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Jebel Khalid ~~2000~~

Field Record Book

H. JACKSON 2001 Book 2

Name.....	Lyle Smith
Trenches.....	Banks 208/2 - 208/3 208/5 - 208/6
	150/2 125/1 125/3 125/6
Dates.....	24/4/2000 - 23/5/00

cont 99/1-99/4 Bank
 99/9
 74/3 Topsoil only
 74/2
 150/1 bank.

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.

locus 1 topsoil

2 timber

3 → walls etc.

spit = approx 10cm

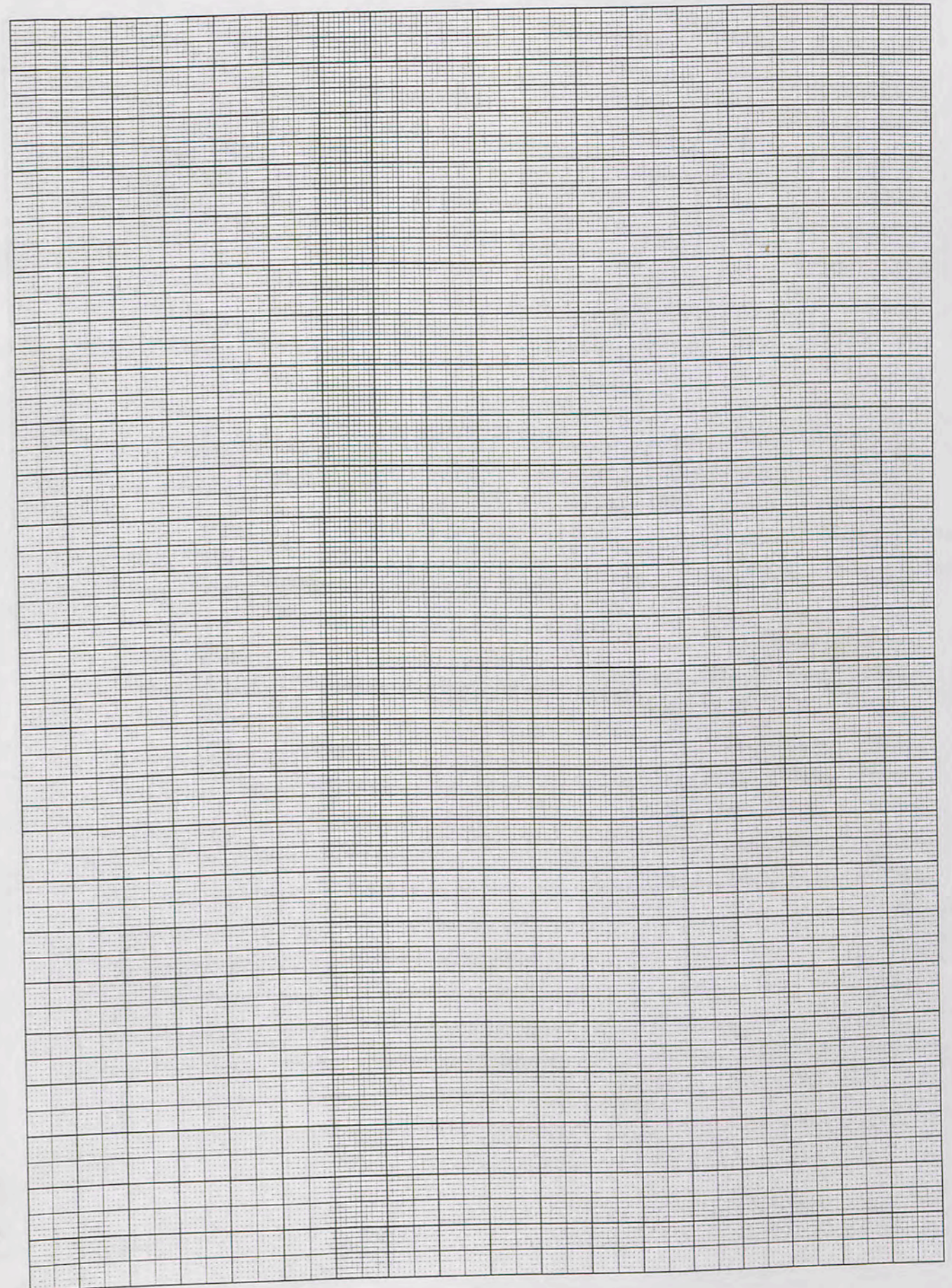
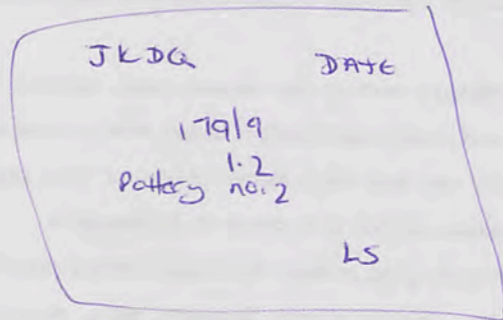
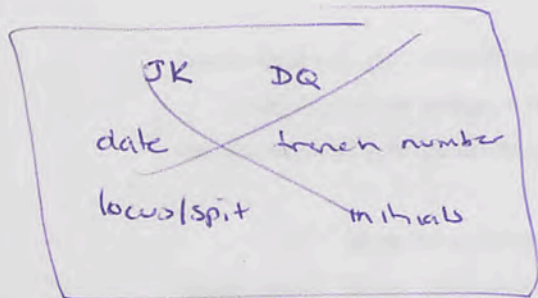
feature = oven / pit / burnt area

star on context to mark object *

trench 4x4 1:20 on scale

box iron - not bagged

labels



Baulk
 Trench 99/1-4 Initials HJ Date 26/5/01 Page...
 Locus 2 Spit 2 Locus 2 Spit 3 Feature/s.....

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

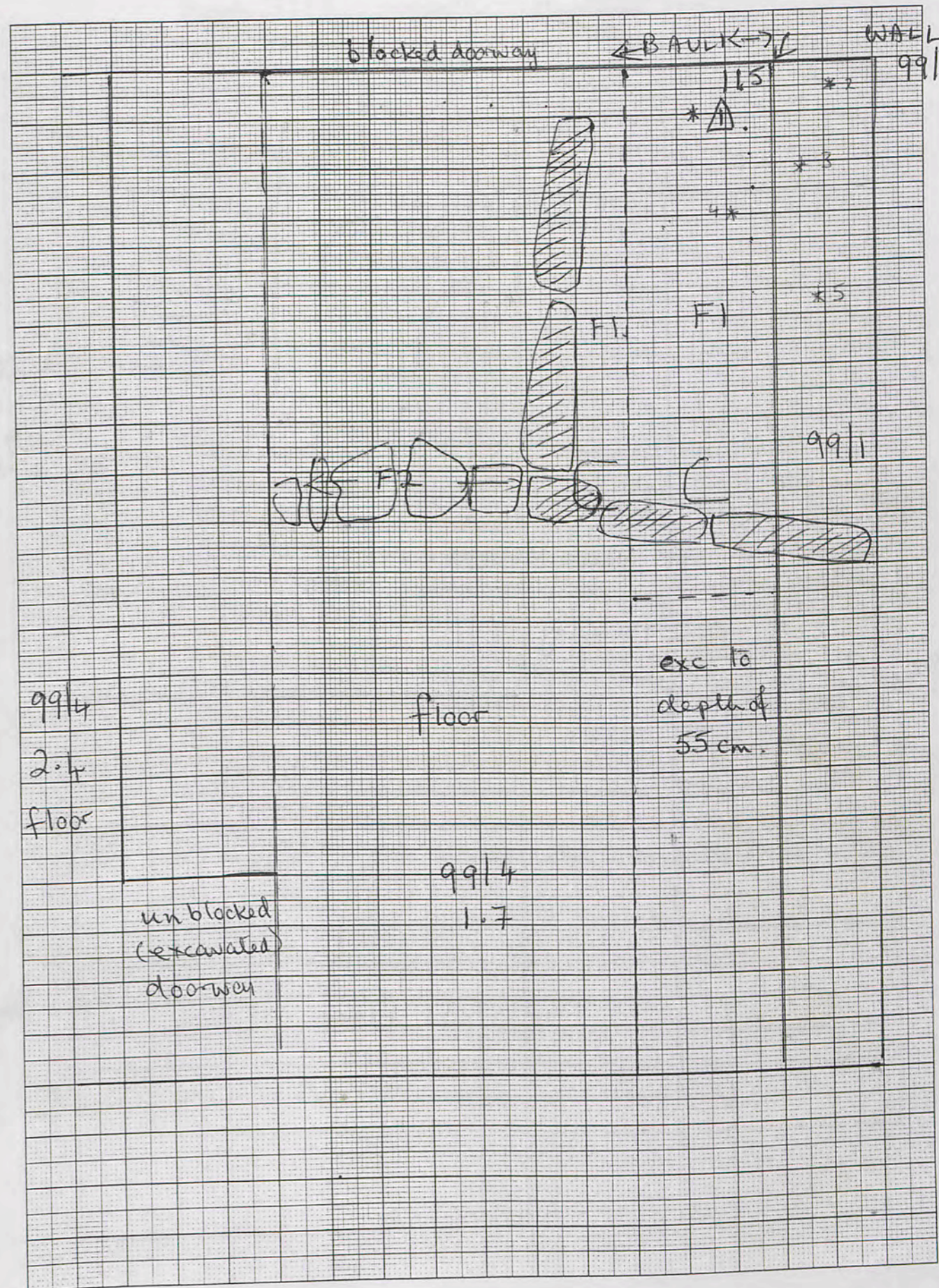
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Iron nail	2.2	
2	Fig frag.	2.2	
3	Lamp frag	2.2	
4	Small iron frag		
5	Bronze frag.	(2)	

Context Report

(2) (2) = North of baulk after removal of large tumble. loose soil
 loamweplit found in loose soil.
 1 Iron nail found in loose soil near N wall at depth of 110 cm.
 2 Figurine frag in same context & depth to west.
 3 Lamp frag (crayed) against wall to north.
 4 Small iron frag at depth of 120 cm.
 5 Small bronze? frag ditto.
 The plethora of small finds coincides with just above the slab installation F1.
 When level, we will change context to (3)
 2. (3) Now excavating top layer of soil within the feature. This is ashy and contains bone.
 I am wondering whether there was a floor over this? Seems unlikely.
 Three (3) more slabs are visible leading at a slight diagonal to the East wall in 99/1
 Jar material (as usual) in this context

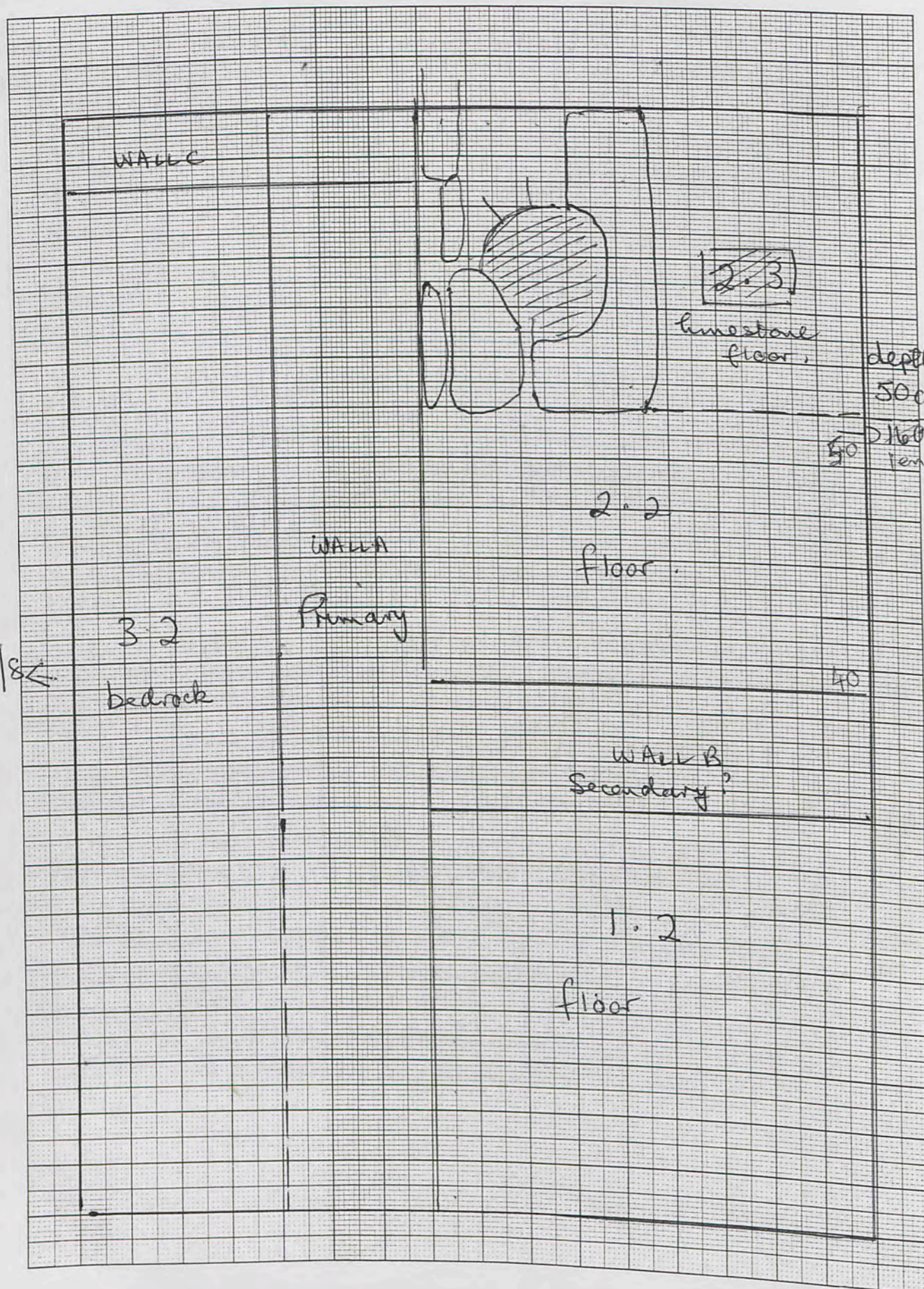


lamp



99/9. 2-3

1mm Squares



Trench 99/9 Initials HJ Date 2/5/01 Page....
 Locus 2 Spit 3 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

2.3 This context is a spit cut North of the cistern, to establish the floor location more clearly and to get to bedrock. I have extended it North slightly to pick up any higher/lower floor - the spit measures 160 cm N/S and 140 cm E/W

A very hard limestone floor reached at cm depth.

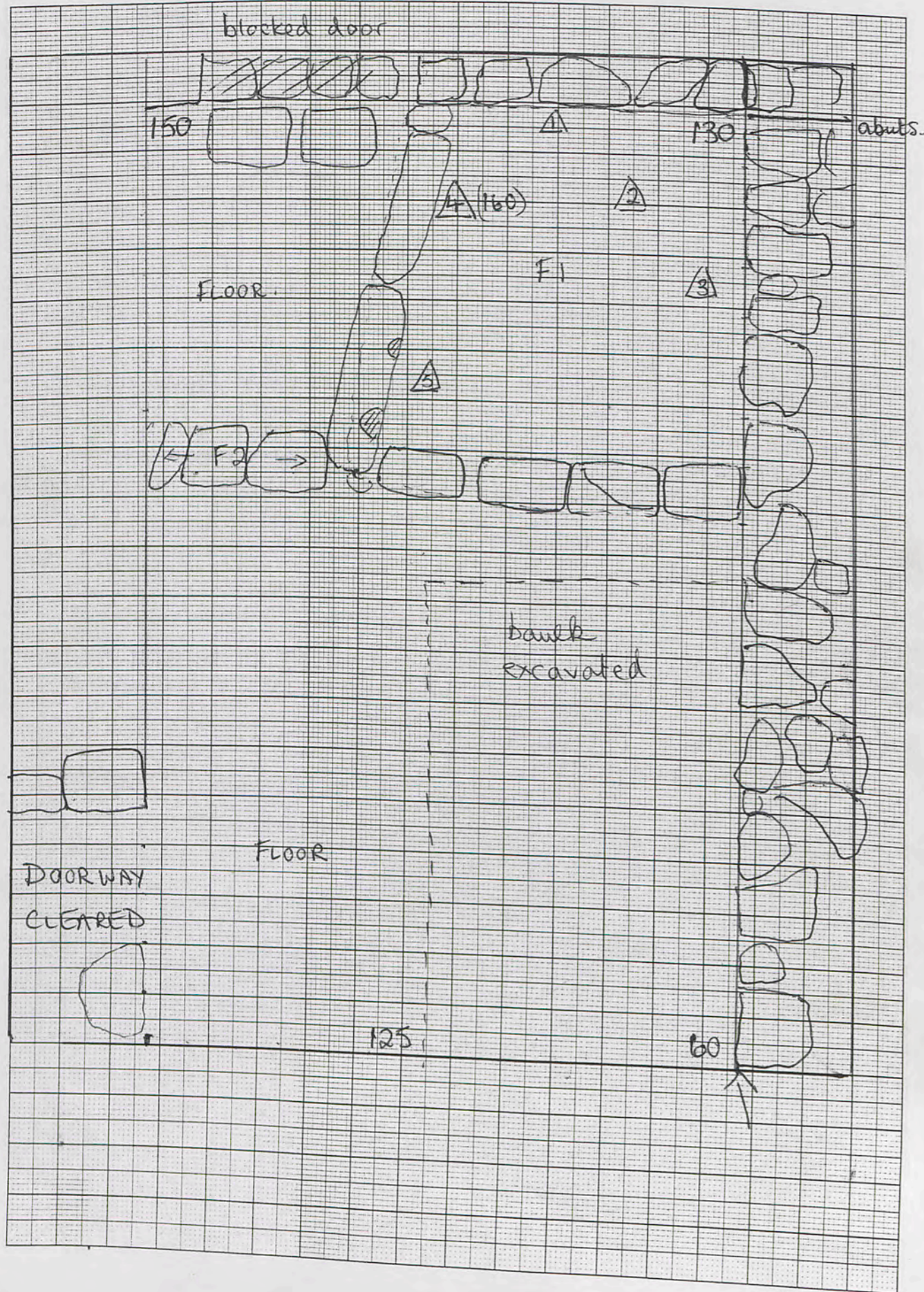
I have decided to leave this in place as it is obviously so near the bedrock seen at the cistern mouth that we can assume it is the primary floor. The cistern N stone is 10cm above this floor

[Workers transferred to new trench, which we will NOT finish this season]

Φ BW 14, 6-11 (27/5/01).

BAULK 99/1-4

1mm Squares



Baulk

Trench 99/1-4 Initials HJ Date 21/5/01 Page...
 Locus F1 Spit 3 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	F1.3	
Bone	1	F1.3	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Iron frag.	F1.3	
2	Green plaster	F1.3	
3	Lamp frag.	F1.3	
4	Bronze pin fr.	"	
5	Bronze fr.	"	

Context Report

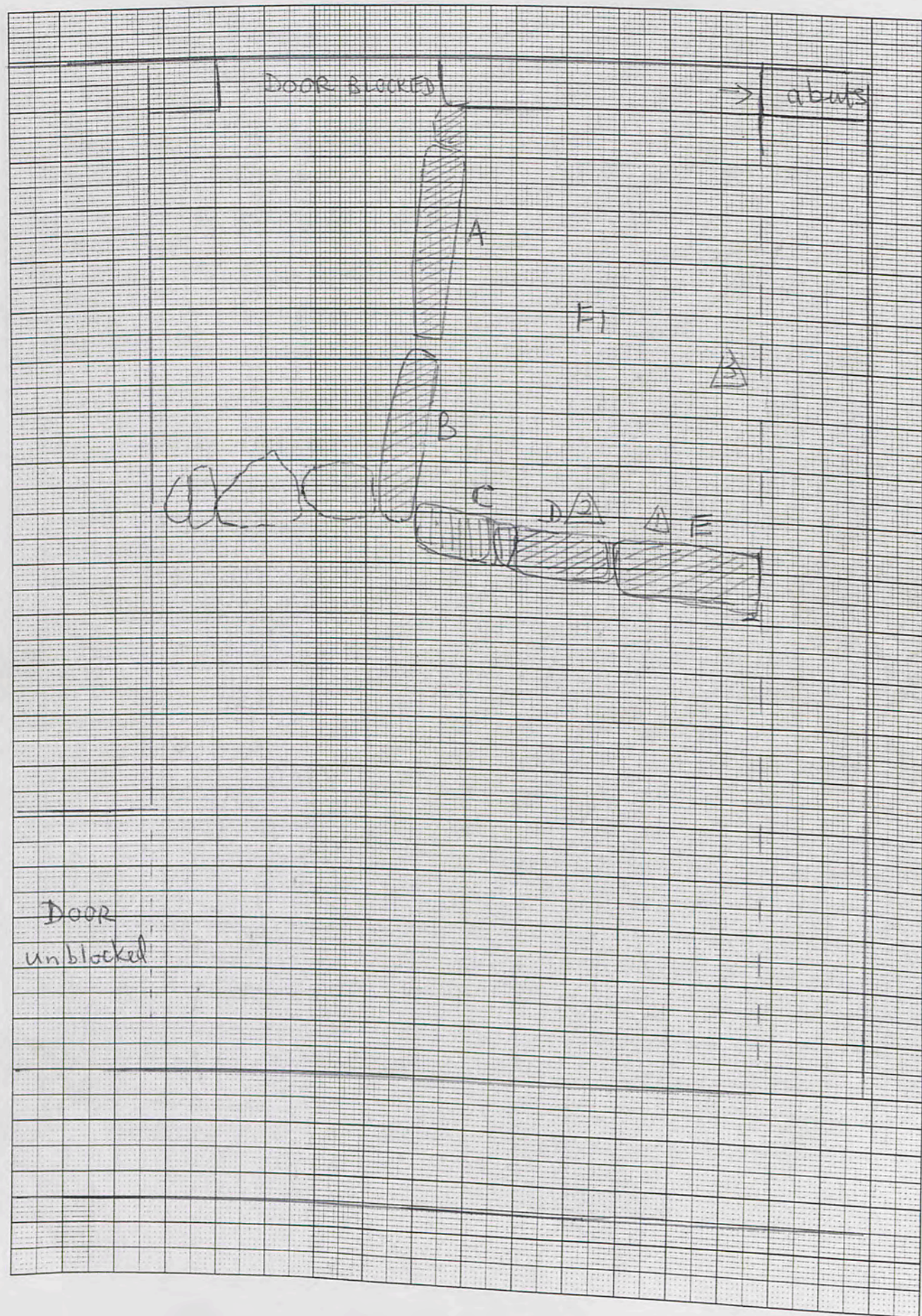
Today we commence excavating the interior of F1, having removed the ashly deposit on top. Going slowly.

- 1) Iron fragment at depth of 120cm.
- 2) Fragment of wall plaster (a strong blue-green) *
- 3) Lamp fragment (knob handle) at depth of 130cm near wall.
- 4) Bronze pin fragment in soil near slab west at depth of 160cm from surface of wall N. As we excavate deeper, we find the interior face of Slab B has three large hollows - this is obviously a re-used door stone.
- 5) Small curly bronze pin found in soil

Slab C has some rough carving on the interior face!
 For some time now large lumps of clay have been coming up. I wondered about mud bricks having tumbled but since they are only inside this locus, it's more likely that they are being used to fill the gaps between the Slab C slabs. Are they waterproof?



Lamp Type 9.



Trench 99/4 Initials HJ Date 28/5/01 Page
 Locus F1 Spit 4 Locus Spit Feature/s

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1/1	F14	(4)
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Glass frag	F14	
2	"		
3	Bead frag	F14	
4	Bronze frag	F14	
5	Glass "	"	
6	Bronze pin	"	

Context	Report	interior
F14	This is the lowest layer - spit level with base base of slabs. No floor was recorded here (while I was surveying, it was removed?) but we have reached bedrock, which is 10cm below the base of the slabs (not yet checked all around. The slabs are stuck together with clay, which accounts perhaps for the lumps of clay found in the soil. In places the slabs rest on clay & small stones, evening them out. Slab E is the least tall and has packed clay and small stones on top to make it the same height as the rest. It is now clear that there are 5 slabs, probably all re-used.	
baulk (4)	Now clearing the exterior of the slabs to the South, where there are some signs of burning.	

All objects from bedrock of F14

29/5/01 : Cleaning down all 99/4 and baulk 99/1-4 for final photo.

150/1

Trench 150/1 Initials JS Date 30/5/01 Page 1
 Locus 1 Spit 2 E Bank Locus 2 Spit 1 Feature/s

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
①	coin depth 60cm	1+2	638
②	Plaster - red	2+1	659 + 661
③	Bronze 50cm	2+1	639
	lamp frags 55cm	2+1	642

Context	Report
1+2	deaving under the floor above the wall done to the Jebel.
	See HJ's book
	Where is 2+1? to east? No, further south, west of wall.

See JS for 1st day.

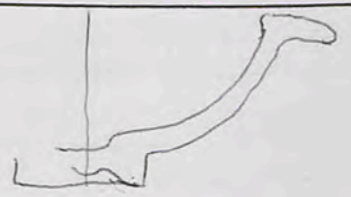
Trench 150/1 Initials HJ Date 29/5/01 Page ...
 Locus 1 Spit 2 E Bank Locus 2 Spit 1 Feature/s

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
①	Lamp frag	(2)	648
②	Iron nail	"	679
③	Bronze frag	"	648
④	Lamp nozzle	"	
⑤	2 fr. quartz - worked	"	

~~RMB fr. (3) 650 01/73~~
 Red plaster

Context	Report
(2)	The second day of excavation has reached the level of the top of the wall bordering the RCB. No floor is apparent here. There is much pottery.
①	A lamp fragment (rosette base, Type 10-11) found in soil W of wall, level with top of wall.
②	Iron fragment. Charcoal fragments and much bone appearing. Full fish-plate profile.
③	Bronze frag.
④	Lamp nozzle frag - mould-made, burnt
⑤	Two fragments of quartz-like stone
	Still a great deal of pottery = 2 bags? Nearing bedrock without finding an intermediate floor. So the original floor was bedrock and the wall was cut down to extend the "kitchen" eastwards.



See several pages on for (3)

Trench 74/3 Initials HJ Date 29/5/01 Page...
 Locus 1 Spit 2 Locus... Spit... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
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1	2 fir metal		

29/5/01

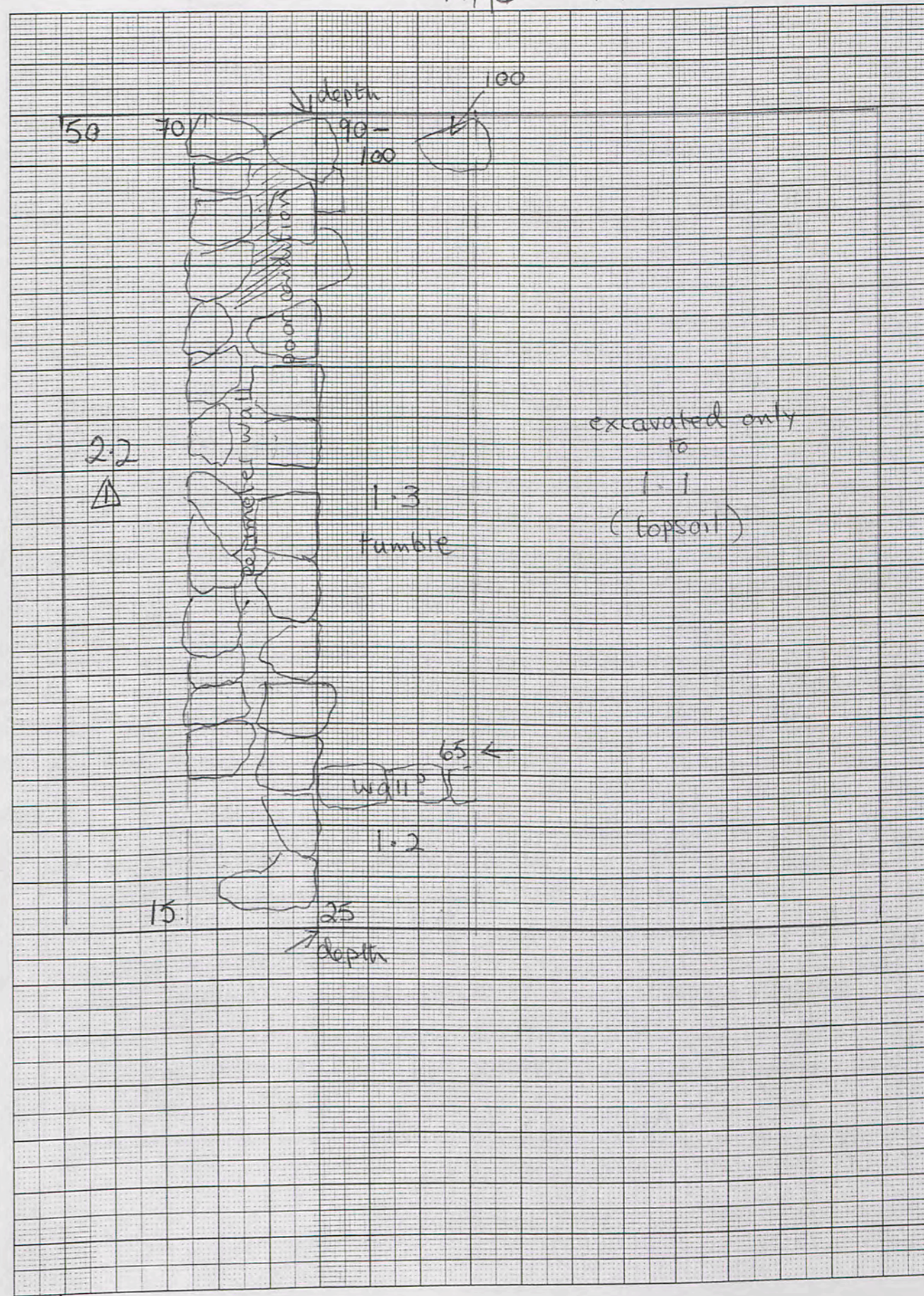
Context Report

Context	Report
1.2	Trying to even up the spit N/S, which is difficult with so much tumble. This gives more room to find the western wall face, which is not yet clear. The workers are inclined to dig holes in order to find the wall. The spit has been levelled as far as possible, stopping short of a possible E/W wall, difficult to establish in a narrow space. There is still huge tumble in the soil - nowhere near a floor.
30/5/01	Cleaning down East face of wall. Then we will move to clear the west face to confirm the width of the perimeter wall. If we have time we will return to the East side to find a floor. East face clear, with a length of damaged wall to North, near The Corner

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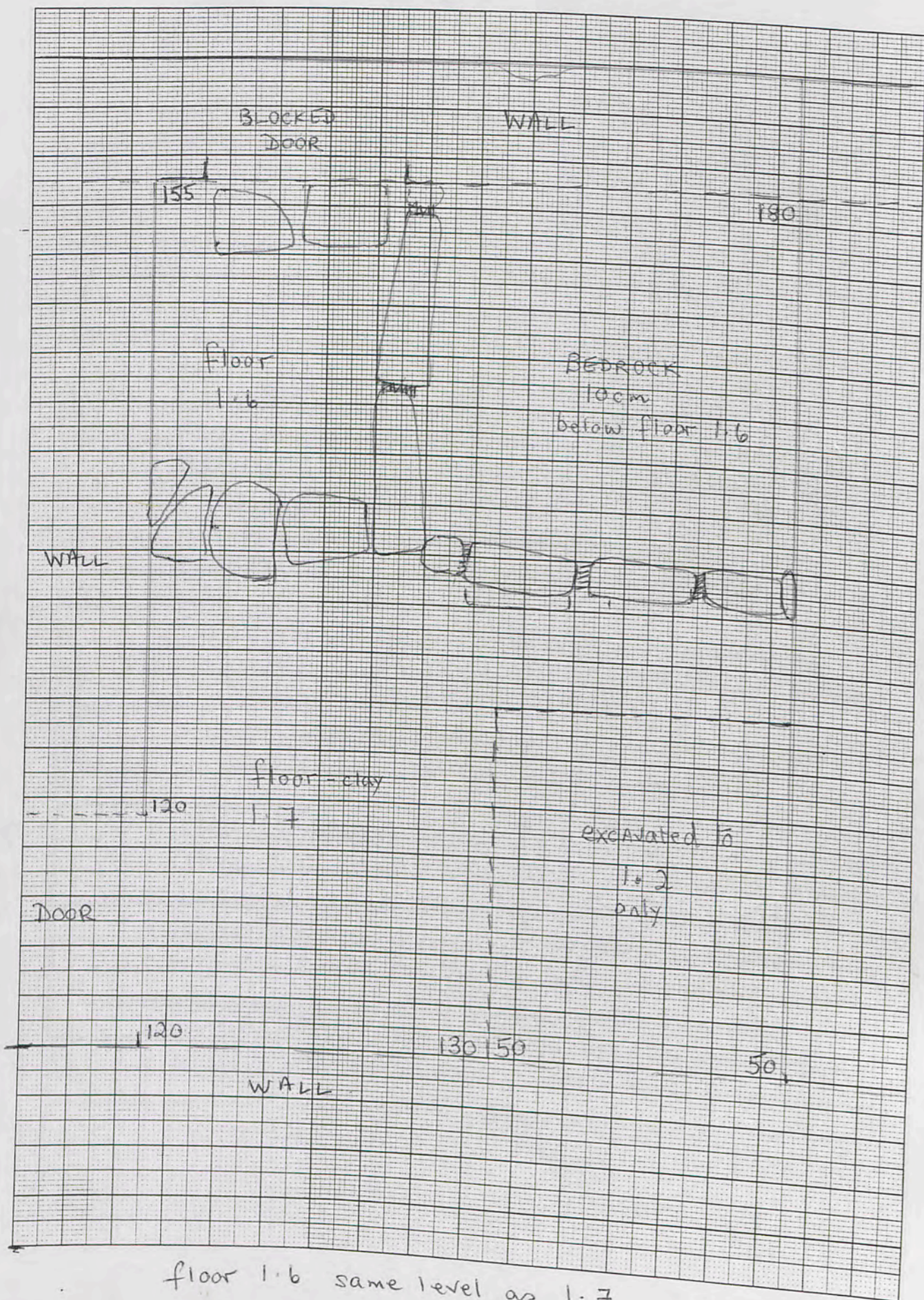
1mm Squares

74/3 30/5/01 - 31/5/01



325 x 260 +
180
440

This plan is 99/4-1 Baulek removed 1mm Squares



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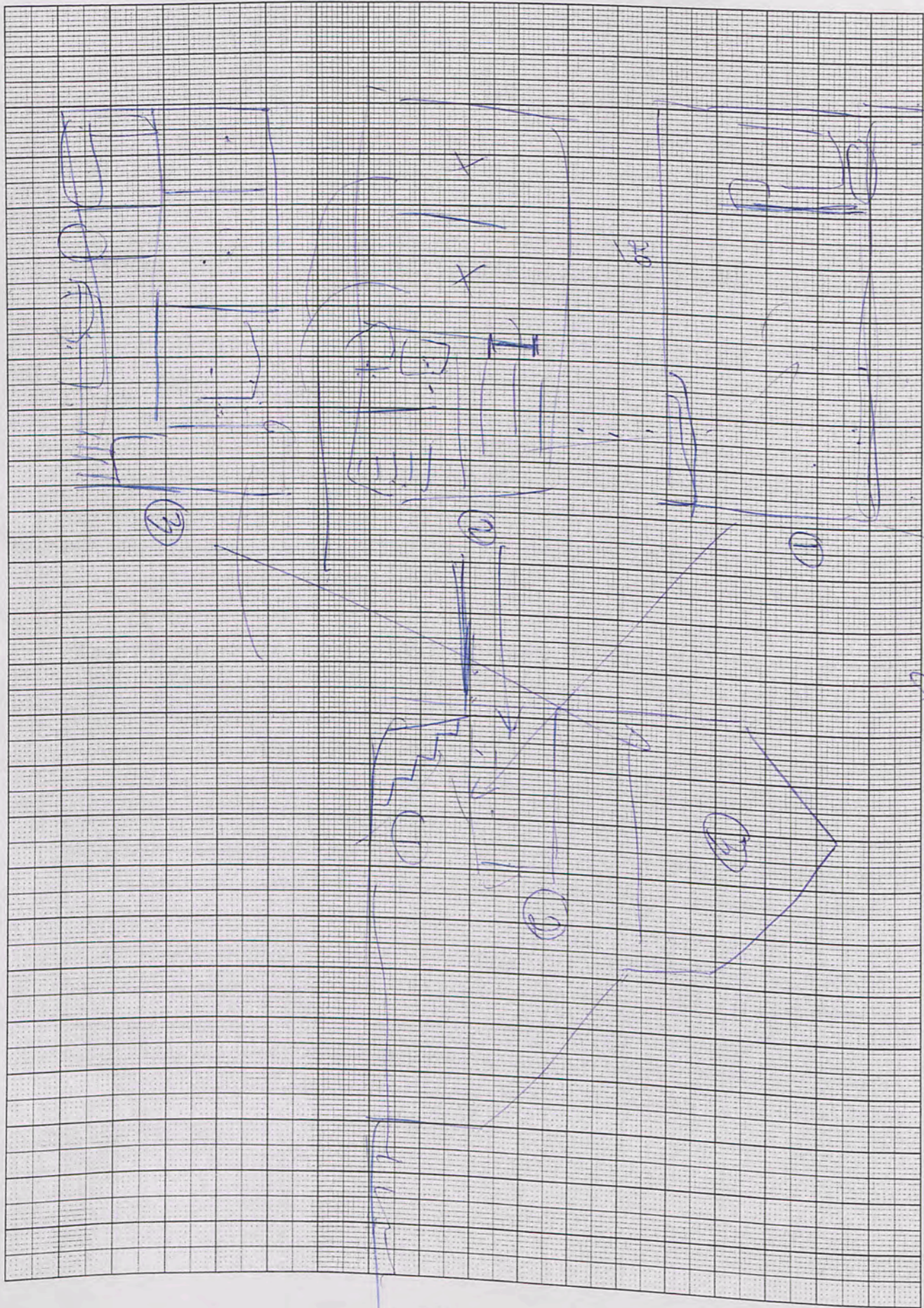
Trench 74/3 Initials HJ Date 30/5/01 Page - 31/5/00
Locus 2 Spit 2 Locus Spit Feature/s

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	2 fr. metal	01.643	

Context	Report
2.2	This locus is west of the perimeter wall, with topsoil removed. Already the west face of the wall is clear and in good condition.
①	Two tiny fragments of metal (a pin?) found - possibly part of an earring. There is no door in this section of wall, nor in 74/2, so the only door in this northern section is in 98/3, with a minor (?) doorway further south in 98/2.
	31/5/00. See previous page for plan.
2.2	Last day of work. Cleaning down 2.2. We may find the floor but this is a short day. The west face of the perimeter wall is now clear. Depths: (see plan) Final depths of floor in 2.2: 100 at North, 25 at South. The gradient here is steep.

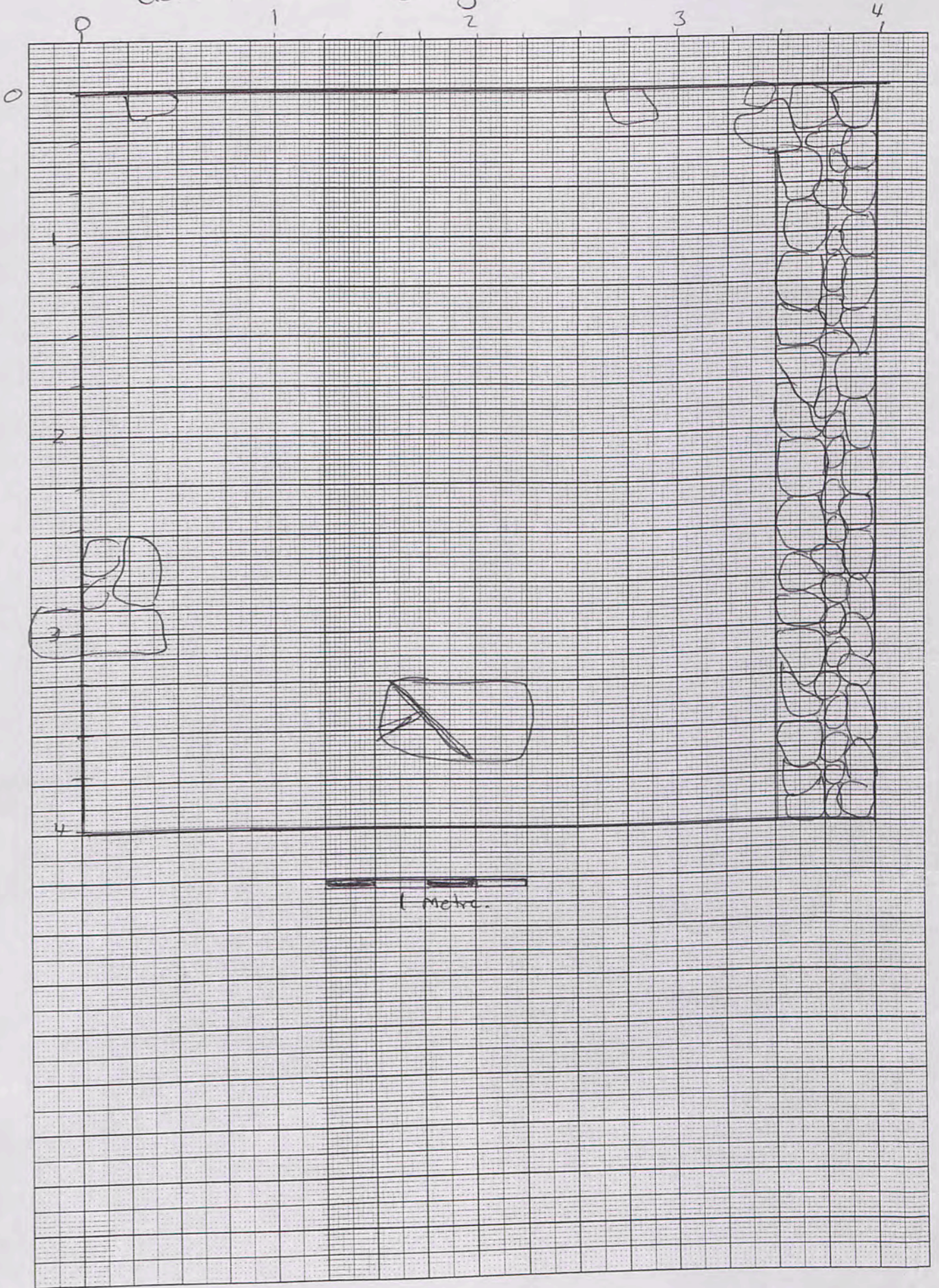
1mm Squares



Trench 125/6 22/5/2000

cleared to floor - courtyard.
↑ N

1mm Squares



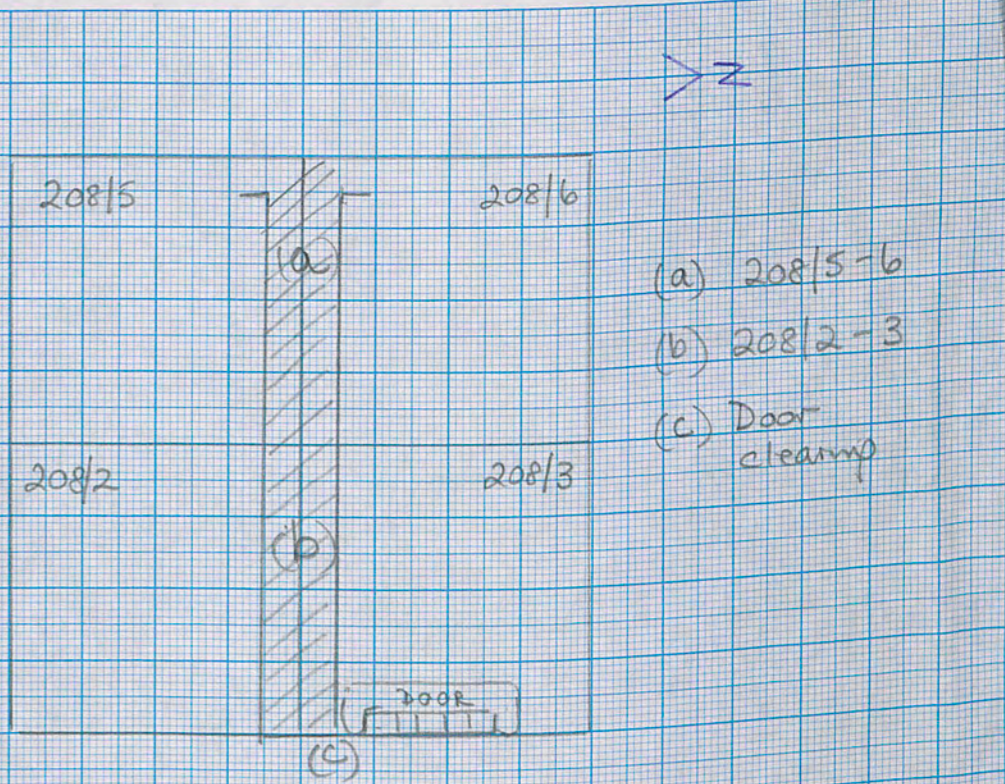
125/6

	284	294	304	315	325	335	415	515	615	715	815	915	1015	1115	1215
1501	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amara	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aziza	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Farida	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jumala	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Halala	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Jumala replaced by either Ibrahim or Helina

Aziza replaced by Azaleh

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- (a) 208/5-6
- (b) 208/2-3
- (c) Door cleanup

