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# Jebel Khalid

Field Record Book

Name.....	<i>S.W. Clarke</i>
Trenches.....	<i>Area B 7, B 15, B 16, B 18</i>
Dates.....	<i>April 23, 2001 -</i>



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.





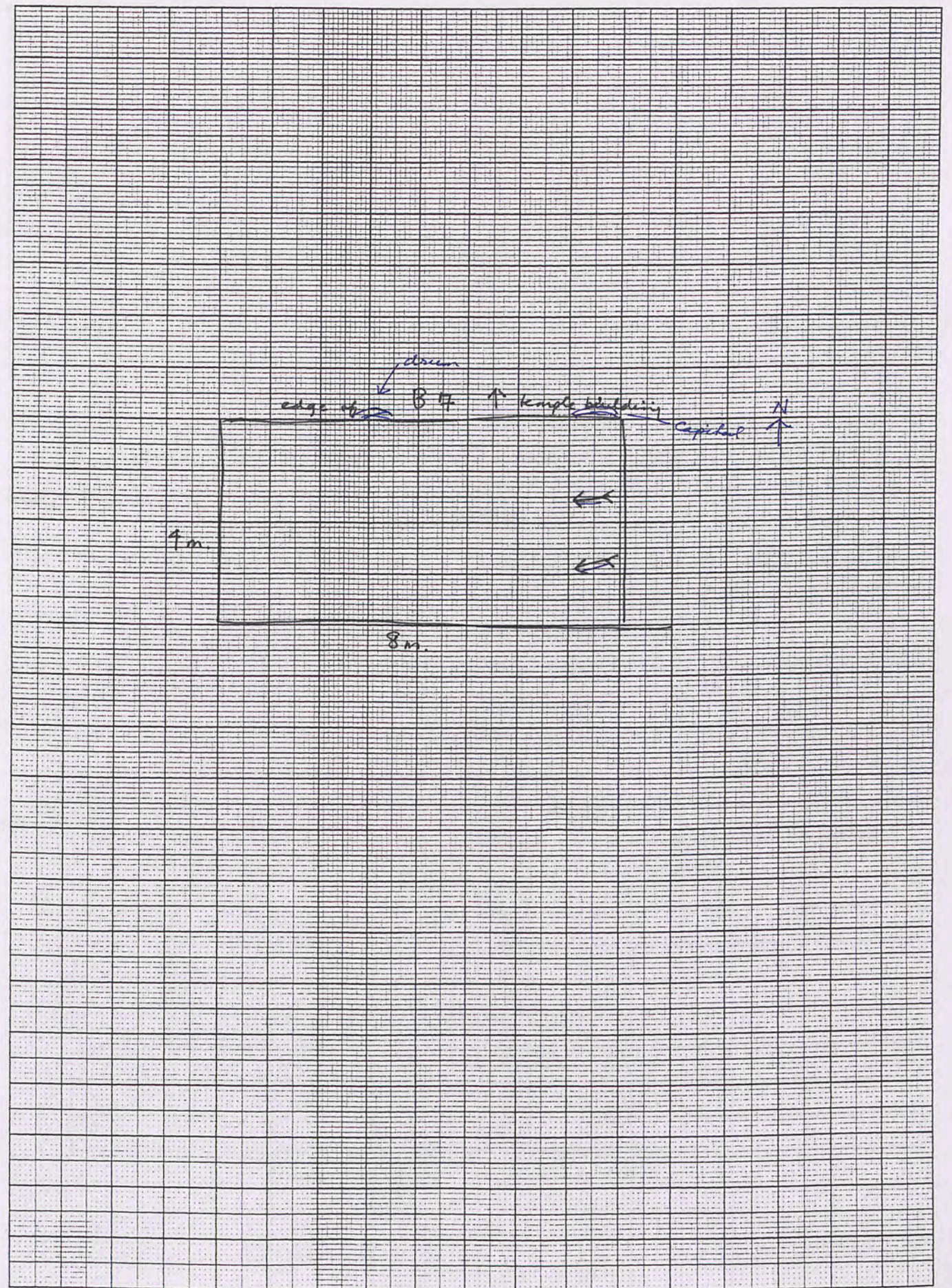


Trench B7 Initials F.W.C. Date 23/4/01 Page ①  
 Locus 1 Spit 1 Locus 2 Spit 2 Feature/s.....  
 Locus 1 Spit 3

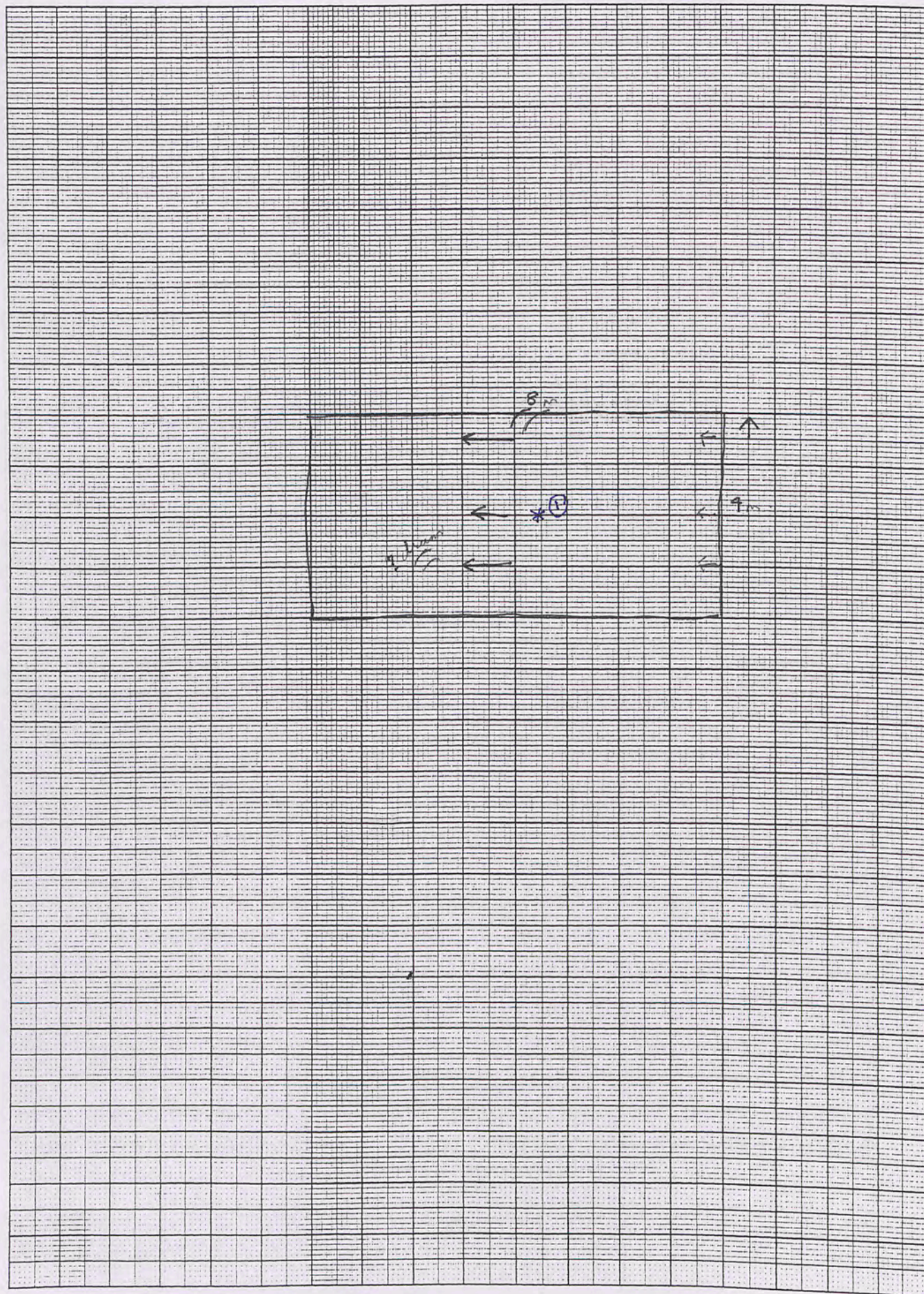
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont	No.	Object	Cont	Cont
Pottery				1	Coin	Surface	
Bone				2	Coin	Surface	
Charcoal				3	metal pin frag.	1.3	
Other (Tile)				4	glass frag.	1.3	
Photos bw							
Photos col.							

Context Report

Clearing top soil thrown up from robbing activities and loose stones. Won't be much to show for the day. Usual chaos + not enough rockwork to go around. But below the initial wind-blown dust are stones from tumble. We should just take out from the whole 8x4 trench the first spit level. Below are visible in the N. bank a column capital and column drums. The soil is light + dusty. At 24/4/01 we clear the remaining level 1.1 at the western end + then will do a second spit throughout the trench from the east. On this second spit there is a lot of loose tumble + the soil is darker + more solid. But the stones are rubble with little left in the way of worked surfaces. A small amount of non-descript pottery is also coming up, likely to be alluvial from further to the west. A third spit has produced at eastern end 1.3.3, a metal pin frag - as well as a lot of tumble + 1.3.4 a glass frag.







Trench...*R7*.....Initials...*GNC*.....Date...*25/4/01* Page...*01*  
 Locus...*1*.....Spit...*3*..... Locus...*1*.....Spit...*4*..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1	4
Bone	1	1	3/4
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
<i>1</i>	<i>Coin</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>01.00<sup>B</sup></i>

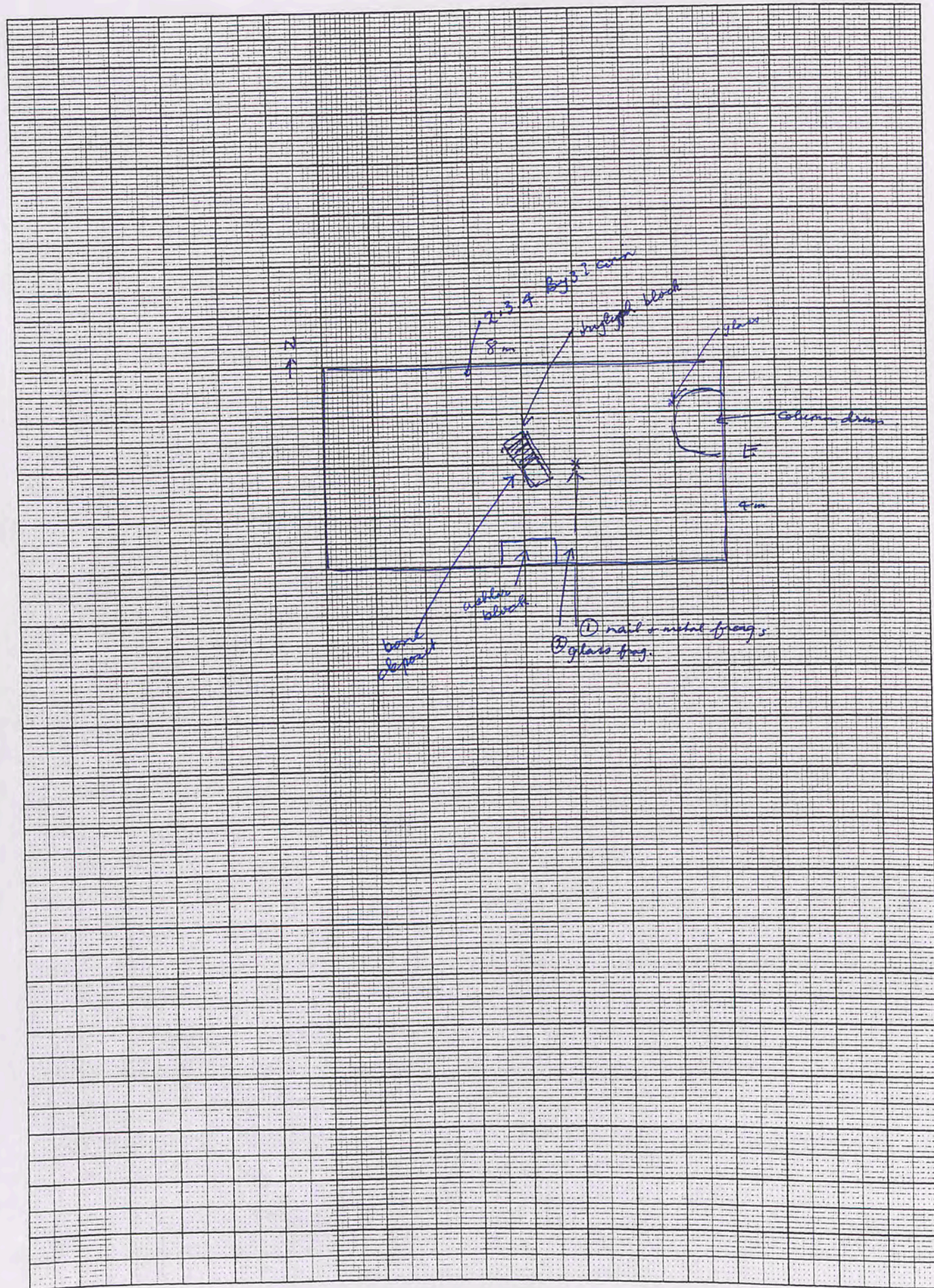
Context Report

We are continuing Spit 3 from mid-trench going to the West end, encountering light soil + tumbled stones, some showing signs of once having been worked. We will need to get down to lower levels before finding further archaeological material. We are working at a max. depth from top soil of 600mm. at start of the morning. By 8.30 am. we are starting spit 4 from the east to west: more tumble, no architectural pieces so far. A byzantine coin has come up in mid-trench, object 1. It has clear IC/XC + Nika around cross. A column drum emerged in Nbaup. more clearly, there looks as if another is going to appear towards the W. end of the trench. Bits of tile have been collected but not in great quantity. We just finish off on 26/4/01 the western end + start a new spit.









Trench.....B.7.....Initials...GWC.....Date...28/4/01 Page....  
 Locus.....2.....Spit.....2..... Locus.....2.....Spit.....3..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	2.2	2.3
Bone	1	2.2	2.3
Charcoal	1	2.2	
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Nail + metal frag.	2.2	
2	glass frag.	2.2	
3	" "	2.3	
4	coin	2.3	
5	lamp. frag.		01.152

Context Report

We go through once more from east to west, encountering some very ashy deposit at the eastern end with associated bone + broken pottery. We are now c. 620 from topsoil. A nail + metal frags have come up at this level in mid trench towards eastern end. A column drum emerging in the east bank also. Glass frag. is object 2 by S bank, mid-trench. A triglyph block, much battered, has come up in mid trench. On 29/4/01 we finish off Spit 2 at the western end + then start up again from the east with Spit 3 at depth of 830 from topsoil (at SE corner). We still have quite a depth of soil to go, especially at the western end from which a great deal of tumbled stones, some with worked sides, have come up. 2.3 is producing more in the way of worked material + the next spit through should see features emerging of the worked stone. A piece of column capital with triple necking ring has come up, along with a late coin (Byz.? Arab?) on the north bank 2.3. A large collection of ? human bones beneath the triglyph + metope block.





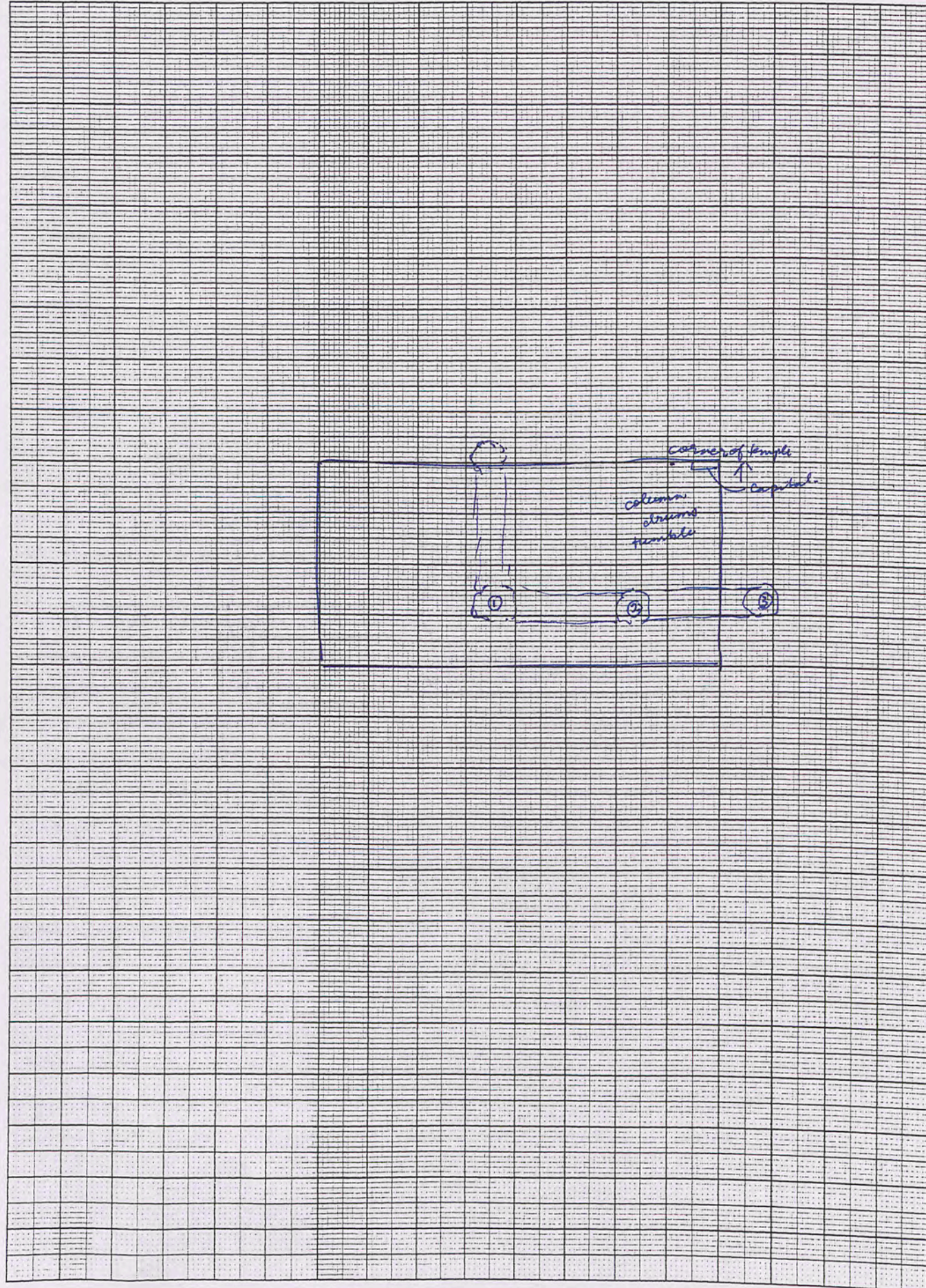












Trench.....B.7.....Initials.....gwc.....Date.....3/5/01 Page....  
 Locus.....3.....Spit.....3..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	glass frag.	3.3.	
2	metal frag.	3.3.	

Context Report

We are now clearing at floor level throughout the trench as spit (3). It is slow going esp. in the E end of the trench where there is a series of tumbled column drums or parts of drums. We are also clearing the back-fill around the one complete standing altar. The triglyph block lies at an angle over altar (1) and after cleaning is a corner block with triglyph on the northern side also. The foundation-supporting blocks for altars (1) + (2) have been cleared also. We continue to clear across floor level, which should be finished, all but the NE corner by the end of the morning.





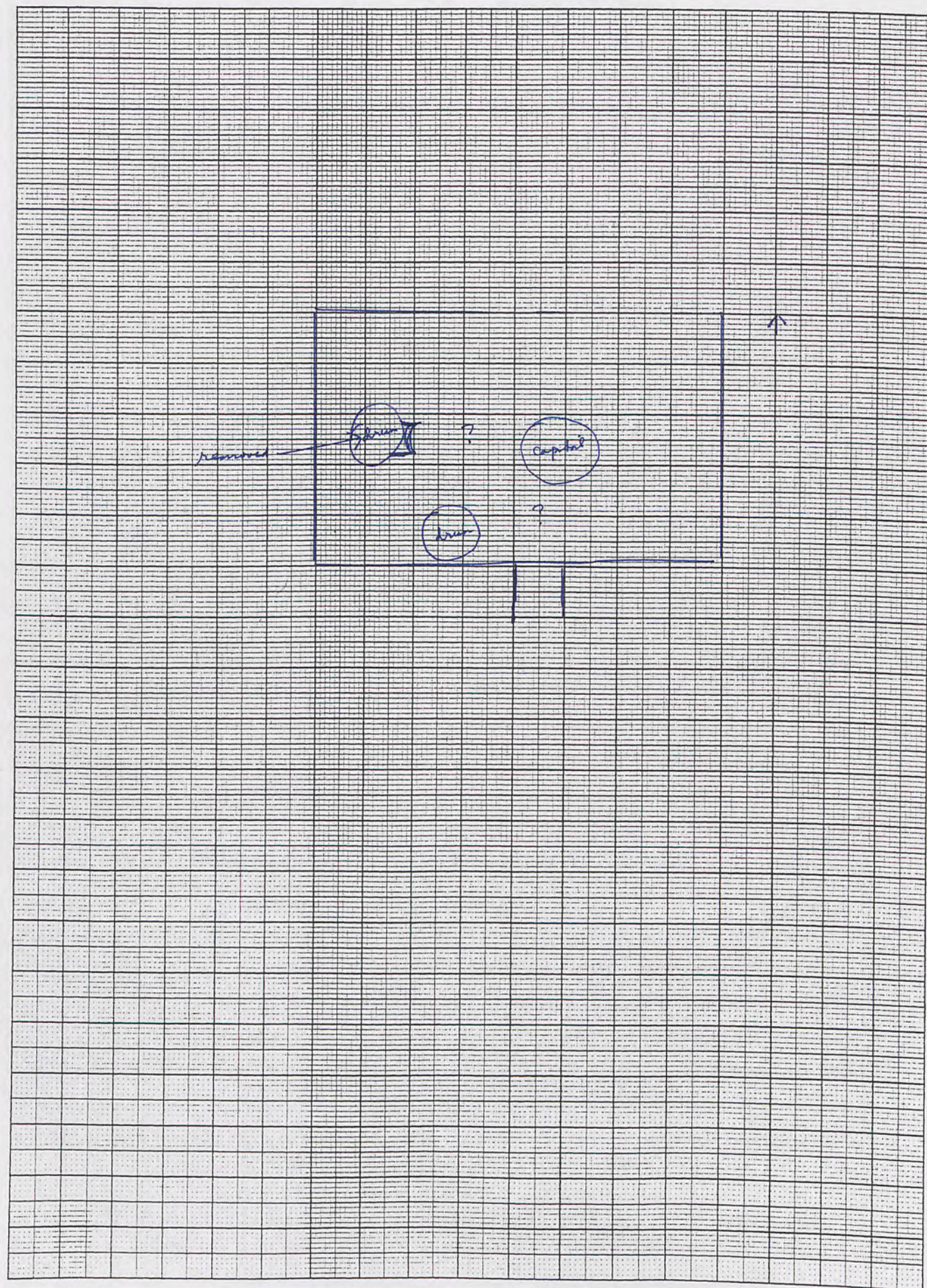












Trench.....<sup>B15</sup>.....Initials...*FWC*.....Date...<sup>14/5/01</sup>/<sub>15/5/01</sub> Page....  
 Locus.....<sup>2</sup>.....Spit.....<sup>3</sup>..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	2.3	
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	slag	2.3	
2	metal	2.3	
3	glass	2.3	
4	agate bead	2.3	
5	glass bead	2.3	
6	metal boss	2.3	

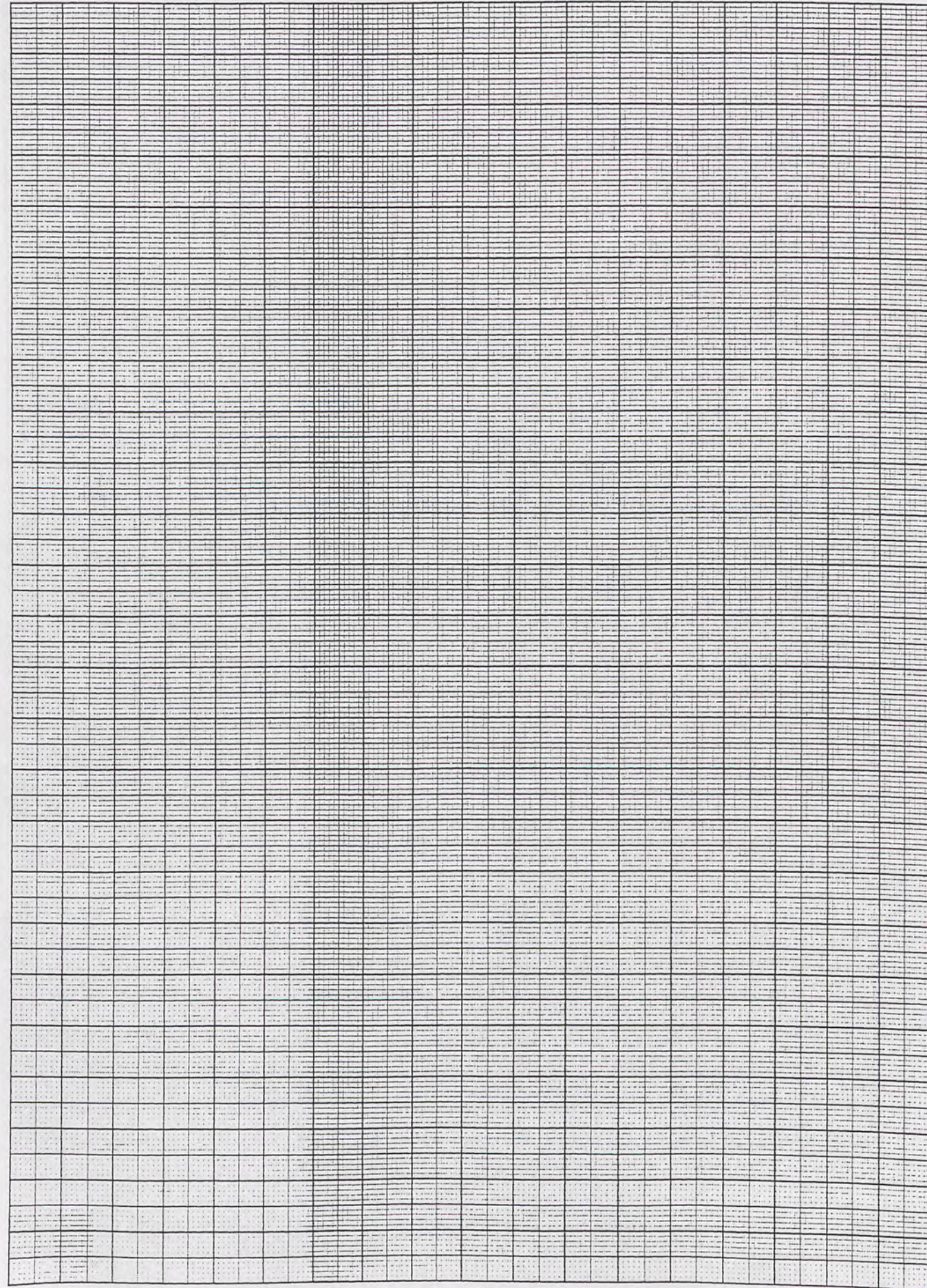
Context Report

After mid-season break, start spit 3 from the east side. So far still, only the column capital + 2 drums are emerging 570 x 330 x 510 stone removed on top of the altar paving in the east quadrant. A piece of slag becomes object ①. Altar paving has emerged in the east end, on a line with the altar placement on the S side of the Temple, but noticeably higher up. A broken piece of column capital also in the S bank. On 15/5/01 we finish off 2.3 at the W end, getting to floor level. The rest of the day will be clearing the floor throughout. A few small finds on the floor as we clear.









Trench..... B.15 .....Initials..... GWC .....Date..... 2/5/01 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
<u>1</u>	<u>bronze pin</u>	<u>1.1.</u>	
<u>2</u>	<u>marble piece</u>	<u>1.1</u>	

Context Report

new 8x4m trench to the E. of B.15, to clear along the East face of the temple robbing. Removing surface stone + spoil to-day. Marble piece with drilling in topsoil, object (2).
In ravine the following column drums were found
810 diameter
800 ..
760 ..
550 ..
<u>450 [fluted]</u> ..
730 ..
730 ..
720 ..
910 ..
560
• Temple is 13m across at front. Altar holes c. 520 x 560
• Altars are <sup>2m+</sup> <del>50</del> apart but 2m 730 on N front
• Altar line is 2m <del>970</del> from columns of hexastyle.
26 cm under column capital in B15 of soil
44 " " " drum in B15











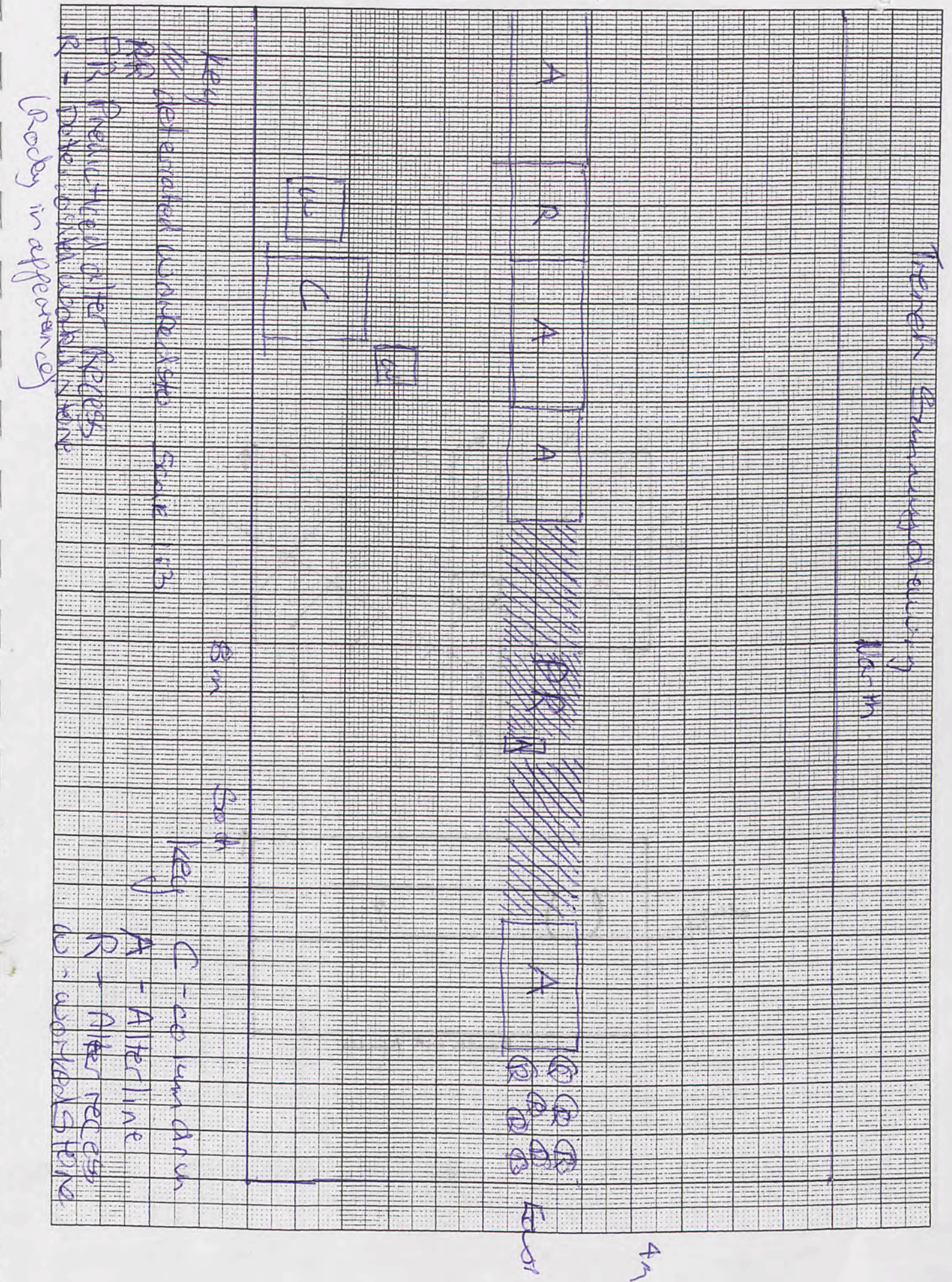
Trench B16 Initials GWC Date 22/5/01 Page ...  
 Locus 1 Spit 4 Locus ..... Spit ..... Feature/s .....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1	4
Bone	1	1	4
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)	1 zambesi 1/3 worth.		
Photos bw	BWA #18-20.		
Photos col.	CSS #10-13.		

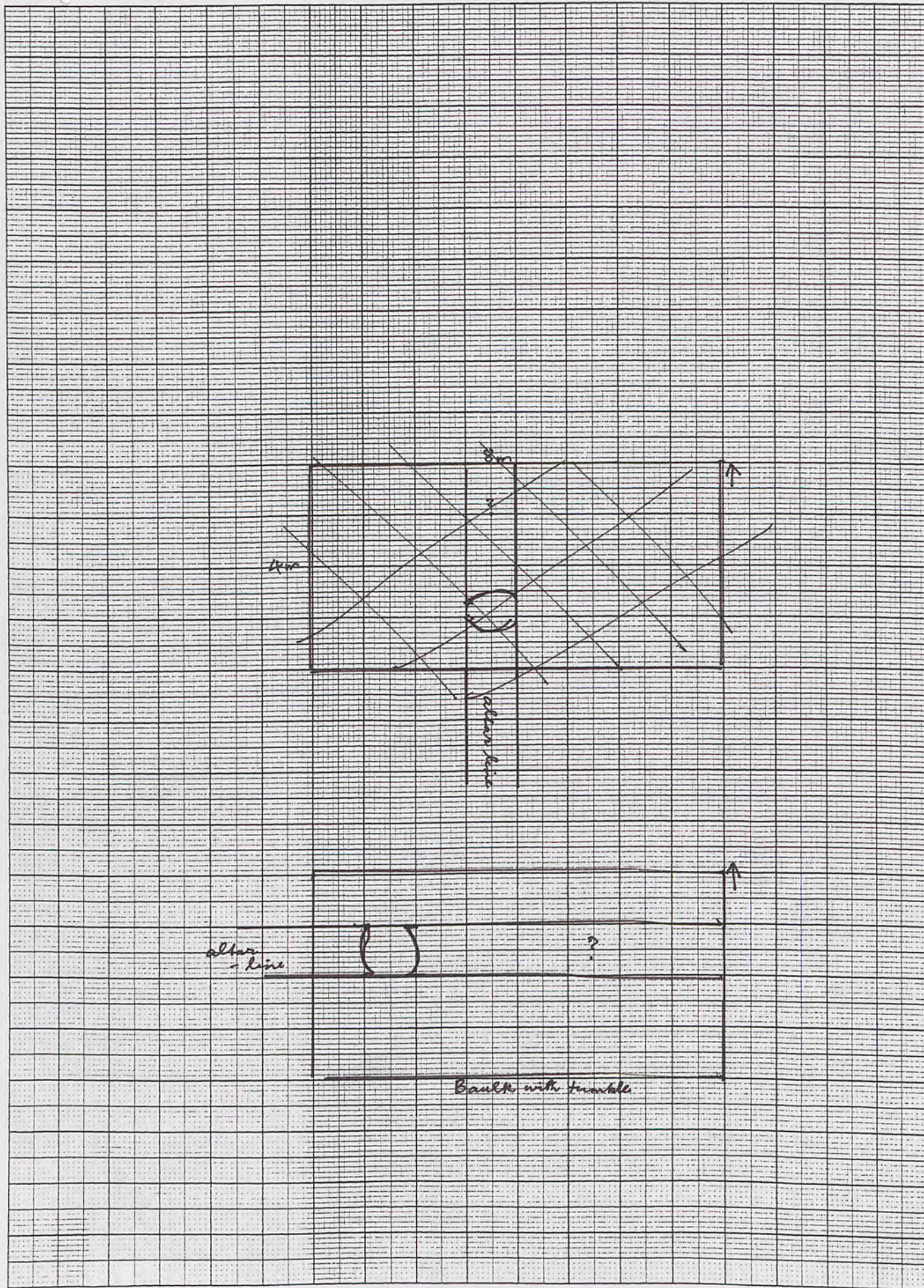
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Fig. Frag.	L1	4
2	Coin	L1	4
3	Metal clamp	L1	4
4	Coin	L1	4

Context Report

Context	Report
1/4.	<p>Caninum found just outside of altar line. Cleaned &amp; brushed &amp; photographed. 2044 in place for conservator to remove. (500mm deep - 1300mm from Nth bank, 2500mm from West bank). Altar line now apparent in Western half of bench.</p> <p>One more spit should clear the floor consistent with that in B15.</p> <p>NOTE: Metal clamp found inside altar line.</p> <p>Object 4 (Coin) appearing to be late, found fairly high up above floor level. A piece of base altar fluting with four flutes also came up, of the right circumference.</p>







Trench.....<sup>B16</sup>.....Initials *FWC*.....Date *23/5/01* Page....  
 Locus.....<sup>2</sup>.....Spit.....<sup>1</sup>..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	lead? clamping	2.1	

Context Report

Locus 2 will be clearing at floor level, taking several spits, to clear the altar line. One additional altar place has come up, a second is to be expected, as well as a column piece of the 810 diameter size. A metal? clamping piece has come up as we clear at floor level, otherwise there is little to report. The trench should be ready to be cleared & photograph by the end of to-morrow.
















Trench B13 Initials AP Date 28.5.1 Page....  
 Locus 1 Spit 2 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

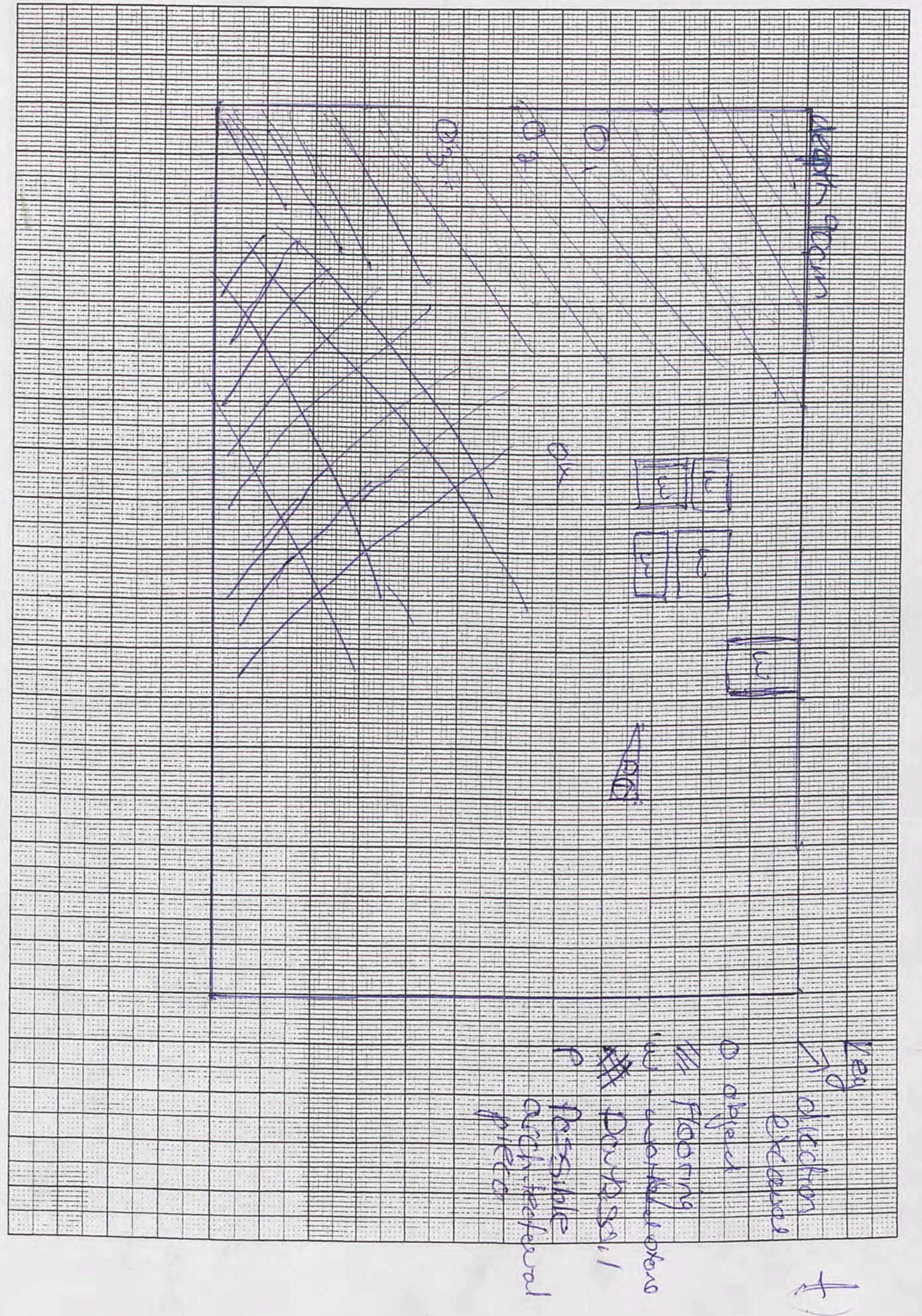
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Pedestal base	1.2	
2	coin	1.2	
3	Glass	1.2	
4	Glass	1.2	

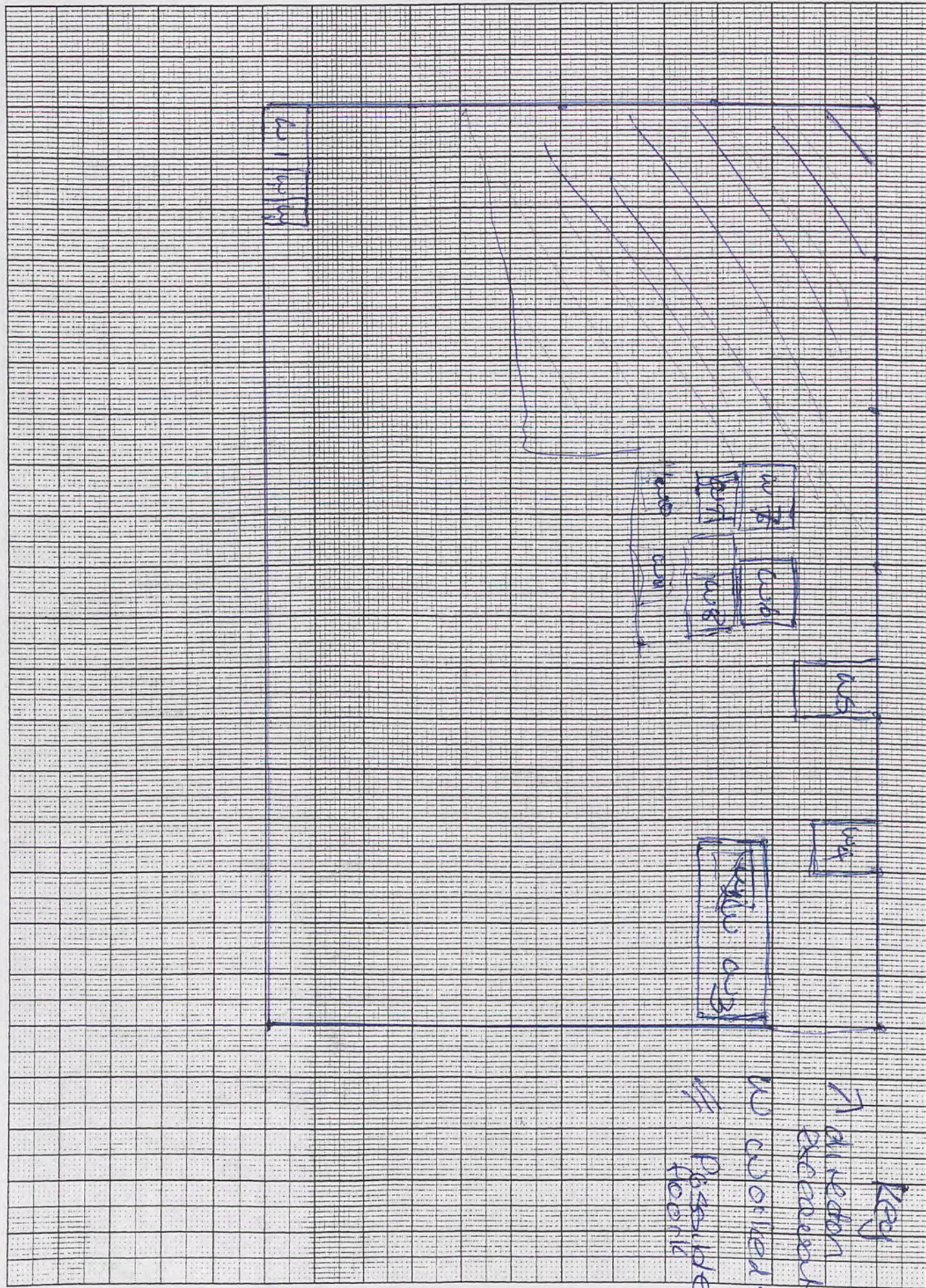
Context Report

Commenced Sp 1.2. Large many fragments of glass jar particularly to west of trench. One coin also recorded to west of trench some part of surface has been uncovered. Surface appears to be of crushed limestone about 10cm thick. To the east (center) of trench large worked stones & medium stones appear to be purposefully placed. Soil is dark brown & the south of trench.  
 Possible architectural piece (1) as diag - This piece is possible a column drum as it has a circular hole in middle

 - pedestal base







Trench..... B18 Initials..... AF Date..... 29.5.1 Page....  
 Locus... 1... Spit... 3 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	rust	1.3	
2	metal?	1.3	

Context Report

Commenced. April 1.3. Earth is reddish brown in South west corner. In south west part a shaped in situ stone has been carved to a three sided shape (see below) is likely to be part of a foundation stone. Large worked stone visible to north east of trench with worked block in situ on top.





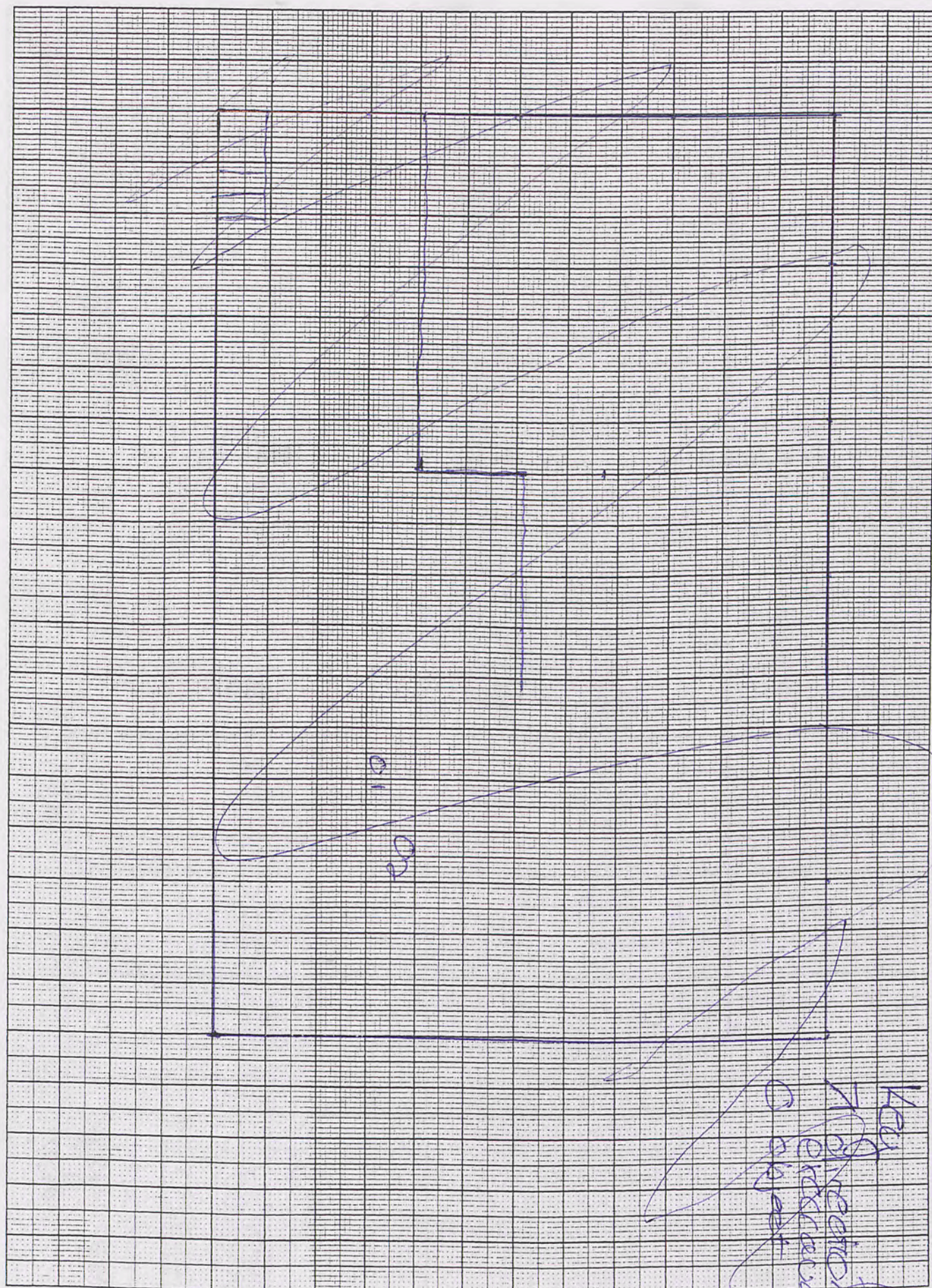
Trench B12 Initials cf. for a.w. Date 20/11 Page ...  
 Locus 1 Spit 3 Locus ... Spit ... Feature/s ...

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	glass	1.3	
2	base	1.3	

Context Report

1.3 - 30.5.01 - Continued with spit 1.3. Soil is consistent clay red Admet layer. Established presence of foundation wall stone in Southwest corner of trench. North west section of trench is ~~area~~ has not been excavated, but left at previous Spit 1.2 as it is not confirmed if this layer is a floor level on top of loosely packed stones or rubble. The light layer which has been recognised as floor in B12 continues throughout stratigraphy to B17 parallel to the north east trench 2 lowest stones (the layer with a possible Kohen drum placed on top) appear to be related to the structure 2 runs east/west.



North direction  
 direction of deposit







CIF Per  
 Trench... B18 ... Initials A.W.C. Date 3.1.51 Page...  
 Locus... 1 ... Spit... 3 ... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

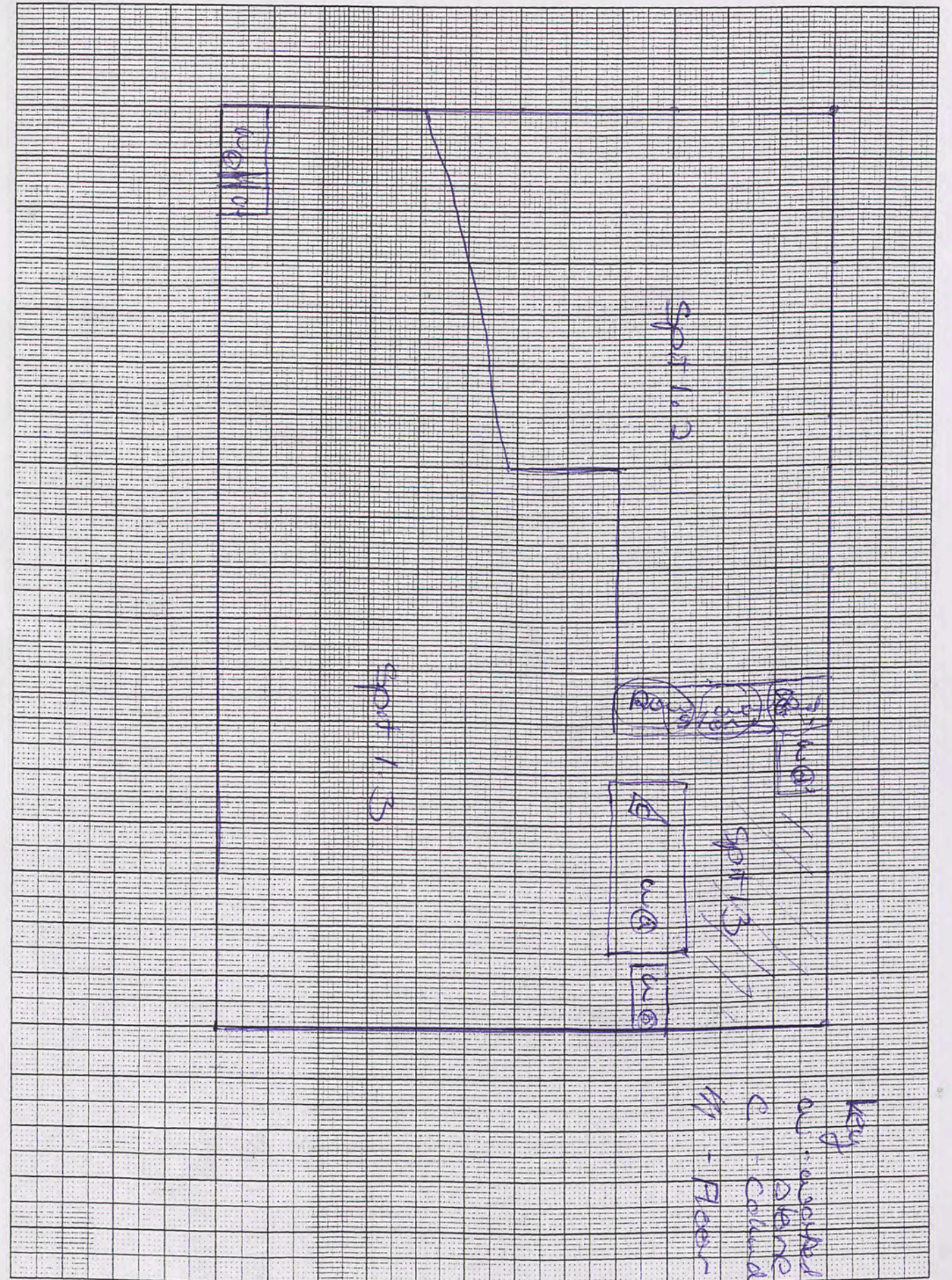
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context

Report

Trench was cleaned in order to get final photos for <sup>the</sup> end of season. Further work needs to be done next season to establish the exact spit 1 & 2 is. It appears (at the moment) to be rubble/wood with some small <sup>floor</sup> surface in the west section, whilst in the eastern section appears to be rubble with little or no floor surface. In the north eastern corner of trench there is a small section of floor about 30cm above the floor. There is a 2cm cell of ash present/visible in the trench wall. Next season the purpose of worked stones a & b should also be determined. Spit 1 & 3 in southern half of trench also appears to be at a floor or sub-floor level due to the consistency of the surface & fine embedded small stones.











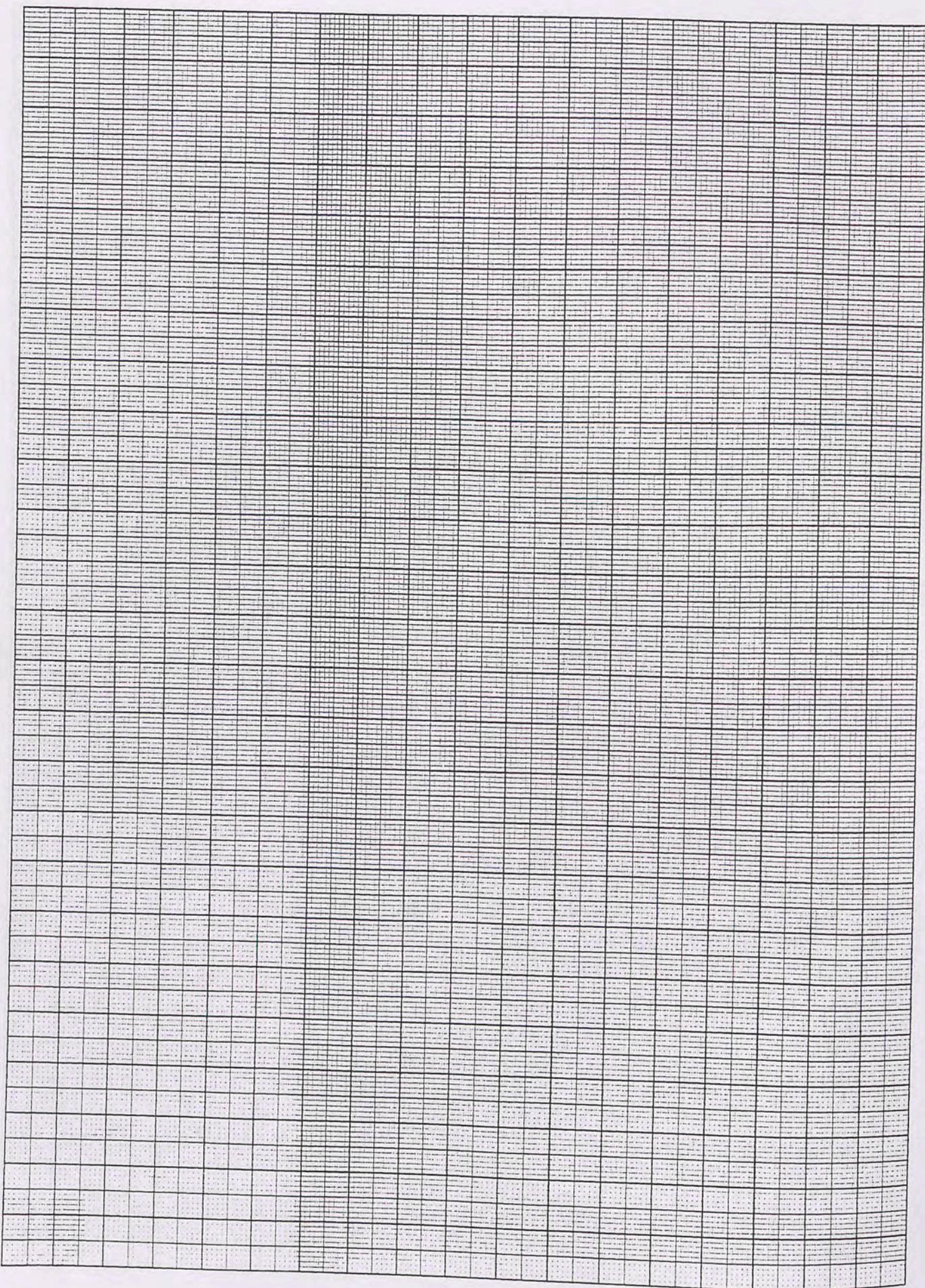












Trench.....Initials.....Date..... Page...  
 Locus.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

	Weeks 1+2 <sup>W+S</sup> <sup>E end</sup> 8-9-10: foundation prep.; sub-floor column
	11-12-13: further definition
Thurs	• Collect Sunglasses: (Mon) • Phone BMC ✓ • Change Money for final payments: ↳ • " (Peter) • Hapis earnings for (4): • Presents for (F/E/M): (V)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Report	14 x 150 $\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ 800 \\ \hline 150 \\ \hline 2100 \end{array}$
	To be done: $\begin{array}{r} 2100 \\ 50 \text{ ea.} \\ \hline 2150 \end{array}$ ∴ 90 x 100 4,000 x 100 90 x 50 4500 x 50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Report (Aleppo?):	(2,150)
	- Pay packets: Mustafa's pay: money for HJ/JL (AR) (Tues)
	- Museums: guard pay; rep's pay
	- Pack up - wash clothes <sup>bedding</sup> for packing; wash dig bags: (Tues): part pack.
for Wed.	* Presents for workers: Al Hamra Cigs. x 2; Scarves in photo + photo books; named
	= Books via Janie: Area B Photog. & Inventory: plus graffiti + handle.
	- Jebel Man to be drawn & photographed: likewise marble parts.
	Xmas presents: Damascus: T-cloths? Pink Shirt. T-Shirt for Peter H.?
	Sun.   Mon.   Tues.   Wed.   Thurs.   Fri.   Sat.   Sun. Pay   Visitor   S-H   Pack   Aleppo   Damas.   PKH   ↑   more money for HJ?











