

A brief chapter presents material relating to the water distribution inside the ancient city. Altogether, the book is a most valuable addition to the literature on Roman aqueducts.

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*David Kennedy – Derrick Riley: Rome's Desert Frontier From the Air.* B.T. Batsford Ltd, London 1990. 256 p. GBP 29.95.

The rapid progress made in Middle East archaeology between the two World Wars was unfortunately checked by political developments in the post-1945 period. As a result, the remarkable aerial researches of Père Antoine Poidebard and Sir Aurel Stein could not be continued by programmes of aerial reconnaissance comparable to those carried out or in progress in several parts of Western Europe. With this book, the authors set out to make some of the material on the desert frontier of the Roman Empire more easily accessible both to scholars and a wider public. A survey of the geographical and historical context is followed by a section on aerial photography and archaeological prospection, with a very interesting corpus of material both from the 1920s-1930s and of more recent origin, as well as a detailed examination of the sites (water supply, roads and communications, temporary camps and siege works, fortress cities, legionary fortresses, forts, towers, etc.). Apart from the photographs, the text is accompanied by maps, a toponymical glossary, a large bibliography, an appendix on Roman emperors and an index of subjects and names.

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