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Field Record Book

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Name.....	JANA BOULET
Trenches.....	99/1 , 100/7 , 99/2 , BLK 99/2 NORTH
	BLK 125/5-125/2 BLK 100/4-125/6 BLK 125/6-125/3
Dates.....	24/4/01 -

BLK 124/8-124/9
south

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.

Trench.....*99/1*.....Initials.....*J.B.*.....Date.....*24/6/01* Page....
Locus.....*1*.....Spit.....*1* Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

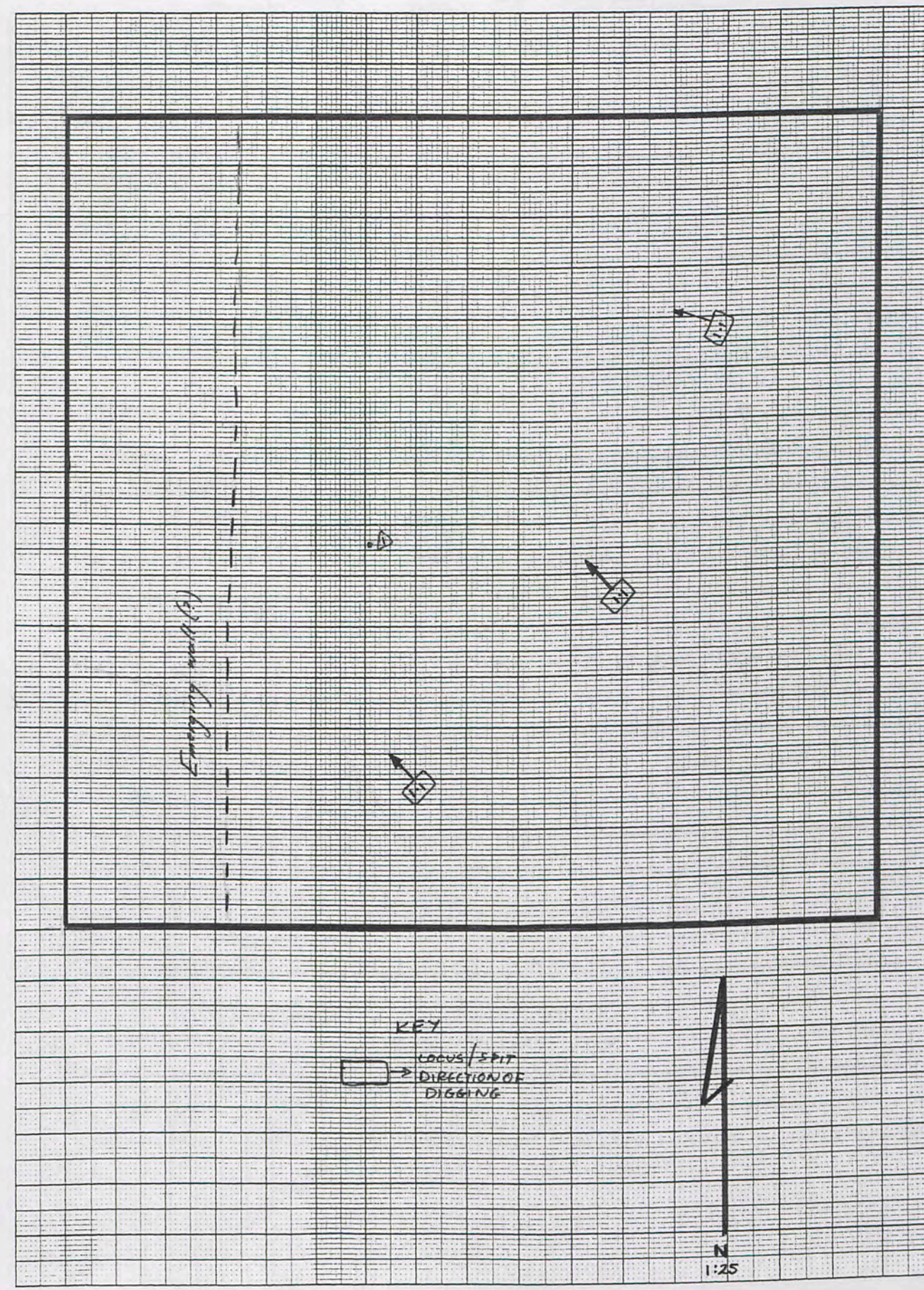
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Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	<i>BW1</i> <i>16-18</i>		
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
<i>Δ</i>	<i>Earring (?)</i>	<i>1.1</i>	

Context

Report

<i>1.1</i>	<i>Clearing surface tumble → some is still spoil heap from previous years. Possible wall emerging in south-west corner → Photo taken</i>
<i>2.1</i>	<i>Continuing downwards in a north-easterly direction</i>

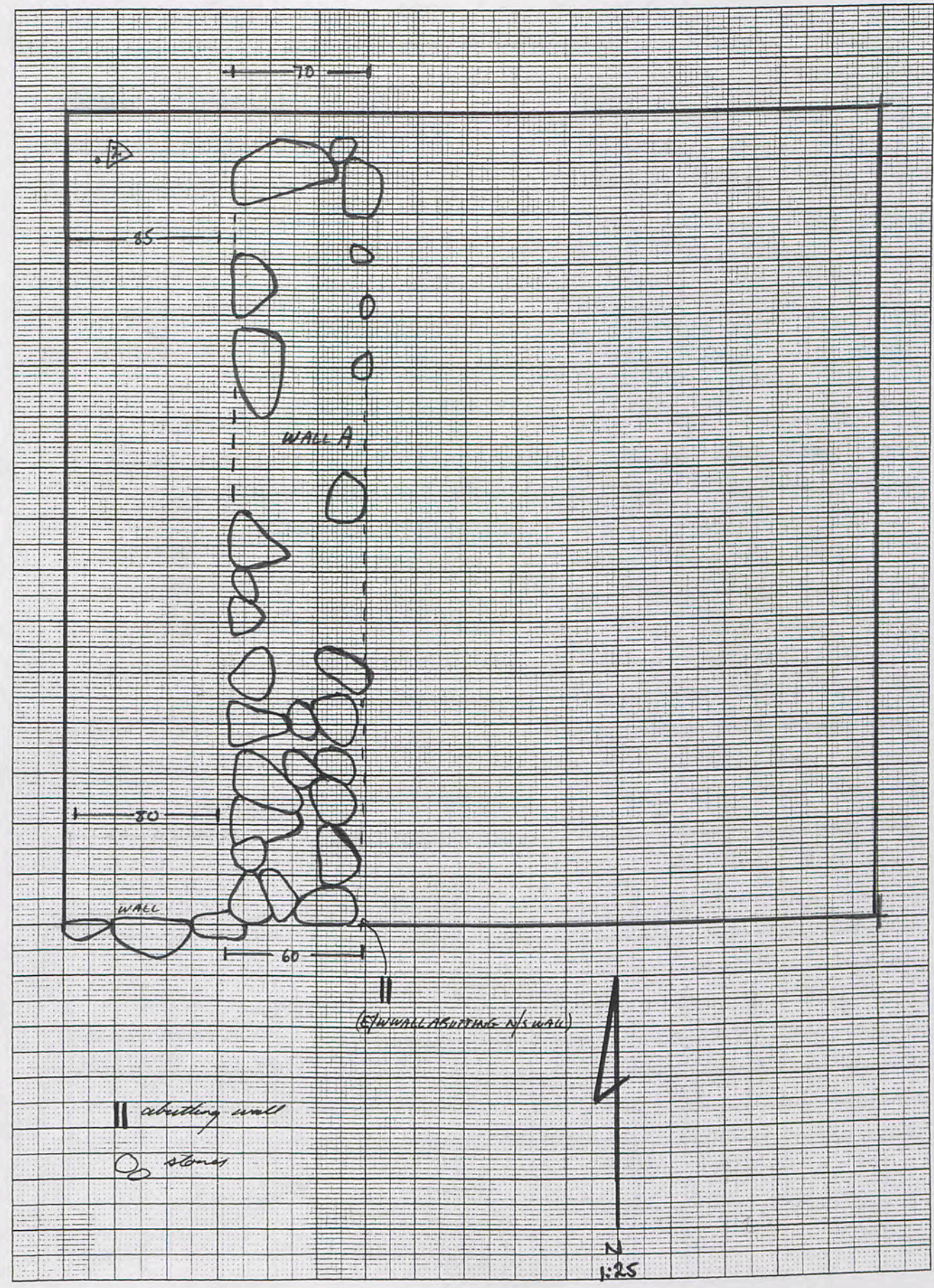


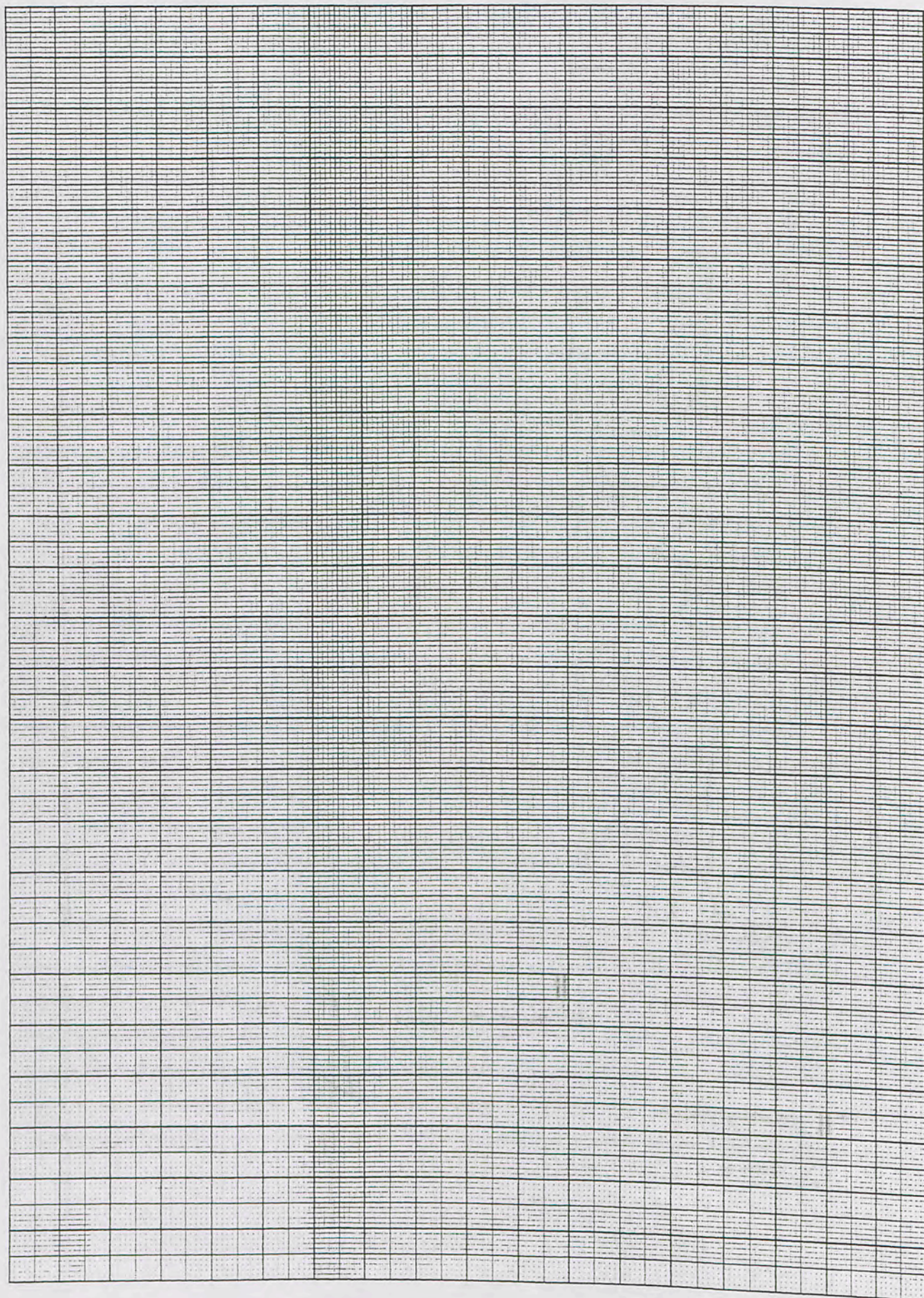
Trench..... 22/1..... Initials... J.B..... Date 26/4/0 Page....
Locus... 2... Spit... 1... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
2	Pieces of grinding basin along		

Context	Report
2-1	Still going down Workers think they have a door somewhere in the south, but I think that may be wishful thinking. Apart from the n/s wall (wall A) I think this trench will be relatively empty. Grinding basin As the were clearing west of the n/s wall another wall showed up in the far south bank running east/west. Will investigate further especially to see if it goes further east past the n/s wall.



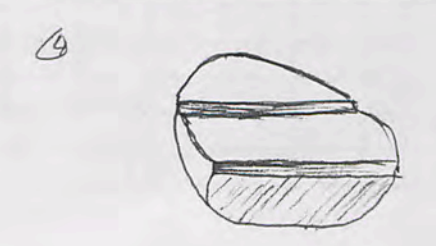


Trench.....99/1.....Initials J.B.....Date 28/4/01 Page....
Locus.....3.....Spit.....1..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	3.1	
Bone	1	3.1	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
③	lamp frag	3.1	
④	worked stone	3.1	
⑤	Nail	3.1	
⑥	lamp frag	3.1	

Context	Report
3.1	Have now cleared ~ 50cm of rubble and will continue to go down. ③ lamp frag → s/w corner ④ worked stone → s/w corner ⑤ nail - west ⑥ lamp frag → north middle Workers are getting very frustrated at the lack of interesting things happening here!



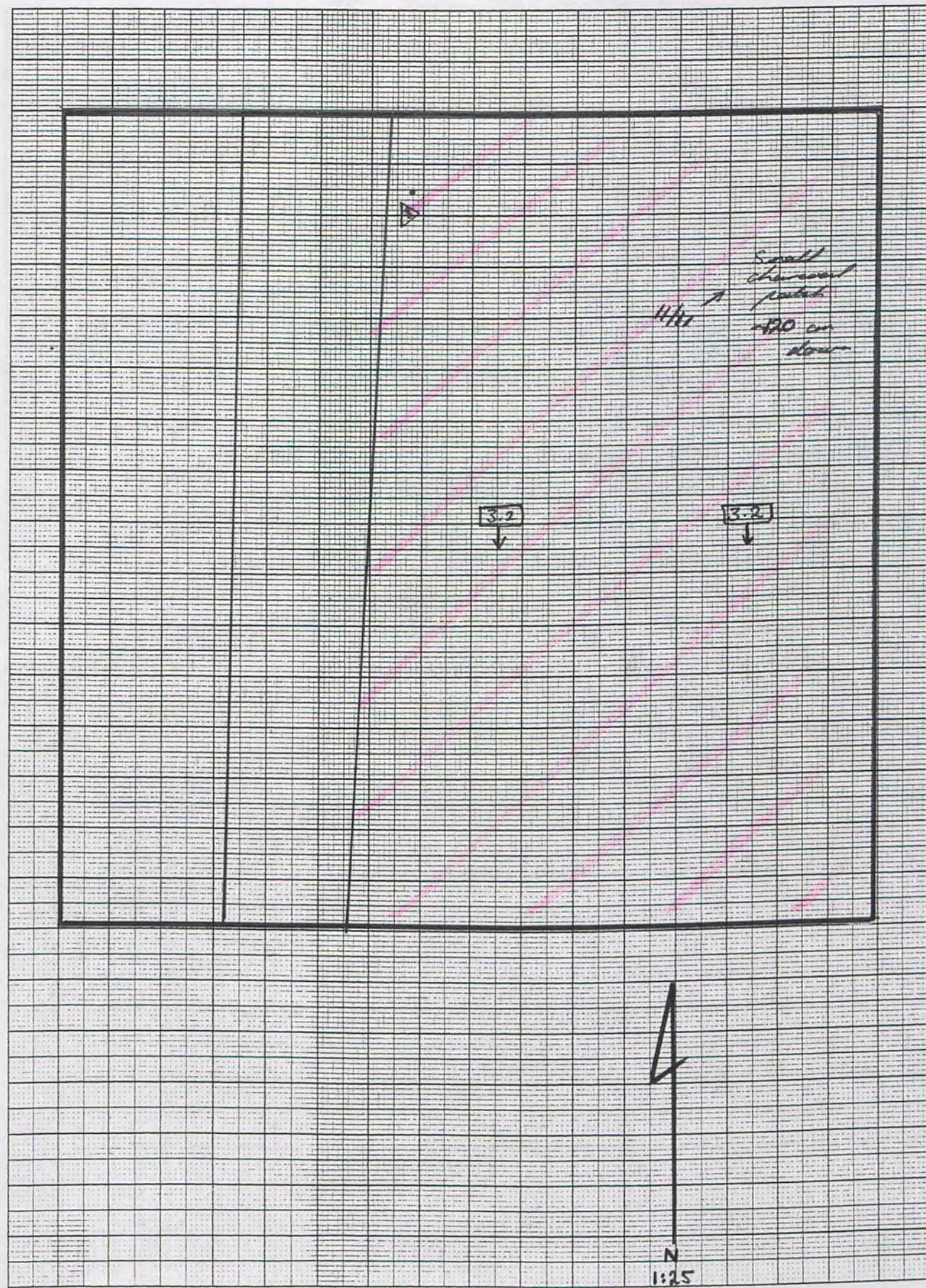
Trench.....99/1.....Initials...J.B.....Date...29/4/01.....Page....
 Locus.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
A	Brnze twig	3.2	
B	Coin Seal	3.2	

Context Report

Context	Report
3.2	Continuing to clear → soil hasn't changed → still light brown, soft and crumbly
	A Brnze twig
	B Coin - 120cm down from top of wall A, north west corner.
	About the same depth, the soil is starting to become redder and more crumbly
	The tumbly is very deep, much to the workers' disgust!



Trench..... 29/1..... Initials... J.B..... Date... 1/5/61 Page...
Locus... 4..... Spit... 1..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

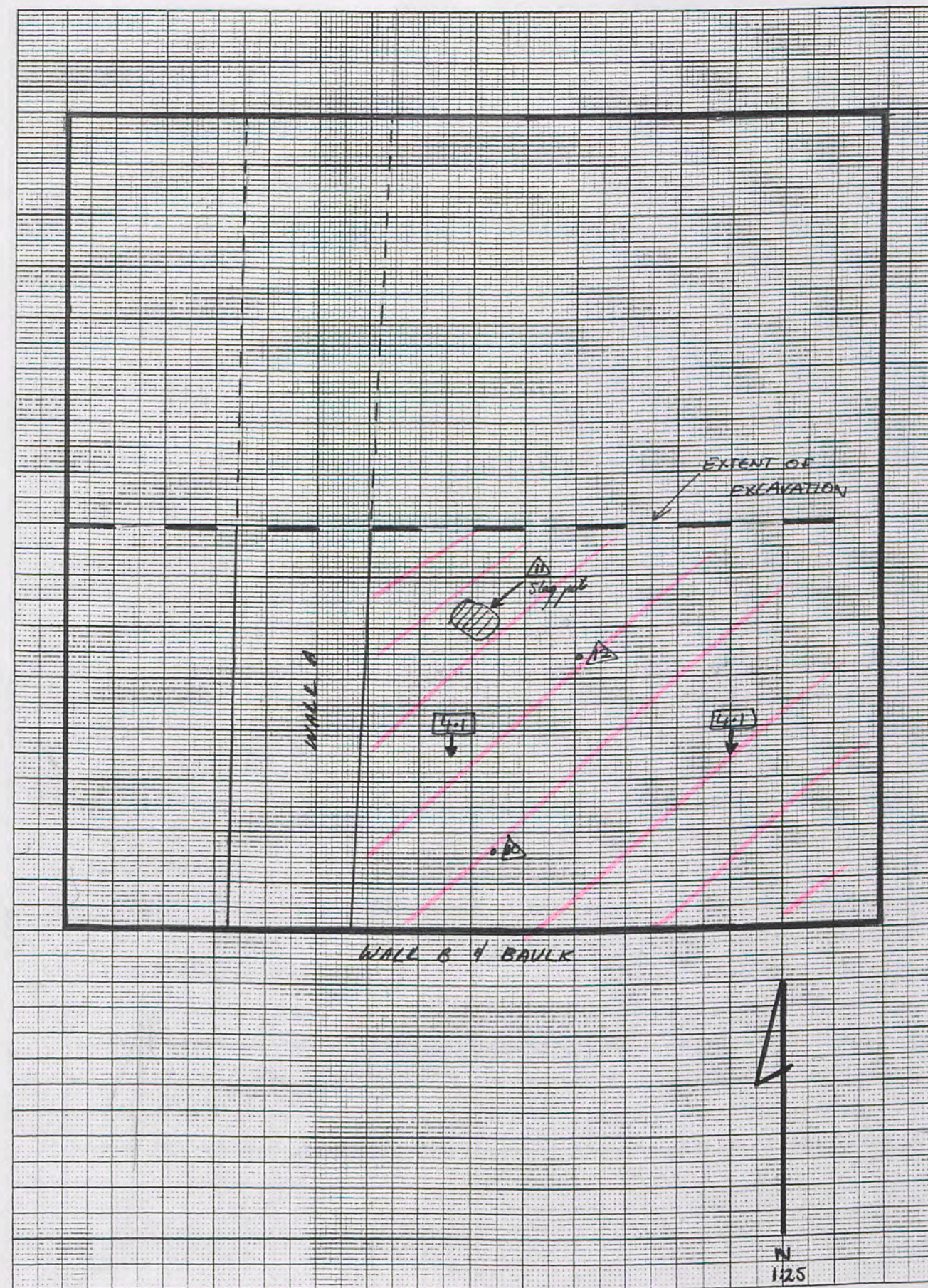
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	4.1	
Bone	1	4.1	
Charcoal	1	4.1	
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

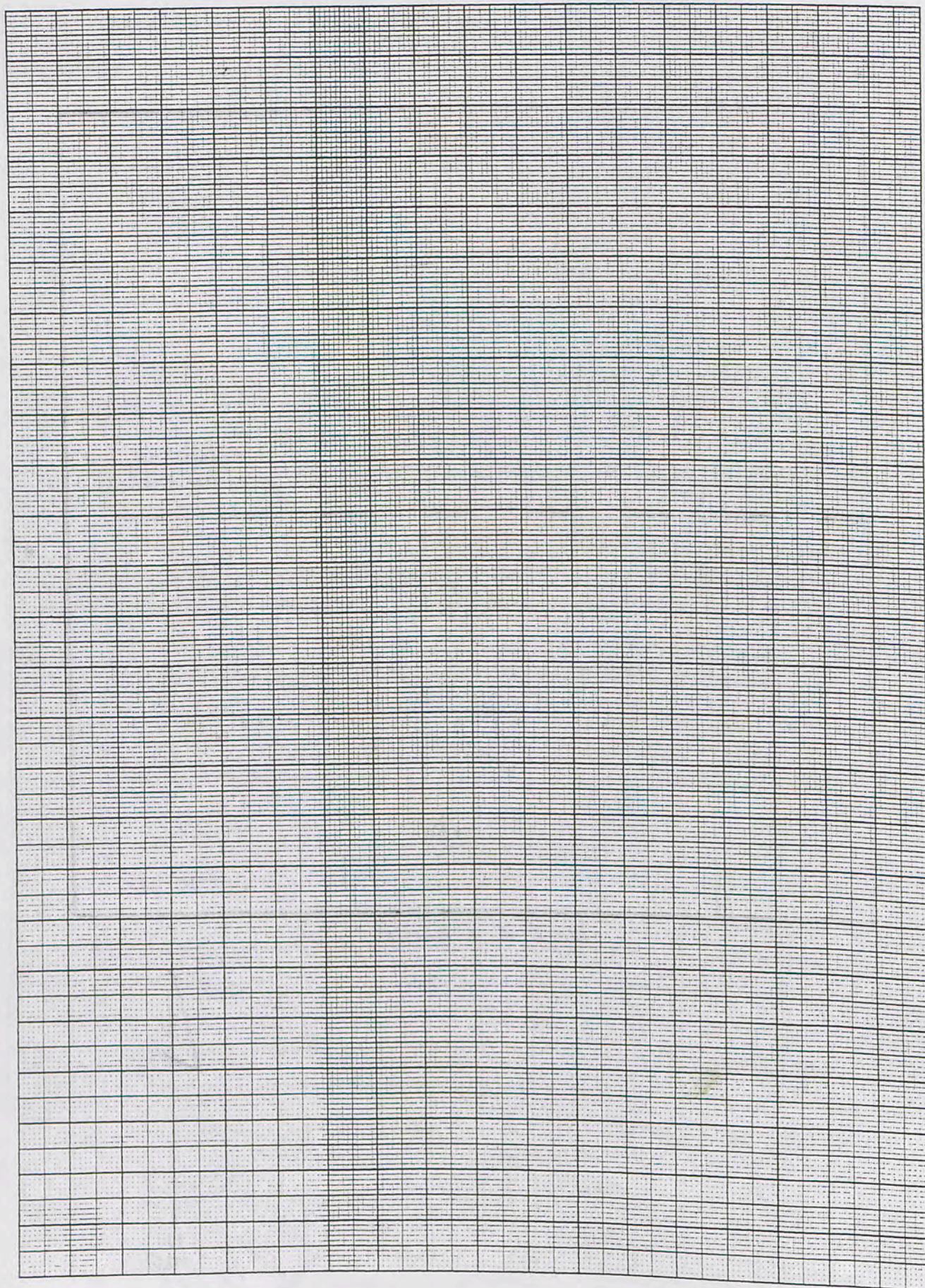
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
10	lamp frag	4.1	
11	slag	4.1	
12	shell	4.1	

Type 12

Context Report

Context	Report
4.1	Going down in a southerly direction across only half the trench now (the southern half)
	10 lamp frag ~100cm down
	11 lots of slag ~120cm down. Possibly a smelting area? Some charcoal bits as well.
	12 Shell ~120cm





Trench.....99/1.....Initials.....J.B.....Date.....2/5/21 Page....
 Locus.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	110	4.1	5.1 & 2
Bone	1	5.1	
Charcoal	1	4.1	
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
113	Slag from amph. base	5.1	

Context Report

4.1	Continuing down the half trench
5.1	Have divided the trench in half again Large amph emerging. Too broken to photograph in situ, except for the base, which has metal slag in it. Will photo base tomorrow. The amph was sitting on a floor which has finally emerged! 113 Slag from amph. base -> most still inside. Lucky we have changed locus because the soil above the reddish floor is ~20cm and full of pottery. Workers have made an executive decision to clear the whole half trench now that the floor is found. So 5.1 is half, not 1/4. The amph. and associated floor are ~150cm from the surface.

Trench 99/1 Initials JB Date 3/5/01 Page...
 Locus 5 Spit 1 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.	Iron slag		

lifted 6/5/01
 → 29 in total

Context

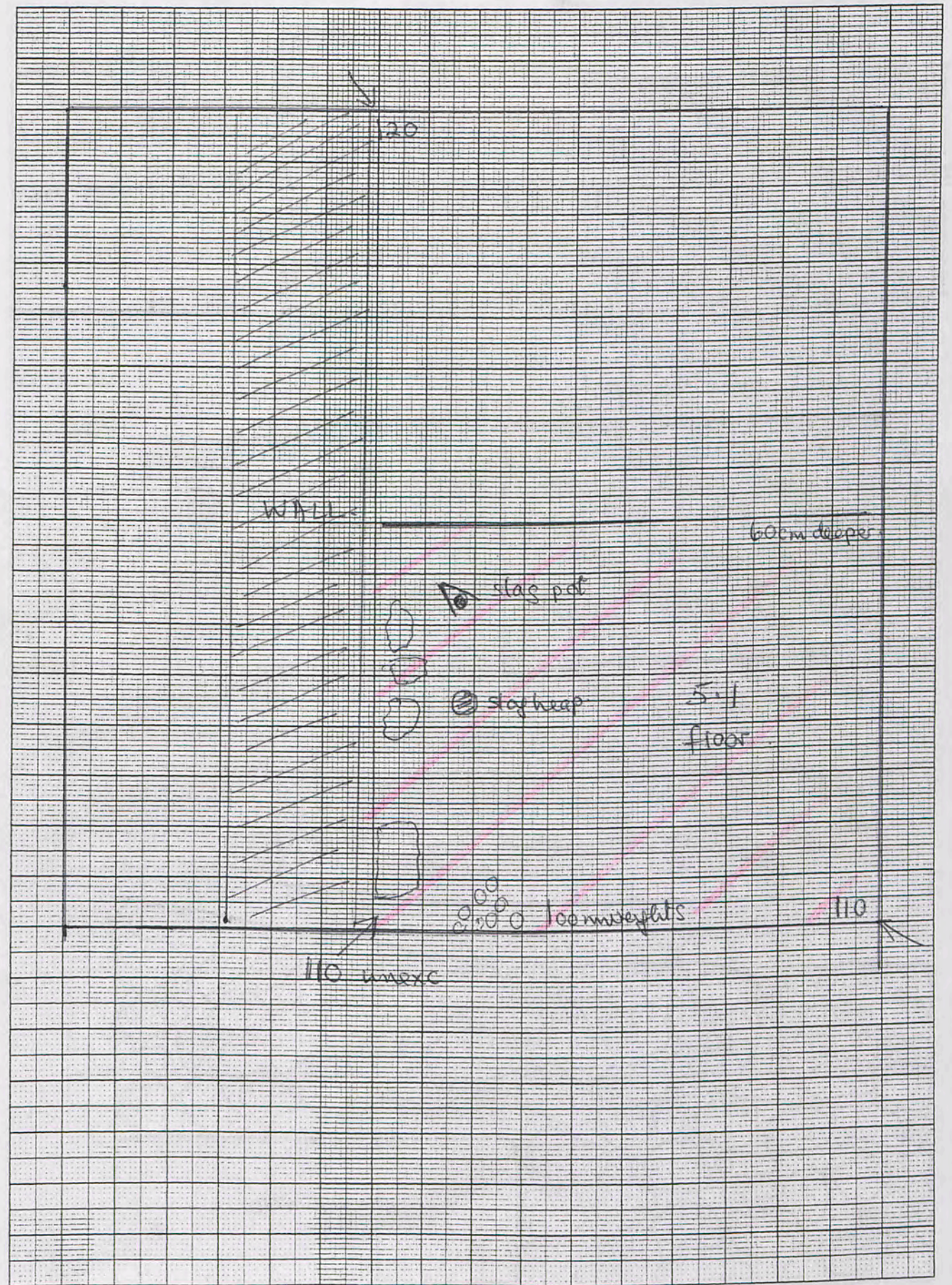
Report

5.1	Almost immediately appears a pile of loomweights in SW corner. We will clean these and the rest of the floor, then photograph to include, loomweights, jar toe found yesterday with slag inside, and a new "clump" of slag found on the floor. This is a difficult task as the removal of large stones up against the N/S wall threatens the loomweights!
* 1	Further iron slag is found on the floor - boxed as object.
	Photographed with objects in situ: bw - check records
	All except loomweights to be removed. Loomweights back-filled for removal on Saturday.

5/5/01: New trench begun. Decision delayed on cleaning up the northern half (3.2?) until Jana returns.
 Too muddy to remove loomweights

Possible higher floor in northern bank. Will not clear this time. Maybe if there are a few days left, we can do it then.

99/1



Trench 100/7 Initials J.B. Date 6/5/01 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
①	Pin (?) curly metal	1-2	
②	Earring	1-2	

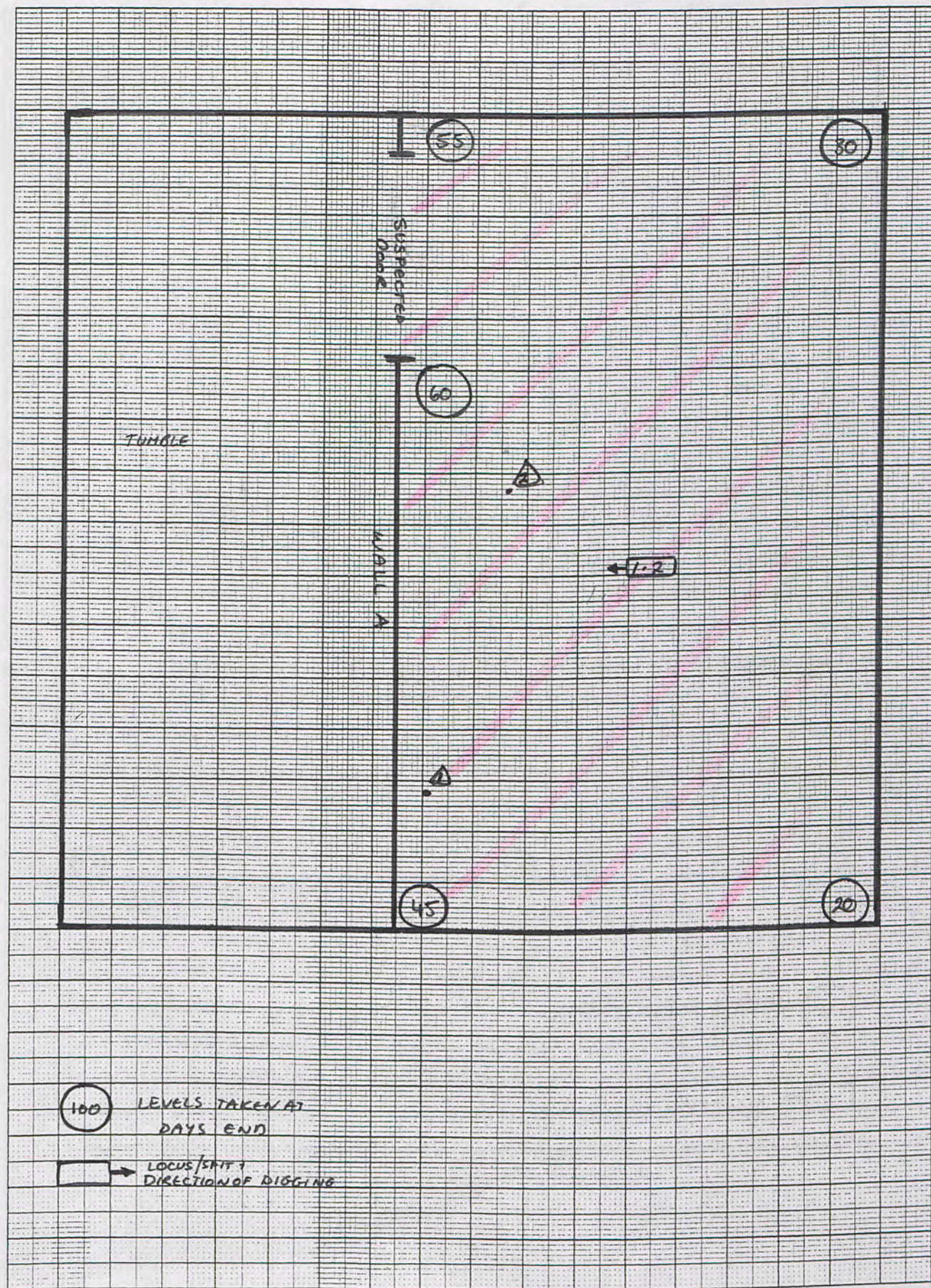
Context

Report

1-2 Removing rubble in an westerly direction. The N/s wall of 100/8 seems to continue along the same lines here. The workers think there may be a door somewhere in the wall and one particularly well-dressed stone seems to confirm this (15x50x30).

It is interesting how different in colour the soil is in 100/7 as opposed to 100/8. The former is much darker and grey and the latter more reddish. The consistency is, however, quite similar.

① curly metal frag (broken during excavation)
② earring (?) ~40cm down



Trench.....100/7.....Initials..J.B.....Date..8/5/01 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

Context

Report

Context	Report
1-2	Still going through the usual fine light brown soil. Nothing much has changed, except the weather!

Trench.....100/7.....Initials..J.B.....Date..8/5/01 Page....

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

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
3	worked obsidian	1-2	
4	metal pin	1-2	
5	bronze plate with hole	1-2	

Context

Report

Context	Report
1-2	Continuing to clear fine light brown soil and defining what is now becoming obvious as an ash pit of some sort. Large amounts of bone came from here today and yesterday - enclosure. The soil is becoming ashy, both in the pit and in the courtyard around it. This is the same courtyard as 100/4, where similar stratigraphies emerged.
2-1	Now working west of wall A will probably go further down in the east, but for now, will clear the doorway etc.

See over page for plan

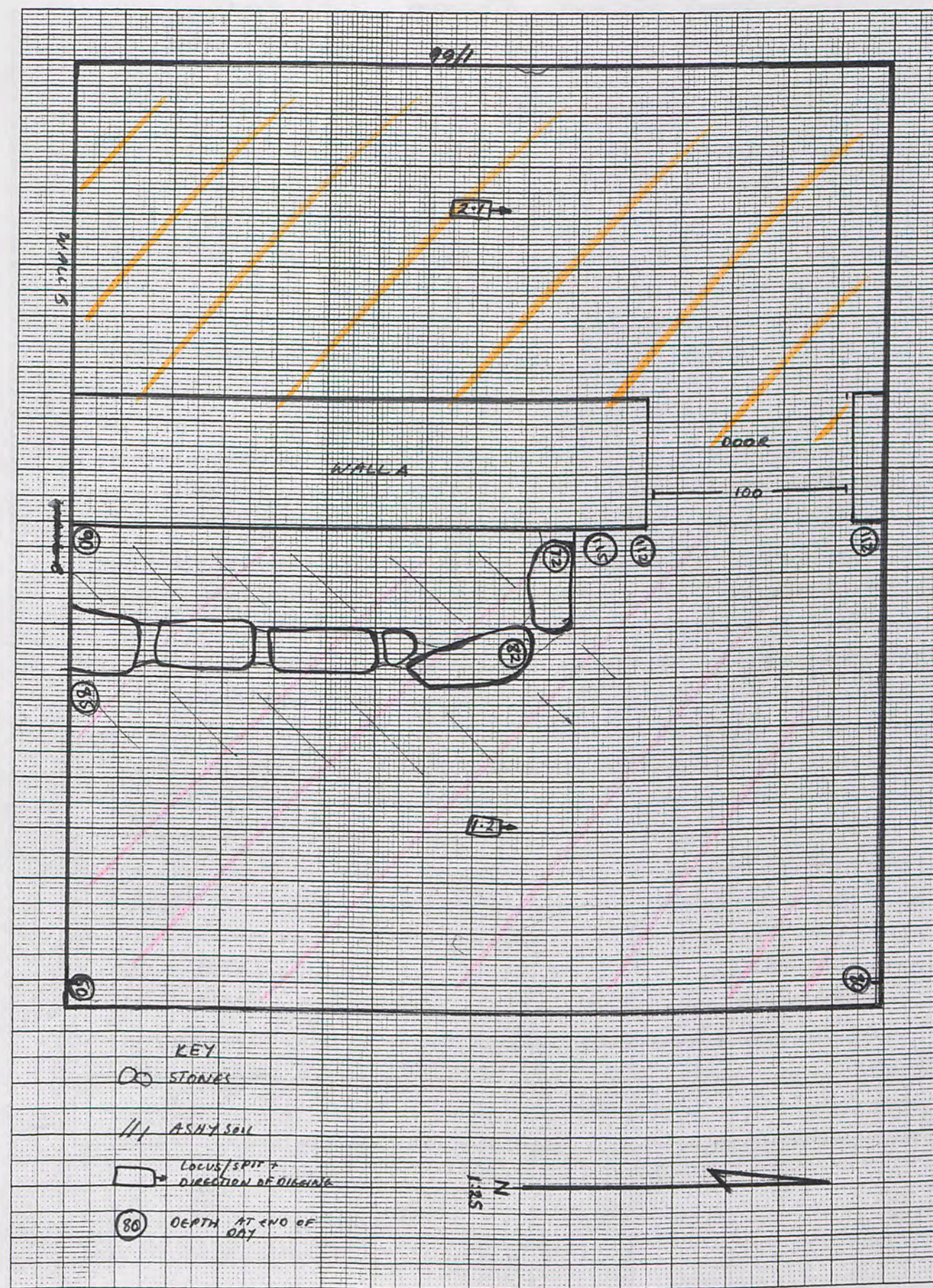
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Locus...2.....Spit...1..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	11	1x 2.1	1x 1.2
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	BW 7.24	1.2	
Photos col.	CS 3.20 HT 4.9	1.2	

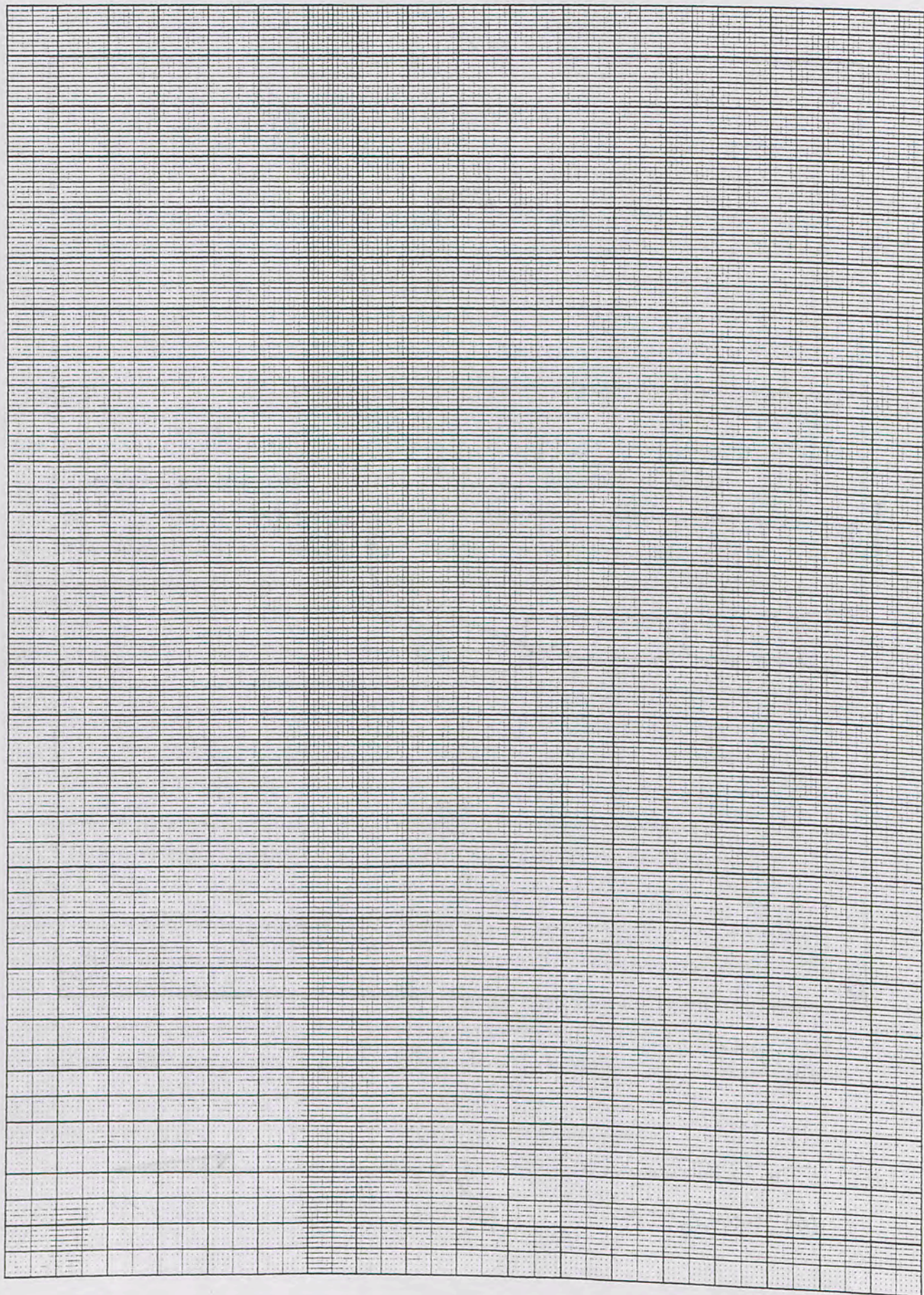
No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

Context	Report
2.1	Clearing rubble west of wall A. Workers have asked to go through the baulk to 99/1. This is ok because the baulk will otherwise be very thin and potentially dangerous. This way they can also clear the doorway properly. The whole area, including the baulk, will be labelled 100/7.
1.2	Swept for photo → more pottery emerged, bagged.
2.1	Soil is darkest brown with a slightly reddish tinge.



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Trench...100/7.....Initials...J.B.....Date...14/5/01...Page....
 Locus...2...Spit...1.....Locus.....Spit.....Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	2.1	
Bone	1	2.1	
Charcoal	1	2.1	
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
(6)	metal spatula	2.1	

Context Report

Context	Report
2.1	Continuing to clear trench. Will continue the same pattern as 99/1 in terms of only doing half the trench all the way down and the other half only half. This will be until we see what happens here and whether it is worth continuing further. The area around the door will be excavated further down then:
	
	Nicely dressed stones west of wall 1.
	1. 50 x 40 x 13 -> middle of wall
	2. 55 x 33 x 14 -> southern end, near wall 2
	(6) Metal spatula, near WALL 1 & WALL 2 junction - 50cm down.
	Large amphora pieces found in doorway which has been excavated to 140(N) & 120(E)

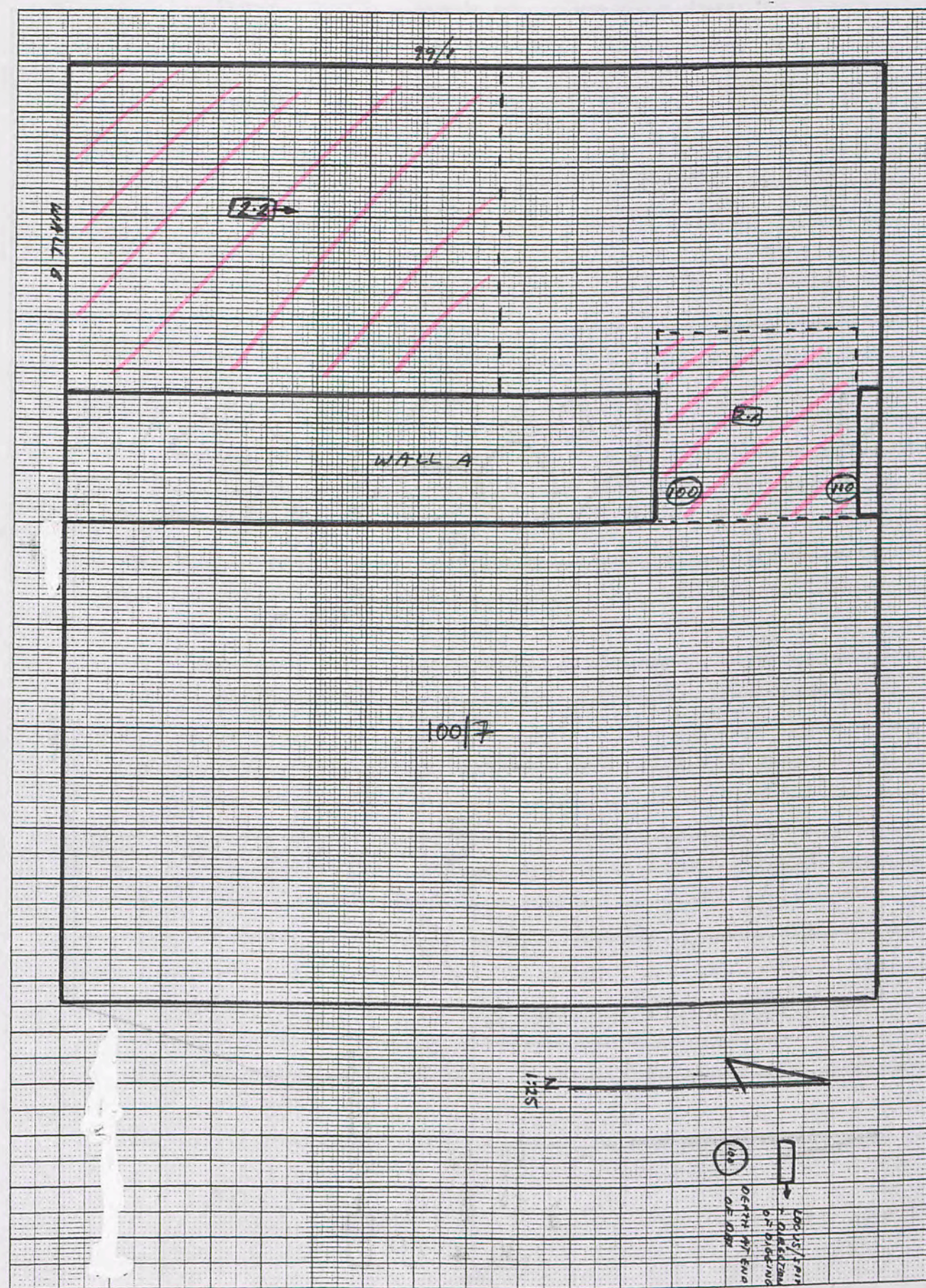
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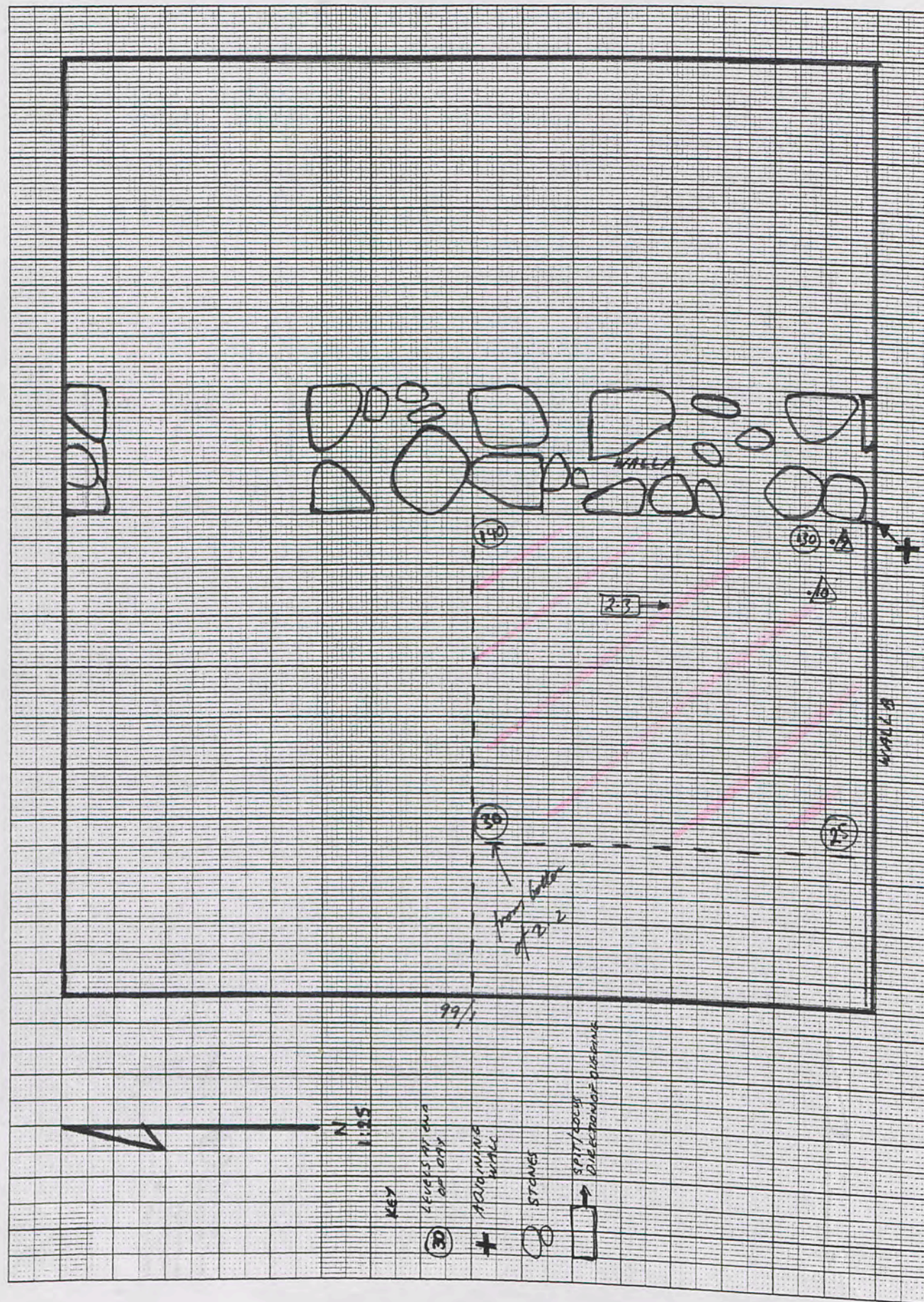
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Pottery	1	2.2	
Bone	1	2.2	
Charcoal	1	2.2	
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
(7)	metal blob	2.2	
(8)	worked stone	2.2	

Context Report

Context	Report
2.2	Clearing the southern half to the same level as 99/1.
	(7) metal blob
	(8) worked stone
	Will continue down with 2.2 tomorrow and try to reach bedrock just in this area.
	Despite having reached the same level as 99/1.
	There is an interesting looking stone with a flat top buried in the soil, so we will define it then.



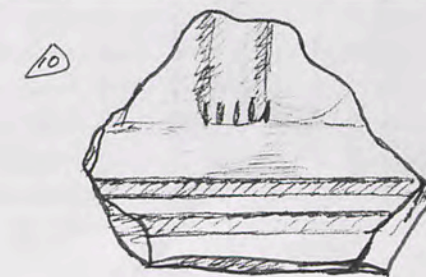


Trench.....102/7.....Initials...J.S.....Date...14/5/21 Page....
 Locus.....2.....Spit.....3..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
9	Metal frag	2-3	
10	Fig frag	2-3	
11	Glass frag	2-3	

Context	Report
2-3	Going down below 2-3. The plan is to reach bedrock and to define the wall to the bottom. Soil is becoming finer and ashier as we go down.
8:30am	Have removed several large stones under the finer, darker soil, and now we are getting to the more orange, clumpy soil signifying that we are nearing bedrock.
	Am quite satisfied that the bottom of 2-2 was a floor/surface. It is quite even, then underneath was a single layer of stones, probably for packing, then bedrock.
	9 metal frag } directly above 10 fig frag } bedrock. 11 glass frag.
11:30am	Have reached bedrock - see levels on plan



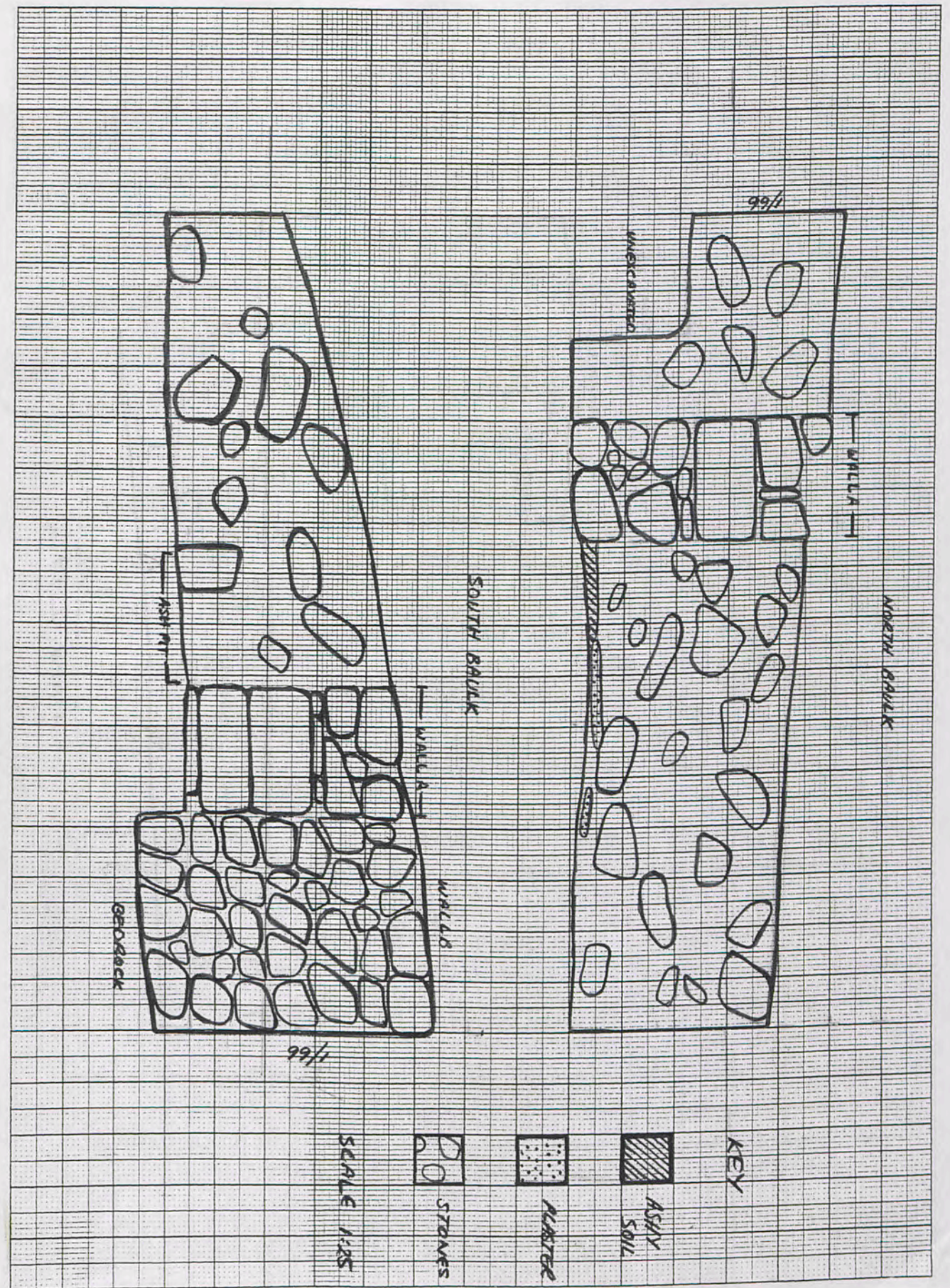
100/7

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

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Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	Report

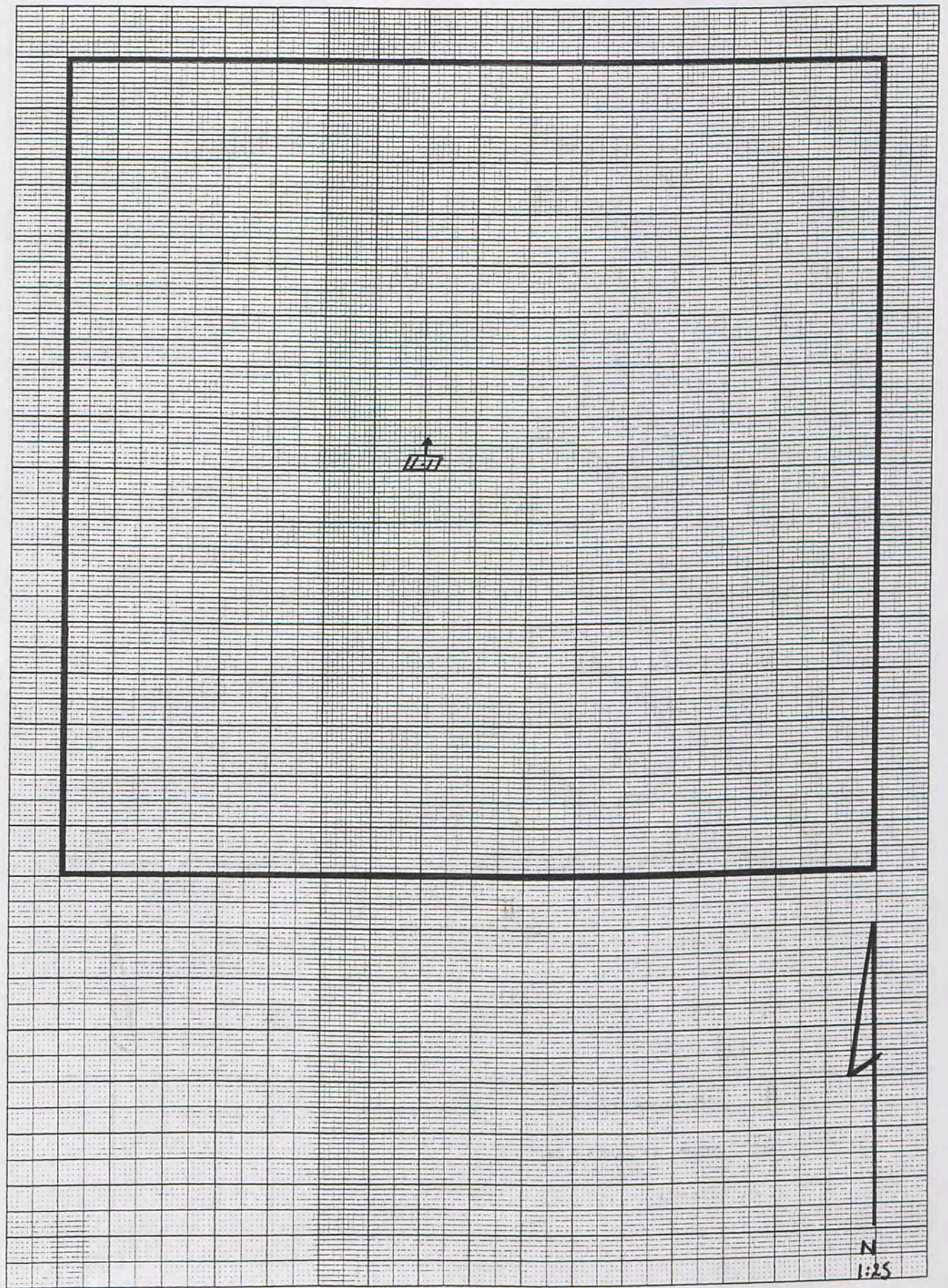


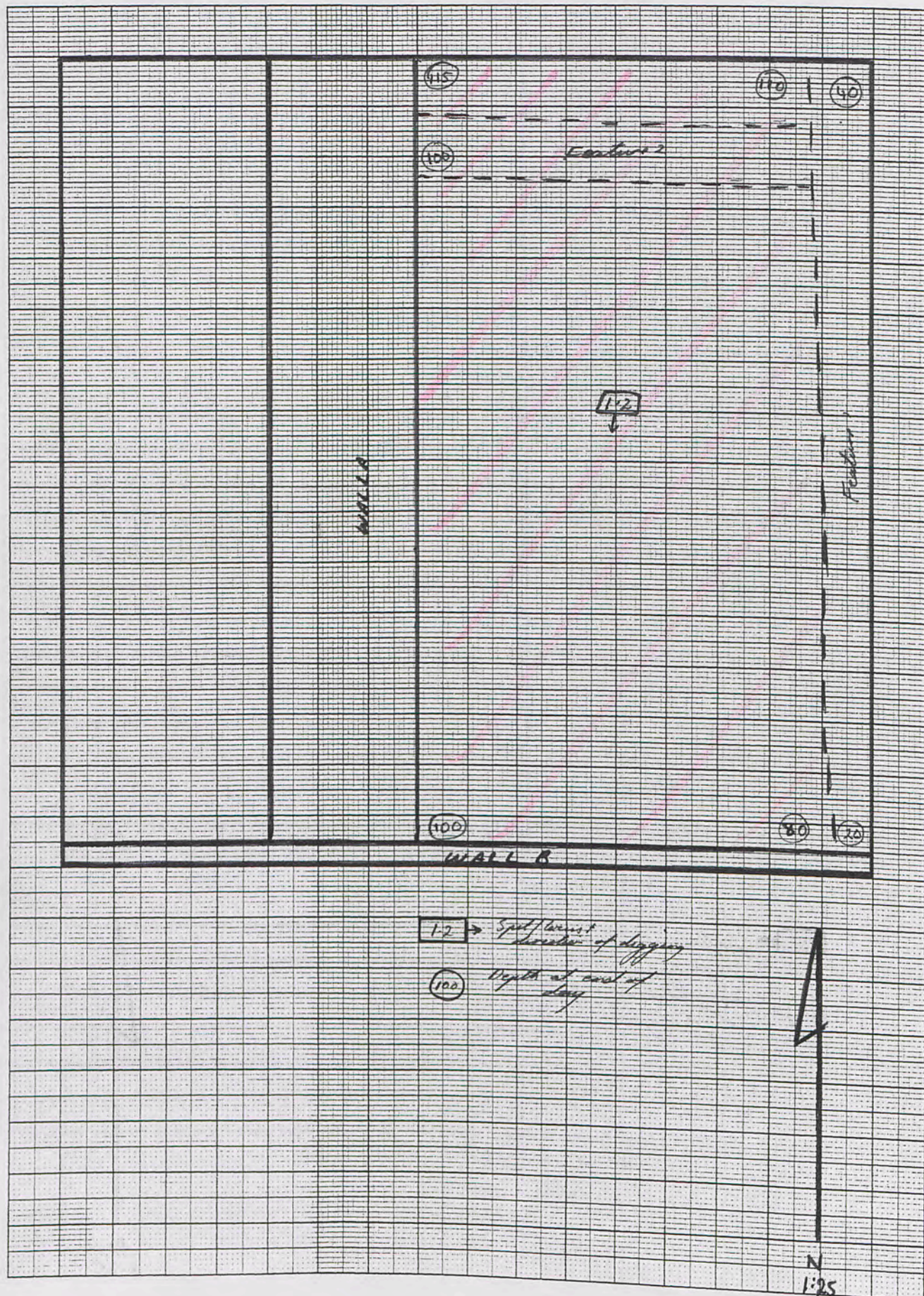
Trench.....99/2.....Initials.....J.R.....Date.....17/5/01 Page....
Locus.....1.....Spit.....1..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1-1	
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.	115 4.27		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
①	Metal ring/rod 1-1		

Context	Report
1-1	Clearing topsoil → took them all day!
	① Metal ring/rod → west of emerging wall





Trench... 99/2 Initials... J.C. Date 21/5/01 Page...
 Locus... 1 Spit... 2 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

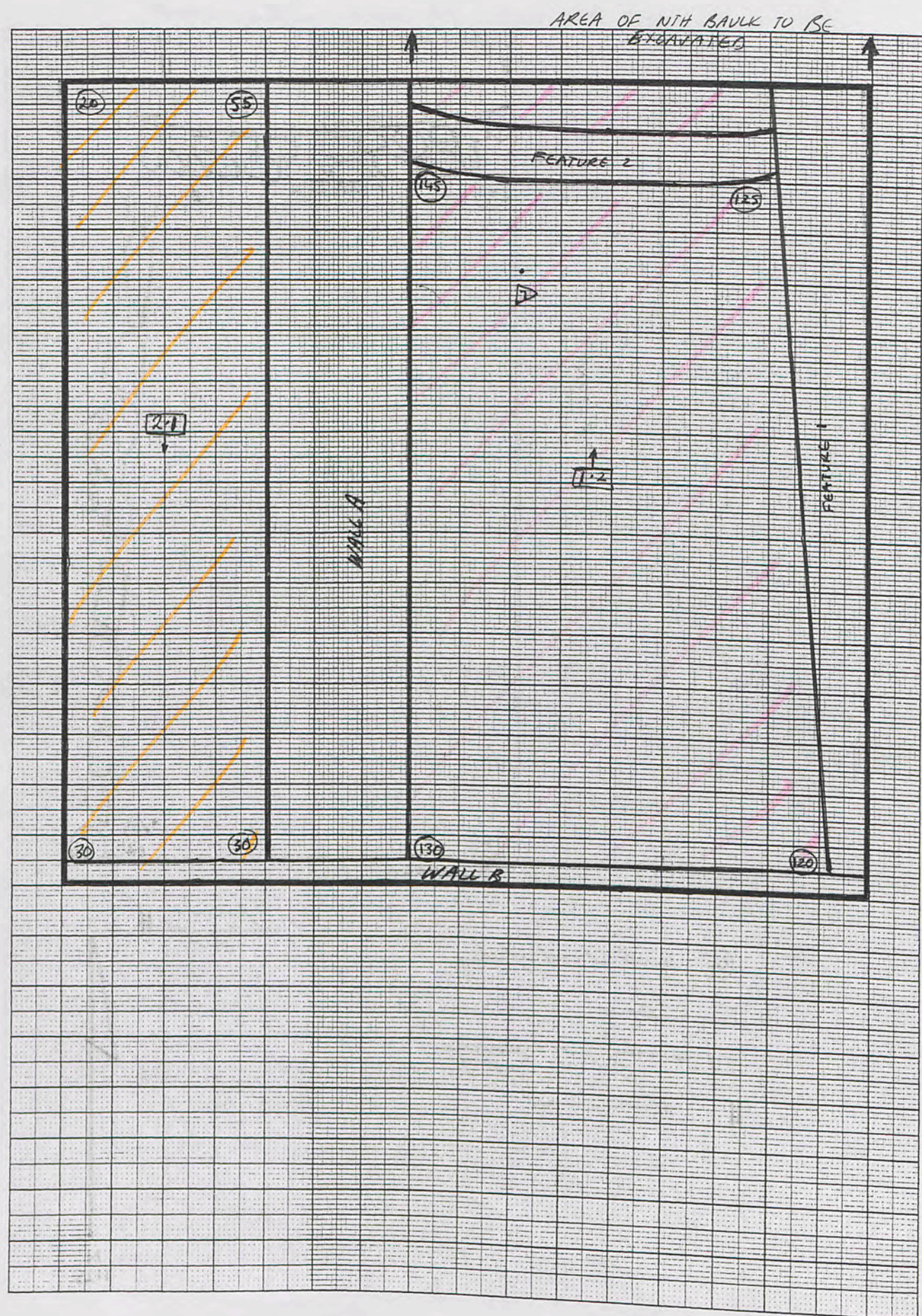
No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context

Report

Context	Report
1-2	Continuing to clear the usual trench. The workers claim a new, small wall appearing running N/S which matches up with one in 99/3. We shall see! If it is one, the room will be very small as a result.
	Another possible wall running E/W in the north of the trench! This one is a little more convincing than the N/S one. Again, we shall see.
	Both walls are walls!
	The E/W wall is one course so far, but has a slight curve on the north side with a 2cm thick layer of mud wash on also on the north side. The south side is a bit more messy.
	After we go deeper tomorrow, I'll take some proper measurements. The soil on the north side of the wall (feature 2) is much more reddish and fine.

1mm Squares



Trench.....99/2.....Initials...J.B.....Date...23/5/01 Page....
 Locus.....1.....Spit...3..... Locus....2.....Spit...1..... Feature/s.....

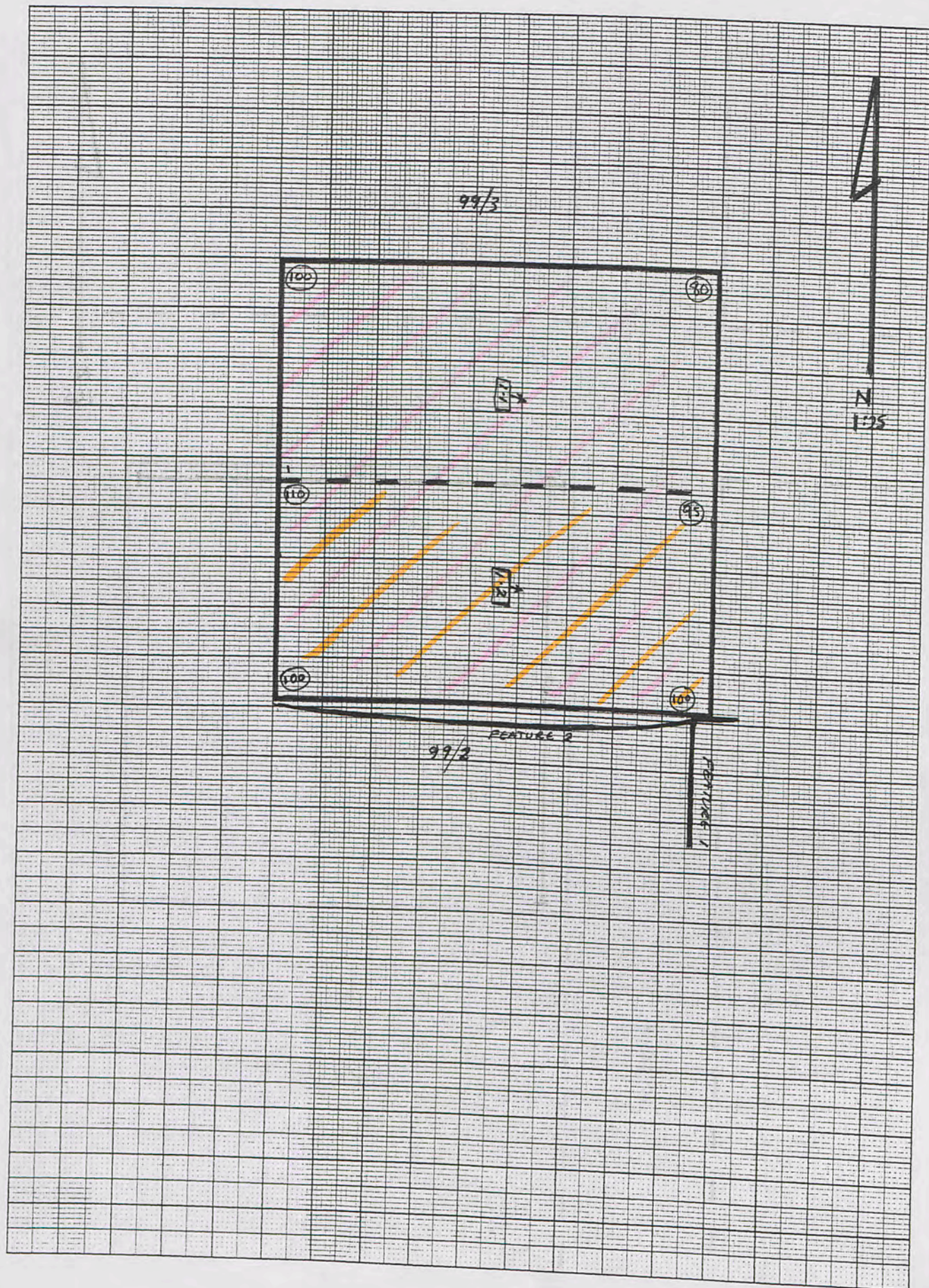
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Pottery	11	1-3	2-1
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	3w/13.1-6		
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
⑦	loomweight	1-3	

Context Report

Context	Report
1.3	Clearing remaining soil from floor Will move to the west of WALL A later. As usual, the floor looks pretty shabby close to the walls. Feature 2 over 50cm from floor. Swept back for photo. Hopefully when we do the 99/2 NTH BANK, ^{things will} be explained re: _{feature 2}
2.1	Starting down west of Wall A Have excavated enough of the west to define the wall - 40cm. Will sweep up and move to the north bank of 99/2.
	OVER → Stratigraphy will be drawn when 99/2 north is cleared.
1.3	A loomweight was discovered sitting on the floor in 1.3. Further investigation showed it to be single (happily!) with base ~10cm lower. Have decided to leave it at the floor regardless.

1mm Squares



BLK

Trench..... 99/2 NTH..... Initials... J.B..... Date 24/5/01. Page....

Locus..... Spit..... Locus..... Spit?.... Feature/s.....

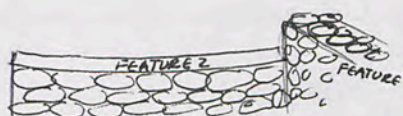
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Pottery	1	1.1	
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

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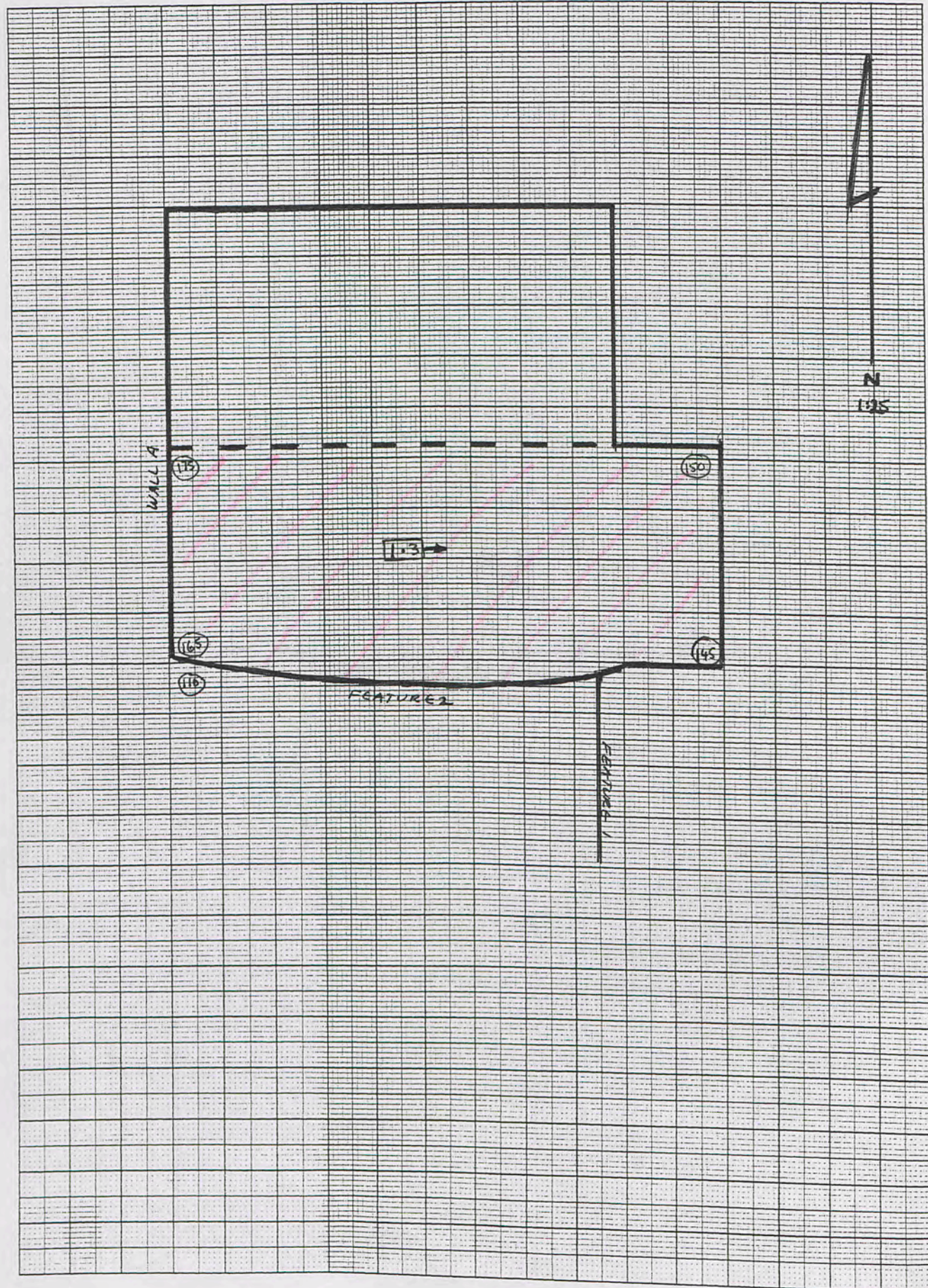
Context Report

1.1	Continuing down so far nothing will change spits at the level reached in 99/3 in the south, in order to maintain some type of stratification. So for the workers are concentrating mainly in the western corner, but there is still a lot of tumble.
1.2	7:30am Have changed spits. Have reached the level reached in the south of 99/2. ~80-90cm. Feature 1 finishes where feature 2 crosses it, but it rises above it for 3-4 courses of stone. Am now cutting the trench in half and defining the end of feature 1 and clearing everything to the level of feature 2.

Thus:



1mm Squares



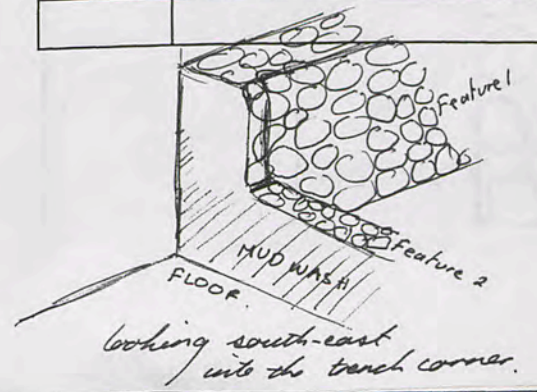
BLK
Trench 99/2 NTH Initials J.S. Date 27/5/02 Page...
Locus 1 Spit 3 Locus Spit Feature/s

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.3	
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	Bw 14 12-14	1.3	
Photos col.	Roll 5 24-26 HJ		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

1.3 Cleaning up bits and pieces before a photo is taken. We have removed earth to match levels with the south of feature 2. The edges have been beautifully defined by Hussein with the mud wash running clearly over the feature and up slightly in the south east corner. The pits have actually hit the bedrock at hardly deeper than the floor south of feature 2. They say if there was a floor, it's not very good or that it was only a little above bedrock, filling in dips and hollows. The soil coming from above bedrock remains quite fine and dark brown. The floor fill is quite plain to see and even out the floor nicely. Swept back for photo.



OVER FOR STRAT. OF 99/2 of 99/2 NTH.

looking south-east into the trench corner.

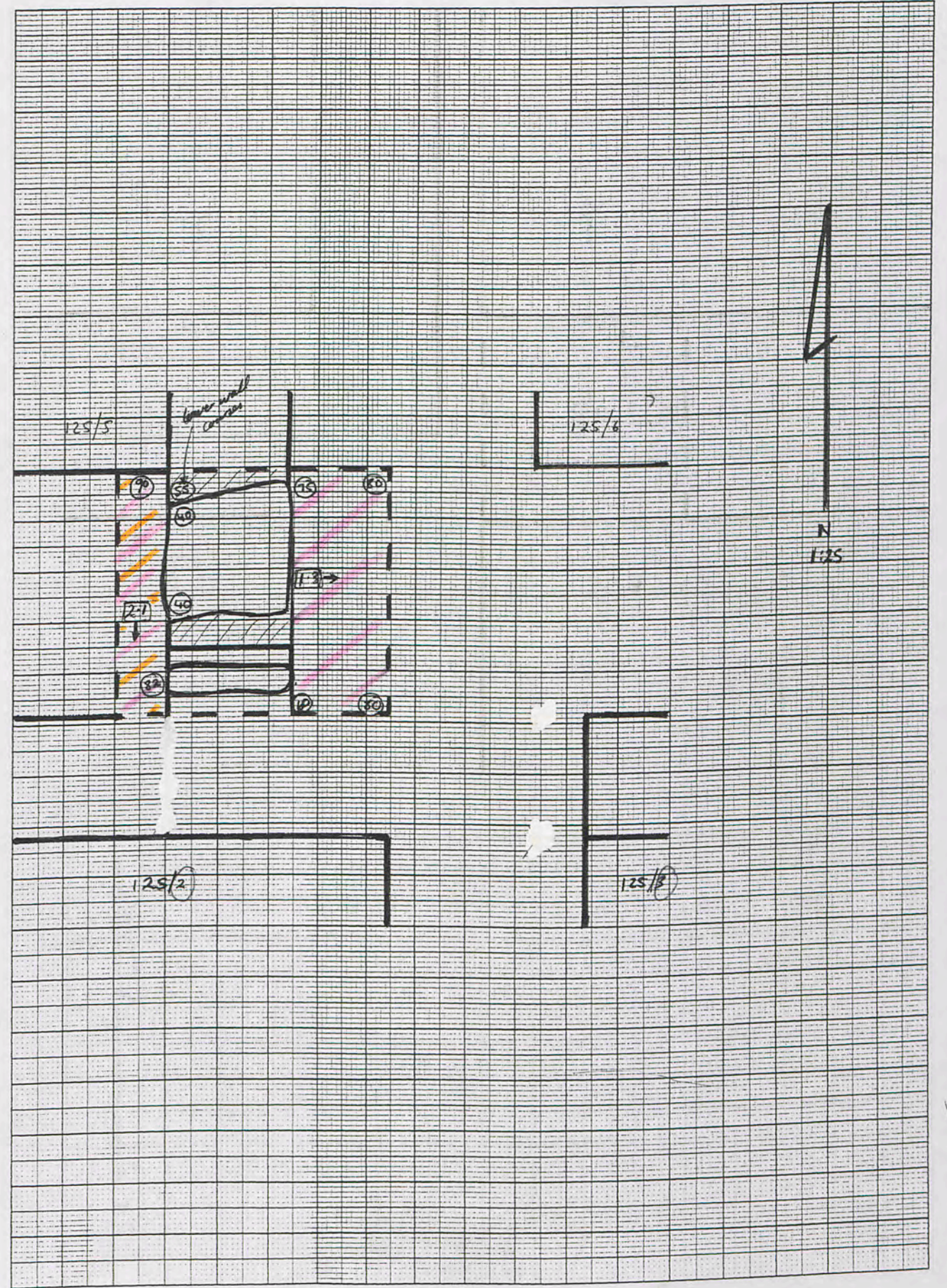
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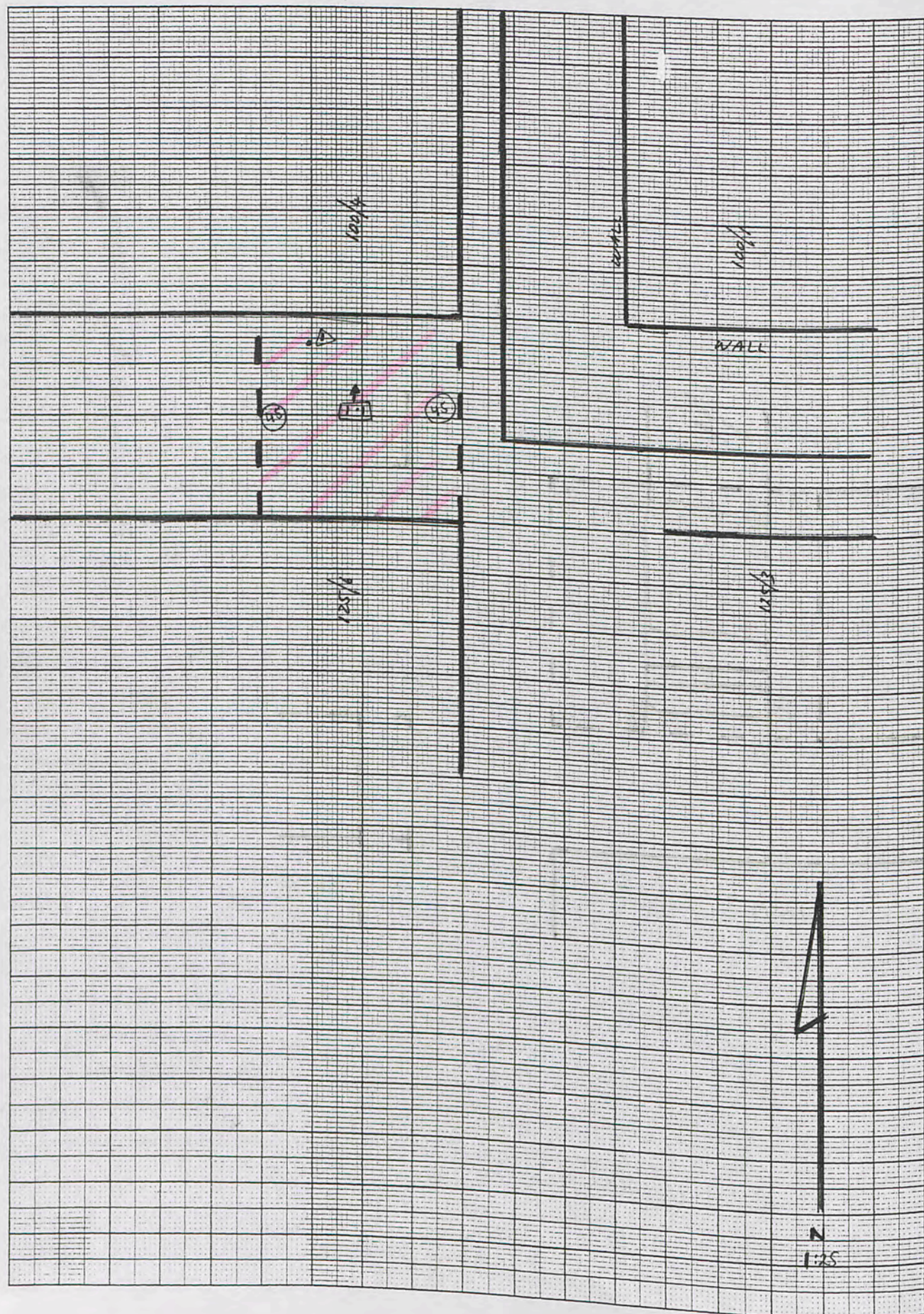
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	1.3	2.1
Bone	1	2.1	
Charcoal	1	2.1	
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

Context	Report
1.3	Have reached what looks like the threshold of a door (only ~40cm) and are working around and below it to define the area.
7.4.5cm	It seems this threshold matches up with a secondary floor in 125/5. Possibly a secondary threshold. It cannot be a fallen door-stone as this would make the doorway far too small. It is already quite narrow. So we are now clearing a small, narrow pit to the west of the door to see what happens below (2.1)
2.1 8.10	The soil here is very dark and fine. There seems to be a continuation of the n/s wall under the threshold stone. Clearing down to a second, lower floor ~100cm below the n/s wall. I still believe the threshold and door is secondary and that the top courses of the wall were brashed out and a threshold stone laid over the lower courses.





Trench *100/4:125/6* Initials *J.P.* Date *28/5/01* Page *...*
 Locus *...* Spit *...* Locus *...* Spit *...* Feature/s *...*

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	1.1	1.2
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
(1)	<i>lamp frag</i>	1.2	

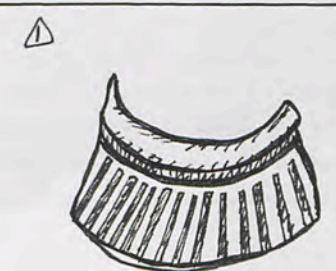
Context Report

1.1 Basically trying to find out what happens here:
 a dem? a corner?
 Moving some largish stones

1.2 There does not appear to be anything here
 except a corner, to the east

(1) lamp frag ~ 40 cm down.

Finished digging after 45 cm



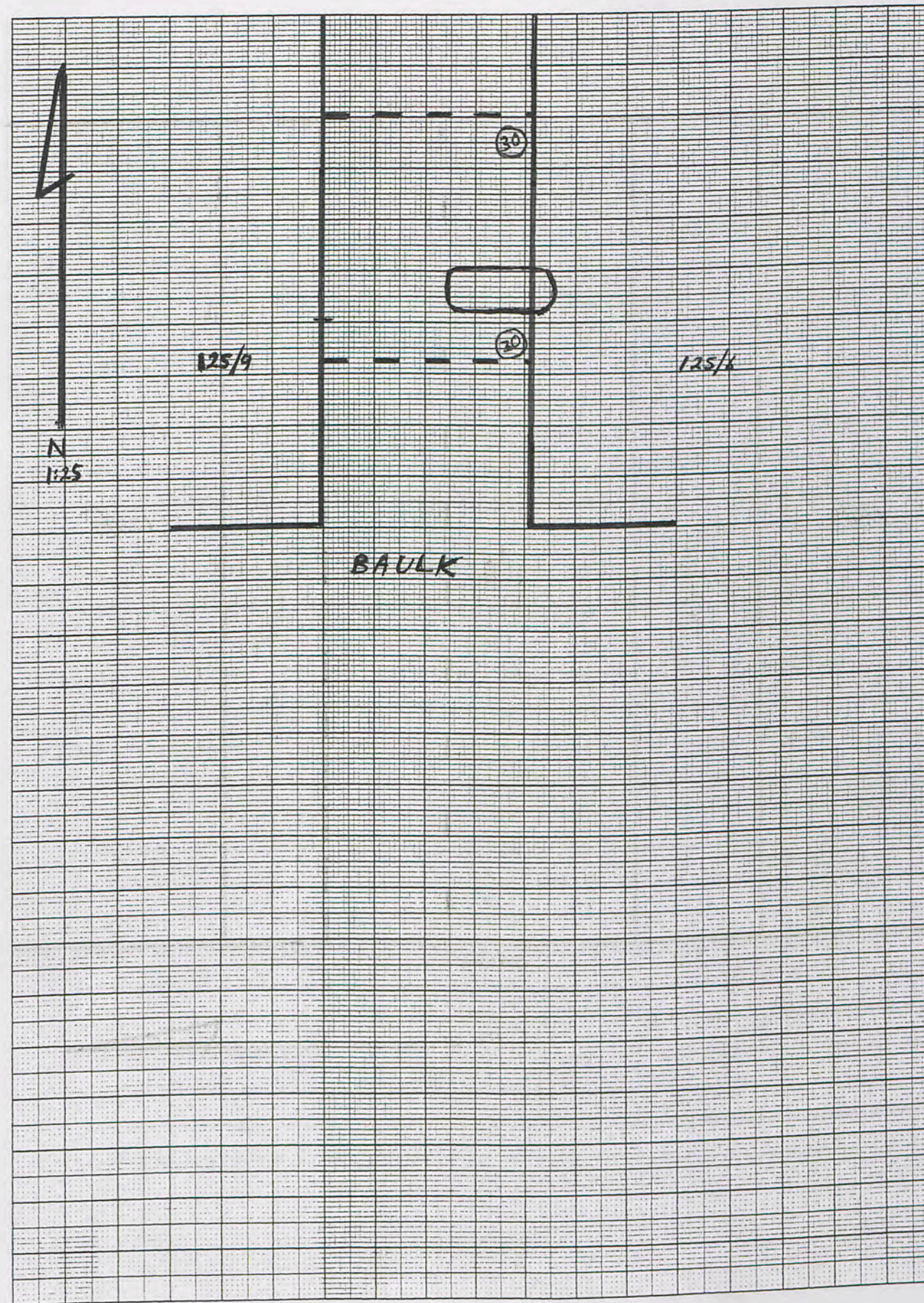
Trench *BLK 125/6-125/9* Initials *J.B.* Date *29/5/21* Page....
 Locus...*1*...Spit...*1*... Locus...*1*...Spit...*2*... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

Context	Report
1-1	Clearing some topsoil from it to figure out if anything is going on with a particular stone that which looks a lot like a door stone or something.
1-2	Going down. Have not found anything here. the stone is likely part of a tomb or something (?)



Trench *BLK 124/9 574* Initials *J.B.* Date *30/5/0* Page....
 Locus *1* Spit *2* Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

Context	Report
<i>1.2</i>	<i>Continuing down into the baulk, with many complaints about the large number of stones!</i>
	<i>There doesn't appear to be anything here except a wall and a lot of tumble!</i>

