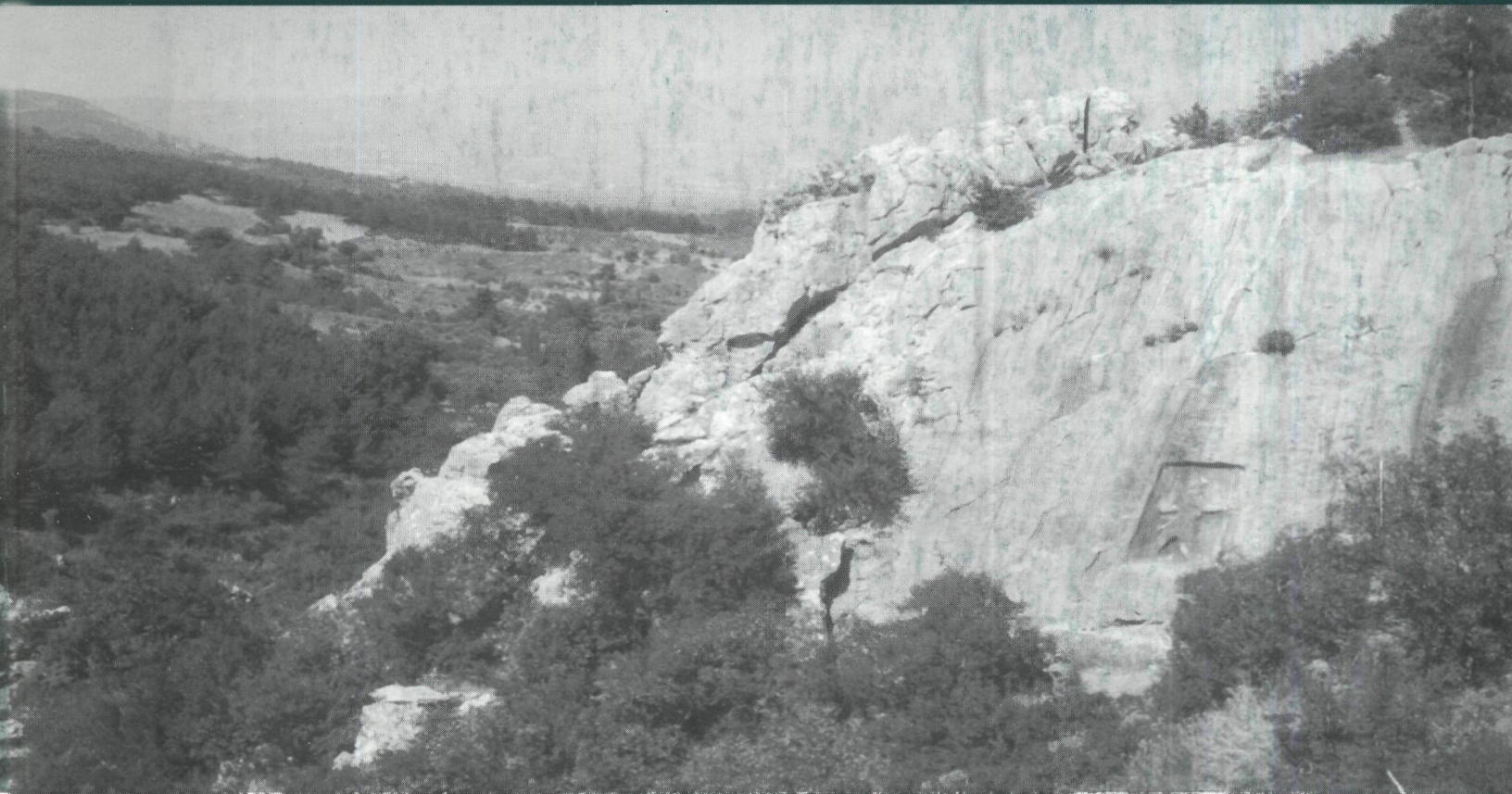


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## Oliver Gurney Editor 1956-1997

The name of Oliver Gurney is inseparable from *Anatolian Studies*. Already in volume 1 (1951) it appears in the list of the Council of Management for 1950 as representative of the University of Oxford. His uncle John Garstang had drawn him into Hittite studies, in which he completed his doctoral thesis in 1939, and, after his service in the war, he was appointed Shillito Reader in Assyriology at Oxford in 1945. When Garstang founded the Institute in 1948, it was natural for Oliver to become involved in the new project. His name already appears as Assistant Editor of *Anatolian Studies* (under the Editor, Gordon Childe) in the Council of Management 1951, and when Childe departed for Australia in 1956, Oliver succeeded him as Editor. The first volume for which he was fully responsible was *Anatolian Studies* 6, planned as a Festschrift but sadly a memorial volume for Garstang.

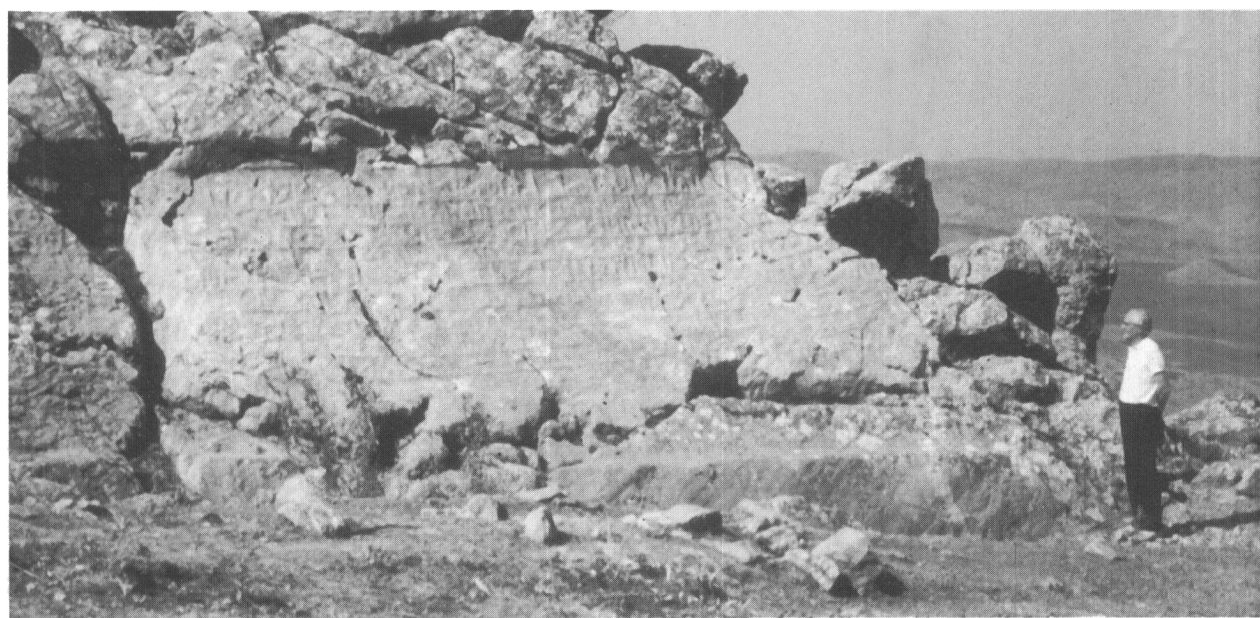
Since then Oliver's editorship of the journal has spanned five decades of the development of the Institute. With his last volume, 47 (1997), to which he also contributed a typical and important Hittite article, he has seen through press a total of forty one volumes, having missed only volume 30, dedicated to him in honour of his 70th birthday and edited by James Macqueen. This surely must be something of a record, and the moment

for the heartiest congratulations. As all contributors will recognise, his involvement with every article has been deep and meticulous, and there can be few that have not benefited substantially from his wisdom and expertise. He has himself been a regular contributor, publishing in early volumes the Sultantepe tablets in a masterly series of articles, and more latterly various papers as demanded by the occasion.

Not content with regular labours of editorship, he has willingly undertaken even more demanding service: when the question of preparing an Index to volumes 21-30 was being discussed in Council, with particular reference to the likely costs, he volunteered to produce it himself, which he duly did after mastering the then newly available computer technology for the task.

With this volume of *Anatolian Studies* Oliver has handed over the baton (which of course accounts for its very late appearance). It is in the nature of things that the editorial burden which has been shouldered by him alone for more than forty years has to be divided between an editorial committee. But we much hope that he will continue for many years to keep a benevolent but perhaps not uncritical eye on the efforts of his successors.

J.D.H.



*Oliver Gurney in front of the Boğazköy-Nišantaş rock inscription*

# TARKASNAWA KING OF MIRA

‘TARKONDEMOS’, BOĞAZKÖY SEALINGS AND KARABEL



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*To* OLIVER GURNEY

*and the memory of*

JOHN GARSTANG