

gested that the original burial had been in a wooden coffin.¹⁴

It is probable that the burials relate to the Roman settlement which seems to have stretched west back from the Ford along the highway. It has been identified by excavations at Lefevre Road (Area Plan A), Appian Road (Area Plan B) and Parnell Road (Area Plan C).

Hopefully the study of the physical remains, should they occur in quantity, will give us information as to the physical characteristics of the local population, not available from examination of the occupation areas alone.

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14 The skeletons are being studied by Dr. Owen.

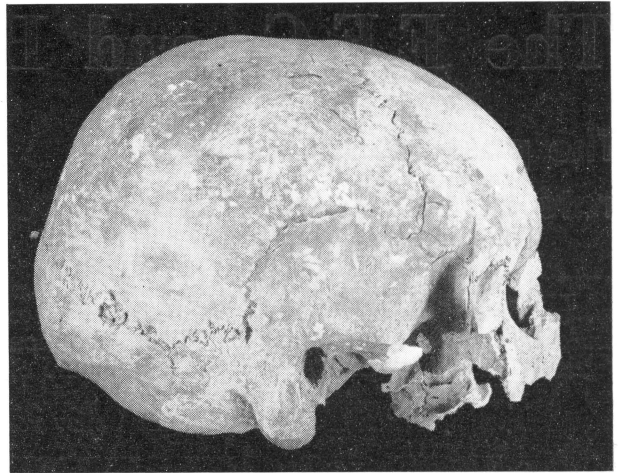


Fig. 6. The bun at the back of the skull was also noted as characteristic of the Trentholme Romano-British. (Photo: K. Fitzpatrick)

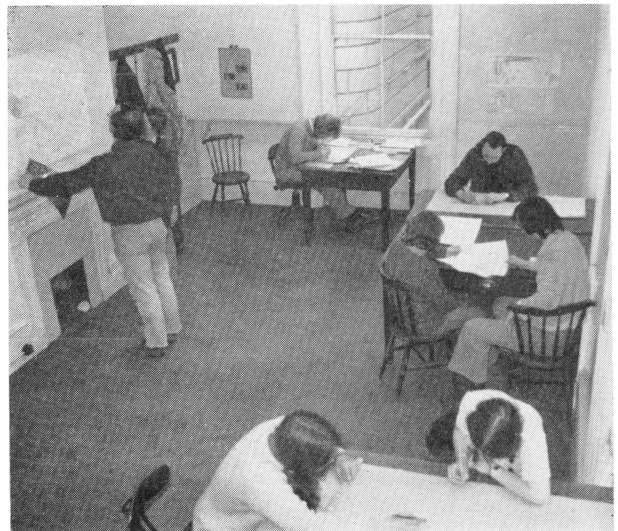
bones. The skeletal remains shown were photographed by Mr. K. Fitzpatrick of the above Department of Anatomy.

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Suite of Offices for S.A.E.C.

THE SOUTHWARK Archaeological Excavation Committee has at last found offices at Montague Chambers by London Bridge. These premises, together with accommodation for storage, washing of finds and conservation, have been generously provided, as a contribution to Southwark archaeology, by the proprietors of Hay's Wharf Ltd. The offices should help greatly with the essential (but often under capitalised) aspects of the research, planning, processing, and report writing.

Excavations in Southwark are currently taking place at Montague Close (directed by Graham Dawson, weekends), and Borough High Street (directed by Harvey Sheldon, full-time). A high proportion of the digging and processing is undertaken by members of the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society and other part-time volunteers. Much of the responsibility at Borough High Street (and previously at Toppings Wharf) rests with the full-time supervisors (Eric Ferretti, Bernard Johnson and Irene Schwab) and with the photographer and equipment organiser (John Earp). The full-time group is also carrying out work on the M23/25 motorways, for the Surrey Archaeological Society and at Old Ford, for the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society. Articles on these other activities appears elsewhere in this issue.



Work in progress in one of the rooms at Montague Chambers.

(Photo: John Earp)