

Further Remarks on the side-blow blade-flake

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The author wrote an article on this tiny chipped stone implement in 1974 ("The significance of 'side-blow blade-flake' in the Near Eastern Pre-history," *Oriental Culture* No. 54,) and pointed out that the area where side-blow blade-flakes distributed overlapped the region where the cultures belonged to Mortensen's "Hassuna-Samarra group" flourished. After this, new findings followed. At Telul eth-Thalathat, more than one hundred side-blow blade-flakes and three "cores" were unearthed from Layers XV and XVI in 1976. Copeland reported that four "cores" were found at Tulul Breilat in the Balikh Valley, Syria.

This essay attempts to reinforce the former article. The author emphasizes again that this tiny stone implement is one of culture elements of the Hassuna-Samarra periods which are the important phases when the initial steps toward the settled agricultural life were taken.