Monticellina tesselata Hartman, 1960

To identify this worm look for:

- 1. No methyl green staining pattern.
- 2. A prolonged (through many anterior setigers) dorsal ridge. Appears as a "pinching up" of the dorsal surface and is most obvious just posterior to the peristomium usually. View with strong side lighting.
- 3. Abdominal neurosetae are serrate (toothed). Look in the mid to anterior abdominal setigers for most obviously serrate neurosetae. Look at location where setae overlay one another.
- 4. Setae need to be examined only in specimens without an obvious prolonged dorsal ridge.

(Careful of confusion with Apelochaeta glandaria).

Anterior abdominal neurosetae (400X magnification) [The specimen pictured is from Pt. Loma Outfall Monitoring station B-8 rep.1 7Oct96 290 ft.]

