

Jebel Khalid 2000

Field Record Book

Name.....	Jamie Travis
Trenches.....	Area C. Trench 7.
	Area B. Trench 5. Area B Trench 6
Dates.....	18 May, 2000 — 1 June 2000 .

List of equipment for Trench Supervisors

Dig bag	Glass	zujaaj
Water	Half	nuss
Clip board and spare clips for windy days	Here	hona
Pens (water proof only - black or blue), pencils, ruler, eraser	I	ana
Measuring tape	Iron	hadeed
Plumb bob	Little, small	sagheer
String	Man	rajul
Spirit level (may be shared)	Maybe, perhaps	mumkin
Supply of labels	Must	laazim
Supply of different-sized plastic bags	Must not!	mu laazim
Toilet paper (for wrapping delicate objects as well as for personal use!)	My (my son)	-ee e.g. walad-ee
Small cartons/boxes for objects. When available	Pick	kazma
Bandaids and aspirin for the vapours (yours or the workers')	Pottery	fachaar
	Photo (picture)	soora
	Red	ahmar
	Rock	hajir
	Room	gurfa
	Sick	mareedth
	Soil	trab
	Slowly	shway, shway

Useful words

All	kull	Slowly	shway, shway
All of you	kullkum	Supervisor	mudeer
All even (same)	kull sawa-sawa	There is.. there is not	fi....maa fi
Bedrock	jebel	This	hadtha
Big	kabeer	To, for	ila, li
Black	aswad	Today	al yowm
Bone	az'm	Tomorrow	bukra
Boy	walad	Trowel	mustareen
Brush	forshay	Wall	jidaar
Charcoal	fah'm	Water	mayy
Cleaning	tanzeef	Wheelbarrow	darraaja
Dead	mowt	White	abyad
Eating!	mangariyya	Yesterday	imbaarih
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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, graffiti-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.

Labelling: eg: JK DA Date:-
. Trench/spit
. Loams
Object/Bag# J.Tr

Class: Box and
glass.

Wood: Cover up if
dry - call up
if significant

Stucco: Keep damp
i.e.: tissue wrap
in some moisture then
in bag

Bon: No plastic bags
(boxes or salts)

Trench.....Initials.....Date..... Page....
Locus.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

Locus: refers to section of bench.

~~④~~ ~~1:25~~ scale (prefered) - for all sketches!

Trench.....C7.....Initials.....J.T.....Date.....18/5/00.....Page.....1
Locus.....1.....Spit.....1.....Locus.....—.....Spit.....—.....Feature/s.....Nil.....

	No. of Cont. bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1.1 x 1		
Bone	/		
Charcoal	/		
Other (Tile)	/		
Photos bw	/		
Photos col.	/		

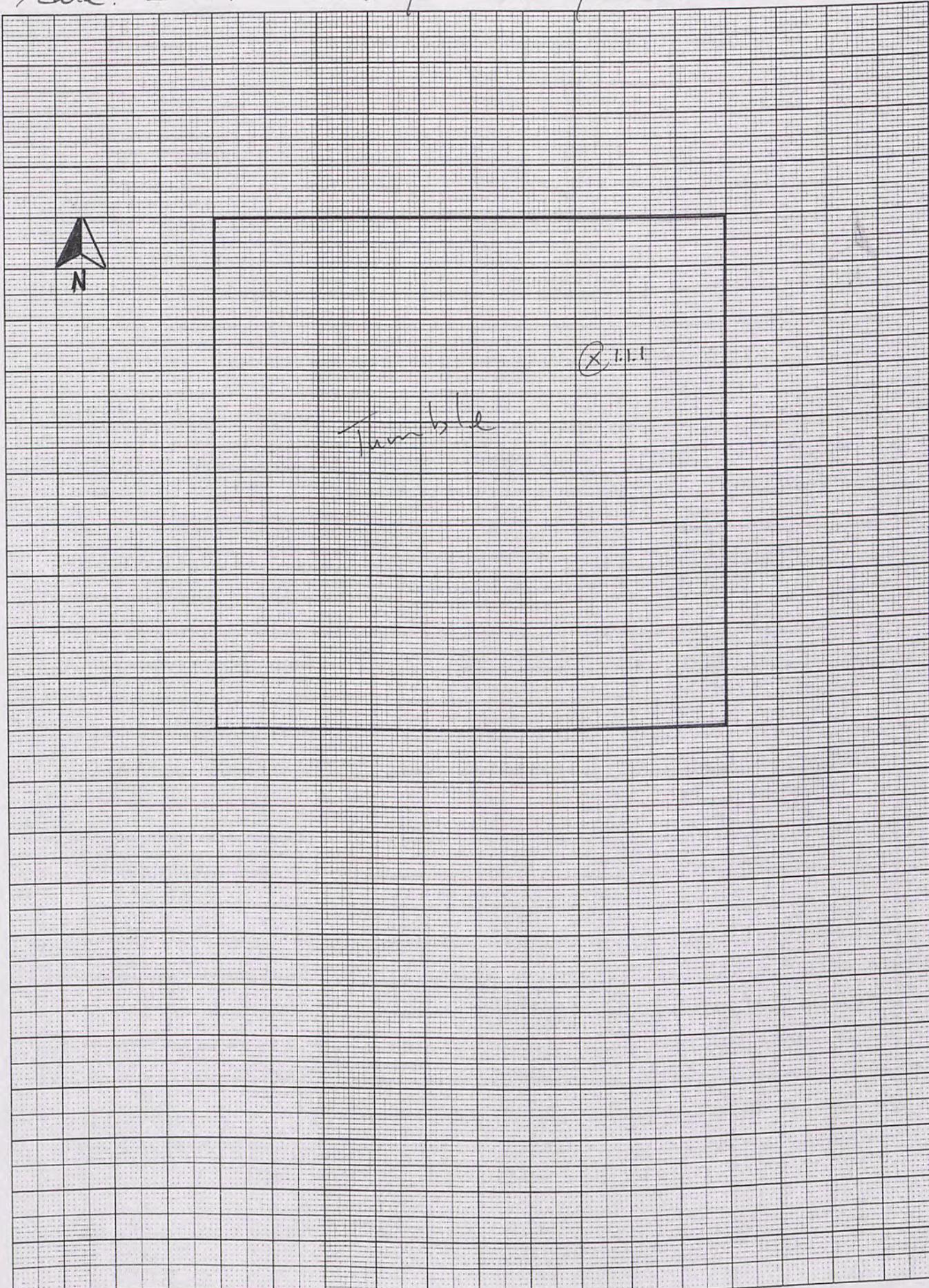
Context Report

Report

1/1	<p>Small sounding trench of 2x2 metres commenced 17 metres WEST of trench 5a (area C). Top soil removed.</p> <p>1 small bag of pottery - contains a piece of blue glaze.</p> <p>Metal object (1.1.1) found on North side of trench in first 150 mm spit. May be a stamp or otherwise a type of fastener (nail).</p> <p>Plan: • clear 1/1 or 20/5/00 • depending on form of humble may need to divide trench into 2 loci - south & north. At present worked stone is evident in the centre of the trench but not exposed enough to suggest architecture.</p> <p><i>S. Davis</i></p>
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1mm Squares

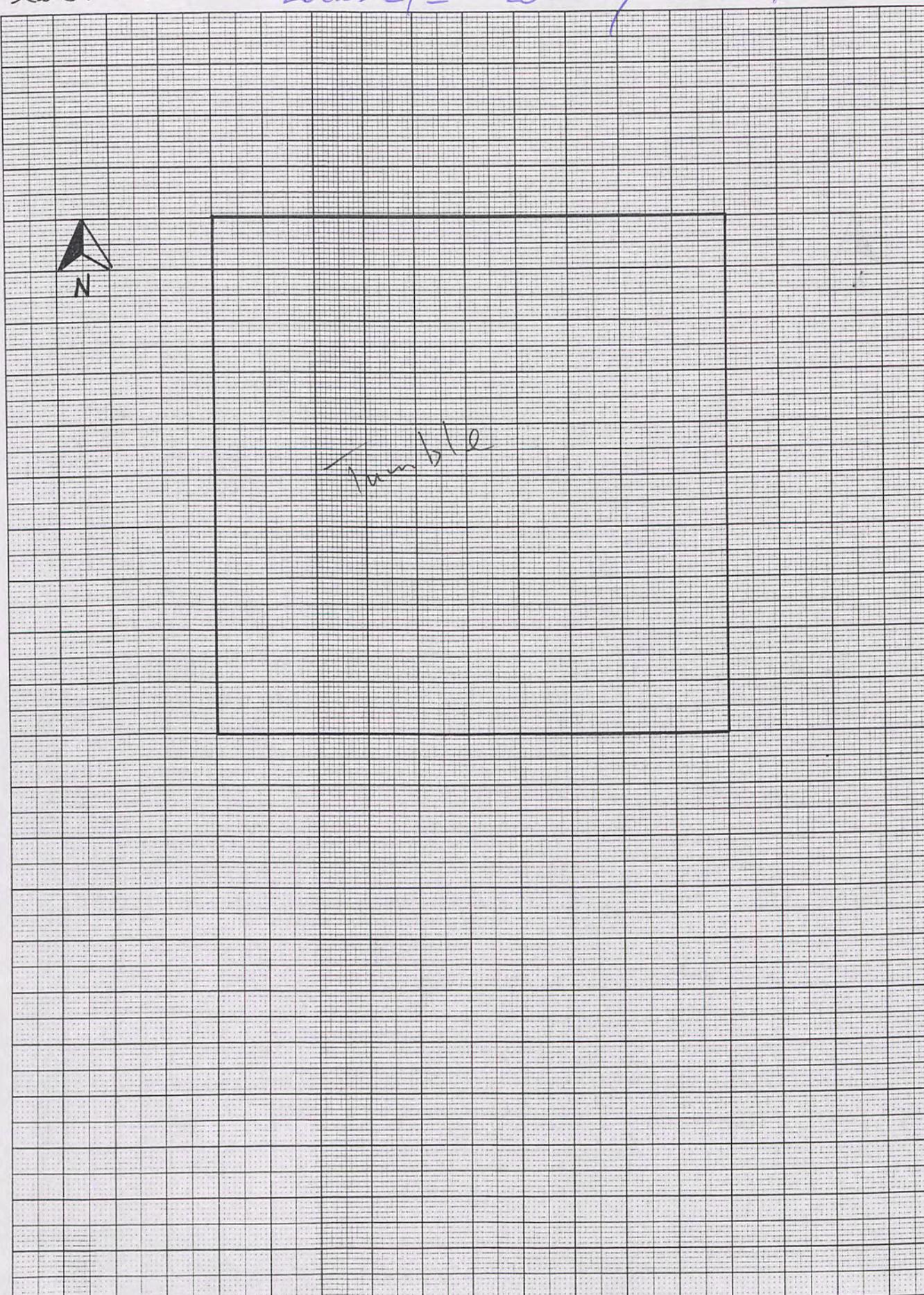
Scale: 1:20. Locus 1/1 18 May 2000.



1mm Squares

Scale: 1:20

Locus 1/1 20 May 2000



Trench..... C7 Initials..... J. T Date..... 20/5/00 Page..... 2
Locus..... 1 Spit..... 1 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	/	/	/
Bone	/	/	/
Charcoal	/	/	/
Other (Tile)	/	/	/
Photos bw	/	/	/
Photos col.	CS 5	35.	

Context Report

Continued removing earth & tumble about the worked stone Stumble in the centre of this trench.
On down, the tumble does not resemble any architectural feature.

Agree to sweep down & photograph.

Branch complete at this point.

J. H. D.

* NEW TRENCH - AREA B.

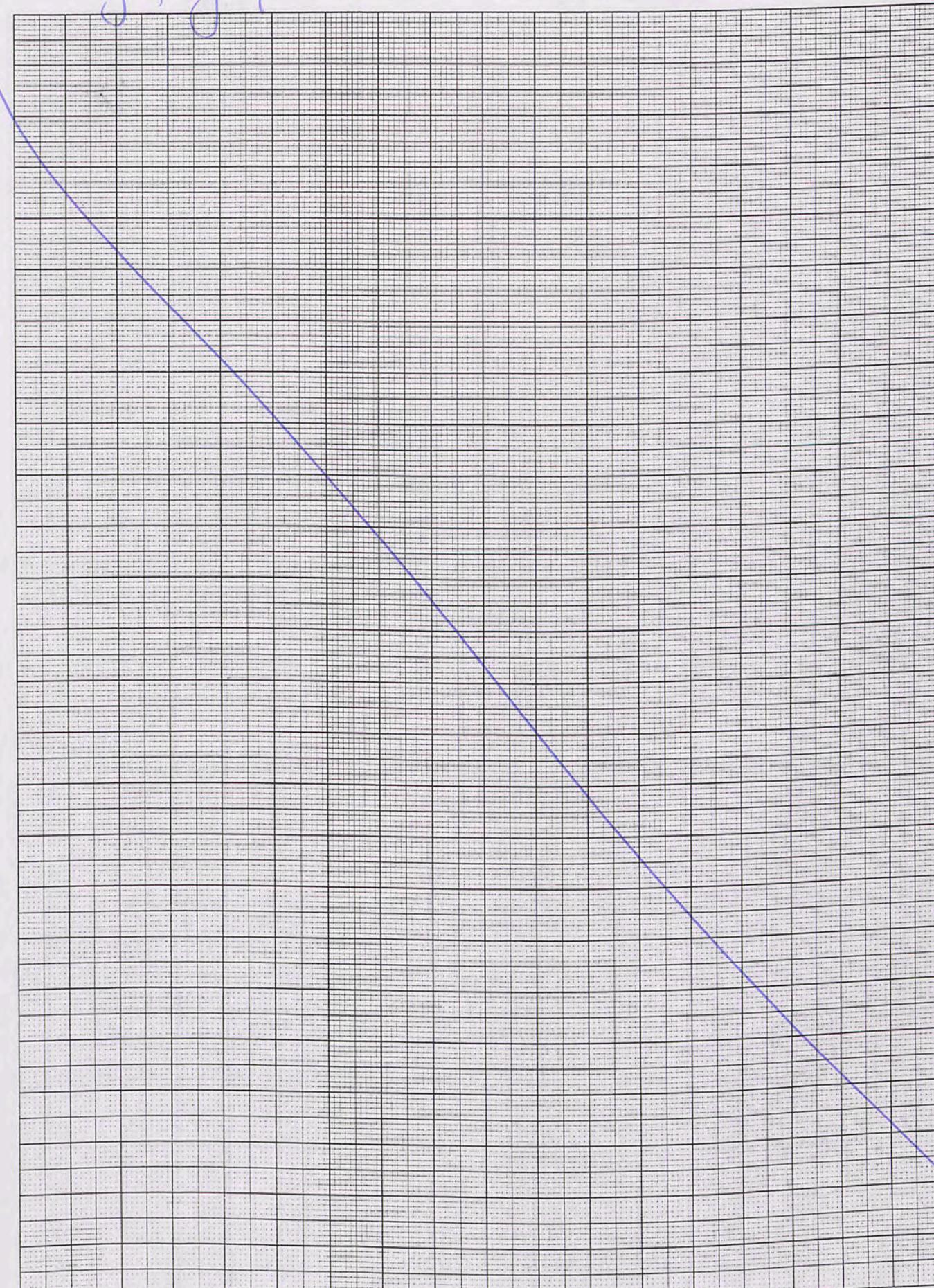
Trench..... Initials..... Date..... Page.....
Locus..... Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

Context	Report
1/1	<p>Commenced removal of top soil of this 6x3m trench.</p> <p>Wrote this working in 2 teams each in a different hemisphere (East + West).</p> <p><u>Plan</u> :- Pick + shovel for next 30cm then <u>unstack</u> + work onward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Column shovel widest : - the bank b/w B5 + B1 (East "Hemisphere") - work to proceed carefully about this to ensure that it remains in place. <p>(column from A)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. Brown</i></p>

1mm Squares

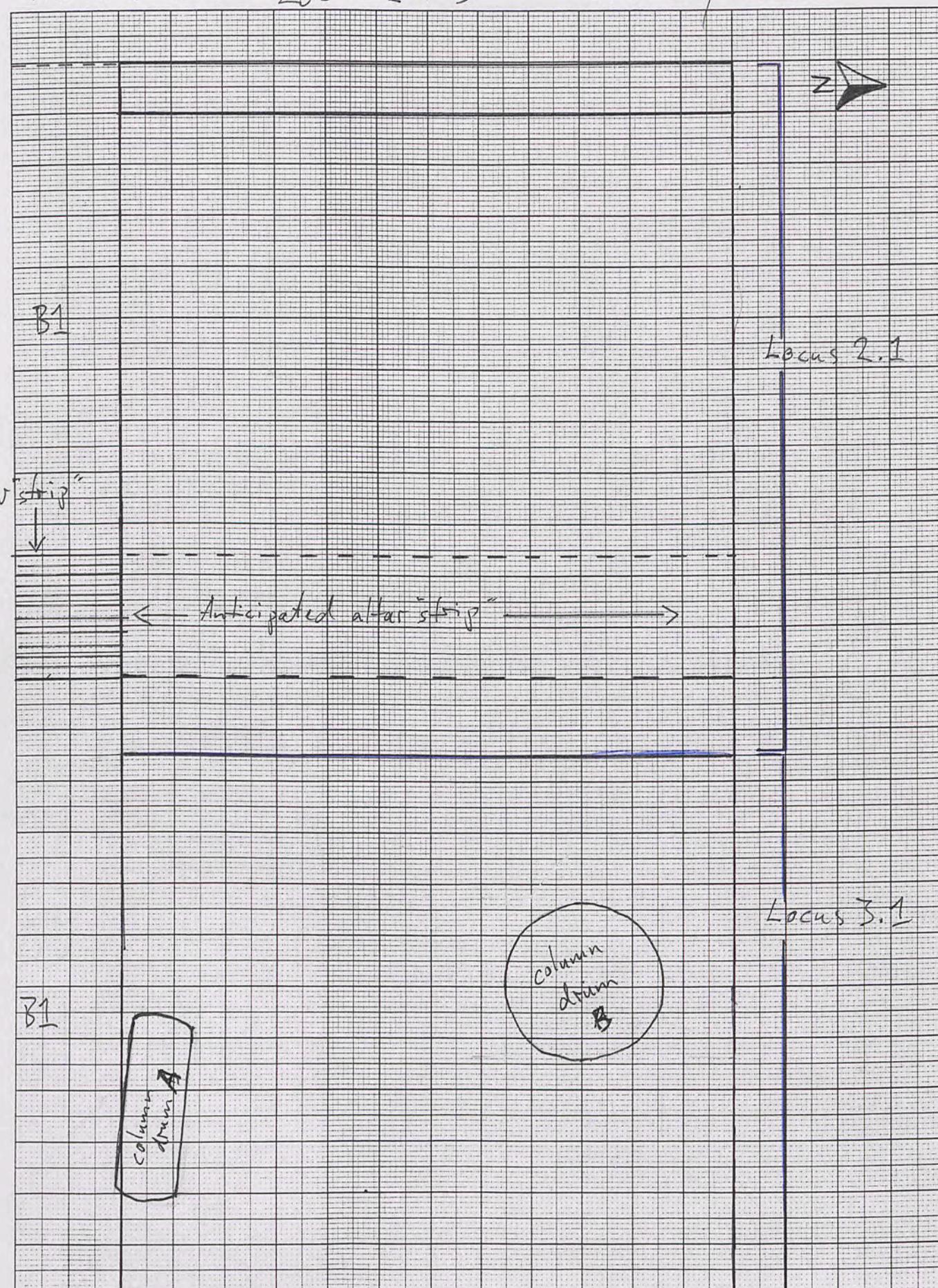
Nothing of significance to record here.



Scale 1:25

1mm Squares

Trench 5. Loci: 2 + 3 21 May 2000.



Trench... B5 Initials... J.W Date... 21/5/00 Page....
Locus... 1 Spit... 1 Locus... 2 Spit... 1 Feature/s...
3 1

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.1.1	COIN	1/1	uncont.
2.1.1	METAL OBJECT	2/1	

Context Report

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| 1/1. | Top soil removed to a depth of 30cm.
Column drum now evident in NE quarter
of trench. (column drum B)
Workers in East sector of trench now
progressing at greater rate than those in
West sector.
Plan: Establish 2 new loci: Locus 2:
West sector; Locus 3: East Sector. |
| 2/1. | Continuing to remove tumble + soil. No
architectural pieces apparent. |
| 3/1. | Strap fitted column base in good condition
now apparent in NE sector of trench. (B).
Much tumble yet to be removed. |

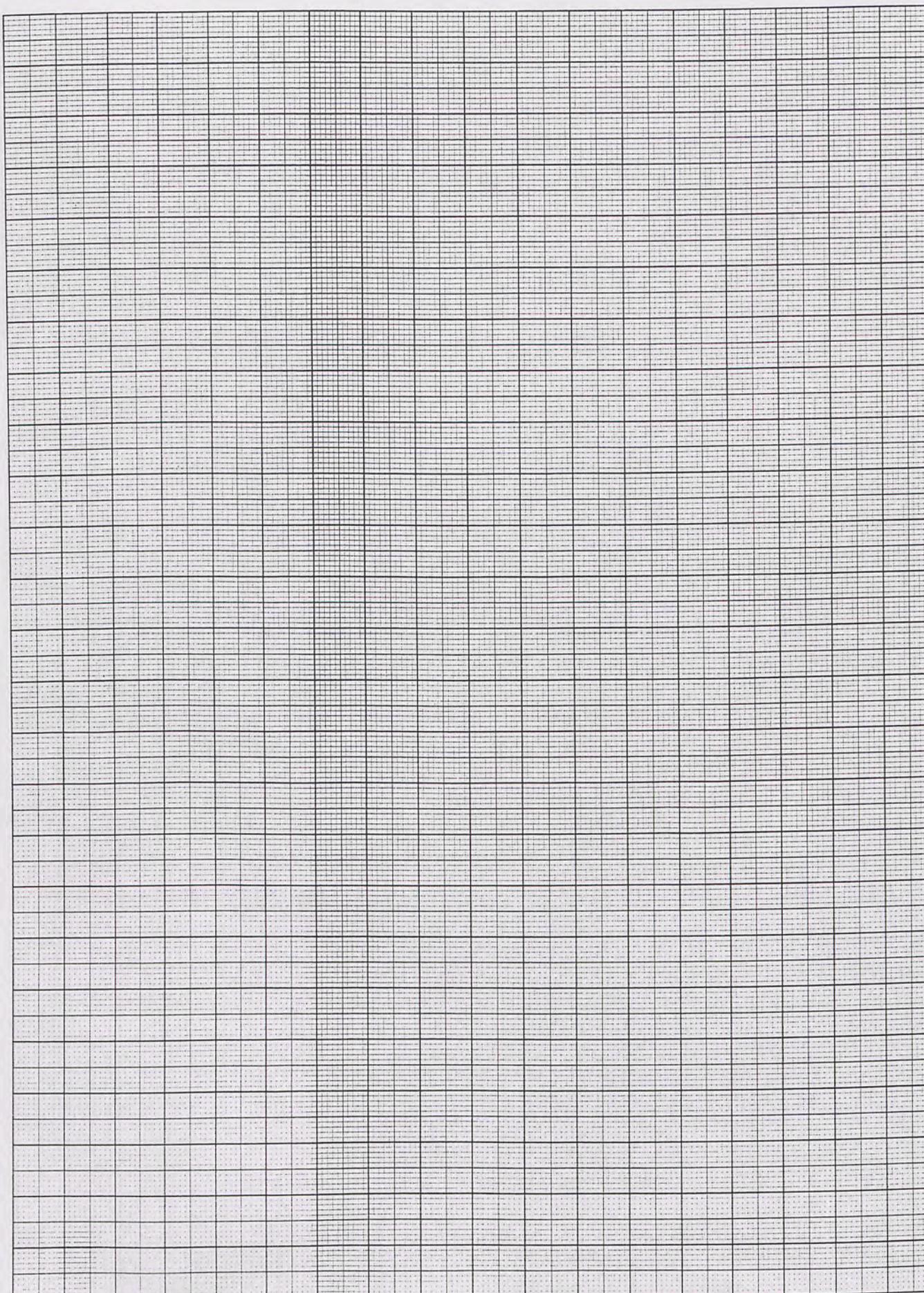
1mm Squares

Trench..... Initials..... Date..... Page....
Locus..... Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	3/2	2/1	2/1
Bone			
Charcoal	2/1		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

Context	Report
3/2	<p>Tile fragments now evident. Pottery sparse (1 bag only).</p> <p>No other architectural features apparent.</p> <p>Column barrel appearing in bank of L3 + L2 (South end). Note: J3.2.2 - painted stone. (was the wall painted?) - or the ceiling?</p>
2/1	<p>Much pottery & some roof tile.</p> <p>No worked elements yet. Tumble only, it appears, at this stage.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. Brown</i></p>

1mm Squares



Trench..... BS Initials..... J.15 Date..... 23/5/00 Page....
Locus..... Spit 3 Locus..... Spit 1 Feature/s.....
J 4

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1200

	No. of Cont + bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	3.3	3.4	2.1
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
3.3.1	Coin (?Byzantine)	3.3	Absent
2.1.2	Glass, Frag m	2.1	
2.1.3	Bead	2.1	
2.1.4	Coin	2.1	
2.1.5	Metal "Ring".	2.1	

Context	Report
3.3	Coin in good condition lifted from thi; spit + adjacent to the step-fluted column drum. ? Byzantine ? Arab? NJ. 280 mm of soil currently supports this column drum (approx. 800 mm down from "top soil"). Drum = 300 mm x 460 mm. 3.3 complete at an average 750 mm deep.
2.1	Range: 900 mm deep in West bank to 700 mm ^{-500mm} deep along N/E border. Large stone tumble makes progress to 2.2 slow. No evidence of fluted altar columns (yet).
3.4	commenced new spit. Expect that another spit will reveal - (ie: 3.5) <i>Jewitt</i>

1mm Squares

Trench.....BS.....Initials.....J.Tr.....Date.....24/5/08.....Page....
Locus.....2.....Spit.....1..... Locus.....3.....Spit.....4..... Feature/s.....
.....2.....2.....3.....5.....

	No. of Cont bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2.1	3.4	3.5
Bone	2.1	2.2	3.5
Charcoal	2.1		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
3.4.1	Metal "blob"	3.4.	
3.5.1	Glass Fragm	3.5.	
2.1.1	COIN	2.1	Set
2.1.2	Glass Fragment	2.1	
2.2.1	Glass Fragment	2.2	

Context Report

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| 3.5 | Shallow spit reveals an abraded floor. Depth: 850mm
Plan: sweep down for photography. (NHL bank) |
| 2.1 | Spit completed - have reached softer soil
as most tumble has been removed. |
| 2.2 | This spit will possibly approach the floor
consistent with B1.
No evidence, yet of alluvium.
Strap-fluted column down evident in
bank of locn 2-3. |

1mm Squares

Trench.....B5.....Initials.....J.T.....Date.....25/5/03.....Page.....
Locus.....3.....Spit.....5.....Locus.....2.....Spit.....2.....Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery		2.2	
Bone		2.2	
Charcoal		2.2	
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	11	4-8	
Photos col.	8	5-6	

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
2.2.2	Glass + fragm	2.2.	
2.2.3	Metal + fragm	2.2	

Context Report

3.5	Trench swept down & photography completed.
2.2	<p>Floor now evident in West section of this sp. t adjacent to West bank.</p> <p>Plan is clear to floor level the take out bank east of altar "skip". Finish on 27/5/00.</p> <p>(Object 2.2.2 found adjacent to altar recess).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. Davis</i></p>

Trench..... 5 Initials..... J.R Date 27/5/00 Page....
 Locus..... 2 Spit..... 2 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	2.2	2.3
Bone		2.2	2.3
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw 11. 10+11			
Photos col. 8.	7		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	Report
2.2	<p>Recess for alter column now evident 2.9m along from recess in B1.</p> <p>Floor being "scraped" clean of surface deposition will be sweep down for photography.</p> <p>Depth - 1100mm west bank. - 1000mm NW bank to 900mm NE bank.</p> <p>NB: once swept, it is clear that the surface we have is baked "table". Small section cleared to reveal hard floor.</p>
2.3	<p>Baked "table" removed to reveal uniform floor level = ashlars blocks (alter strip)</p> <p>Swept back & photographed *</p>

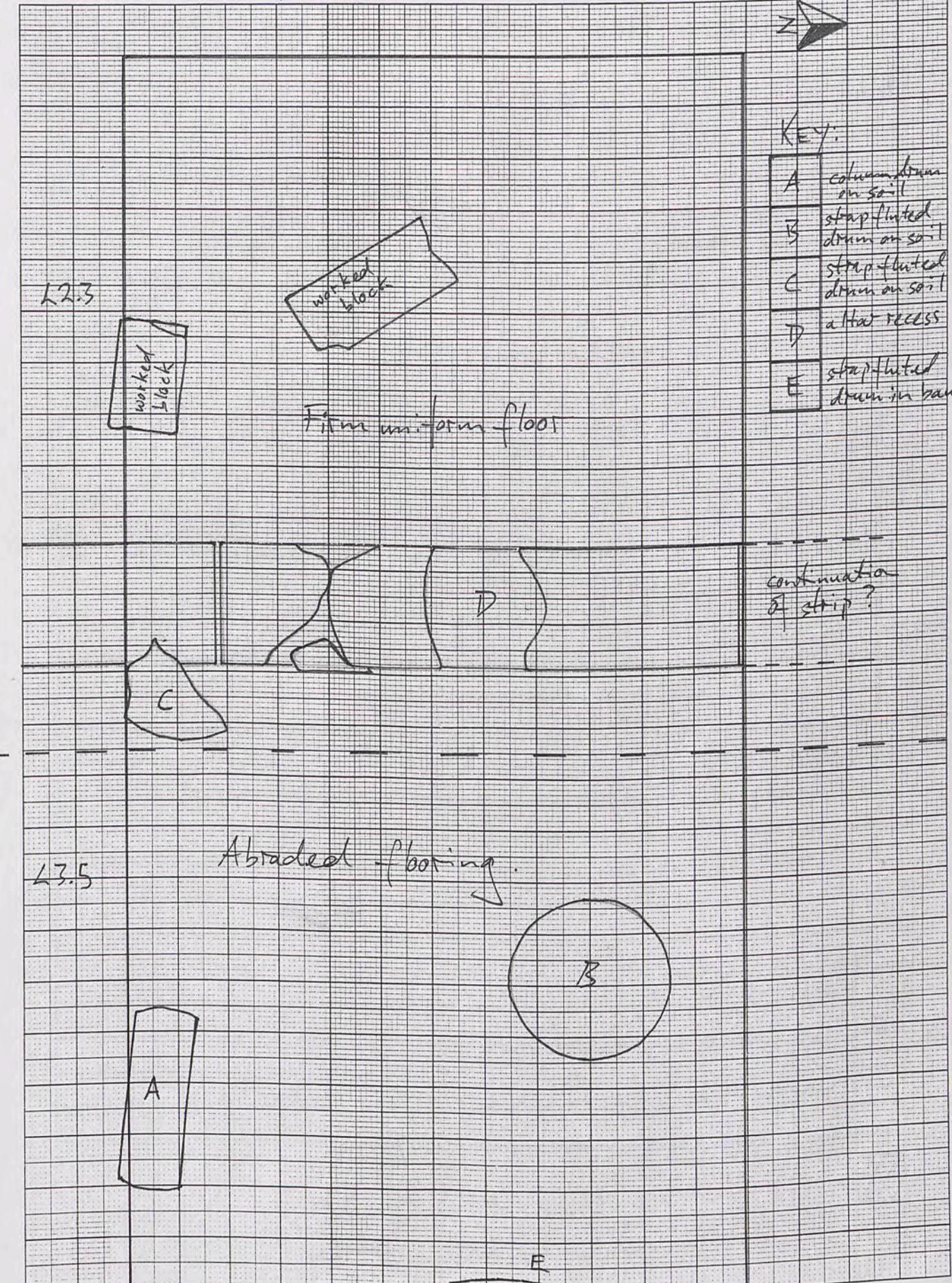
Summary: Trench completed: clearly we have the remains of a building which stood for some time prior to collapse. This is evident in the collapse of column drums & worked stone on soil fill from 280mm to 500mm in locus 3 (part of alter "strip") & 100-150mm in locus 2 (west of alter "strip"). The condition of the floor in locus 3 & the depth of fill suggests that this oven was open to the elements; whereas the clean floor in locus 2 has been preserved by the presence of roofing prior to the collapse of the structure. A hypothesis there seemed to be a greater concentration of body tile west of the alter strip which would support this hypothesis.

Trench 5 "Complete" 27-5-2000 Scale: 1:25



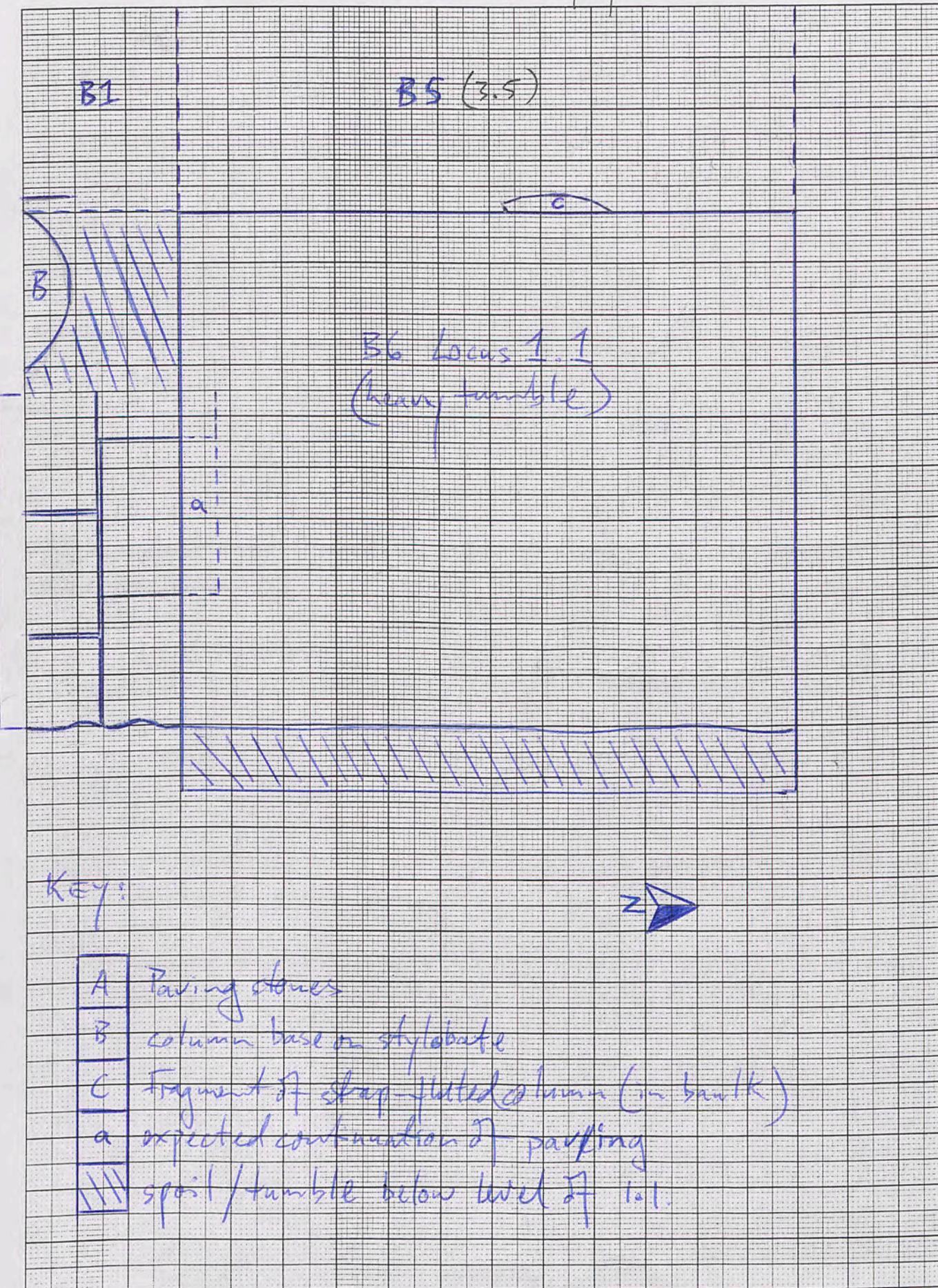
KEY:

- A column drum on soil
- B strap flattened down on soil
- C strap flattened down on soil
- D alter recess
- E strap flattened down in bank



1mm Squares

Scale 1:25 BS Locus 1 27/5/00.



* NEW TRENCH *

Trench..... B6 Initials..... P-T Date..... 27/5/00 Page....
Locus..... 1 Spit..... 1 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.1.1	Fine Rim Frag	1.1	

Context Report

1.1 New trench east of BS commenced on 25/5/00.
Top soil & tumble removed.
Progress today = removal of tumble & earth. Expected to reveal the stylobate, consistent with that in B1, along the West border of this trench.

J. H. Davis

1mm Squares

Trench..... B6 Initials..... J.T Date..... 28/5/00 Page....
Locus..... 1 Spit..... 1 Locus..... 4 Spit..... 2 Feature/s.....

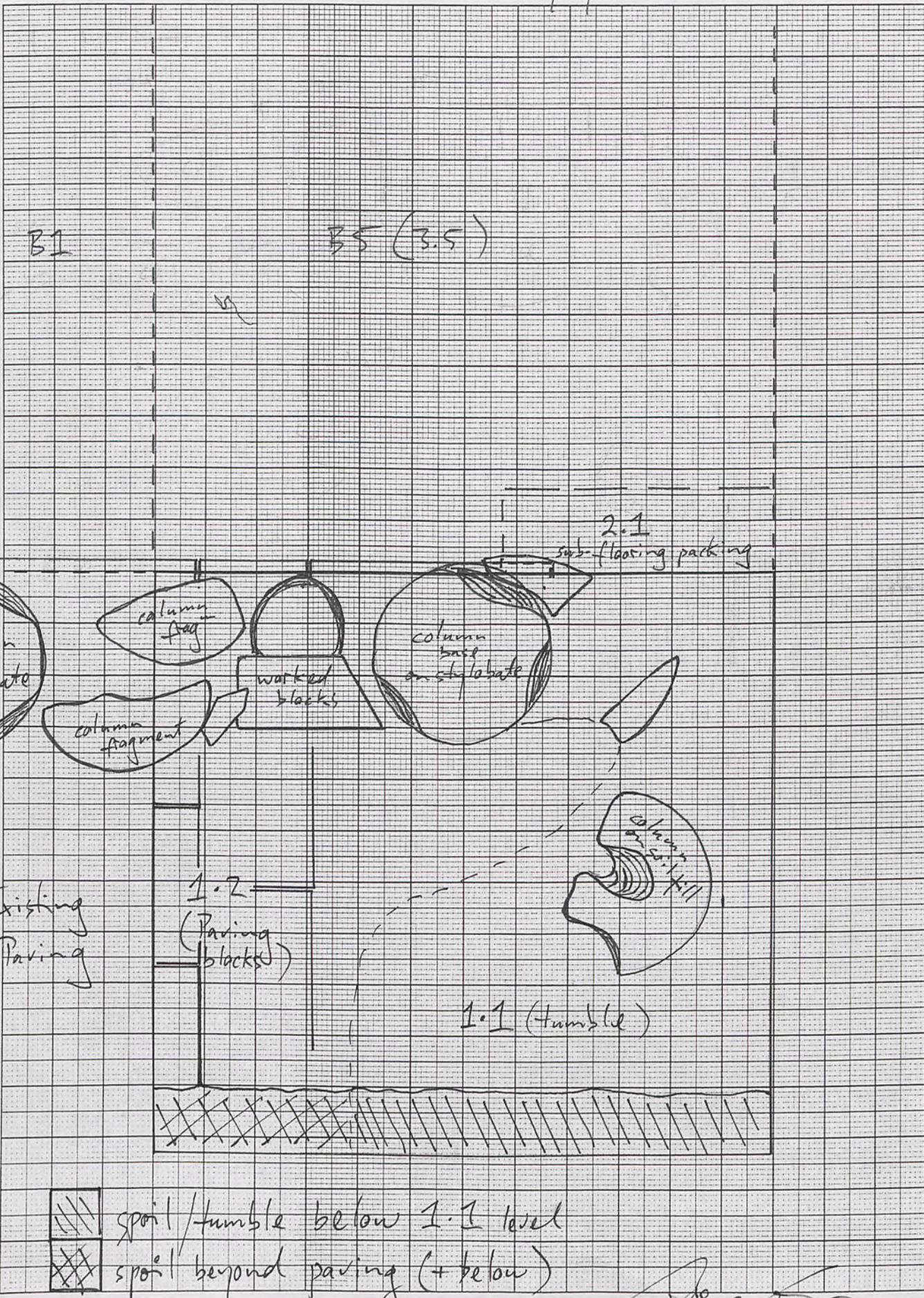
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1. 1.		
Bone	/		/
Charcoal	/	/	
Other (Tile)	1. 1.	Plaster	1. 1
Photos bw	/		/
Photos col.	/	/	/

Context Report

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| 1/1 | Bulk humus removed & softer soil now appears.
Features include: 3 column drum fragments along the axis of the stylobate in B1; 1 large block - probable column base - 1600 mm North from column base or stylobate; 1 large, possible column drum fragment in North aspect sector of trench. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.1.2. found in section along axis of stylobate • Plaster fragments lifted east of stylobate adjacent to its axis. (sample taken). • Several pieces of root-like lifted. (15). |
| 1/2 | New spit - soft soil consistent = fill layer in BS. |

1mm Squares

Scale 1:25 Loci 1+2 BC 29/5/00



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Trench..... B6 Initials J.T Date 29/5/00 Page....
Locus..... 1 Spit..... 2 Locus..... 2 Spit..... 1 Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	1.2	2.1
Bone	/		
Charcoal	/		
Other (Tile)	Noted, not bagged.		
Photos bw	/		Q1
Photos col.	/		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

- 1.2 Paving stones revealed consistent to those south of this trench.
Working northward expect to have the section east of the stylobate cleared by end 20/5/00. Body tile outline to be lifted.
- 2.1 New lines established along West side of stylobate. Stylobate continues northward for 2500mm from previously revealed column base (B1) at end. Directly after the ~~end~~ column base revealed in this trench.
Small section of 400 x 1300mm cut West of stylobate encroaching onto B5 (Nth East corner). This revealed a 2nd floor surface + pack. but no paving blocks. Some patches evidently used for floor packing (150mm below floor surface = B5 (3.5)). This would appear to have been primary flooring which has been heavily packed / trampled.

J. Brown

1mm Squares

Trench..... Initials..... Date..... Page....
Locus..... Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.2	
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

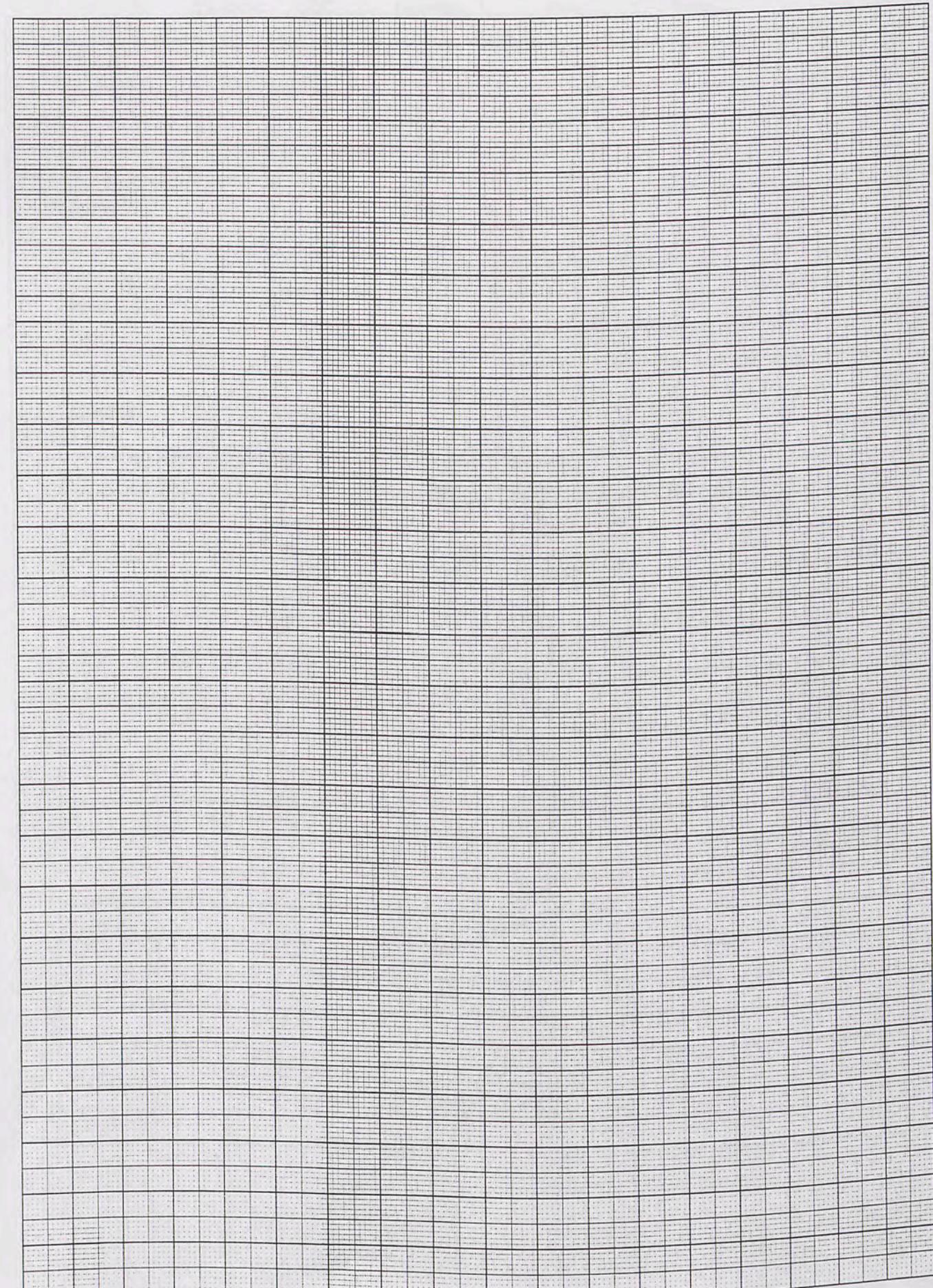
Context Report

1.2 The paving stones appear to cease level with the stylobate end as revealed in Tiers 2-1. Large column barrel slabs stuck digging in the north of this trench.

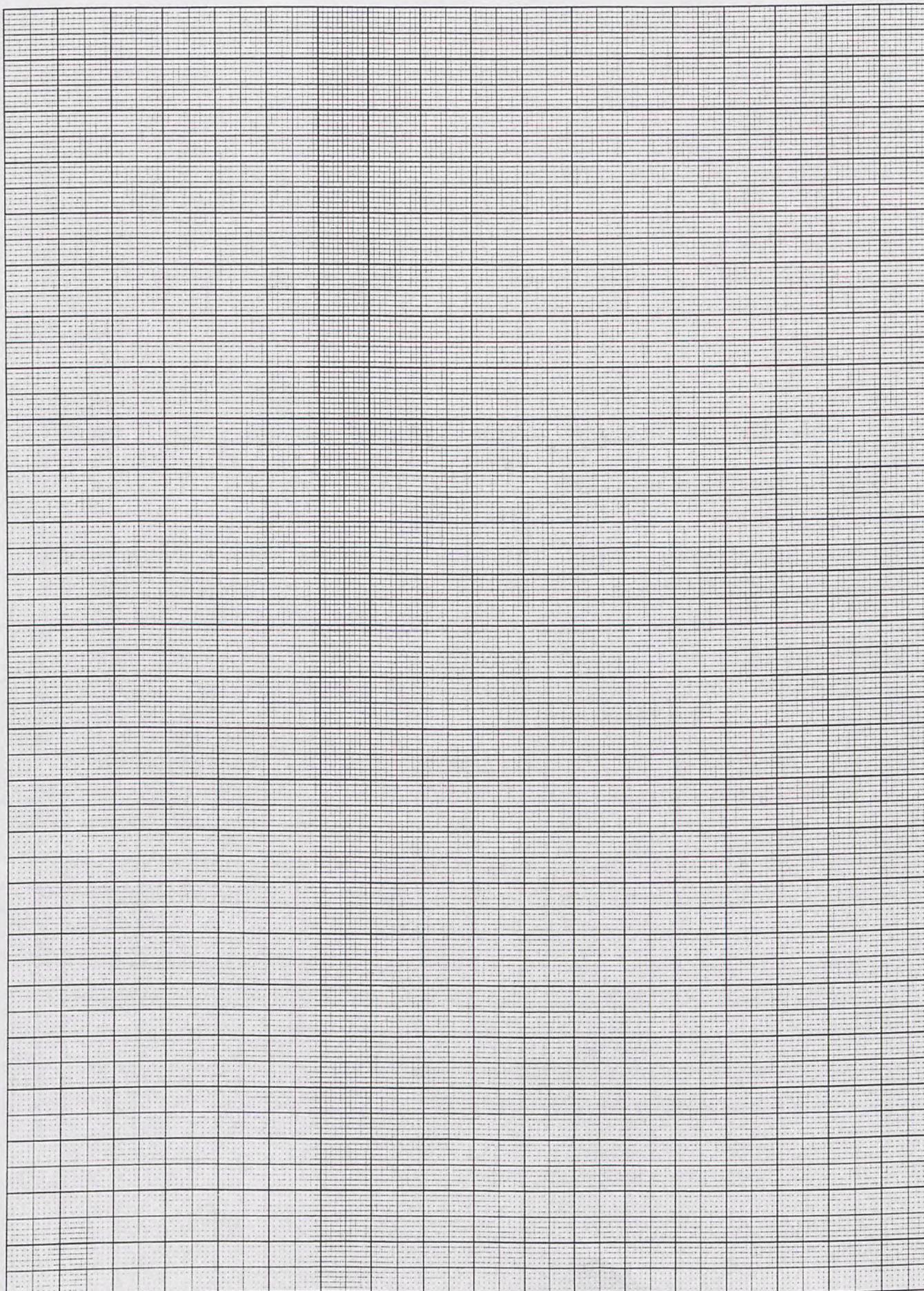
Plan:

- clear Tiers 1-2
- sweep back pavets
- clean out stylobate of "table" but leave in heavy tumble as evidence of how the building fell.

Jaww



1mm Squares

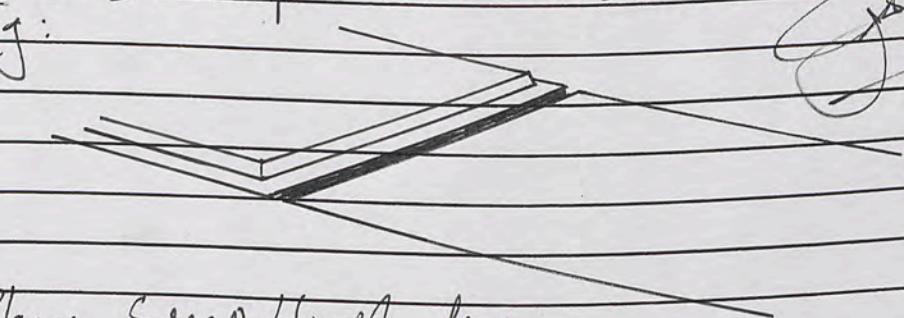


Trench..... B6 Initials..... J.T Date..... 31/5/00 Page....
Locus..... 1 Spit..... 2 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s..... Stylobate
Paving.

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.2	
Bone	1	1.2	
Charcoal			/
Other (Tile)			/
Photos bw		/	
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

1.2	<p>Spit completed. Pavers were consistent with final block of stylobate. Beyond the pavers, to the north, there is evidence of abraded flooring + sub-floor packing (limestone + pottery) as evident in 2.1.</p> <p>Stylobate cleared of soil fill + irrelevant tumble. Pavers cleaned & defined.</p> <p>NB: Penultimate stone of stylobate features a deliberate sculpting whereby it is bevelled + cut so that the bare stone beneath the column base (final stone of stylobate) appears to be set deeper than the others.</p> <p>Eg:</p>  <p>Plan: Sweep / brush down for photography.</p>
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Trench B6 Initials J.T Date 1/6/06 Page....
Locus..... Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	11	17-36	BW12
Photos col.			5-12

Context Report

B6, with entire Area B complex, swept down + photographed.

(ie: B1, B4, B5, B6.)

Trench B6 Initials J.T Date 16/08 Page...
Locus.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	11	17-36	BW12
Photos col.			5-12

Context Report

~~Report~~
B6, with entire Area B complex, swept down + photographed..

(ie: B1, B4, B5, B6.)