

# Jebel Khalid 2000

## Field Record Book

Name..... *Janice 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  
 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**

All	kull
All of you	kullkum
All even ( same)	kull sawa-sawa
Bedrock	jebel
Big	kabeer
Black	aswad
Bone	az'm
Boy	walad
Brush	forshay
Charcoal	fah'm
Cleaning	tanzeef
Dead	mowt
Eating!	mangariyya
Floor	ardth
From	min
Girl	bin't

Glass	zujaaj
Half	nuss
Here	hona
I	ana
Iron	hadeed
Little, small	sagheer
Man	rajul
Maybe, perhaps	mumkin
Must	laazim
Must not!	mu laazim
My (my son)	-ee e.g. walad-ee
Pick	kazma
Pottery	fachaar
Photo (picture)	soora
Red	ahmar
Rock	hajir
Room	gurfa
Sick	mareedth
Soil	trab
Slowly	shway, shway
Supervisor	mudeer
There is.. there is not	fi....maa fi
This	hadtha
To, for	ila, li
Today	al yowm
Tomorrow	bukra
Trowel	mustareen
Wall	jidaar
Water	mayy
Wheelbarrow	darraaja
White	abyad
Yesterday	imbaarih
You (sing. m/f anta,	anti
You (pl.)	antum

### 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.

Labelling: eg: 

JK DA	Date: -
179/9	
1.2	
Object/Bag#	J.Tr

. Trench/spit  
. locus

Glass: Box any glass.  
Wood: Cover up if dry - call up if significant  
Stucco: Keep damp  
ie: tissue wrap & some moisture then in bag  
Iron: No plastic bags (boxes or bags)



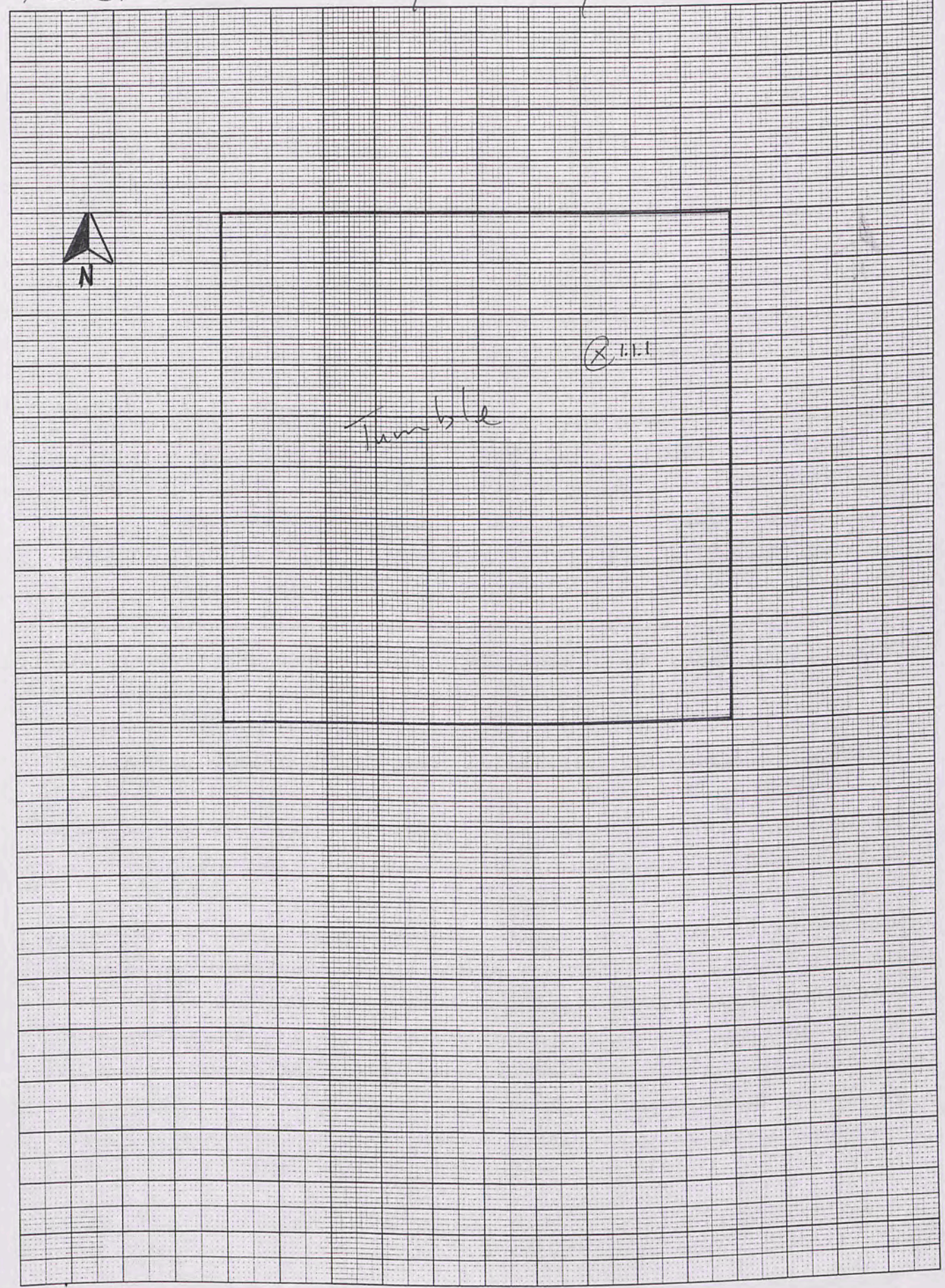
Trench C7 Initials J.T. Date 18/5/00 Page 1  
 Locus 1 Spit 1 Locus ..... Spit ..... Feature/s Nil

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.1.1	Metal "fastener or stamp" (?)	1/1	/

Context	Report
1/1	Small sounding trench of 2x2 metres commenced 17 metres WEST of trench 5a (area C). Top soil removed. 1 small bag of pottery - contains a piece of blue glaze. 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). Plan: • clear 1/1 on 20/5/00 • depending on form of tumbled 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. J.T.

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



! substitute No. of - (later) also  
 Locus: refer to section of trench  
 20.5



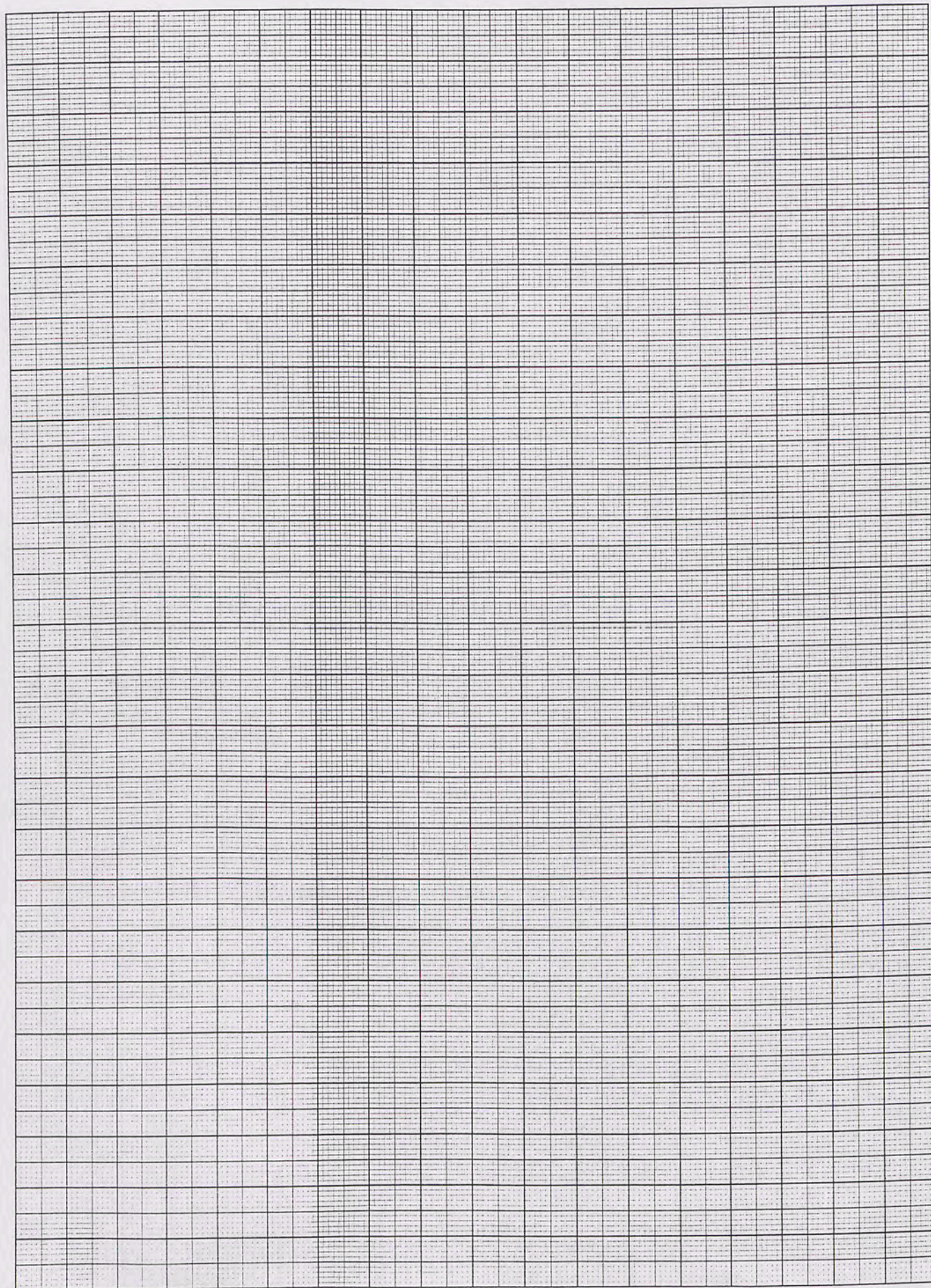








1mm Squares



1400  
1200

Trench... B5 ... Initials... P.T. ... Date... 23/5/00 ... Page...  
 Locus... 3 ... Spit... 3 ... Locus... 2 ... Spit... 1 ... Feature/s.....

	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	Abakid
2.1.2	Glass Fragment	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 this spit adjacent to the step-fluted column drum. (? Byzantine ? Arab) NB: 280mm of soil currently supports this column drum (approx. 800mm down from top soil). Drum = 300mm x 1760mm. 3.3 complete at an average 750mm deep.
2.1	Range: 900mm deep in West border to 700mm <sup>500mm</sup> deep along Nth border. Large stone rubble makes progress to 2.2 slow. No evidence of fluted altar columns (yet).
3.4	commenced new spit. Expect that another spit will reveal floor (ie: 3.5)

*James*





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

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	3	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

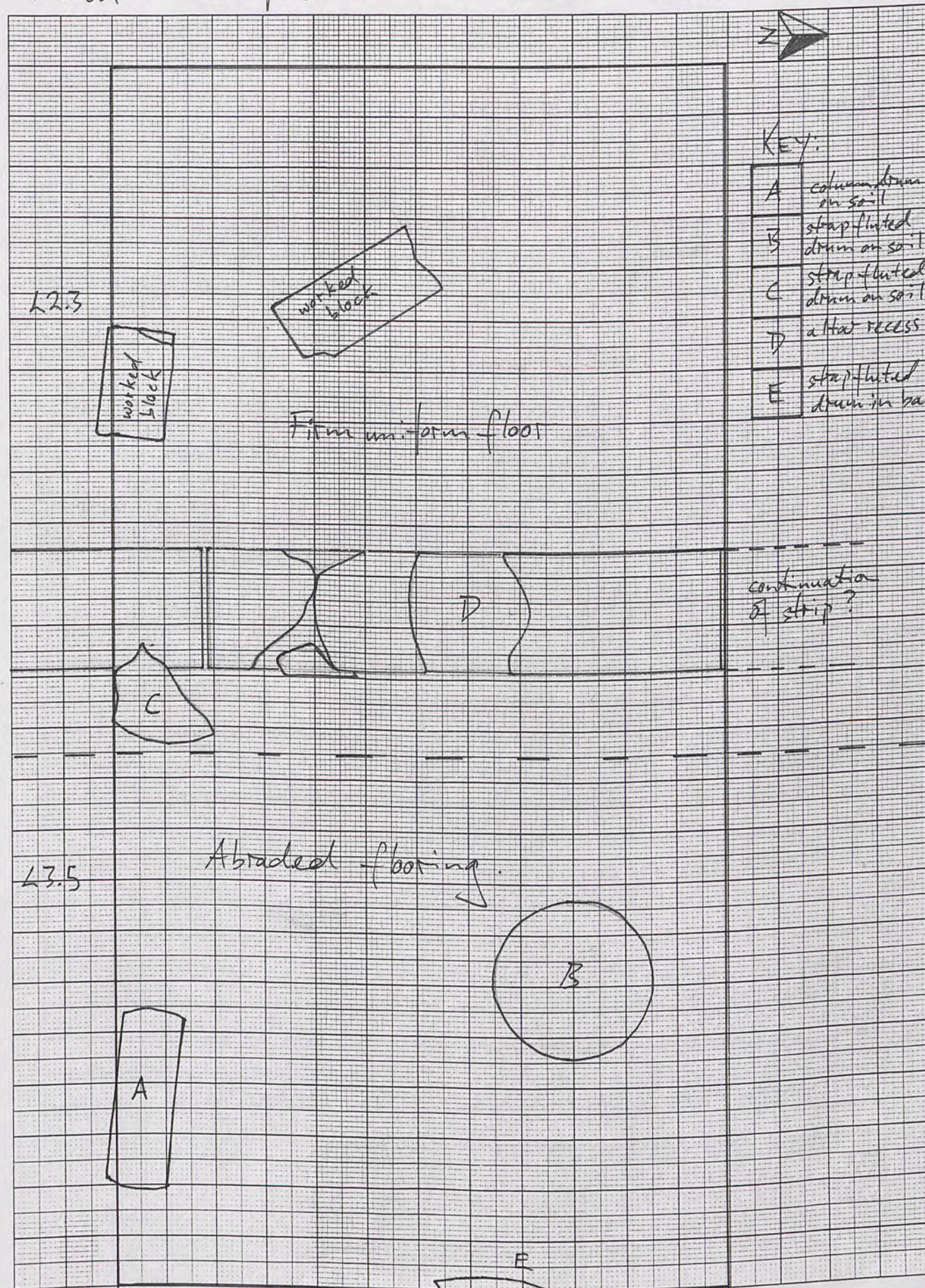
Context Report

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

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 250mm to 500mm in locus 3 (east of altar "strip", & 100-150mm in locus 2 (west of altar "strip"). The condition of the floor in locus 3 & the depth of fill suggests that this area 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. Anecdotally there seemed to be a greater concentration of red tile west of the altar strip which would support this hypothesis.

1mm Squares

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



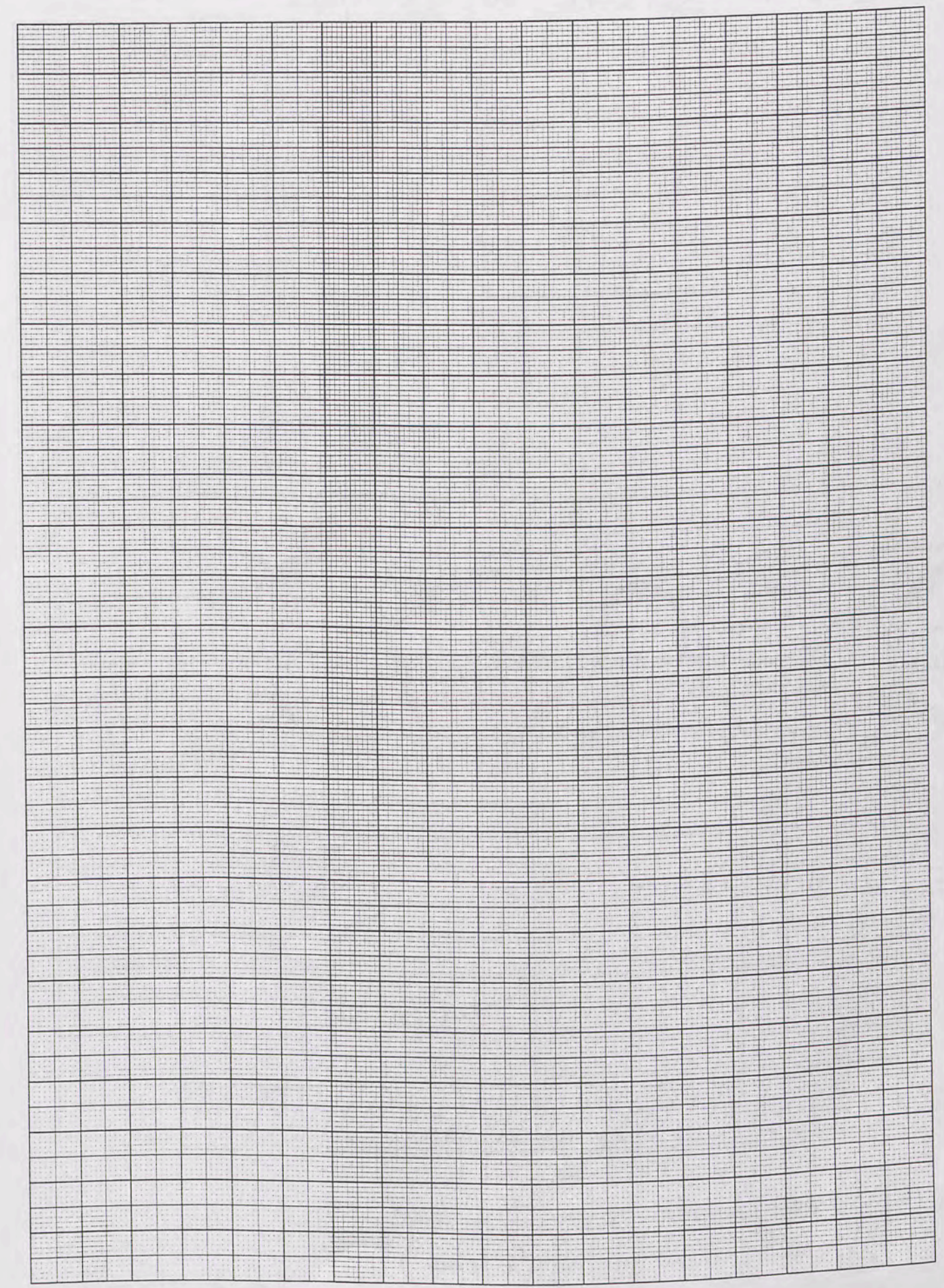


Trench B6 Initials J.T. Date 28/5/00 Page...  
 Locus 1 Spit 1 Locus 1 Spit 2 Feature/s.....

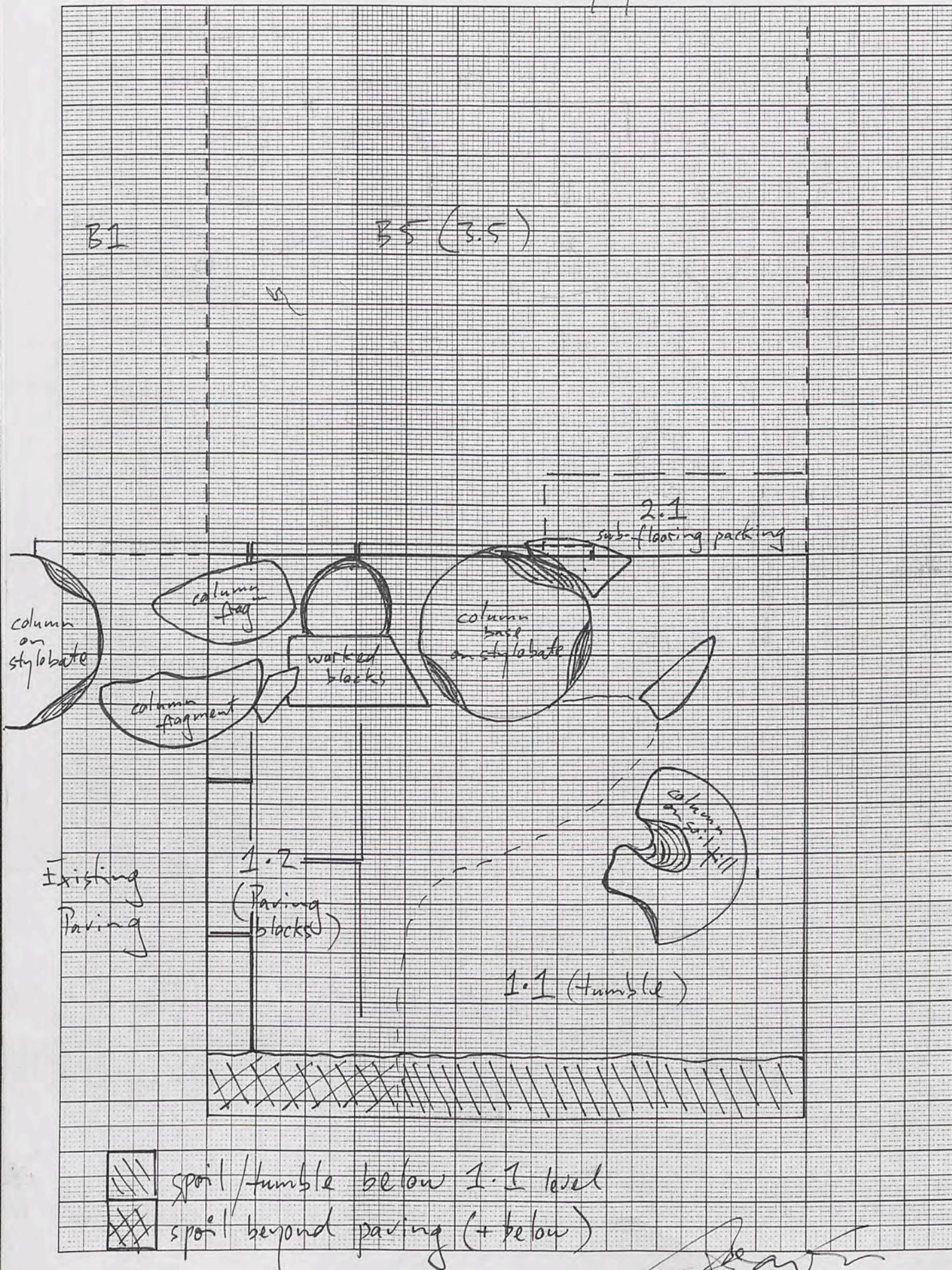
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1.1.		
Bone	/		/
Charcoal	/		/
Other (Tile):	1.1.	Plaster: 1.1	
Photos bw	/	/	/
Photos col.	/	/	/

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.1.2	Glass Fragments	1.1.	

Context	Report
1/1	<p>Bulk rubble removed + softer soil now apparent.</p> <p>Features include: 3 column drum fragments along the axis of the stylobate in B1;</p> <p>1 large block - probable column base - 1600mm North from column base on stylobate; 1 large, possible column drum fragment in North aspect sector of bench.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.1.2. found in section along axis of stylobate</li> <li>• Plaster fragments lifted east of stylobate adjacent to its axis. (sample taken)</li> <li>• Several pieces of roof tile lifted. (15).</li> </ul>
1/2	<p>New spit - softer soil consistent to fill layer in B5.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Drawn</i></p> <p>Plan: work in spits of approx 20cm to level of stylobate.</p>



Scale 1:25 Loci 1+2 B6 29/5/00



Trench B6 Initials JTB 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	/		
Photos col.	/		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

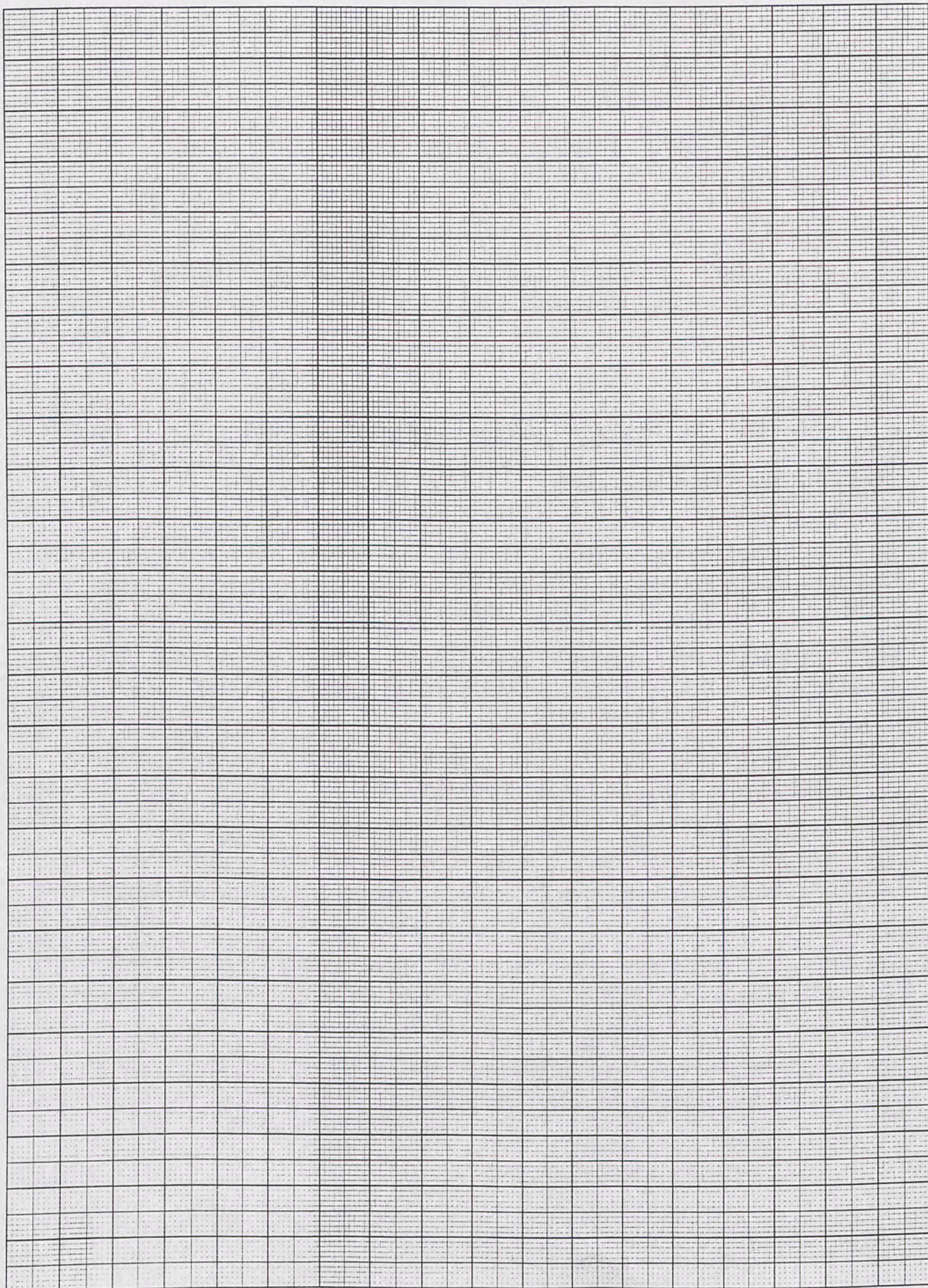
Context	Report
1.2	Paving stones revealed consistent to those south of this trench. Working northward expect to have the section east of the stylobate cleared by end 30/5/00. Foot tile continues to be lifted.
2.1	New locus established along west side of stylobate. Stylobate continues northward for 2500mm from previously revealed column base (B1) it ends abruptly after the <del>2nd</del> column base revealed in this trench. Small section of 400 x 1300mm cut west of stylobate encroaching into B5 (Nth East corner). This revealed a solid floor surface <sup>+ packing</sup> but no paving blocks. Some patches evidently used for floor packing (150mm below floor surface i.e. B5 (3.5)). This would appear to have been primary flooring which has been heavily eroded / abraded.

*J. Brown*





1mm Squares

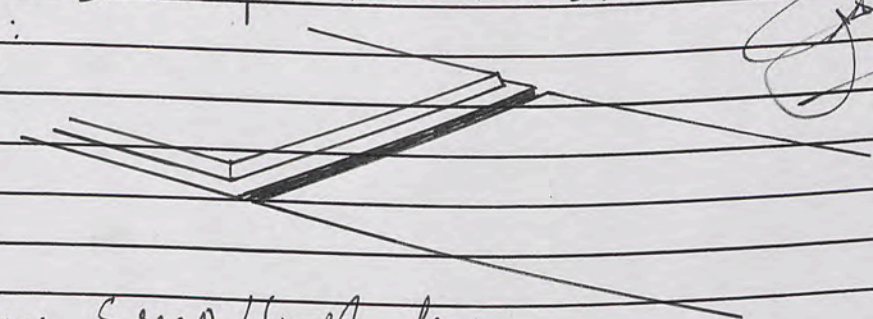


Trench.....<sup>B6</sup>.....Initials.....<sup>J.T.</sup>.....Date.....<sup>31/5/00</sup>.....Page.....  
 Locus.....<sup>1</sup>.....Spit.....<sup>2</sup>.....Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....<sup>Stylobate</sup>  
<sup>Paving</sup>

	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 Spit completed. Pavers cease consist with final block of stylobate. Beyond the pavers, to the north, there is evidence of abraded flooring + sub-floor packing (limestone + pot shards) as evident in 2.2.  
 Stylobate cleared of soil fill + irrelevant rubble. Pavers cleaned + defined.  
 NB: Penultimate stone of stylobate features a deliberate sculpting whereby it is bevelled + cut so that the base stone beneath the column base (final stone of stylobate) appears to be set deeper than the others.  
 Eg: 

Plan: Sweep / brush down for photography.



