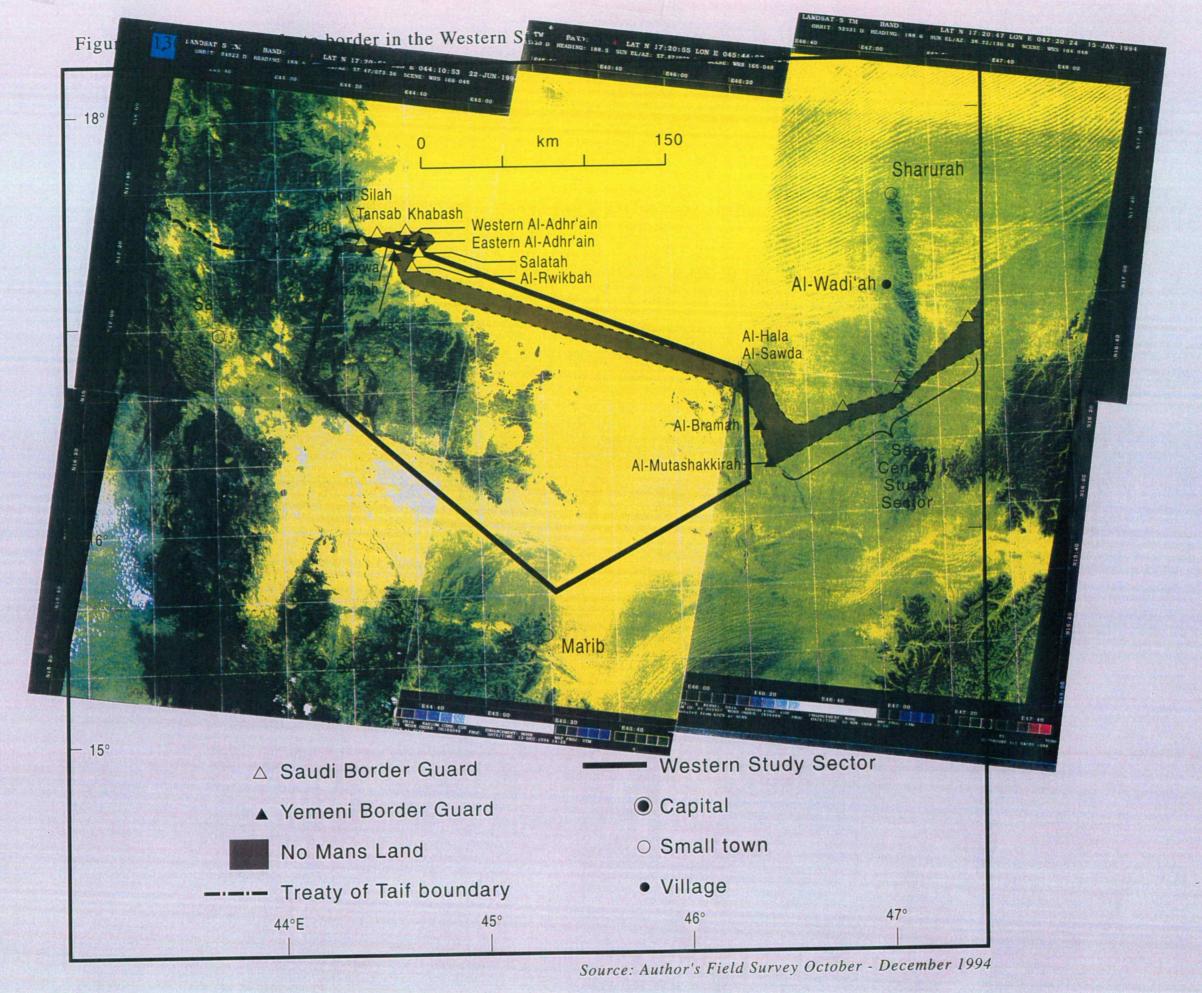
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Source: MSD 1992, Republic of Yemen (Saudi Map)

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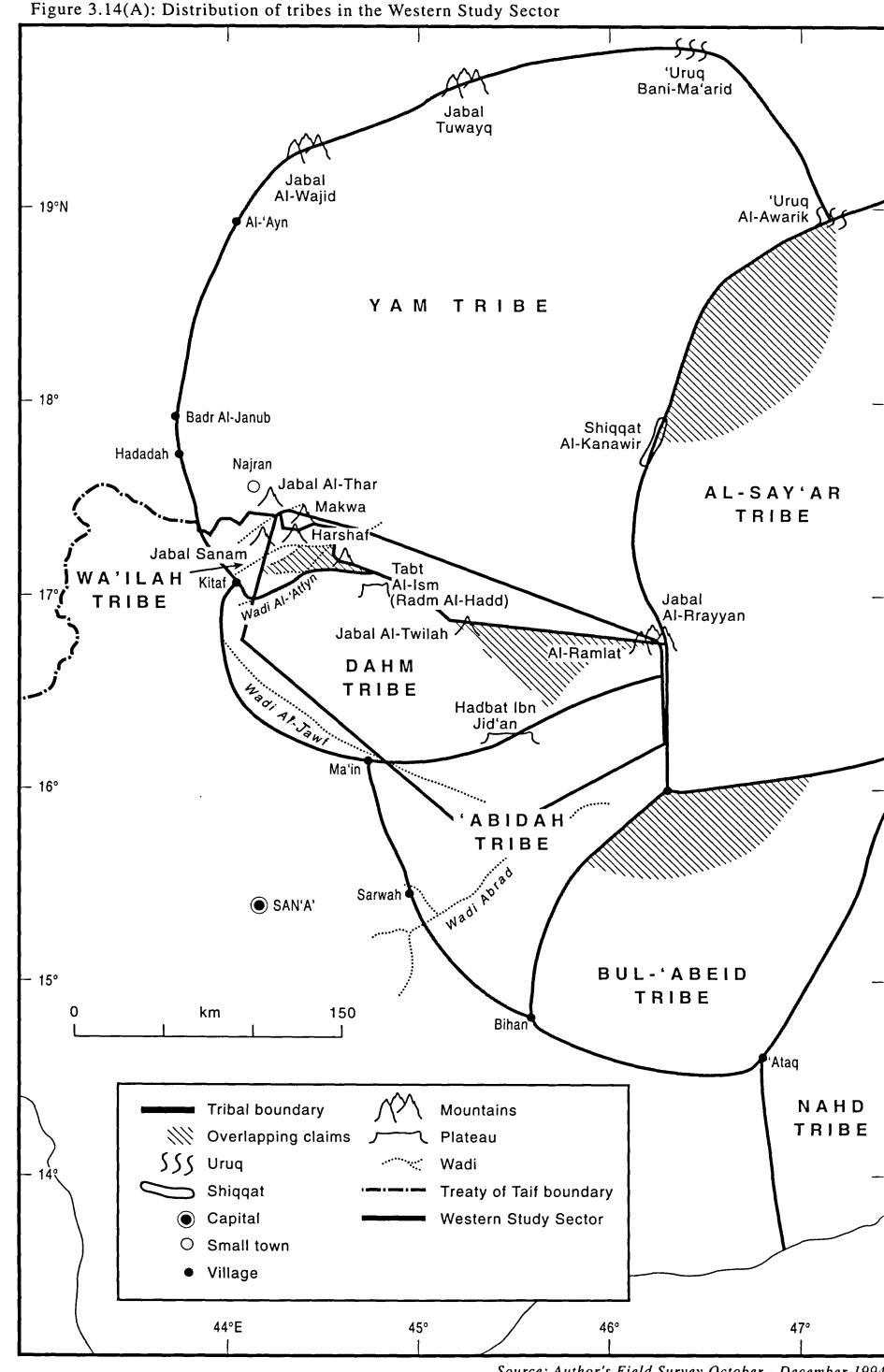


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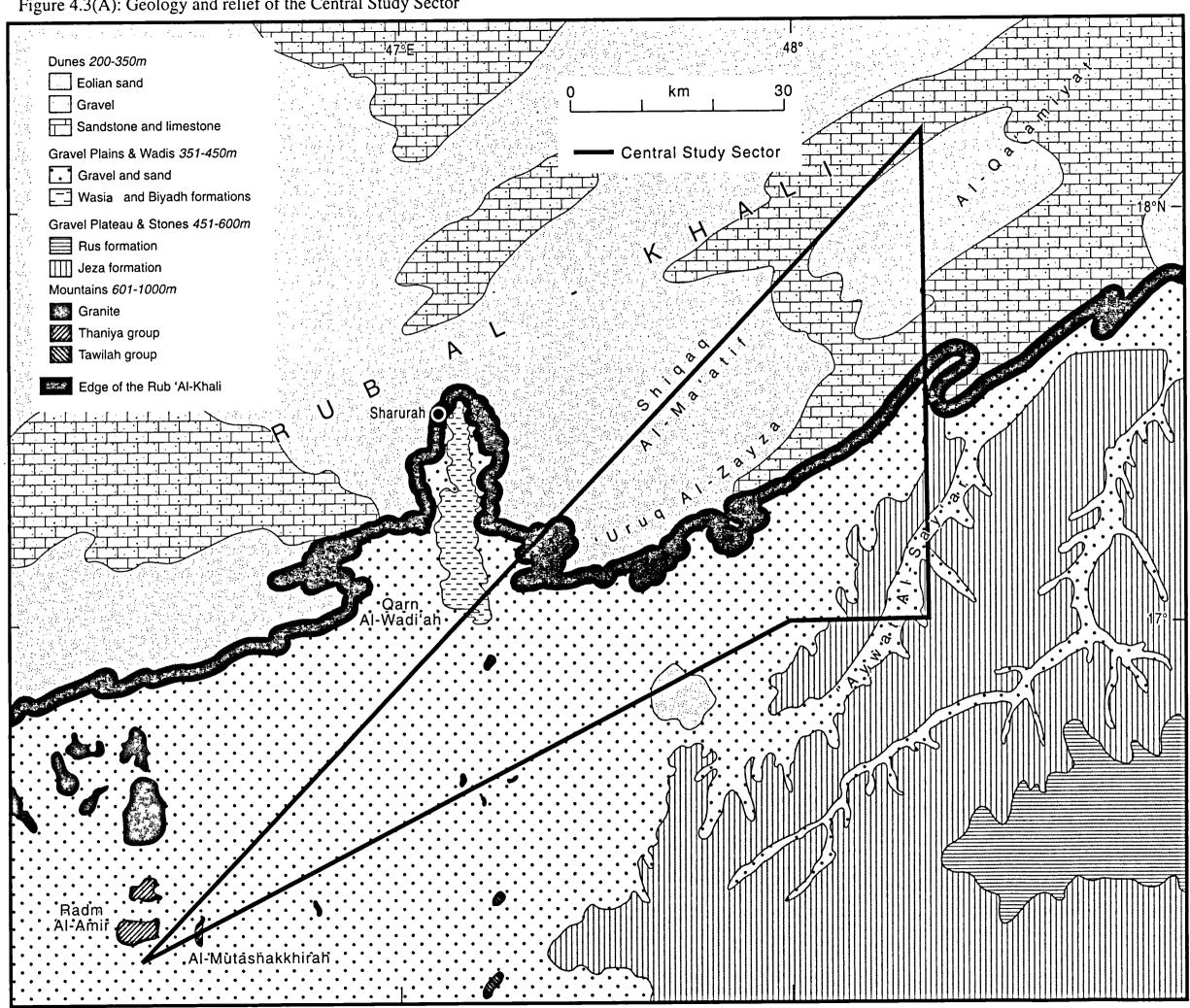
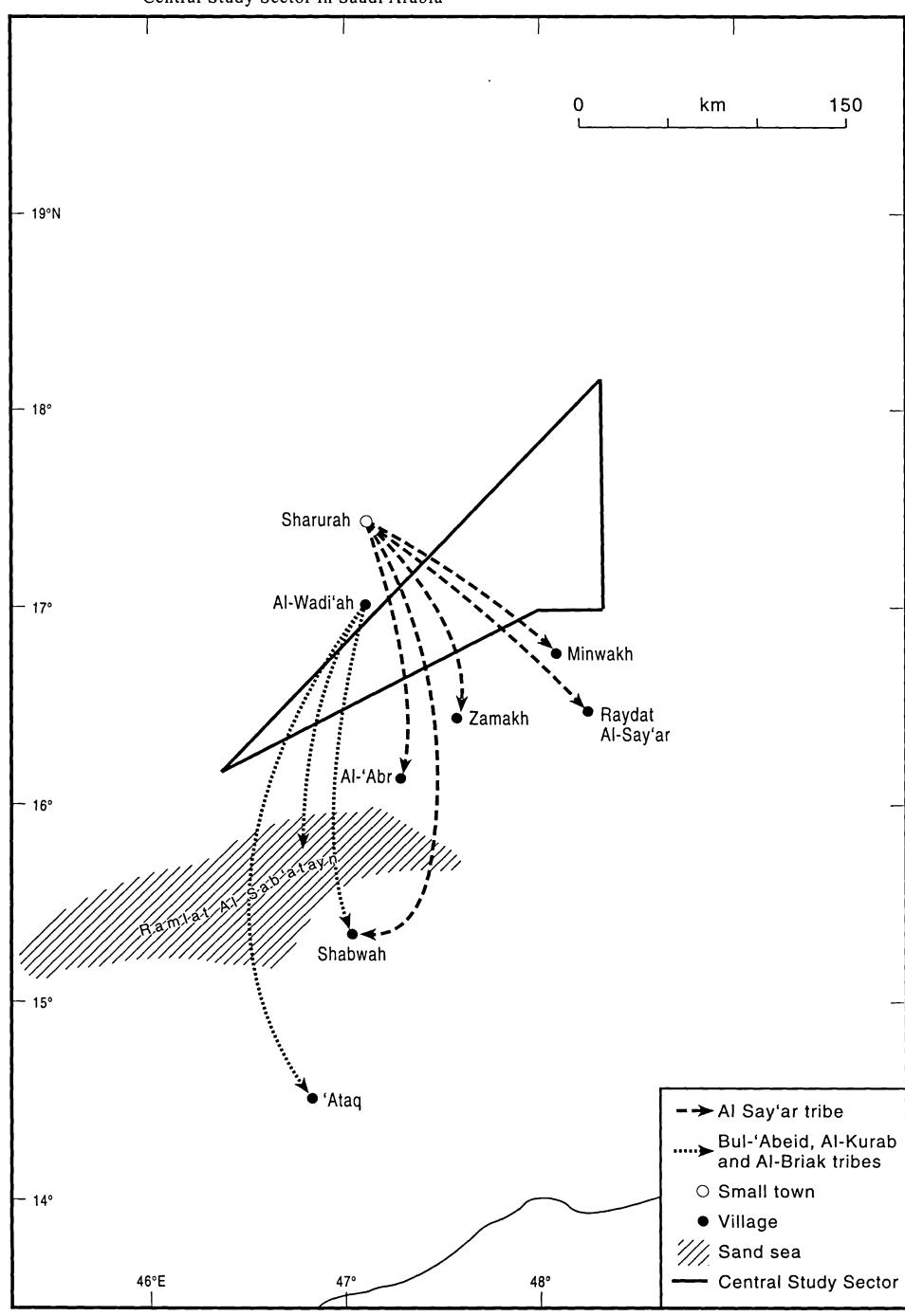


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Source: Saudi Census 1994; Yemeni Statistical Yearbook 1990

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Source: Author's Field Survey, September 1994

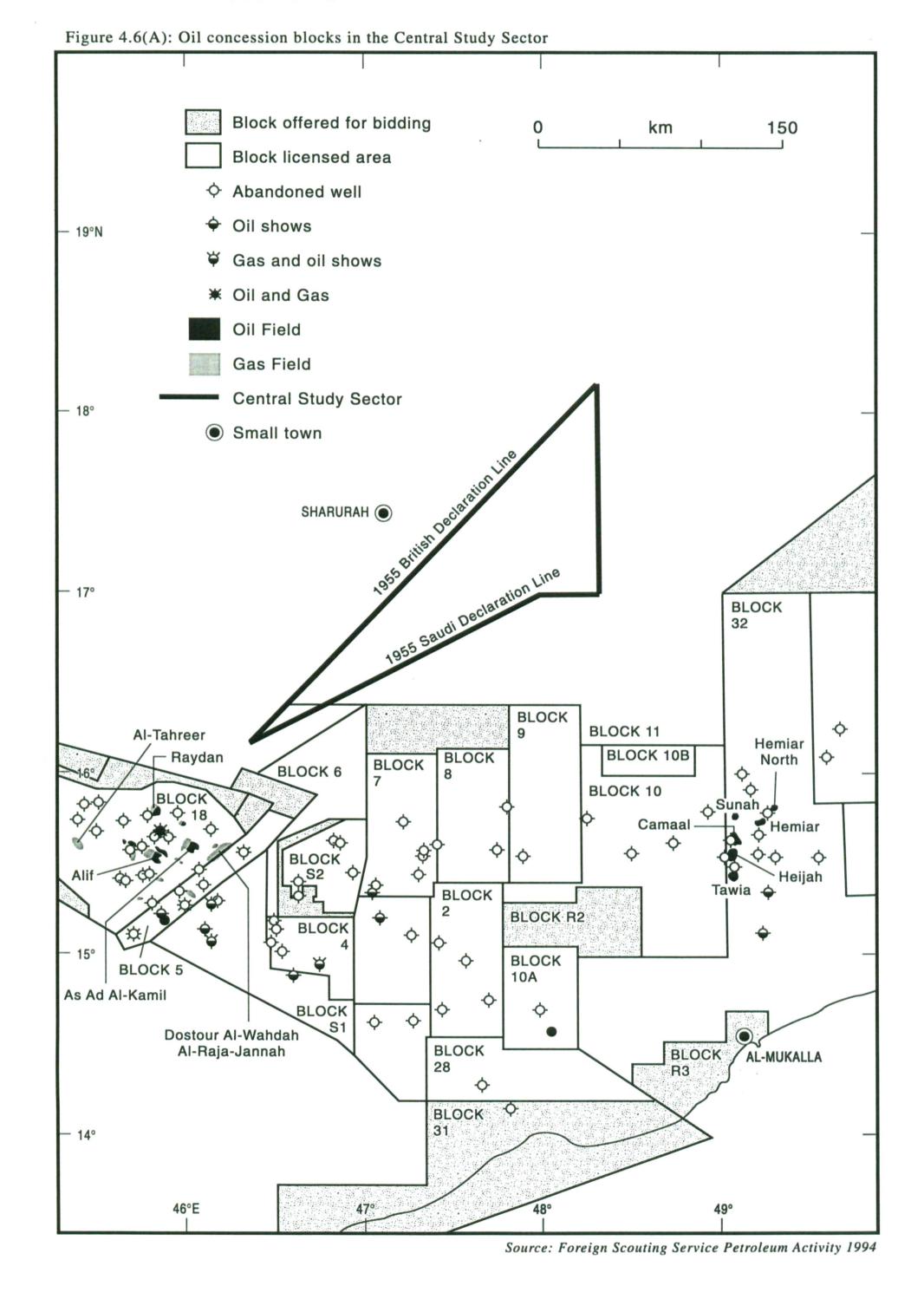
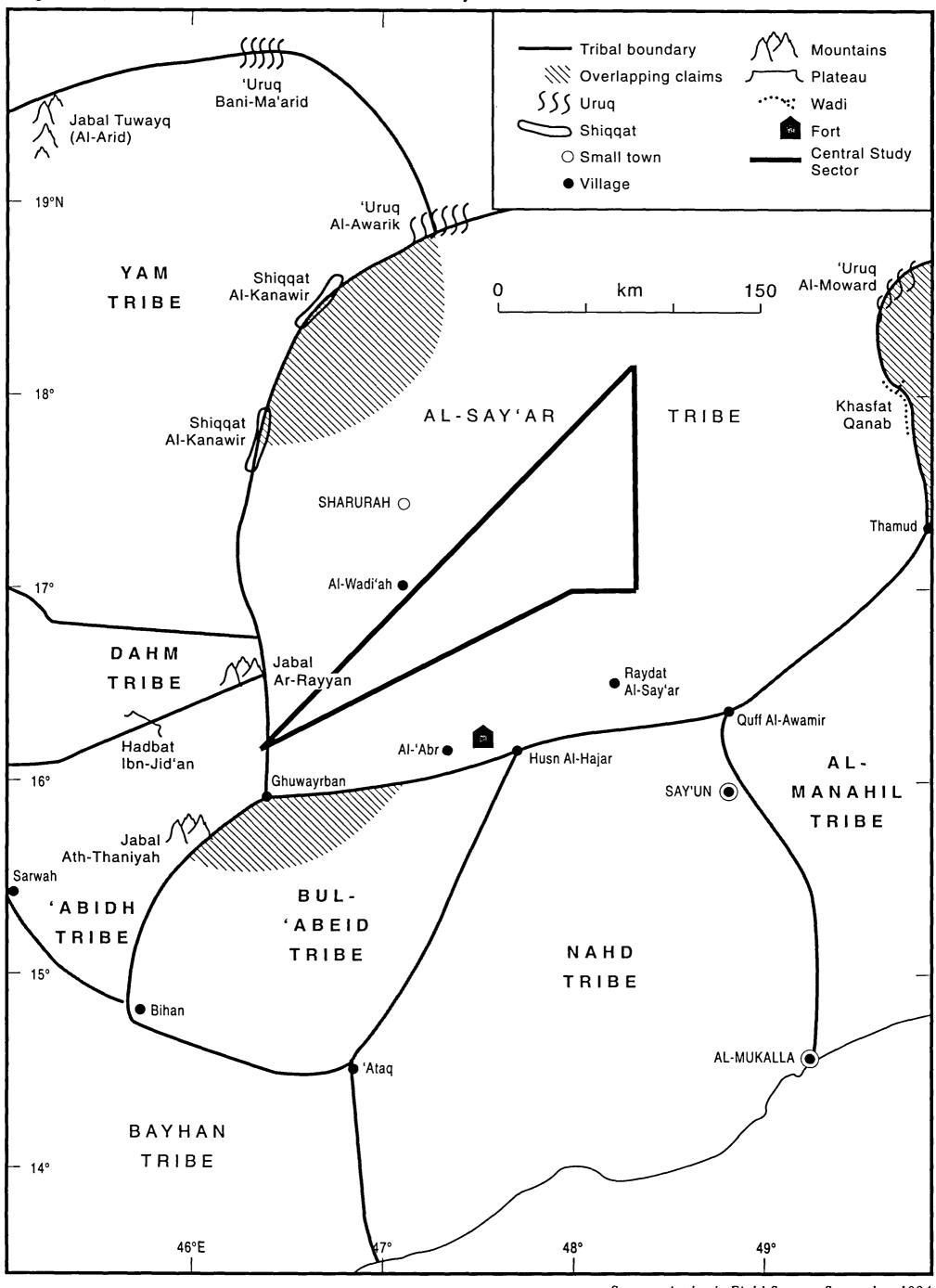


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Source: Author's Field Survey, September 1994

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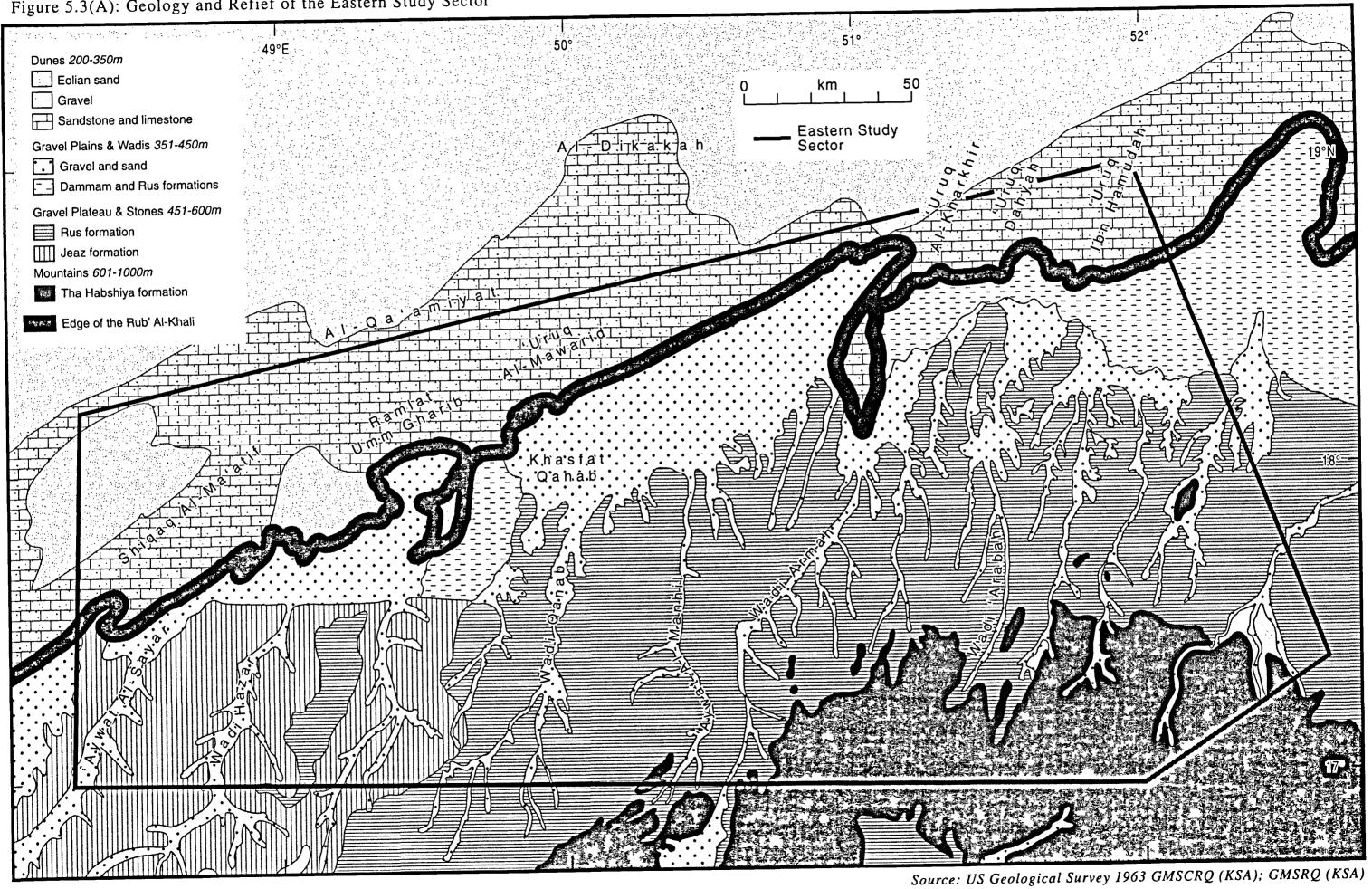


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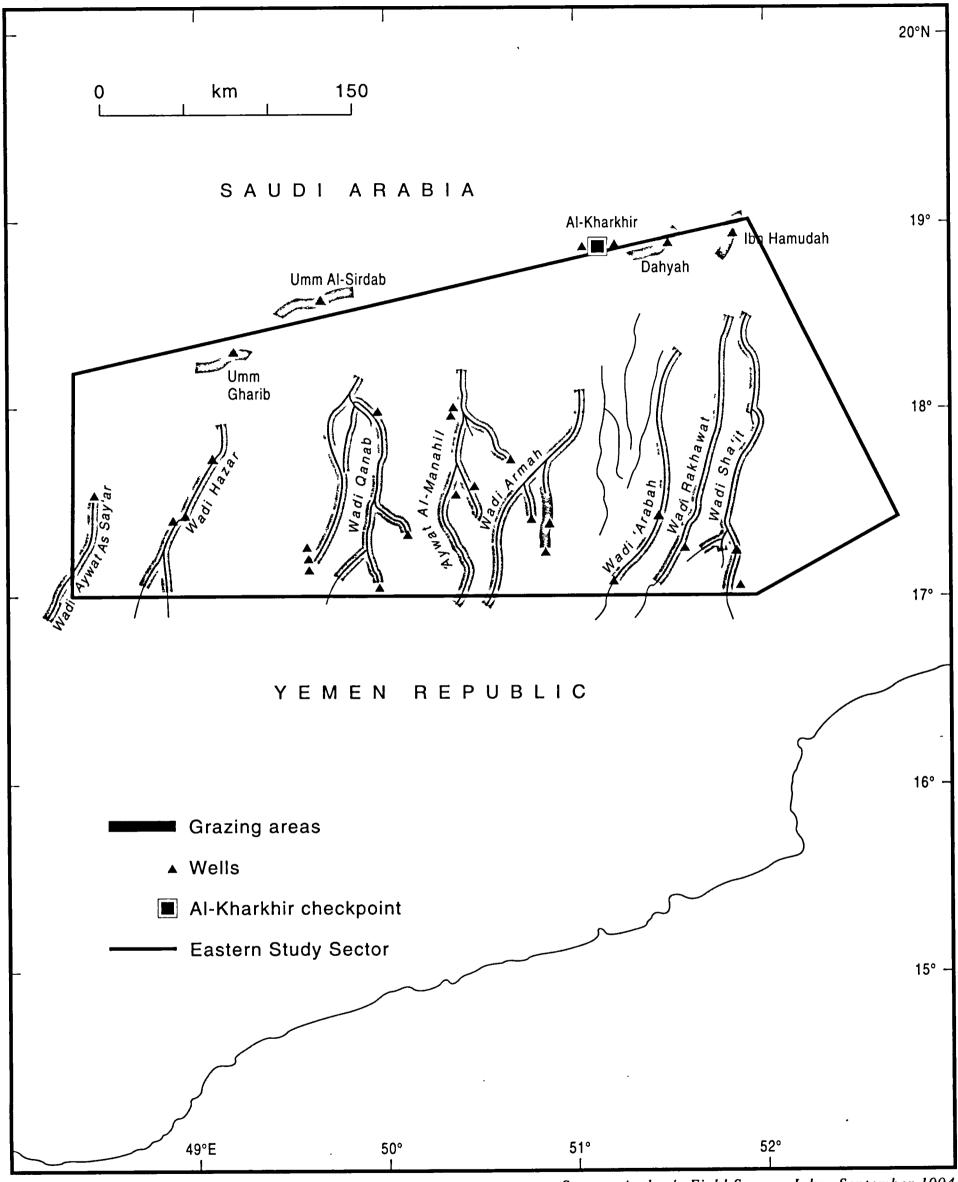


Figure 5.6(A): Population distribution in the Eastern Study Sector 0 150 20°N km 3,000 Bedouins live permanently in Shuggat Al-Kharkhir in houses, tents and camps 20-50 individuals (approx.) live in each Saudi-Yemeni Border Guard Post and a few Bedouins live around the Border Guard Posts (impermanent) Dahyah 19° Al-Kharkhir Ibn Hamuodah Umm Al-Malh Al-Qa'aidah Al-Shiqqah Al-Al-Rabba'h Tawirfah Al-Harajah ▲■ Umm Al-Sirdab / Khasfa Umm Gharib ■ Armah 🛒 Qanab ☐ Al-Mshabk 18° Wadi Rakawat ☐ Al-Ma'atif Wadi Sha'i 1Sanaw Jabal ▲ Khashm Al-Hwaq Al-Jabl Thamud Hazar 17° **HADHRAMAUT** GOVERNORATE **AL-MAHRAH** GOVERNORATE Urban Rural (40.3%)(59.7%) Urban (32.3%)16° Rural (67.7%)☐ Saudi Border Guard Post ■ Yemeni Border Guard Post Population (000's) O Village Masiin'ah 200 15° Small town 100 ▲ Well Wadi 50 -AL-MUKALLA Governorate boundary Eastern Study Sector

Source: Saudi Census 1994; Yemeni Statistical Yearbook 1990; MSD 1992 Republic of Yemen Map

52°

51°

49°E

50°

Figure 5.7(A): Residence of respondents interviewed at Al-Kharkhir checkpoint 54° 55° 53° 49° 50° 51° 52° 47°E 48° - 27°N UAE Al-Dhafrah Abu Dhabi - 26° **QATARI** Al- 🐧 Wakra AL-DOHA Raiyan ' Al-Wakra Al-Harithy Al-25° Al-Manadir Al Doha Humrah Salwah-ABU DHABI Al-Batha Aradah Al-Raiyan UAE - 24° Al-Humrah Al-Dhafrah Al-Harithy Anadah Al-Manadir • Badit Al-Raiyan 23° Badit Al-Dhafrah Armah SAUDI Wadi Hazar 'Aywat Al-Manahil 22° Dahyah Shiqqat Al-Kharkhir 'Uruq Ibn Hamudah Sanaw - 21° Al-Harajah Upper 'Aywah Badi' Al-Ghanm Wadi Sha'it - 20° **AL-KHARKHIR** (check point)

Badi' Al-Ghanm 🔼

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Raydat Al-Say'ar

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Source: Author's Field Survey, July - September 1994

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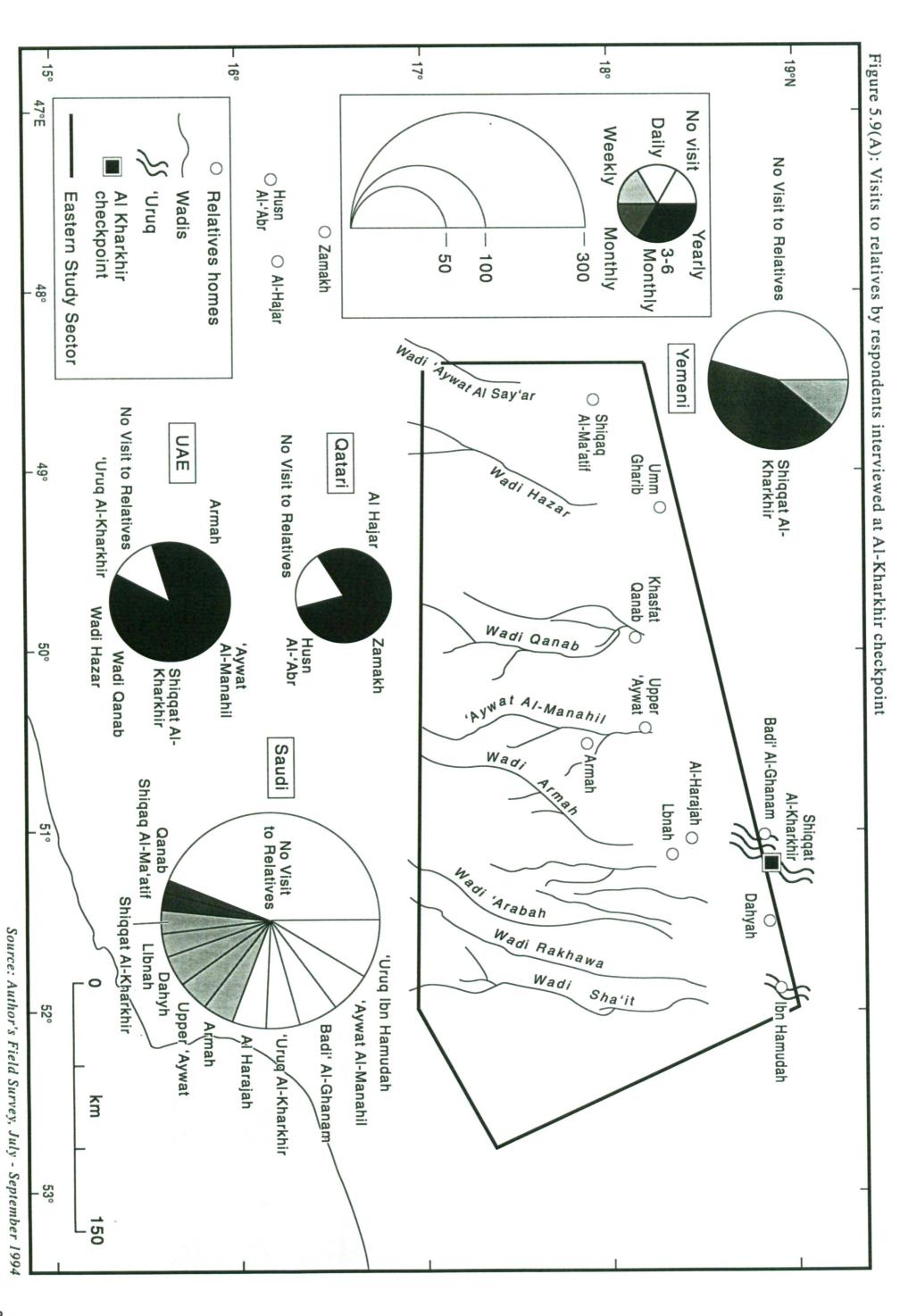
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20°N Saudi 0 150 km No markets Al-Harah Market visited Shiqqat Al-Harah Al-Kharkhir Market 19° O Ibn Hamudah Badi' Al-Ghanam Dahyah Al-Harajah O Khasfat Lbnah Upper 'Aywat Qanab Qanab Market Armah 18° Market Wadi Rakhawt Pywat Al-Manahil Sanaw Wadi Qanab W Arabah Thamud 17° Armah Market Al-Harah Qanab Market Market No markets visited No markets visited UAE Yemeni Qatari 16° Al-Kharkhir checkpoint 300 Saudi residences Yemeni residences Market Saudi residences in Wadis Eastern Study Yemeni residences 100 -Sector in Wadis 15° 50 -No markets Daily · visited Weekly Monthly 49°E 50° 51° 52°

Figure 5.10(A): Visits to markets by respondents interviewed at Al-Kharkhir checkpoint

Source: Author's Field Survey, July - September 1994

Ibn Hamudah 20°N -Saudi Badi' Al-Ghanam 150 km Shiqqat Al-Kharkhir No Al Harajah properties visited Armah Shiqqat Dahyah Al-Kharkhir 19° Badi' Al-Ghanam O Ibn Hamudah Aywat Al-Manahil Qanab Dahyah Sanaw Llbnah Wadi' Hazar Shiqaq Al-Ma'atif Shiqqat Umm Gharib Upper 'Aywat Al-Harajah 🔿 $_{\rm Lbnah} \, \, {\scriptstyle \bigcirc} \,$ Shiqqat O Khasfat Upper Umm Gharib Qanab 'Aywat Rakhawat 18° -Wadi Sha'' Pywat Al-Manahil ShiqaqAl-Ma'atif Sanaw Qanab 4 Arabah Wadi Arwar Al Say'ar Wadi 17° UAE Qatari Yemeni 16° 300 - Saudi properties Saudi Properties on Wadis Wadis 100 15° · Eastern Study Sector 50 -No properties Daily visited Monthly Weekly 51° 52° 49°E 50°

Figure 5.11(A): Visits to properties by respondents interviewed at Al-Kharkhir checkpoint

Source: Author's Field Survey, July - September 1994

Figure 5.12(A): Roads and tracks to Al-Kharkhir checkpoint 28°N 0 100 km 27° - 26° ■ AL-DOHA - 25° RIYADH Salwah UAE24° Batha Al-Dhafrah · 23°= 22° Eastern Province - 21° SAUDI ARABIA AL-KHARKHIR " CHECKPOINT OMAN - 19° Asphalt roads 18° Sanaw = Paved roads Sharurah ===== Tracks Thamud Province boundary Wadi'ah ■ Capital Small town Tarim Village Check point 15° Eastern Study Sector 47°E 48° 51° 52°

Source: MSD 1992 Republic of Yemen map; MSD 1983 Arabian Peninsula map

Figure 5.13(A): Oil concession blocks and exploration activities in the Eastern Study Sector 150 km Block offered for bidding − 19°N Block licensed area Abandoned Oil shows BLOCK 30 φ Gas and oil shows → Hathout Aramco 1 Φ Unknown -18° Oil Field BLOCK 12 φ. Camp Aramco 2 Eastern Study Sector • ■ Camp Camp Thamud ф BLOCK 29 BLOCK 36 - 17° BLOCK 13 BLOCK 37 **BLOCK 34 BLOCK** BLOCK 32 **BLOCK 35** 33 BLOCK 39 **BLOCK 16** BLOCK 11 $\phi \phi$ φ. Hemiar North BLOCK 10B -16° IJ Ţ-ᢕ Sunah -⇔ 2750 SEE FIGURE 4.6(A) Camaal Hemiar ф Heijah **BLOCK 14B** Tawia BLOCK 10 53° 52° 50° 48° 47°E **BLOCK 14A**

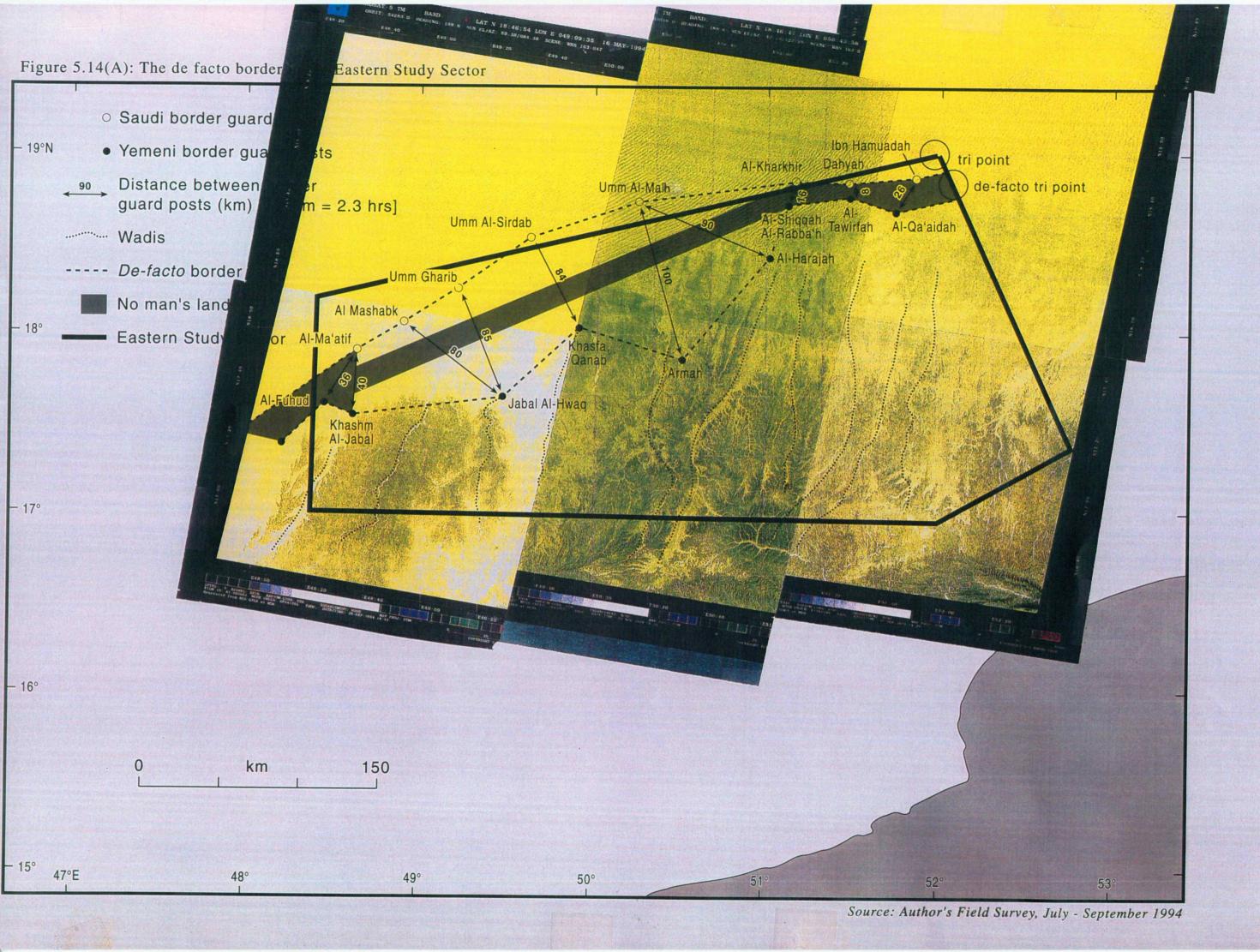
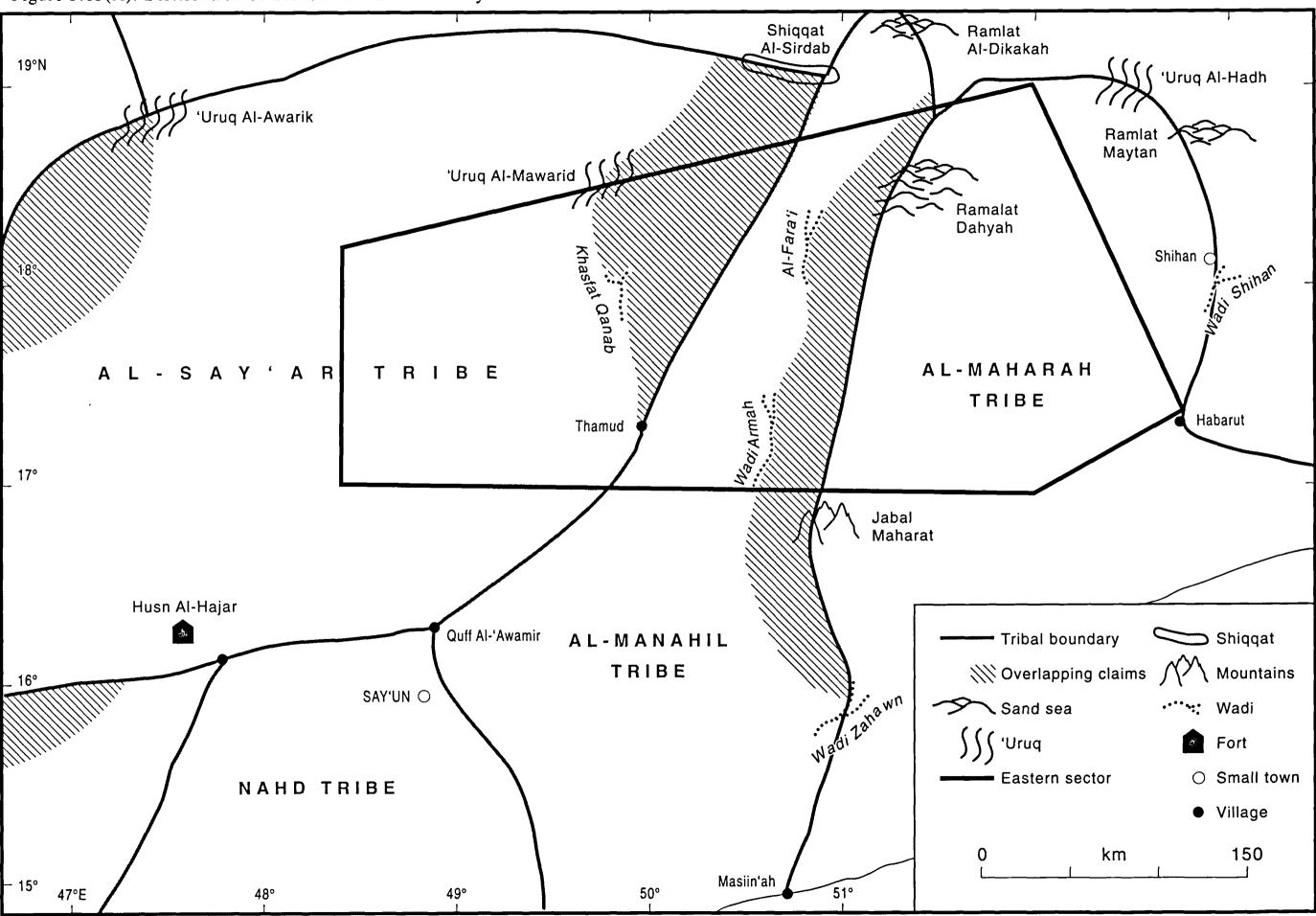


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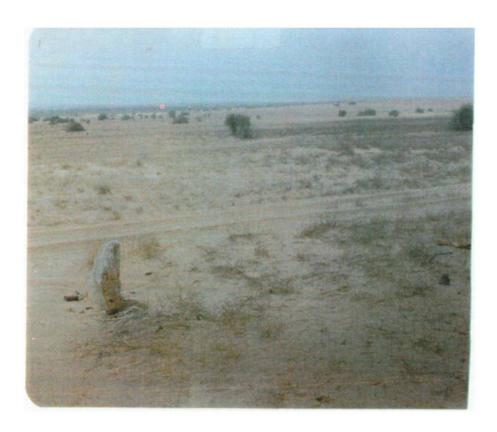


Plate 2.1 Border mark no.31, Zibarat Alsir, Al-Tawal Emirate

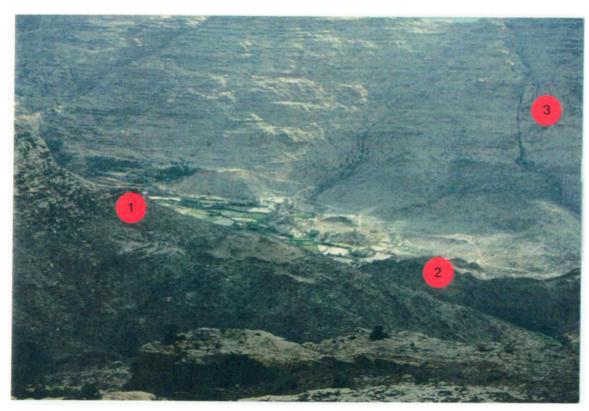


Plate 2.2 A number of border marks in the Surowat mountains, Zahran Al-Janub Emirate: (1) Madfa Alhinka (border mark no.41); (2) Alsabsab (border mark no.42); (3) Naleed Alkaal (border mark no.43)



Plate 2.3 Border mark no.45, Wadi Alrabidh in Almasna, Zahran Al-Janub Emirate.



Plate 2.4 Border mark no.38, Sha'ab Alqoum, Zahran Al-Janub Emirate.

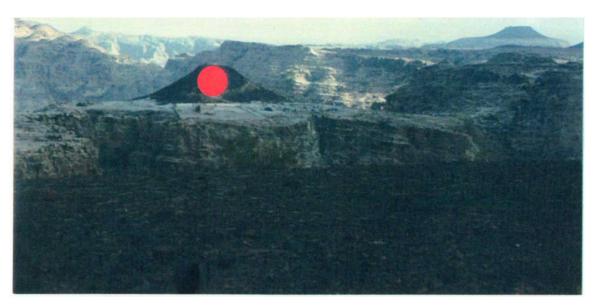


Plate 2.5 Border mark no.39, Ras Jabal Alab, Zahran Al-Janub Emirate.

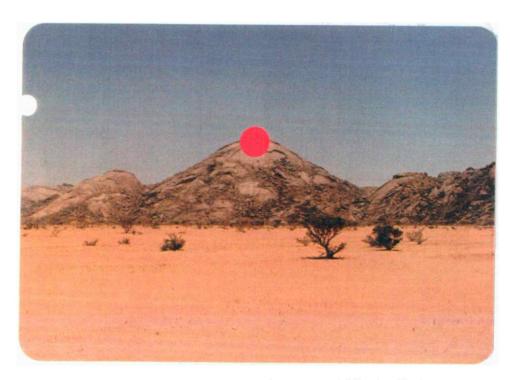


Plate 2.6 Border mark no. 1, Jabal Althar, Al-Khadra Emirate.

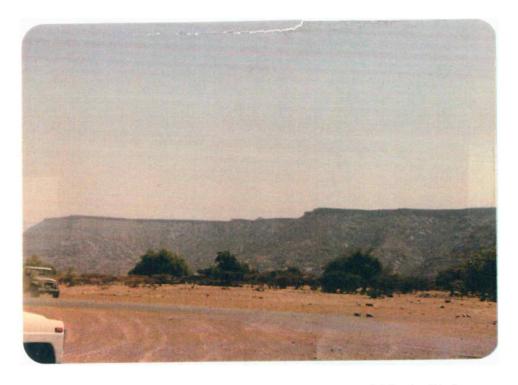


Plate 2.7 Border mark no.11, Ras Aqaba Nahuga, Al-Khadra Emirate.



Plate 2.8 An example of the border marks mentioned by Philby (1952: pp.513-6).



Plate 3.1 Examples of 'statements' used at Al-Khadra checkpoint to identify members of the border tribes.

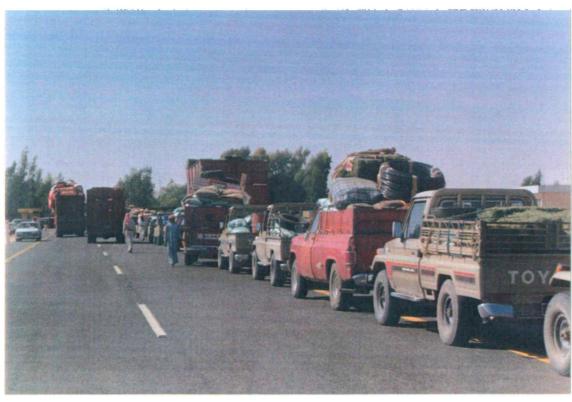


Plate 3.2 Yemenis crossing the frontier carrying goods from the Saudi side to the Yemeni side, Al-Khadra checkpoint.



Plate 3.3 The most common type of vehicle (Toyota Pickup) used by Yemenis crossing the frontier, Al-Khadra checkpoint.



Plate 4.1 'Uruq: long linear sand ridges; Shiqaq: valleys or depressions between the ridges.