

Jebel Khalid

Field Record Book

2001

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Name..... STAN FOSTER.....
Trenches... B10 - B13.....
..... Bank B12/B13/B9/B10.....
Dates.....

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

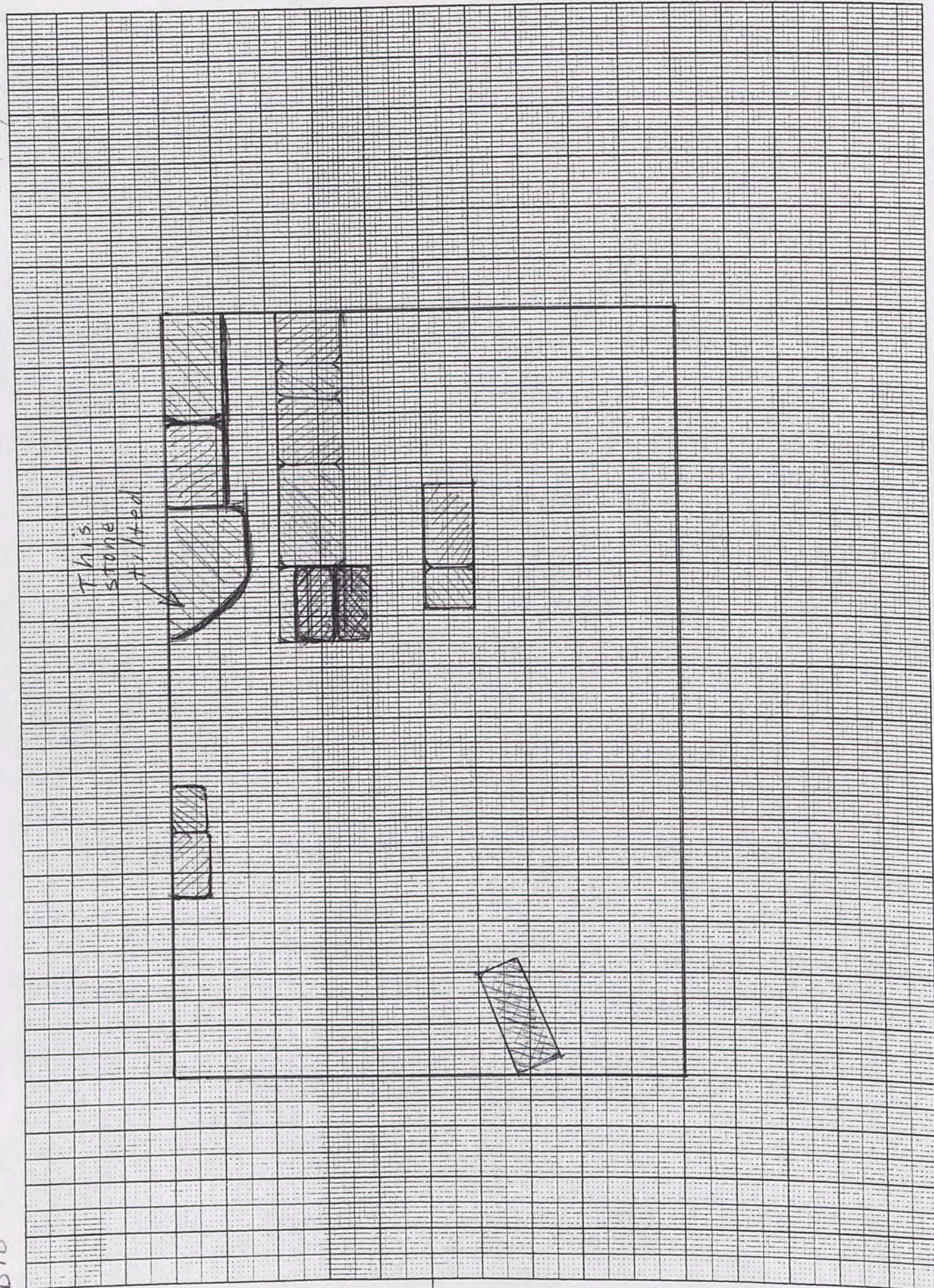
All	kull
All of you	kullkum
All even (same)	kull sawa-sawa
Bedrock	jebel
Big	kabeer
Black	aswad
Bone	az'm
Boy	walad
Brush	forshay
Charcoal	fah'm
Cleaning	tanzeef
Dead	mowt
Eating!	mangariyya
Floor	ardth
From	min
Girl	bin't
Glass	zujaaj

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.

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B10

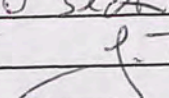
North

Trench..... B10 Initials SF Date 28/4/01 Page.....
 Locus..... 2 Spit..... 1 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

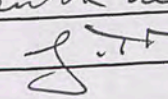
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	2	1
Bone	1	2	1
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
2.1.1	Glass Fragment	2	1

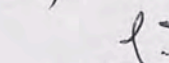
Context Report

62/1 Continuing with removal of earth (brown-layer) + crushed stone layer.
 Ashlar block revealed in southern end of trench. Only a few pot sherds + some roof tile coming from this context. (? if used for sub-floor packing).
 Plan: clear this spit - cross reference features in B9 (adjacent trench), then plan new context in section clay-like soil layer. 

3 new feature zones have emerged in south east quarter - not in line of those in B9. Plenty of roof tile lifted.

2.1.1 -> lifted from along eastern bank near centre. 

Having "tidied up" this context have defined a new context to the north end of the trench, 2m in span the north bank.

Plan: excavate here, until bedrock, as locus 3.  for Stan

Trench B10 Initials J.T. Date 1/5/01 Page.....
 Locus 3 Spit 2 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

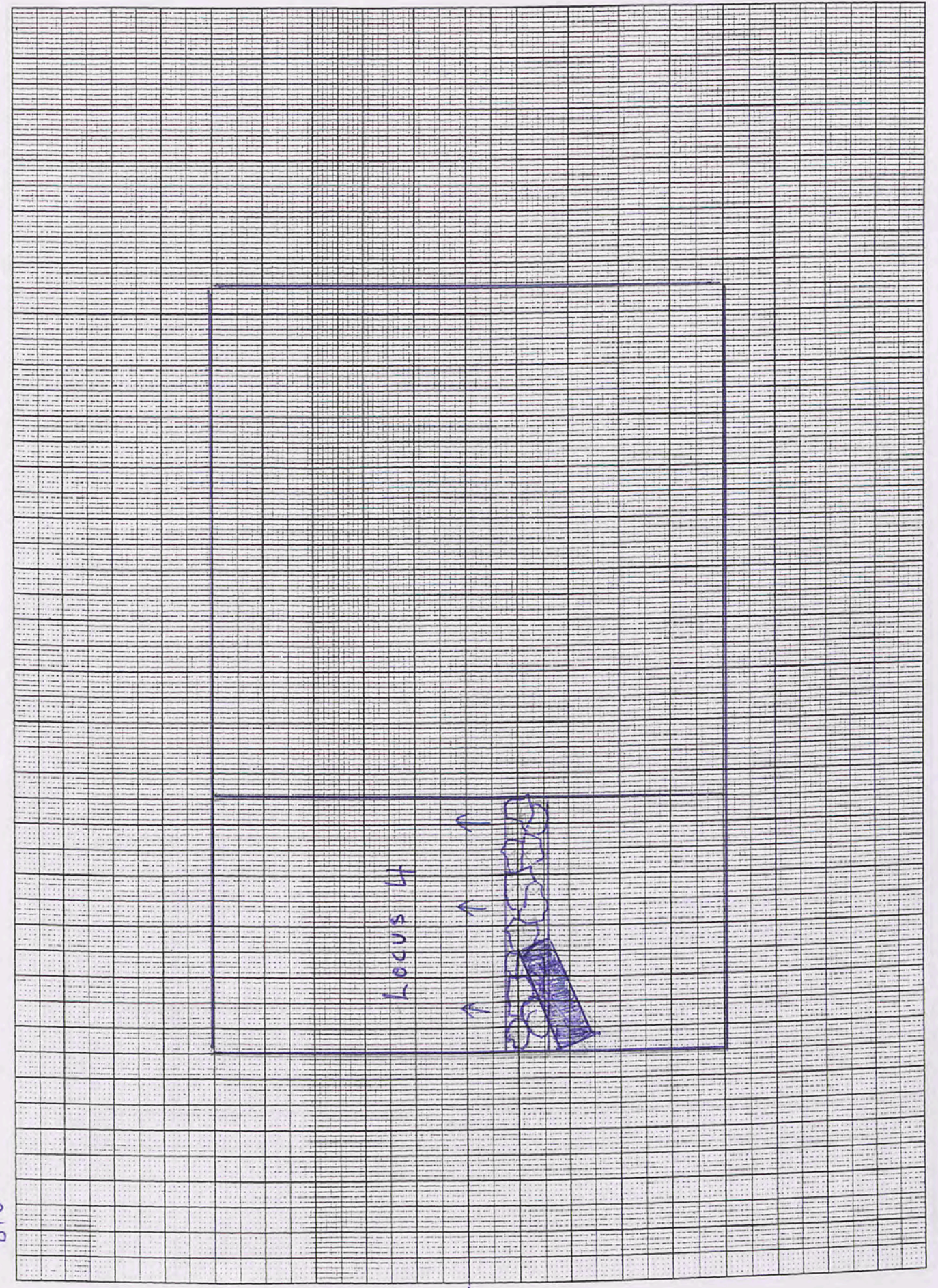
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	L4	
Bone	1	L4	
Charcoal	1	L4	
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
3.2.2	Metal Blobs	L3	2.

Context Report (230mm from E bank)
 23/2 Line of stone on N-S axis adjacent to stone down emerging. Don't know if this is a deliberate foundation structure or naturally occurring. Will work either side. (300-350mm wide) (west) depth of this spit: 750 mm down. (benchmark - junction of NE banks).

24/2 Plan for this ^{locus} spit is to reach level (east of wall) given the nature of fill, no need to change spits. Note that workers feel that this trench is likely to be extremely deep - "much more".

1-5-01



B10

North

Scale 1:500

Trench... B10 Initials... SF Date... 3/5/01 Page....
 Locus... 4 Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	BW3	17-24	
Photos col.			

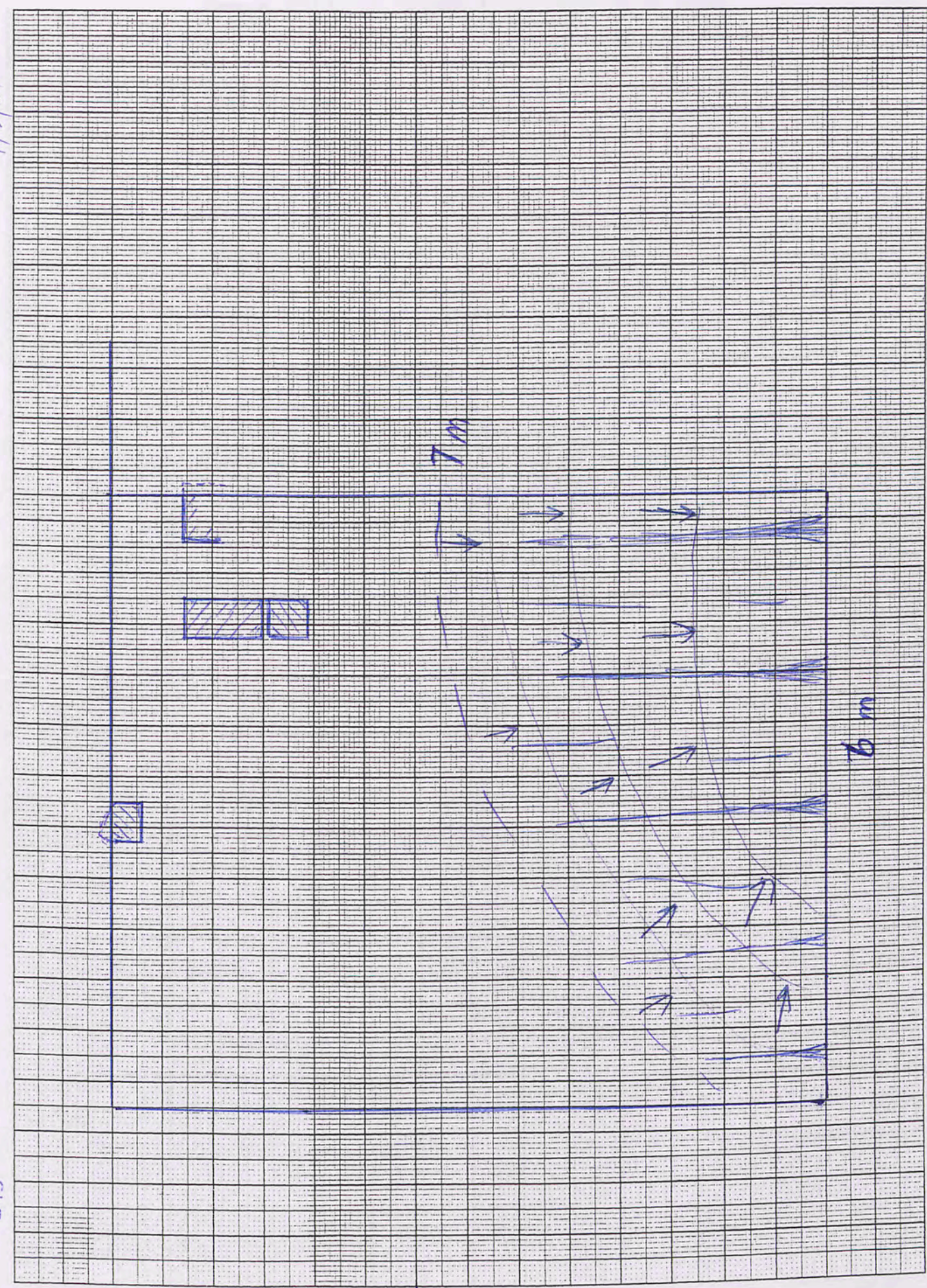
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
4	Metal object		

Context Report

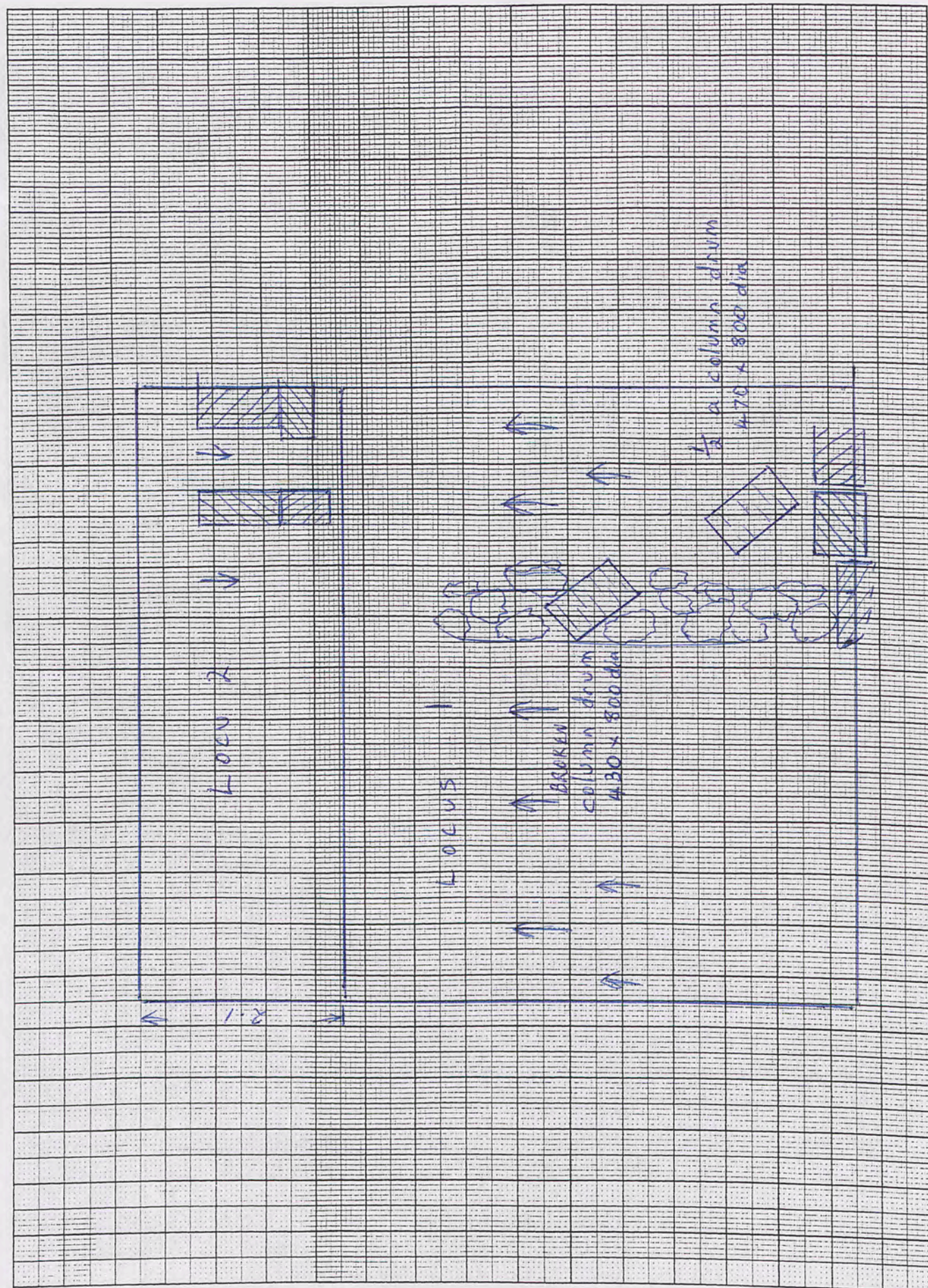
L 4	Continuing to clean off to clay layer PLAN Clean off layer, the wall & sides of baulk in preparation for photographs to be taken
	We have completed L4 temporarily and have switched our attention to our new trench trench B13 (which is directly to the east 6m x 7m) PLAN is to remove top layer of B13
	* BW3 - 17-24 are Samie's reference no's for photos taken in B13 Locus 4
L1.1	By the end of the day we have removed 2/3 of the surface layer of B13

4/5/01

B13



North



Trench... B13 Initials... SF Date... 10/5 Page...
 Locus... 1 Spit... 2 ... Locus... 2 Spit... 1 ... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

Context	Report
1.2	Still continuing in LOCUS 1:2 I am still leaving the suspect wall for the moment. A column drum 430mm thick by 800mm dia has been exposed in the wall, as has a second drum as indicated in the adjoining diagram it's dimensions are 480mm thick by 800mm dia. This second drum is split approx in 2. No pottery or objects found today
2.1	We have also commenced a new locus 2.1m parallel to the eastern baulk in the SE cor. It appears as I suspected that this area is part of some steps. (yet to be confirmed.) No pottery or objects found today

Trench.....B13.....Initials.....SF.....Date.....19/5/01 Page....
 Locus.....1.....Spit.....2 Locus.....2.....Spit.....1..... Feature/s.....

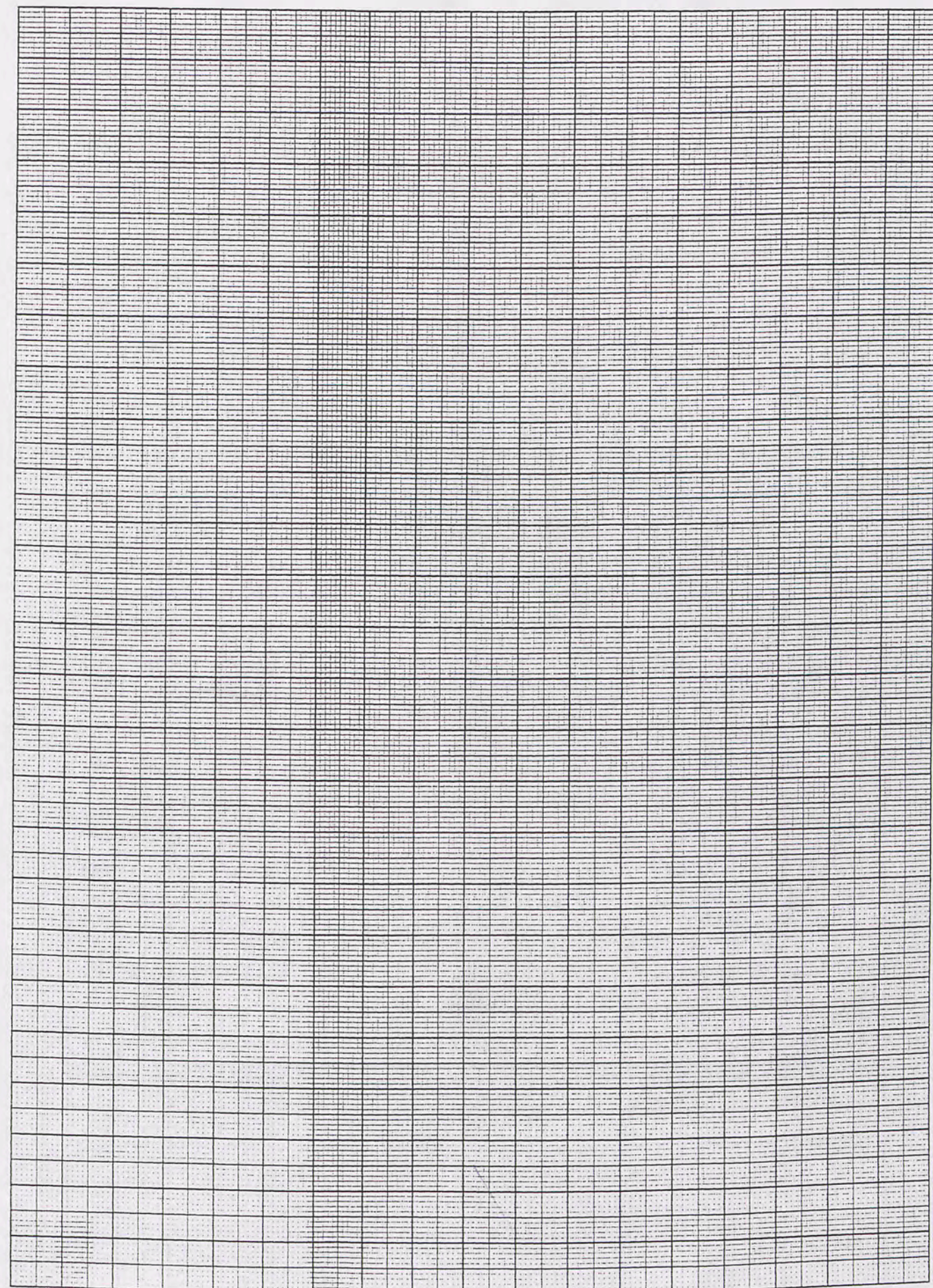
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	2	1
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1:2:17	Possible lamp frag. 01.561	1	2

01.511
big frags.

Context Report

Context	Report
1:2	Continuing to clear this level. Just about clearing ^{ed} this level at about the same level as the blocks behind and below the steps. Will continue tomorrow
2:1	Started back in this locus today and it is appearing as though we may have a new retaining wall running N th /S th 1.5m west of eastern baulk Three lateral big stones to the ret. wall maybe buttresses to support the ret wall, we shall see in the next day or two.



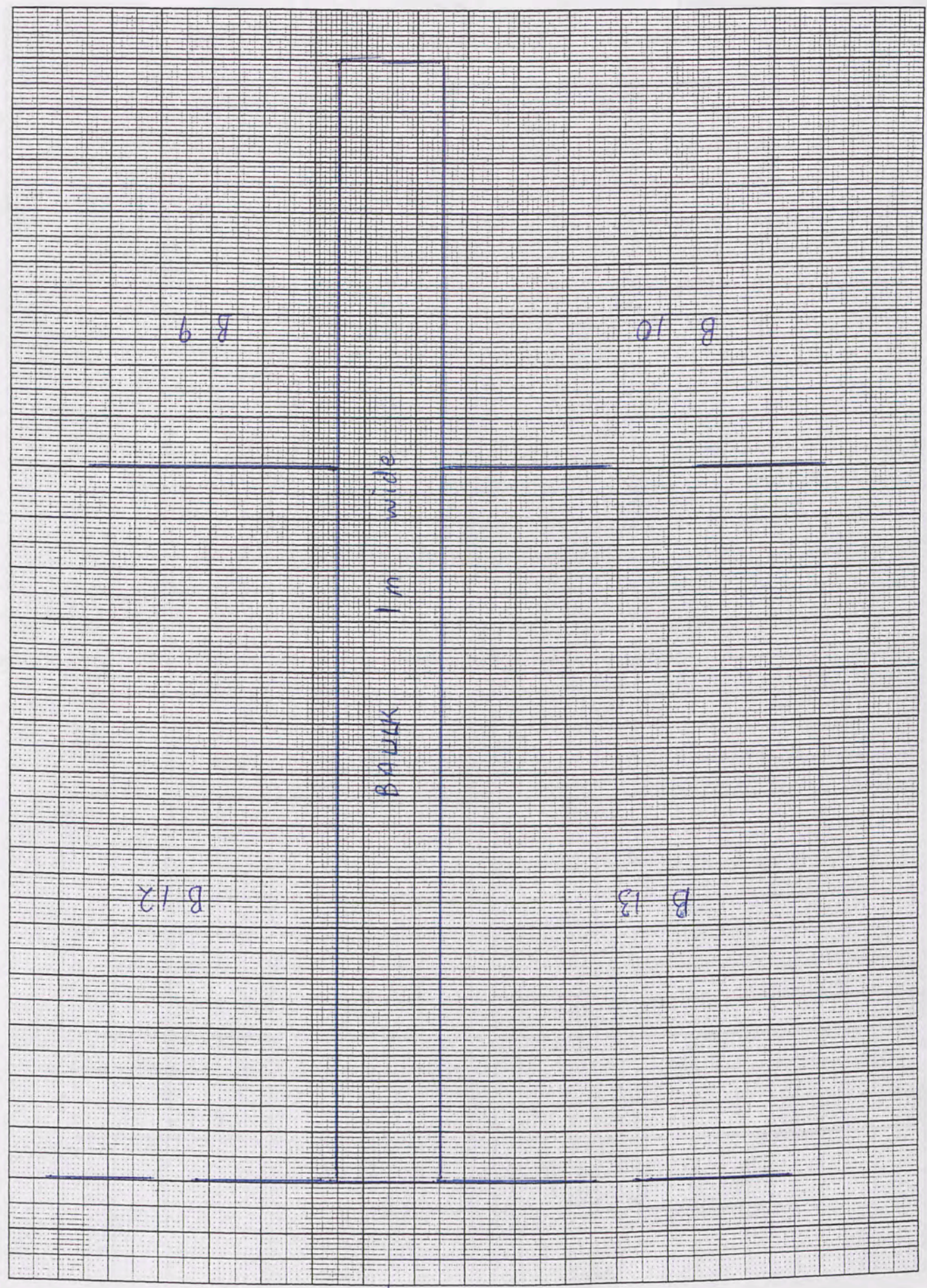
B9/B10
+ Bank B12/B13

Trench...^{B13}.....Initials...^{SF}.....Date...^{2/5}..... Page....
Locus...².....Spit...²..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	Report
1:2	Just cleaning of trimming this area. V. small amount of pottery fd.
2:2	Cleaning of trimming this area. V. small amount of pottery fd. Later we will start on the bank between B12 and B13
BAULK	Started excavating between B12/13 I have divided the baulk into two loci the 1 st locus extends from the eastern side to the riser of the steps - The second from the riser to the western side



North

B9/10 Baulk
 Trench B12/13 Initials J.T. Date 28/5/01 Page...
 Locus 4 Spit 1 Locus 3 Spit 1 Feature/s.....

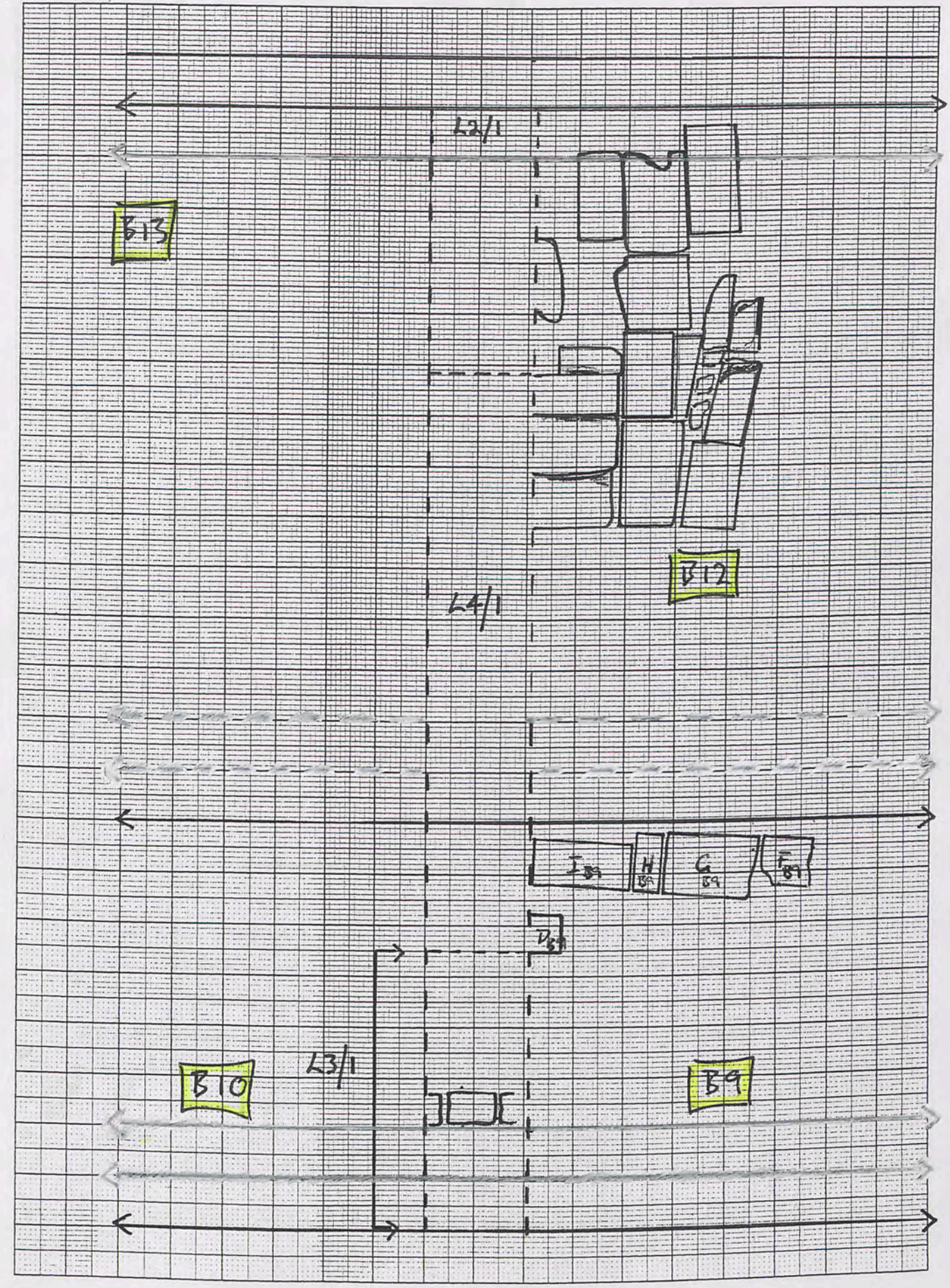
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	3	L3/1 L4/1	L5/1
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)	1 zambel	full.	
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
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Context	Report
L3/1	This context has been cut back consistent \bar{c} levels in B9 + B10. A series of stones just break the surface. These appear to be synonymous \bar{c} the foundation wall in B9 + B10 that runs Nth/South (evident in the foundation trenches). No further excavation required.
L4/1	Have removed the bulk of the bank btw L3/1 & the L2/1. A column drum (cuboid fluted) lies buried up against the powder. This context has been characterised by ashen soil but no associated pottery, bone or otherwise. Probably just dumped ash (sub paving).
L5/1	The narrow strip bound by the 2 rows of worked stone is full of earth & will be excavated as a distinct context. - more to report tomorrow.

End: 28/5/2001.
 B9/B10 B12/B13. Baulk. Scale: 1:500mm.

1mm Squares



1 cm Square

