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Nuraghic village of Su Nuraxi

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Tower E

Tower E is on the northern side of the bastion of Su Nuraxi (15th-13th century B. C.).

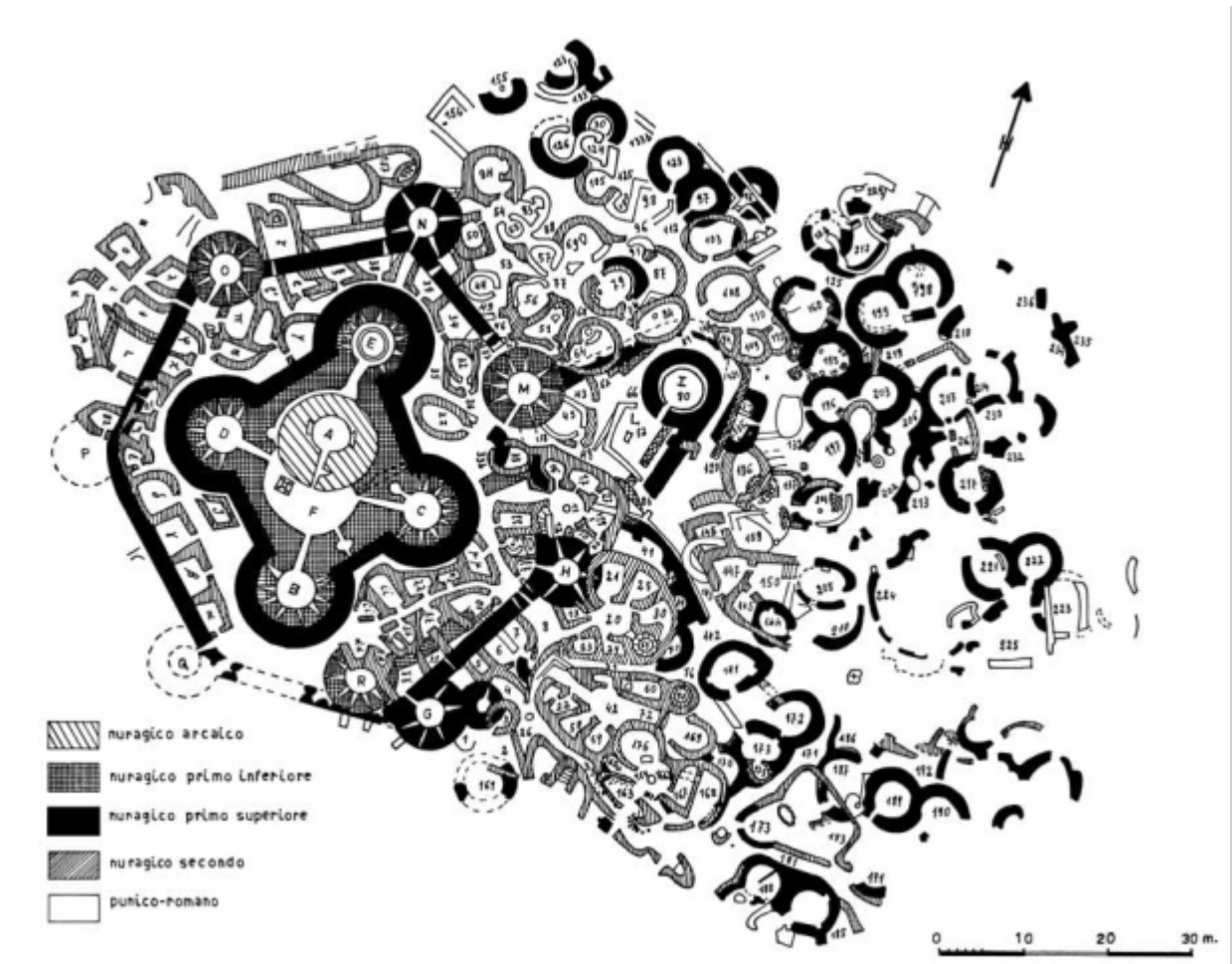


Fig. 1 - Map of Su Nuraxi, nuraghe and village (from Lilliu 1962, Table LVI.1, page 328).

The entrance foyer in the perimeter tower (figs. 2, 3), 3.70/1.00 metres long and 0.75/1.03 metres wide is entered from the courtyard along a long curved corridor that runs between the stone of the bastion wall and the keep.



Fig. 2 - Detail of the courtyard where the entrance door to the chamber of tower E can be seen in the centre (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



Fig. 3 - Entrance foyer to tower E (from Lilliu 1962, Table LXV.2, page 337).

To the left of the corridor entrance, there is a semi-circular sentry box, that changed during Phase C (12th-10th centuries B.C.) into a basin to collect rainwater. Tower E that was originally formed by two chambers one above the other, has a base diameter and vault height of 4.40 metres x 8.40 metres. There is a small circular well (internal diameter

1.11/2.30 metres, depth 2.15 metres) in the centre of the room, with an internal floor and mouth made with large lava stones arranged in rows, that can be attributed to Phase C, with the bottom containing a recess to collect ground water. The bronze handle of a Nuragic bucket was recovered from the bottom of it.



Fig. 4 - Chamber in tower E (from Lilliu 1962, Table LXV.1, page 337).

The double row of embrasures made in the lower chamber wall is larger than the one in the other towers in the bastion: there are ten embrasures in the lower row and eight in the upper row. When the bastion wall was redone, the embrasures were closed up (fig. 4).



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