

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Indonesia

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Here follows a summary of the work of our prehistorian, Mr. H. R. van Heekeren, during the years 1955 and 1956.

In company of his assistants, he made several trips to East Java in 1955 to explore the areas in the neighborhood of Patjitan and Modjokerto, especially to the find places of Patjitanean Culture and of Pithecanthropus modjokertensis. The results are as follows:

1. Patjet, Surabaya Residency, East Java. Here are megaliths, consisting of:
  - a. A terrace grave (5 super-imposed terraces) near the village of Kembangore; the prehistoric section intends to excavate this site for more details;
  - b. Pit-marked stones (watu dakon) in the villages of Kembangore, Ngeemplak and Slawe. The stones contain small holes (diameter between 3-5 cm.);
  - c. Stone mortars (watu lumpang) in the villages under b.; they contain one or two round or oval-shaped holes (diameter between 10-25 cm., depth 3-16 cm.).
2. Kepuhklagen (Klagenblandong), Surabaya Residency. This village, about 12 km. north of Modjokerto, was visited with a special view to the find of Pithecanthropus modjokertensis in 1936. The baby skull was discovered at 1 m. depth in a coarse sandstone layer of Putjangan Beds.
3. Pratjiantoro, Surakarta Residency, Central Java. Southeast of the village is a dead river (popularly called Putjung river), about 30 km. long, in north-Southwest direction it cuts through the Gunung Sewu mountain range. It was examined on both banks for palaeolithic artifacts, without result.

4. Punung, Madiun Residency, East Java. During an inspection trip of the Baksoko River and terraces on its right bank several artifacts of the Patjitan chopper culture were collected. The Baksoko River, about 6 km south of Punung, has become well-known by the discovery of implements of a lower palaeolithic nature by von Koenigswald and Tweedy in 1935.

In 1956 visits were paid to Kedungbrubus, Madiun Residency and Sangiran, Surakarta Residency, the sites of vertebrate fossils from the Djetis and Trinil Fauna and of the Sangiran flake culture respectively.

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