

# ARCHAEOLOGY RESEARCH AND EXCAVATION IN CANDI RETNO, MAGELANG

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## SURVEY

This survey covered four wards in the subdistrict of Secang, Magelang Regency-the wards of Candi Retno (villages of Tidaran, Cetokan, Bengkeng, Candan and Salam), Pucang (villages of Pucang, Pikiran and Pucang Gunung), Sraten (villages of Jlamprang, Gumuk and Sekupatan) and Sari (village of Candi Talun).

The survey revealed the remains of both andesite and brick buildings. These remains included brick structures, scattered andesite stones, apexes, ante-fixes, lotus borders (ogives), yonis, linggas and images. Most numerous were yonis, of which nine were found.

Wherever a large number of such objects was found concentrated in one place, as at Jlamprang and Candi Talung, it may be presumed that there was formerly a building.

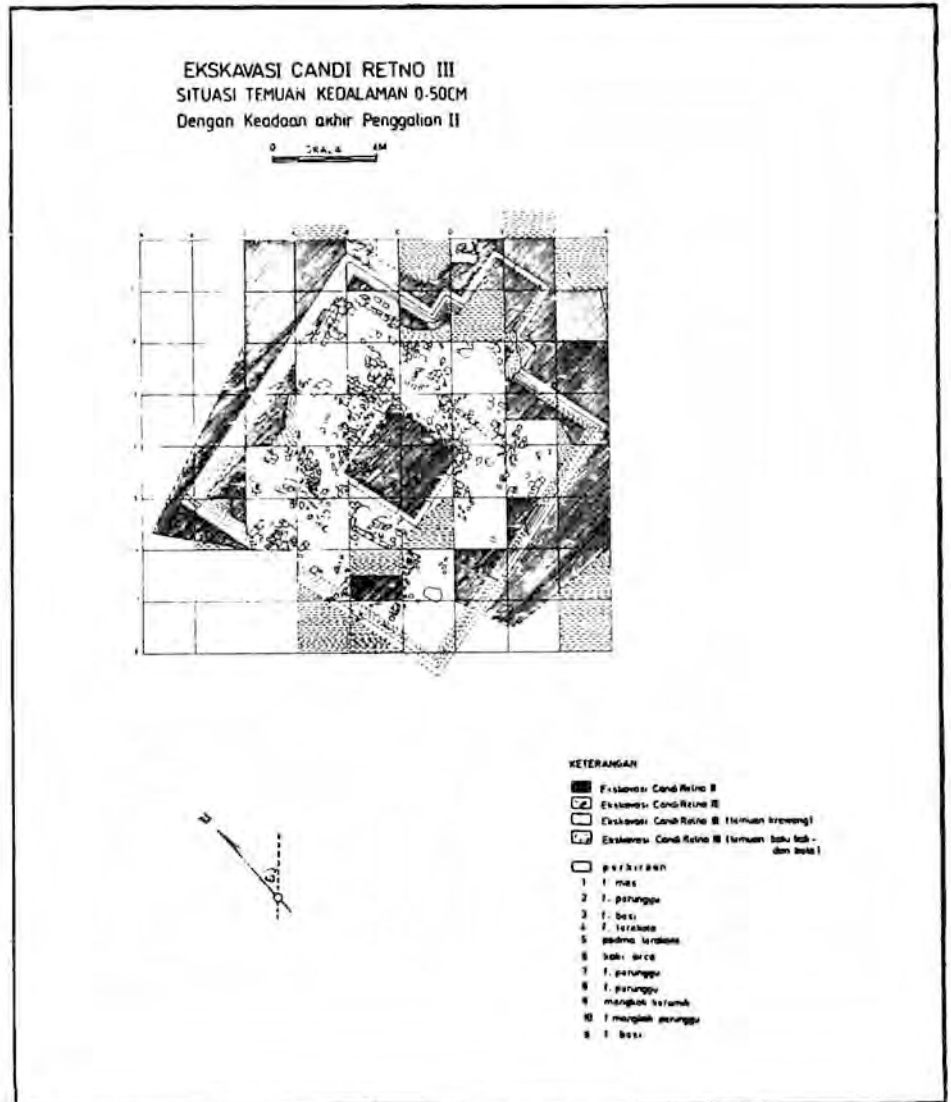
## EXCAVATION

The excavation at the village of Bandungan in the ward of Candi Retno was the third to be carried out on this site. The two previous excavations, made in 1973 and 1974, brought to light the foundations of a brick candi (shrine), of which it was possible to discern the ground plan, and a number of andesite images.

This third excavation revealed the foundations of a candi measuring 5.75 by 5.75 metres and made up of sixteen sections each of them measuring 80 by 80 cms. Other finds were some small bronze bowls, both intact and in fragments, clay cooking pots, covered boxes, thin pieces of gold and silver agate beads, tin, iron and local and foreign ceramics.

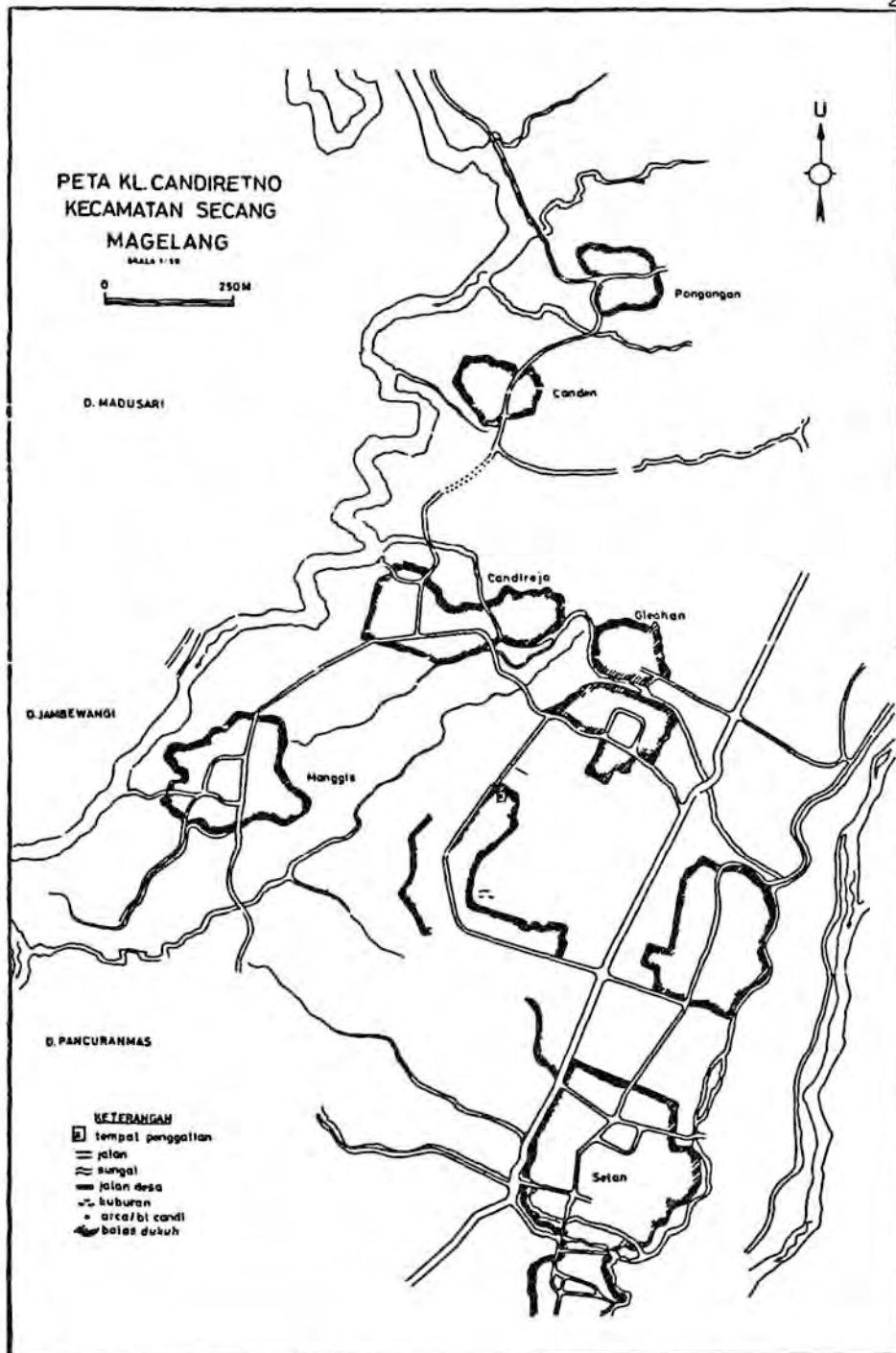
This excavation also revealed the plan of a candi measuring 11.70 by 11.70 metres, of which only the foundations remain. Further excavation at this site is needed to collect more data. The excavation at Candi Retno proves that in Central Java candis were built in brick and that it is not true that brick was used for the first time in later buildings in East Java.

Candi Retno ground plan from the last excavation.



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Map of subdistrict of S ang. Magelang  
Regency the wards of Candi Retno.



Excavation at the site of Candi Retno.

