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T 178/8  
 T 147/3  
 T 177/2

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**NOTE BOOK**

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Echinus Basil means increasing rim ?  
 Moerhous means flat bedged rim ?  
 unguentarium   
 Bottle

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INTRODUCTION.

TRENCH 178/8.

Trench 178/8 is a 4x4 (5x5 inc banks) on the north side of the site in an area considered the domestic quarter. The trench was initially opened in the 1993 season by M. Rowley and taken down to a depth of 1/2 meter before the season ended. A clay basin was partially exposed in the SW corner, otherwise top soil only was removed.

Excavations in this trench will continue to bedrock, with the idea of exposing more architectural features in the northern extent of the domestic quarter.

A couple of large steps are located just south of T178/8 (exposed in previous excavations) and excavation of T178/8 will determine if they continue northward up the slope. (see Plan of associated areas on back page).

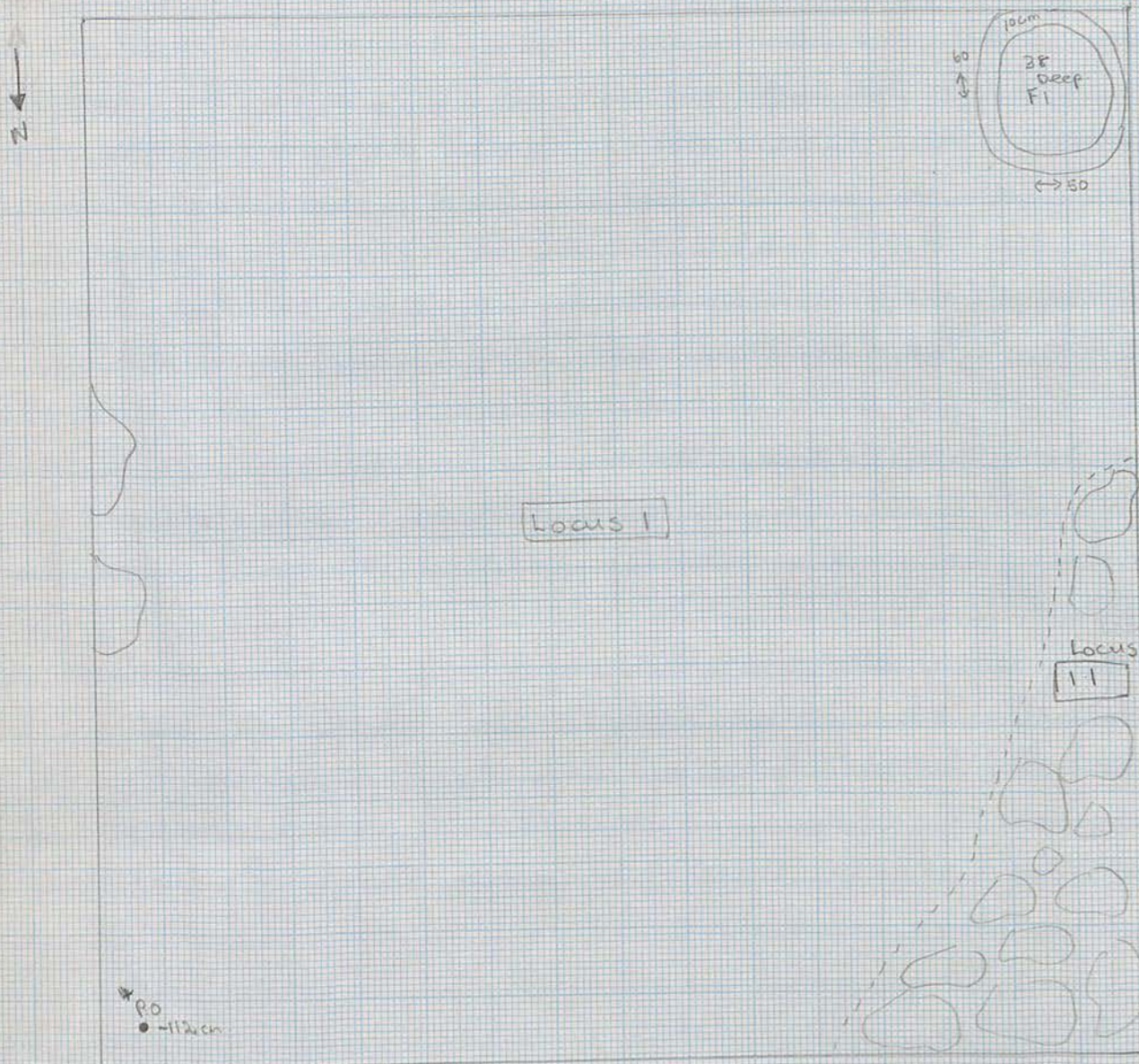
Recruitment.

- Jazi
- Ali
- Khaid
- Amoma
- Fatouma.
- Issu Mohammad (started 2nd week of digging).
- SABA (started 3rd week of digging).

11/9/95

Sketch Plan 1

Level 1.25



NOTE All levels taken surface to ground (point of discovery) from nearest bank edge.

KEY

F1 Means Feature one - for details see back of book

1.1 denotes Locus/level no. for the area excavated.

--- line to indicate an area

11.9.95 (see Plan 1)

7.00 am Locus 1 (clearing level)

Removal of 10cm of soil to avoid possible contamination due to 2 year break at site. Limestone Clay basin exposed (Feature 1) in south west corner.

A small object found in the north east corner. Rock Tumble on floor removed. 1 Bag of pottery recovered.

11.00 am Locus 1.1 (clearing Rock Tumble)

Removal of rock tumble + soil in north west corner. Pottery retained separately

11.30 am Continued clearing ground surface of soil, until end of work day. The last hour is extremely difficult as it is very hot.

12.9.95

6.00 am. Continued clearing tumble in north west corner and cut a right angle in the north west banks. Removed all large/small rocks - no evidence of a wall in this area. Once removed a ash pit appears to be directly underneath tumble. Locus 1.1 pottery kept separate

8.00 am Locus 1. - continued clearing surface of trench and all banks. After another 5-10 cm I think we are clear of washed in deposits as pottery shreds have increased. After clearing sides of all banks - photos taken. There appears no evidence of walls in any banks.

POTTERY 11.9.95 locus 1. (cleaning level).

- 1 x medium Bag of pottery.
- 57 x non-diagnostic sherds - coarse ware

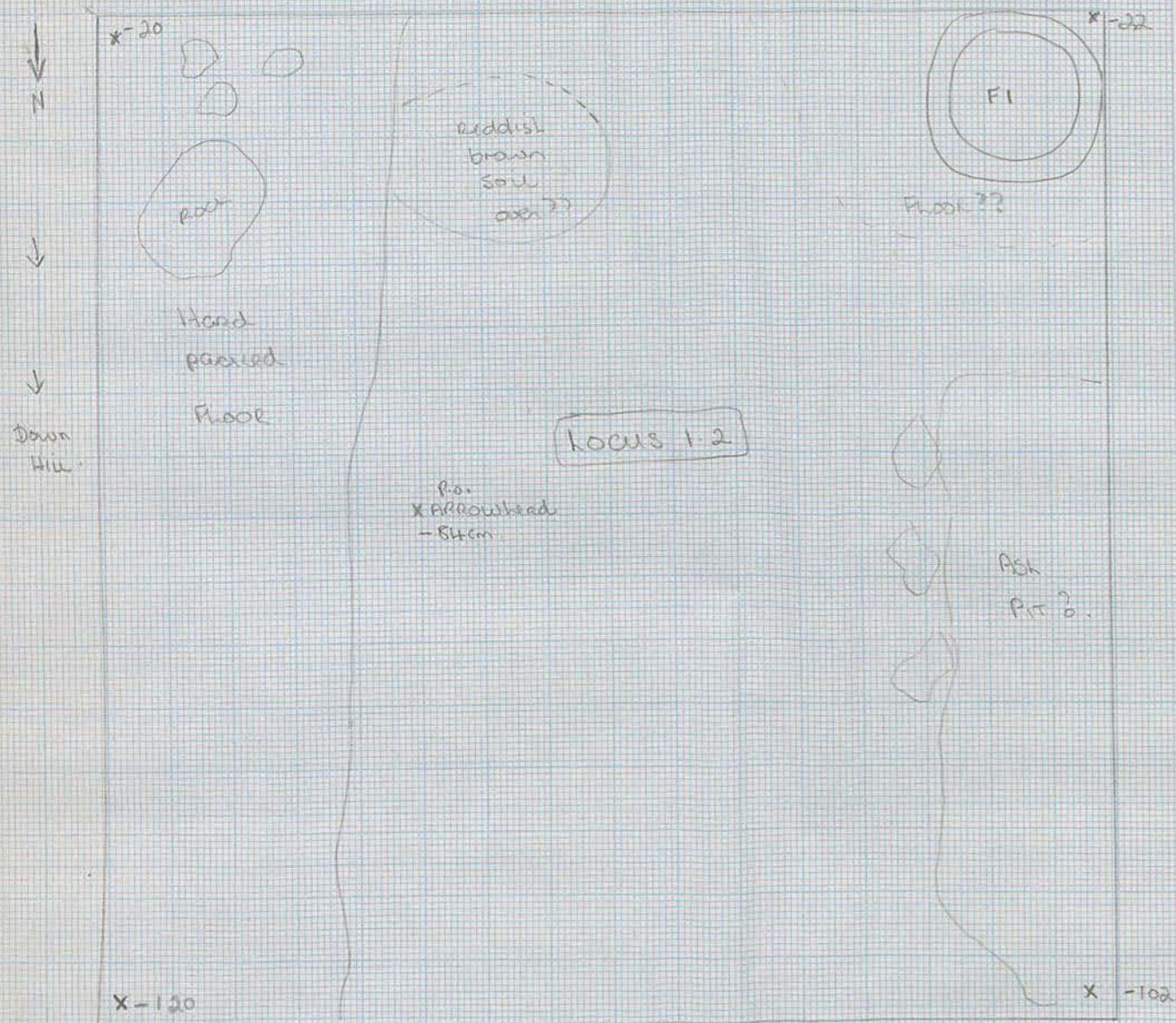
Diagnostics

- 2 x Rim frags Echinus Bowl
- 1 x frag handle frag - coarse ware
- 1 x frag base
- 1 x Rim frag fish plate (double rim)
- 1 x body sherd grey ware
- 1 x body sherd red slip ware

Sketch Plan

Scale roughly 1:25

12/1/95



\* Note: levels taken at X  
 \* Surface-ground levels lower to indicate varying depth of trench.  
 Trench slopes on a north-south gradient.

\* Feature F (FI) See Back.

10.9.95 (see plan 2).

9.45 am - changed locus no. to locus 1.2 as some distinct features appearing on surface of trench. Down now approx 1 meter from surface (1/2 meter removed 1993).

Continued remainder of morning to expose a hard packed floor on the east side of trench which in some places drops off remarkably sharp. on the west side of floor is very soft soil in some places - why??

In the south sector - removal of soil indicates a medium size round hole - soil is reddish brown in colour - might be an oven. I will excavate separately - tomorrow.

Further removal of soil in the west indicates fine powdery grey ash - again area isolated and will excavate separately tomorrow.

A small bronze arrowhead recovered in soft soil mid point in eastern sector (see plan). This is above floor.

Surface to ground levels taken at 4 corners of trench to indicate trench is on a slope.

POTTERY

Locus 1.1

- 1 x medium bag pottery
- 56 x non-diagnostic sherds. coarse ware
- 2 x non-diagnostic coarse cooking getware

Diagnostics

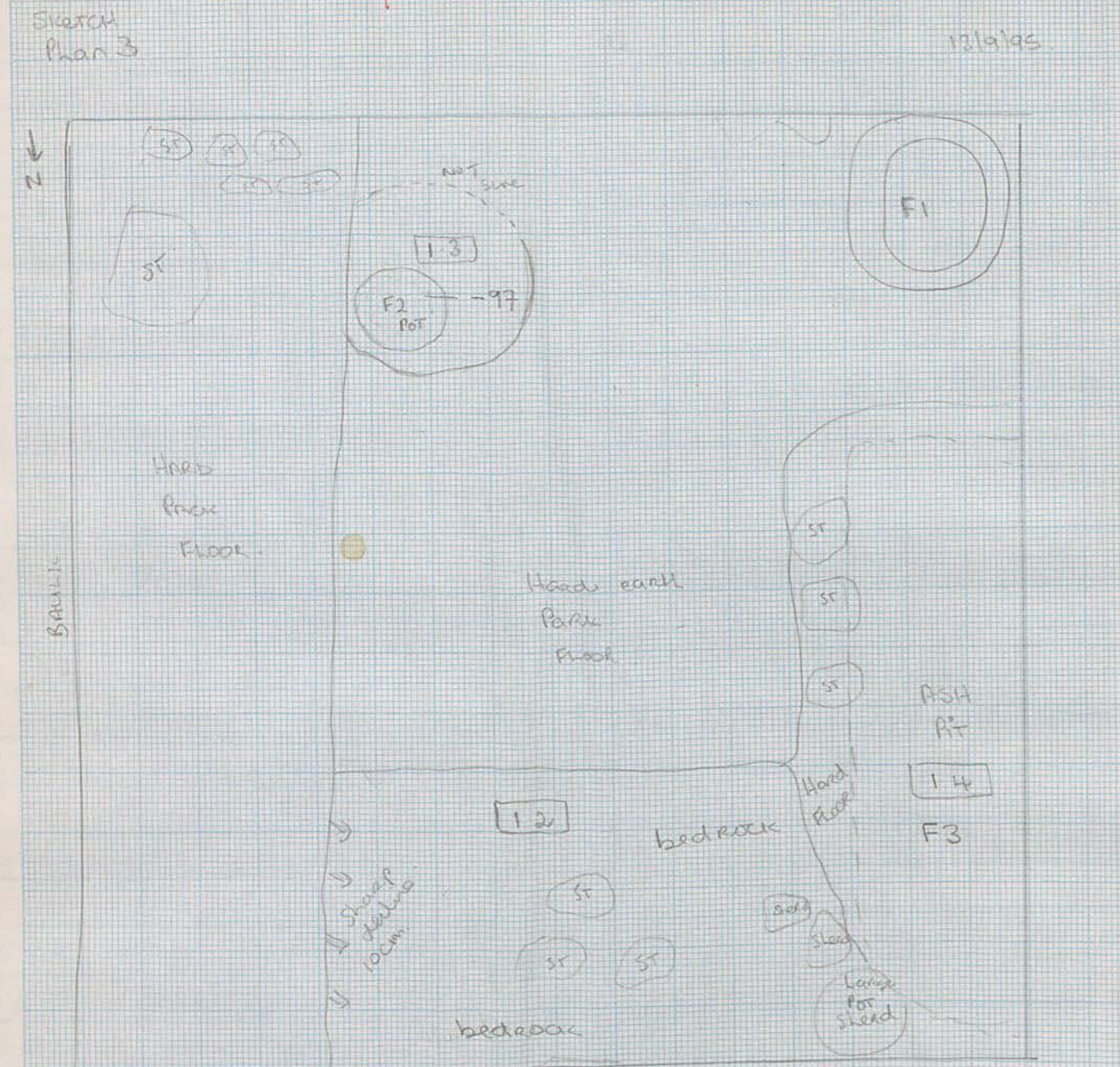
- 1 x pie crust rim fragment
- 1 x plate rim
- 1 x echinus bowl rim frag
- 2 x rim frags jar
- 1 x unknown rim frag
- 5 x bases - frags
- 1 x medium fine olive green - brown drap (int) sherd body
- 1 x plain rim bowl red(int) - black (ext)
- 1 x red glaze ribbed body sherd.
- 1 x red slip (int) choc/red (ext) bowl rim

Locus 1.2

- 1 medium bag pottery
- 49 x non diagnostic coarse sherds
- 1 x olive green body sherd
- 2 x burnt body sherds.
- 1 x very coarse large body sherd.

Diagnostics:

- 1 x Ring base frags
- 2 x glazed body sherd frags
- 1 x choc/red slip rim - bowl
- 2 x jar rim frag - red slip
- 1 x coarse ware - handle of jar
- 1 x mortium bowl - rim frag
- 1 x small body frag with lug decoration



13.9.95 (see plan 3).

Locus 1.2

7.00am Continued excavation of this area in the north. Very soft soil (brown). I would think this is soil fallen in to a work area space. After removal of soil it revealed a large limestone slab (bedrock) - which extends from the neighbouring east trench.

Removed large stores (humble) in the area - quite a lot of burnt pottery.

Several large cooking pot fragments found in situ and part of cooking base.

Locus 1.3.

? North?

8.30 Excavated isolated area in the south extension of trench - in what I thought was an oven. Under reddish soil found a cooking pot - most of rim missing but remainder o.k. Pot exhibited evidence of charcoal ~ organic material. Sample taken (with trowel) and bagged. \* Pottery bagged separately for possible reconstruction. This pit called Feature 2 (F2). Locus (1.3)

Locus 1.4

9.30 Removal of fine pottery ash area in western area of trench against bank. Pit extends under bank and about 30cm deep. All pottery kept separately - some bone found. Small nail recovered. Locus 1.4

10.15 All large rocks removed from trench - all appear to be freestanding tumble - no evidence of walls

Difficult to determine if the hard park floor is a platform and work area - i.e. cooking area are associated. I think F1 + F2 are associated with floor at this level.

will excavate eastern bank back to known wall to determine if they go together. (i.e. floor - wall).

Pottery - 13/9/95

Locus 1.2

1x Big Bag of pottery 1 or 2 cooking pots (body sherds).  
sent to Conservator for reconstruction 95.044  
mostly all body sherds.

Locus 1.2 (Two damp digging.)

1x medium Bag mixed pottery  
17x non diagnostic body sherds.

Diagnostic

- 1x amphora base (top).
- 1x choc glaze base frag
- 1x large base frag
- 1x red slip base frag
- 1x unknown oval frag
- 2x glazed body sherds.
- 3x fine jar rim frags
- 2x coarseware rim frags (strooved)
- 1x red slip rim frag
- 2x drip choc body sherds.

Locus 1.3

36x 3 body sherds from one pot - no rims/bases.

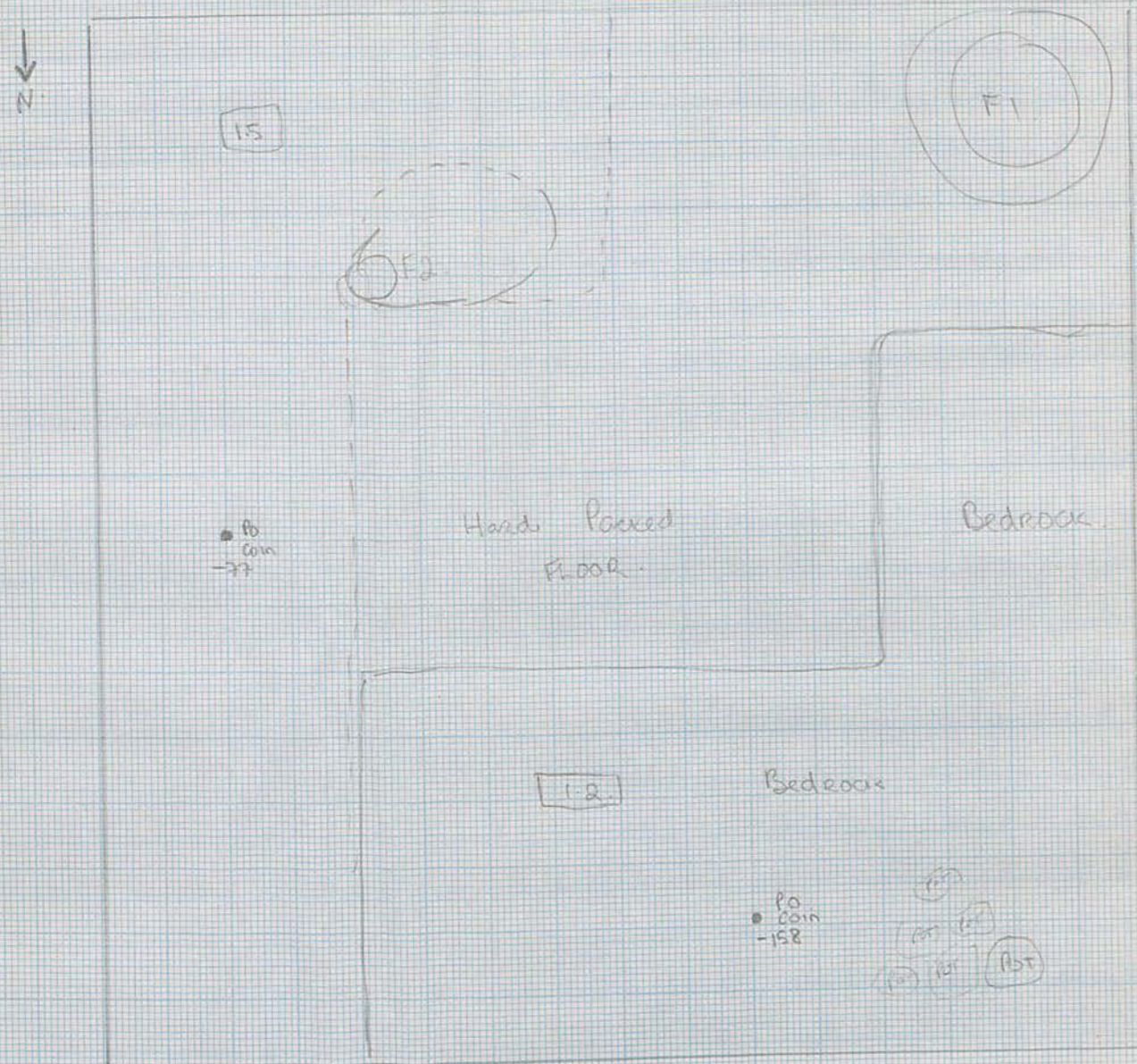
Locus 1.4

80x body sherds mostly coarseware

Diagnostics:

- 2x handles (frags)
- 3x body sherd glazed choc ware
- 1x fine jar rim frag (red slip int) painted ext
- 1x fine rim.
- 1x large bowl rim with reddish slip (int\*ext)
- 1x dual handle join
- 1x multi grooved rim.
- 4x jar rims
- 1x Crudy base



14.9.95 (see plan 4)

Locus 1.2.

Clearing all of area in northern area of trench down to bedrock. Lots of pottery (2 large cooking pots + 1 other in situ, bone, iron/metal pieces. The soil is very soft in this area. A big coin found. Down approx 1.5 meters now. By mid morning the entire area cleared down to bedrock. Noticed that the usual orange/red layers consistent on the site, overlaying bedrock was missing.

Locus 1.5 (removal of floor)

Removing a small section in the south east corner - below the floor to determine what is underneath. The soil is very hard-packed - underneath is tumbled stone.

Extended sector to the north to find out if the hard packed floor is consistent. And yes it is. Took off about 10cm - a small coin found on floor.

9.30 After breakfast I cleared around features 1 and 2 to determine if they are associated with the floor. I believe that features 1 - 2 are set into the floor.

In locus 1.5 there was little pottery which indicates that it is definitely a floor. Mudie frame swung by and confirmed as such. Several large rows in this area removed.

All of today's digging confirmed that this area is a cooking area - with hearths - pig pits, water basin and cooking pots - burnt pottery.

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Pottery. 14/9/95

Locus 1.2.

Individual pot recovered in situ

9 body sherds + 1 rim. Taken

for reconstruction

95.045

Locus 1.5

Small bag pottery

16 x body sherds.

Diagnostica

2 joining frags of a bent up.

1 x Red glaze body sherd

1 x v. fine red slip rim

1 x handle frag

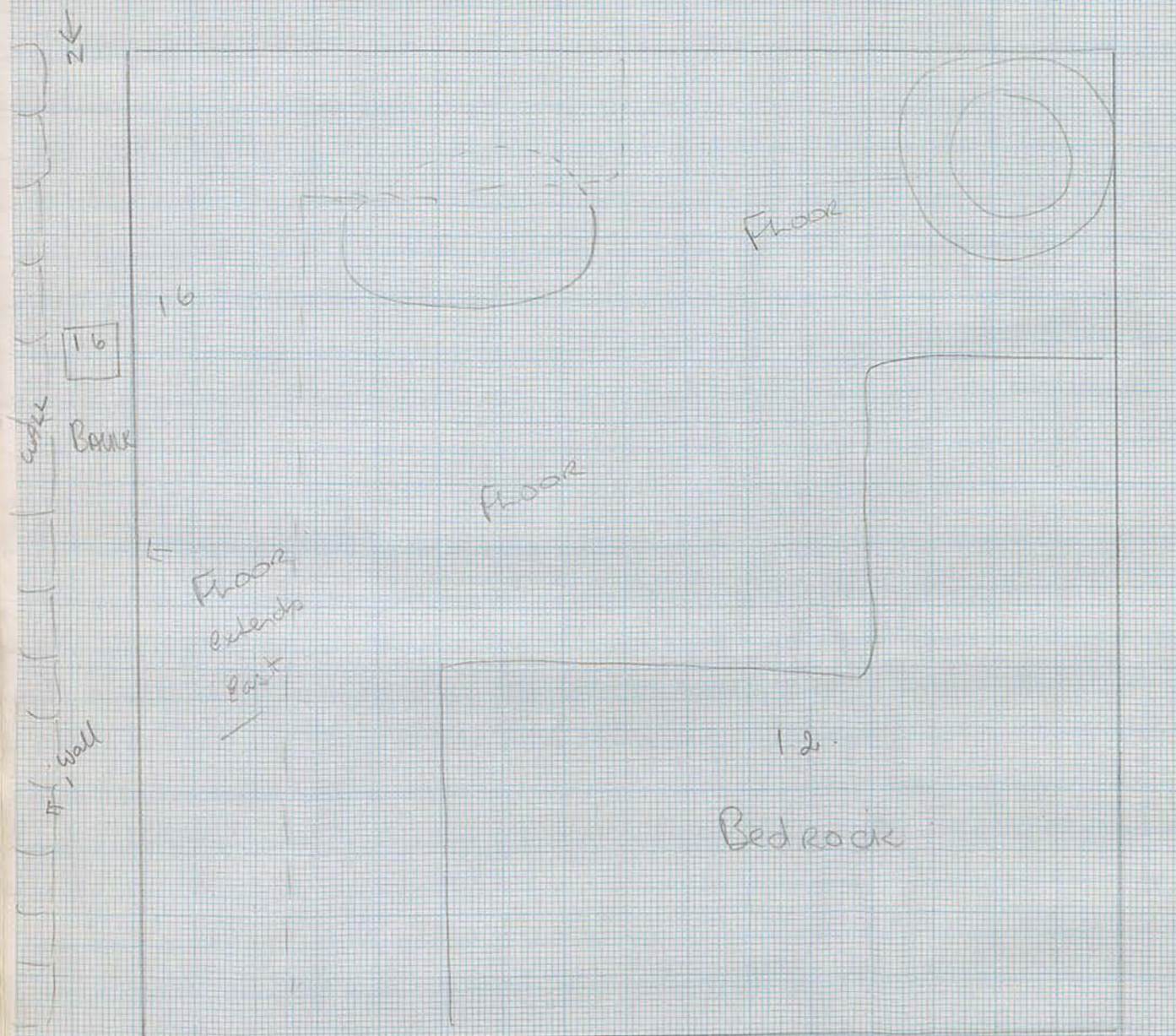
1 x base frag

1 x orange slip rim

1 x rim.

Sketch Plan 5

16/9/95

16.9.95 (see plan 5).

hours 1.6 (Removal of East Bank)

6.00am.

New worker started today - Issu Mohammad - he is very good, and I am pleased I put him on.

Decided after conference with Judie Petros to remove East bank to check if wall in associated trench is the perimeter of my trench - to the east.

This is a big job as there are many large rocks from tumble. After clearing some 50cm in, I was concerned that there might be an adjoining wall, but believe it is not. The floor continues east.

That's all today.

17.9.95 (see plan 6).

hours 1.6

6.00am

Continued removing east bank - many large tumbled rocks. I am satisfied this area was not another wall and exposed mason wall mid morning. This is wall 1.

Continued this all day about 1m across x 2m deep. pottery is minimal considering volume of material removed.

The trench is approximately a 5x4 now.

The wall (wall 1) lies on bedrock. It remains at 5 courses high in most places, and consists of well placed field stones. It is 65cm wide, 1.40 at its highest point but erodes away south.

16.9.95.

Pottery Locus 1.6.

1 medium Bag

78 x non-diagnostic sherds (body)

Diagnostic

1 x yellow slipped base

1 x ring base frag

1 x handle frag

3 x base frag

5 x Rim frags coarseware

1 x rim

1 x glazed body sherd frag

17.9.95

Pottery Locus 1.6 continued

1 medium Bag

290 x non diagnostic sherds.

Diagnostic:

2 x small handles frag

1 x v small handle frag

1 x large <sup>ring</sup> base frag

2 x medium <sup>ring</sup> base frags

1 x small base frag

1 x ed slip body sherd

2 x rim frags mortarium base join

1 x mortarium frag rim

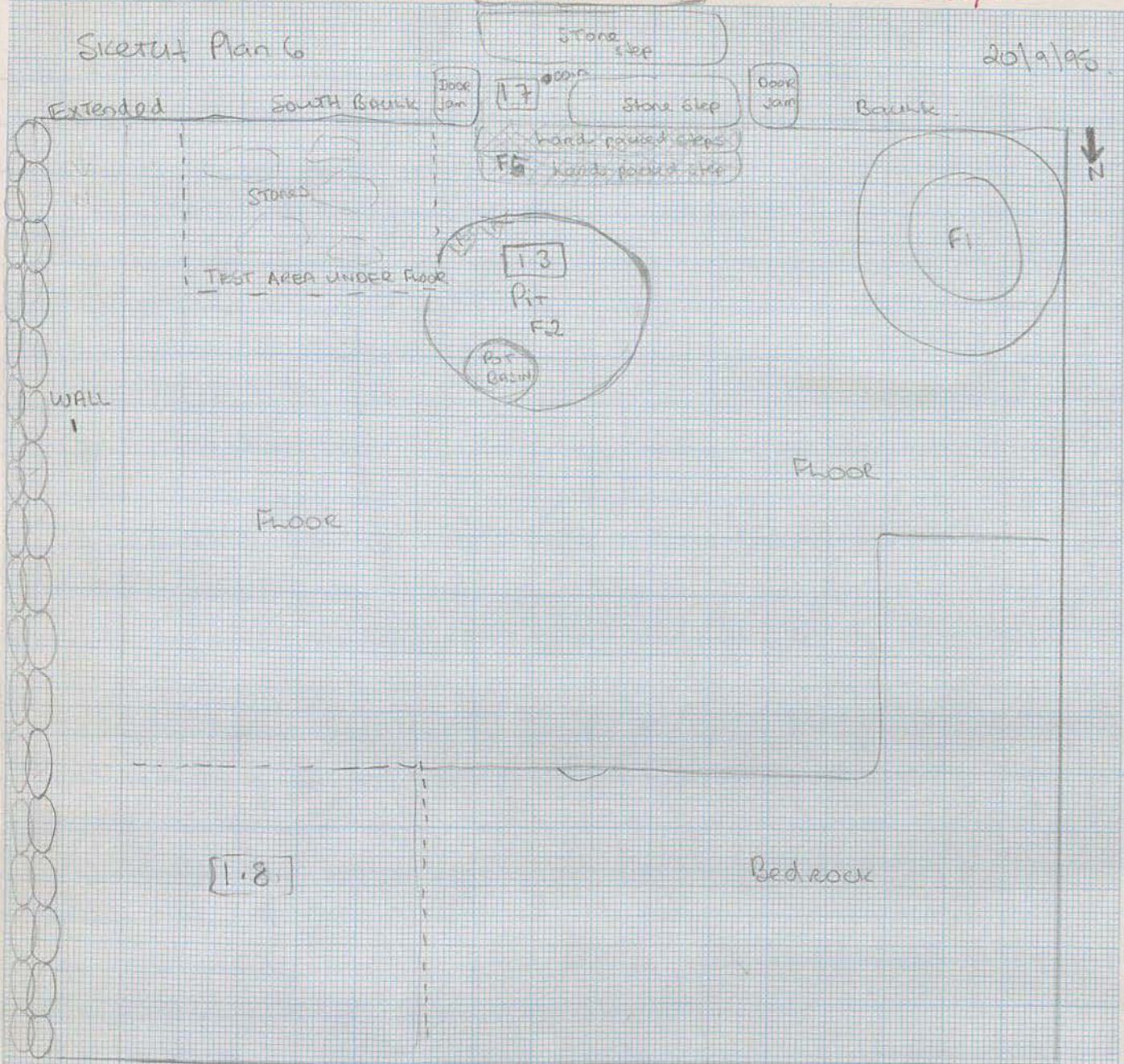
3 x Echinus bowl rim frags

2 x grooved jar rim frag

2 x jar rim frags.

Locus 1.6 1 large piece of limestone frag.

20/9/95



20.9.95 (see sketch plan 6).

6.00am.

Continued in 178/8 after a two day break due to a funny tummy - this trench was not excavated during the break. Decided to check for any evidence of steps in the south, and generally clean up the trench.

6.30 hours 1.7

Removed a small section (<sup>wide</sup> 120cm) of the south bank. This was to determine if large rock steps continue under the bank - up to my trench. After excavation it was revealed that the steps do not appear to extend, but two hard packed steps do. These may have been added to bring access to current floor level.

9.30 hours 1.8

I decided to continue digging out in this area straightening bank (north). Discovered that much of the soil in the ~~the~~ north/east still had some soft soil - so I am removing it. I would like to get the exact outline of the hard packed floor.

10.30 hours 1.3 (Feature 2 pit)

I was undecided as to the nature of this pit so continued to search for a defined edge on the south. This proved quite easy and it appears the pit is cut from middle floor level down to orange/reddish soil, which normally lies just above bedrock.

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Pottery 20.9.95

1 small Bag locus 1.3 pit.

17 x body sherds

no diagnostics.

Locus 1.6 (actually excavated 21/9/95).

1 small Bag

13 x non diagnostic body sherds.

Diagnostics

1 rim frag

1 black glaze body sherd frag

Locus 1.7

1 med bag

45 x non diagnostic body sherds.

Diagnostics

2 x double grooved <sup>rim</sup> body ~~sherd~~ frags

1 x jar rim frag

1 x fine bowl rim frag

Locus 1.8

27 x non diagnostic body sherds

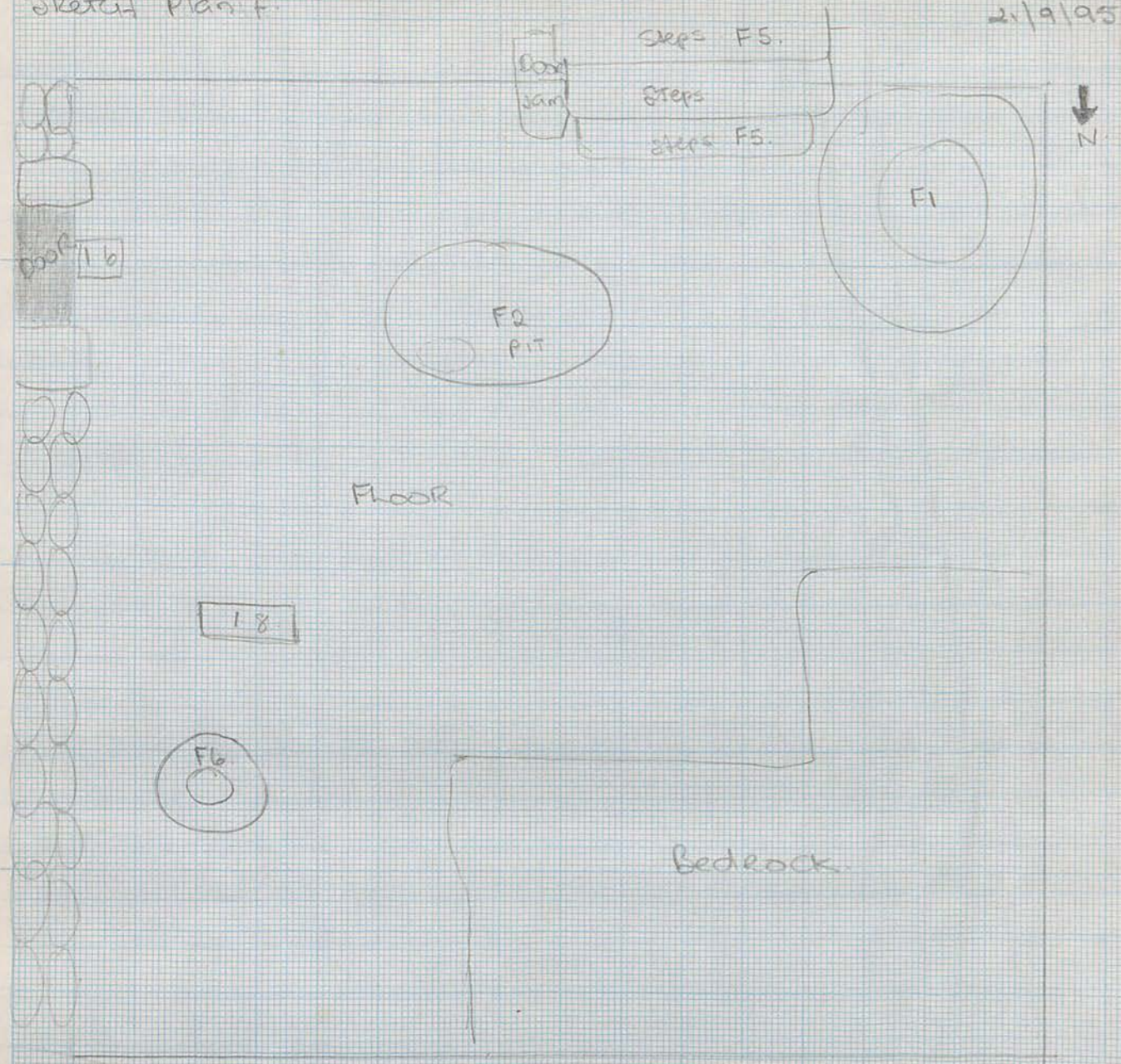
2 x fine bowl rim frags

2 x chunky rim frags.

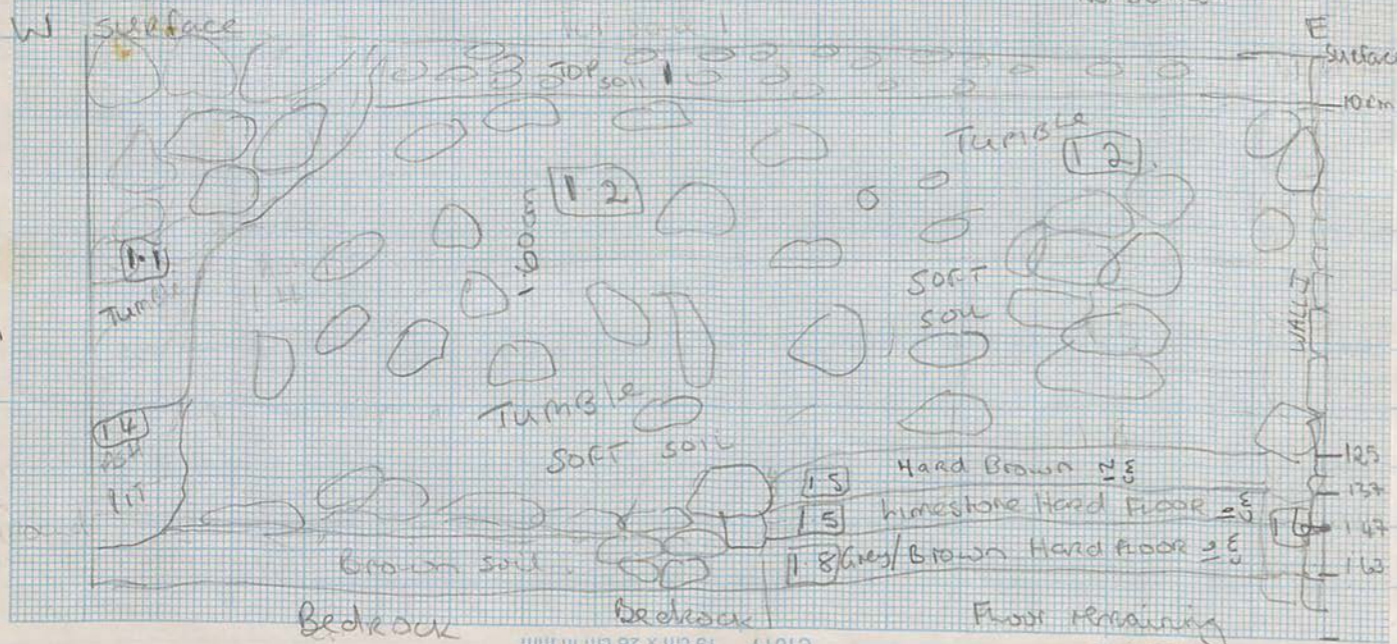
1 x red glaze body sherd fine ware

Sketch Plan 7.

21/9/95



Sketch section showing levels as dug NORTH BAULK NO SCALE.



21/9/95

Locus Level 1.6

6:00 While straightening up wall 1 on the east I discovered a large stone which revealed a door which lay underneath an east/west baulk. This door leads into an adjoining room already excavated.

I decided to expose this door partially and leave it at that stage. Almost 2/3rds is still filled 9:30 with soil. i.e. not blocked.

I decided to remain in this trench for the day and complete it. I wanted to remove a little more of the floor as much of the northern extension has soft soil. Took off 10-15cm. [1.8] A complete pottery stand <sup>was this built in floor or free-standing?</sup> was revealed some 10cm after excavating began - it appears the topmost floor level was overlaid this feature (F6). More large cooking pot frags found.

It certainly appears that at least 2 occupational phases are apparent by the floor levels (in fact probably more).

11:00

The remainder of morning was spent cleaning up the trench for final photos & drawing on Saturday (23.9.95).

Pottery 21/9/95.

Locus 1.6 (see 20/9/95)

Locus 1.8

1 medium Bag + 1 large cooking pot (10 sherds body) <sup>v large)</sup>

134x non diagnostic sherds (body).

Diagnosics:

2x handles (amphora).

1x red glazed echinus rim frag

1x coneware body frag.

1x black glazed ribbed sherd

1x black glazed rim

1x body sherd black glazed



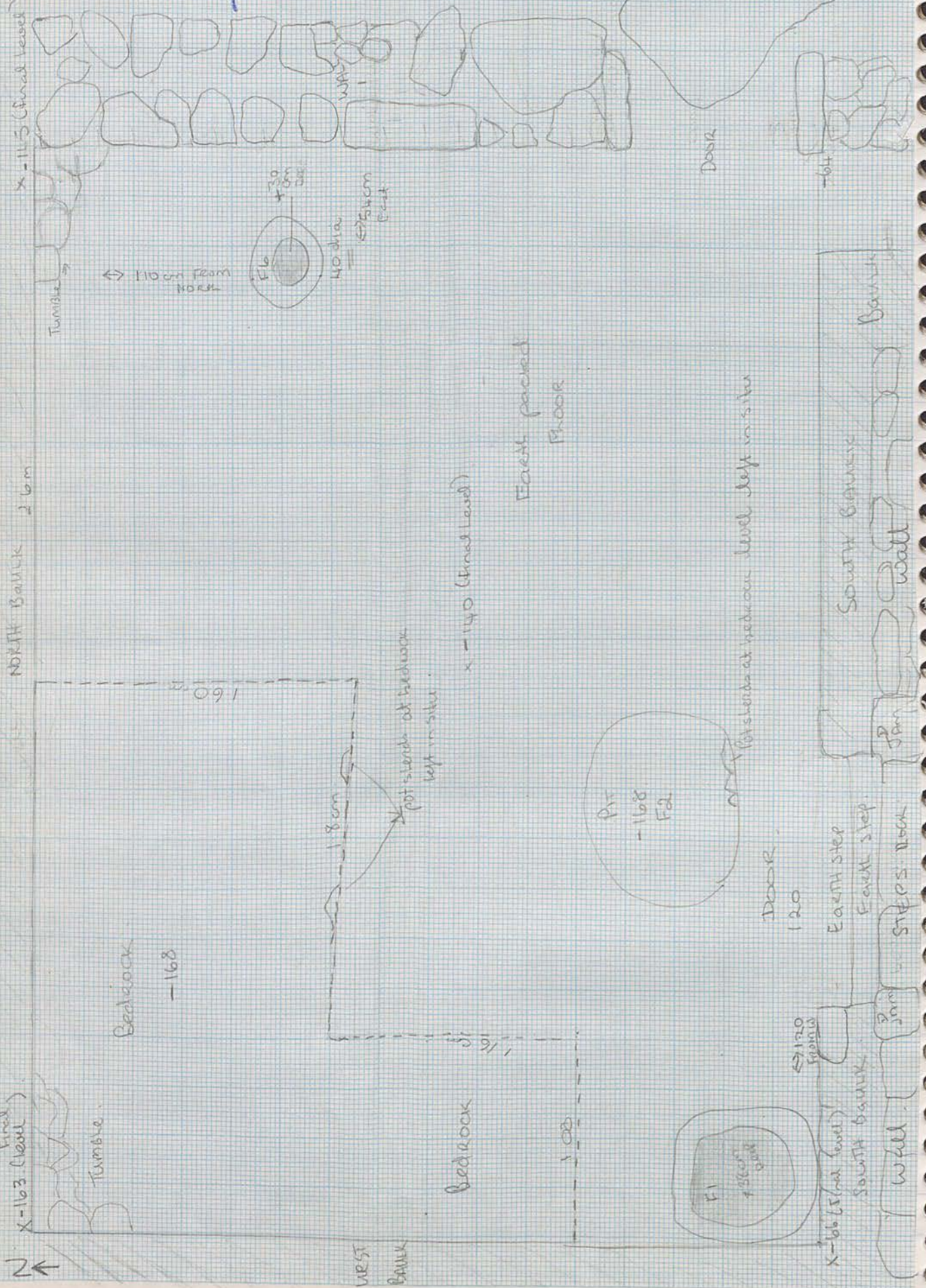
TOP FINAL PLAN SHOWING MIDDLE PHASE occupation.

Scale 1:25.

23/9/95.

TOP PLAN AT MIDDLE PHASE OCCUPATION 5x4

X - Dots Dept from closest surface. // not excavated



Conclusion

Trench 178/8 was started as a 4x4 and extended 1 meter to the east (by removing <sup>the</sup> east bank). This was undertaken to expose a large wall, and a doorway was also located. At the cessation of excavation only walls on the east - south had been exposed. In the southern wall, a doorway had been partially exposed from excavation in the neighbouring southern trench. It was decided to remove a 120 cm section of the 8th bank - expose this door completely, primarily to check if large rock steps continued into trench 178/8. Two earth paved steps continued past the door frame and lead onto the floor. This phase of occupation also revealed a large clay/limestone basin and a pit cut from floor level. During this middle phase of occupation it appears the southern extent was built up by large rocks to achieve a horizontal floor. A large ash pit in the north/west corner was probably ~~cut~~ <sup>utilised</sup> from this phase. A small limestone pot stand was also located in the north/east.

The hard packed floor extends across the trench, but drops sharply away in the north and partially in the west. This slope ends on bedrock, and a good quantity of cooking pots were found in a fine silty deposit. This area, which includes the ash pit is interpreted as a work/cooking area.

It is clear that this floor was laid down over a considerable time. It's entire depth being \* 30 cm thick. Some 20 cm was removed to expose the middle phase of occupation. The floor was not taken down to bedrock, but below the pit, and below the work/cooking area evidence of coarse pottery could be seen lying just above bedrock.

From the middle phase of occupation, three coins were recovered, and a small well preserved arrowhead. Overall the pottery represented an extensive range of coarse cooking ware, with a lesser amount of fine ware bowls / cups etc. Glazed & slipped wares were also located.

In summary the overall impression is that of a large room used extensively over a long period of time. At least 3 phases of occupation can clearly be determined: an initial phase just above bedrock, a middle phase (which includes most of the features) and a top phase which built over many of the features. All occupation levels seem to have utilised the two walls, two doorways and steps. The ~~horizontal~~ pack steps are clearly added to bring level access to the rising floor level.

It is assumed that at least during the middle & later phases this large room was employed as a cooking area, and probably during the initial. If time permits I will cut a further section down to bedrock.

See 05 excavations.

TRENCH 149/3.      INTRODUCTION

This trench was opened as a 5x5 in an attempt to expose the western perimeter wall of this occupational area. It is also projected that we might pick up the very northern extension of this group of buildings - thus giving the overall perimeter to this area.

A number of TBM's <sup>were</sup> located along walls 1-2 to take levels off.

18+19. 9. 95

Locus clearing surface

Trench 149/3 was opened on the 18/9/95 and excavated 2 days under supervision of H. J. As normal the initial clearing is quite painstakingly slow. I was confined to the house with a bug. All pottery kept and analyzed 20/9/95. ~~was~~ Almost immediately below surface two walls appeared. The soil is a brownish colour. Approx 30cm of this was taken off as clearing.

Pottery 18+19 - 9.95

Locus Clearing Surface

1 huge bag

252 x non diagnostic sherds (body)

Diagnostic

11 x Echinus rim frags

12 x Ring bases

7 x grooved rim frags

8 x Mortarium rim frags

10 x Handle frags

1 x Double grooved handle frag

2 x knoblike things(?)

2 x Unguentarium stem frags

1 x Unknown crude base

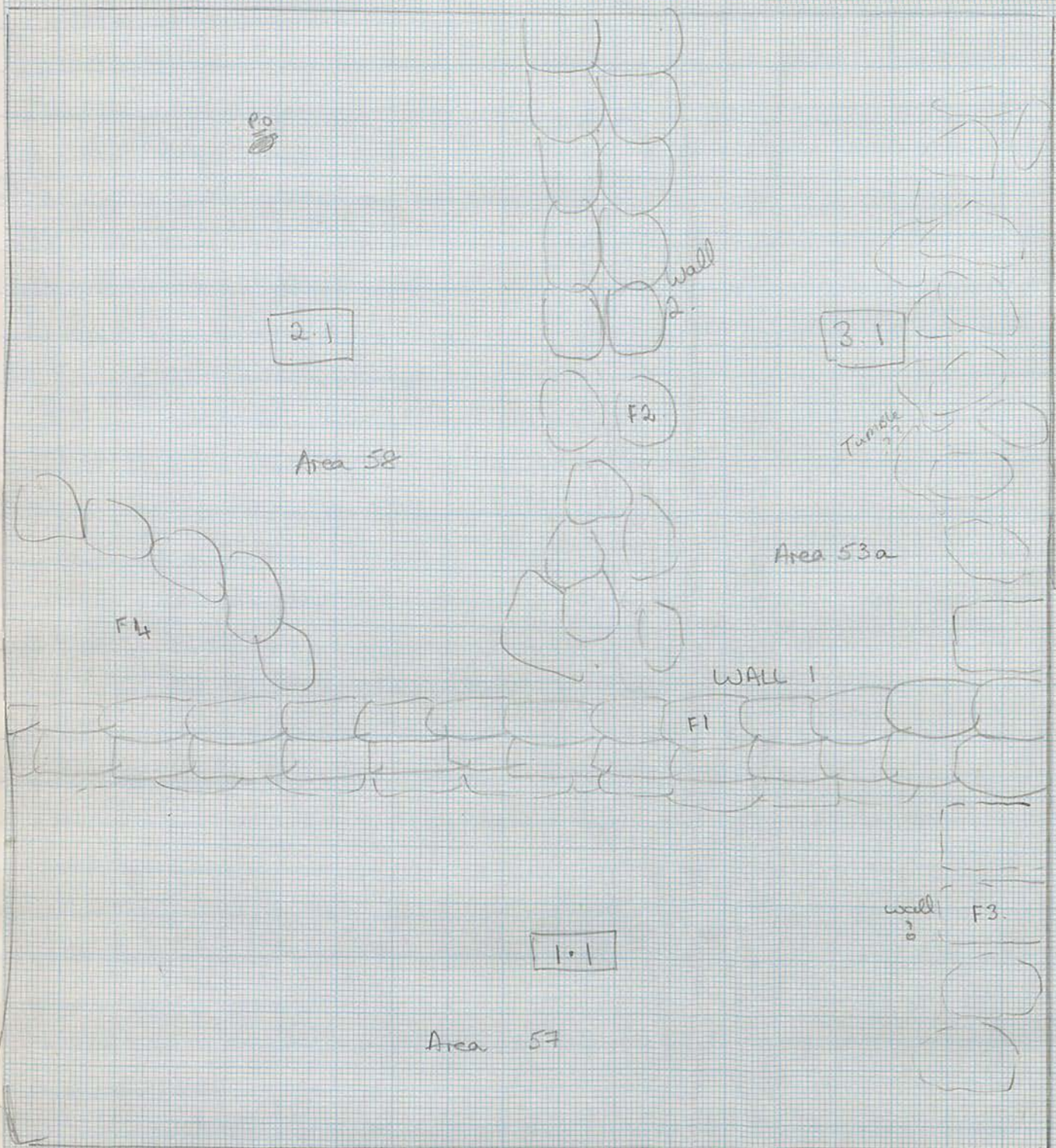
1 x Red glazed rim frag

8 x Red glazed body sherds

3 x choc glazed body sherds

Sketch Plan 1

23/9/95



20.9.95. 6.00 (Plan 1)

locus 1.1 / locus 2.1 / locus 3.1

Isolated areas on either side of walls to keep pottery separate. There is a great deal of rubble and have exposed clearly walls 1-2 in this trench.

The soil is soft greyish brown and an incredible amount of pottery is coming out of area 2.1.

An unusual formation of stones is appearing in area 2.1.

23.9.95. (see plan 1)

6.00. locus 2.1

Did not excavate this trench 21.9.95. Continued with same levels in separate loci. Still a lot of pottery out of 2.1, also a lot of metal & bone.

A beautiful bone object recovered from locus 2.1. A type of cosmetic spoon. 95.108

Continued this course all day, as with an extra worker on today (Sara) able to keep all three areas going.

Pottery 20.9.95.

Locus 1.1

1 medium bag  
20 x non diagnostic sherds.

Diagnostics

1 x handle frag  
6 x Ring base frags  
5 x double grooved rim frags  
1 x rim coarse ware  
2 x echinus bowl rim frags  
1 x rim frag of cup (large)  
1 x base frag.

Locus 2.1

1 large bag  
182 x non diagnostic body sherds

Diagnostics

5 x handle frags (lug)  
9 x Ring base frags  
3 x grooved rim frags  
1 x knobby thingy  
1 x green frag  
6 x fine bowl rim frags  
2 x fine bowl body sherd  
7 x Echinus rim frags.  
1 x unguentarium stem frag  
1 x large rim frag  
4 x mortarium rim frags  
1 x chunkie mortarium rim frag  
2 x red glazed rim base frags  
3 x body sherd red glazed frags  
1 x body sherd with hole in it  
1 x orangey glazed body sherd  
1 x black ribbed body sherd  
1 x lamp piece (sent to inventory)

POTTERY.

Locus 2.1

1 huge bag  
240 x non diagnostic sherds.

Diagnostics

7 x Rim bases frags.  
14 x Echinus bowl rim frags.  
2 x handle frags  
1 x ~~base~~ Double bearded handle frag.  
1 x lug handle frag  
3 x fine rim frags  
1 x unguentarium stem frag  
4 x mortarium rim frags  
5 x grooved rim frags  
5 x red glazed body sherds  
1 x red glazed base ring frag  
2 x black glazed body sherds.

POTTERY 23.9.95. (see above also).

Locus 2.1 (continued)

2 large bags  
175 x non diagnostic body sherds.

Diagnostics

1 x very large rim frag.  
2 x base ring frags.  
1 x base frag  
1 x burnt pottery  
3 x Echinus rim frags  
2 x fine bowl rim frags  
1 x jar rim frags  
2 x grooved rim frags - join  
2 x mortarium rim frags  
1 x yellow/orange body sherd  
4 x red glazed frags inside/outside

23/9/95 Pottery continued.

Locus 2.1 continued

3 v large bags of pottery

500<sup>+</sup> x non diagnostic sherd all body

Diagnostics:

21 x Ring bases frags

3 x glazed ring bases frags

2 x orangey Ring bases frags

2 x base frags.

24 x Echinis rim frags.

1 x Echinis rim frag orangey.

8 x Mortarium rim frags.

12 x Grooved (double) rim frags (frag 1)

2 x rim frags (bands)

1 x Ribbed body sherd

1 x large ribbed body sherd with drip

2 x fine bowl red glazed rim frag

27 x red glazed body sherds.

2 x choc glazed body sherd.

1 x green glazed body sherd.

11 x handles of various shapes.

1 decorated body sherd (for inventory).

24.9.95. (see plan<sup>2</sup> pg 36)

6.00 am

Continued digging in separate loci. Locus 2.1 is by far producing the most pottery, bone, metal etc.

A half moon structure in the north/west is only one course high - it is difficult to determine if this is intentional or just unusual tumble. It will need to be excavated inside as well separately.

Recovered from 2.1 a number of iron jewellery pieces, including a complete cosmetic stick. After removing approx 50cm of rubble & soil, a hard earthen floor is now clear.

Locus 1.1

Room 48

This locus has so far produced very little pottery in comparison with 2.1 - it is full of very large rock tumble, and slate, limestone crusted up.

At the eastern extension is a set of rocks which extend under wall 1 into locus 3.1. These rocks appear to be set in some formation, but seem less formulated in 3.1. They could be a very old wall (under & at right angles to wall 1), which has suffered badly & collapsed.

Locus 3.1

This was not dug very much today, but cleared a few large rocks. As mentioned above I am unsure if eastern rock tumble might not be an earlier collapsed wall. I am also beginning to suspect wall 2 may not be contemporary with wall 1.

At the end of the day a worker pried up on the surface a near complete figurine fragment of a male in excellent condition

Pottery 24.9.95.

Locus Level 1.1.

1 medium Bag.

72 x non diagnostic body sherds.

Diagnostic

2 x grooved (ovule) rim frags

1 x small cup frag

1 x complete base ring - orangey slip inside + outside

2 x echinus rim frags

1 x Ring base frag

2 x red glazed body sherds

2 x handle frag

1 x yellow glazed rim frag.

Locus Level 2.1

1 medium bag

65 x non diagnostics

Diagnostic

3 x ring base frags

1 x echinus bowl rim frag

1 x echinus frag red-glazed

3 x double grooved rim frags

1 x v large handle + rim frag

1 x mortarium rim frag

8 x red glazed body sherds.

1 x v fine red glazed rim frag

Pottery 24.9.95 continued

Locus Level 2.1

4 huge Bags +

500<sup>+</sup> non-diagnostic (once a bloody again).

2 pieces of plaster (1 with paint kept inventory).

Diagnostic

1 x v large choc slipped Ring base frag with leaf stamp

1 x v large echinus bowl rim frag red slipped

1 x v large mortarium rim frag - orangey slipped

1 x large base

1 x large mortarium rim

1 x large bowl frag

1 x large bowl frag + red dripped inside + outside

1 x unguentarium stem very good condition

1 x decorated ~~templed~~ <sup>incised</sup> body sherd

1 x large echinus bowl rim frag red slipped

2 x large mortarium rim frag

18 x red slipped echinus rim frags

1 x v fine red glazed rim frag

3 x red slipped mortarium rim frags.

7 x mortarium rim frags

1 x fine greenish outside rim frag

10 x grooved rim frags.

1 x mortarium rim frag with double grooved outside <sup>TS</sup>

1 x fine black slipped rim frag

12 x red slipped body sherds.

5 x red glazed body sherds

1 x black glazed body sherd

1 x green ~~slipped~~ glazed body sherd

1 x dripped body sherd

5 x straight rim frags

6 x amphora bases

35 x Ring base frags + 1 complete Ring base

1 x red glazed rim base

5 x handle frags

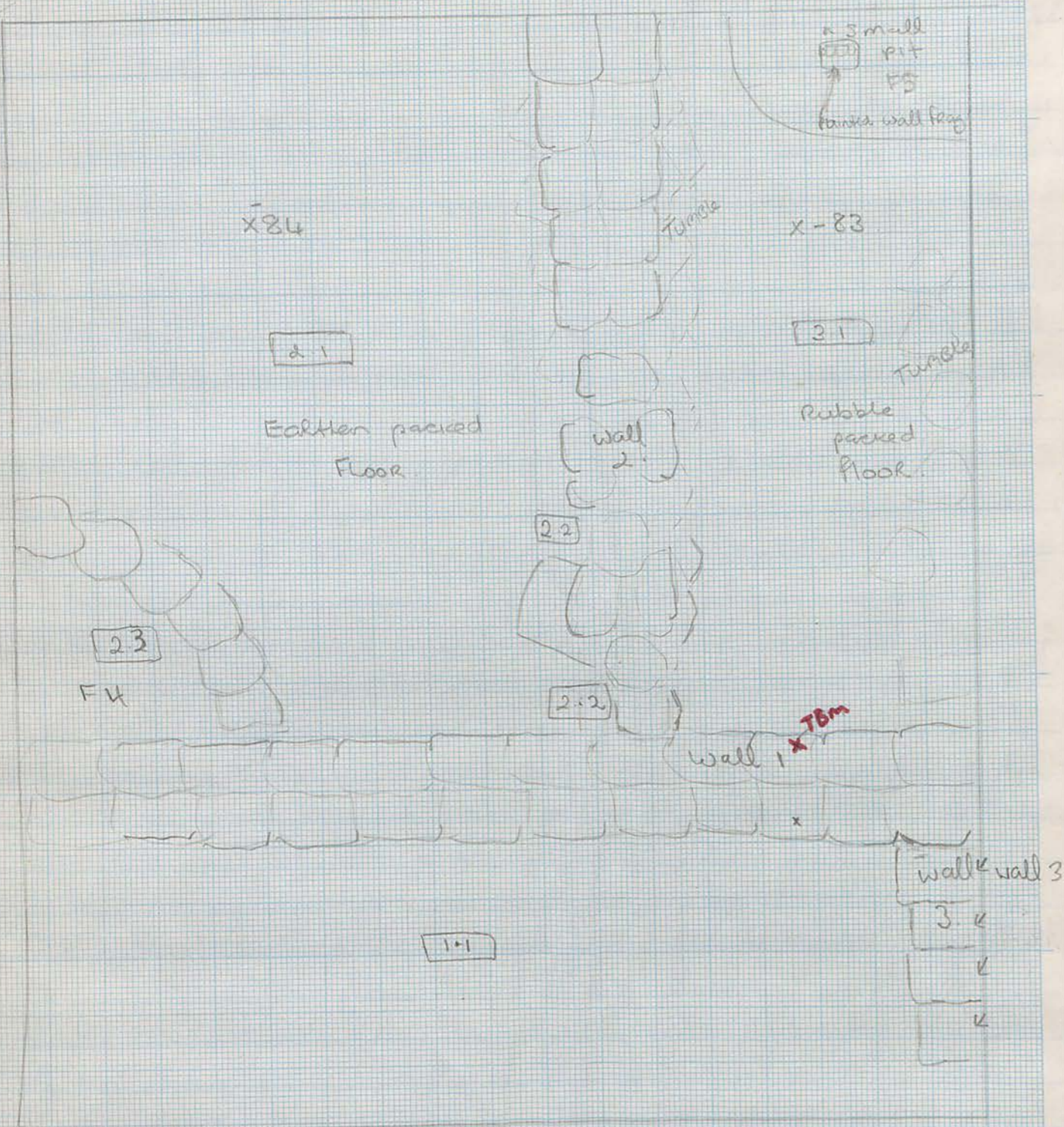
1 cup frag base



Sketch Plan 2.

14/9/85

25/1/85



X Note Both floors are at equal level below surfaces Taken from TBM 1

25.9.95. (see Plan 2).

6.00am.

Breasted up the floor on Locus 2.1 - it's the usual eastern packed floor with flat pottery shreds ~~at~~ trodden into it. A soft area sits against wall??

Also decided to remove timber along eastern side of trench in Locus 3.1 and while I was away ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> the acropolis, a small pit was revealed in the north east corner. From this pit a well preserved fragment of wall painting (egg & darts) was located. This is F5.

Also a rubble packed floor is now evident. This floor is at the same level as the one ~~on~~ on the other side of wall 2. Although this could be outside.

9.00 - 11.00

I am unsure of wall 2, how it relates to wall 1 and if in fact it is later than wall 1. So I cleaned it up and removed a small section of soil as it abuts near to wall 1. I found underneath a large stone set into wall 1, which confirms that it is contemporaneous. It therefore seems that wall 2 is just poorly constructed. This is locus 2.2.

I also removed FA the unusual stone structure in the south/west corner of locus 2.1. This was removed as locus level 2.3.

This structure was planned - photographed before removal. There was nothing underneath except soil/pottery and a beautiful lamp (Hellenistic) almost complete. A small pot and a small stone ~~and~~ spinning wheel.

10:30

While I was away a pit was uncovered in 3.1, in the North/West corner - I excavated it some more, removing a lot of soil (soft) and small rocks.

Work continued in locus 1.1, which still consists of soft brown soil, and rocks, although less than higher up. Some rocks which were at right angles to wall 1 and against the eastern block, seem to have formed into a wall (3).

## POTTERY

### locus 3.1

2 x large bags.

103 x non-diagnostics.

### Diagnostics

1 x large base with incised decoration - red slipped

2 x red slipped body sherds

7 x ring base frags

4 x red slipped echinus rim frags

2 x mortarium rim frags red slipped

3 x grooved rim frags.

2 x thickened rim frags

2 x red glazed body sherds

1 x green glazed body sherd

1 x handle

1 x ribbed red slipped body sherd.

## POTTERY 25.9.95.

1 small Bag locus 1.1.

51 x non-diagnostics

### Diagnostics

5 x ring base frags.

2 x frags of a loop handle (join)

1 x grooved rim frag

1 x small stopper thingy

1 x knobbie thingy

2 x mortarium rim frags

2 x red slipped body frags

1 x red glazed body sherd.

2 x jar rim frag thickened

1 x red/brown glazed body sherd with ribbing.

### Locus 2.2

1 x small bag

28 x non-diagnostics

### Diagnostics

2 x Echinus rim frags.

### Locus 2.3

1 x large bag.

65 x non diagnostic

### Diagnostics

1 x red slipped ring base

1 x orange slip ring base

8 x ring base frags

6 x thickened rim frags

1 x jar rim frag

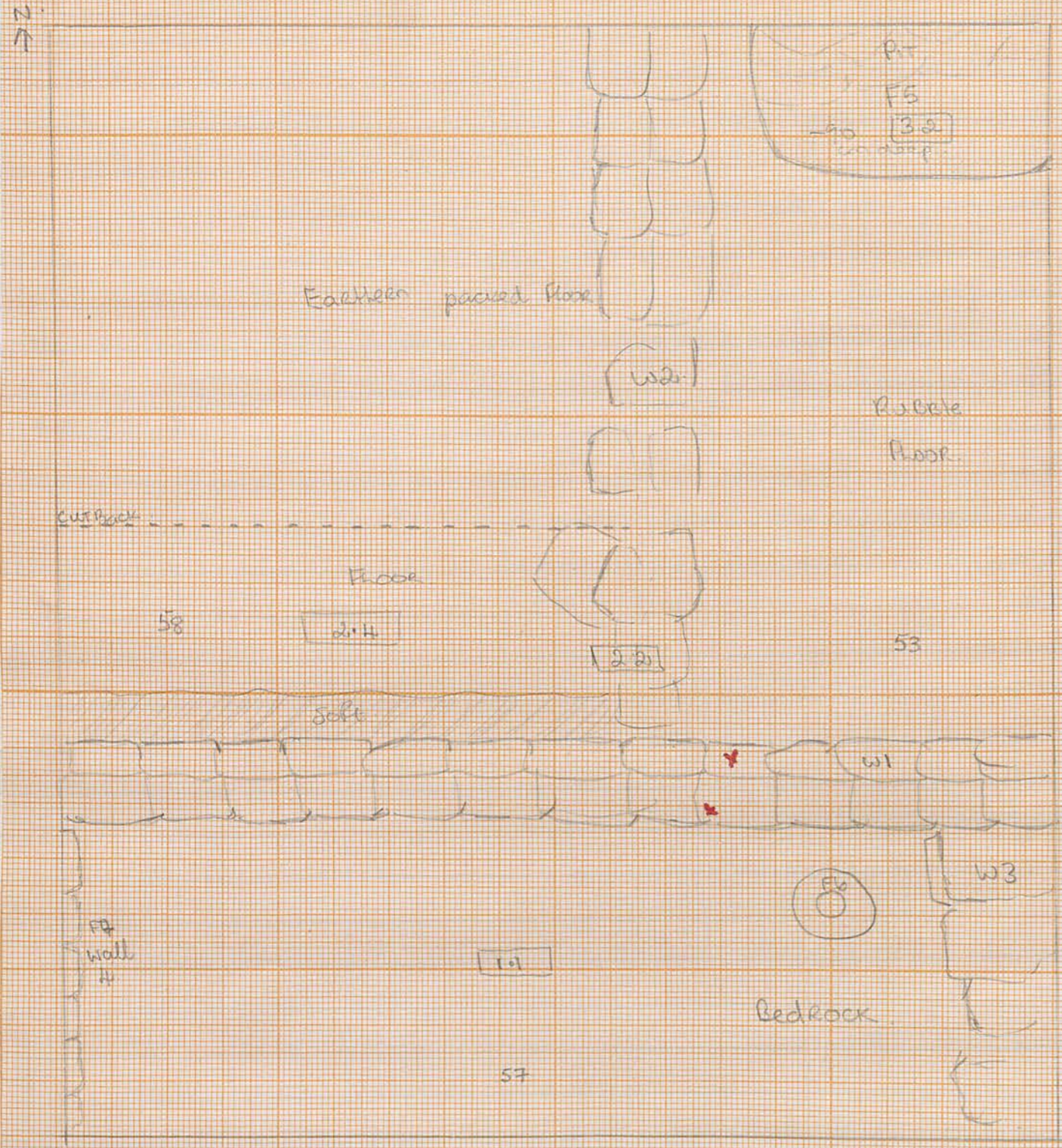
2 x grooved rim frag

1 x large amphora handle

4 x handle frags.

4 x red glazed body sherds.

1 x large coarse rim frag  
2 x echinus bowl rim frags  
red slipped



26.9.95.

6:00am.

Started the day cleaning up loci 2 and 3 for photos of their respective floors and walls. I also straightened up wall 2. I'm still not convinced of its structure and construction. However after cleaning it up, it still just looked like a badly eroded wall.

8:30 After consulting with Peter (onsite) decided to cut back the two floors 1 meter northwards from wall 1. With an attempt to reach bedrock.

The floor is very hard and difficult to remove. A soft soil strip of approx 20cm abuts the wall ???

Continued digging in locus 1, which essentially has remained unchanged. Still soft brownish soil and lots of rock tumble. The pottery is increasing a little and I think we are near a floor.

In the east a small limestone pot stand was uncovered. Wall 3 has shaped up well, although it appears the top few courses are missing.

10:30

Excavated the rest of F5 (pit) in locus 3. This is 3.2. This pit has thinned out quite large and goes down approx 1.6 metres. The soil is ashy brown and very soft. Lots of loose stones also in this pit. The pit is 1.60 deep from surface.

Towards the end of the day a small section of a wall (4) is appearing in the western section of locus 1. Only the face is obvious so far.

Pottery 26.9.95.

Locus 2.2.

- 1 smallish bag
- 9 x non diagnostic body sherds. diagnostics
- 8 x sherds of a large pot. (incl 2 rim frags).
- 1 x Red slipped
- 1 x Ring base.
- 1 x mortarum rim frag.

Locus 3.2.

- 1 small Bag.
- 30 x non-diagnostic
- Diagnostics
- 1 x incised lunate body sherd
- 1 x Ring base
- 1 x echinus rim frag
- 1 x grooved rim frag.

Locus 2.4

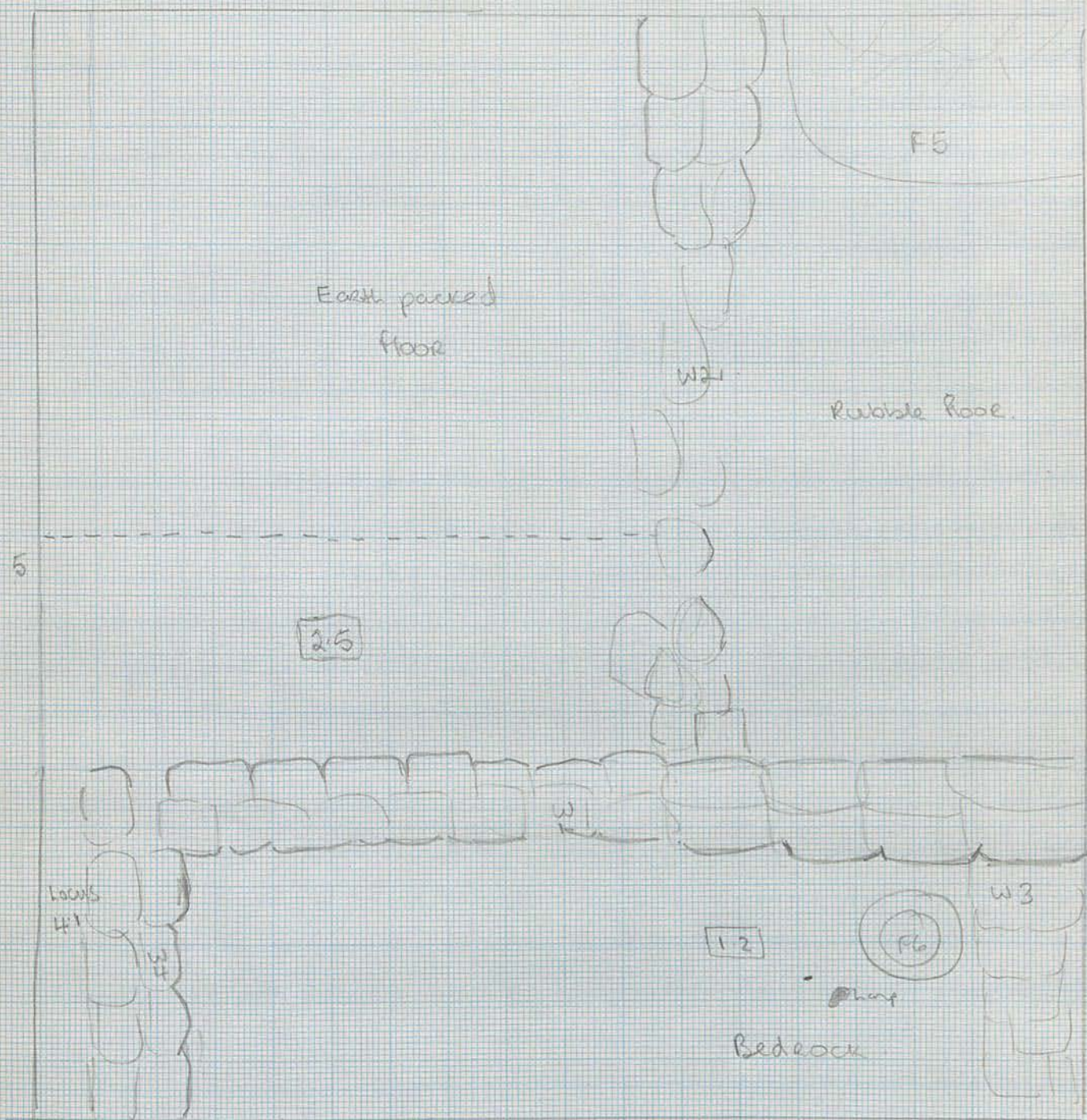
- 1 medium Bag
- 103 x non diagnostic
- Diagnostics
- 5 x echinus bowl rim frag
- 3 x mortarum rim frags.
- 1 x Thickened grooved rim frag
- 1 x green glazed rim frag.
- 1 x double grooved rim frag
- 1 x knoblike thing

Locus level 1.1.

- 1 x large Bag
- 250+ x non-diagnostic includes 7 large body sherds of 1 pot.
- Diagnostics
- 2 x large body sherds incised
- 1 x small handle frag
- 3 x Ring base frags.
- 2 x thickened rim frags
- 3 x straight rim rim frags - red slipped
- 2 x echinus bowl red slipped rim frags.
- 1 x double grooved rim frag
- 2 x mortarum rim frag

Sketch Plan A

27/9/95



TRENCH NOW 6x5

27.9.95

6.00am.

Started this morning in 3 loci. One team removing the floor of locus 2. I have changed level to 2.5 as the Ram packed soil is now brown. A good stratigraphic sequence is clear in the artificial cut back on floor. A soft area of approx 20 cm wide beside the wall could be either: - A foundation trench for W1, which would mean W1 was built later than the floor and cut through the floor. This is not generally the case in this area; OR (which is more common) the soil has been softened due to the proximity to the wall. Probably by water running down. The pottery is decreasing somewhat the further I go down.

In southern locus 1, Yazici is clearly through to bedrock, the soil is still soft brown and hardly formulated into a earth packed surface at all. Maybe it has suffered more from erosion. The pot stand/grinder (F6) sits on bedrock. A number of beautiful finds recovered here: A complete lamp, a coin and a batch of clay loom weights (intact). Changed level to 1.2 as an indicator of soil just above bedrock. Two near complete echinus bowls also recovered. All these finds about 20cm off bedrock.

The trench has been extended by 1 meter to the west in an attempt to expose the western wall (W4). This has been called locus 4 (level 4.1). The wall is very clear and similar to wall 1+3 in preservation. The western face will be exposed completely to bedrock. Towards end of day a good course of stones appeared under wall 2 - confirming it is bonded well to wall 1.

Pottery 27.9.95

Locus 1.2

2 large bags

108 x non-diagnostic body sherds.

Diagnostics

60+ Diagnostic sherds from 1 large jar incl rim

5 x Dia sherds of a small pot/<sup>Bowl</sup> (some join)

2 x Large sherds of a small pot/<sup>Bowl</sup> join.

4 x Ring base frags (red slipped)

1 x Rim red slipped

1 x large amphora base

2 x echinus bowl rim frag Red/choc banded slipped

1 x jar rim frag

1 x grooved rim frag

1 x large mortarium rim frag

2 x deep ware body sherds

5 x black slipped sherds

1 x ✓ Rim

2 x Red slipped sherds

Locus 2.5

1 medium Bag

85 x non-diagnostic body sherds.

Diagnostics

1 x large ring base frag

5 x Ring base frags

1 x black glazed ring base

1 x ✓ ✓ body sherd

1 x knobbed toe base

1 x handle

5 x echinus bowl rim frags red slipped

1 x black slipped rim frag with exterior grooving

1 x greenish rim frag

1 x ✓ line frag

Locus level 4.1

1 medium size bag

80 x non-diagnostic.

Diagnostic

3 x Ring base frags.

6 x echinus bowl rim frags

1 x body sherd with orange deep slip

3 x straight rim (line) with red slip

1 x rim / base ring frag of bowl.

6 x handles

5 x mortarium frags rims

2 x thickened rim frags.

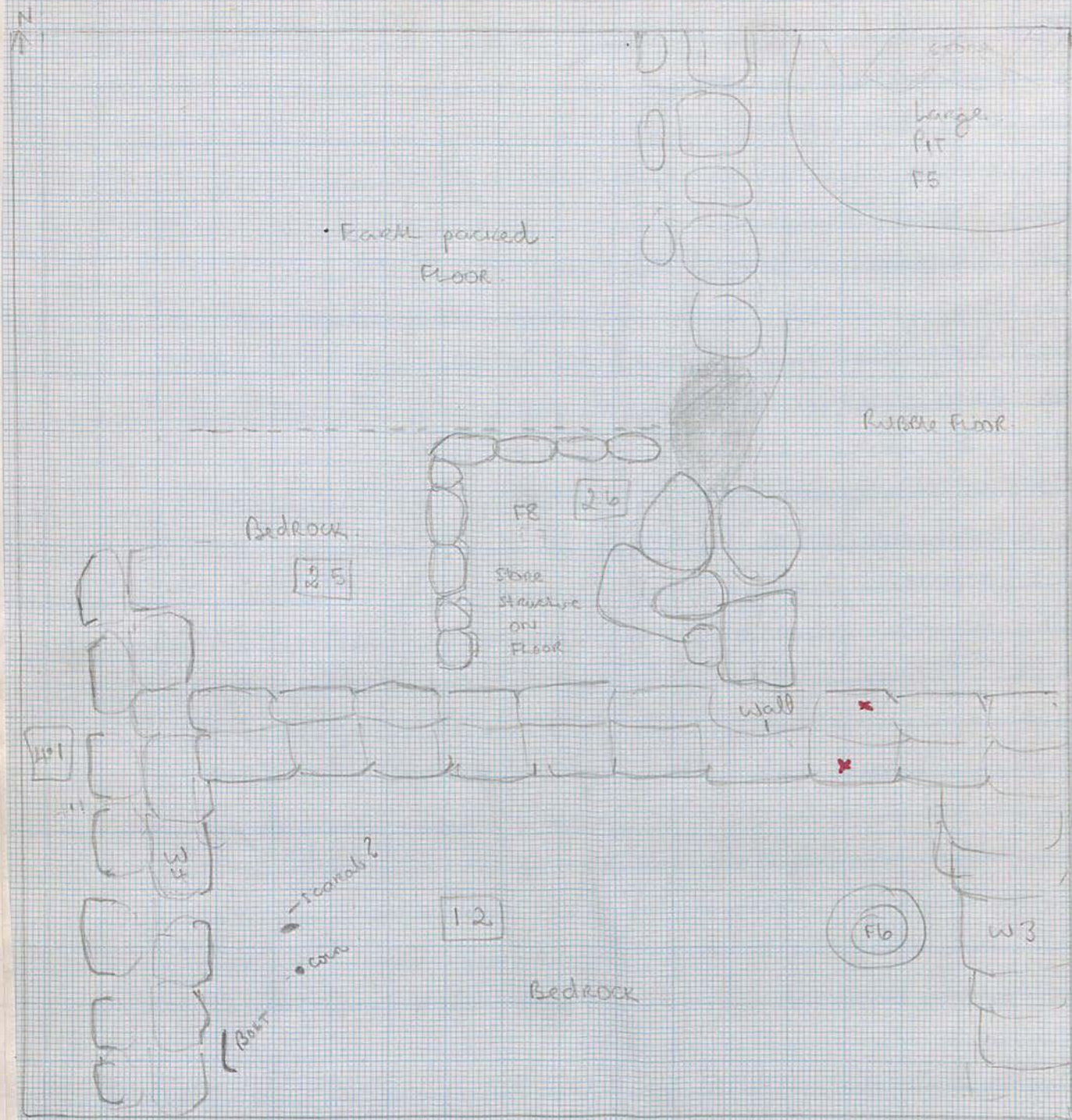
1 x grooved body sherd

2 x Double grooved rim frags.

Sketch Plan 5

149/3

28.9.95



28.9.95

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6.00 am

Started excavating Loc 1 - will remove all soil down to bedrock. This area has proven very rich in finds - today recovered a scarab & a large iron piece (door bolt). Both walls 1, 3 & 4 sit on bedrock. Wall 1 is approx 8 courses high - wall 3: 4 courses - wall 4: 4 courses high remaining. Mostly clearing - sweeping.

8.30 Also continuing to extend locus 4.1 to the north exposing wall 4. It is clear already that this wall goes further north and it most likely the western perimeter wall.

Hamad is continuing to pond through the very hard packed floor. Approx 45cm down a small stone structure of (small stones) appears. Inside this - against the wall the soil is soft. will excavate separately. Have continued outside the stone feature (F8) as 2.5 F8 is just above bedrock. A number of large flat stones have been used I think to flatten off the bedrock.

NOTE: re: scarab/lead?; coin; bolt;  
 \* All the finds today were just above the surface bedrock on the first occupational surface.

primary

Pottery. locus Level 2.5 28.9.95.

1 medium Bag.

78 x non diagnostic sherds body

Diagnostics.

1 x small lug handle

2 x amphora bases

1 x handle

3 x Ring bases

2 x Mortarium Rim frags.

3 x thickened rim frag

2 x echinus bowl rim frag (red slipped)

locus Level 4.1

1 medium bag

98 x non diagnostic sherds (body)

Diagnostics.

3 x ring base frags.

1 x large red slipped ring base frag

1 x v line double edged ring base

2 x thickened grooved rim frags of jar may join

1 x unguentarium stem frag

1 x lug handle

3 x echinus bowl.

3 x red slipped body sherds.

1 x mortarium with double grooves ext rim frag.

1 x mortarium rim frag

1 x black glazed body sherd.

Pottery. 28.9.95.

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locus Level 1.2.

1 small Bag of pottery

28 x non diagnostic body sherds.

Diagnostics.

1 x black Rim frag.

1 x Ring base frag

1 x large handle join frag

1 x thickened rim

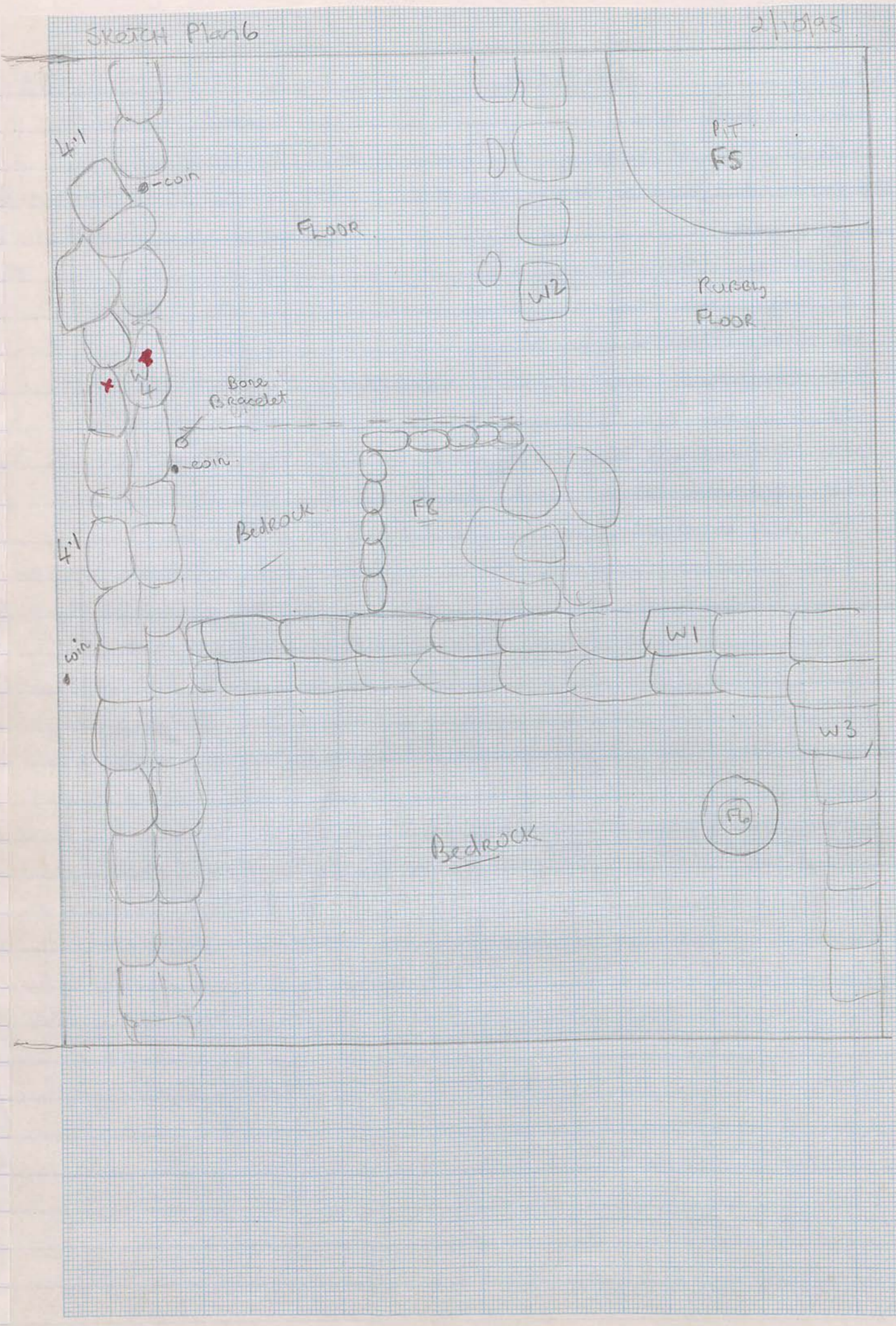
1 x echinus bowl frag

1 x mortarium rim frag

1 x painted (red) body sherd.

1 x amphora base





2ND OCTOBER.

locus level 4.1.

6.00 Continued today clearing the west wall along. Taking it from the top and the east face. The top courses of wall 4 are quite badly eroded in this section.

Three coins were found today - two about 70cm down (from surface) on the east face of wall 4. The other one found in the slot trench in the southern area amongst the rubble being cleared. About 110cm from surface. A small bone bracelet was also found in the east wall, approx the same place as the coin.

3rd October 1995.

locus level 4.1.

6.00 - Continued to excavate the slot trench on the west side of the wall 4. The conditions today were absolutely awful - the wind howled and we all cringed.

Have been successful in reaching level (bedrock) in most of the slot trench. It is very unattractive. The wall 4 has proven to be badly eroded and I had to remove part of it in the north as it was in danger of collapsing on the workers. To look for the bottom courses I will need to remove more collapse.

A small coin was found today in the northern sector of the collapsed wall.

Pottery 2.10.95.

Locus Level 4.1

4 medium size bags (combined).

300+ non diagnostic

Diagnostics

14 x Ring base frags

1 x small fine red slipped base

1 x base with hole in it

1 x Round base

3 x knobie frags

2 x amphora bases

2 x Lug handles frags

2 x handle stems frags

1 x twisted handle (red slipped)

2 x large frags of rims of jars with red slip

1 x jar rim frag with raised rim

5 x Mortarium rim frags

4 x Echinus rim frags

2 x v large thick rim frags

2 x frag red glazed rim

1 x blacked glazed rim

5 grooved rim frags.

Pottery 3.10.95.

Locus Level 4.1

1 medium bag

150 x non diagnostic body sherds.

Diagnostics

24 x Ring base frags

3 x knobie frags

13 x handle frags

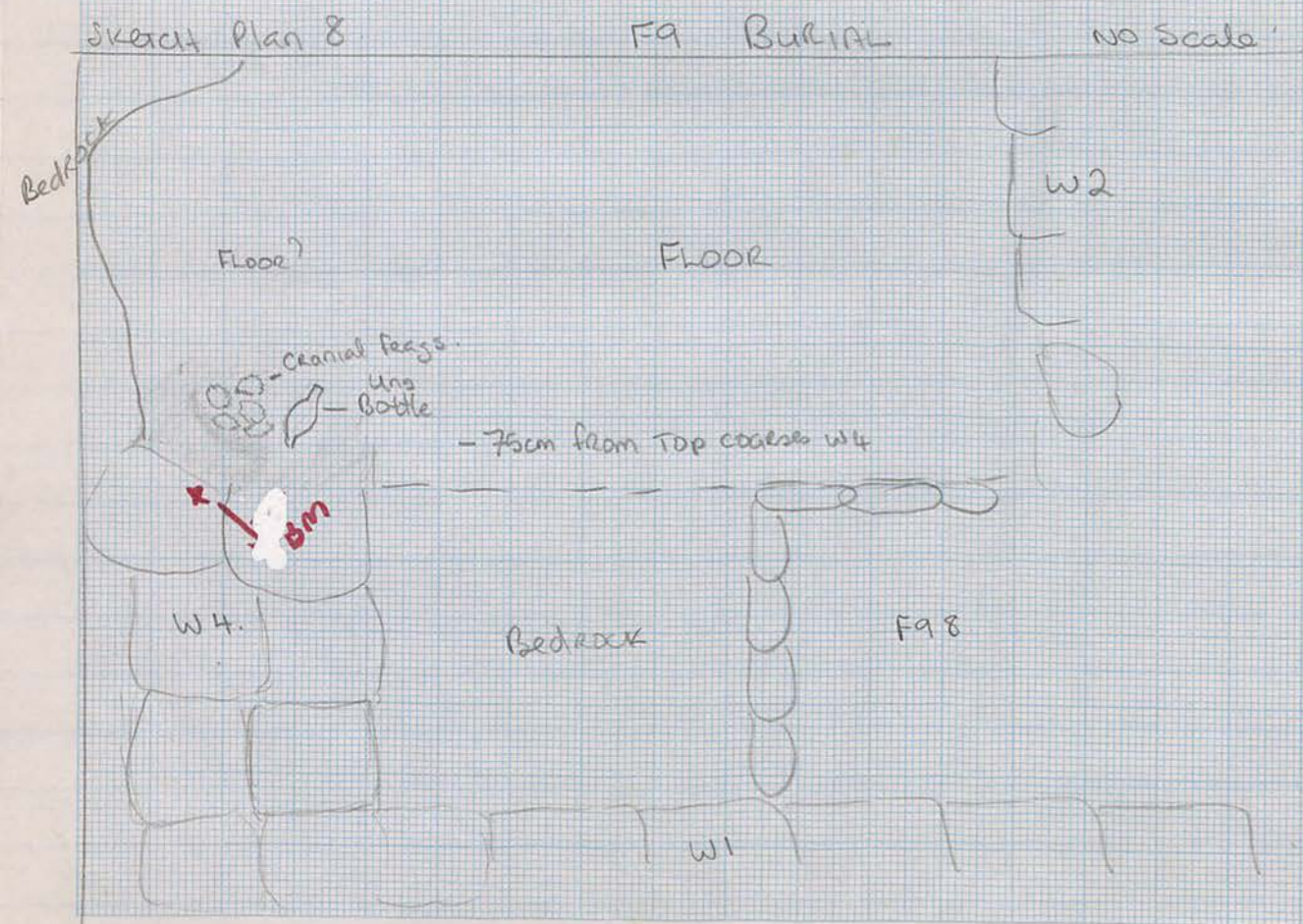
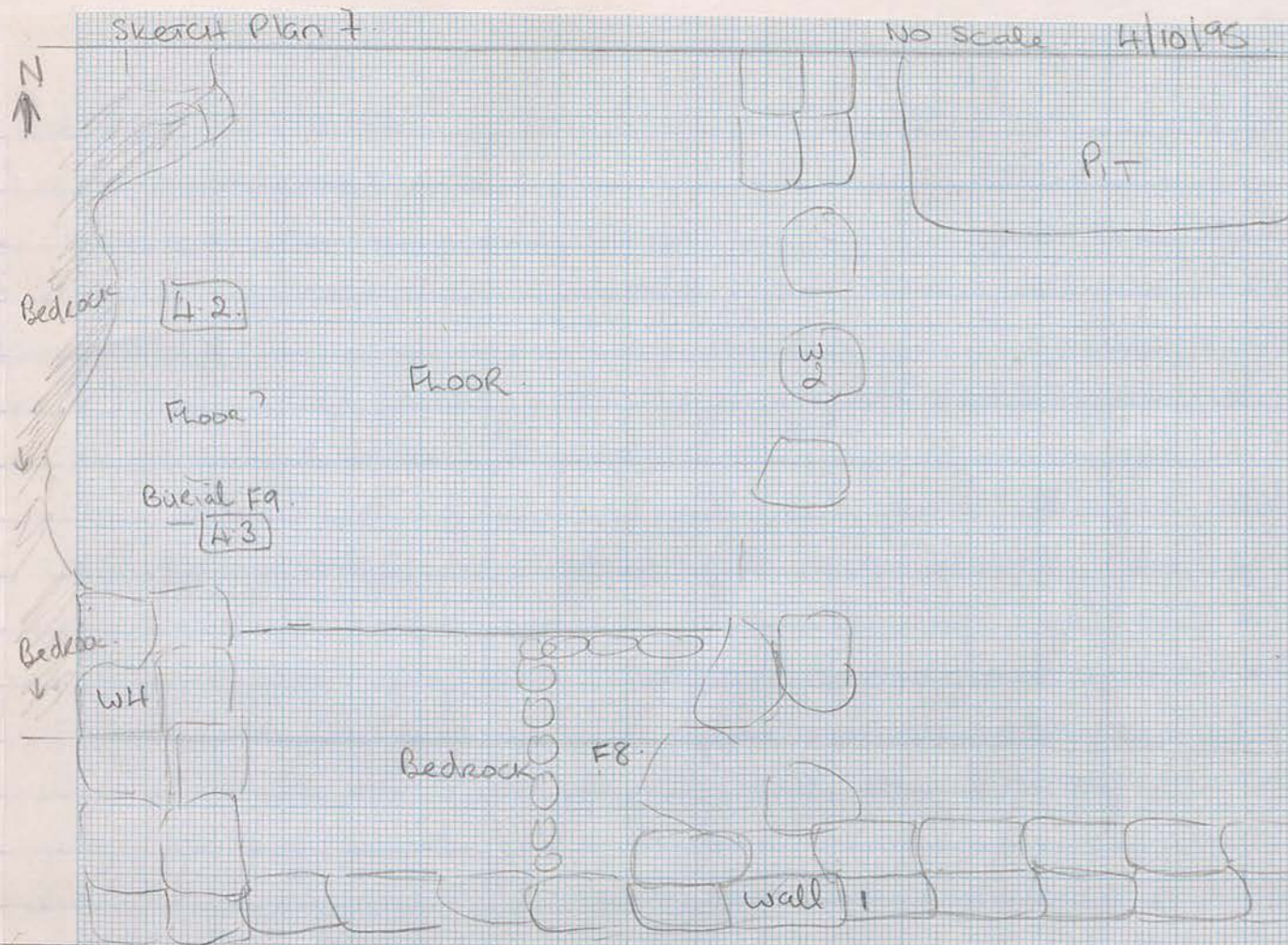
2 x body sherds red slip wide.

9 x echinus rim frags.

8 x thickened rim frags

9 x mortarium rim frags

5 x grooved jar rim frags.



4.10.95

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Locus 4.1.

6.00 Continued to dig out slot trench. Much to our surprise there is no further extension of wall 4.

The jebel is very close to the floor surface in this area - it appears just west of the wall. Then <sup>the</sup> shelf drops off.

Some of the tumbled/top courses of large stones were taken away after being photographed.

There is still one large square stone lying on its side. This maybe a door jamb if so, the gap here might be a doorway at this point.

Otherwise I am at loss to understand why the wall stops.

11.00 Decided to remove the fallen large stones in attempt to see if a break in the wall is obvious. After removing several stones, the fine ash layer revealed a number of child cranial frags. Yazi called me too late to see it exactly in situ - it had collapsed a little.

11.15. This find (F9) was found in a fine grey ashy soil which was underneath two large stones removed in the wall collapse. The skull was lying set in supine position (endocranial visible) with the entire face missing. A small unguentacum bottle was lying immediately beside the fragments. I carefully excavated the remainder of soil and took some other smaller frags. All finds approx 75cm from surface.

After removal of all soil it appears the floor associated with this part of the building, extends under the collapse. Thus the wall collapsed on the floor. When the burial occurred I don't know.

therefore entry?

Pottery 4.10.95.

Locus level 4.2.

62 x non diagnostic body sherds

Diagnosics:

3 x ring bases frags

2 x thickened rim frags

3 x echinus bowl frags

1 x Mortarium rim frag

1 x handle frag

Skeletal Material Recovered in Child Burial. 67

75% of the left/right parietal - posterior section

90% of the occipital

1 x frag of frontal bone near temporal articulation point

1 x frag of left mandible ascending Ramus

1 x frag of facial bone

2 x frags of Rib bone

1 x ~~vertebral arch - Thoracic (unfused)~~ - Discovered at  
washy stage - clay.

9 x frags long bones.

x- Estimate the age at between 3-6 years.

x- Sex indeterminate.

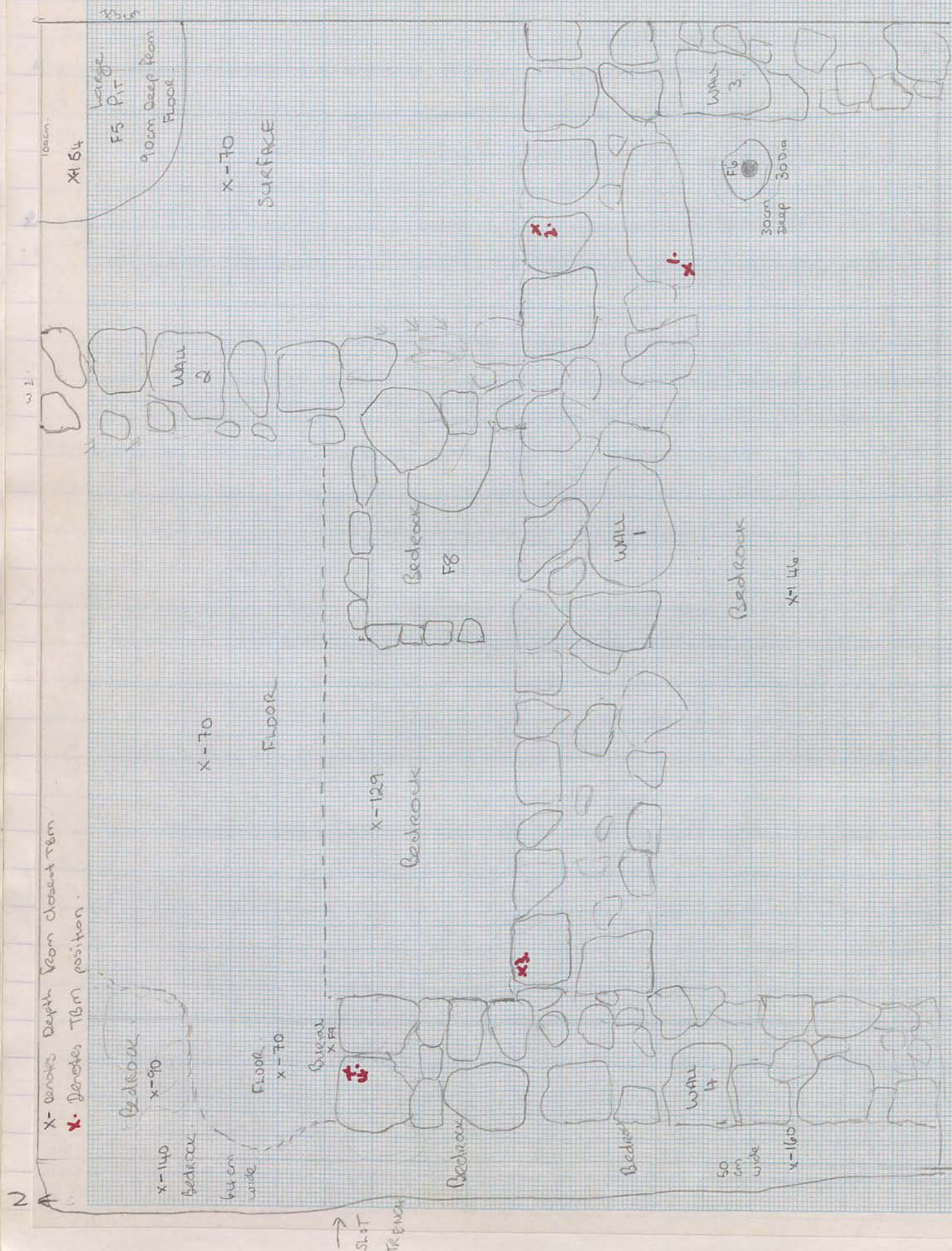
x- Cause of death unknown.

x- Most of the cranial frags are stained from the greyish soil.

Final TOP Plan showing Middle - primary occupation 5/10/95

For wall dimensions see page at back

1:25 SCALE



Conclusion

T149/3 was opened as a 5x5 some 20 meters north of previous excavation in the D.A. This position was taken to determine if the west perimeter wall continued north and to locate a right angled corner (i.e. hopefully the north wall). Almost immediately below surface an E/W wall (W1) was located. This wall is very well constructed and the preservation excellent. A second wall (W2) projecting north mid way along W1 was also located, although it is in much poorer condition. Two further walls were also located, one projecting south from the east point of W1 and the western perimeter wall (W4). A unusual curved stone structure was also located just below surface. It consisted of a single course of stones and may be along to the latest phase of occupation.

After clearing some 80cm of rubble on either side of W2, two surfaces were located. The western surface is a hard packed earth floor, which is 45-50 cm thick. A one meter <sup>x by 3m</sup> section was cut to bedrock. In this section a small L-shaped stone structure was located 5cm above bedrock, which could have delineated as storage area. This structure belonged to the initial phase of occupation.

The adjoining surface is constructed of a rubbly grey hard earth material, and appears more like a courtyard surface<sup>53</sup>. Cut from the surface in the NE is a large 1 meter deep pit. This could not be fully excavated, as much of it lay beneath the North-east banks. While clearing this pit, a large piece of egg and dart wall plaster was discovered.

The southern locus produced no discernible floor or surface. It was completely excavated to bedrock. Although 5cm above bedrock a

pot stand was located. The function of this area remains unclear.

It is considered that W4 is the western perimeter wall lying just east of the roadway. This wall is well constructed on its southern extension, but <sup>in</sup> the north it collapses - disappears. After removing tumbled stones, there appears an unexplained gap (not a door). [The wall re-appears 5 meters north in trench T123/3].

While removing this tumble, a child burial was located amongst the tumble, just above a floor. It appears the floor extended through under the tumble. ~~The~~ <sup>The burial</sup> ~~appearance~~ <sup>is</sup> in this position is not fully understood, although an <sup>intentional</sup> burial is considered the most likely theory.

This trench produced a remarkable quantity of small finds & pottery. Much of the pottery came from above the floor in the N/W Room. The ~~pottery~~ pottery consisted of a even amount of Coarseware - fine ware. These were cooking vessels, jars, bowls, unguentariae - amphorae amongst other shapes.

Amongst the tumble - dumped pottery a bone spoon - bronze spatula were discovered. A Hellenistic lamp was discovered under the curved stone structure. ~~All~~ these finds ~~relate~~ relate most probably to a later phase.

Most of the other finds, which include a complete H. lamp, a large coin, loom weights, head-iron bolt were all discovered some 15cm above bedrock. <sup>in the southern locus.</sup> These clearly belong to the initial occupation.

Two coins were located in the removal of the collapsed W4, just above the floor. This would place them in a middle phase.

## INTRODUCTION

177/2

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Work commenced on the 5/10/95, back down the slope beside T178/8. We have continued work

In summary this trench produced 3 separate areas: one clearly a room, another probably a courtyard and a third most likely another room.

At least two, possibly three phases of occupation can be determined.

All walls lay on bedrock - all surfaces are associated with the walls.

The initial phase lay just above bedrock in the L-shaped structure - pot stand, along with several items of material culture can be associated with this phase.

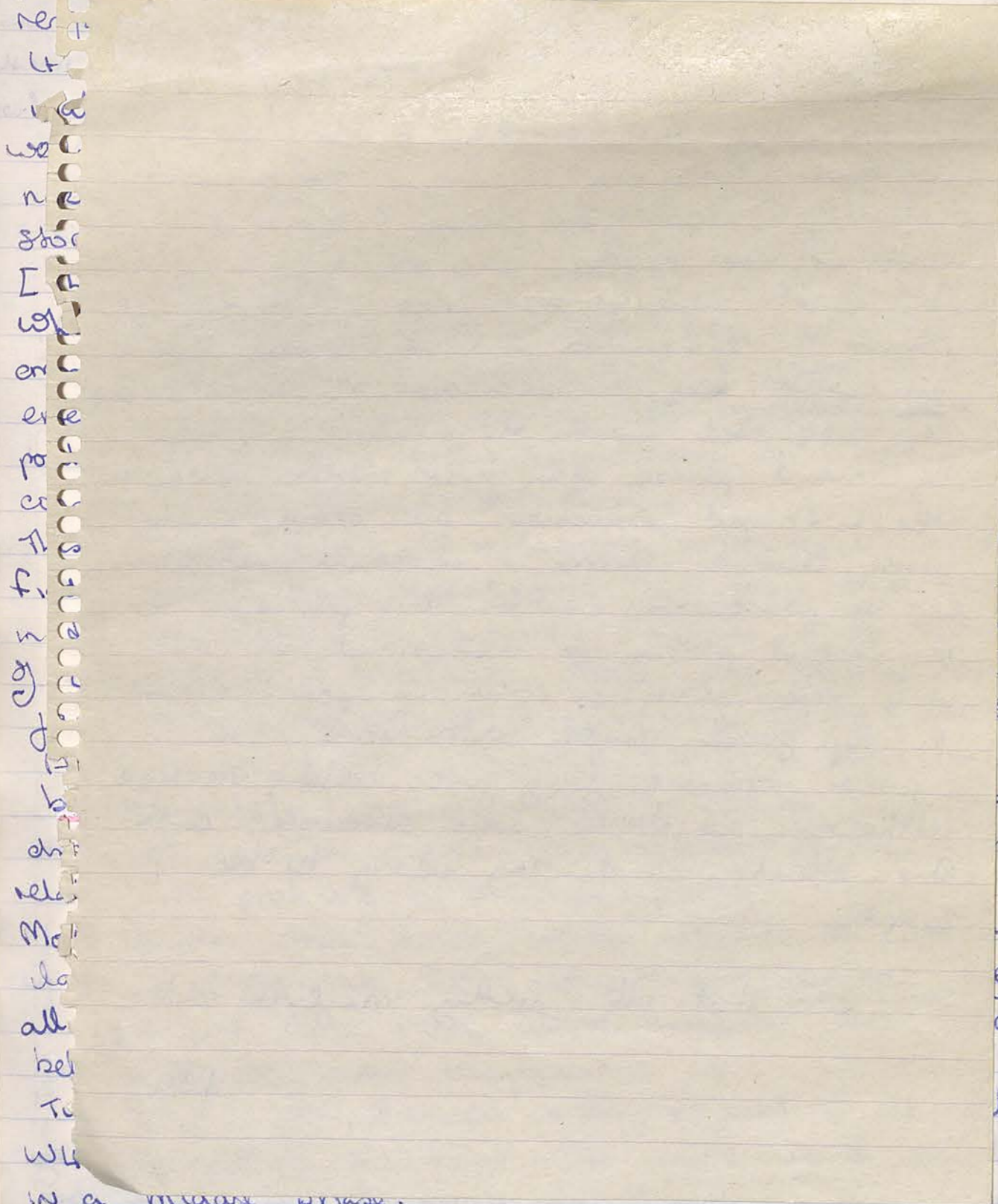
A second phase is determined by a very thick floor, a courtyard, pit - burial.

A top phase maybe takes from the curved structure lying just below surface, although no floors were associated with this structure & it may belong to a Squatter phase!

That's all. - Pretty majestic eh!

KBH.

pot stand was located. The function of this area



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INTRODUCTION 177/2

Worked commenced on the 5/10/95, back down the slope beside T178/8. We have continued work in this area to achieve a definitive plan of the houses in this area. T178/8 only produced a east and south wall - now time permits we will attempt to find the west & north.

This trench was opened as a 4.5 x 5 with a view that we will have to extend.

5.10.95.

Today we just cleared the rocks around the trench and a spoil heap. Also defined trench boundaries. No pottery. Clearing level for locus 1.

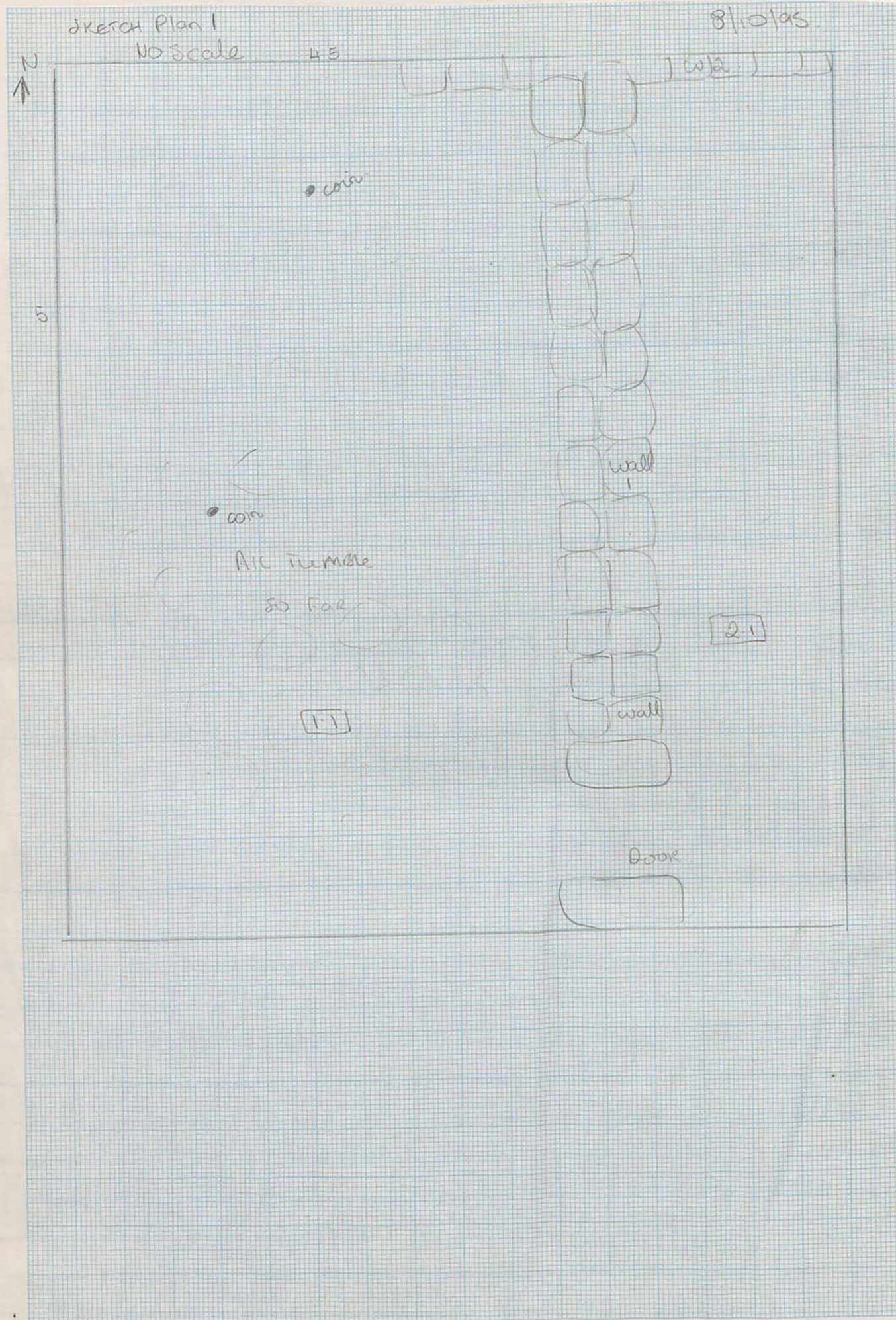
7/10/95. locus level 1.1

Continued to expose a great deal of tumbled rocks. By 9.00 there was no obvious walls. By 11.30 it seems there might be a large N/S wall running through the trench. I will take photos now and remove large rocks. A little pottery.

POTTERY. 7.10.95

hoop in the wash!!!

177/2



8.10.95. (see plan 1)

locus level 1.1.

6:00 Continuing as 1:1 as I am still unclear as to the likelihood of walls. By 7:00 am it was clear that a Ms wall is coming up with a doorway. This wall is a continuation of one found in the southern trenches. I have changed locus east of the wall to

locus 2.1.

Just continued for the remainder of the day to expose the new wall.

Two small coins found amongst the rubble as well as a complete spatula. \* Ant III Ant III Umayyad

The door is in alignment with the eastern door in trench 178/8.

9.10.95 (see plan 1).

locus 4.1

There is a clear doorway & wall (W1). In the north a cross wall has also appeared. I must have just missed this in 178/8.

Today clearing out all the rubble in 1:1, looking for the west perimeter wall.

I believe the east/wall extends from the west wall & goes east to the basin area.

Another coin was retrieved today amongst the rubble. \*



Pottery 8-10-95.

1 very small Bag Locus 1.1

x non diagnostics

Diagnostics

1x Ring base frag

1x echinus rim frag

2x rolled rim frags (join)

1x grooved rim handle

1x chunky handle.

Locus 2.1

1 small Bag.

22 x non diagnostics

Diagnostics

1x Ring base complete

1x handle base

1x rim base frag

1x grooved rim frag

1x Blue glazed frag.

POTTERY 9/10/95

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1x medium Bag. Locus 1.1

145 x non diagnostics

Diagnostics

8 x rim base frags

2 x grooved rim frags

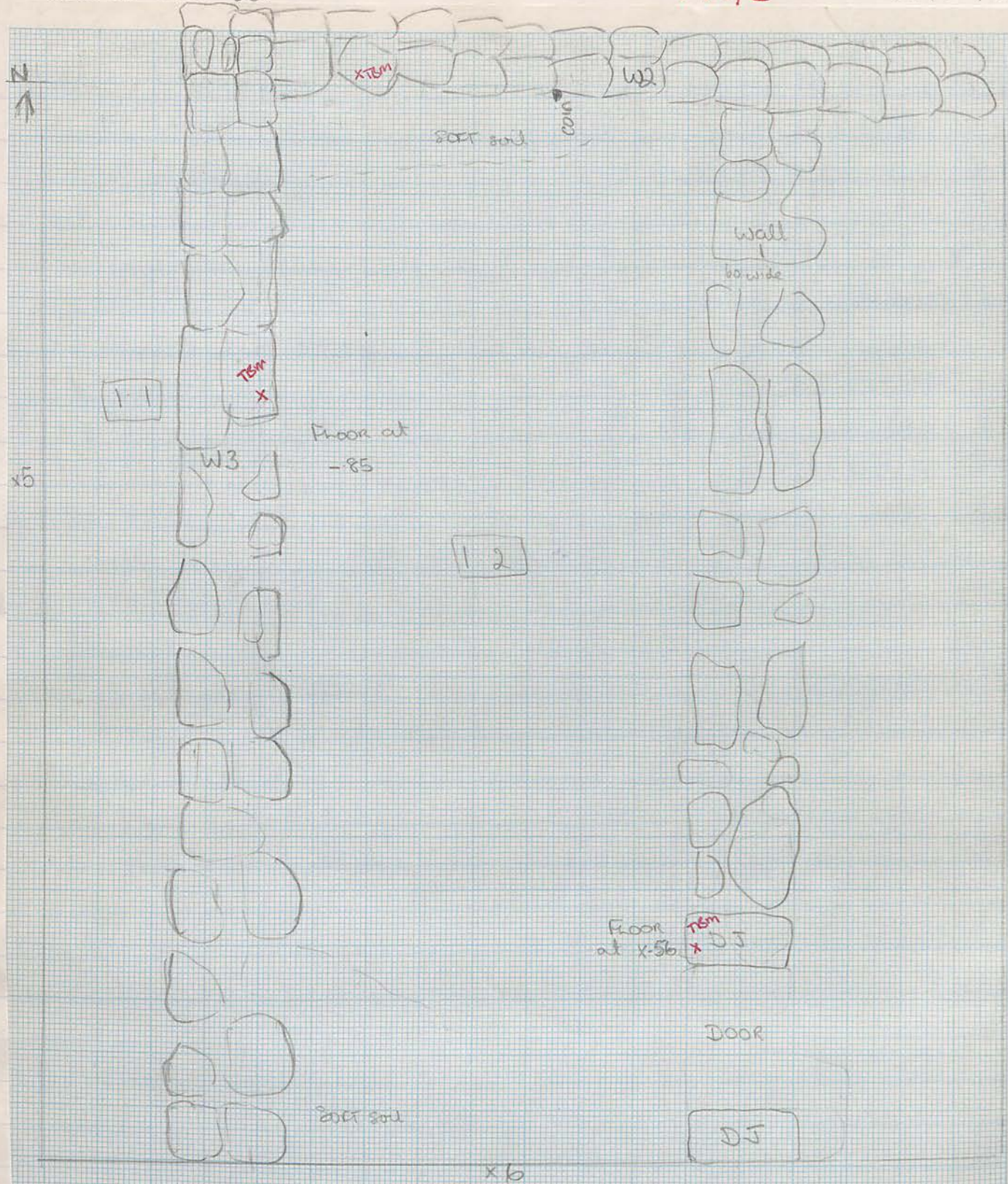
1x handle frag

2x thickened rim frags

1x echinus base frag

1x ribbed frag

1x green glazed frag.



11.10.95. (see plan 2)

Locus 1.2.

By 7.30 we had reached a level trench, and much of the large stones have been removed. I have changed levels, even though the soil is soft light brown in colour. It is clear we have missed the west wall and I will have to extend the trench by 1.5 m. We are ~~at~~ approx 1/2 meter down.

locus 1.1

Because I've extended the trench by 1.5 meters I've removed 5cm as top soil in this extension and allocated it 1.1 - same as the remainder of trench for the first 1/2 meter.

12.10.95 (see plan 2)

Thursday

locus 1.1

Continued to expose wall 3. the west perimeter wall. It is clearly the wall, unfortunately with no door. I will not dig any further on west side of the wall 3. Now I will try to find a bit of the floor.

14.10.95. (see plan 2)

Saturday

locus 1.2

Working in between the two walls (W1 + W3) in an attempt to find a floor. Removing 10-15cm. Faturoa went home sick. Don't blame <sup>her</sup> absolutely nothing happening in this trench. About a meter down now.

9.30 Issu cleared the top soil to 20cm above W2, which is ~~now~~ now exposed. Found a coin sitting on top of wall. He also removed the remaining soil in the north west corner. This all as 1.1 again.

Pottery 11.10.95.

1 medium Bag Locus 1.1

140x non diagnostic

Diagnosics

2x amphora bases.

4x Ring base frags

1x Mortarium Rim frag with hole

1x thickened rim

1x grooved rim.

1x line red slipped rim frag.

Locus 1.2

1x medium Bag

92x non diagnostic body sherds

1x ledge handle

1x ~~frag~~ <sup>slap</sup> handle

1x Mortarium Rim frag

1x Small jar Rim frag

1x echinus rim

8x Ring bases.

2x line bowl rims

Pottery 12.10.95.

2x Large Bags Locus 1.1

263x non diagnostic body sherds

Diagnosics

1x base frag

1x large thick rim frag.

1x Ring base

1x grooved rim bowl frag.

1x Ring cup frag.

4x echinus bowl rim frag

1x red slipped frag

1x large grooved rim

1x large Mortarium rim

Pottery 14.10.95.

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Locus Level 1.1.

1x large bag

122x non diagnostic

Diagnosics

9x body sherds from Pithos

2x large Rim frags pithos

1x handle frag

1x handle rounded

2x Ring base frags

2x thickened rim frag

2x Mortarium Rim frags

4x echinus Bowl Rim frags

1x thick Rim frag

Locus 1.2.

1x medium Bag

non diagnostic x

4x grooved Rim frags

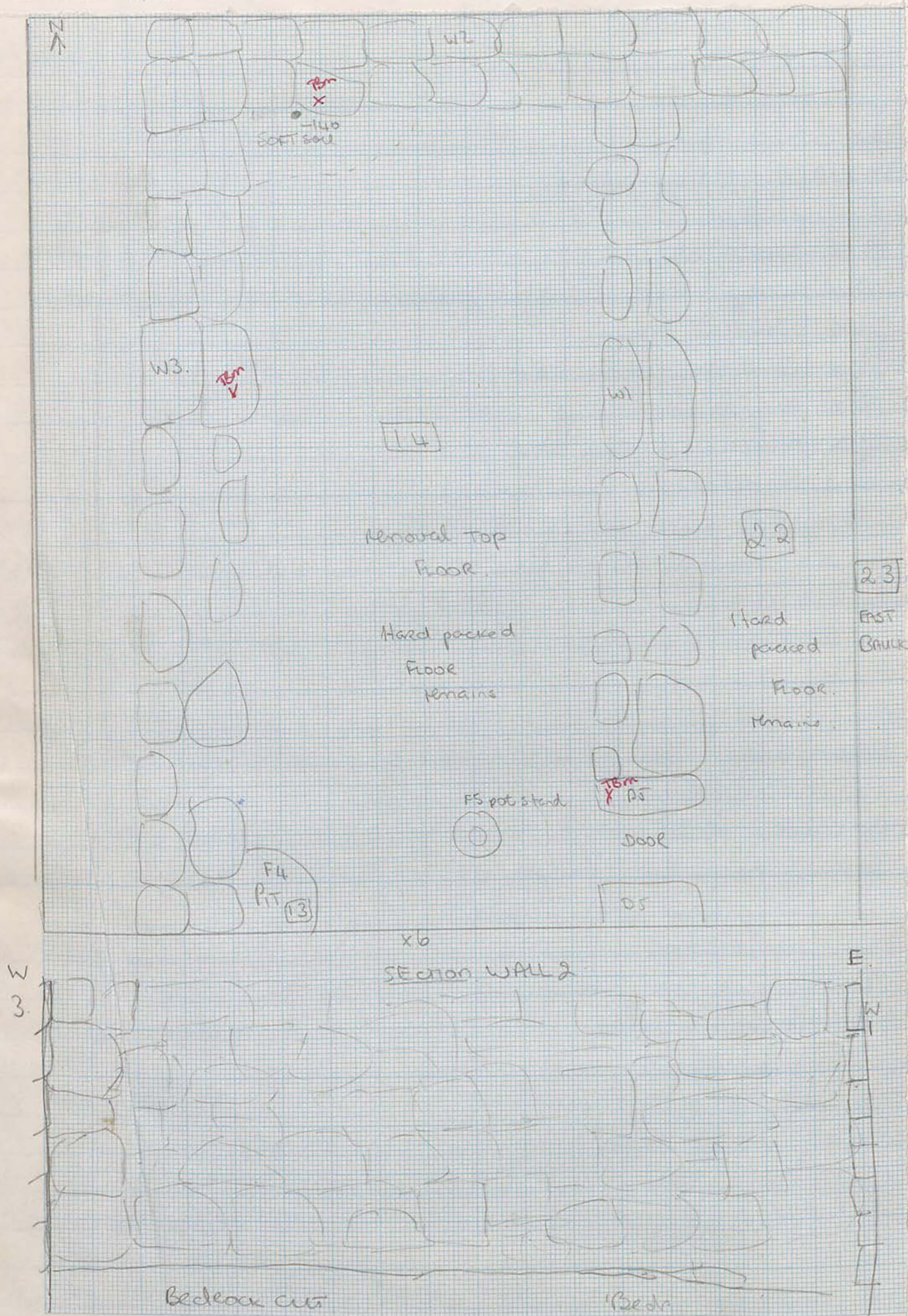
1x Ring base red slipped

1x plate red slipped

2x green glazed sherd

1x large handle

1x green glazed handle - sherd.



15.10.95.

locus 1.2. (see plan 2)

Still clearing all brown soft soil - and some large stones. At the north I'm 1.20 down in the north.

A beautiful coin was found by Fat today in the north west corner - in soft soil just above the top floor level. Took measurements, the top floor level is probably cont. with 178/8. The coin is definitely Byzantine.

locus 1.3 (see plan 3).

A small pit with fine ash/dirt in the SW corner. Excavated separately - a fine glass rim discovered. A small amount pottery taken out - goes down to bedrock.

locus 1.4. (see plan 3)

Removed most of the top floor as it is washed in several places. It ranges from 20cm thick in the south of the trench to a few cm in the north, where the <sup>ground</sup> naturally slopes higher.

A very well preserved ram packed floor is underneath the one I'm removing (or just a continuation). The small pit (F4) is cut from the lower floor level.

16.10.95.

locus 1.4.

Continuing to remove top floor in this section. I will leave the trench probably at the bottom floor level.

Pottery?

locus 2.2. (Area 3F)

Taking this area down to the same level as 1.4.

After removing some 25cm, a floor is revealed.

Will cease excavating this trench - remove E. Bank maybe.

Pottery 15.10.95

Locus level 1.2

- 1 x Medium Bag
- 102 non diagnostics

Diagnostics

- 1 x v. Large Rim frag
- 2 x grooved rim frag
- 1 x Large thickened rim frag
- 2 x Ring bases frags
- 1 x Ring base red glazed
- 1 x thick mortarum rim frag
- 2 x Black glazed rim frags.
- 2 x handle frags
- 2 x glazed body sherds
- 2 x fine red glazed rim frags ESA
- 1 x twisted rope handle.

Locus level 1.3

- 1 v small Bag.
- 10 x non diagnostics

Diagnostics

- 1 x black glazed body sherd
- 1 x echinus bowl rim
- 1 x red slipped sherd

Locus level 1.4

- 1 medium Bag
- 36 x non diagnostics

Diagnostics

- |                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 x v fine rim frag red slipped | 1 x greyish unglazed sherd. |
| 1 x body sherd incised          | 2 x grooved rim frag        |
| 1 x handle frag                 | 1 x handle                  |
| 1 x echinus bowl frag           | 1 x red slipped frag        |
| 1 x red slipped body sherd.     |                             |

Pottery 16.10.95

Locus level 1.1

Entire Bowl frags. ?

Locus level 1.4

- 1 x medium bag - 62 x non diagnostic

Diagnostics

- 1 x handle (double grooved)
- 1 x mortarum rim frag
- 4 x Ring base frags
- 1 x small handle
- 1 x body sherd (glazed green)
- 1 x green slipped rim frag
- 1 x red slipped fine bowl.

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Locus level (2.2) = Area 39.

- 1 small bag
- 22 x non diagnostic

Diagnostics

- 1 x complete Ring base
- 2 x Ring base frags
- 2 x echinus bowl rim frag
- 1 x green glazed body sherd
- 1 x handle
- 3 x red slipped body sherds.

17.10.95.

Locus 2.3.

This is the removal of the East Bank which lies between 177/2 and 178/8. I am doing this mostly to confirm that W2 does extend further east, as I appear to have missed it in 178/8.

10:30 By mid morning we had removed more than half - the floor is a little higher in this stretch - but this can be accounted for by the fact I removed some 20cm all over the floor in 178/8. The soil is darkish brown, lots of rubble - very little pottery.

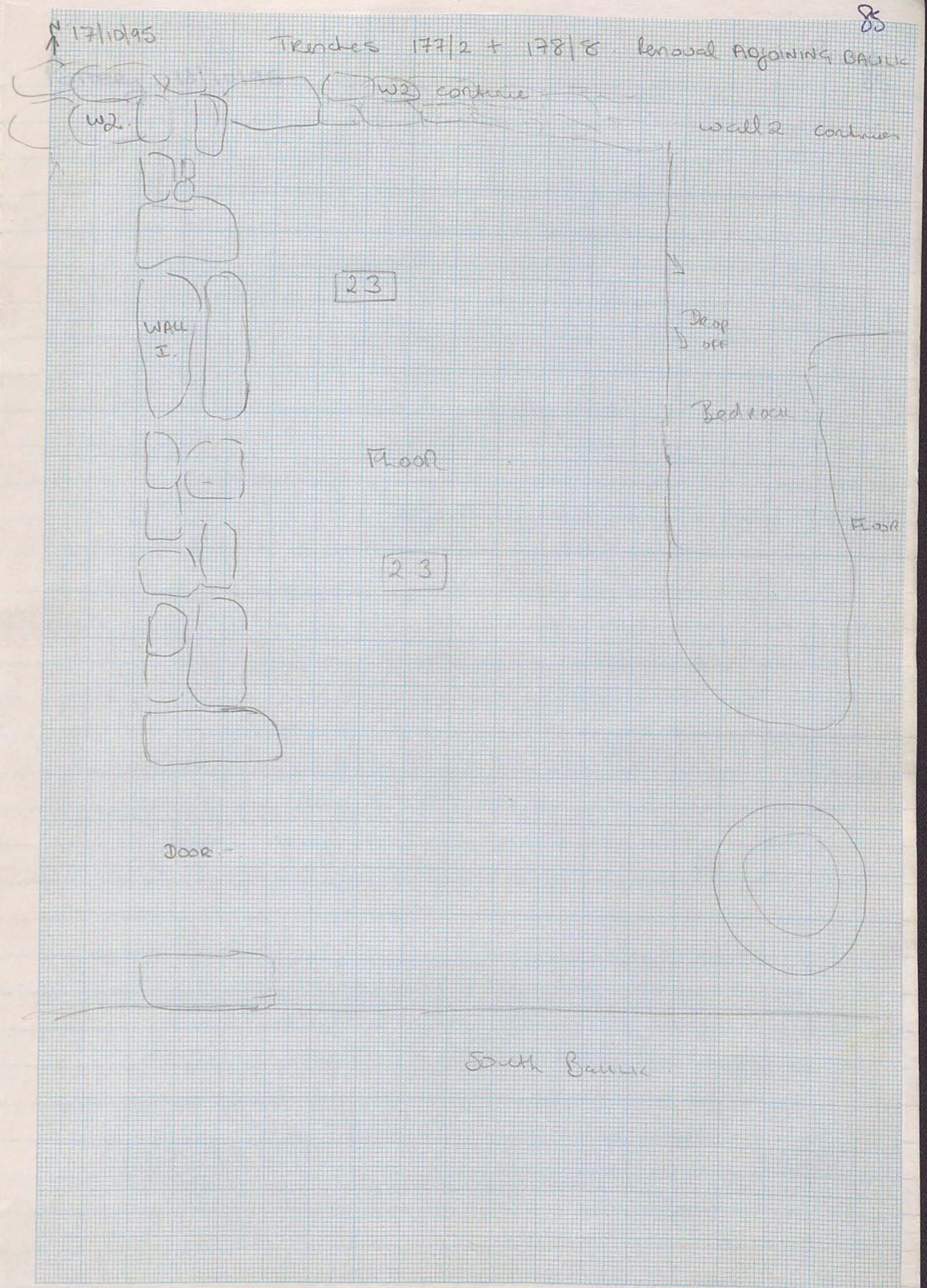
18.10.95.

Locus 2.3.

Spent most of the day removing the remainder of the east bank - straightening up W2 as it goes east. A large coin was recovered in the rubble of the north bank.

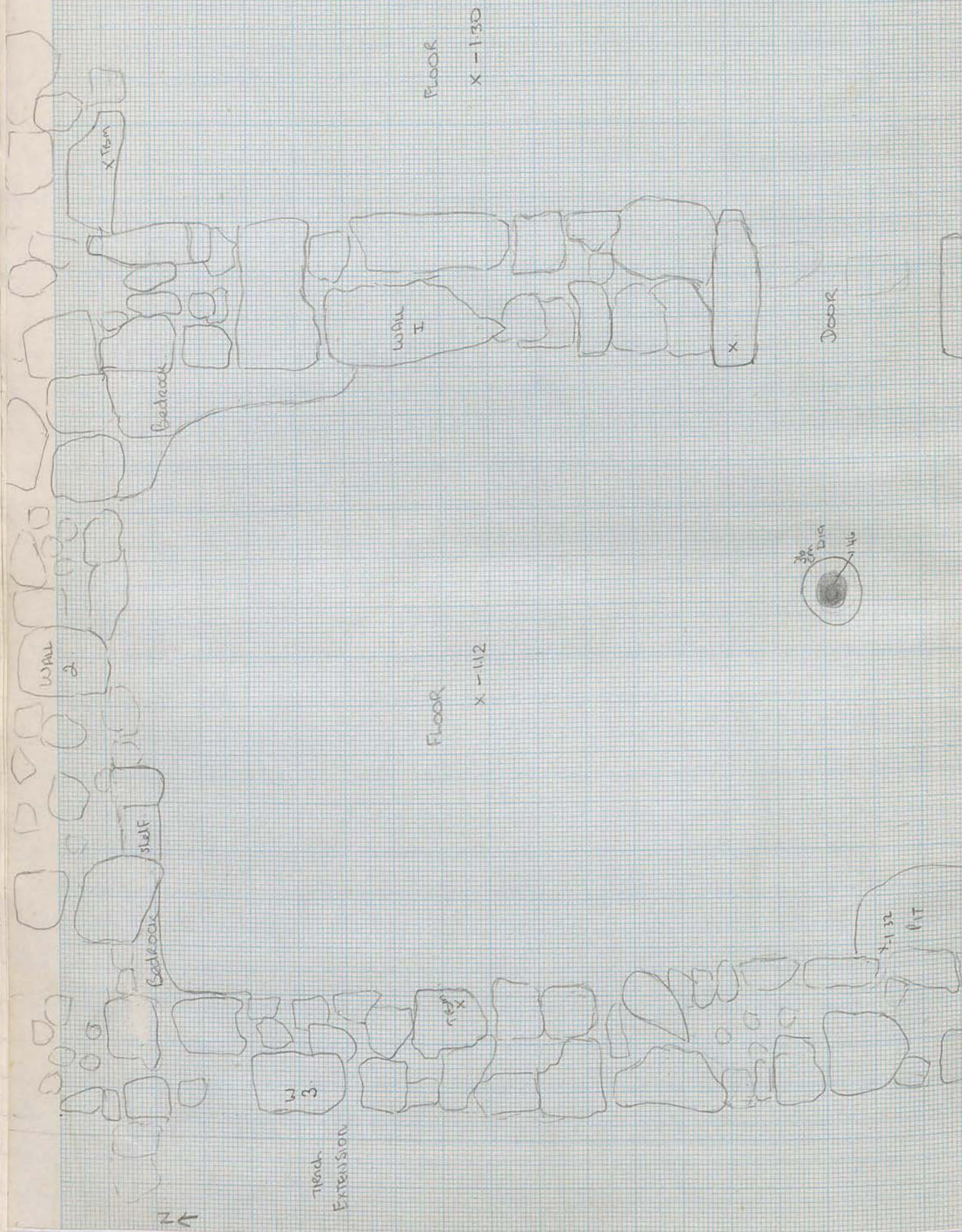
That's about it.

Pottery 18/10/95.



FINAL TOP PLAN

18/10/95  
1:25  
Scale



Conclusion.

Trench 177/2 was opened immediately west of 178/8 as a 4.5 x 5 m trench and extended west by 1.5 meters after 4 days. It was hoped to achieve a more definite plan of the building in this area and to define the western perimeter wall. Some 10 cm below top soil a N/S wall (W1) on the same alignment as a wall in the neighboring southern trench was located. This wall comes to a T junction abutting with an E/W wall (W2). After extending the trench to the west, the west perimeter wall was located (W3).

All walls extend to bedrock. In the NW corner walls 2 + 3 (this appears to continue on W2 further west) lie on a small shelf which cuts 20-25 cm into bedrock. At the southern extension of wall 1 there is a doorway, which is in direct alignment with a doorway in W1 of Trench 178/8.

Approx 1.5 meters down a floor surface was located, much of this was crushed, so I removed some 20 cm to expose a much harder packed floor. In doing so a small limestone installation (pot stand?) was located. In the SW corner, a small pit was also located. Both surfaces abutt to all walls & the doorway in the trench.

I decided to remove the bank dividing 177/2 and 178/8 to clarify the room size, and check that W2 (the E/W wall) does extend west here. As of the 19th, more than 50% has been exposed.

This trench produced similar pottery to 169/3, although nowhere near the same large quantity. Cooking pots? were only present in a small quantity, mostly bowls, jars & a few plates. Six coins in total were located, all in either the surface clearance or tumble

above the floor level. A Byzantine coin was located in the rubble above the top dressed floor.

In summary 177/2 was fairly unexciting, but whose complaining.

It appears to be a single room, with the occupation ~~west~~ east of W1 belonging to the Room of 178/8.

This single room structure is consistent with rooms found on both the western & eastern sectors of the insular.

Again like 178/8 a long occupational sequence can be determined from the thick hard packed floor. This floor begins with an initial occupation followed by a ~~and~~ secondary one which covered the features of the 1st. No third phase was ~~clear~~ clear in this trench.

That's all thanks Peter



PHOTOGRAPHS.

Date	Roll NO.	NOS.	Trend	
12.9.95	Roll 0	34-37	178.8	Beginning
13.9.95	✓ 1	16-22	178.8	Progressive
23.9.95	✓ 2	33-37	178.8	Final shots?
24.9.95	✓ 3	10-14	149.3	Progressive
26.9.95	✓ 3	20-23	149.3	Floors hodi 2+3
4.10.95	✓ 5	6-7	149.3	wall 4 collapse
4.10.95	✓ 5	147	149.3	Child Burial
5.10.95	✓ 5	21-29	149.3	Final shots
7.10.95	- 6	2-4	177/2	Beginning
17.10.95	- 10	-20	177/2	Final
19.10.95	✓ 12		177/2+177/8	northern wall in between.

OBJECT LIST

(includes small finds)

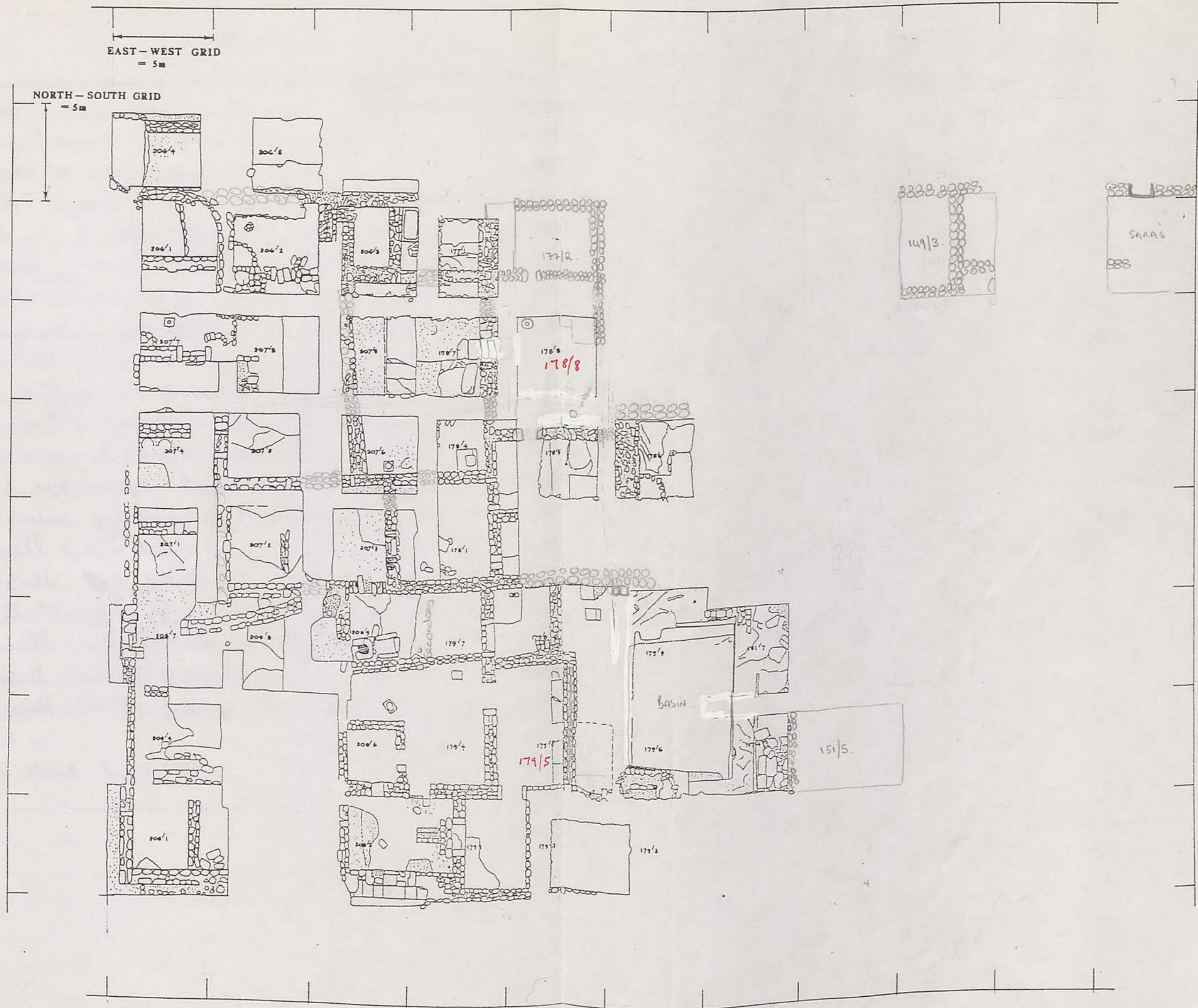
DATE	OBJECT DESCRIPTION	Locus / Level	Trench	Page no.
11.9.95	Small metal	1.	T178/8	3
12.9.95	Small Bronze Arrowhead (fluted) - above floor.	1.2	T178/8	7
14.9.95	medium size coin	1.2	T178/8	15
14.9.95	small coin (found above floor).	1.5	T178/8	15
20.9.95	Broken coin	1.7	T178/8	20
24.9.95	Intact cosmetic equipment (Bronze) (Indump?)		T149/3	41
24.9.95	Excellent well preserved figurine of a male. Found on surface near trench.	Surface.	T149/3	41
20.9.95	Bone cosmetic implement (spoon?) (In Pit)	2.1	T149/3	37
25.9.95	Wall painting fragment well preserved	2.1	T149/3	45
25.9.95	Lamp Frag - Hellenistic (under Ft)	2.3	T149/3	45
25.9.95	glass bead.	2.2	T149/3	45
27.9.95	Complete lamp - Hellenistic	1.2	T149/3	56
27.9.95	Coin - large	1.2	T149/3	56
27.9.95	1/2 dozen clay loom weights	1.2	T149/3	56
28.9.95	Iron Bolt for door?	1.2	T149/3	57
28.9.95	Scarab (not a scarab - a bead)	1.2	T149/3	57
28.9.95	Coin - Above floor	1.2	T149/3	57
2.10.95	Coin East face wall 4 (in wall)	4.1	T149/3	61
2.10.95	Coin ✓ ✓ ✓ (✓)	4.1	T149/3	61
2.10.95	Coin slot trench area (In Trench)	4.1	T149/3	61
3.10.95	Coin slot trench area (✓)	4.1	T149/3	
8.10.95	2x Coins in amongst rubble	1.1	T177/2	73
8.10.95	1 metal spatula well preserved	1.1	T177/2	73
9.10.95	Coin in rubble	1.1	T177/2	73
14.10.95	Coin in surface clearance w2	1.1	T177/2	77
15.10.95	coin large near hook "Byzantine"	1.2	T177/2	81
18.10.95	coin large in north rubble	2.3	T177/2	85

FEATURE LIST

(includes walls, hearths, pits etc)

DESCRIPTION	locus/ level FOUND	TRENCH	PAGE NO.
F1: Clay Basin (limestone) Tol exposed	locus 1	T178/8	3
F2: Large pit with cooking pot "in situ" with organic matter inside.	locus 1.3	T178/8	10
F3: Ash pit (30cm deep)	locus 1.4	T178/8	10
F4: E. wall (5 courses / 65cm wide) 110 at highest Pt.	locus 1.6	T178/8	17
F5: Hard packed steps	locus 1.7	T178/8	20
F6: Limestone pot stand	locus 1.8	T178/8	25
F1 E/W Wall (W1) 6 course / 64cm wide / 15 deep	locus 1.1	T149/3	44
F2 N/S Wall (W2) 4-6 courses / 50cm wide / 74 deep	locus 2.1	T149/3	44
F3 N/S Wall (W3) 6 courses / 46cm wide / 125 deep	locus 1.1	T149/3	44
F4 Single course of stones in 1/4 moon shape	removed in locus 2.	T149/3	44
F5 Pit in N/E corner (90cm deep)	locus 3.	T149/3	44
F6 Limestone pot stand / grinding stone	locus 1.1	T149/3	49.
F7 N/S Wall (W4) 6 courses / 64cm wide / 110-120 deep	locus 4	T149/3	49
F8 L-shaped small stone structure on floor	locus 2.	T149/3	57
F9 Child Burial	locus 4.3	T149/3	65.
F1 N/S wall (W1) 64/6 courses (64cm W) 110-74 deep	locus 1.1	T177/2	73
F2 E/W wall (W2) 64/6 courses / 150 deep	locus 1.1	T177/2	73
F3 N/S wall (W3) 64/6 course / 150-85 deep	locus 1.1	T177/2	77.
F4 Small pit	locus 1.3	T177/2	81
F5 Pot stand. Limestone	locus.	T177/2.	

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