

Jebel Khalid 2000

Field Record Book

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| Name..... | HEATHER JACKSON |
| Trenches..... | |
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| Dates..... | |

List of equipment for Trench Supervisors

Dig bag
 Water
 Clip board and spare clips for windy days
 Pens (water proof only - black or blue), pencils, ruler, eraser
 Measuring tape
 Plumb bob
 String
 Spirit level (may be shared)
 Supply of labels
 Supply of different-sized plastic bags
 Toilet paper (for wrapping delicate objects as well as for personal use!)
 Small cartons/boxes for objects. When available
 Band-aids and aspirin for the vapours (yours or the workers')

Useful words

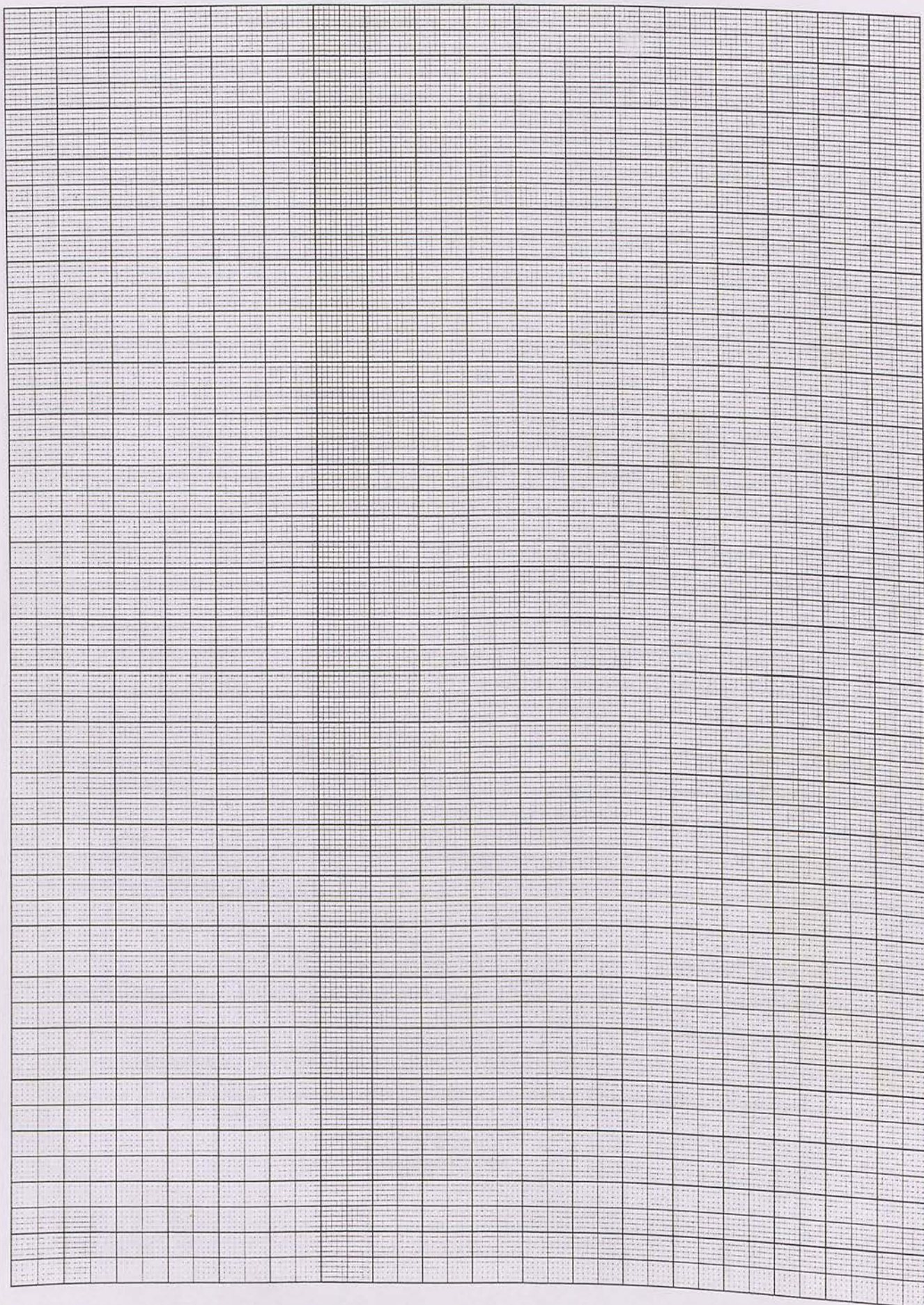
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ADVICE to TRENCH SUPERVISORS

1. Take a **new page** for each day. (Each day may take several pages).
2. Draw a **scale plan** of the trench **each day** on the graph paper (essential), with North at the top (if this is not convenient, mark North direction clearly).
Mark depth from surface at the beginning of each day, at designated points.
When starting a square, this plan may be nearly empty but draw it all the same and mark in emerging tumble.
3. Draw arrows on your plan to indicate **direction** in which you are excavating.
4. Every time you designate a new context, (on the occasion of a new spit, a new feature, a new soil colour) fill in the **Context Record Sheet** for that trench, as well as describing it in your report. Store the accumulated context record sheets in the plastic sleeve in your record book.
5. **Structures** . Measure carefully any structure (wall, doorway, threshold, ovens, pit, any large dressed stones or columns) and record exact location, height, width in your report as well as on the scale plan.
6. **Floors** - marked by very hard tough surface or layer of white crushed limestone. May be softer adjacent to wall. Record thickness of floor, if we decide to dig through it.
If your floor is particularly good, collect a few bags of surface material - there may be seeds.
7. **Objects**. e.g. glass, figurine or lamp fragments, metal, stucco, loomweights, spindle whorls, beads, graffito-ed sherds, coins, gold jewellery (some hope). Mark in the location and depth of any objects clearly and accurately. If necessary, draw another sketch plan as the day progresses. A quick sketch of the object in the report would be helpful, if it is too mysterious to name e.g. Mattie's metal blobs.
8. **Pottery**: label bags clearly in waterproof pen, with one label inside the bag and one outside. **Record daily the number of bags per context** . Be very careful to separate pottery from different contexts.
It is absolutely essential to double-bag the pottery. A broken bag of pottery without context is useless.
9. **Bone**: Collect all bone and label as for pottery. Record number of bags per context daily.
10. **Charcoal**: Collect all charcoal and label as for pottery. Record number of bags per context daily.
11. **Tile**: it is important to record the location and amount of tile.
12. **Very important**: at the completion of a trench, draw to scale:
 - i Draw a section of the exposed baulk, with details of stratigraphy clearly marked.
 - ii Draw a top plan of the completed trench, with contexts clearly marked.
 - iii Write a short summary with your interpretation of the trench.

1mm Squares



Trench... 151/9 ... Initials... HJ ... Date... 27/4 ... Page... 3
 Locus... (11) ... Spit... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
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| Pottery | 1 | | |
| Bone | 1 | | |
| Charcoal | 1 | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
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| Photos col. | | | |

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| 1 | Coin - small | (11) | 00.085 |
| 2 | Coin | " | 00.086 |
| 3 | RM bowl frag. | " | 00.087 |
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Context Report

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| (11) | Transferred workers from spoil-heap-removal to work in 151/9, partially excavated in 1996. Then a small "wall" was left mid-trench. Subsequently it was seen not to be wall. This is locus (11) - we are removing it down to the level of the floor excavated in 1996. |
| *1 | - Two COINS were found in this "wall" under |
| *2 | - a tumbled, above the floor by 10 cms. |
| *3 | - With them a fragment of relief-moulded bowl (very limy) showing rosette. |
| | Some bone and a little charcoal also in this locus |
| | Continuing in this locus. Much chipped limestone near the floor - large chunks. They do not seem to be wall stones. |
| | All the same, I am not convinced that this was <u>not</u> a wall - much ruined. (See 29/4: plaster found associated with the stones in the "spine" but this could be fallen from elsewhere). In '96 the trench yielded much plaster, spread evenly over the square |

Note: later, when secondary (tertiary even?) wall was found in 125/7, I assumed this "spine" of stones was in fact the southern remnants of that. No - not on same alignment.

Trench... ⁶151/9..... Initials... H.S..... Date... 27/4/00 Page... 4
 Locus... 2... Spit... 1... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

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| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
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| Photos col. | | | |

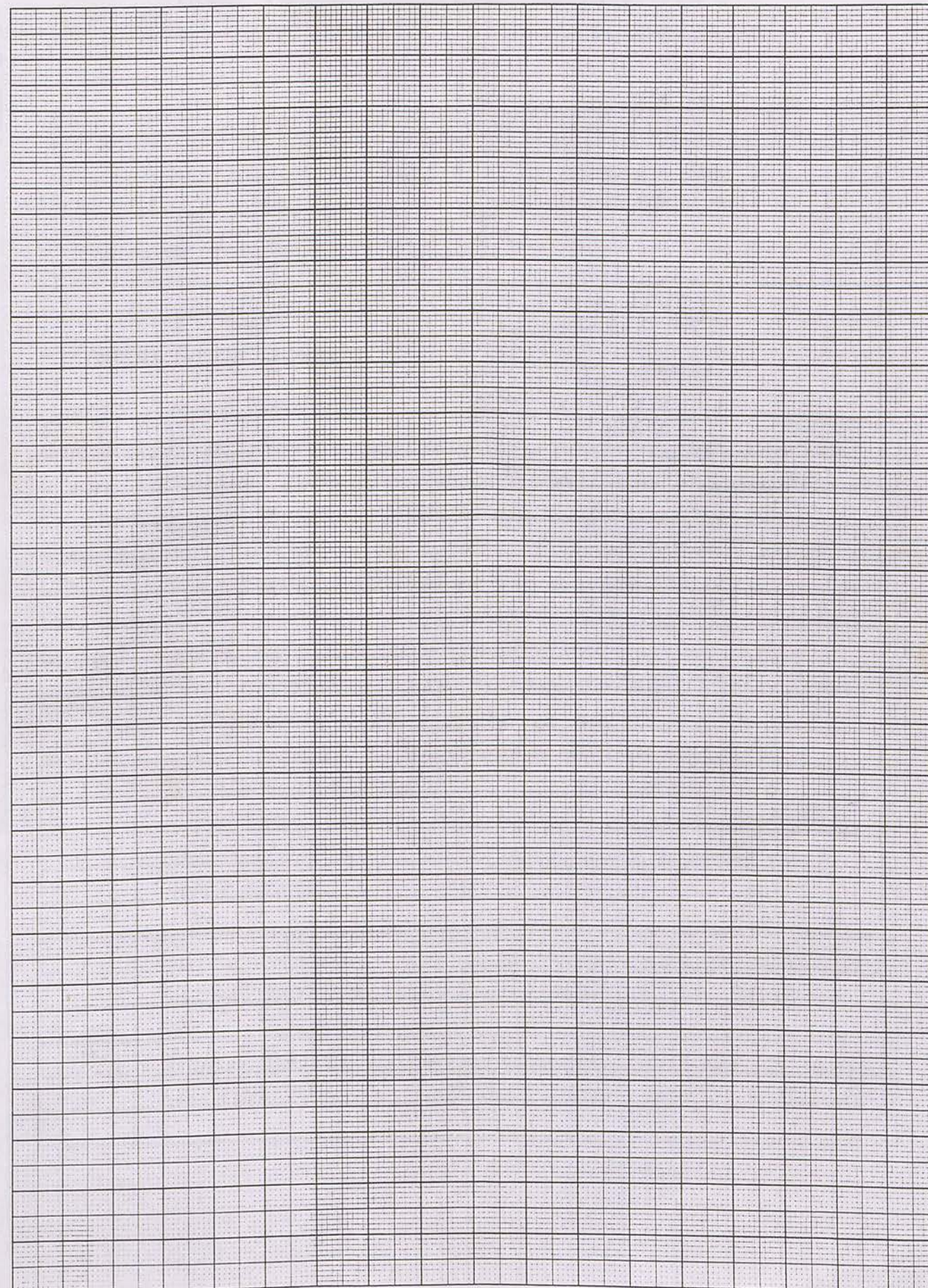
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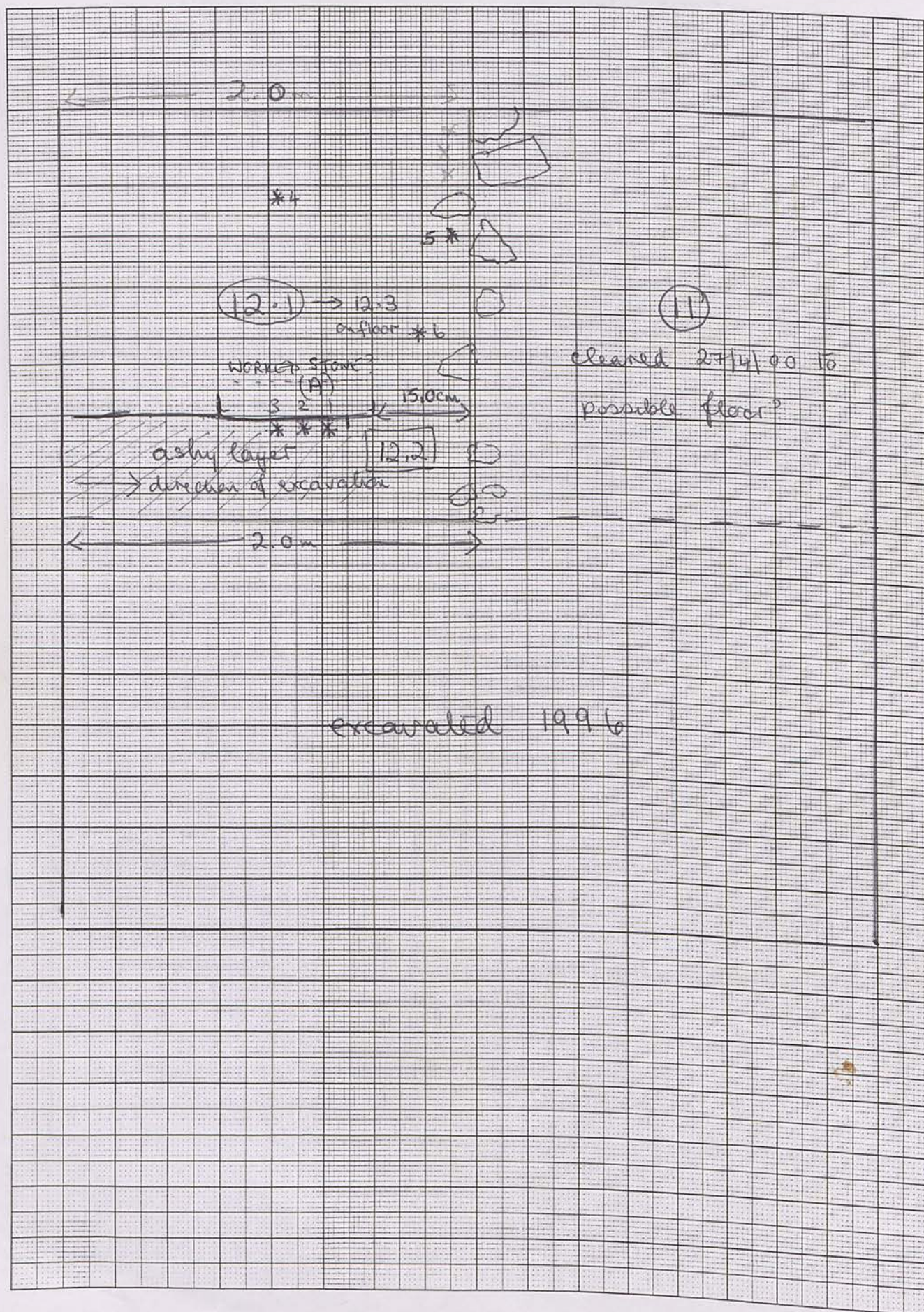
Report

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| 2.1 | Worhers (6) transferred from spoil heap to Trench 151/6, partially excavated in 1996. Then only the Southern half of the trench was excavated. We are now excavating the Northern half: locus 2, spit 1 (topsoil) No pottery emerging |
| | Still removing soil from around the tumble. Fairly sure of continuing N/S wall in East bank - face just showing. |
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1mm Squares



151/9 29/4/00



Trench 151/9 Initials HJ Date 29/4 Page 5
 Locus 12 Spit 1 Locus Spit Feature/s

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 12.1 | |
| Bone | 1 | 12.1 | |
| Charcoal | 1 | 12.1 | |
| Other (File) | | 12.1 | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|---------------|------|------|
| *1 | Iron nails | 12.1 | |
| 2 | Green stone | 11 | |
| 3 | Shaped stone? | 11 | |

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Context Report

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| 12.1 | Have divided locus 11 in half. We are now digging the western half 2m ² below the level of locus 11. This is locus 12 - spit 1. |
| xxx | Much plaster is appearing along the "spine" of tumble mid-trench - mainly red. Also bone and a small amount of charcoal. Digging towards West, East! (A) Uncovered a very large worked stone lying adjacent to the "spine". This appears to extend to the west in a possible wall line. |
| *1 | Two iron nails found along line of possible wall, plus some charcoal and a shaped river pebble. Dark grey ashy layer now apparent below loose brown soil in front of (i.e. to south of) large worked stones. Height so far 29.0cm. |
| 12.2 | = Ashy layer of soil between S face of large worked stones and boundary of 12 to South. |

Trench.....131/9.....Initials.....HT.....Date.....29/1/00.....Page.....6
Locus.....12.....Spit.....2..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 12.2 | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (File) ^{Reaper} | 1 | 12.2 | |
| Photos bw | | | |
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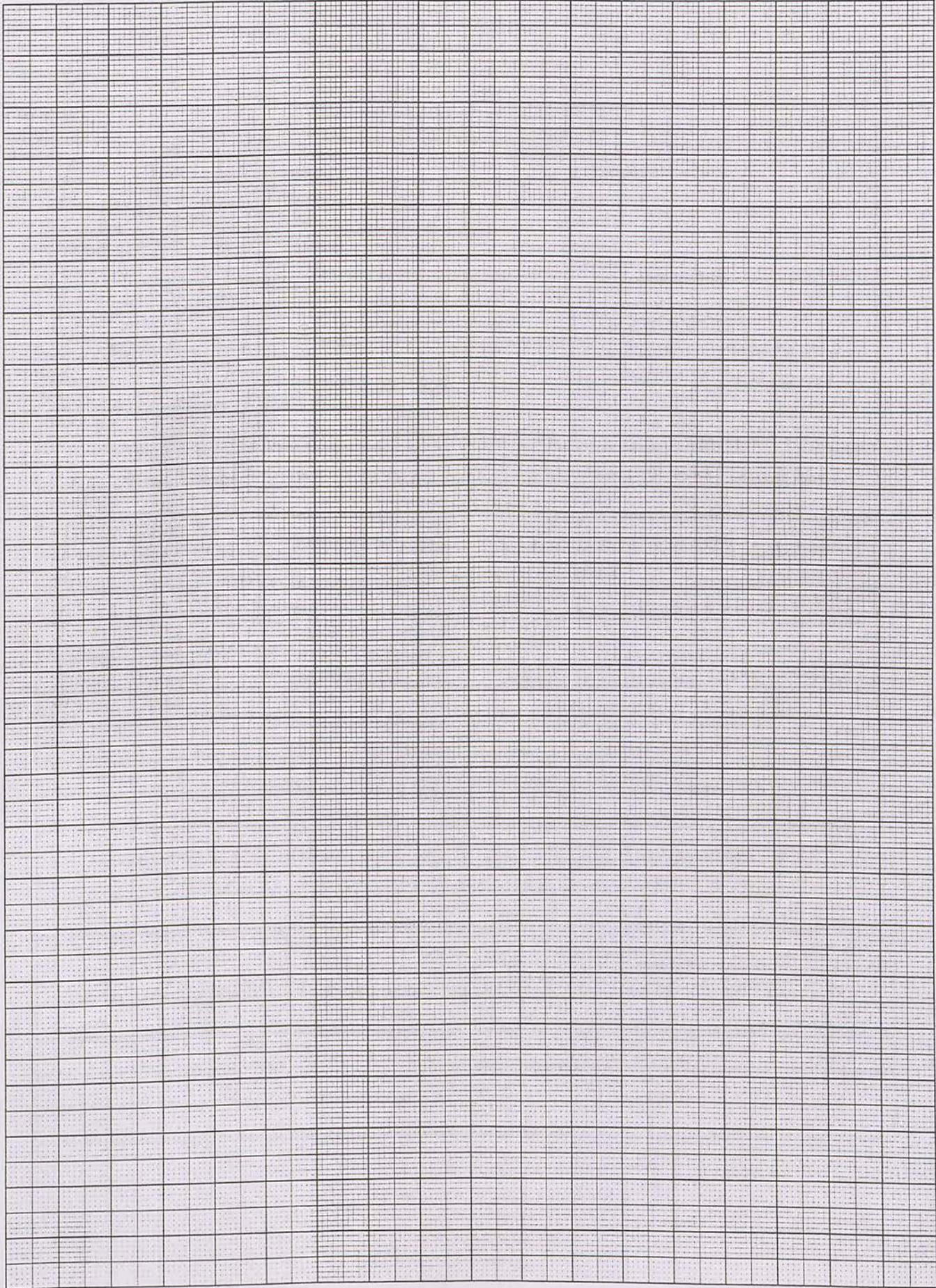
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| 4 | Iron nails | 12.1/3 | |
| 5 | Bronze pin frag | " | |
| 6 | Glass frag. | " | |
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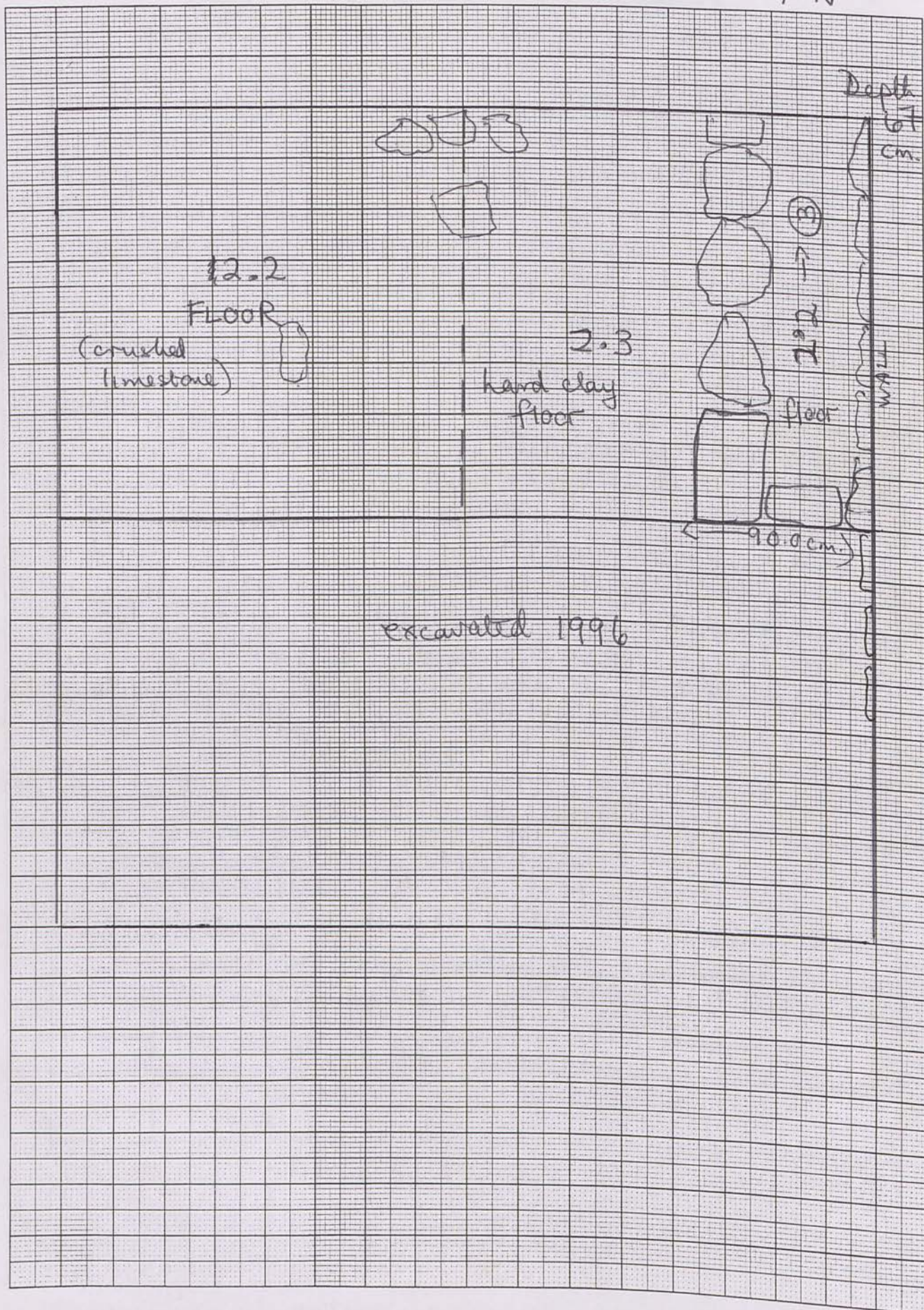
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| | Much plaster from 12.1 and 12.2 - mainly red but some red/green fragments prominent - quite a bright green. |
| 12.1 | Back to this context to clear top of large worked stones. Here we find much ashy soil on the remains of a ^{very} hard floor. There is a small hole in the floor to be investigated. |
| 12.3 = | Floor here |
| 4 * | Iron nail |
| 5 * | Bronze pin frag |
| 6 * | Glass frag. |
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Trench...151/6.....Initials...HT.....Date 29/4/00 Page 7
 Locus...2.....Spit...1..... Locus...2.....Spit...2..... Feature/s...1.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 2.2 | |
| Bone | 1 | 2.3 | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | 1/28-9 | 2.2 | |
| Photos col. | | | |

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Context Report

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| 2.1 | Still clearing topsoil. There is actually a good floor here, only 15 cm from surface - crushed limestone. This is clear only in the western half of the locus. The Eastern half is still covered with tumble. |
| 2.2 | = Crushed limestone floor and tumble to East |
| | Excavating tumble to East, beginning with from East, where there is a wall in the bank. |
| | A N/S row of large stones may be another wall parallel to the wall in the bank but it is only 90 cm away from it, so unlikely. More likely to be a rectangular storage area. |
| (3) | = Rectangle - now exposed with a hard earth floor = New locus 3 (Feature A) |
| 2.3 | = Hard floor uncovered in rest of locus (2) so far excavated: 15.0 cm below upper floor |
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Trench 151/9 Initials HJ Date 30/4/00 Page...
 Locus 13 Spit 1 Locus Spit Feature/s

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|----------------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 13.1 | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (PLASTER Tile) | 1 | 13.1 | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

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| 1 | Bronze pin | 13.2 | |
| 2 | Carriage frag | 13.2 | |
| 3 | " " | " " | |

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Context Report

Although 12.3 was prepared for photography, it seems better to clear this level across the whole trench.

(13) = The Eastern half of original locus (11) - i.e. below (11), adjacent to (12). 1

13.1 = First spit in this locus - full of large tumble. Some pottery but not a large amount. Plaster fragments - red and black.

- The N/S line of tumble dividing (12) from (13) is still present and I am still not sure that it is not the remains of a wall. Plaster fragments associated with it but are in among the stones - yellow, red.

- Have removed one stone - resting in a bed of loose soil - I don't think this is a wall - only tumble.

Proceeding to remove tumble + scattered plaster from locus 13

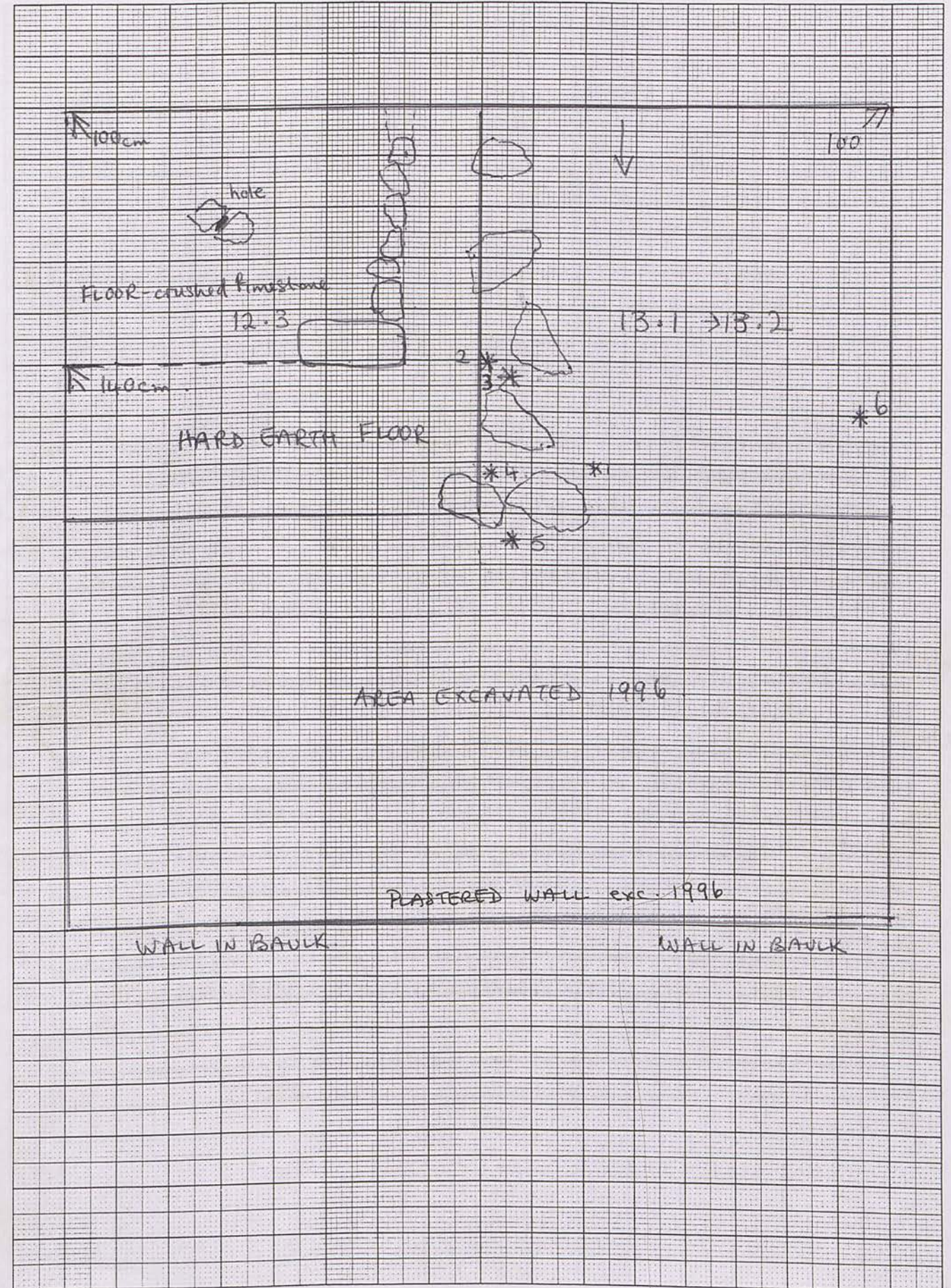
Very little pottery

Now sweeping down tumble for a clearer picture

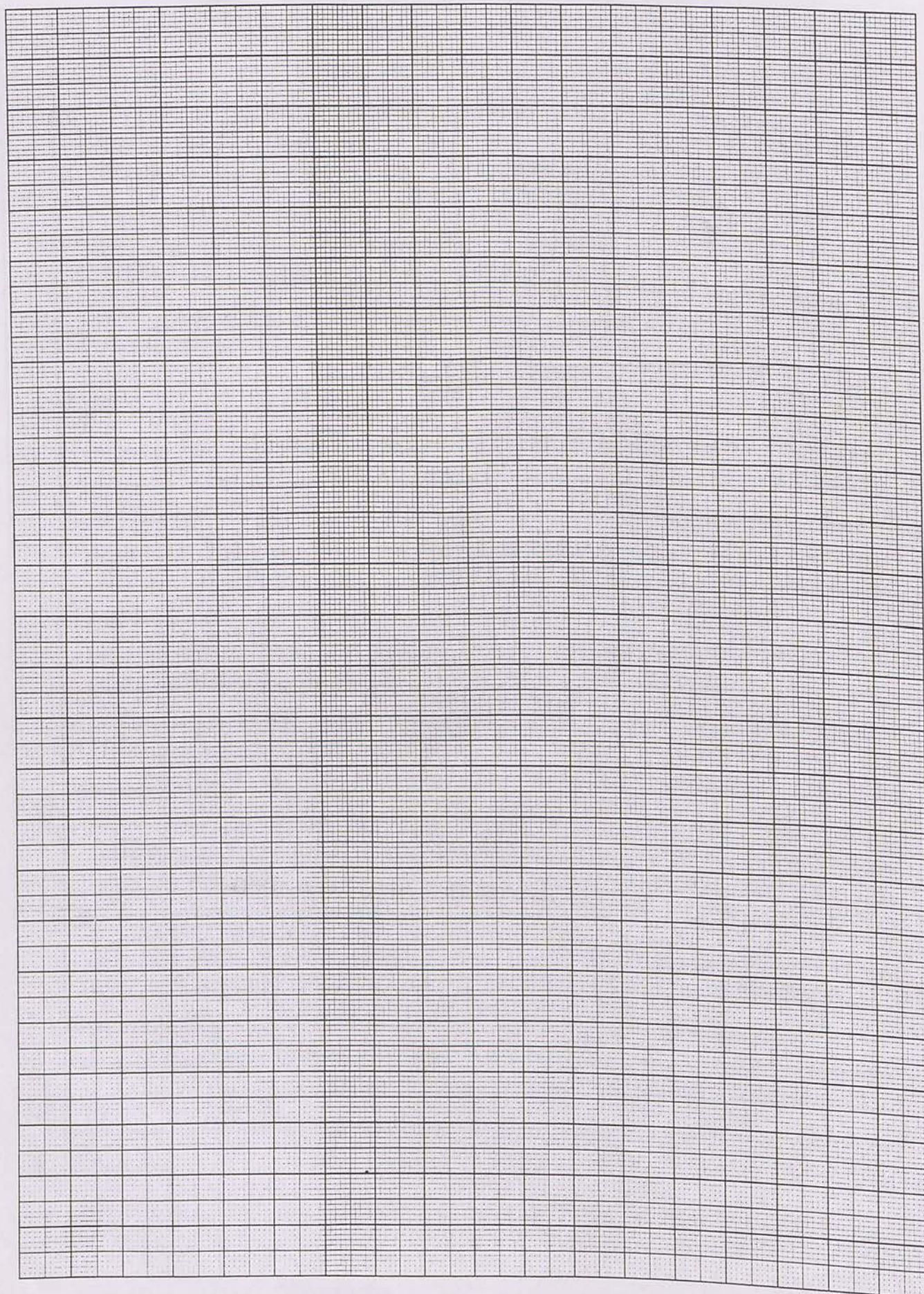
will be removal of remaining tumble

* 13.2
 * 1 bronze pin

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Trench... 15/19... Initials... HJ... Date... 30/4/00... Page...
 Locus... 13... Spit... 2... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | | | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
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| 4 | Iron frag. | 13.2 | |
| 5 | River pebbles | 13.2 | |
| 6 | Iron frag | " | |
| | RMB fr. | " | |
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| 13.2 | = Removal of larger tumble below 13.1 |
| | Two fragments of conical backing found in soil, between tumble, as indicated on previous page. |
| 13.2 | Spit extended a little south, to meet ^{and best} ^{lower} hard floor excavated in 12.3. |
| | Thought: |
| (12.3) | [The feature surrounded by stones excavated yesterday, at 40 cm above the hard floor, may contain an oven? There seems to be a hole under the surface] |
| 13.2 | Still excavating brown, rich, loose soil from this locus, containing little pottery but some more plaster frags. The plaster is all the way through (11) (12) (13). |
| *4 | 13.2 Small iron fragment found. Otherwise no objects. |
| *5 | " Deposit of small river pebbles - for a game? |
| *6 | " Iron frag - adjacent East bank - nail? |
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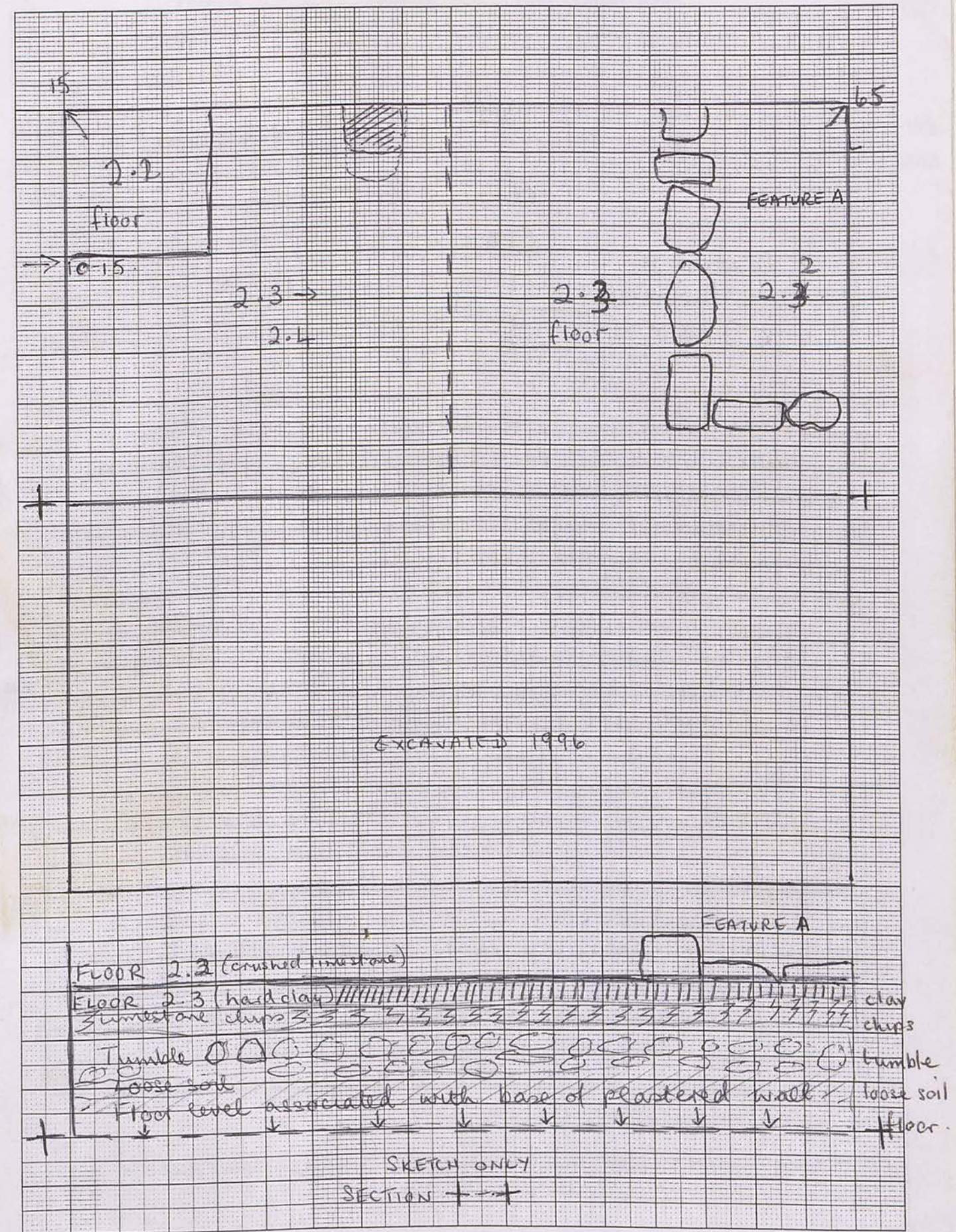
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Trench 15/16 Initials HJ Date 30/4/00 Page...
 Locus 2 Spit 3 Locus... Spit... Feature/s.....

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| Pottery | 11.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Bone | 1 | 2.3 | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

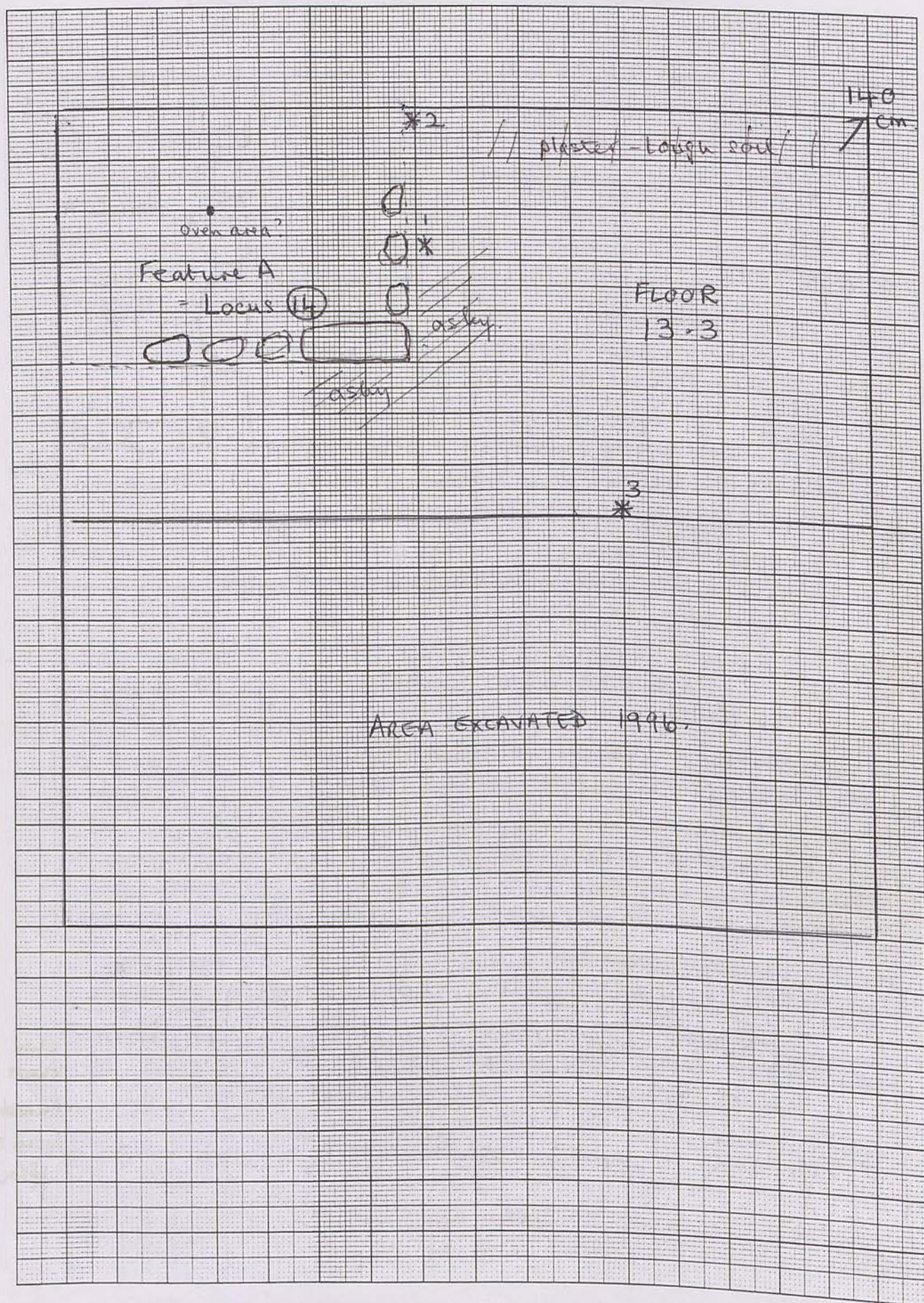
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| 2.3 | Continuing to excavate this spit over to the west. I plan to leave a corner of the existing hard crushed limestone floor in place (this was E2.2). Under the floor (only 3cm thick) the spit consists of loose brown soil with little pottery and some bone. Some plaster (red) now appearing |
| 2.3 | Still proceeding with this spit to floor level of Eastern section. Still soft brown soil under the floor. |
| 2.4 | Floor of hard clay now being excavated over a section of the previous spit (2.3) - see plan. Have straightened N bank by removing several projecting stones, but have left one large one in place, lest it ruins the bank line when removed. Soil still brown but now mixed with limestone chips |



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Trench... 151/9... Initials... HJ... Date... 11/5/00 Page...
 Locus... 13... Spit... 2... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 13.2 | |
| Bone | 1 | 13.2 | |
| Charcoal | 1 | 13.3 | |
| Other (Tile) | 1 | 13.2 | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
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| 1 | Iron frag. | 13.2 | |
| 2 | " | 13.2 | |
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Context Report

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| 13.2 | Continuing to excavate 13.2 around Feature A to clear floor (will be 13.3) |
| *1 | Iron fragments excavated up against East face of Feature A (see plan). This face is a large (worked?) stone - not yet clear. There is a strongly ashy black layer capping up on the floor. Surprisingly little pottery yet on this floor. |
| *2 | Many more iron fragments along the line of the Feature A and adjacent to N. bank. Area of very tough soil now being excavated. - with plaster fragments on top, i.e. well above the 13.3 floor. * |
| 13.3 | Some bone (teeth - animal) on floor adjacent to Feature A. I think Feature A may be a hearth (rather than an oven?) We shall clean it up for a photo, then excavate very carefully. The floor 13.3 is nearly cleared. |

* Later comment: could this have been fallen mud brick?

Continued 1/5/00.

Trench 151/9 Initials HJ Date 1/5/00 Page...
 Locus 13 Spit 3 Locus 14 Spit... Feature/s A...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|----------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 14 | |
| Bone | 1 | " | |
| Charcoal | 1 | " | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | 3/16 | A + 13/3 | |
| Photos col. | (CS2-21-22) | 14 | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
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| 3 | Iron nail frags | 13-3 | |
| 1 (2/5/00) | Iron frag | 14 | |

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Context Report

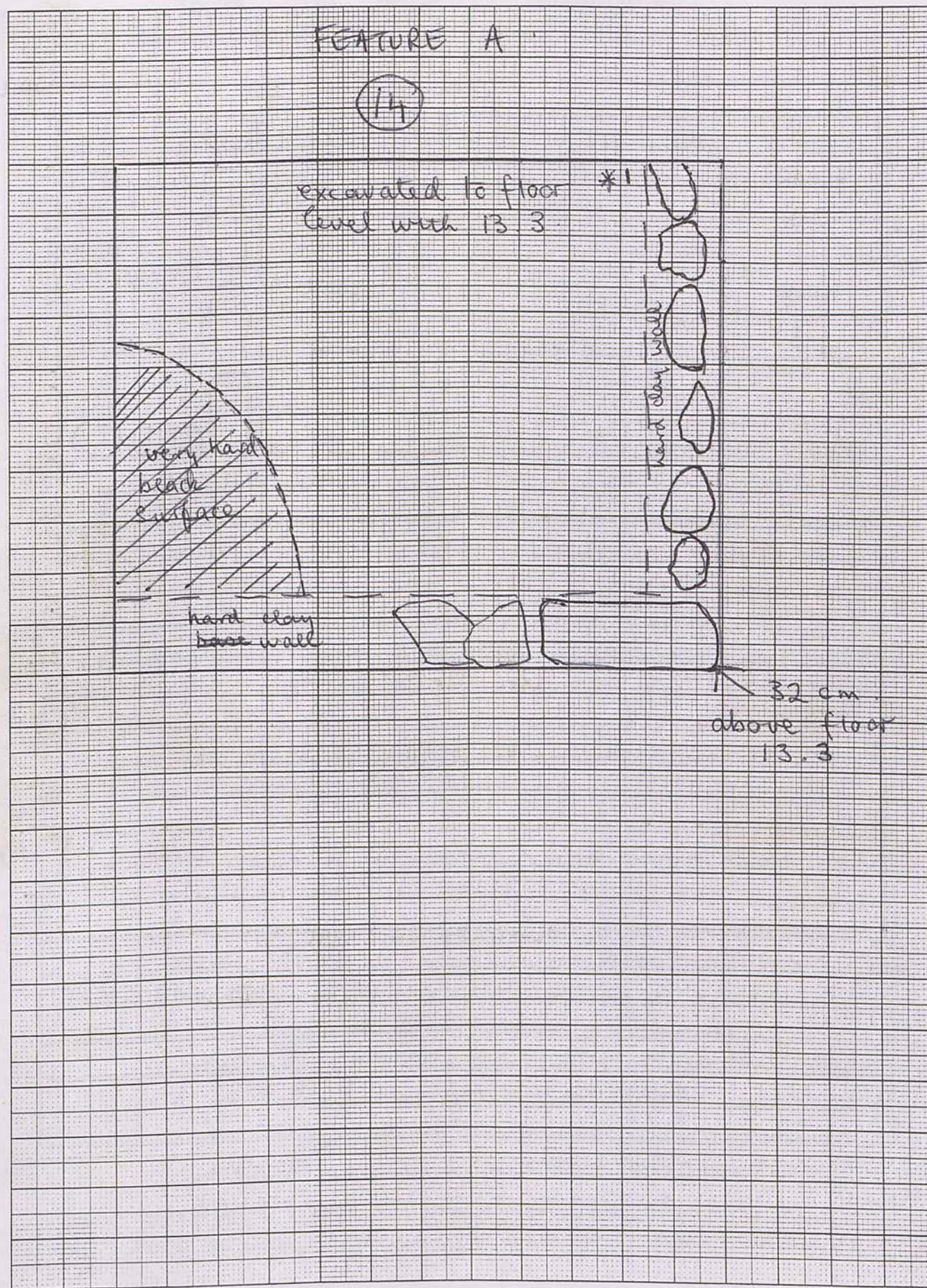
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| 13.3 | Floor cleared - now being swept for photo |
| *3 | Iron nail fragment on ashy floor near South bank (see plan) |
| ⊕ | Emphasise dark ash on beaten earth floor |
| Feature | A = Locus (14) 2/5/00. |
| | This was begun on 1/5/00 10 minutes before the finish of work. The contents are disappointing - the soil is brown, not ashy, and contains smaller stones, loosely packed, which caused the hole in the surface. |
| | The surface, however, was definitely hard and charred - it had had a fire on it. |
| | 2/5/00. |
| | Further excavation reveals more brown soil and loose stones. |
| | Towards base, we are getting charcoal and burnt pottery, with lots of ash. This is just above the floor level equivalent to 13.3. |
| | In SW corner of feature is a hard black baked surface we will collect this and bag it. |

2/5/00

Thoughts: ~~Under~~ The "bank" or wall around this feature is made of clay; i.e. different from the soil removed around it in 13.2. So it is a deliberate structure. I would expect more ash etc for a hearth. Excavation of bank to west may help - (It didn't!)

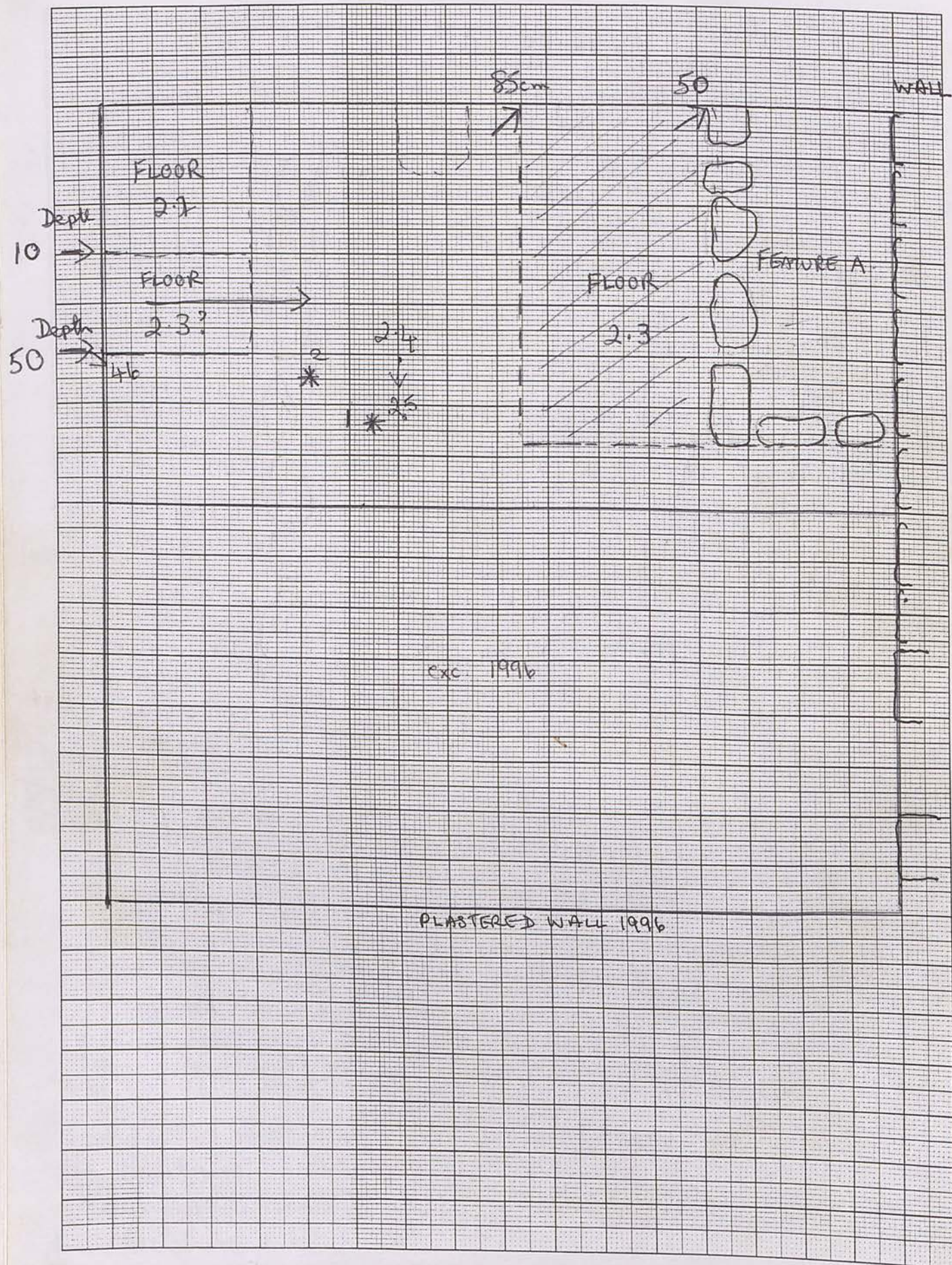
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Trench...151/6.....Initials...HJ.....Date...1/5/00 Page....
 Locus...2.....Spit...4... Locus...2.....Spit...5-6 Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
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| Pottery | 1 | 2.4 | |
| Bone | 1 | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | 1 | | |
| Photos bw | 3 6 | ? | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|----------------|------|------|
| 1 | W. slope frag. | 2.5 | |
| 2 | Iron nail? | 2.6 | |
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Context Report

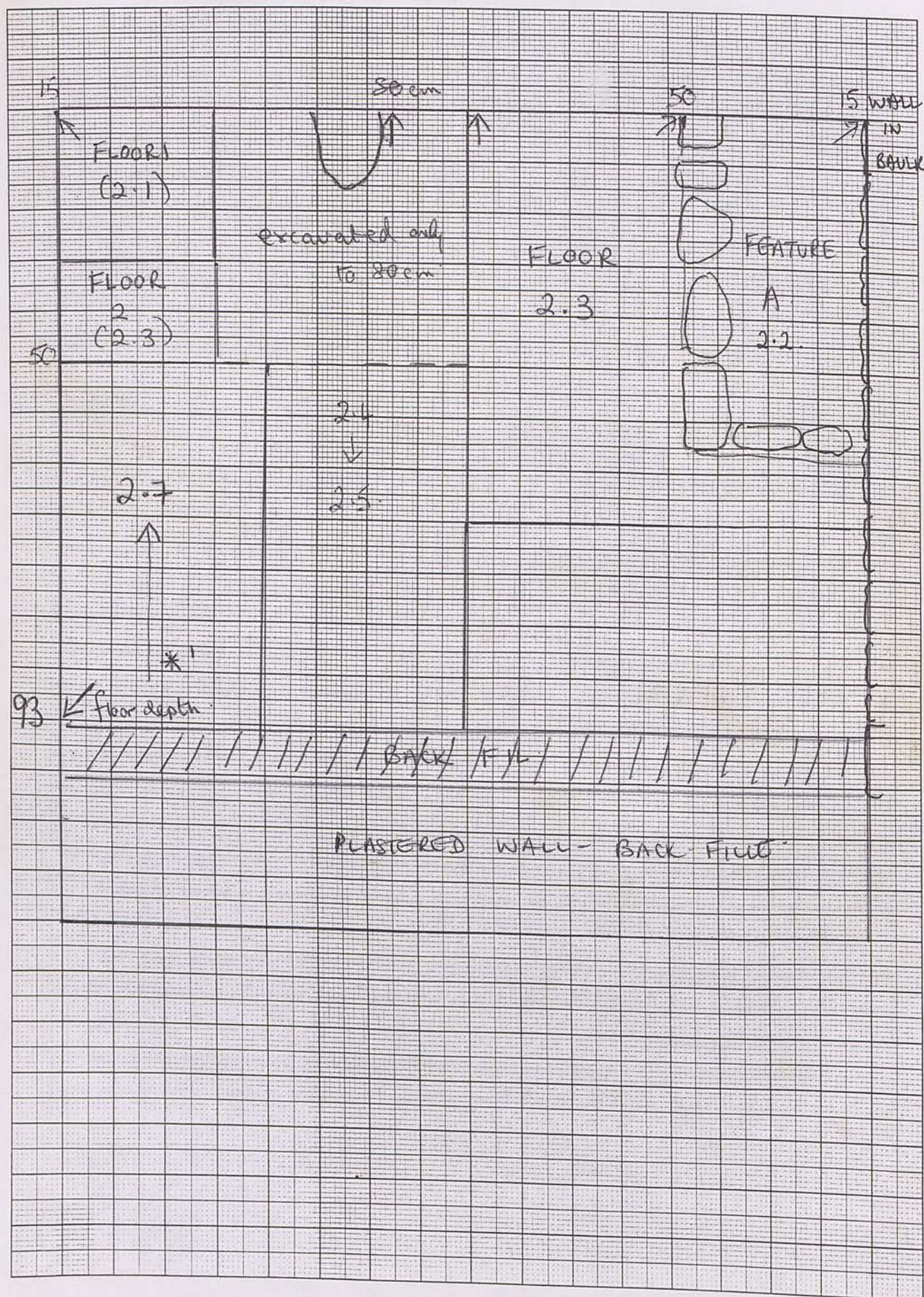
| Context | Report |
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| 2.4 | Clearing below floor level 2.3 over western half of locus (2) layer of softer soil with crushed limestone chips and some clumps of plaster. |
| 2.5 | Spit lower than 2.4, large deposit of medium-sized stones. These seem too small to be wall-stones - a puzzle? Deliberate fill below the floor seems the best reason. Could be tumble. Small deposit of burnt bone against N. bank but no ash soil associated with it. |
| *1 2.5 | Small fragment Westslope in loose soil at depth 80cm from surface of N. bank. See plan Am leaving section of Floor 2.3 as a step below Floor 2.2. Between ^{2.3-2.4} 46cms |
| 2.6 | Now excavating a new spit (10 cm) below 2.5. Soil much the same i.e. brown, loose, containing moderate amount of limestone chips. It is a long way down to the floor associated with the base of the plastered wall. |

2.3-2.4

Is it worth excavating further when we know the depth of floor in adjacent trench 151/9? It will look messy if we don't but does that matter?

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Trench 15/16 Initials HJ Date 2/5/00 Page...
 Locus 2 Spit 7 Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
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| Pottery | 1 | 2.7 | |
| Bone | 1 | 2.7 | |
| Charcoal | 1 | 2.7 | |
| Other (Plaster/Tile) | | 2.7 | |
| Photos bw | - | | |
| Photos col. | - | | |

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| 1 | Iron nail/s | 2.7 | |
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River pebbles 2.6

Context Report

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| 2.6 | Continuing to excavate this spit. Soil is brown and wet. Some red plaster fragments in loose soil. Very little pottery found. Tiny amount of charcoal and bone. |
| 2.7 | Locus 2 now extended to south - going one spit deeper. No change in soil except that it is wetter. No plaster so far. Free of limestone chips. Soil 20 cm to level of floor in 15/19. 2.7 = a metre wide N/S spit (see plan). |
| | Floor appearing in SW corner of locus - covered with ashy deposit as for floor in 15/19 adjacent. Depth from SW corner surface = 93cm. |
| 2.7 *1 | Iron fragments (nail/s) in ashy deposit. A little plaster (red) appearing. Now clearing floor which appears to be all ashy. |
| 11.30 1 | Floor cleared - too wet to photograph so will take down bank 15/16-9 to same floor level - then photograph. |

Trench... 125/7 Initials... HJ Date... 3/5/00 Page...
 Locus... ① Spit... Locus... ② Spit... Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont ① | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|--------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 1 | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | 4, 1, 2 | 1 | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
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| 1. | Ring (modern?) ① - de-accessioned - modern | | |
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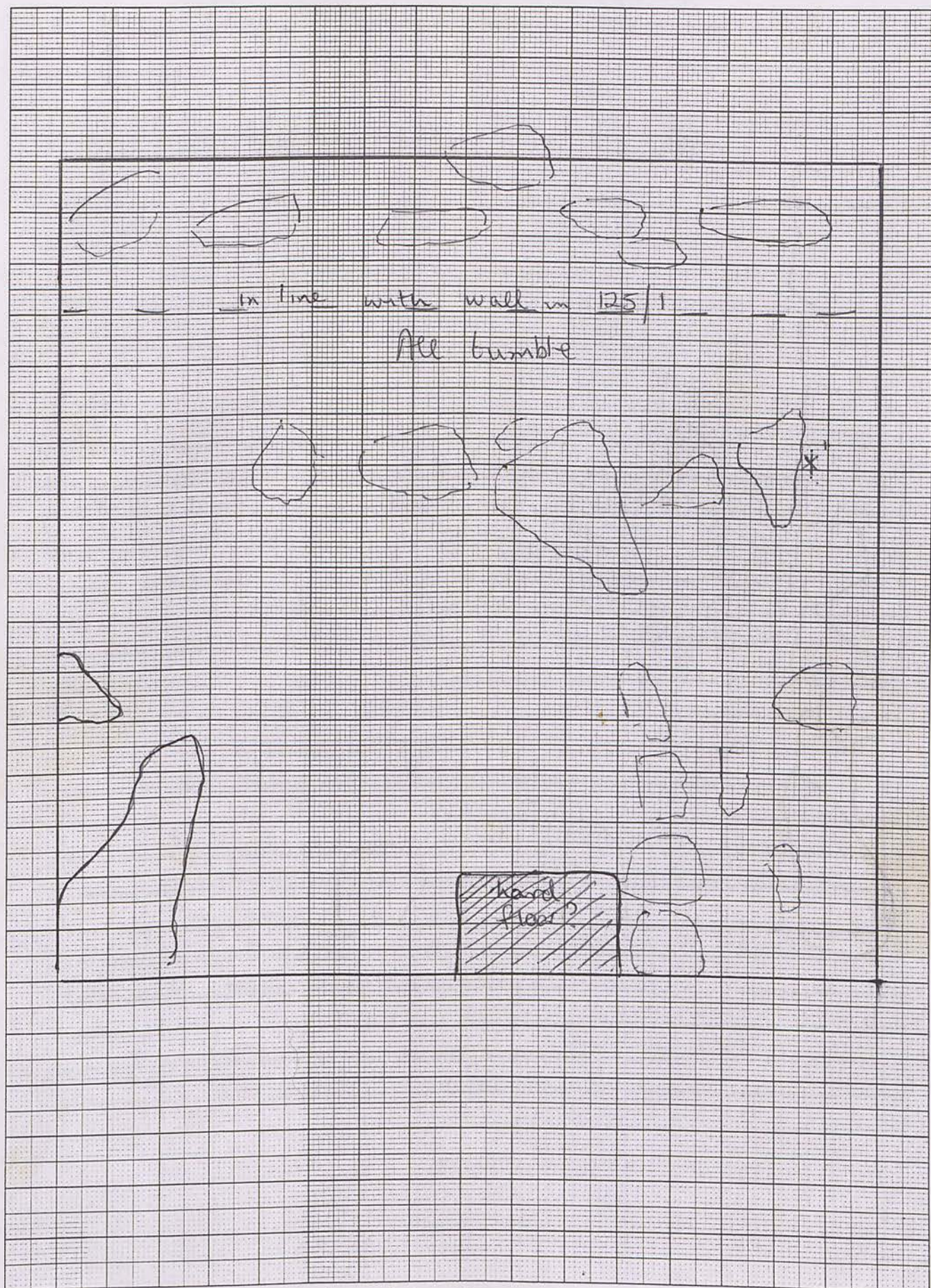
- *1
- ① Clearing remaining topsoil from around tumble. Object - small complete ring, surely modern (at least not Greek) in topsoil, buried under a large stone. Even more obvious now is the accumulation of tumble in the North of the square - less in the South. Cleaned & photographed BW 4, 1-2.
- ② Now clearing tumble from North. Some very large stones almost on surface may be a wall line. If the wall in next-but-one trench to East (125/9) continues as far as this it would be approximately on line indicated on plan. Some very large stones being removed but they do not appear to be worked. A hard surface reached in South of trench, possibly a floor.

125/7

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3/5/00

1mm Squares

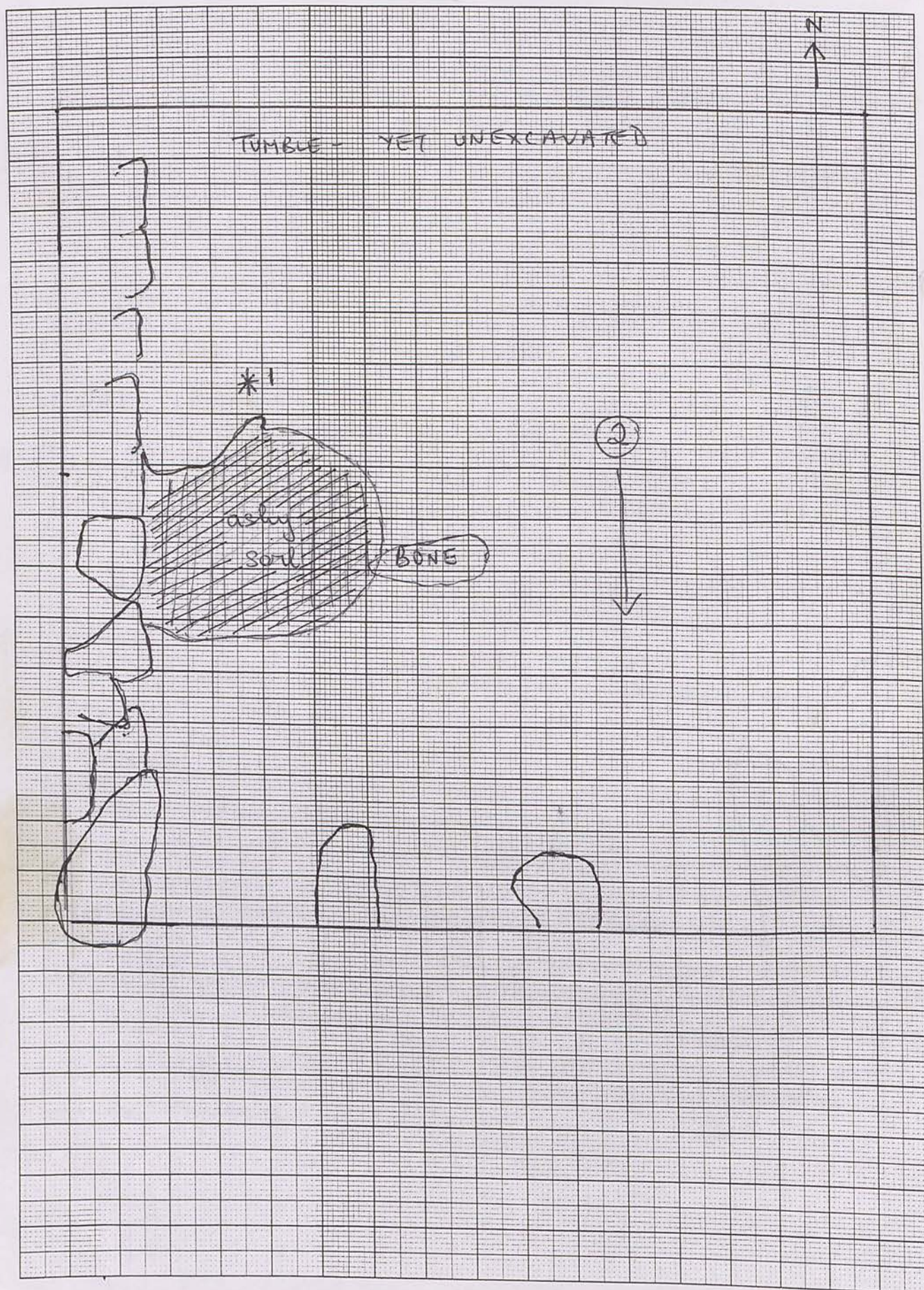


only prominent tumble drawn in

125/7

4/5/00

1mm Squares



Trench 125/7 Initials HT Date 4/5/00 Page...
 Locus ② Spit... Locus ③ Spit... Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | ② | |
| Bone | 1 | ② | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|-------------|------|--------------|
| 1 | Glass frag. | 3 | |
| | RMB frag | 2 | (in pottery) |
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| ② | Remaining tumble from south of locus. Much loose soil beneath. Large stones across mid-trench are also on loose soil. Large deposit of large bones in mid-trench - in soil under tumble. We seem to be coming to the end of the tumble in the south. We are now working north. Very little pottery. An area of dark ashy soil in mid-west sector. This may indicate remains of floor. In west bank a North-South wall is emerging protruding for about half its width into the square. |
| ③ | *1 Object: glass fragment from ashy soil = Ashy soil beneath tumble. |
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Baulk

Trench 151/6-9 Initials HS Date 3/5/00 Page...
 Locus.....Spit 1-3 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | ① | 1-5 | |
| Bone | 1 | ③ | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

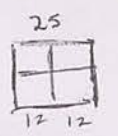
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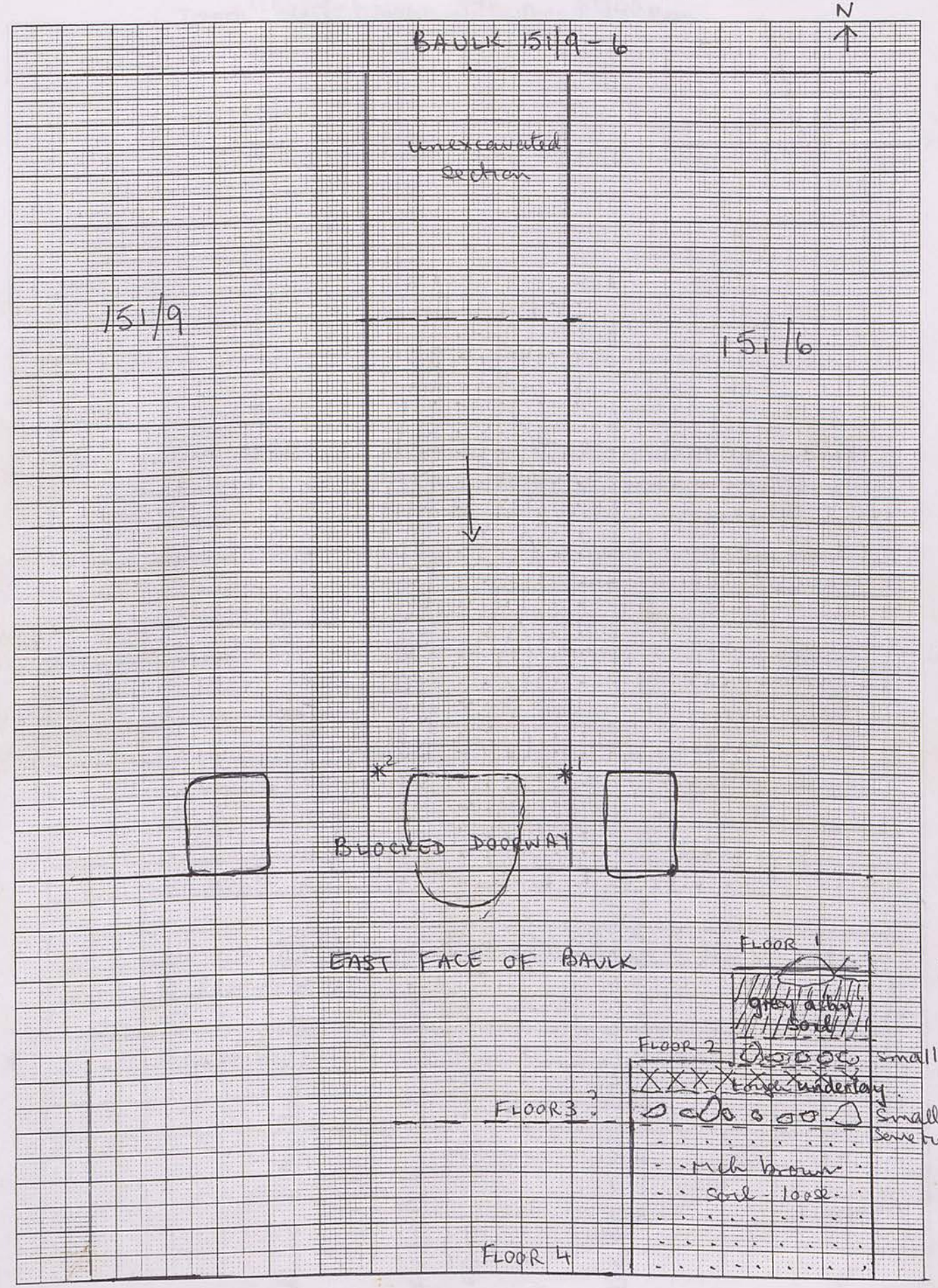
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| ①-③ | This baulk is too narrow (and abraded) to excavate in single spits accurately but I am keeping an eye on each layer visible in the stratigraphy of the unexcavated section. |
| | We are initially excavating the southern 3 metres in order to reveal the big door to the south (North of the Rock-cut Basin). |
| ① | Greyish topsoil - top floor not apparent in baulk. |
| ② | Layer of greyer ashy soil filled with limestone clumps. |
| ③a | Floor of tough soil - perhaps surfaced with thin layer of crushed limestone. |
| ③b | Perhaps the same floor, but perhaps the earlier surface of ③a (resurfaced). A thick layer underneath of tough, packed earth & limestone. |
| ④ | Below this a deep layer of brown soil, free of limestone chips, containing some plaster but not as much as upper layers strat. |

Very little pottery all through.

④ Layer of larger tumble resting on possible floor (not assured).

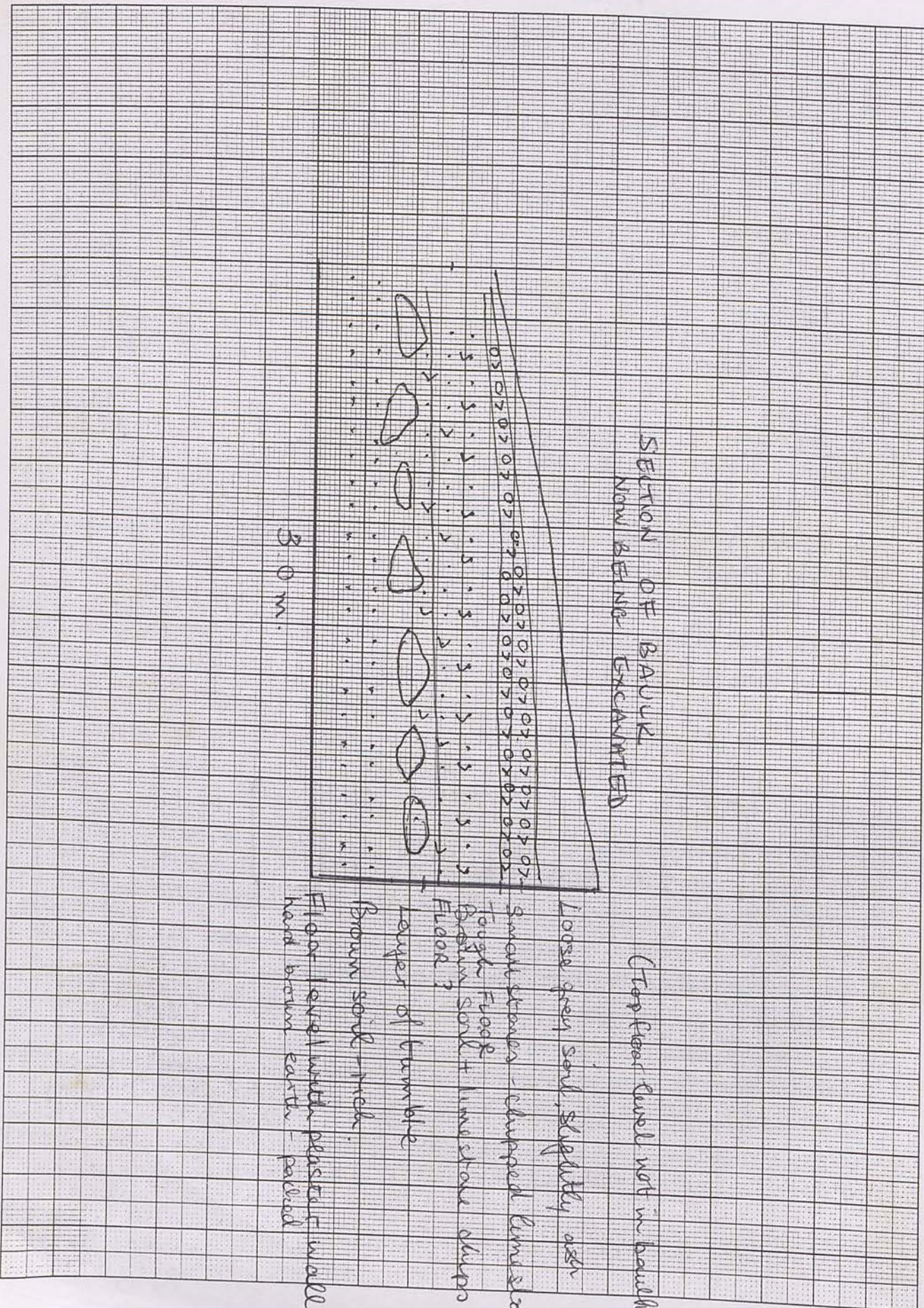


1mm Squares



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small stone
some rubble



Trench 151/9-6 Initials HJ Date 3/5/00 Page...
 Locus 4/5 Spit 4/5 Locus Spit Feature/s

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1? | | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|--------------|------|------|
| 1 | Bronze frag. | | |
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Context Report

4/5 Now excavating below Floor 3[?] level in bank. — cm from top surface of remaining bank. This is the layer of rich brown loose soil above the lowest Floor 4. There is some tumble — above the floor. It appears there was a period of wind-blown deposit before the tumble occurred. — or was made to occur by the destruction of walls. How can the deposit blow in when roof was on? We're not going to finish today, but the north face of the blocked doorway is partly cleared. It has a very large upright worked stone as the centre of the blockage. With such a wide doorway this would enable it to be more easily blocked on either side.

Or could it be a double door? No, it's not really central.

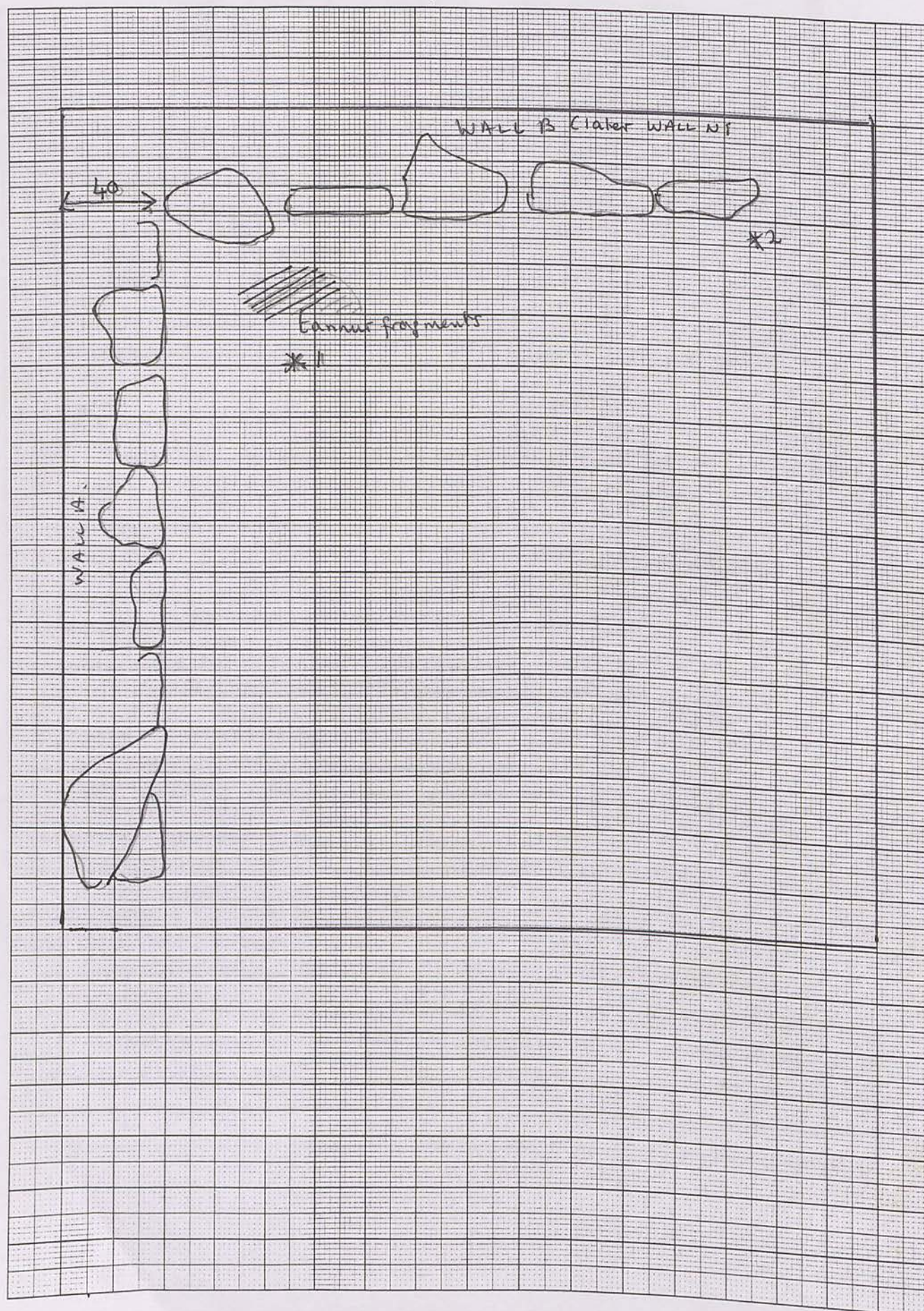
*1 Bronze frag.

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1mm Squares



Change pottery labels for ③
to date 6/5/00
(error 7/5/00)

Trench... 125/7... Initials... HJ... Date... 6/5/00... Page...
Locus... 3... Spit... 1... Locus... 3... Spit... 1... Features... Wall A
Wall B

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 3-1 | |
| Bone | 1 | 3-1 | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

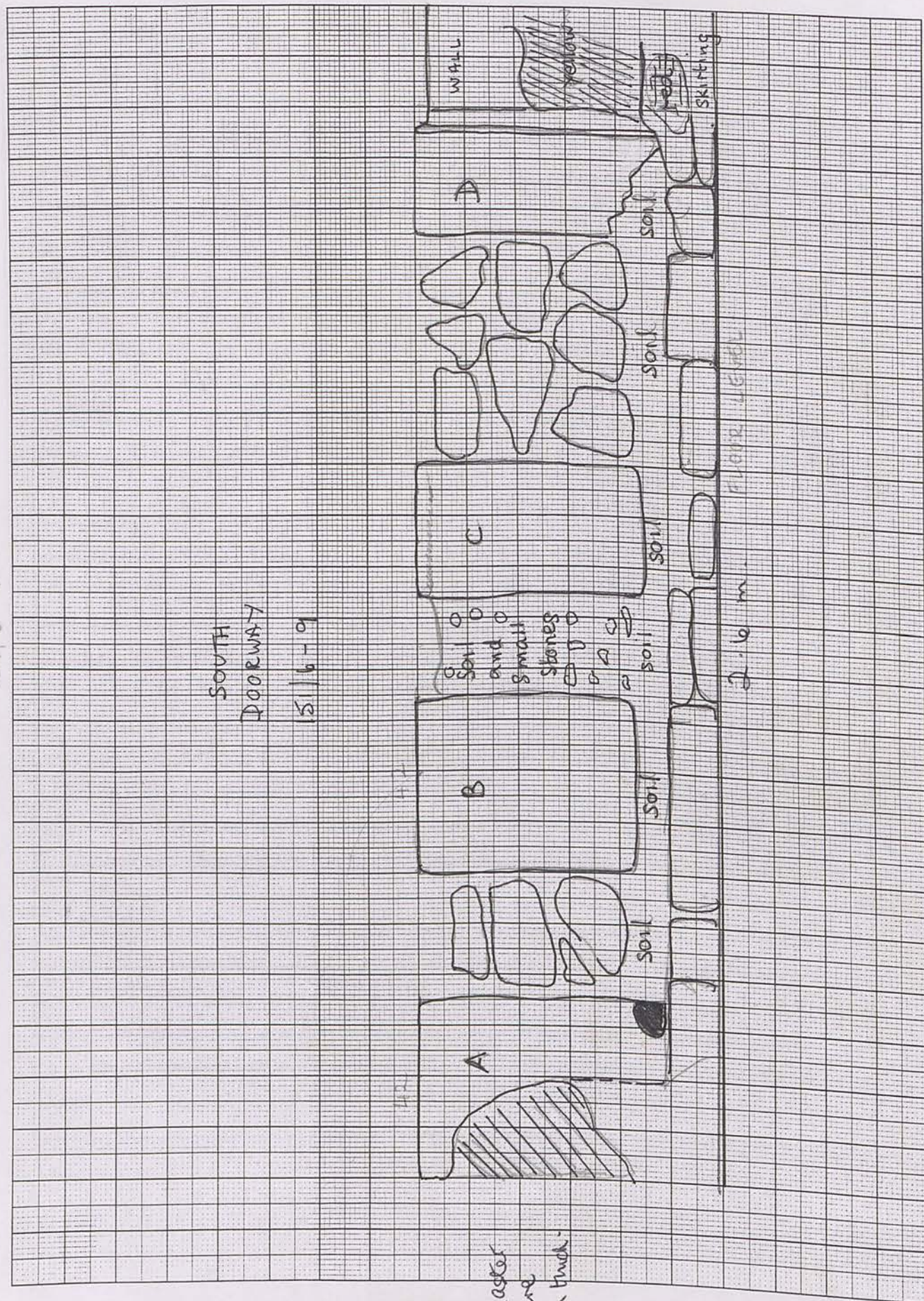
| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
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| 1 | Iron nail | 294 | |
| 2 | Iron | de-acc | |
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Context Report

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|----|---|
| *1 | <p>③ This locus consists of the ashy soil layer below ②.</p> <p>Fragments of tannur wall (oven material) found in NW corner of locus. The breaks are ancient - probably caused by tumble.</p> <p>A good WALL apparent running E/W in North of trench, partly in the North bank.</p> <p>Iron nail from same context as oven fragments</p> <p>Much pottery from this context (3 NW)</p> |
| | <p>Wall B (E/W wall in North) now clearly defined and in quite good condition.</p> <p>The tumble appears to have finished abtd in the Eastern side of the square so locus ③ is now extended to East. This may be near floor. The surface now is loose soil. - appears to be a thick layer.</p> |
| *2 | <p>③ Cleared now to NE corner and wall is being cleared - good condition</p> <p>Iron pin? found in NE corner</p> |

Scale?

151/6-9



plaster here 9cm thick.

Trench 151/6-9 Initials HT Date 6/5/00 Page...
 Locus (7) Spit... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 7 | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Plaster) | 3 | 7 | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | ! | check record | |

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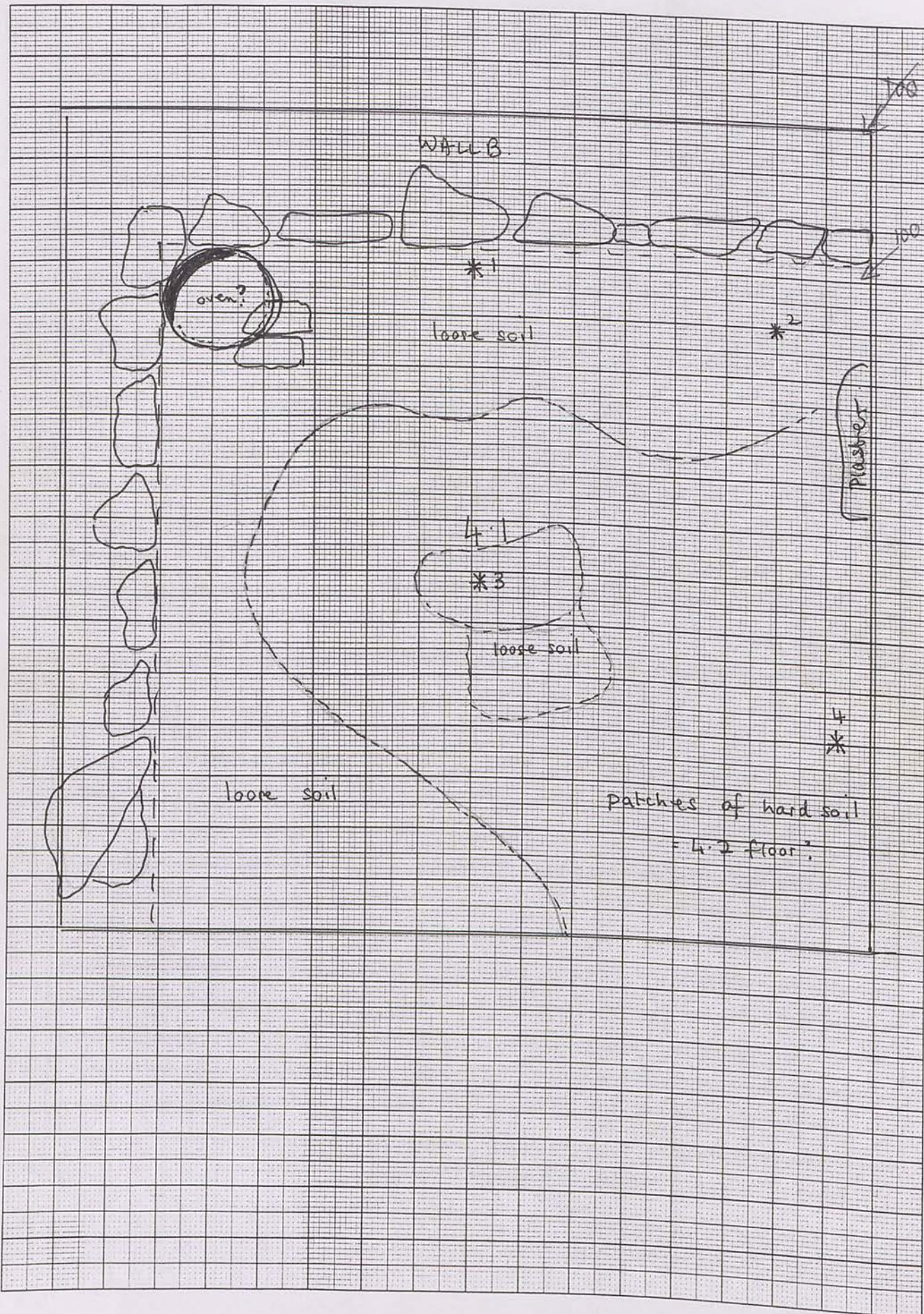
Context Report

| Context | Report |
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| (7) | DOORWAY |
| | Returned to this bank in order to excavate the DOORWAY and to see if it was deliberately blocked. |
| | Much plaster from the right hand side of the door - looking South. |
| | Bright yellow (1), red (2) and some patterned (3) (egg & dart?) perhaps from the cornice. |
| | The deposit may have come from the wall adjacent to doorway but its position could suggest either |
| (a) | it fell from the lintel. or |
| (b) | the blocked doorway became a plastered wall. |
| | A very large threshold stone emerging at floor level. |
| | All pottery is from the fill in the door between the 2 doorstones. |
| | (See drawing) |
| | The door is deliberately blocked only between Stones A & B, and C & D. Between B and C is |

only soil & small stones, with some pottery. This is too narrow an aperture to have been used as entry/access. Both A & D are abraded at base but appear to rest on wall stones below. Stones B and C are definitely on soil ∴ a later deposit. If this door was blocked was it also plastered? No plaster was found except at lintels.

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1mm Squares



110
90

Trench... 125/7... Initials... HJ... Date... 7/5/00 Page...
Locus... 4... Spit... 1... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|-------|
| Pottery | 2 | 4.1 | 4.1-2 |
| Bone | 1 | 4.1 | |
| Charcoal | 1 | 4.1 | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|--------------|------|------|
| 1 | Iron disc | 4.1 | 356 |
| 2 | Bronze coin? | 4.1 | 357 |
| 3 | Iron nail | 4.1 | 358 |
| 4 | Glass frag | 4.1 | |

Antioch
90-72

Context Report

| Context | Report |
|---------|--|
| 4.1 | Context 4.1 = Spit across whole trench below 3. Soil loose, grey-brown. Depth NE corner at start of day 1 metre. Remains of oven wall in NW corner - damaged in antiquity - pieces of it (old breaks) turned up yesterday. |
| * 1 | Iron disc found near wall B (see plan) |
| * 2 | Bronze coin? found near wall B further East. |
| * | Plaster fragments (red & yellow) in East of trench, which must have fallen from Wall B |
| | Deep brown soil which still contains the odd piece of tumble, so we are not near a floor. I would have thought the oven would be on a floor but we are not yet down to the level on which it is sitting. |
| 4.2? | We appear to have dug through a floor, which is now apparent (hard surface) in South of trench. So Bag 1 of pottery may contain some of mixed context i.e. 4.1 + 4.2. |
| | I am not so sure now of this floor, but the |

Trench...125/4...Initials...HJ...Date...8/5/00 Page...
 Locus...2...Spit...2... Locus...2...Spit...3... Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|--------------|------|------|
| 1 | Glass frag. | 2.3 | |
| 2 | Basalt frag. | 11 | |
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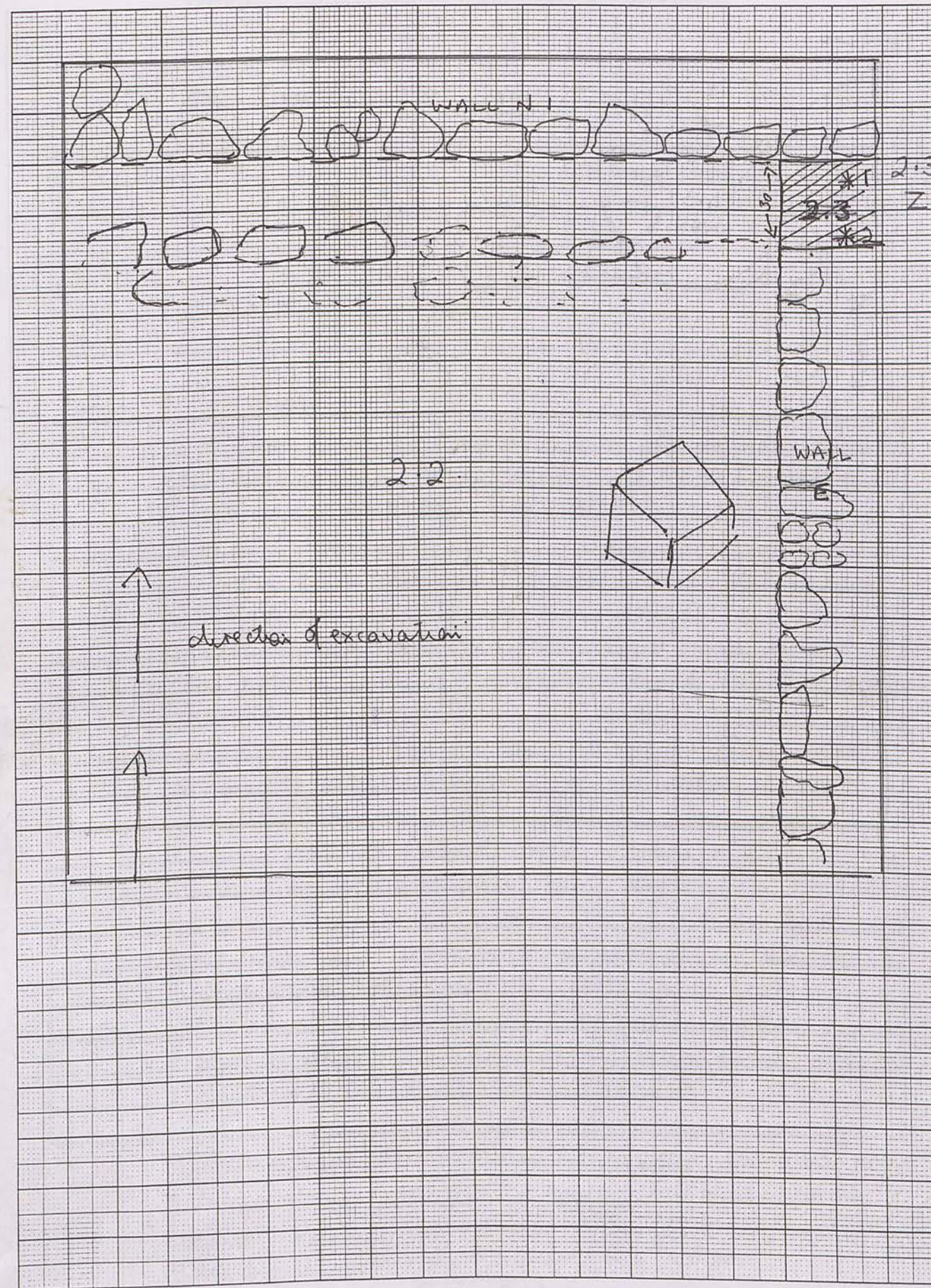
2.2 = Northern spit of tumble from (2) (tumble).
 Continuing to remove tumble. E/W wall line in North bank now quite clear. In the supposed corner with the N/S wall in the East bank is a small recess, perhaps accidental, containing a fragment of potter's toe. Because of its separate context, it is bagged separately as 2.3.

Feature 2.3 = small recess in wall. Later another fragment of potter's toe was found here, plus a large-ish basalt frag perhaps part of a large pounder.

A very large worked stone, obviously fallen, rests among the tumble in the East of the trench, near the wall. Stone is approx 70 x 50 cm.

Another line of tumble south of Wall N looks wall-like but surely cannot be when so near to Wall N. However, it may align with Oven wall in 125/7.

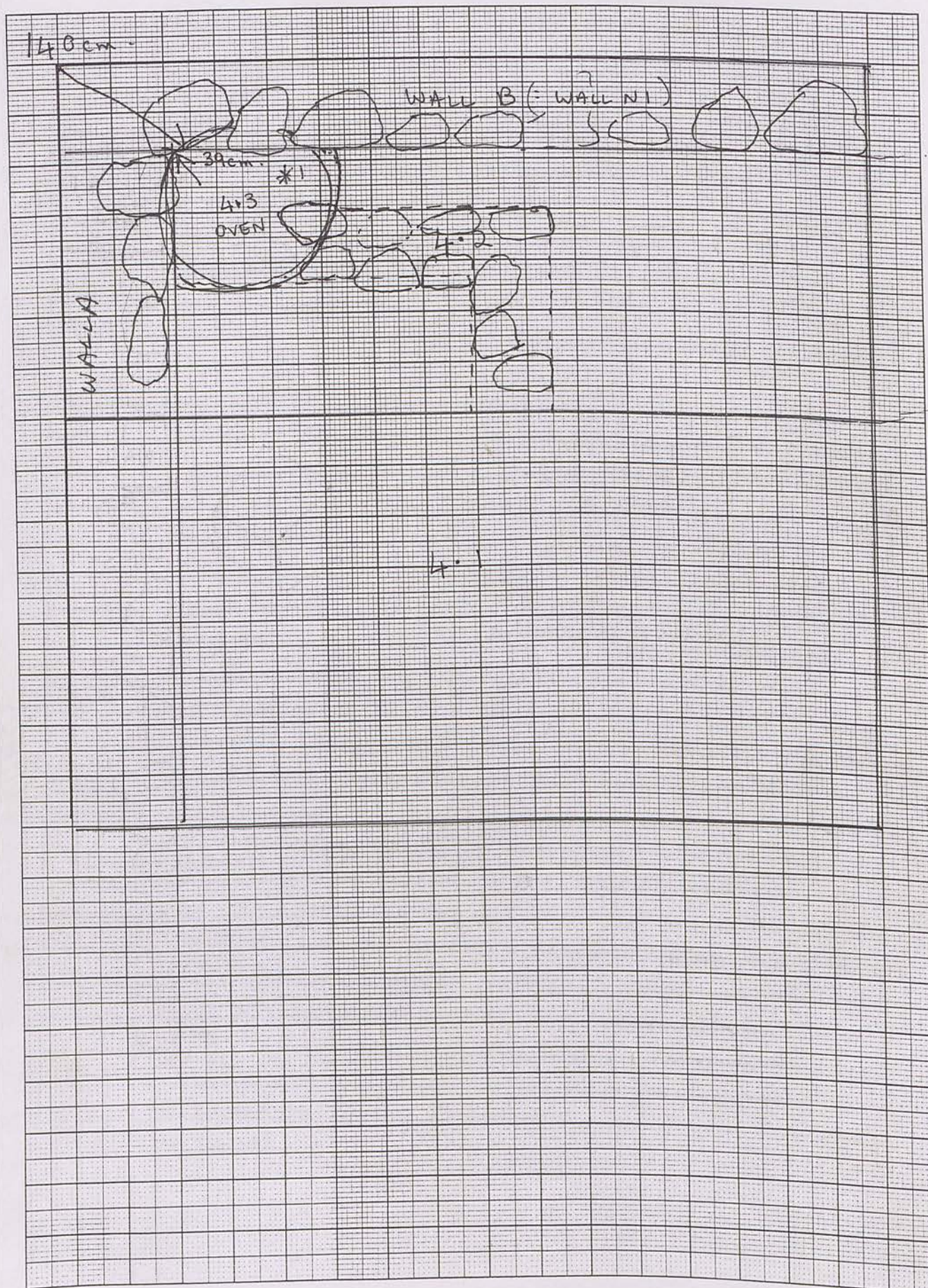
Hammad reports a floor higher in the North than the South.



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1mm Squares



Trench 125/7 Initials HTJ Date 8/5/00 Page...
 Locus 4 Spit 2 Locus Spit Feature/s

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| Bone | 1 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (File) | | 4.2 | |
| Photos bw | 27.4 | 4.3 | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|-----------------------|------|-----------------|
| 1 | Iron | 4.3 | 4.00 |
| 2 | Metal object = stone! | | de-accessioned. |
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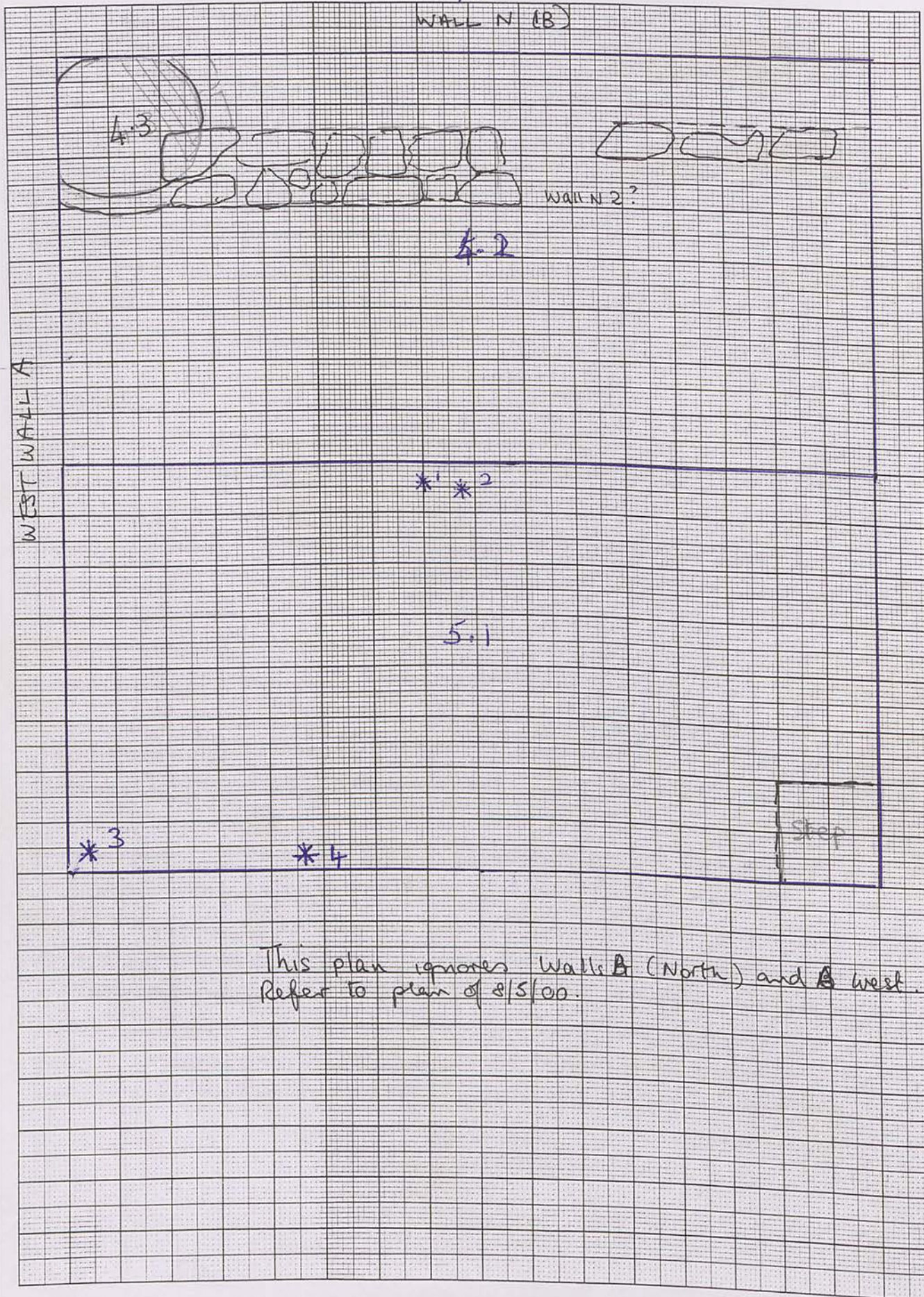
Context Report

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| 4.2 | = Northern half of trench - already partly excavated yesterday - now being excavated to even out this level. Working towards the oven remains in the N.W corner. Red plaster and bone coming up. |
| 4.3 | = Oven area now being excavated. The oven wall is now visible in the front. New bags for pottery, bone (including a tooth) and charcoal. |
| *1 *2 4.3 | The oven yields an iron object |
| 4.3 | " " " metal " |
| | seems too small to be a tool - and too delicate. Possibly decorative? = stone! |
| | Oven photographed roll 7.4. |
| 4.4 | Continuing excavation in this locus ^{4.3} 4. Soil is still the same colour so the ^{locus} spit no 4 continues but spit is changed to 4, being below level of floor 4.2 and oven 4.3. The oven seems too low to have been associated with 4.2 unless it was sunk into the floor - unlikely explanation. |

4.3 Measurements of oven: circular 65 x 65
 A large stone intrudes on to floor of oven so we cannot expose the whole oven floor as removal of the stone would damage the edge
 Depth. 39cm. Sample taken

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WALL N (B)



This plan ignores Walls A (North) and A West.
Refer to plan of 8/5/00.

Trench... 125/7... Initials... HJ... Date... 9/5/00 Page...
Locus... 5... Spit... 1... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 5.1 | |
| Bone | 1 | 5.1 | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|-------------|------|------|
| 1 | Object-iron | 5.1 | 437 |
| 2 | Glass frag | 5.1 | 440 |
| 3 | Bronze frag | 5.1 | |
| 4 | Bent iron | 5.1 | 438 |

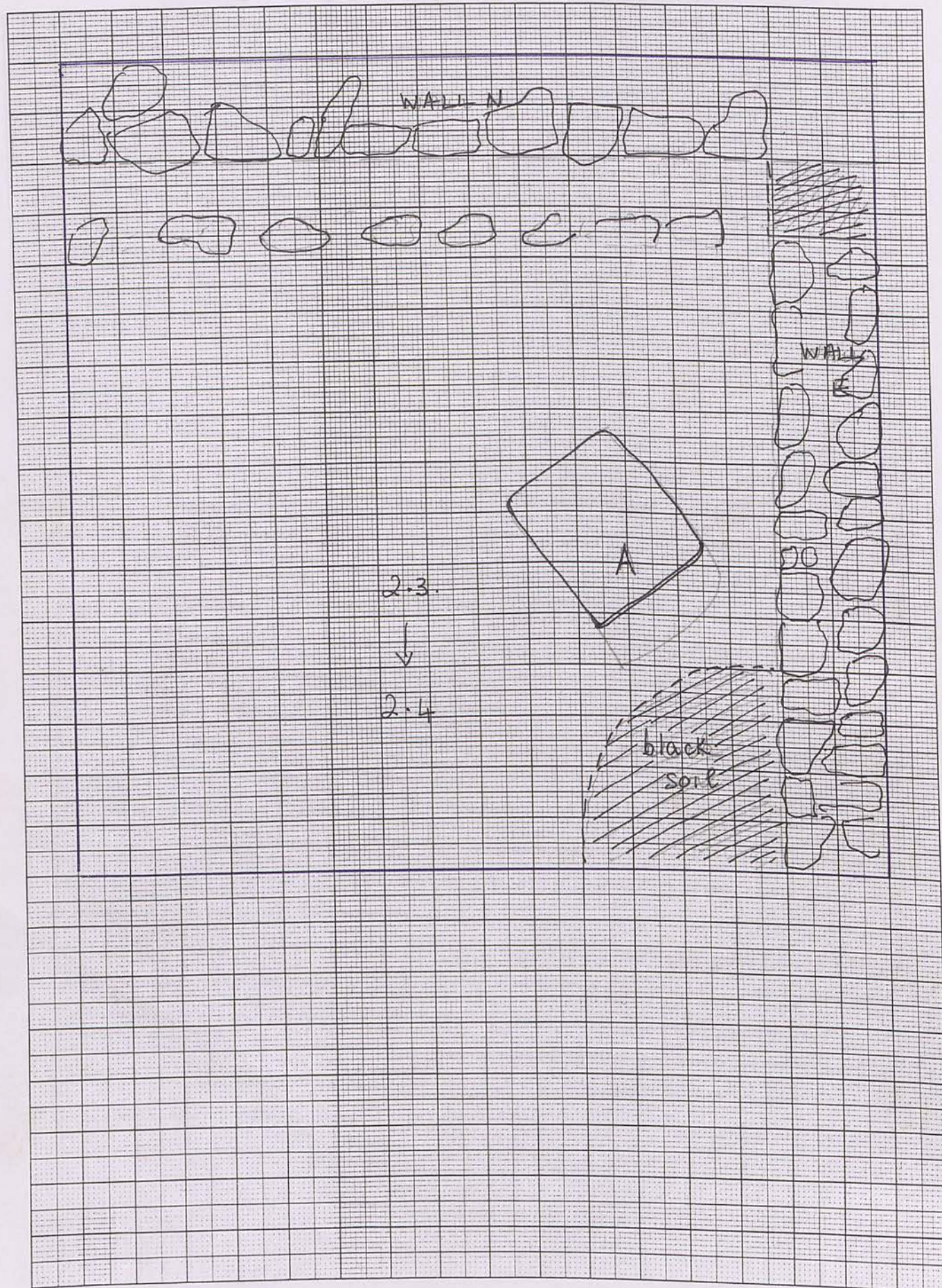
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Context Report

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| 5.1 | Continuing to excavate this locus, which is the South of the trench, consisting of soft brown soil mixed with small stones and occasional tumble. |
| *1 | Iron fragment found at N edge of locus (5). |
| *2 | Tiny glass fragment. |
| *3 | Bronze fragment in corner (SW). We are still above locus (4) where the oven was found yesterday. |
| | Thoughts |
| 1. | I can see the oven "wall" perhaps continuing East. If this is a wall it must have been built after and on top of the oven, yet it did not appear in the upper floor.* |
| 2. | The N/S wall in the West bank may fall lower down. Its existence here means that this is not the same room as the plastered walls. |
| *4 | Large fragment of bent iron found up against S. bank |

* Later: the oven must belong to the upper phase where a floor was built over the lower Wall N2 (now emerging). The stone protruding into the oven must be accidental tumble.

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Trench 125/4 Initials HJ Date 9/5/80 Page...
 Locus 2 Spit 3 Locus 2 Spit 4 Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 23 | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
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Context Report

| Context | Report |
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| 2.3 | Continuing to excavate this spit, now in the South of the trench. We have left in place the line of stones parallel with wall N, which happens to line up with the floor/oven wall in 125/7. I doubt it's a wall - much too close to Wall N. (ha! it WAS!) |
| | Some large tumble emerging but South of trench now largely clear of tumble. Large worked stone A still lies there - it will have to be removed. Is it tumble - or reused on floor |
| | Work is slow, with much tumble to be removed from West of trench. |
| | I have decided to remove the large worked stone (70 x 60 x 50). First checked for any markings - none. The stone has to be broken up to be taken out. |
| | Under the stone is a layer of black soil - the stone must have fallen on to an ash-covered floor. In which case a floor surface is to be expected soon. |

More black, ashy soil now in SE corner;
 Still at 2.3. in rest of trench, so I am not changing the locus/spit no.

Ashy layer extending across: this will be 2.4
 little pottery.

Trench... 125/4... Initials... HI... Date... 10/5/00 Page...
 Locus... 2... Spit... 3... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 11 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Bone | 1 | 2.3 | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | 1 | 2.3 | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|--------------|------|------|
| 1 | RM Bowl frag | 2.4 | 471 |
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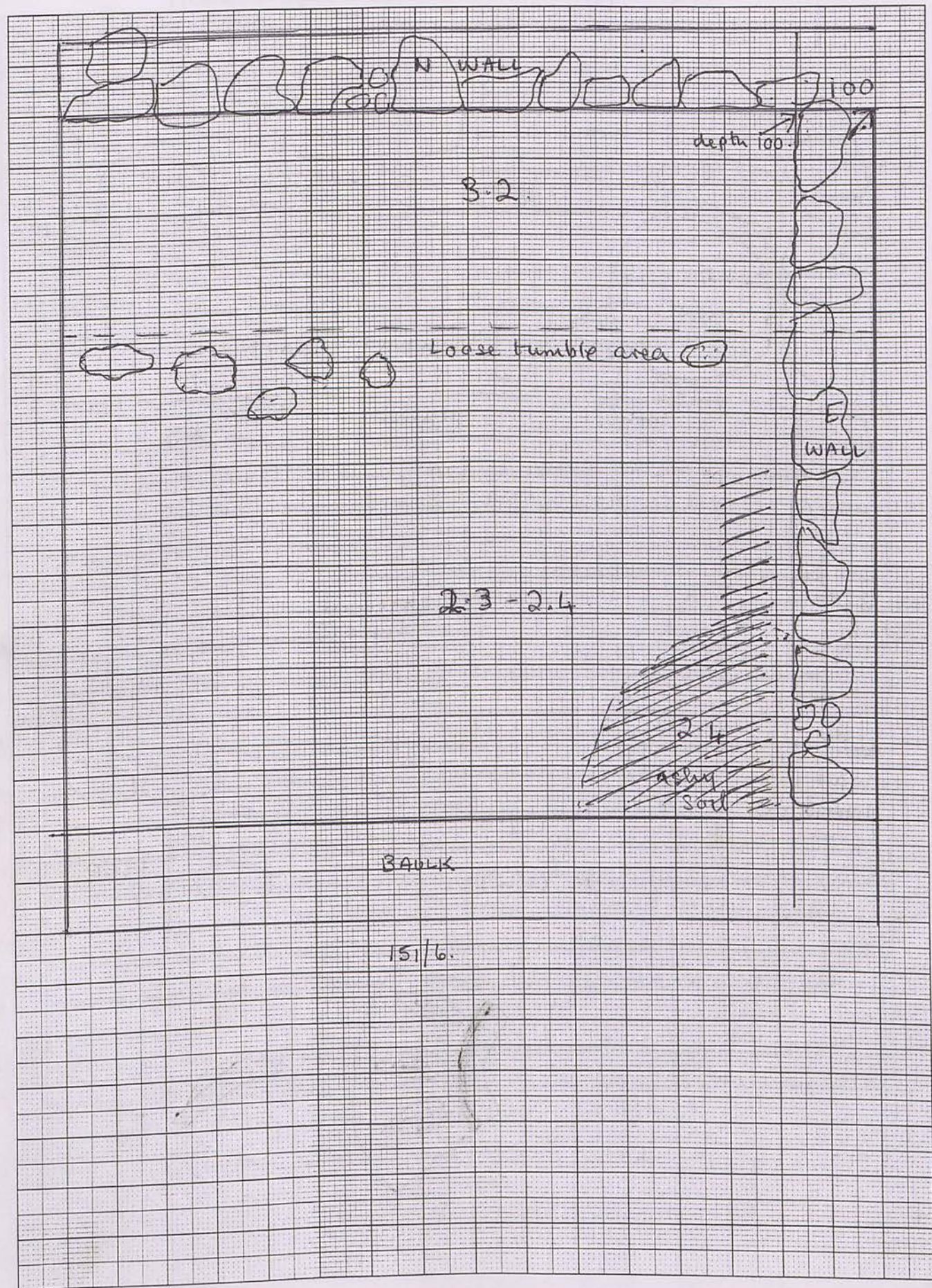
Context Report

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| 2.3 | Still removing tumble from locus 2. Now working towards west. The tumble is quite thick and deep here but there is plenty of loose soil beneath and between the stones. |
| 2.4 | SE corner containing darker, ashy soil. Base fragment of relief moulded bowl (rosette base). |
| 3.2 | Locus N of 2.3, excavated at spit 2 level with 2.2. Removal of tumble, loosely packed and thought perhaps to be a wall. This is now removed but, with the discovery of a lower wall in this position in 125/7, 9 am wandering! However, on more accurate measurements the line of tumble would not align and if the floor was built over the plastered wall through both trenches, then we would not expect it to appear yet in 125/4. Trench now without tumble - just brown soil. |

Level 3.3

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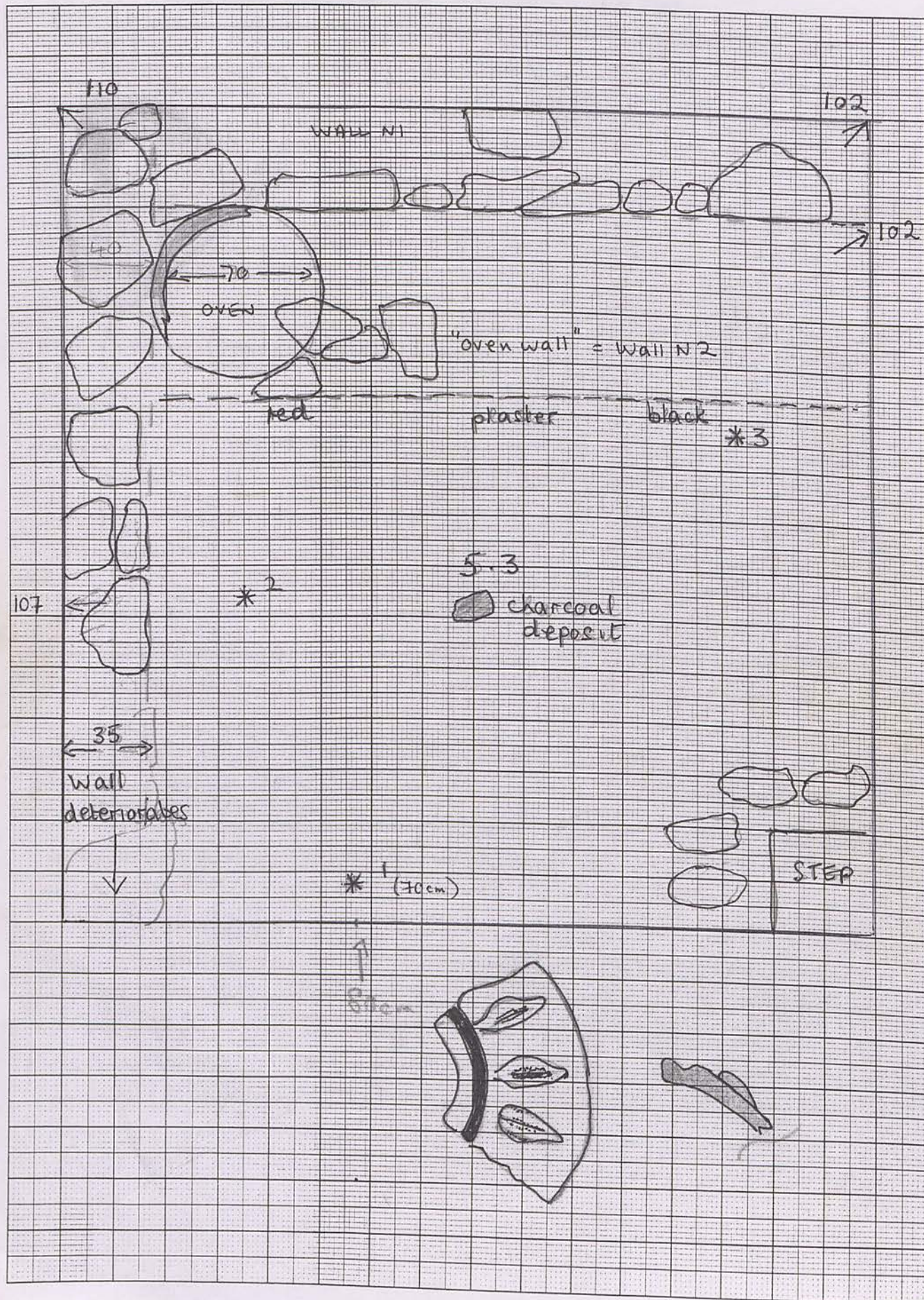
1mm Squares



Height of oven 46
Height of wall 75

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40 between walls
70 wide wall
R20 remains.
1mm Squares



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Locus...5...Spit...2... Locus...Spit... Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 5.2 | |
| Bone | 1 | 5.2 | |
| Charcoal | 1 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|----------------|------|------------|
| 1 | Lamp frag | 5.2 | 470 |
| 2 | Bronze pin fr. | 5.3 | - trashed. |
| 3 | Iron frag. | 5.3 | 464 |
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Context Report

| Context | Report |
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| 5.2 | Continuing this spit to even out with 4.2. It is at least apparent that the N/S wall in the west baulk finished at the floor (4.1) associated with the oven. The wall is only 85 cm high (to topsoil surface). |
| * 1 5.3 | Lamp fragment (moulded lamp) found in soil at point indicated (70 cm depth at S. baulk). |
| 5.3 | Charcoal deposit mid-trench, in between very large tumble now emerging. Have changed spit no. to 5.3, since the character of the deposit has changed i.e. larger deposit of tumble after mixed soil/tumble of 5.2. (5) now applies to area south of 'oven wall', which we are leaving in place for the moment. Still a great deal of tumble below this spit. |
| * 2 5.3 | Bronze pin fragment found below tumble near west baulk at depth of 107 cm. It disintegrated (very tiny) and was not able to be boxed. |

Charcoal now all over 5.3 area.

bronze fr. — 2

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Trench 125/7 Initials HJ Date 10/5/00 Page...
 Locus 5 Spit 3 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | | | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

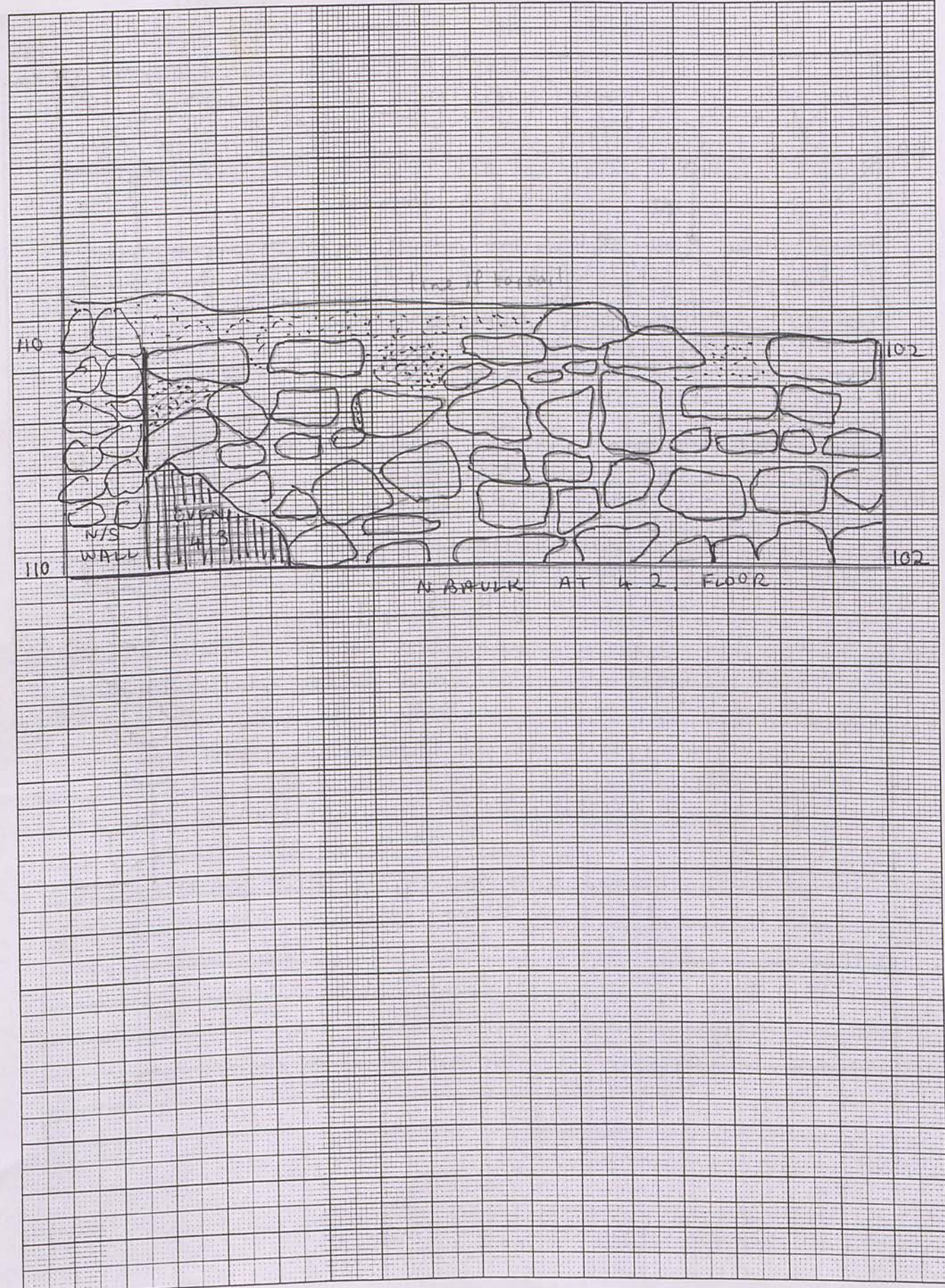
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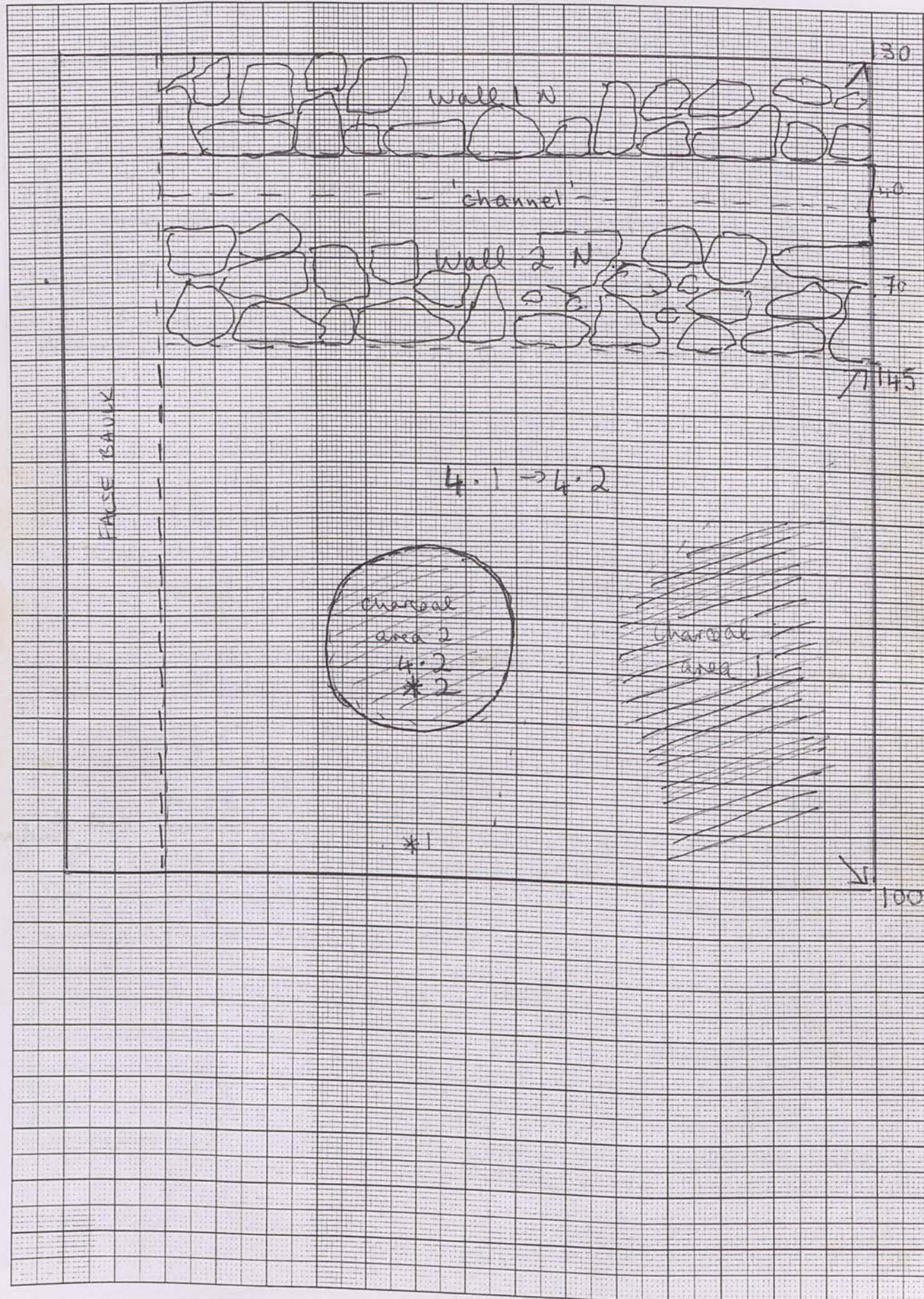
Report

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| 5.3 | Tumble largely removed. In North, the "oven wall" proves to be, lower, the North face of a solid E/W wall running across the trench below the floor of the oven (4.1) |
| * | This wall is plastered in situ (red and black) only 1-2 centimetres shows above a tough surface which may or not be a floor? A tiny projection / bevel surviving suggests we are maybe seeing a skirting, in which case the floor will be approx 18cm. away. |
| | Well back-fill exposed plaster today and clear rest of spit to South. |
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* This tough surface was later found to be a mixture of fallen plaster & mud brick on the floor.



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Trench...125/4.....Initials...H.J.....Date...15/5/00 Page....
 Locus...4.....Spit...1..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|-------------------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1+1 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| Bone | 1 | 4.1 | |
| Charcoal | 1 | 4.1 | |
| Plaster Other (Tile) | 1 | 4.1 | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|------------|------|------|
| 1. | Glass frag | 4.1 | ? |
| 2. | Coin | 4.2 | 515 |
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Context Report

| Context | Report |
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| 4.1 | Continuing to excavate this locus (all of square South of Wall N2 (plastered in 125/7). There is still ashy soil and some charcoal in the SW corner. Two ash lenses are now visible in the South bank. Object: glass fragment found up against S bank. Moderate amount of pottery. |
| 4.2 | Some ashy soil lingering in mid-trench - light grey, but surrounded by loose brown soil. Noticed a piece of ESA among pottery sherds which otherwise are from the ashy soil in Eastern half. Just |
| 4.2 | Small amount plaster now emerging = second spit of (4) characterised by less pottery, brown soil with ashy patch, central. Some large tumble, especially in west. |
| *2 | Coin found in ashy soil in centre of 4.2. Sun too bright now (nearly noon) to see colours of stratigraphy in bank. This is the first job for tomorrow. |

Trench 125/4 Initials HJ Date 16/5/00 Page...
 Locus 4 Spit 2 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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1mm Squares

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|------|
| Pottery | 31 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| Bone | + | - | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | 3 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

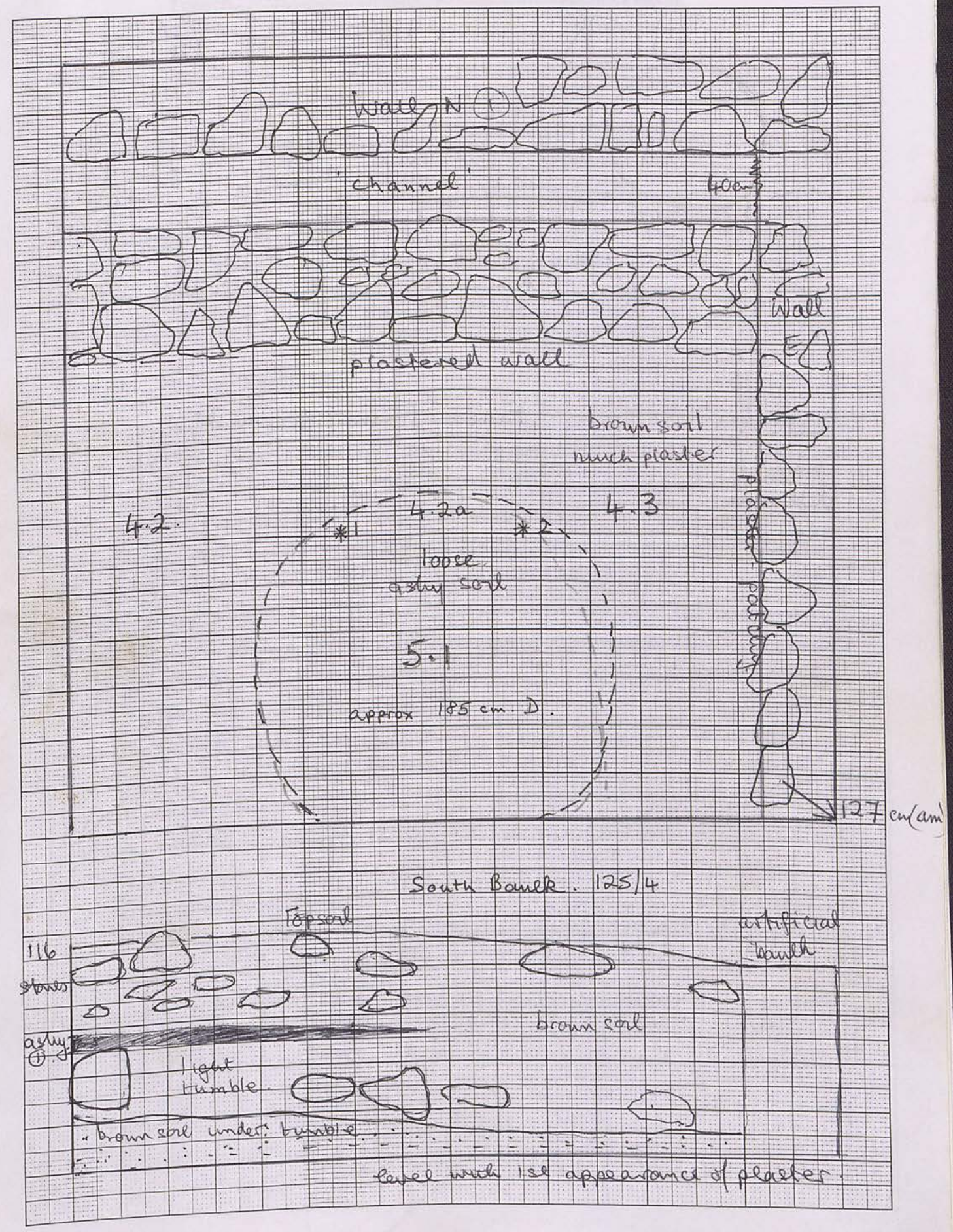
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| 1 | Glass frag. | 4.2a | 597 |
| 2 | Spindle whorl | 4.2a | 596 |
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Context Report

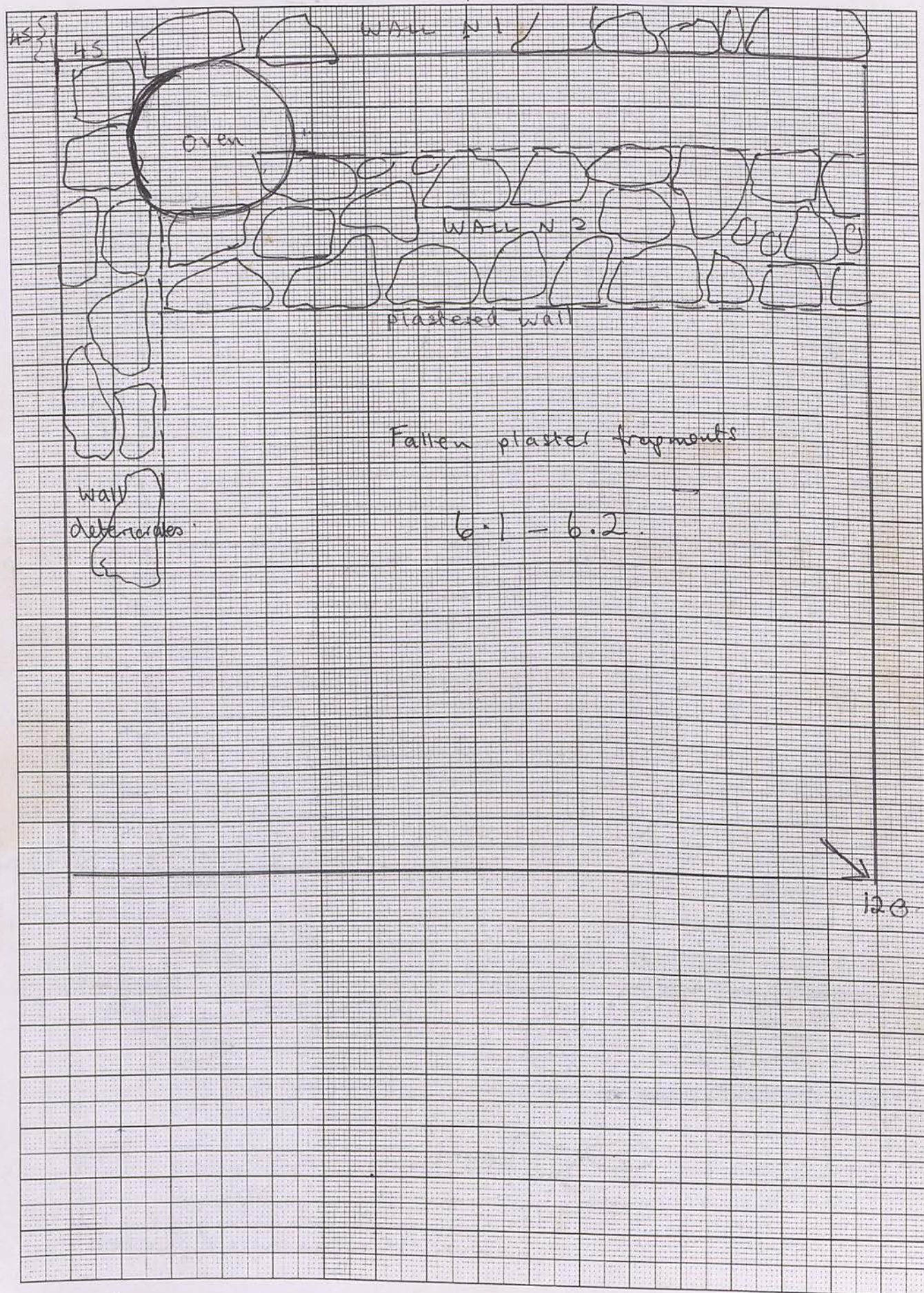
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*2

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| 4.2 | Continuing to excavate 4.2, which consists of brown soil near Wall 2N, with an ashy patch mid-locus. |
| 4.2a | Glass frag. |
| 4.2a | Spindle whorl. |
| | Both above come from the ashy patch mid-locus which I will now call 4.2a. It is difficult to establish its boundaries. |
| 4.2 | The top of plaster was appeared on Wall N2 and (to a lesser extent) on Wall E (E=East) - at a level consistent with that in 125/7. |
| 4.3 | This locus is a spit below 4.2, level with top of plastered wall. Characterised by loads of plaster (so far 3 bags) with pattern on it - floral? vegetal? So far 8 bags of plaster and 2 of patterned fragments. Have back-filled exposed plaster (exposed to loci only) and transferred workers to hack out boundaries of new trench. |

5.1 Tomorrow will be ashy section - all pottery comes from the ashy soil in 4.3



125/7



Trench 125/7 Initials. HC Date. 15/5/00 Page....
 Locus 4 Spit 1 Locus 6 Spit 2 Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|-----------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 6.1 | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Plaster) | 47 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | CS4/18-19 | | |

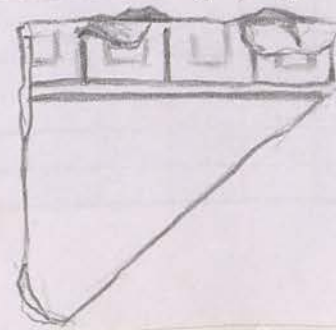
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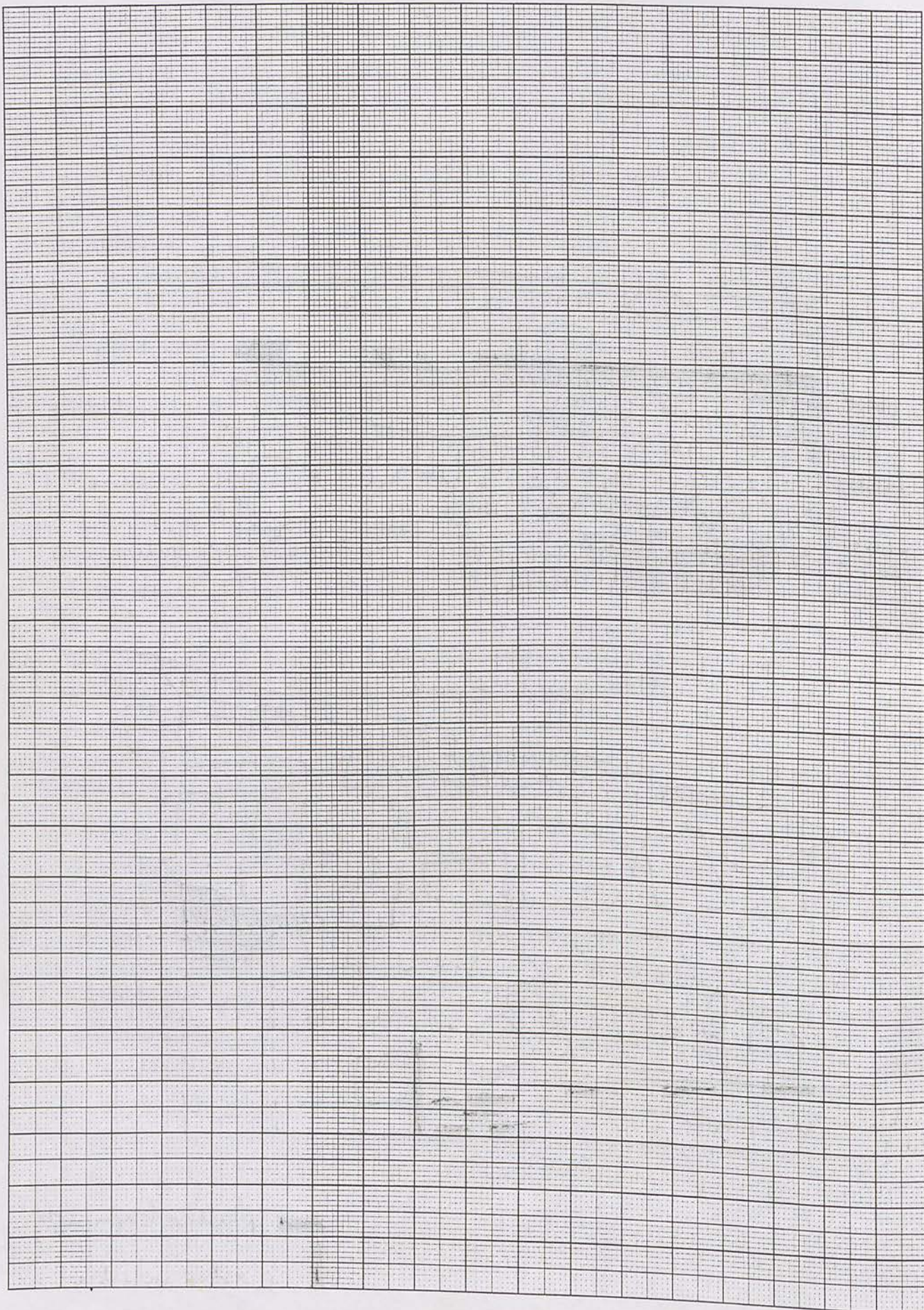
Context Report

6.1 = under 5.3 which was an insecure floor in which plaster was embedded. There is still, underneath 5.3, much plaster (red and black) embedded - some large pieces. These must have fallen from Wall 2N. The depth at SE corner is 120 cm, compared with depth to floor in 151/9 at 140 cm. The plaster is really spread across the whole width E/W of the square, particularly in the North. We are now excavating towards South, where there is not so much. I will get this spit photographed, with the fallen plaster in situ. Pottery very slight - 3 fragments so far.

Photographed: CS 4:18-19
 Now removing plaster photographed. one piece matches that found by Jara in 150/3 i.e. patterned.

6.2 Still much pottery plaster = 7th bag today. We seem to be digging through a loam layer





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Trench 208/7 W Initials HI Date 15-16 Page...

Locus cl 1 Spit... Locus cl 2 Spit... Feature/s.....

clearing 1 - 2

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 2 | cl 1 | cl 2 |
| Bone | 2 | " | " |
| Charcoal | 2 | " | " |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | 9-32/33 | cl 3 | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|-----------------------------|------|------|
| * 1 | Bronze coin | cl 1 | ? |
| 1 | Bronze bracelet? | cl 2 | 531 |
| 2 | Iron object ¹⁰⁰¹ | " | 523 |
| 3 | Stone pendant? | " | 521 |
| 4 | Spindle whorl | | 522 |

Context Report

cl 1 This locus is actually the baulk between 208/7 and 207/1. We are excavating this area, previously excavated in 1988-89 to see if there is a wall N/S between the entrance room (208/7) and the room 207/1 to west

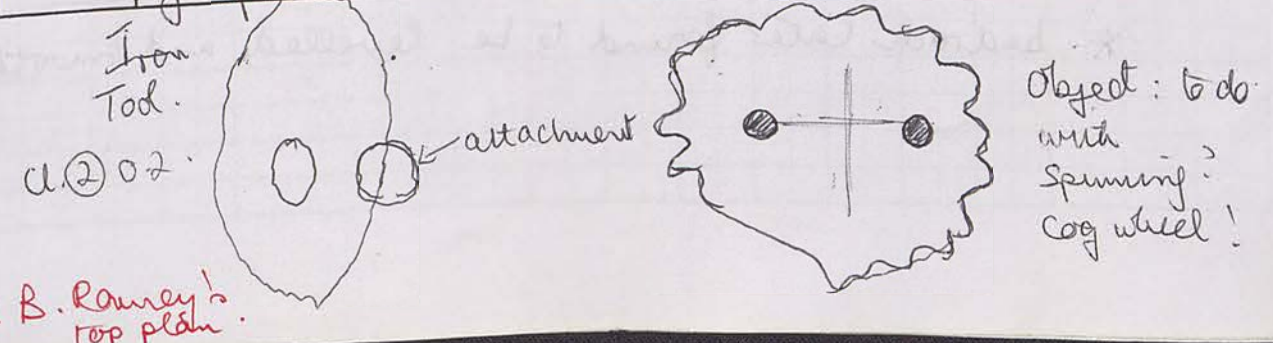
1 = Day 1
A floor was found level with the floor of the entrance room 208/7. On this floor:
A coin was found - badly decayed - bronze.

cl 2 Towards the end of the day, signs of a wall below this floor, in N/S direction west of door

cl 2 The wall is now clear - perhaps only two courses high and not yet excavated near doorway. It would meet the S. perimeter wall just west of the South Door.
Wall on bedrock.

cl 3 Cleared remainder of bedrock - ϕ bw 9-32-33. May need to extend excavation North by a metre - it is still unclear at the 'stub' wall what is going on underneath

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See B. Rowley's top plan.

Trench 125/7 Initials HS Date 11/5 Page...
 Locus 6 Spit 2 Locus... Spit... Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | | | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tite) | 11 | 6.2 | |
| Photos bw | 9.25-27 | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|------------|------|------|
| 1 | Iron frag. | 6.3 | 532 |
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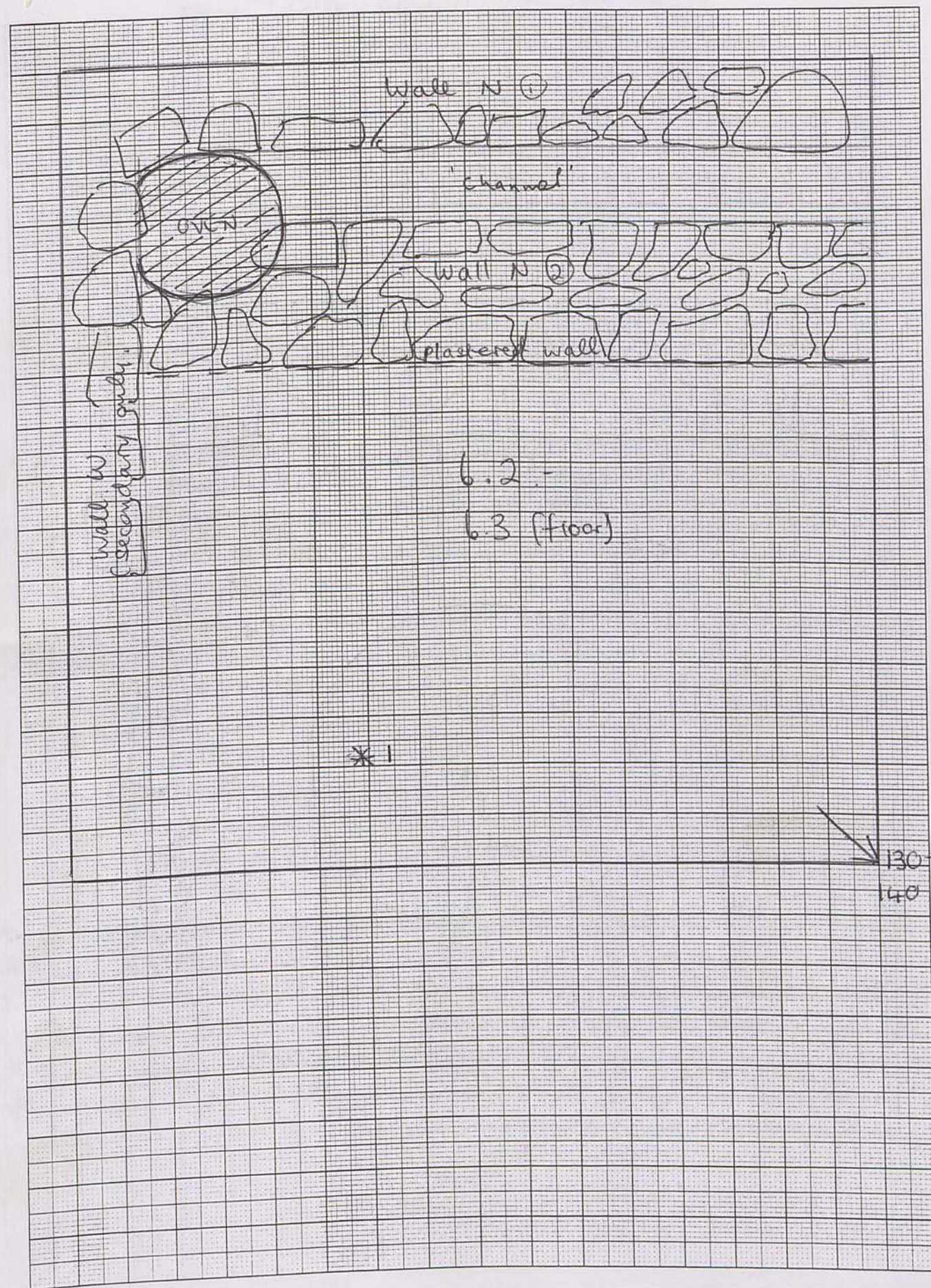
Context Report

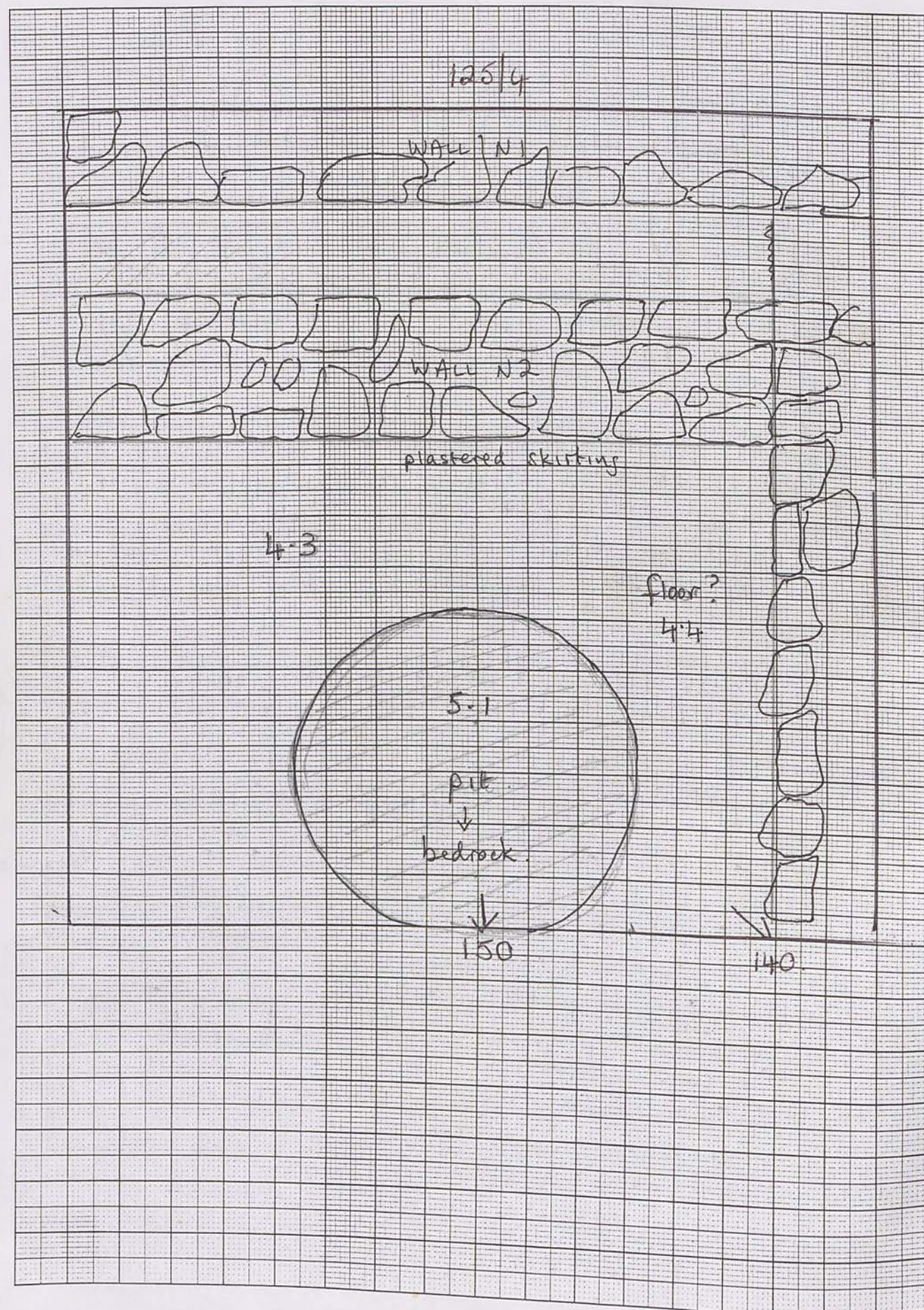
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| 6.2. | Continuing to excavate 6.2. It cannot be far to the floor as we are at depth of 130cm from surface of S. bank compared with 140cm in 15/9. 2 bags of plaster already. A few surface is now appearing - tough earth - uneven |
| 6.3. | Floor surface - v hard clay (just above bedrock)* Iron frag. (large nail?) found. Floor photographed. |
| *1 9/25-27. | Team sent off to help KG in CBD area - just for today. |
| | See previous page ^(x2) for plan of stratigraphy in South Bank. |
| | Will not clear plastered skirting until 125/4 is finished and bank 125/4-7 cleared |

* bedrock later found to be levelled and smooth

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1mm Squares





Trench...125/4... Initials...HS... Date...17/5... Page...
 Locus...5... Spit...1... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 5.1 | |
| Bone | 1 | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (file) | | 4.3 | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|-----------------|------|--------------|
| 1 | Bronze pin frag | 5.1 | 556 |
| 2 | Small bead grey | " | 565 |
| 3 | Bronze coin | " | 557 Ant VIII |
| 4 | Bead | " | 567 |
| 5 | Bronze coin | " | 555 Ant VIII |

Context Report

4.3. Immediately more plaster comes up, including some decorated like yesterday's i.e. geometric, egg & dart, red with green (floral?). This all comes from the brown soil in 4.3, as yesterday.

The brown soil will remain 4.3 unchanged.

5.1 The ashy soil (measuring (see below)) in the centre of 4.3. We will excavate this by itself. It is roughly circular (yesterday the boundaries were unclear) and may be a decayed oven. The area is too big - approximately 180 x 145 cm. 10cm. deep.

From this locus have come all the above finds

- *1 A thin bronze pin
- *2 A small grey, glassy bead
- *3 A bronze coin from ashy soil at 145cm depth within trench, taken from south bank.
- *4 A larger, dark grey bead.
- *5 Another bronze coin directly on bedrock at depth of 150 cm's from mid S bank

Trench 125/8 Initials HJ Date 18/5/00 Page...
 Locus 2 Spit 1 Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 2-1 | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos (bw) | 9/34 | 2-1 | |
| Photos col. | | | |

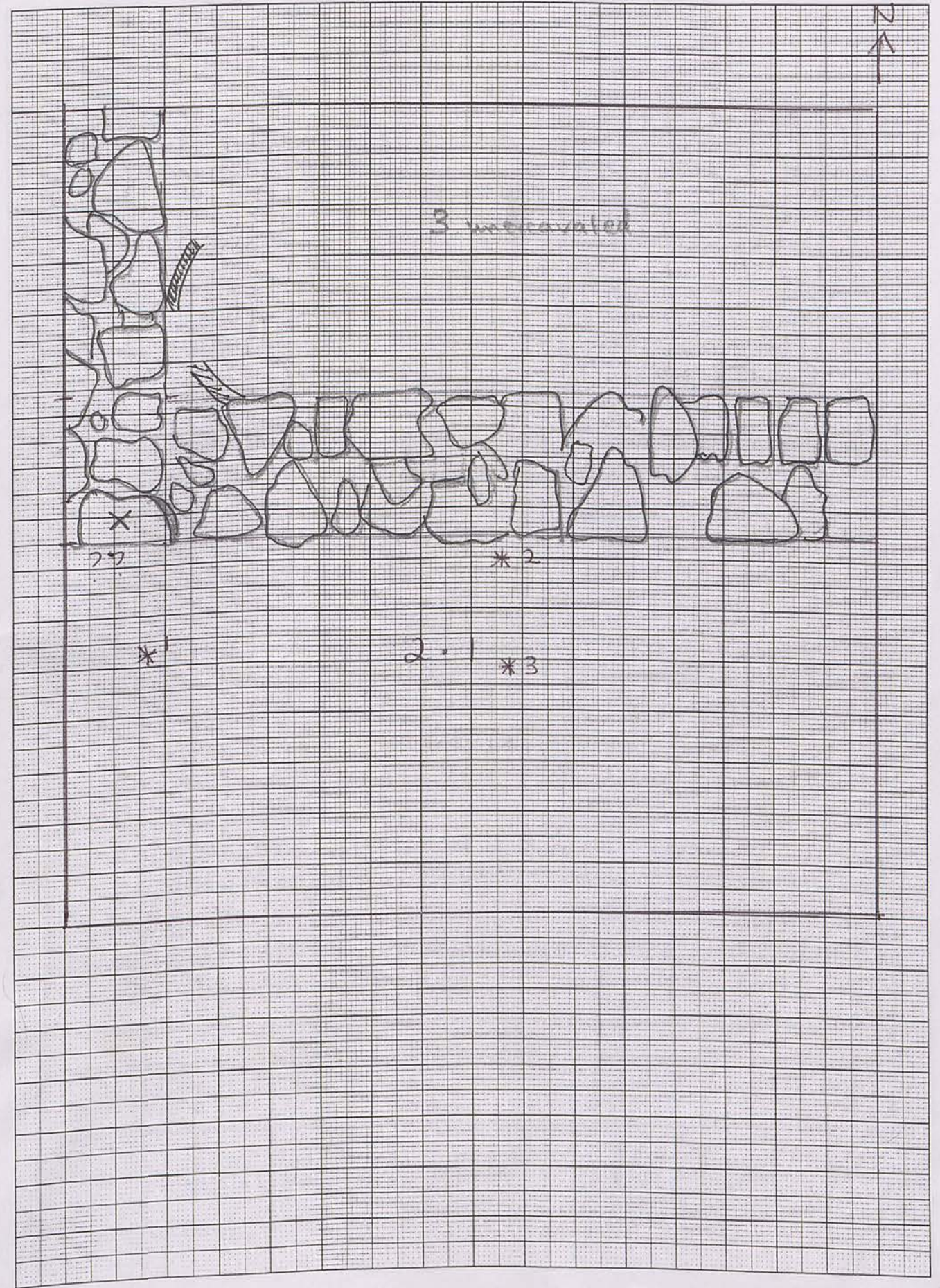
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|-----|------------|------|------|
| 1 | Bronze pin | | |
| 2 | Iron fr. | | |
| 3 | RMB fr. | | |
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| Context | Report |
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| | Spent half an hour clearing down for a top photograph Photographed. |
| 2-1 | Beginning to clear very large tumble from area south of apparent E/W wall. Locus (2) = This area South of Wall 2. Am leaving stones undisturbed against west bank, in case Wall 1 N/S continues South, although it does not look like it does. Much brown soil beneath the top layer. We are excavating a short distance beyond the km. grid to the South, in order to meet Wall N1 in 125/7 & determine its extent. |
| *1 | Very small fragment of bronze (pin?). Have decided to remove tumble South of wall function as it is now clear that it isn't a wall. |
| *2 | Clearing now towards West. |
| *3 | (2) Some iron fragments against Wall 2 (3) A fragment of moulded bowl mid-locus. |

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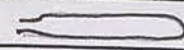


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 Locus... 7 Spit... 2 Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

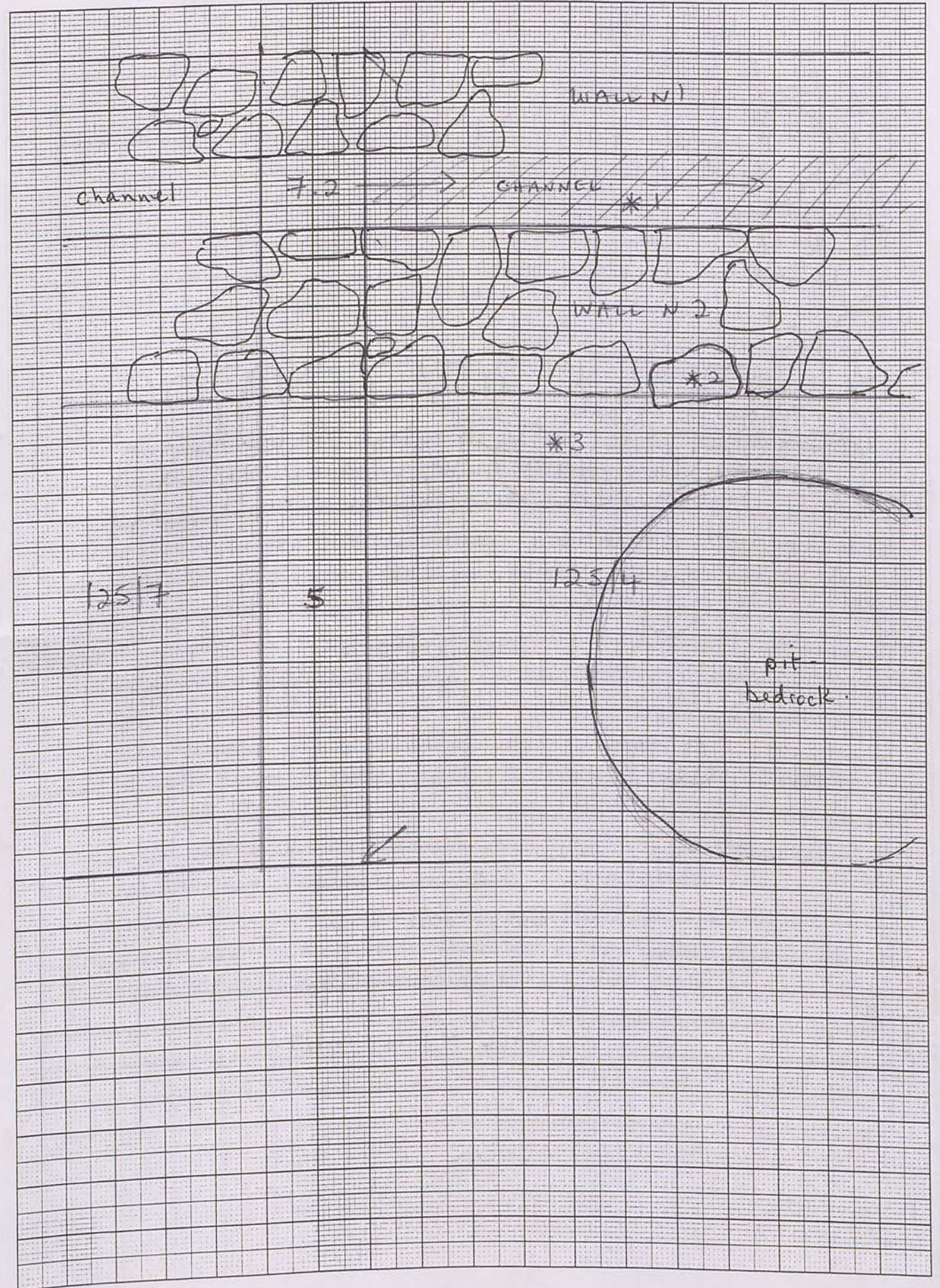
| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 7.2 | |
| Bone | 1 | " | |
| Charcoal | 1 | r | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|-------------|------|------|
| 1 | Iron frag? | 7.2 | 589 |
| 2 | Bronze coin | 7.2 | 591 |
| 3 | Iron frag. | | 590 |
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Context Report

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| 7.2 | This locus includes cleaning (again) the top of wall N2 and the narrow gap between it and wall N1 - along the width of the trench 125/6. Very little pottery as this has been cleaned once - the only pottery is from the unexcavated "haulh" - a very small area. |
| *1 | Iron? object found in channel between walls. - Small cylindrical shape  |
| *2 | Coin found on top of wall N2 - in slight hollow of one wall stone. |
| *3 | Iron frag found in cleaning up the soil from the top of wall. |
| | 21/5/00 |
| 5. | Plaster revealing day! Floor levelled with 125/7 (c. 8 cms). Many bags of plaster - embedded in mud brick? Separated into: red black yellow variegated. |

Many photos. See Jamie's record of photography.
 Drawn by BR. (couldn't get near it myself)
 Back-filled



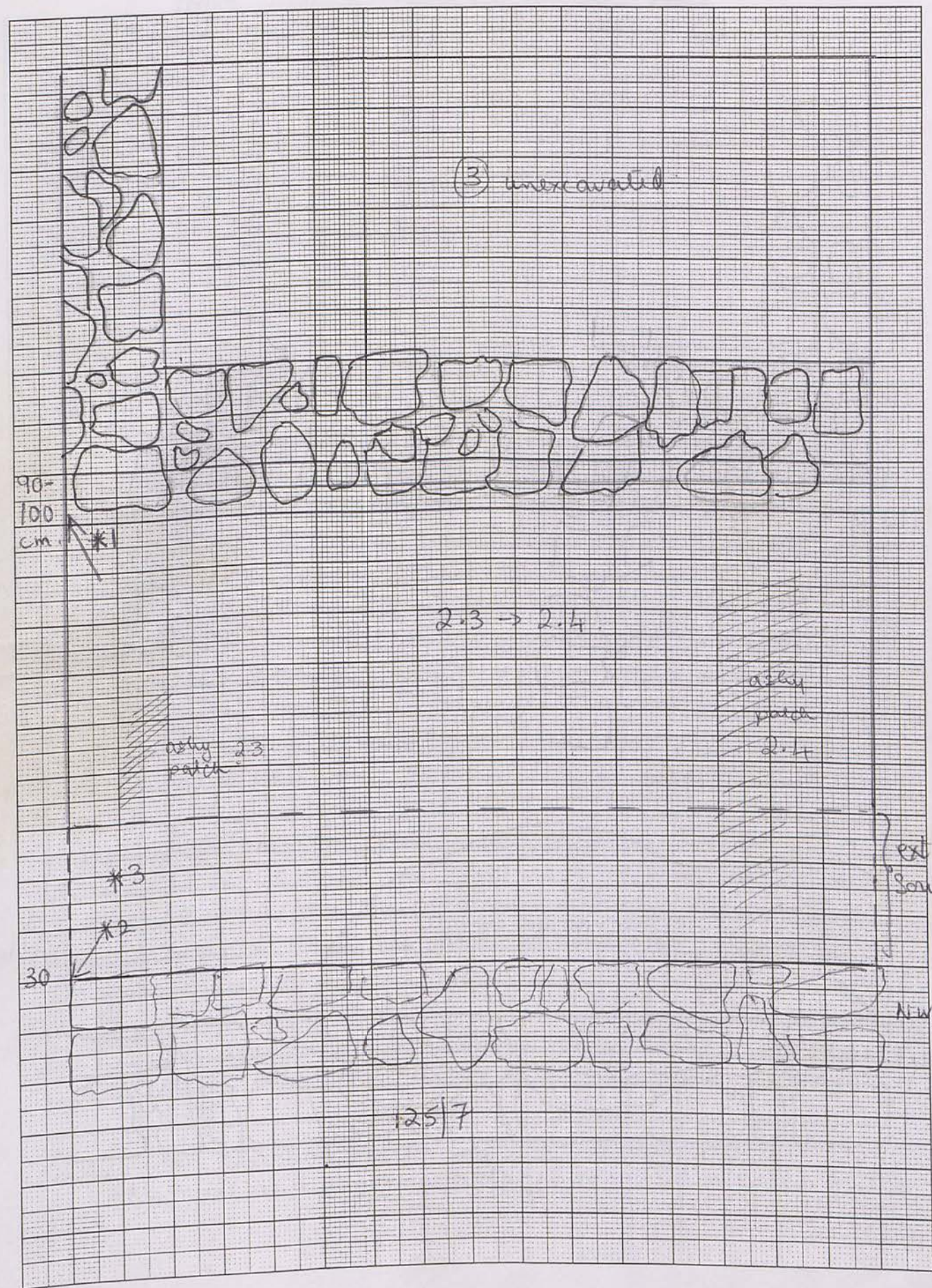
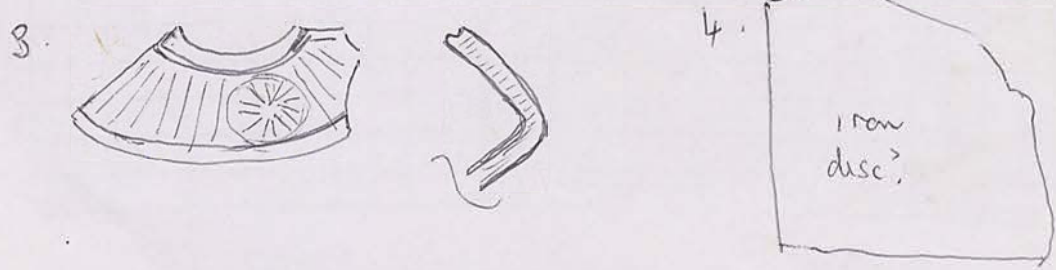
Trench... 125/8 Initials... HS Date... 2/5/00 Page...
 Locus... 2... Spit... 3... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 22 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Bone | 1x1 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Charcoal | ? 1 | 2.3 | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|----------------|------|------|
| 1 | Iron frag nail | 2.3 | |
| 2 | " " " | 2.3 | |
| 3 | Lamp frag | 2.3 | |
| 4 | Iron frag | 2.4 | |

Context Report

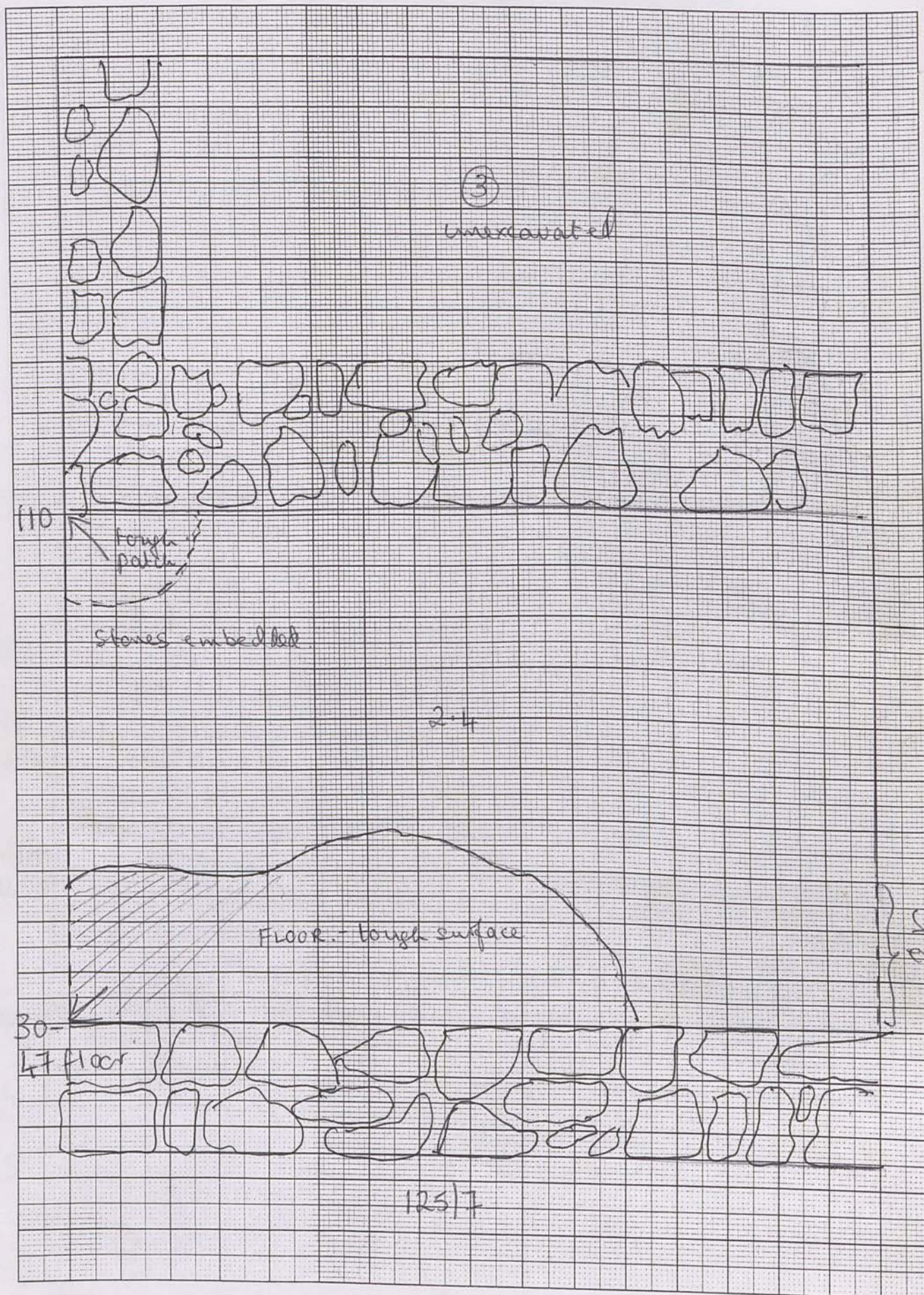
| Context | Report |
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| 2.3 | Continuing this spit, digging towards West. Have cleaned down the North face of wall A before starting. The slightly ashy look of this spit in the East was disappeared. The next spit may pick it up more strongly. Already 1 bag of pottery from this spit, most from the western end. |
| *1 | Iron nail fragment found in NW corner of locus near both. |
| *2 | Iron nail fragment found in SW corner, together with... |
| *3 | Lamp fragment with rimp and rosette on shoulder. |
| 2.4 | New spit starting from East. Slightly ashier than previous spit. I can now see an ash lens in the West bank (at 2.3) and the lamp fragment was certainly ashy. Still pottery coming out but not as much as from 2.3. I spoke too soon! Two more bags collected from 2.4. |
| *4 | Iron fragment (1/2 disc) from NW corner. |



125/8

22/5/00

1mm Squares



Trench...125/8...Initials...HT...Date...22/3... Page...
 Locus...2...Spit...4... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 23 | 2-4 | |
| Bone | 1 | 2-4 | |
| Charcoal | 1 | 2-4 | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|
| | Lamp fr. in pottery | 2-4 | 907 |
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| Context | Report |
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| 2-4 | Continuing spit 4 of locus 2 (south of E/W wall). In NW corner a tough patch may indicate a floor - not yet found in rest of locus. After one hour, a full bag of pottery already! This comes from all across the locus. |
| 2-4 | While I was helping Liz, the workers for some reason, welded the pick across the southern half of the locus. Taking a 20cm spit, with the result that the locus is now very uneven; I am angry. Attempting to remedy the level. Luckily the soil is all the same i.e. black ashy. Some charcoal. |
| 2-4 | A portion of floor is apparent in SW corner. In NW corner the hard surface may be Jebel i.e. bedrock which would explain the sloping surface that the pick-welder was following. |
| 4 | |
| 2-4 | I have divided the trench in half N/S and we are levelling the floor just in the Eastern half. When level, we will excavate Floor 2-5 |

2-4 was characterised by very ashy soil, some charcoal and much pottery incl. ESA a green-glaze -

134 corner black to red.
 76. red.
 134 black.
 134 red.

Trench.....125/8.....Initials.....HI.....Date.....23/5.....Page.....
 Locus.....4.....Spit.....1.....Locus.....Spit.....Feature/s.....

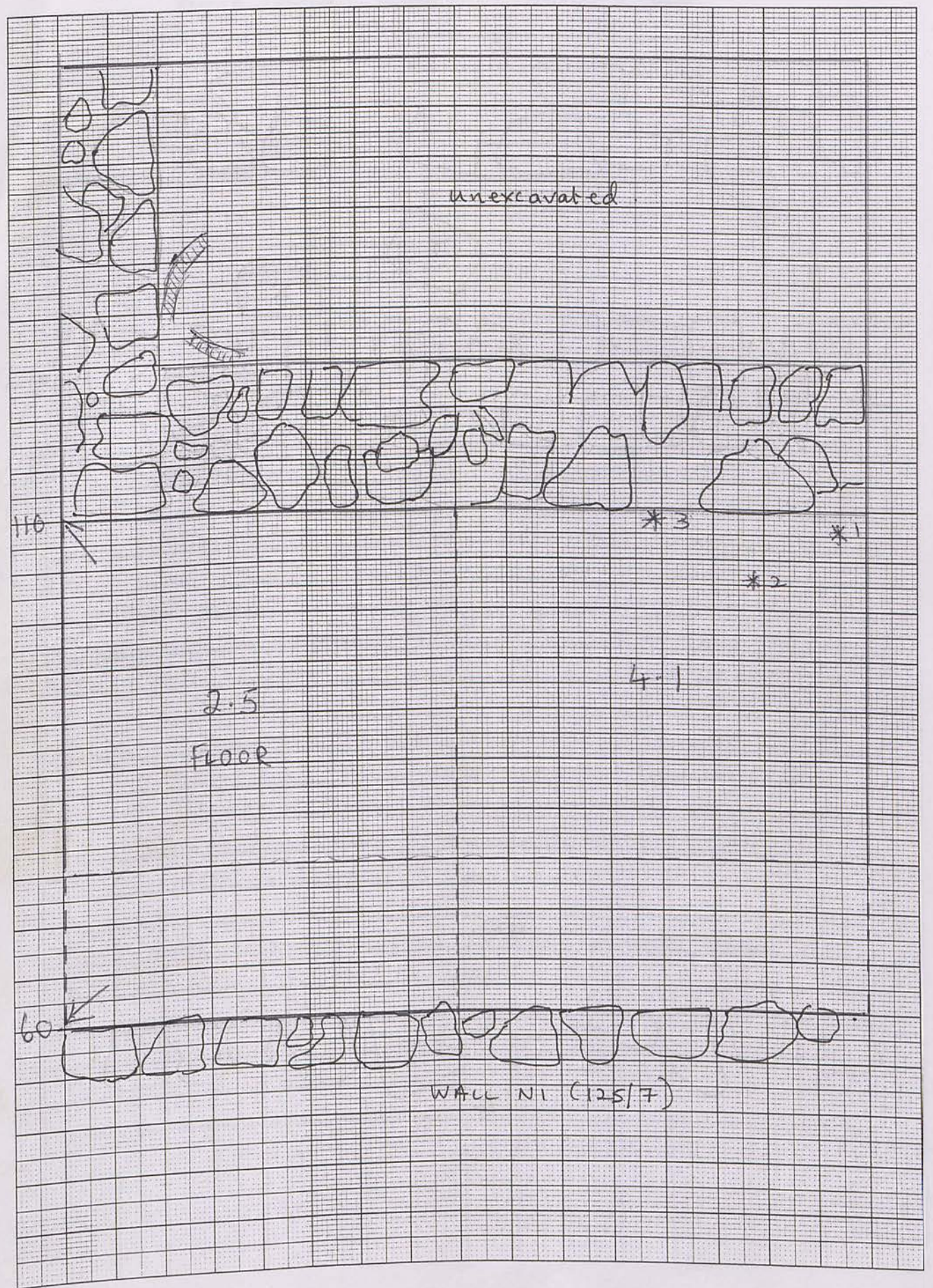
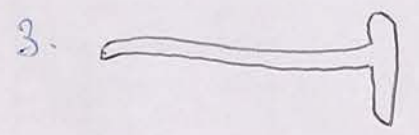
| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 2 | 4.1 | |
| Bone | 1 | 4.1 | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|-------------|------|------|
| 1 | Lamp frag. | 4.1 | |
| 2 | Bronze frag | | |
| 3 | Iron nail | | |
| 4 | Glass bead. | | |
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Context Report

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| 4.1 | Locus 4? = below floor 2.4-5. } = Eastern half (200cm) of locus (2). We are cutting through the floor cleared yesterday in the Eastern half. Much bone near Wall 1 in North |
| * 1 | 4.1 Lamp fragment (base of moulded lamp with rosette) found in NE corner of locus, together with much pottery (1 bag already) |
| * 2 | Bronze fragment in loose soil in NE corner. |
| * 3 | Iron nail found up against Wall A mid-locus. |
| 4.1 | Continuing this spit - the soil is still ashy, not particularly tough At the end of the day a tiny glass bead was found - disintegrated when laid in box |
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Trench 125/8 Initials HC Date 23/5 Page
 Locus 4 Spit 2 Locus 4 Spit 3 Feature/s 4.4

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 2x2x1 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| Bone | 1x1 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| Charcoal | 1x | | 4.3 |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|------------------|------|------|
| 1. | Lamp frag | 4.2 | |
| 2. | FBG handle | 4.3 | |
| 3. | Bronze pin | 4.3 | |
| 4. | Bronze frag. | 4.3 | |
| 5. | Fig frag. | " | |
| 6. | Bronze pin | " | |
| 8. | Lamp nozzle | " | |
| 7. | broken bronze fr | " | |
| 9. | Iron nail | " | |

Context Report

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| 4.2 | This is the next 10 cm spit in this locus. There is no change in the soil. Pottery is still plentiful. |
| ↓ Floor | A section of hard floor has appeared in this spit - only to the South. To the North there is only soft soil (beachish) and small stones. This floor is 30 cm below the 2.5 floor in locus 2. |
| 4.3 | Have left 80 cm of this floor in place. We are now excavating only the remaining 170 cm to the North. |
| | I am rather worried about the condition of the wall N1 on the South bank, which is strong on the South face but appears to fail on the North face in 4.2. We may excavate this further later. |
| * 1 | Lamp fragment found in bank between 2.5 and 4.3 i.e. below 2.5 but above (slightly) 4.2. |
| * 2. | Fine black-glaze handle mid-locus. |
| * 3 | Bronze pin as indicated. |
| * 4 | Bronze fragment (thicker than pin) |
| * 5. | Fig frag (woman's breast and arm) |

* 6 + * 8 from NE corner (ashier) = wheel-made lamp nozzle and very fine bronze pin; + (Obj. 7) some irredeemably broken bronze fragments



For 125/8 see next page.

1mm Squares

Notes continued on 125/8

4.3. Some charcoal in NW corner.

This locus has yielded many small finds, so we must be near a floor.

Wall A (E/W across mid-bench, the N face of which we are excavating) appears to have finished at a height of 88 cm from surface.

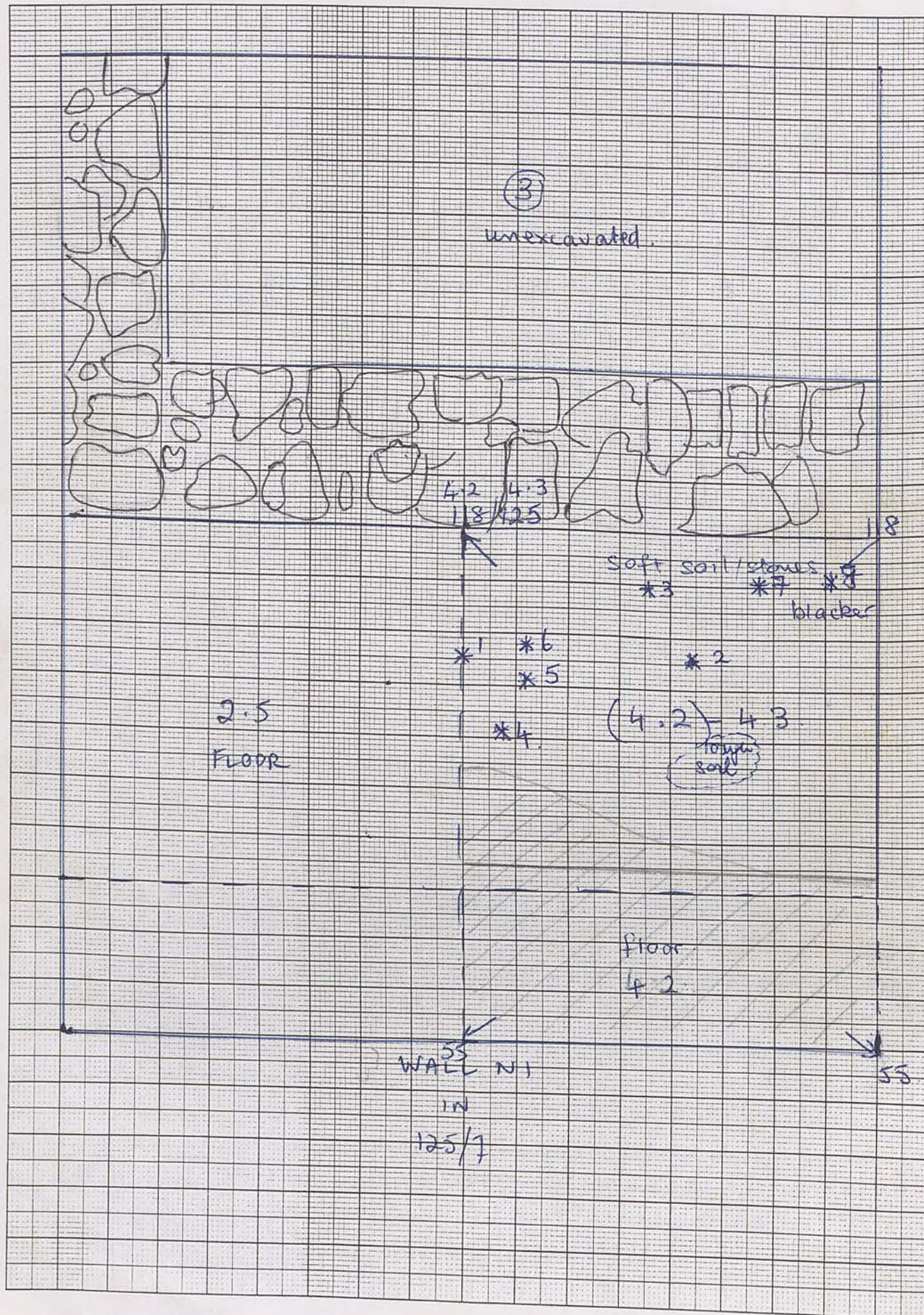
Possible FLOOR! A small area of tough soil may indicate a floor but Mahmoud has just picked it out while I was writing this.

Depth in NW corner of 4.3, now 150. The soil has changed to red.

4.4

beach 134
red
yellow?
yellow 134
black 134
red 134
yellow

125/8 ! (notes previous page) 1mm Squares



Trench 125/3 Initials HJ Date 23/5 Page...
 Locus 3 Spit 2 Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 2 | 3.2 | |
| Bone | 1 | 3.2 | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-----------------------|------|------|
| 1 | Iron nail | B.2 | |
| 2 | bronze pin | | |
| 2 | Glass frag. | 2.2 | |
| 3 | " " | 2.2 | |
| 4 | Iron frag | 2.2 | |

Context Report

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| 3.2. | This is the second spit in locus 3. Spit 1. consisted mainly of tumble. This spit consists of loose brown soil with some pottery and bone. We have left the tall vertical stone in place, but this cannot have been its original position. Another worked stone beside it blocks the passage (if that is what it is). We will leave these 2 stones stay there & excavate only to the west. Floor not found. |
| * 1 | 3.2 Iron nail (large) found mid-locus. For a small space, much pottery. |
| 2.2 | Changed to 2.2 = second spit of locus 2, below 2.1. Excavation of floor surface work interrupted by back-filling plaster excavated yesterday in 125/7-4. Tough floor now excavated. Note glass frags on floor. |
| * * * | Iron nail Glass frags x 2 Iron near wall A |

* Pottery includes an unusual stand?



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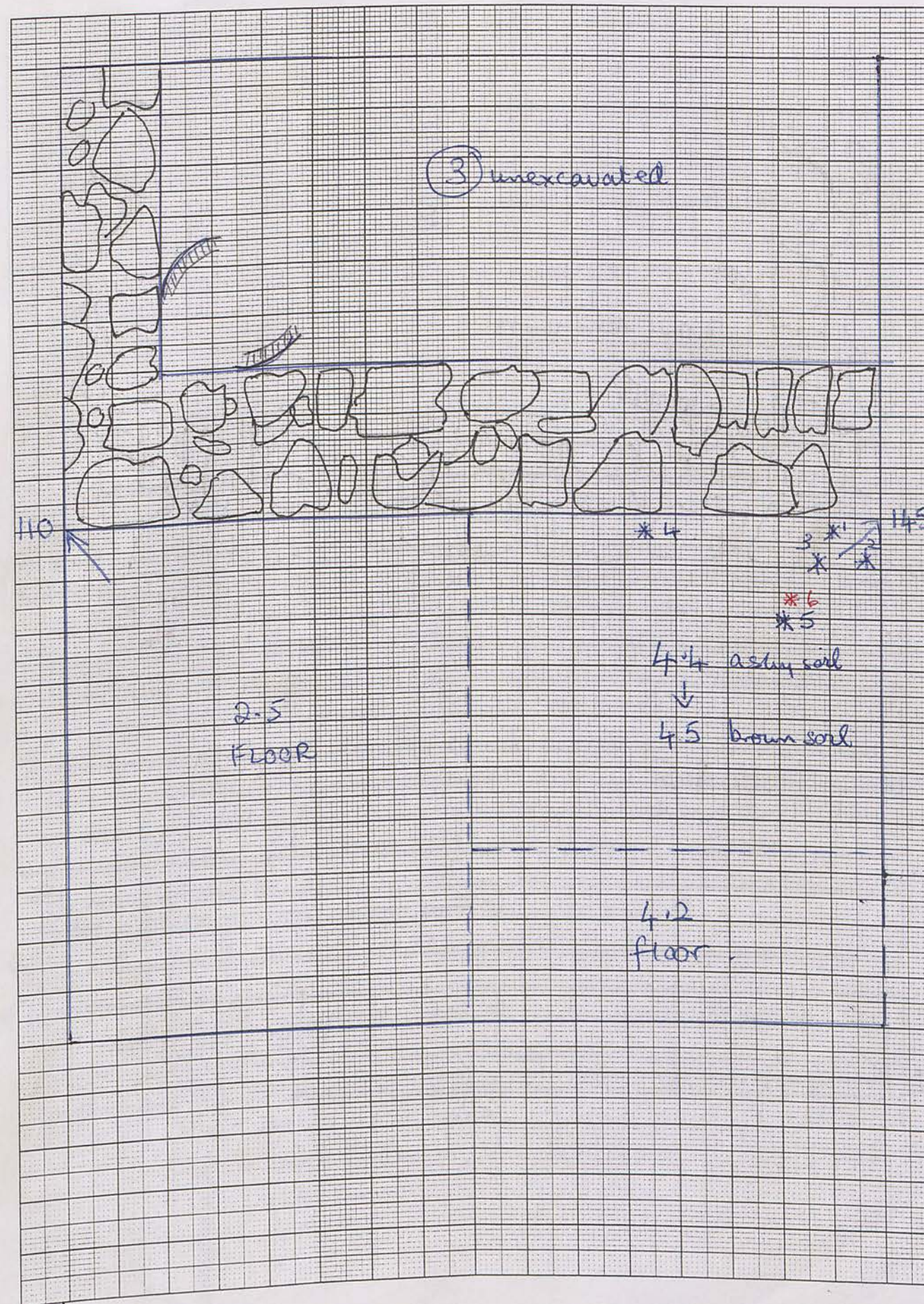
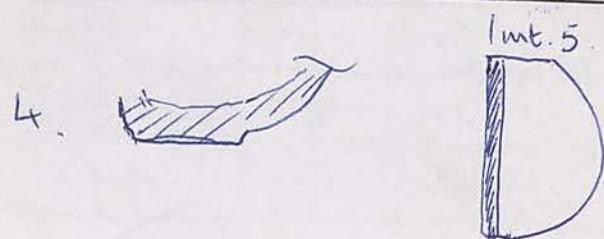
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 Locus 4 Spit 4 Locus Spit Feature/s

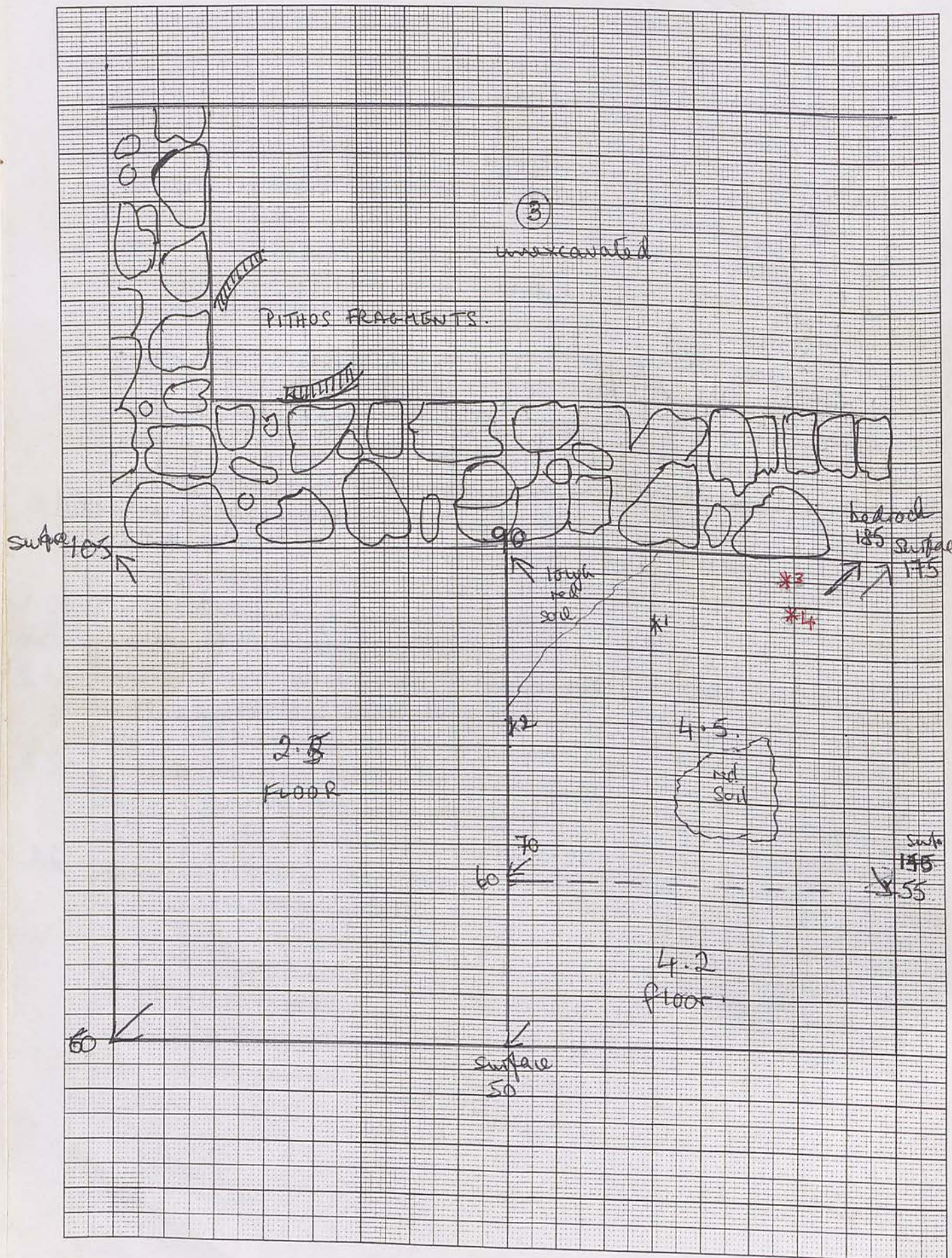
| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 3x1 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|
| 1 | Lamp frag. | 4.4 | |
| 2 | Spindle wheel | " | |
| 3 | Bronze frag. | " | |
| 4 | Lamp frag. | 4.4 | |
| 5 | 1/2 clay impt. | " | |
| 6 | Bronze pins for x 6 | | |

Context Report

| Context | Report |
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| 4.4 | New spit in locus (4) - ashy soil below spit 3. Particularly dark in NE corner where 3 objects came up immediately. |
| *1 | Lamp fragment: black/dark grey fabric (black-glazed or burnished) with relief decoration of bird (goose?) clearly defined. Good condition. |
| *2 | Half a black stone spindle wheel |
| *3 | Small frag bronze - thin |
| *4 | Later, another lamp fragment: black-glazed, wheel-made - slightly concave base. |
| *5 | Still much pottery (now 3 bags at 8-30 am) Half a coinweight in NE corner again - a small clay one - perhaps not a weight but to do with spinning. |
| *6 | Fragments of bronze pins (plural) in almost the same spot. |
| 4.5 | Still excavating 4-row at spit 5, characterized by a return to the brown soil. All objects in 4.4 were in ashy soil. |





1 bay pottery 24/5

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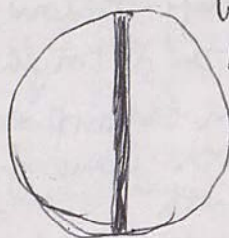
Locus...4...Spit...5... Locus...Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 4.5 | |
| Bone | | 4.5 | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|---------------------------|------|------|
| 1 | Low- ^{frag} clay | 4.5 | |
| 2 | Iron nail frag | 4.5 | |
| 3 | Shell bead | 4.5 | |
| 4 | Red stone bead | 4.5 | |
| 5 | Ring-modern | 3.1 | |
| 7? | Glass frag | 4.5 | 769 |

Context. Report

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|-----|---|
| 4.5 | This spit contains many more small stones than the previous spit - it looks like deliberate fill for the floor above. Still much pottery. |
| 4.5 | Continuing to excavate many small (fist sized) stones. I am sure these are under-floor fill. Small fragment of clay loamweight (or sp' wheel?). A floor seems to be coming up - hard redder soil but this may be soil near bedrock. |
| *1 | Iron nail frag from mid-locus soil, possibly on floor. Also a fragment of Fine Bead Glaze (in pottery). |
| *2 | Areas of red soil - very tough, but surrounded by loose soil. I suspect we are near bedrock. Depth of 185 cm from NE corner of locus (4). Bedrock reached, now being cleaned. |
| *3 | Small pierced shell at bedrock, pierced to make a bead. |
| *4 | Small red-stone bead at 1cm above bedrock. Bedrock at 185 cm in NE corner. |
| 3.1 | Now excavating locus (3), North of (2) & (4) - am expecting the same narrow passage between two E/W walls as occurs in 125/5 and 125/2. |



See several pages on for excavation of 3.1.

Change labels from 3.1 → 4.1

Trench 125/5 Initials HT Date 24/5 Page...
 Locus 2 Spit 2 Locus 4 Spit 2 Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 1 | 4.1 | |
| Bone | 1 | 4.1 | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|--------------|------|------|
| 1 | RM bowl frag | 4.2 | |
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Context Report

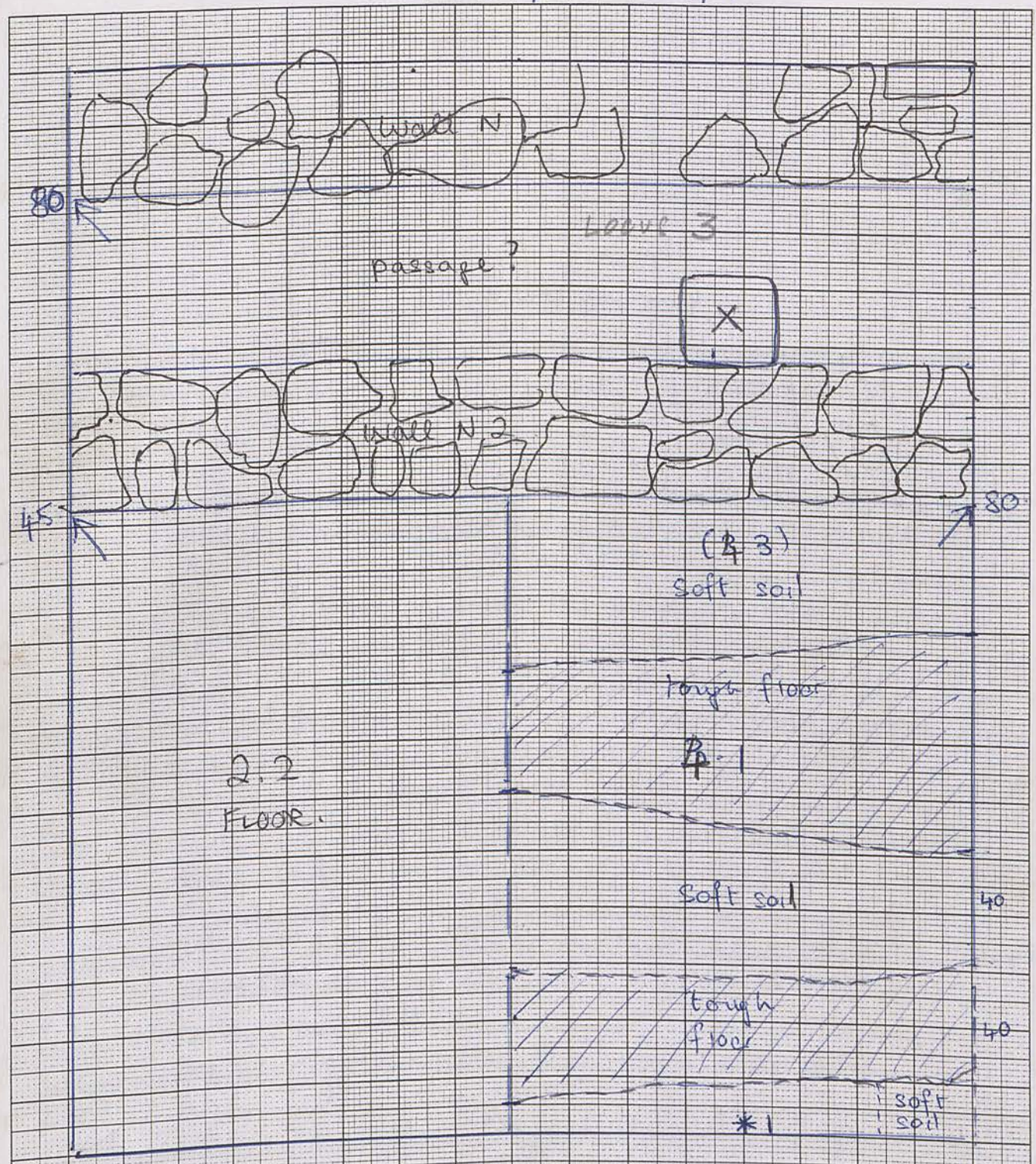
| Context | Report |
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| 2.2 | Locus 4 = below floor in western half of trench, clearing south face of Wall B and perhaps finding west face of N/S wall in 125/4, although it is not established that this continues North into 125/5. Spit 1 is loose grey-brown soil containing small stones. |
| 4.1 | Areas of <u>gr</u> tough floor now found in this spit. we are clearing them down. They are interrupted by strips of very soft soil. (See plan). This floor is 10 cm. below floor of 2.2. Possibly upper floor was a re-surface. Excavating now at South of locus 3, we find Wall N1 (125/7) to be narrower than expected. Moderate amount of pottery. |
| 4.2 | Below areas of floor in locus 4. 2 fragments of mottled bowl (ancient break) found in SE corner of locus, where soil is soft against the wall. |

*1

The tough floor sections have every tough, thick underlay, about 10 cm thick, perhaps deeper as there is still hard stuff below. We come to a further (lower) section of tough floor across the trench E/W, but broken (sharp edge) 50cm from wall at North of locus. Some frags of oven material in soft soil to North. Saturday: must clean & dig only to North

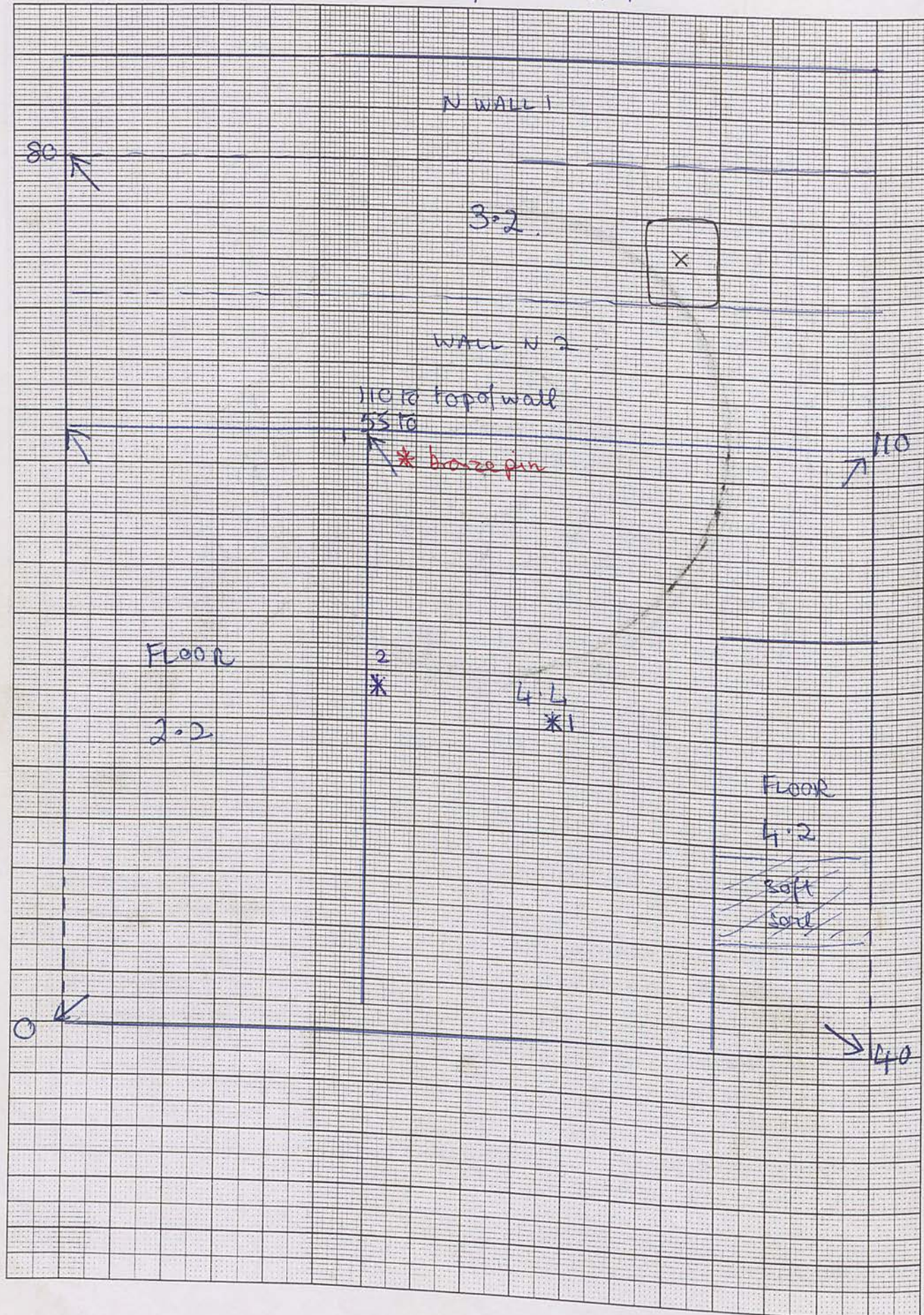
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LATER NB. The strips of soft soil significant? Broken by weather on a street/alley surface?

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 Locus...4...Spit...4... Locus...Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | | 4.4 | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|------------------------|------|------|
| 1 | Bronze pin | 4.4 | |
| 2 | Bronze pin long | 4.4 | |
| 3 | Bronze pins | " | |
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Context Report

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| 4.4 | Having levelled off 4.3 → 4.3S, this is the next spit, deeper by 10 cm. The character of the soil is not much changed from the ashy soil of 4.3 but is slightly darker (this may be early morning light). Like 4.3 it is full of pottery and bone. One full zambil pottery in half an hour. Some small stones now coming up. Bronze pin in soil mid-locus. |
| *1 | The small stones are all mixed with the soil and may be not packing under floor. |
| 4.4 | Continues in the same vein i.e. dark ashy soil, coarse, with some small stones and much pottery (now 4 bags). No objects. In the neighbouring trench to East () wall N2 continues East and was excavated to a floor at 130 cm depth - it was not excavated to bedrock. We are now at 130cm with no sign of a floor, but as there may (must?) be an intervening N/S wall in the bank, the level in this room may be different. This is not a primary wall in 125/8. |

As for the South wall (Wall N1 in 125/4) - this has been excavated (in Hikmet's trench further west) to bedrock.

*2. Long bronze pin fragments at final depth (12 now) of 4.4 in NW corner.

Trench... 125/8 Initials... HJ Date... 29/5 Page...
 Locus... 2 Spit... 5 Locus... 3 Spit... 4 Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 11 | 2.5 | 3.4 |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

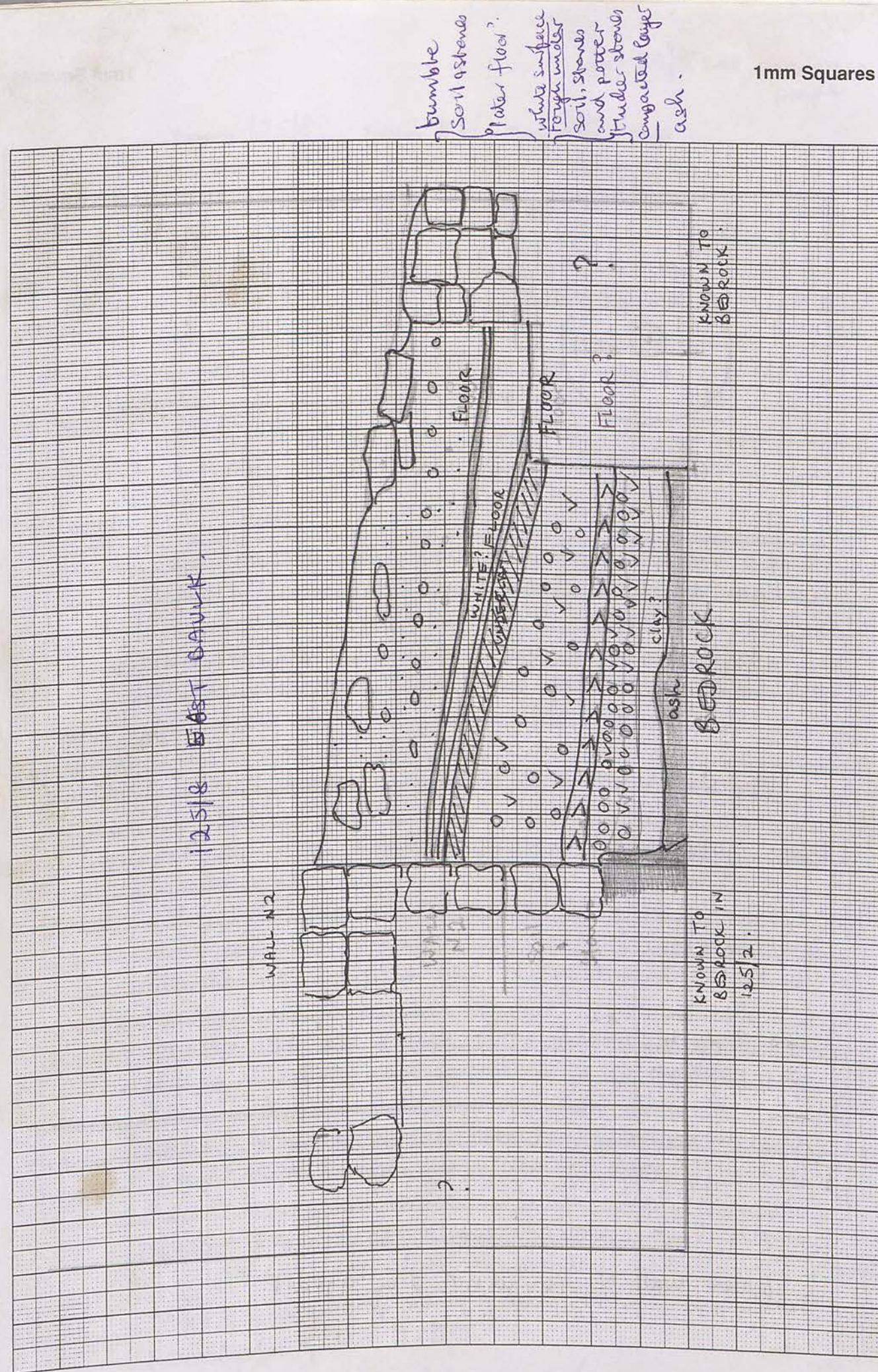
| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|--------------|------|------|
| 1 ↑ | Bronze frag. | 2.5 | |
| 2 ↓ | Lamp frag. | Cl. | |
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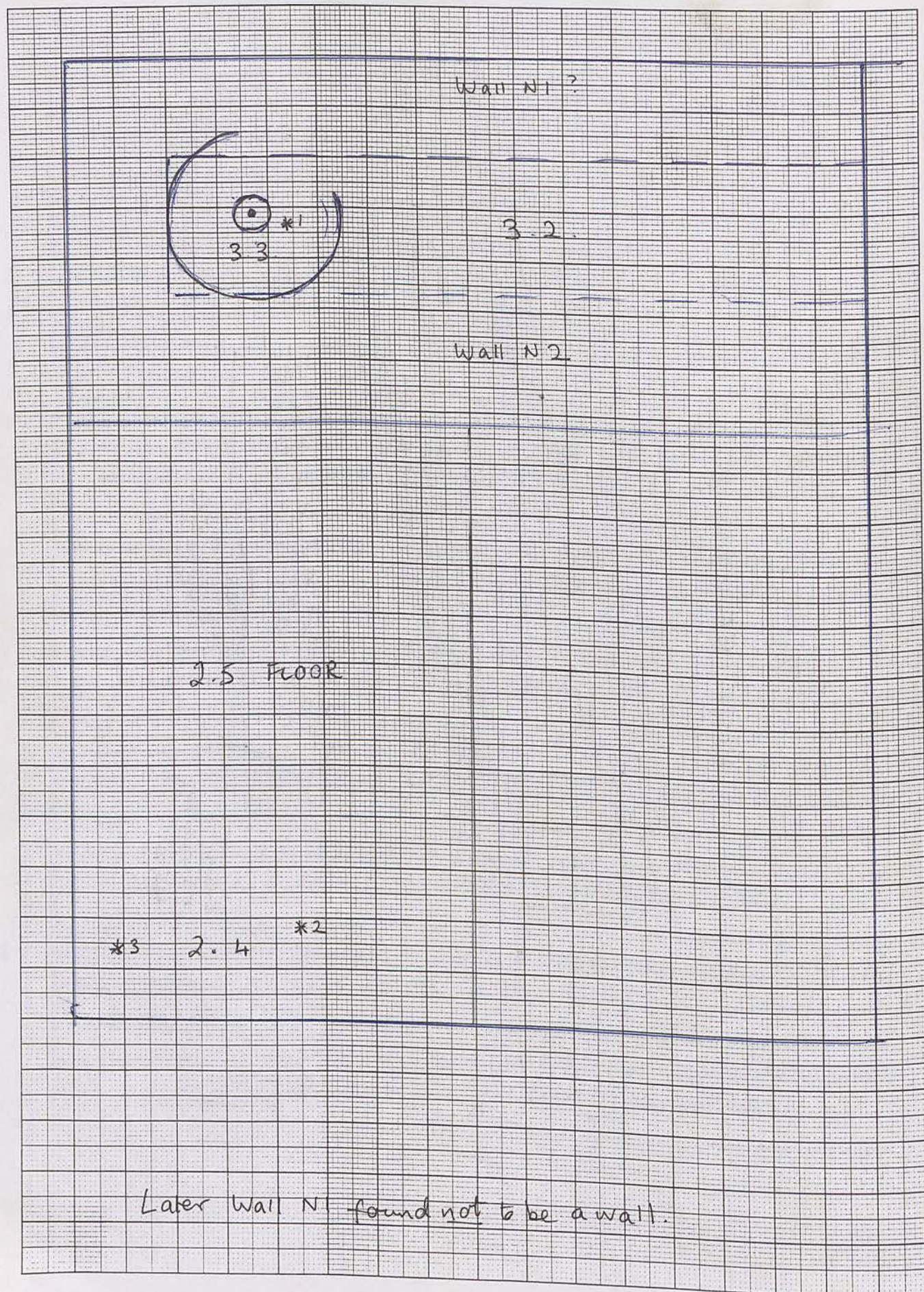
Context Report

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| 2.5 | Workers returned here to finish clearing 2.5 floor to South. |
| 3.4 | Here we are trying to clarify the South face of Wall N1. There is much tumbled. In adjacent 125/5, the wall is in poor order also, although in the trench further East, it is very good and goes down to a good floor in this "passage". The passage (covering 3 trenches) seems to end with the cross wall (pithes jammed in) in this trench (this could have been a later blockage wall - in trench to North it fails at South (nearest us) which maybe a door?). Many pithes fragments, not unexpectedly. |
| *1 2.5 | Lamp fragment (rayed small lamp Type 10) found in clearing. (above floor 2.5). |
| 3.4 | Excavating further in this narrow locus (70cm wide) in order to clarify the wall N1 further. |

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Trench... 125/8 Initials... HJ Date... 28/5 Page...
 Locus... 3 Spit... 2 Locus... 3 Spit... 3 Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 2 | 3.2 | |
| Bone | 1 | 3.2 | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | 11/22-23 | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|---------------|------|------|
| 1 | bronze "ring" | 3.3 | 845. |
| 2 | bronze frag | 2.5 | 846. |
| 3 | " " | " | 853 |
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Context Report

3.2. This is the spit below the tumble in the narrow "passage" between walls N1 and N2. The work is difficult in a narrow space and at the west end, the remains of a large pitthos wait to be removed. Fragments of it have already been bagged.
 Photo bw 11, 22-23

*1
 3.3 = Pitthos itself contents = soil, tumble and small stones
 Bronze "ring" (perhaps earring fragment) found inside pitthos
 The pitthos measures (preserved) 93 x 86. It was probably a metre in diameter. It is preserved to a depth of 60 cm. at the west end, which is wedged up against the N/S wall which blocks the passage. Its relationship to Wall N1 is unclear - it appears to be wedged into and under it. Drawn (roughly) on p.
 Rather than excavate locus 3 further (although I will have to clarify Wall N1 later) we are now cleaning up locus 2.4-5, where a fraction of floor 2.4 is kept, above the down-hill sloping 2.5. we are therefore excavating between 2.4 and 2.5. This consists of many small stones, no doubt packing for floor 2.4.
 Workers transferred to spoil heap.

Trench... 125/3 ... Initials... #7 ... Date... 29/5 ... Page...
 Locus... 4 ... Spit... 5 ... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

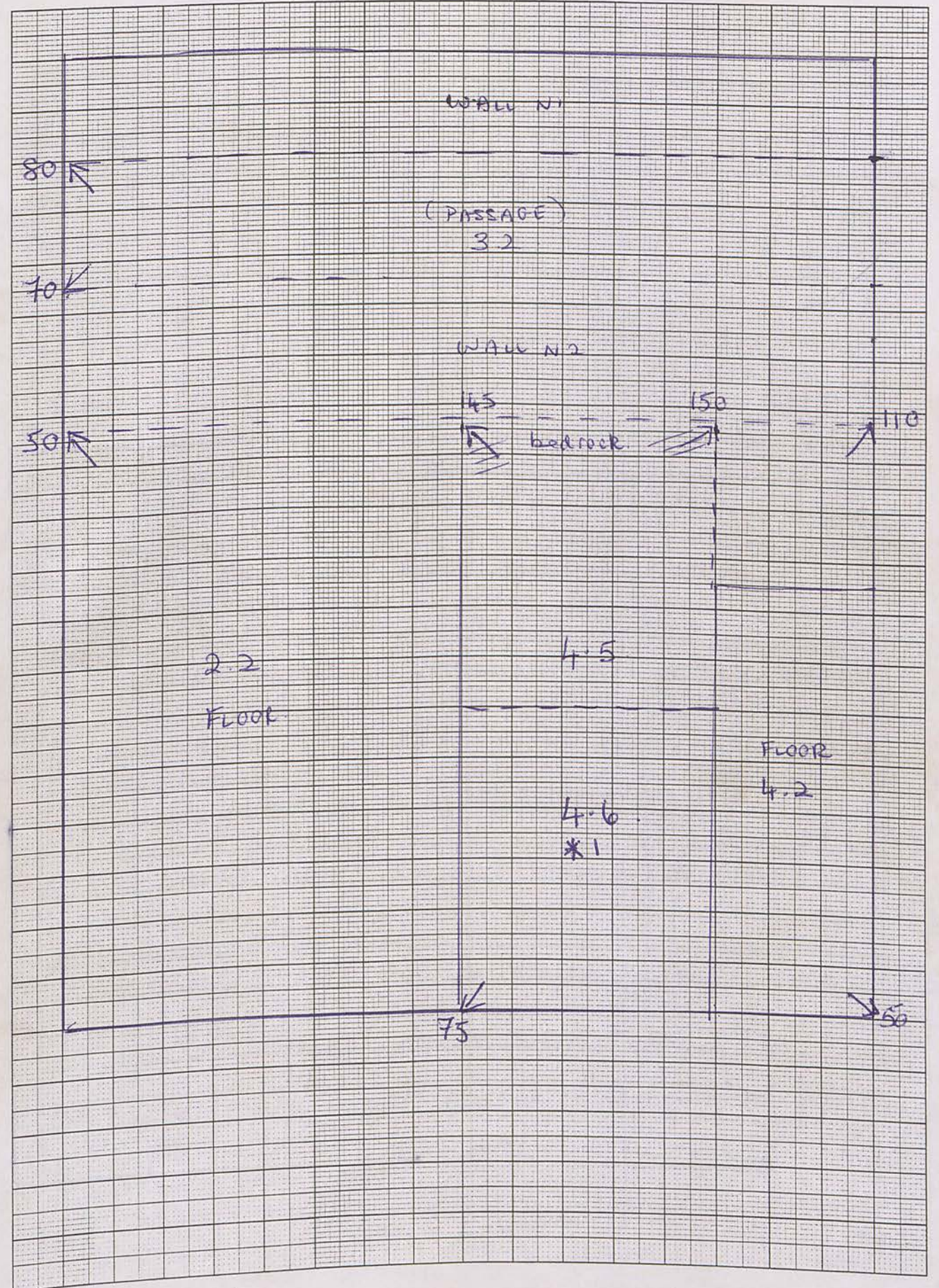
| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | 5 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|----------------|------|------|
| 1 | lamp nozzle WM | 4.6 | |
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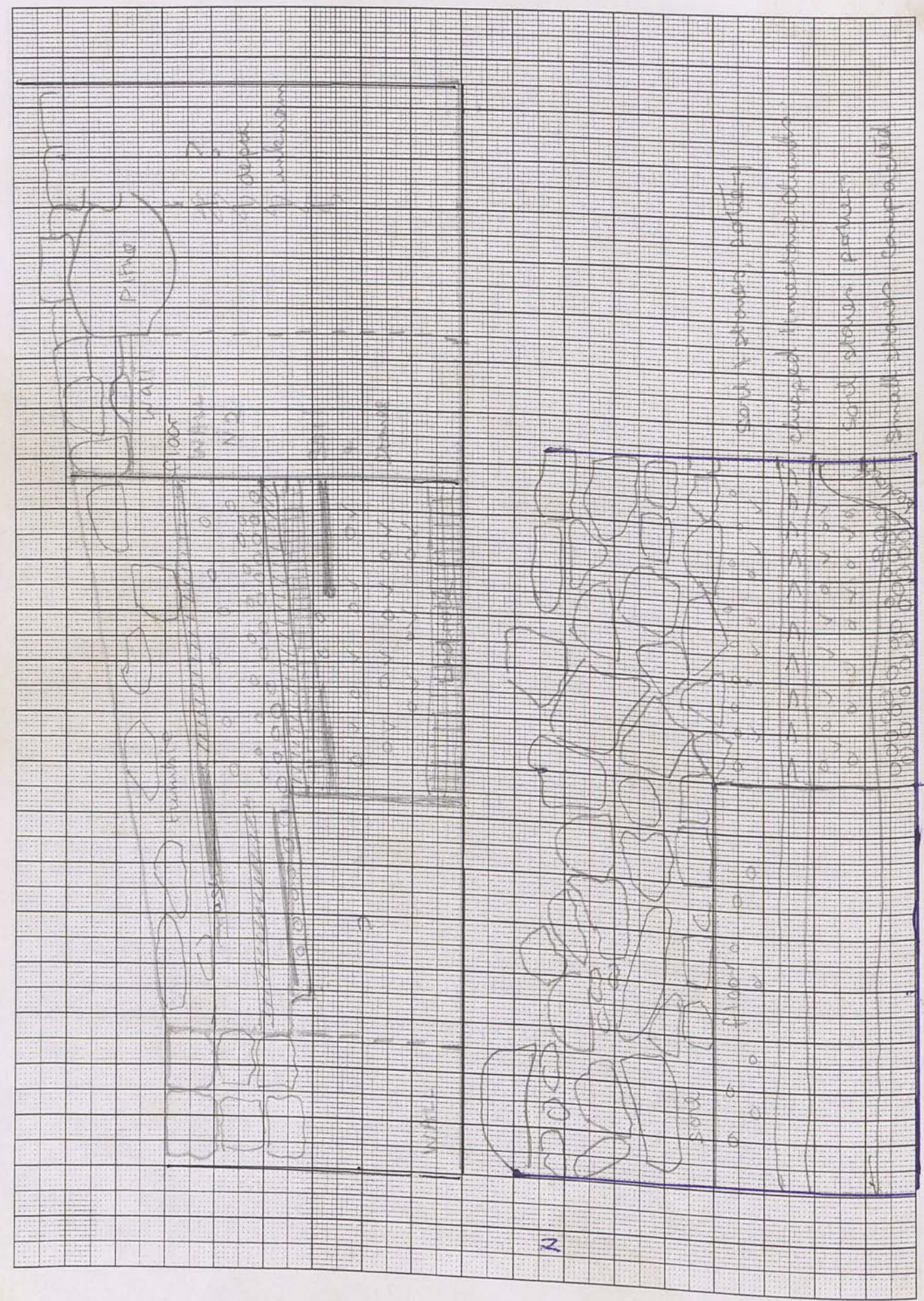
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| 4.5 | This spit differs only in depth from 4.4. The soil is still the same ashy deposit full of pottery and bone. yesterday a few ^{bricks} bricks turned up late, but there is no sign of a floor. |
| | In the bank are visible bands of intense ash separated by less ashy lenses. Does this imply a layering over several periods? |
| | In North, up against wall N2, we appear to have reached bedrock, at a depth of 145 cm in NW corner from top of wall N2 (surface minus 10 cm). Bedrock is higher here than in adjacent trench 125/8, perhaps associated with the vertical ramp in the NE corner of that. So wall N2 is on bedrock in this trench but not in 125/8 - a puzzle. An intervening wall? Merely a levelling problem? If a road, this later? |
| | To the South of locus 4.5, bedrock is not found but many small stones are probably packing. We will excavate only to the South now = 4.6. |

* 1 4.6 Here a wheel-made lamp nozzle is found.



Small stones
 White floor
 ash
 Small stones & pottery
 Compact

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WEST BULK 125/5

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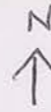
Trench 125/8 Initials HJ Date 29/3 Page ...
 Locus Spit Locus Spit Feature/s

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | | | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
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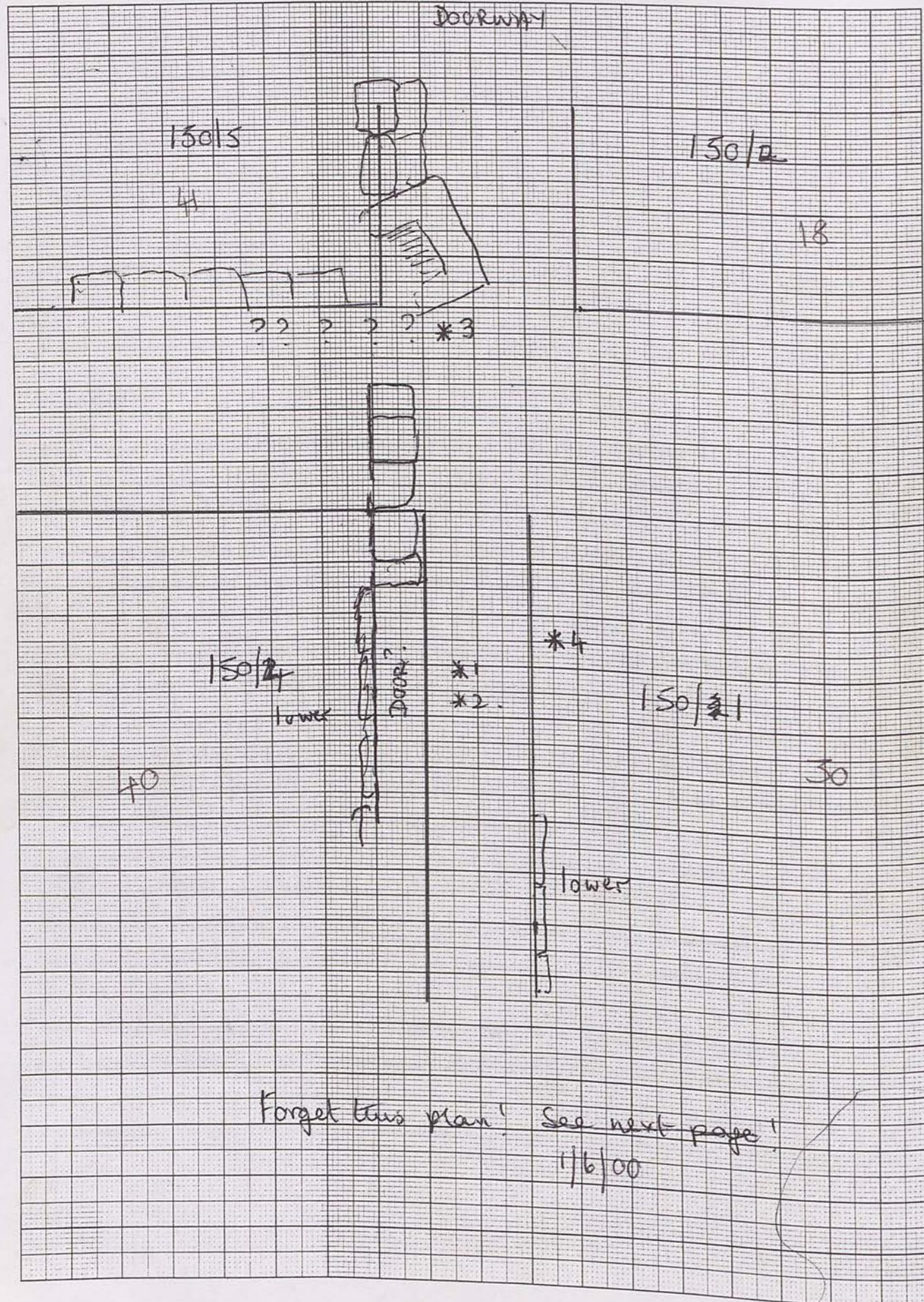
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| Context | Report | |
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| W bank | Tumble Faint traces white floor to North Ashy lens to South Soil & stones Tough floor on South, fading to North Soil & stones. Stray white floor - sloping under higher floor 2. Deep deposit soil/stones/much pottery & bone Compacted layer - small stones closer together Bedrock. | |
| E bank | Tumble & soil Faint traces floor at South - white Soil and stones Stray white floor with tough under floor First tip bedrock Compacted layer Soil stones, pottery bones (loose) Compacted layer? more small stones Bedrock. | 40.45 60 80 135 135 165 |
| N. bank | Note layer clipped limestone - not in E or W. | |

1. Wall
2. Floor & under floor
3. Soil & small stones & pottery
4. Layer stones & clipped limestone
5. Soil, stones pottery adj. bedrock lump in corner
6. Layer closer small stones
Bedrock.



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Forget this plan! See next page!
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BAULK 5

Trench... 150/1-2... Initials... HJ... Date 31/3... Page...
Locus... ①... Spit... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | | ①-⑤ | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|-------------------|---------|------------|
| 1 | Bronze long pin | 3? | |
| 2 | Earring (silver?) | ④ | |
| 3 | Glass rim frag | 150/2-5 | |
| 4 | Bronze frag | 150/1-4 | below door |

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Context Report

① Excavating this baulk "crossroads" in order to confirm existence of lower walls. N/S and E/W. The ~~the~~ wall fails in 150/5, so we hope to pick it up again further South where it can be seen much lower under a secondary floor in 150/1. This is the wall associated with the doorway in 150/2-3.

*1 Long bronze pin found in ashy soil in baulk 150/1-4 (approx. level 3).

*2 Earring, possibly silver? found on top of wall in ashy soil in same baulk.

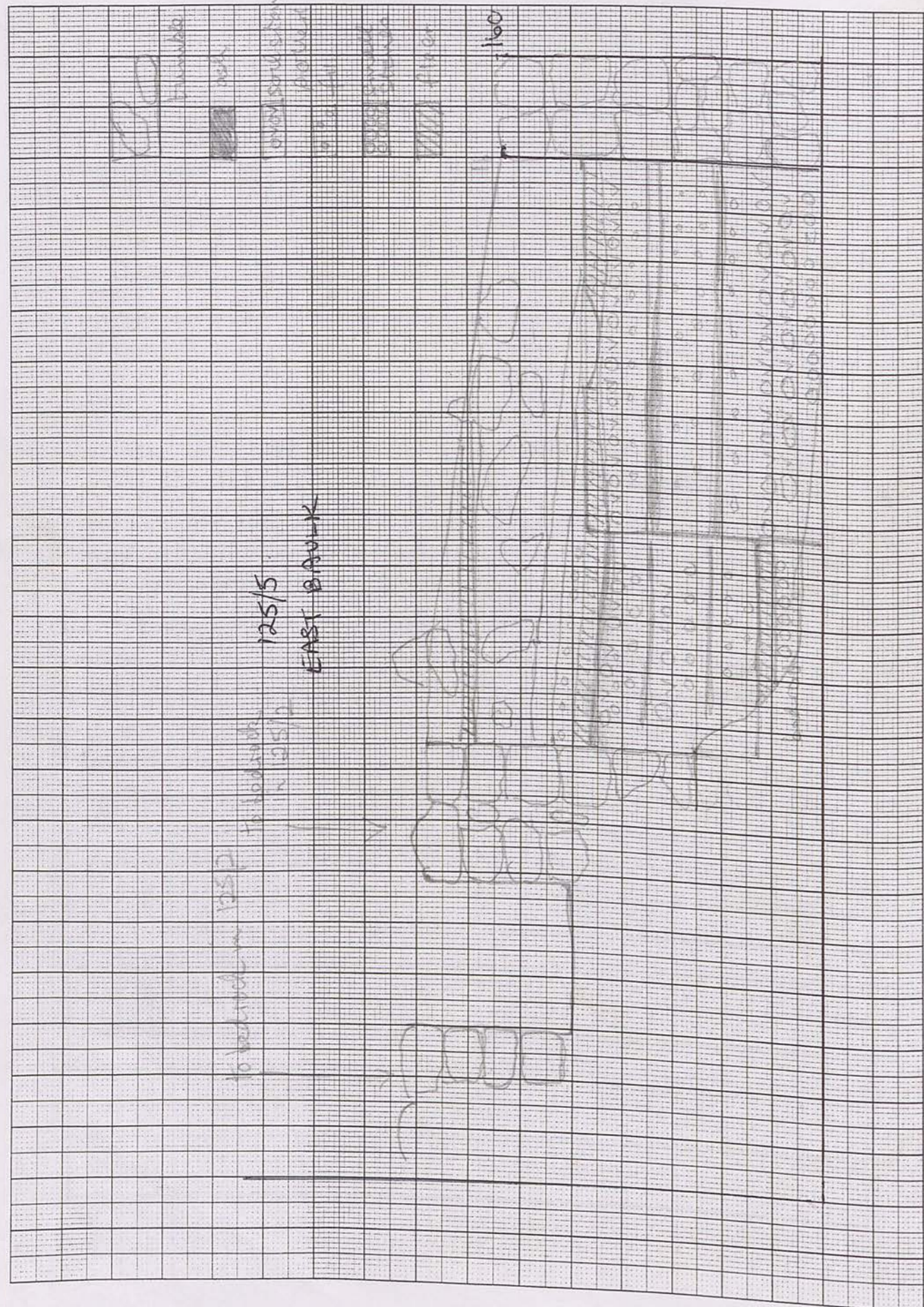
The N/S wall is now clear in the South (baulk 150/1-4). It remains to be seen how it lines up with the rather shabby section in 150/2-5.

The South section may contain a doorway - no door stones but a finished gap in the wall. The "door" at the moment is floor level with floor excavated in 150/1 (big oven in corner).

Much chipped limestone from decayed wall stones.
In this doorway, after the ash layer, brown soil again

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BALK SECTIONS -
DESCRIPTION

Trench... 125/3 ... Initials... HJ ... Date... .. Page...
Locus... Spit... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Pottery | | | |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Photos bw | | | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
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| Context | Report | |
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| E baulk | Topsoil and tumble. | - 50 |
| | Thick floor 1 | - 65 |
| | Ashy lens | - 68 |
| | Thick floor 2 | - 80 |
| | Ashy layer - fine soil | - 83 |
| | Small stones & pottery (much) | - 125 |
| | Floor 3 + bedrock in N. | - 140 |
| | Small stones & pottery (less) | - 160 |
| W baulk | Topsoil & tumble | |
| | Thick floor 1 | 50-60 |
| | Ash layer | 65 |
| | Thick floor 2 | 72 |
| | Deeper layer ashy soil + pottery. | 84 |
| | Brown soil, stones, pottery - deep. | 140 |
| | Slipper bedrock | |
| | Thick floor 3 | 152 |
| | Ashy lens in South. | 158 |
| | Many More small stones | 165 |
| | Lower bedrock. | |

Trench 150/4-5 }
 Initials HJ Date 1/6/00 Page...
 Locus (2) Spit 4-5 Locus (3) Spit... Feature/s.....

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|-------|------|
| Pottery | 11 | (2) | (3) |
| Bone | | | |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | 1 | | |
| Photos bw | 13/ | 31-32 | |
| Photos col. | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|-------------|------|------|
| 1 | Lamp frag. | 3 | |
| 2 | Shell frag. | 3 | |
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Context Report

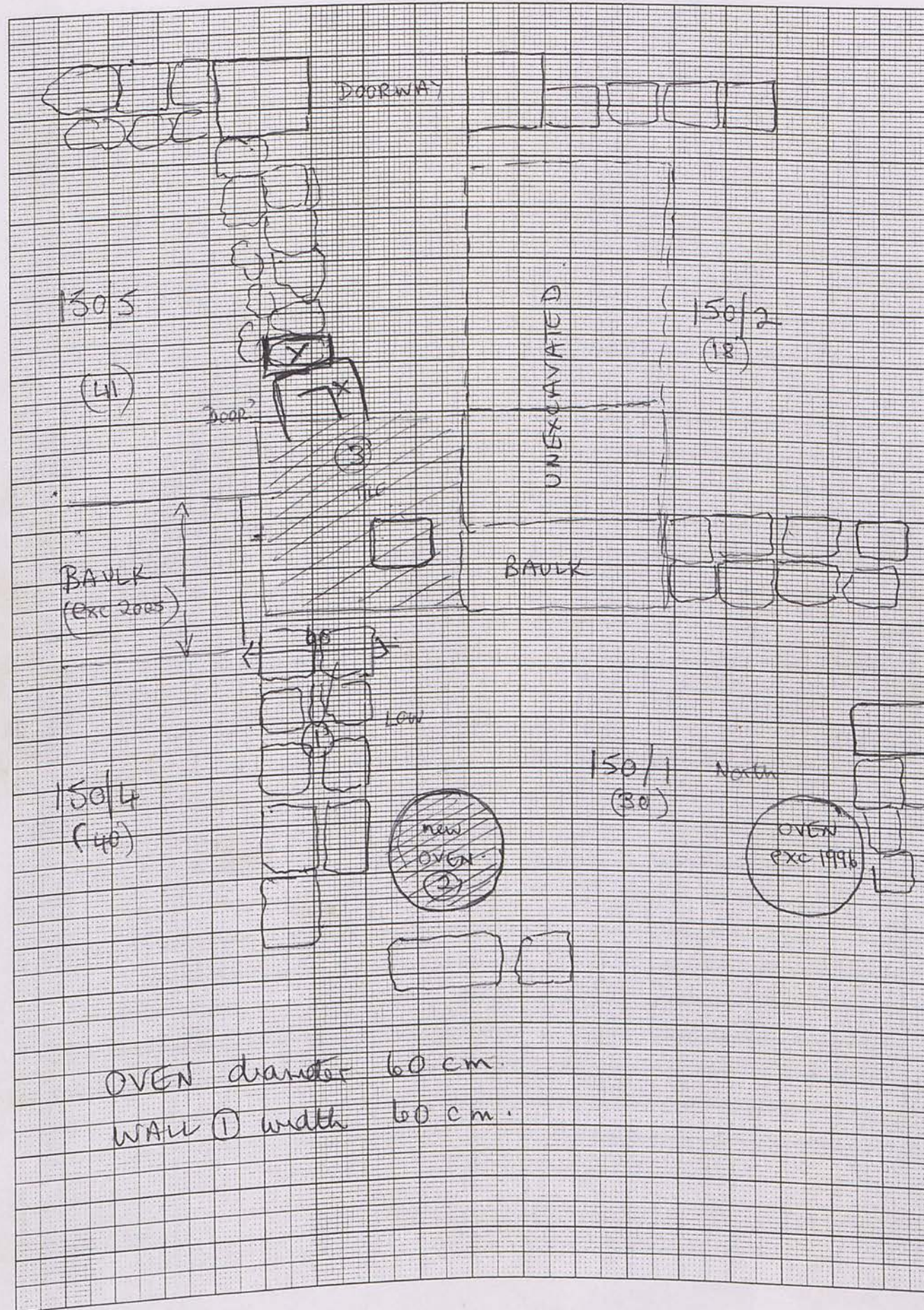
| Context | Report |
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| 4-5 | Start excavating this bank crossroads which is also a road wall crossroads. We have uncovered the remains of the EW wall which continues into the rock-cut Basin. |
| (2) | Joining it from the South is the low remains of a wall N/S. Here we are excavating a tannur to the East of this wall in 150/1. |
| (3) | The other team is trying to find the N/S wall North of the junction E/W. There is a shabby N/S wall further North which may be secondary, if not tertiary. |
| *1 (3) | 2x lamp frags found in locus (3) - mould-made small lamp, quite plain. It was in the E/W wall. |
| *2 (3) | Small fragment shell in same locus - mother-of-pearl. |
| | Note tile among pottery in (3) - just one. |
| | No wall N/S apparent in (3). I suspect a |
| | * Mined doorway as stone X is very like a fallen door-stone and we have excavated a large rectangular stone in the existing wall to North, which may be the North door-stone (Y). |

(2) Tannur and surrounding area cleaned.
 Tannur 60cm diameter; depth 12-40cm.

(3) No wall found. If doorway estimated width 160cm. Large worked stone in 150/5 probably belongs to this door. 2005 found continued E/W wall so doorway normal width.

BAULKS 150/2-5
 150/1-4
 SKETCH ONLY
 NOT TO SCALE

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OVEN diameter 60 cm.
 WALL (1) width 60 cm.

Baulk

11/5/00

Trench 150/1-2 Initials HJ Date 10/5/00 Page...

Locus... Spit 1-3 Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

4-6

| | No. of bags | Cont | Cont |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Flint | 2 | 1-3 | 4-6 |
| Stone | 2 | 1-3 | 4-6 |
| Charcoal | | | |
| Other (Tile) | | | |
| Other | | | |
| Other | | | |

| No. | Object | Cont | Cont |
|-----|------------------|------|------|
| *1 | Coin - small | 5-6 | |
| *2 | Frag. frag. (PR) | " | |
| | 11/5/00 | | |
| *1 | COIN | 6 | |
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Excavation Report

1-3 Remaining baulk base in order to find the junction of the wall N/S in 150/1 with the wall E/W in the bottom of this baulk. There is also a doorway half excavated in 150/1 which should be clarified. Fine brown soil on top (1) - no tumble as yet. Very small coin found mid-baulk. Frag of Persian rider (frag. frag) (like yesterday's) 11/5/00.

4-6 Nearing level of doorway in 150/1. No sign of a doorstone corresponding to that in 150/1. Also the E/W wall across the rock-cut basin is not yet well defined. Tile (1 frag. only) present in soil base. Bronze coin found 18 cm above bedrock in soil level with doorway in 150/1. See 1/4/00 for plan.