

# Jebel Khalid 2000

## Field Record Book

Name..... GEOFF EDWARDS / Joseph Nigro  
Trenches..... AREA C Trench 2, 6 + 6A.  
Area B Trench 7.  
Dates..... C = 24/5/2000 - 30/5/00.  
24/4/2000



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**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. *FOR GOOD FLOORS COLLECT SURFACE SAMPLES.*  
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.







AREA C

Trench.....<sup>2</sup>.....Initials...*GE*.....Date...*24/4/2000* Page...  
 Locus...<sup>1</sup>.....Spit...<sup>1</sup>..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s...*SLOPE 1 metre W→E.*

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	3+1 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">1</span>		
Bone	1 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">1</span>		
Charcoal	—		
Other (Tile)	—		
Photos bw	BW1 F1 & 2		
Photos col.	CS1 F1		

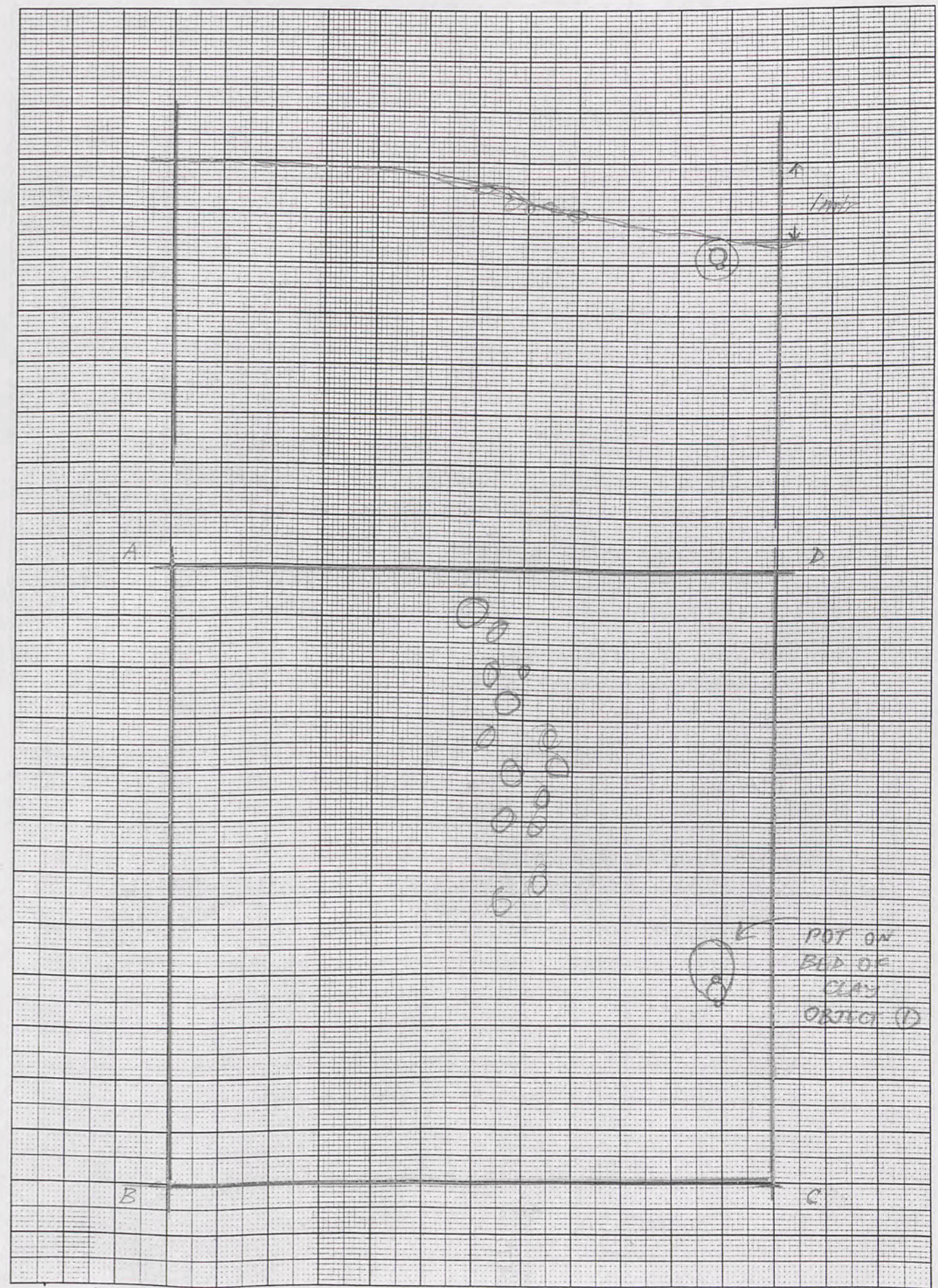
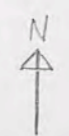
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	LARGE POT	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">1</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">1</span>
2	METAL SPATHELO	"	4
3	METAL FRAG	"	"

Context Report

	Trench measures 6m <sup>2</sup> . FALL 0-1 metre W→E.
	Rubble surface deposit N→S thru middle of trench.
<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">*</span>	BW1, F1 & 2 CS1 F1 * Large pot removed (Object 1) + metal spatheles (Object 2)
	Pot had some bone deposits near neck entrance? funerary
<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">*</span>	NOTE: Pitched (Internal) vessel removed from pottery No 1 for assembly.

△ = LOCUS □ = SPIT

AREA C TRENCH 2  
1mm Squares



- TURKISH
- SAMSO - BR ARMES
- AMOUND
- FUERTIA
- HABTA
- M. HANNON
- WATER
- BASE







DAY 3

ARCAAC  
 Trench... TRENCH 2 Initials... GE Date... 26/4/2000 Page... 1  
 Locus... 1... Spit... 2 Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

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

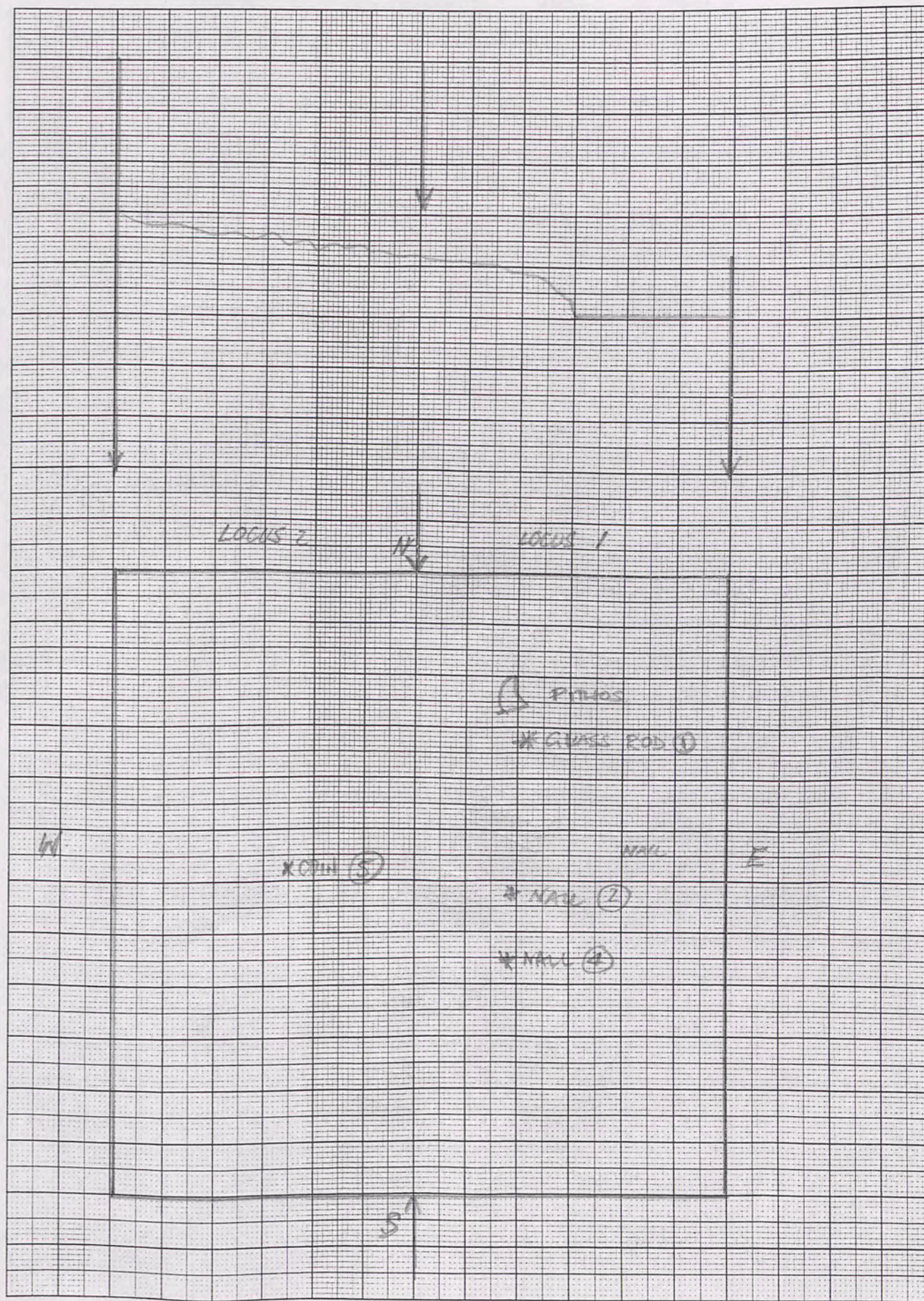
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
* 1	GLASS PIECE	△	□ 20cms
2	NAIL	△	□ "
3	NEEDLE/PIN	△	□ "
4	NAIL	△	□
5	COIN	△	□

Measure - 1m x 1m

Context Report

Context	Report
	Day commenced locus 1 Spit 2 E to W. ~20 cms to ? floor where pot previously excavated.
	Pitthen appearing N/E corner adj. to where large pitthen base excavated in T1.
Locus 1 [L]	Small glass piece excavated N/E corner (2mtr S 2mtr W)
Locus 2 [L]	Nail. Mid E (1mtr W)
Locus 1 [L]	Needle/pin
	Objects appearing but no apparent context.
Locus 2 [L]	Coin.
Locus 1 [L]	Nail

1mm Squares

























APAC  
 Trench.....<sup>2</sup>.....Initials. GE.....Date 3/5/2000 Page...1  
 Locus.....1.....Spit.....<sup>3</sup> Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

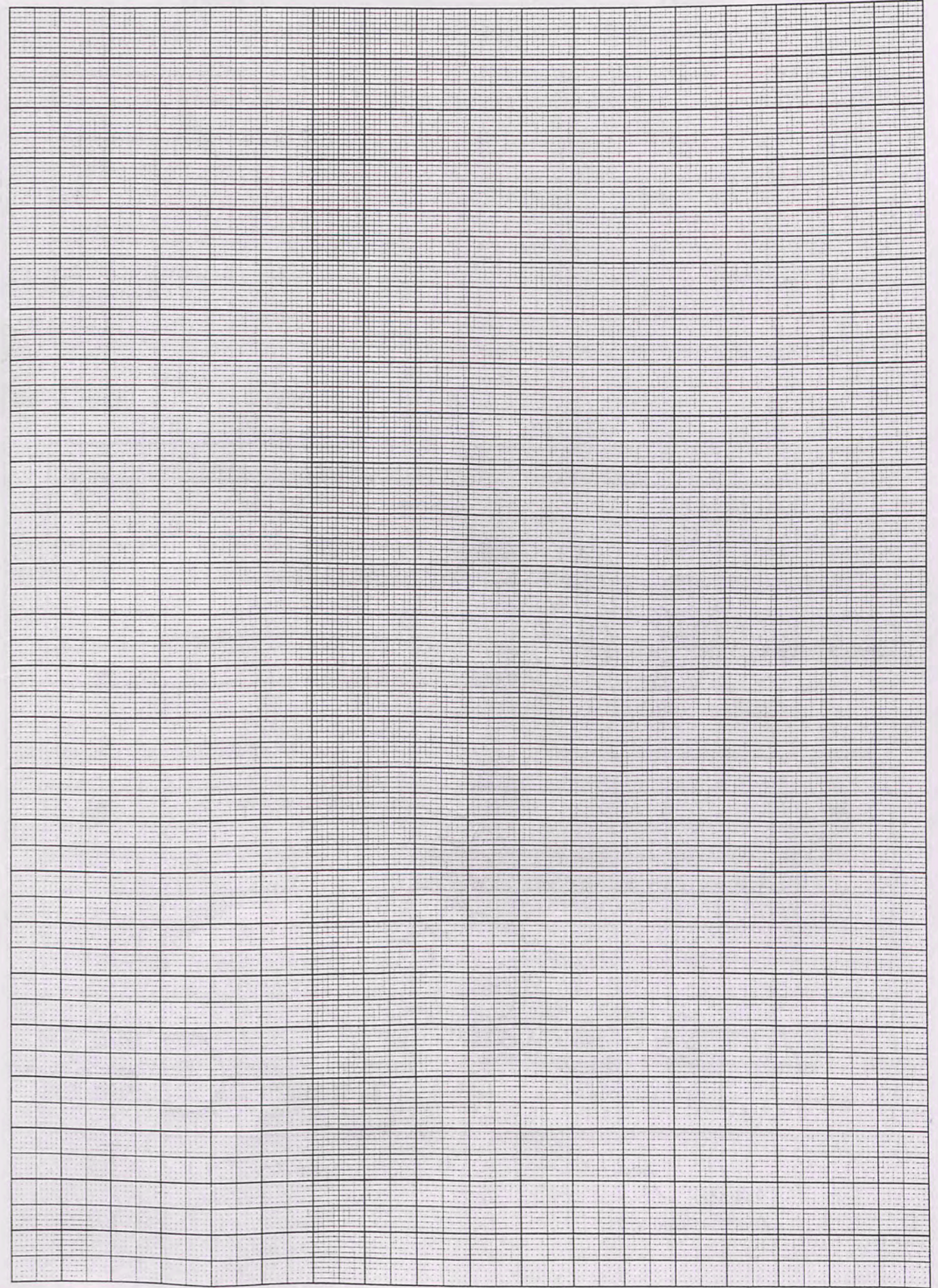
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Glass bags	△	[3]
2	Nails x 2	△	[3]
3	coin / taung?	△	[3]
4	figurine	△	[3]

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Context

Report

- Day begins with confirm of △ [3]
Objects 1-4 excavation done to middle floor
now becoming apparent from N→S - consistent with
- skull in T1 (adjacent)
- Large amphora excavated △ [3] Centre bank W.
Bags as (2 separate) for reconstruction:









AROPAC

Trench.....6.....Initials.....GE.....Date.....5/5/2000.....Page.....1.....  
 Locus.....1.....Spit.....1 & 2.....Locus.....Spit.....Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
<u>1</u>	<u>Glass frag.</u>		

**Context Report**

This trench is largely a sounding trench to test for presence of major building as indicated by large blocks & level surface. The trench is divided into two loci.  $\Delta 1$  is 50% of the N Trench &  $\Delta 2$  50% to S. Excavation has been approved in  $\Delta$  where there is evidence of major stone running from the N bank to almost centre of E bank (ie N/S)

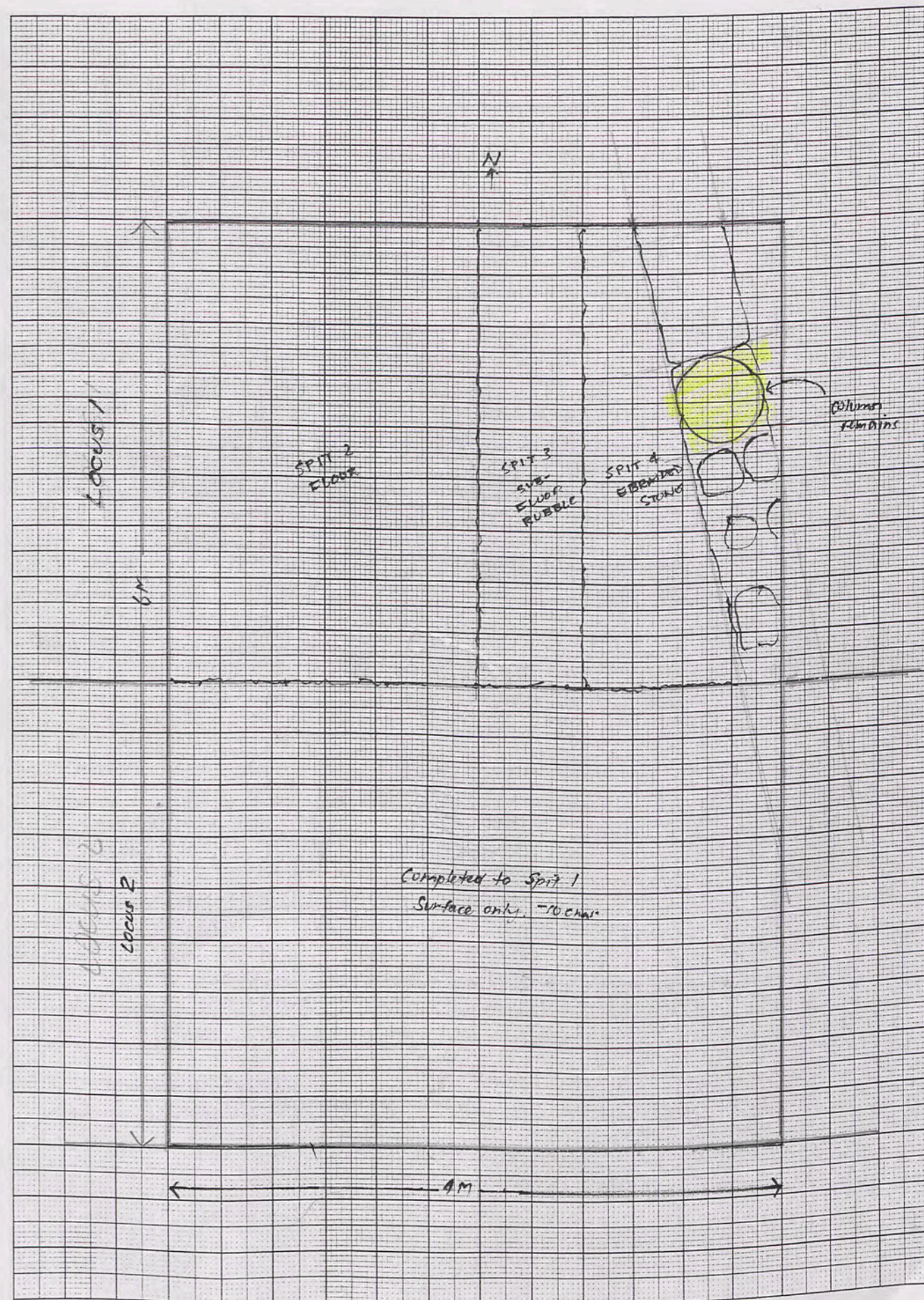
**SURFACE:**  $\square 1$  is to 20cm surface in  $\Delta 1$  &  $\Delta 2$ .  $\square 2$  in  $\Delta 1$  is also another 20 cm.

On? outside of apparent wall the soil is friable with numerous tumble & some pottery (N). On exterior there is much tumble/rubble - as indicated in adjacent T5. There is evidence of large dimension horizontal plinths & column? in situ

**FLOOR:** Spit 2 revealed packed floor / limonite sediment layer. Spit 3 similar hard packed. Spit 4. eroded limonite.

Seeking? foundation trenches only revealed eroded stone. Will wait for evidence in adjacent T5. Evidence confirmed large foundation blocks.

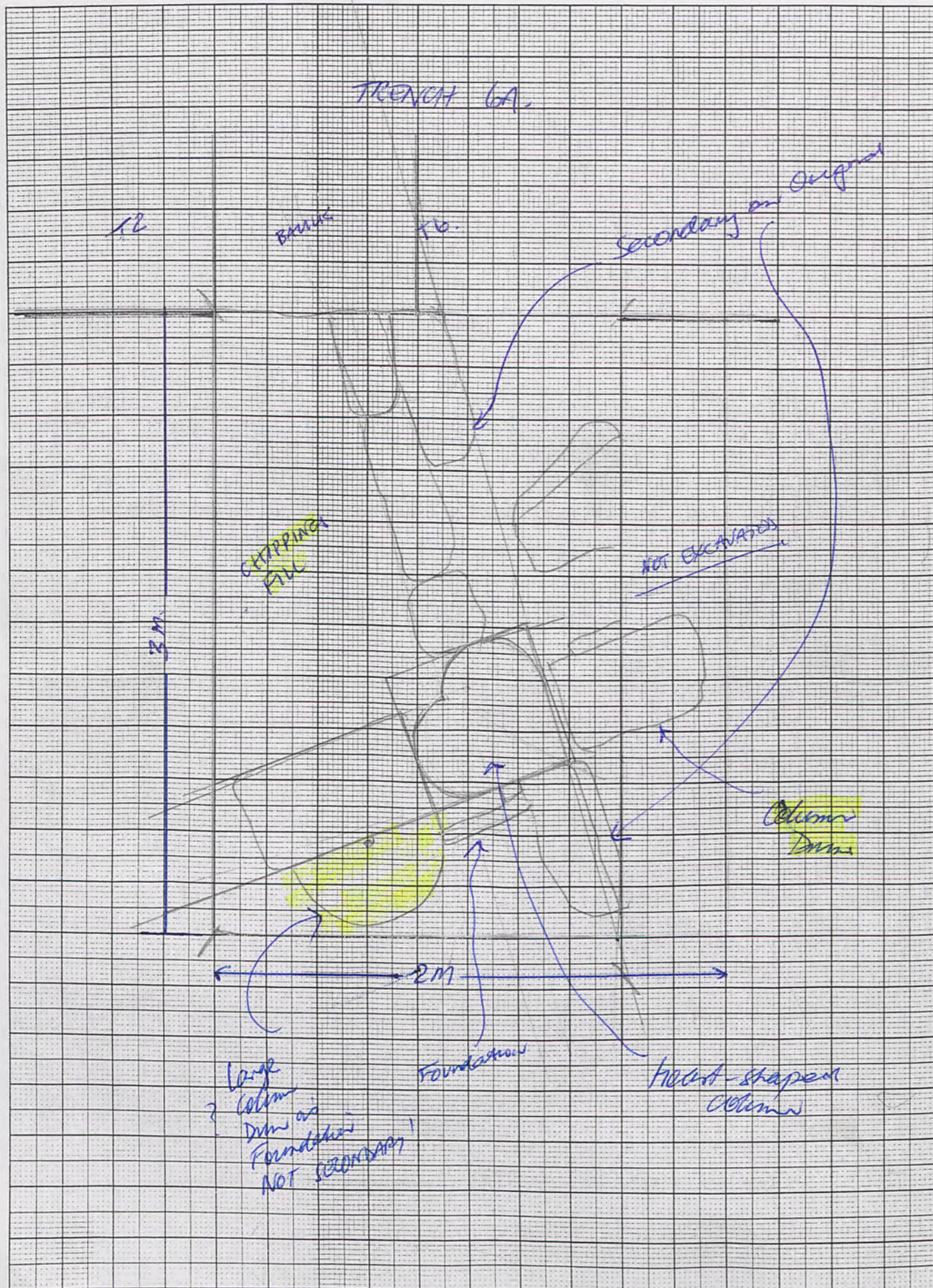
$\Delta 2$   $\square 1$  left incomplete purposely.





N  
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1mm Squares



Area C  
Trench... 6A ..... Initials... AE ..... Date... 9/15/2000  
10/15/2000 Page... 1  
Locus... 1 ..... Spit... 1 ..... Locus... ..... Spit... ..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	7		
Bone	1		
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Metal	△	□
2	Loom Weight	△	□

Context Report

As the trench T6 is largely a sounding trench to confirm presence of original wall/working. ~~Spit 2~~ Loom 2 was not completed. Instead an extensive trench T6A was pegged at one of trench to confirm wall presence and ? corner of building under large heart-shaped store.

NOTE 6A will bridge the S end of trench between T6+T2 and extend S 3 metres and W. to bank face of T6. i.e. (3x2 metres). See next page for drawing

SEE DRAWING PREVIOUS PAGE FOR FINISH of T6.

Opposite plan of T6A  
Surface - △  
△ + △ to S. as sounding only.  
V shaped store actually corner store on large square plinth - all supported by rusticated foundations store  
(6A ext) opened to seek direction of E/W wall.















































Trench \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2/2/20 Page \_\_\_\_\_  
 Locus \_\_\_\_\_ Spit \_\_\_\_\_ Feature/s \_\_\_\_\_

	Cont	No.	Object	Cont	Cont
Pottery					
Bones					

Report

WE CONTINUED TO CLEAN UP THE HEAP FROM EASTERN SOLE OF R4 (TRENCH).  
 WITHIN WAS FOUND THAT WAS MY LAST DAY ON THE EXCAVATION DUE TO  
 THE ARRIVAL OF BR... ON THE START OF THE GPS SURVEY. SCENE TOOK OVER FROM  
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