

Watelin, Louis-Charles. * 23.12.1874 in Paris, † 6/26.6.1934 in the Strait of Magellan (?). French archaeologist. Member of the expedition in Susa* in 1900 and 1902–1903. In 1908 W. joined the French Scientific Delegation in Persia.

W.'s major contribution to Near Eastern archaeology was his participation in the joint expedition of the Ashmolean Museum of Oxford University and the Field Museum of Natural History (Chicago) at Kiš*. He was field-director from 1926 to 1933 under the general direction of S. H. Langdon*. Part of W.'s discoveries were published in two monographs (Kish 3 and 4) and few articles.

Although well planned in terms of engineering, logistics, and the collection of objects to be displayed, W.'s excavation methods have been criticized for lack of care for detailed archaeol. analysis and reporting (Gibson 1972, 70f. and fn. 49, 53; cf. also Kiš* B, passim). Under W.'s direction the work included the incomplete excavation of the Neo-Bab. temple of Ingarra (Ḫursagkalama*) (1926–1927), the unfinished digging of the royal cemetery in trench Y (Kiš* B. fig. 1), and a survey expedition to Umm al-Ġīr and Barghuthiat with the purpose of discovering the city of Akkad (1933).

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