

Jebel Khalid 2000z

Field Record Book

Area B

T19 + Ex 6
B20 ext NE

Name.....	G. W. Clarke
Trenches.....	B19, B19extW, B19ext E, B19ext S, B20ext NE
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')

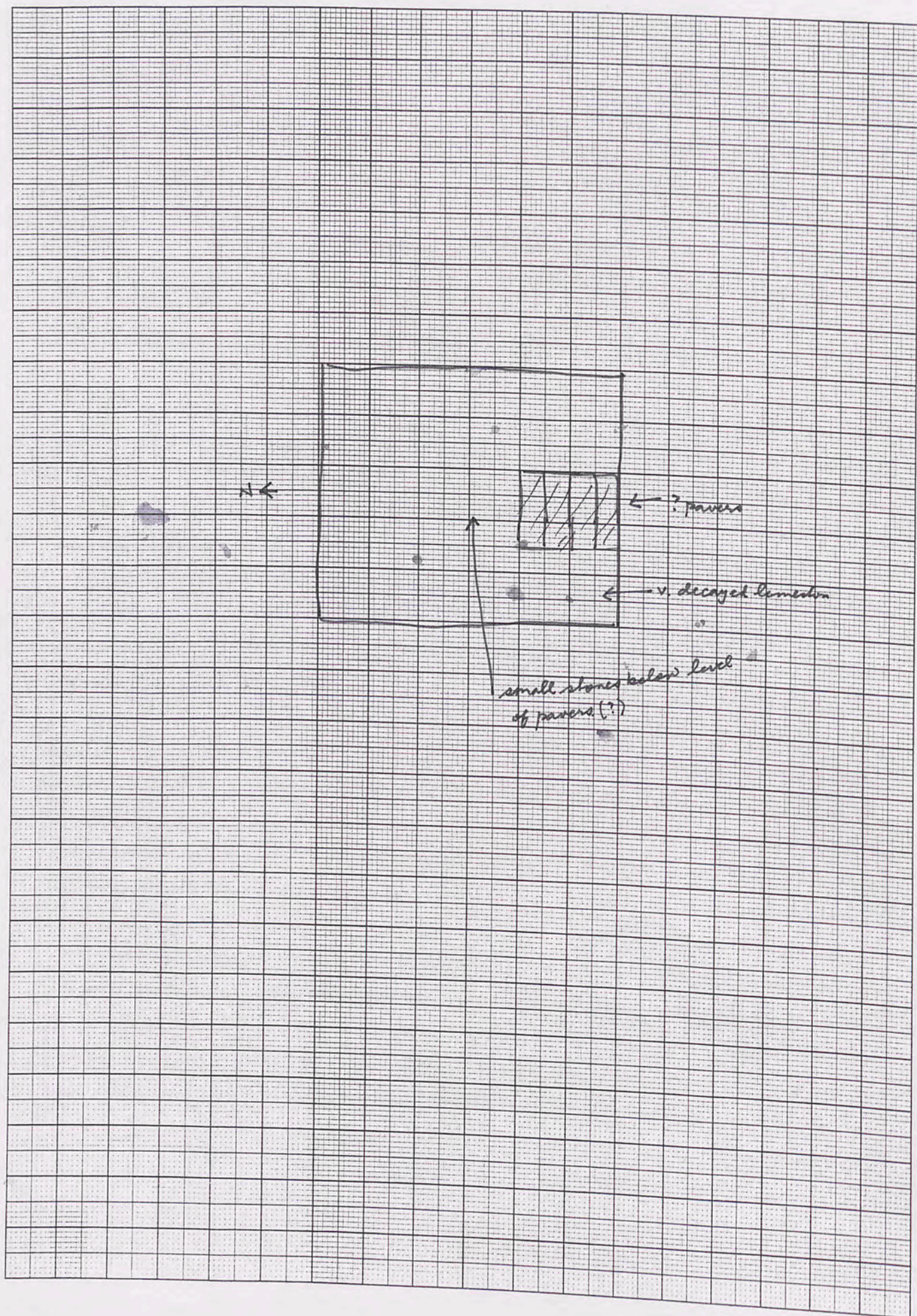
Useful words

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.



Trench.....^{B19}.....Initials ^{GWC}.....Date ^{15/4/02} Page....
 Locus.....¹.....Spit.....²..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Nail	1.2	
2	Coin (surface)	1.2	
3	Lamp frag.		

Context Report

I am calling spit 2 the area we are clearing in the centre of the trench. It appears that the abraded + decayed stone may be sitting on some pavers. We continue through topsoil of a light brown dusty variety. A nail is object .1 found among the fairly abundant roof-tile frags. We seem to be getting sub-floor-blocks-packing of small limestone chippings which may be base for the flooring. There is extremely decayed stone above the (?) pavers on the S end of trench. A surface find coin is object 2 (actually found on DQ soil dump). A tiny glass frag. in the fill. We continue towards the N.

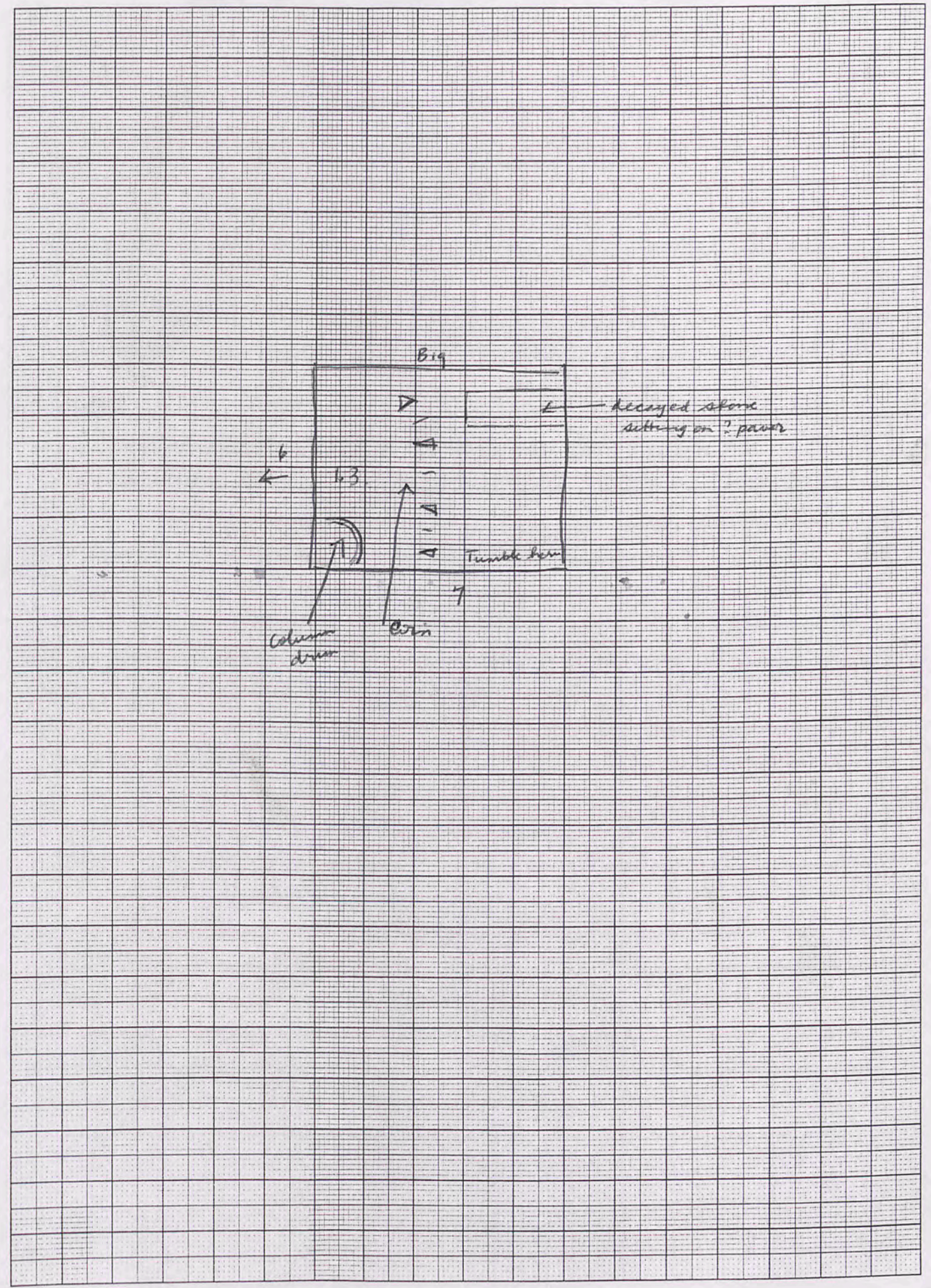
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 Locus.....1.....Spit.....3..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

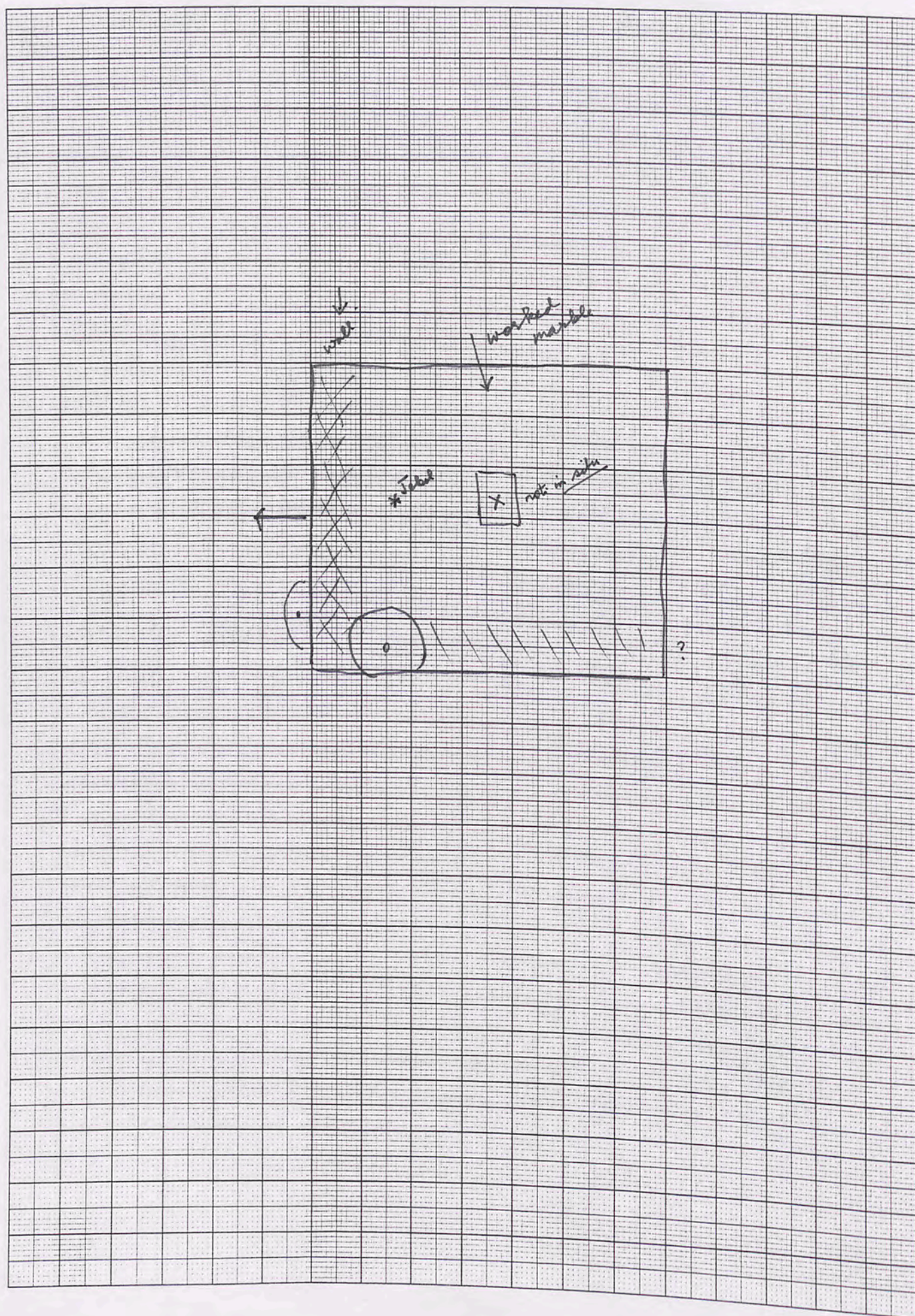
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Pottery	1	1.3	
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	coin	1.3	
2	metal ring (part)	1.4	

Context Report

We are digging towards the N end of the trench cutting through tumble + soil. A coin in this context is object 1. It could be from the original foundation - but it would appear most pavers are gone - only a few left in situ so the context is disturbed. There is much small stone tumble. A column drum is emerging in the NW corner - it sits below the floor level on soil - so got there after the pavers were robbed. We are working against the face towards the W. A half metal ring is object 2 (small). A small amount of pottery as well as the ubiquitous roof-tiles which are coming up by the Zambesi fall.





Trench... *R19* Initials... *GNZ* Date... *27/9/02* Page...
 Locus... *2* ... Spit... *4* ... Locus... Spit... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Nail	2.4	
2	Worked Marble		

Context Report

We continue 2.4 in central trench. A block, horizontal is emerging, whether in situ or ex situ is unclear. Nail in SE corner worked marble in E (mid) baulk area. At 8.30am reached Jebel unexpectedly towards the presumed N wall: characteristic dark red clay level just above bedrock. N wall confirmed.

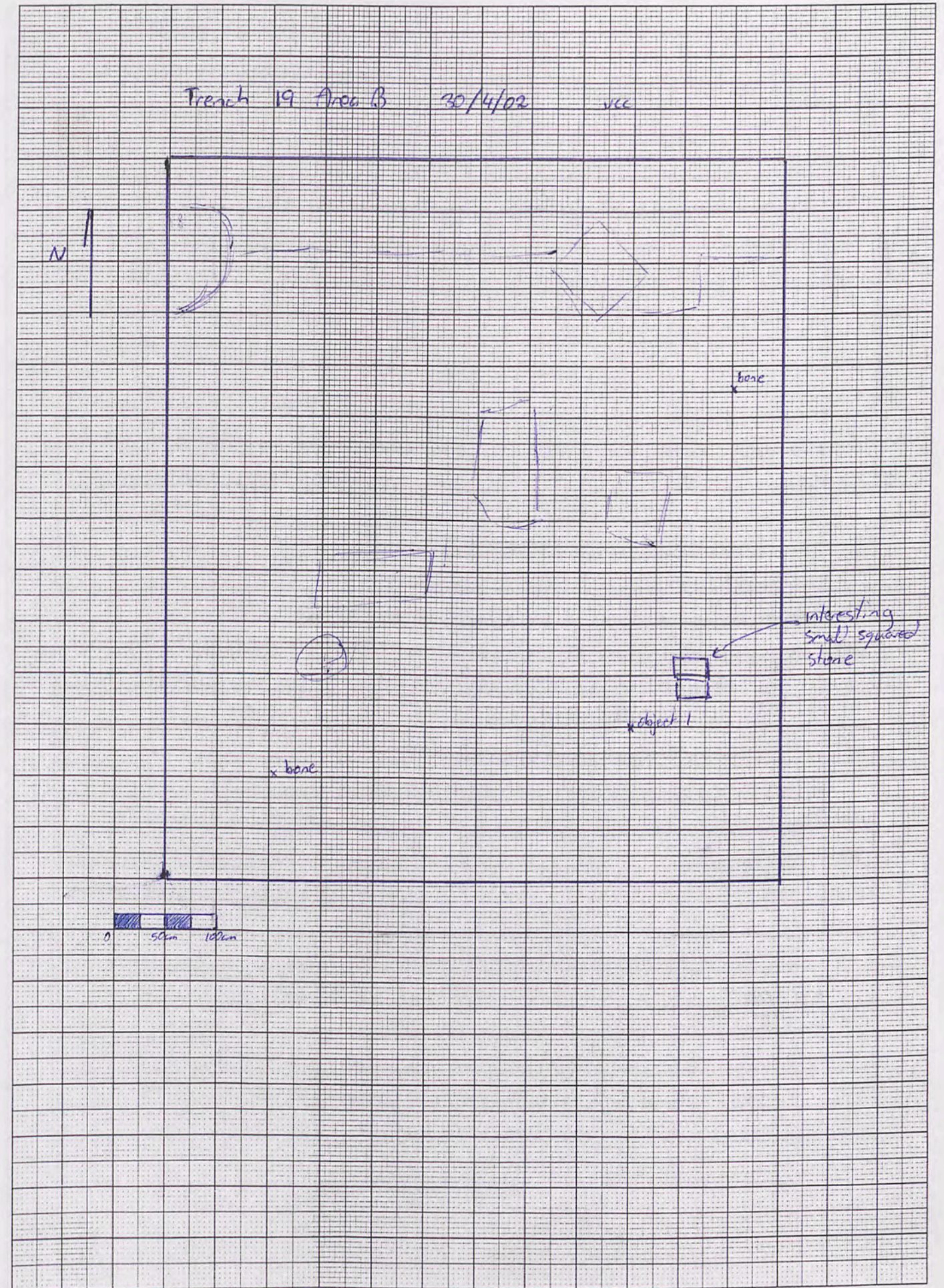
Trench B19 Initials GWC/VC Date 30/4/02 Page....
 Locus 2 Spit 6 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

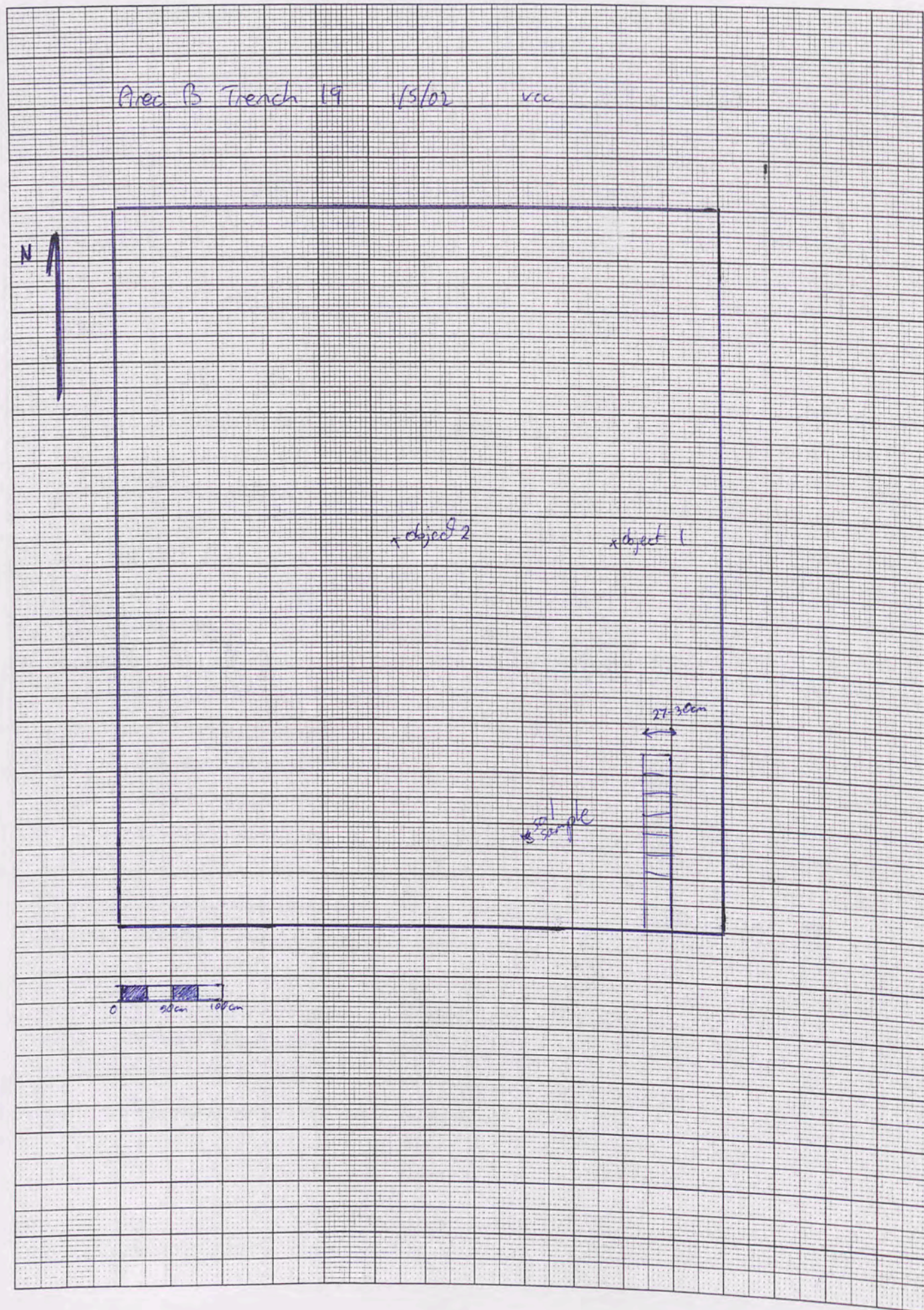
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	2	6
Bone	1	2	6
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)	a few pieces	2	6
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Glass	2	6
2	Pottery with stamp	2	6

Context Report

Context	Report
2.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today we are clearing to bedrock in the NE, NW and along the S side. • Some bone found in the NE corner. Lots more bone found in the SW corner. • A piece of glass, quite dark as having, possibly modern (or obsidian??) found in SE corner - Object #1 • Some odd-seeming squared-off bones have been seen revealed in the SE corner. They are sitting on the jebel. One is soft limestone the other quite hard. • A small zipper tag was found in the middle of the south edge just above the jebel. It has the symbol of Syrian Arab Air on it! • The layer above the jebel is very hard packed clay (~5-10cm thick) with often a clear layer of crushed limestone (either hard-packed or dead limestone) on top of the clay. The limestone layer is ~10cm thick. • Only a few pieces of tile found today had a good-sized bag of pottery.
	<p>* Pottery handle with stamp found during analysis → object #2</p>





Trench... B.19.....Initials...vcc...Date...1/5/02 Page...
 Locus...2.....Spit...6..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	2	6
Bone	1	2	6
Charcoal	1	2	6
Other (Tile)	1 small piece	2	6
Photos bw			
Photos col.			
Soil	1	2	6

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Medal lump	2	6
2	Shell	2	6

* See below

Context Report

Context	Report
2.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looks like today will be another lovely day, cool and fine then warm later. Hopefully we will finish clearing to bedrock today then Jamie can take photos. The two squared stones from yesterday are now a wall continuing to the south edge. Just to the West of the wall, and running parallel, there is a dip/trench in the bedrock. This trench is filled with fine dark soil - silt? Soil sample taken from here. Some charcoal has also come up in this trench - in the middle. Some bone has come up in the SE corner and in the middle. Every time we seem to have bedrock a closer examination proves it is very hard packed clay again. This clay layer is between 10cm and 30cm thick (in trench). It is so hard I was thinking that perhaps I was never originally removed. Ed says the clay layer on his bedrock was much thinner. Also, there has been very little in the clay layer other than small rocks. However a largest lump of medal was just found in the clay to disprove that theory - Object #1 A nice piece of shell has come up in the clay in the middle of the trench. It may have just come out of the limestone but it is a nice piece so I'm making it Object #2 A small bag of pottery and one small piece of roof tile.

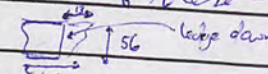
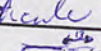
* Object 1 - medal lump rejected - only stone.

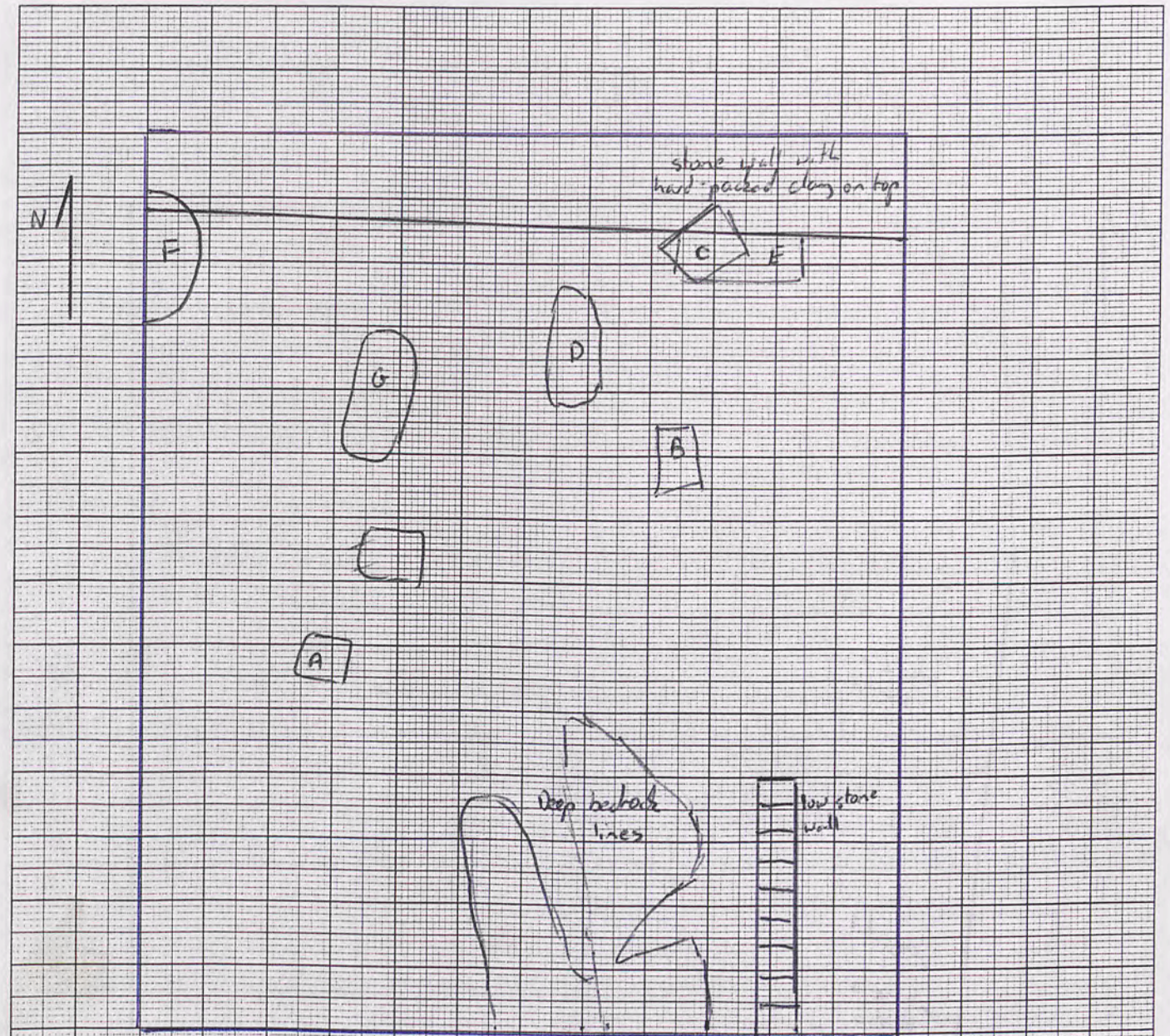
Trench B19 Initials CWC/vcc Date 2/5/02 Page...
 Locus 2 Spits 6 Locus..... Spits..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	2	6
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.	CS3 24-31		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

Context	Report
2.6	<p>Finished clearing the trench today. Features are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stone wall in SE corner running N-S. It seems to line up with the paving stones in Janie's trench so they may be the base for the paving stones wall running E-W on North edge of trench. The brick wall there is not completely regular but the surface is very flat and hard-packed clay. Ed suggested that this is the former top of the supporting wall. It goes from ~80cm wide at the east end to 60cm wide at the west end a number of large worked stones that were found in the trench, sitting on only a small amount of the hard packed clay that was on top of the job. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one almost cubical 35cm x 45cm x 43cm. At least two of the faces are worked B a flatter more paving stone looking one 46cm x 56cm x 22cm. The 56cm dimension seems to be between 2 parallel worked surfaces ie an original dimension of the stone. On the top there is a ridge perpendicular to these - perhaps a ledge to fit the stones together?  ledge down? C another paving stone like one  52 x 52 x 25. The stone is definitely worked (flat) on top and two parallel sides (52cm apart) the minimum thickness of the stone would be 25cm but that face is not flat (and uneven anyway) D a big well-worked rectangle. If there are worked faces they are very abraded. Max dimensions 82 x 38 x 52cm E A very large block with a number of worked faces hard up against the E-W wall (but not necessarily in situ) Worked dimensions 146cm and 56cm. Minimum third dimension 56cm



F: Column down 52cm thick 90cm diameter with round hole in the middle of both faces ~6cm diameter x 6cm deep.
 G: A strange block 160cm long thin on one end, 38cm x 46cm flat rectangle out on the other like a quarter column, maybe 13cm diameter. Maybe it is a block with interesting abrasion??

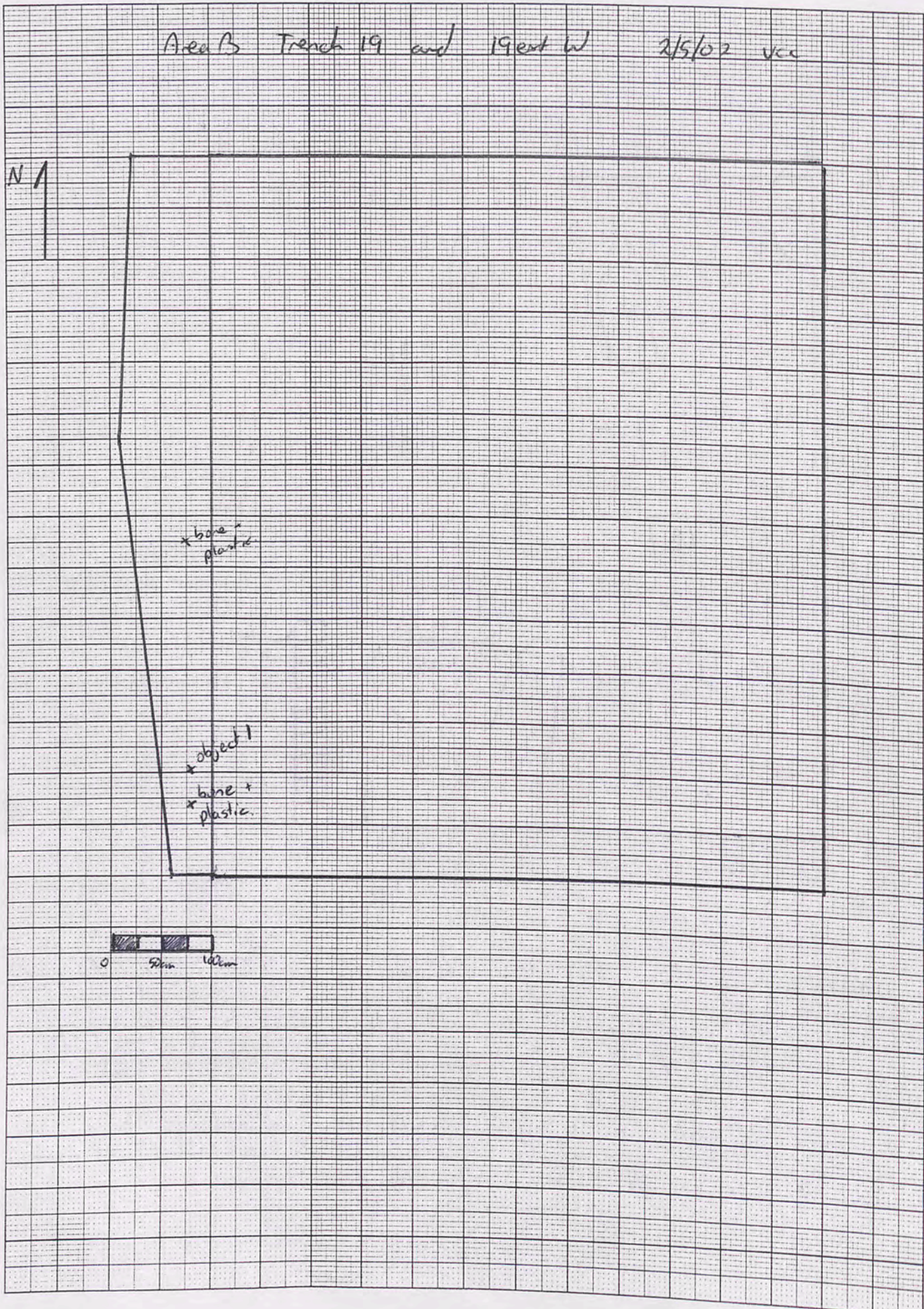
The bedrock itself slopes from the west down to the east perhaps slightly lower in the NE corner. It is quite uneven with trench like dips but they look natural, not worked along the south side the trench is ~40cm deep.

Area B Trench 19 and 19ext W 2/5/02 vcc

N ↑

* base + plastic

* object
* base + plastic

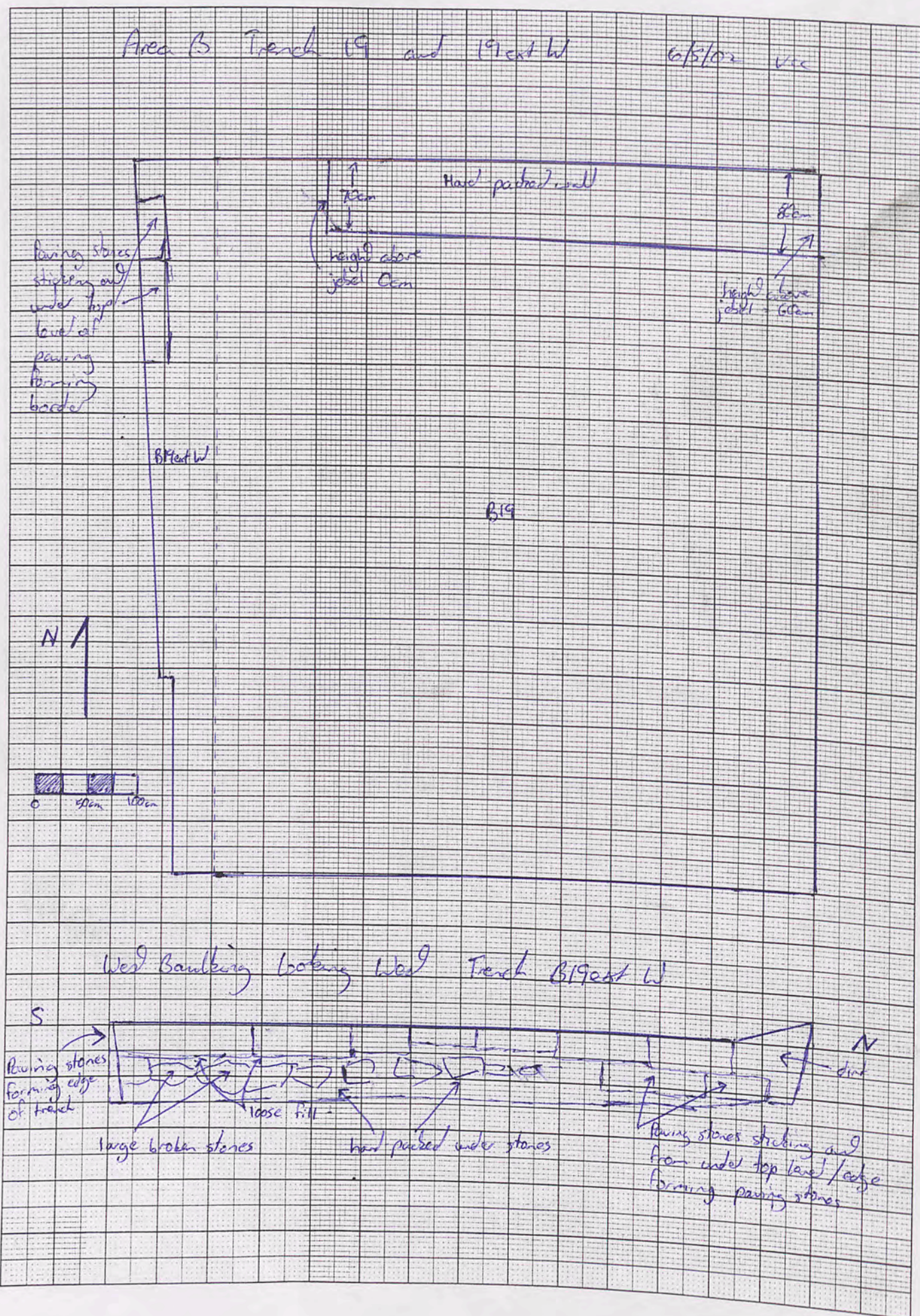


Trench... B19-ext W Initials vcc/vcc Date 2/5/02 Page...
Locus 1 Spit 1 Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Washed marble	1	1

Context	Report
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Going to extend trench to the west up to the paving stones. The width goes from 80cm in NW corner to 90cm just north of the middle to 40cm in the SW corner. The bank slopes around a bit, particularly around the column drum (that we will remove & clear underneath) and some largest stones just to the south of the column drum. The wall on the north edge is likely to continue into this extension. Found an interesting stone. A large river stone that I look to have been shaped to find the hand as a cutter / spindle type tool. Pottery and roof tile coming up as expected. A small piece of bone from the south end (81cm from top of paving stone, 16cm down from bottom of paving stone) 70cm north of south edge. Clearing up to the paving stones clear the there are no pavers underneath it is laid and fairly loose. There was also a piece of black plastic and a piece of paper 55cm down from the top of the paving is record robbery up to the pavers here on the west side. Another small washed stone, possibly a stone tool or what remained after a tool was cut. It might have had a sharp point and I still has sharp edges but it is mostly triangular in section (almost an equilateral triangle).



Trench B19 Ext W Initials GJX/VCC Date 6/5/02 Page...
 Locus 1 Spits 1 Locus Spits Feature/s

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1	1
Bone	1	1	1
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	BWG 2-7		
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

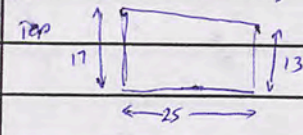
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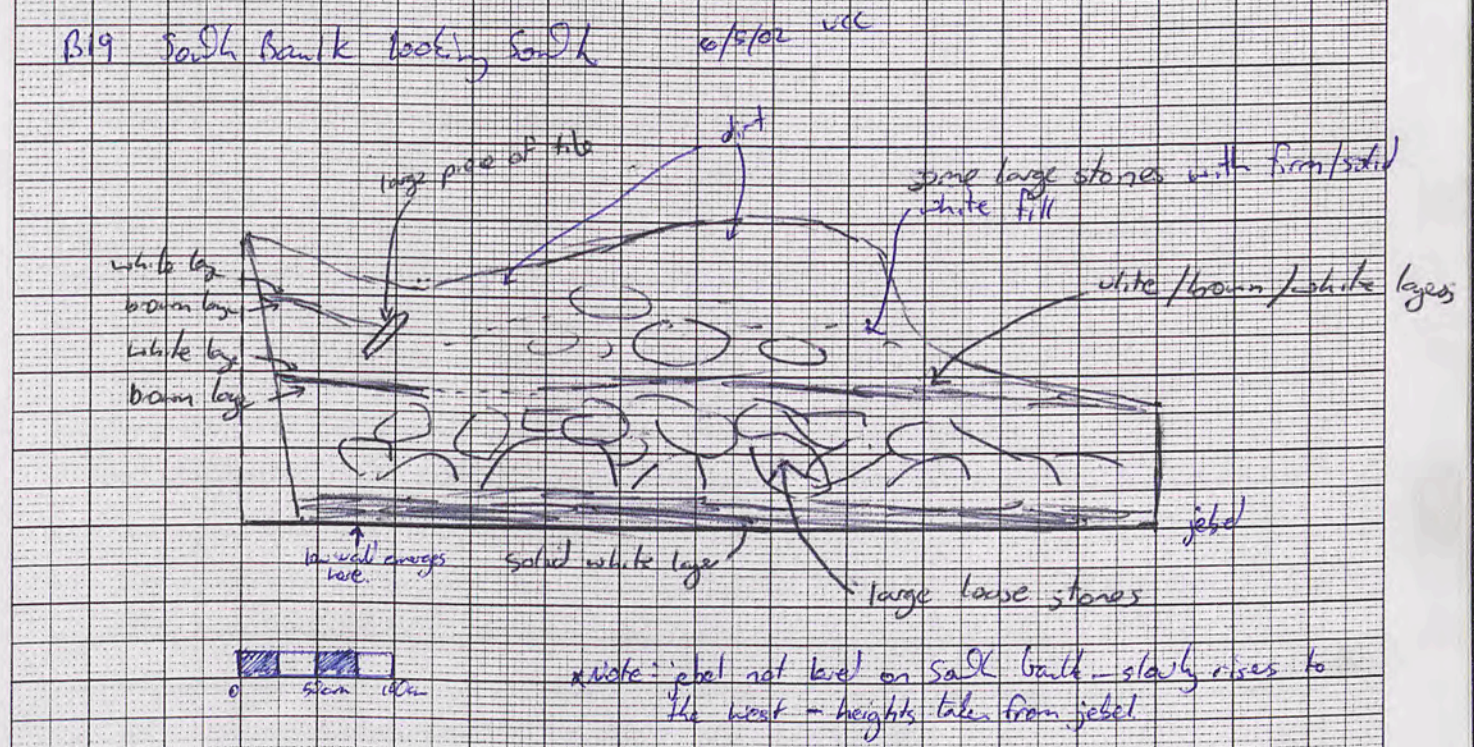
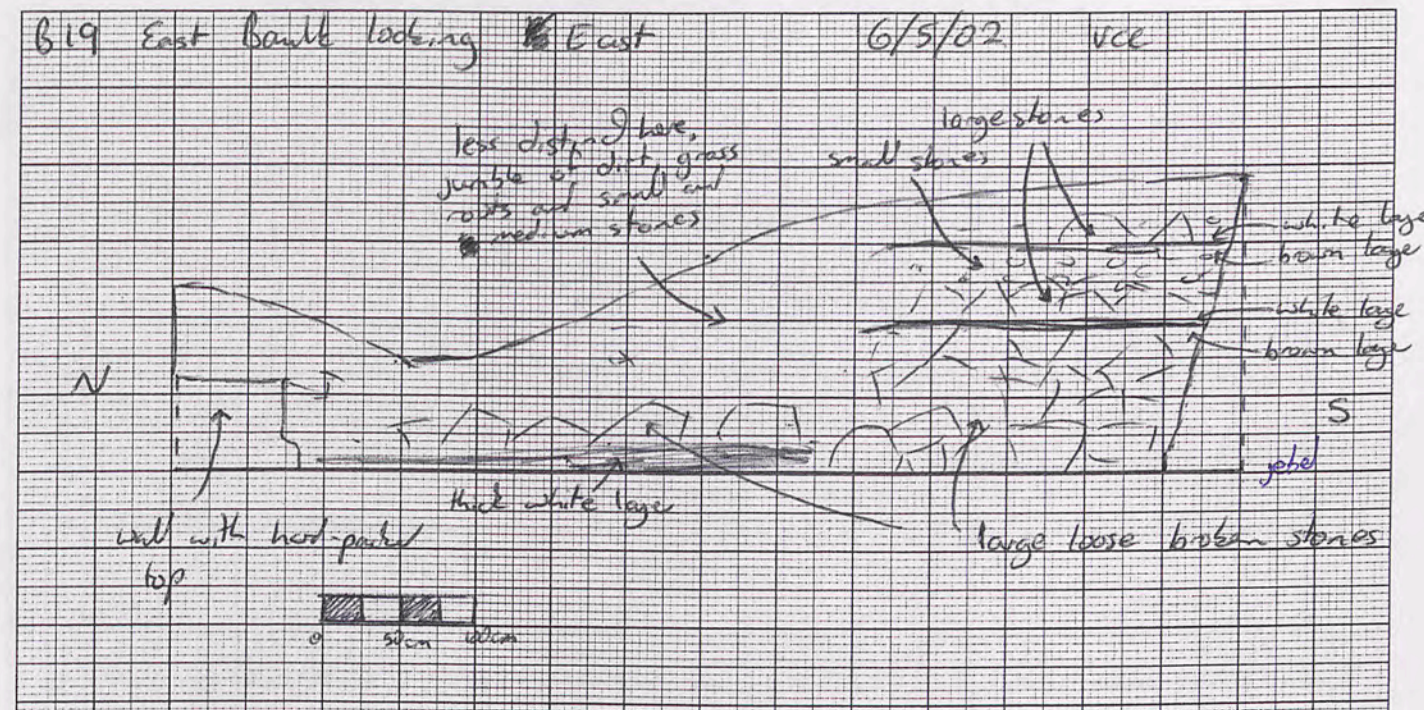
- 1/1
- Weather is fine this morning with a cool breeze. It is fairly mild already so I expect I to get hot today.
 - Piece of bone found in the middle of the trench.
 - Today we should get pretty close to finishing.
 - The wall that runs along the North edge of B19 does not seem to run into B19ext W. It actually turns/merges with the jebel after about 5m (from the East edge of B19).
 - A small amount of pottery coming up.
 - Another small piece of bone this time from the North end.
 - Again there is a very hard-packed clay layer over the jebel. We are using the pick in places to lift it.
 - A small bag of pottery and no tile found in B19ext W.
 - We have now finished B19ext W and have cleaned it for Jamie to photograph.
 - A couple of large worked stones were taken.
 - One is cubical ~ 40x40x33cm - no obvious parallel sides.
 - One is more paving-stone like ~ 19x45x60cm. The 19cm and 45cm widths are for roughly parallel sides.

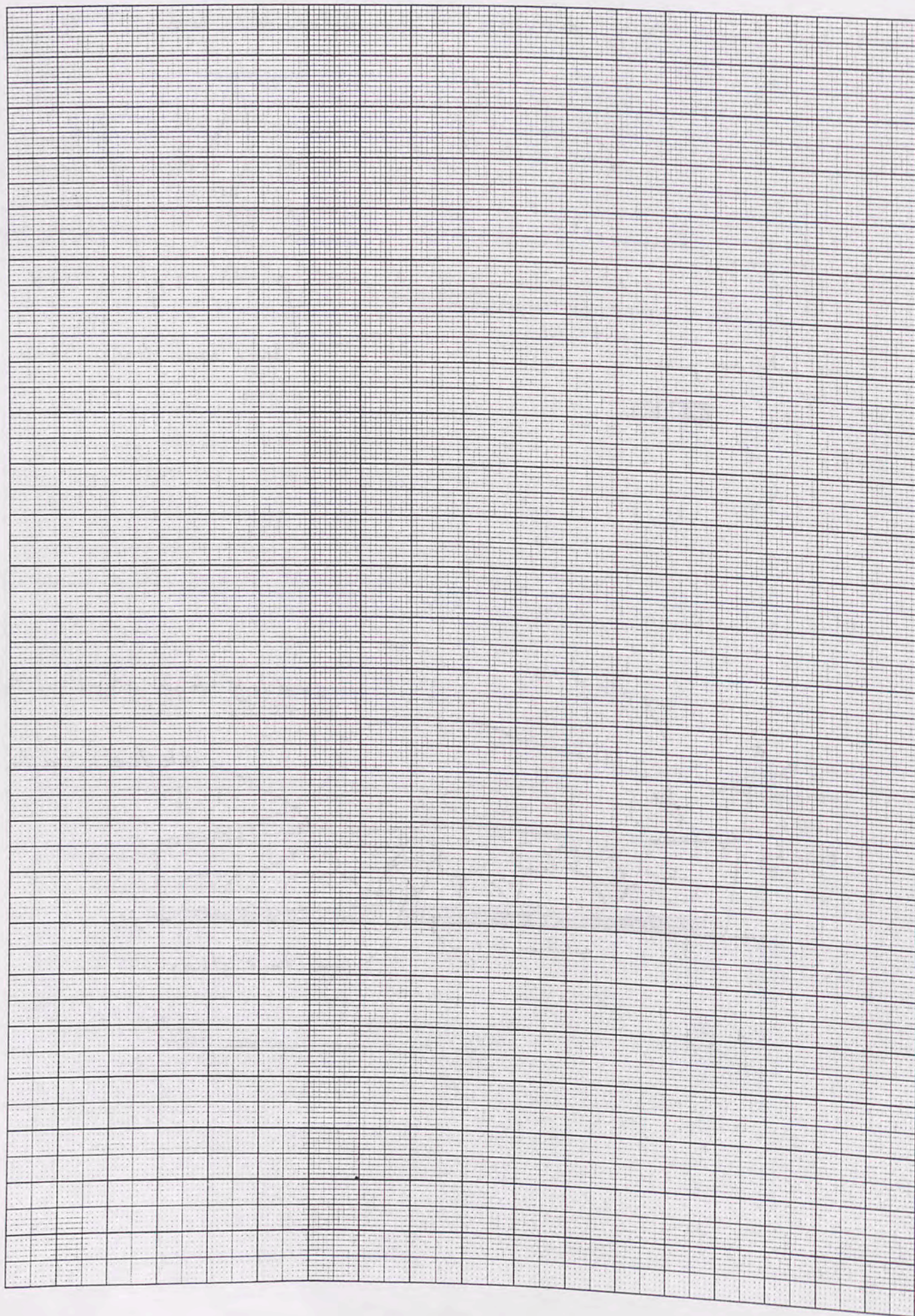
Trench B19 ext E Initials vce/vcc Date 6/5/02 Page.....
 Locus.....1.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Glass	1	1
2	Bronze bell?	1	1

Context	Report
1/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are extending B19 to the East to remove the bank between B19 and B21 → Trench B19 ext E A fair bit of pottery is coming and as well as some large pieces of bone and a thick piece of glass - Object #1 A lump of granite was found that fits nicely into my hand Some largest broken worked stones are coming and they seem to have been flaked, 20-22cm thick Some tile is also coming and Another small piece of glass from the same area - put in with dig #1 A small piece of bronze found - North end of bank. Looks like a broken, squashed bell or casing - Object #2 A small worked stone has come up. All surfaces appear worked but not all are parallel
	 <p>Thickness varies from 9.5-10cm The two longer sides (from top view) have flared faces but they are not exactly parallel. They are perpendicular to the top side however.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty 2/3 zambel of tile.





Trench... B19ext E Initials gwc/ncc Date 7/15/02 Page....
 Locus... 1 Spit... 1 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Glass bead	1	1
2	Coin	1	1
3	Coin	1	1
4	Glass	1	1

Context Report

Context	Report
1/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today the sky is clear and I looks like I will get hot later • We have knocked down the top ridge or so of the bank in the middle third. We are also working in the North third. The bank was 2.5m high in the Southern 2/3 and only 75cm - 1.2m high in the Northern 1/3. The top surface was ~ 1m wide all the way along but sloped steeply down to the West in the Southern 2/3 - ie the other side of the bank (Ed's side) was a bit higher than this side, as shown in the section drawing on the previous page. The bank is up to 2.5m wide at jebel level, wider where I was higher (to prevent landslides). • An interesting hole with a hole through I think some old 40x45x30cm (roughly - it is fairly irregular). The hole is an oval of 9cm x 13cm but it curves a little on the way through. It is not completely closed to. A few small snail shells were in the dirt so perhaps it was dug by them?? There do not appear to be any worked surfaces. The hole is 23cm long away from the nearest surface to • Some bone is coming up in the North 1/3. • We are working up up to where the horizontal white layers start - the dirt seemed to show radially of that point - recent disturbance/robbing??

Trench R19 ext E Initials ox/vcc Date 7/5/02 Page....
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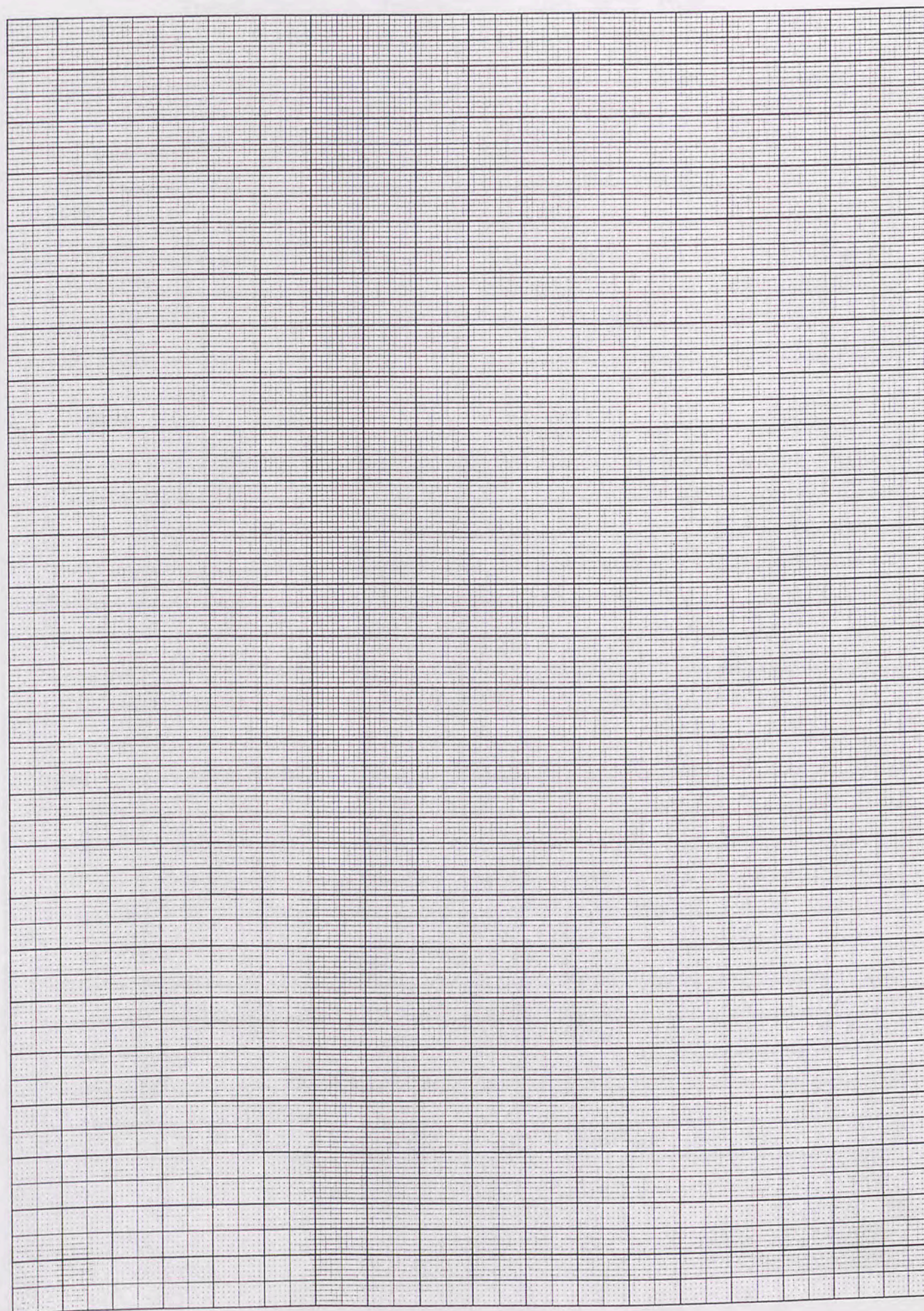
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Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

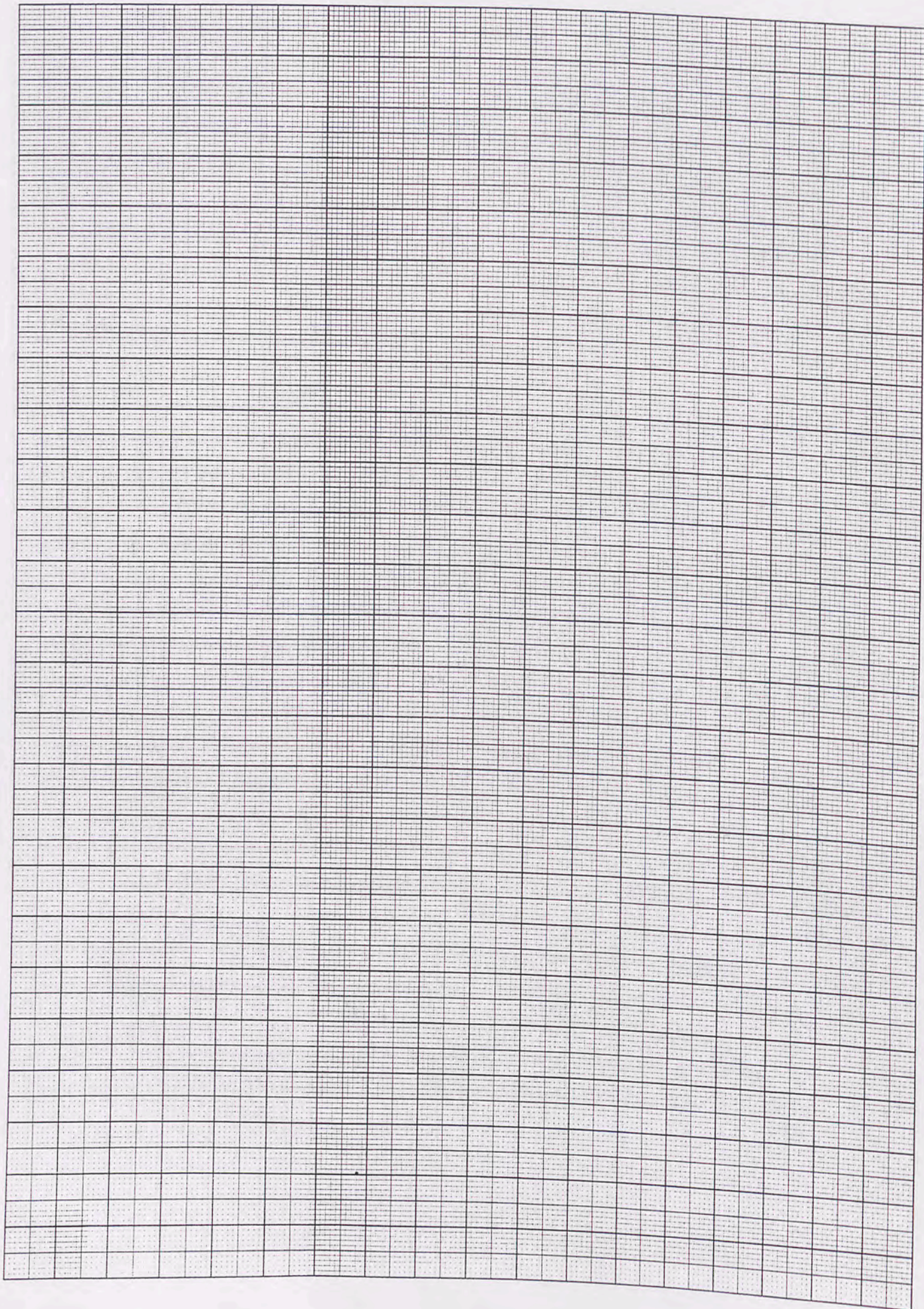
No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context

Report

1/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A small blue glass bead was found in the middle of the locus. Probably from the top 50-100cm. - Obj #1 Some larger pieces of bone are coming up from both the North and middle 1/3s A small the bronze coin - fairly thick and heavy - found in (the) middle of trench/locus. It was probably from the top 50-100cm A number of large stones with worked faces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 27 x 56 x 18cm - a large corner-type piece 25 x 27 x 18cm - neither had any obviously parallel faces - a smaller worked stone 10 x 14 x 20cm. The faces 10cm apart seem to be worked faces - similar size to worked stone found yesterday. Another coin - Obj #3 very similar to the previous coin and from the same place An interesting worked stone - quite heavy for its size <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>The hole in the middle is about 1cm deep. The third dimension is ~14cm. The sides show signs of working - ridged chisel?</p> </div>
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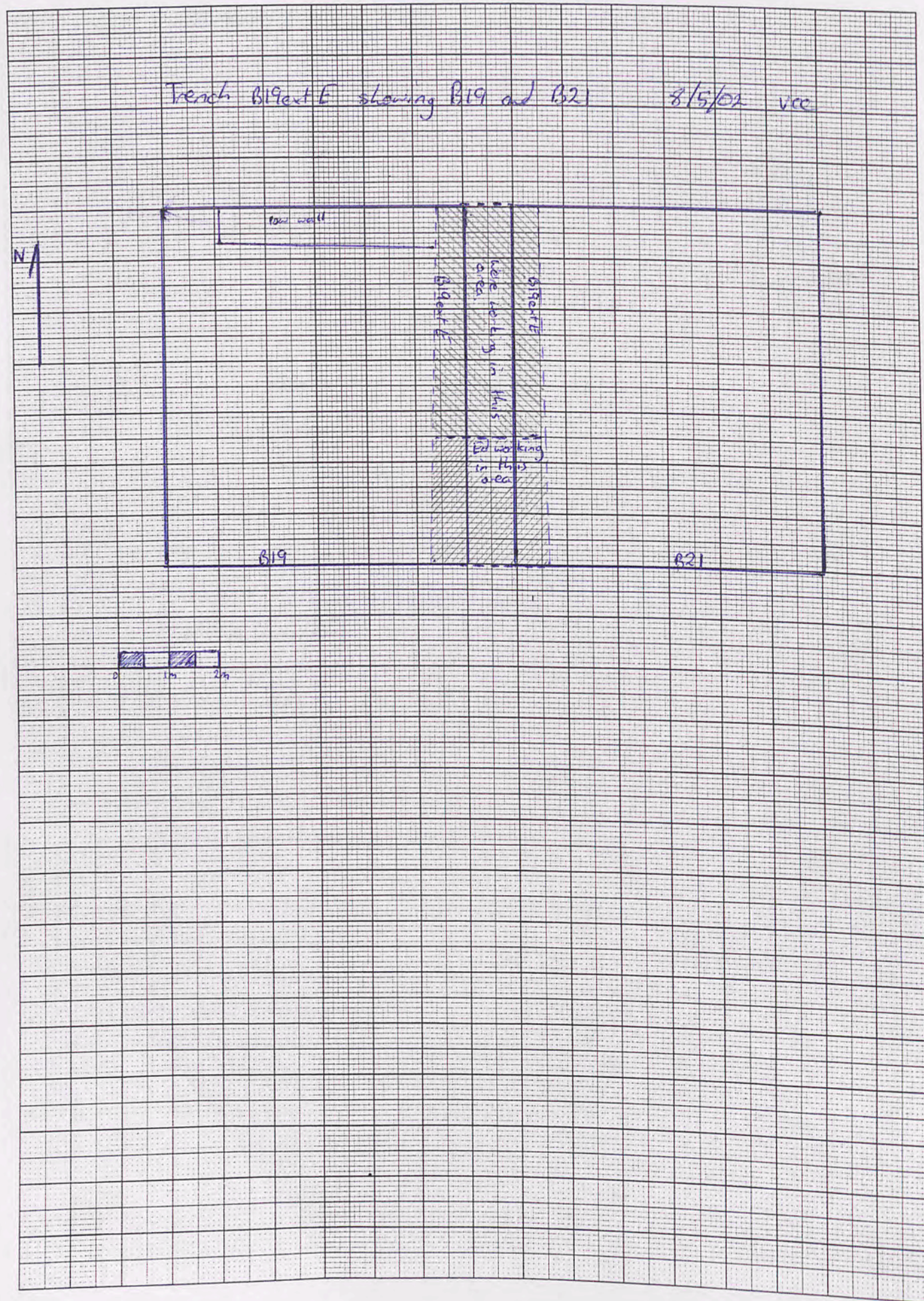


Trench B9 ext 1 Initials gwc/vcc Date 7/5/02 Page ...
 Locus 1 Spit 1 Locus Spit Feature/s

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	Report
1/1	<p>A frog appeared at the North end of the bank! It was under a rock I think</p> <p>Some large worked stones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18cm x 54 x 44cm Fl'd broken pottery like - 18cm is distance between parallel faces - 42 x 32 x 32 not significantly worked. <p>Ed has decided that he needs to take down the top 1-1.5m of the south 1/3 of the bank for safety on his side. His intention is to take it down to the lowest solid brown/white layers - about 1m up from the job. One theory we have is that this layer is actually the top of the undisturbed fill to support the paving stones. With a bit of imagination I could see this layer quite clearly in the south end of the East bank and in the South bank going right up to the base of the paving stones on the West bank. The layer is broken too just over and to ~1m to the West of the E bank wall that emerges from the south bank. The theory goes that they simply dug down there to remove the wall (that was still be seen in Janic's trench) and left the rest of the fill undisturbed.</p> <p>Small piece of glass - Obj'd #4 from middle of bank</p>



Trench B19ext E Initials gwc/vcc Date 8/5/02 Page...

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

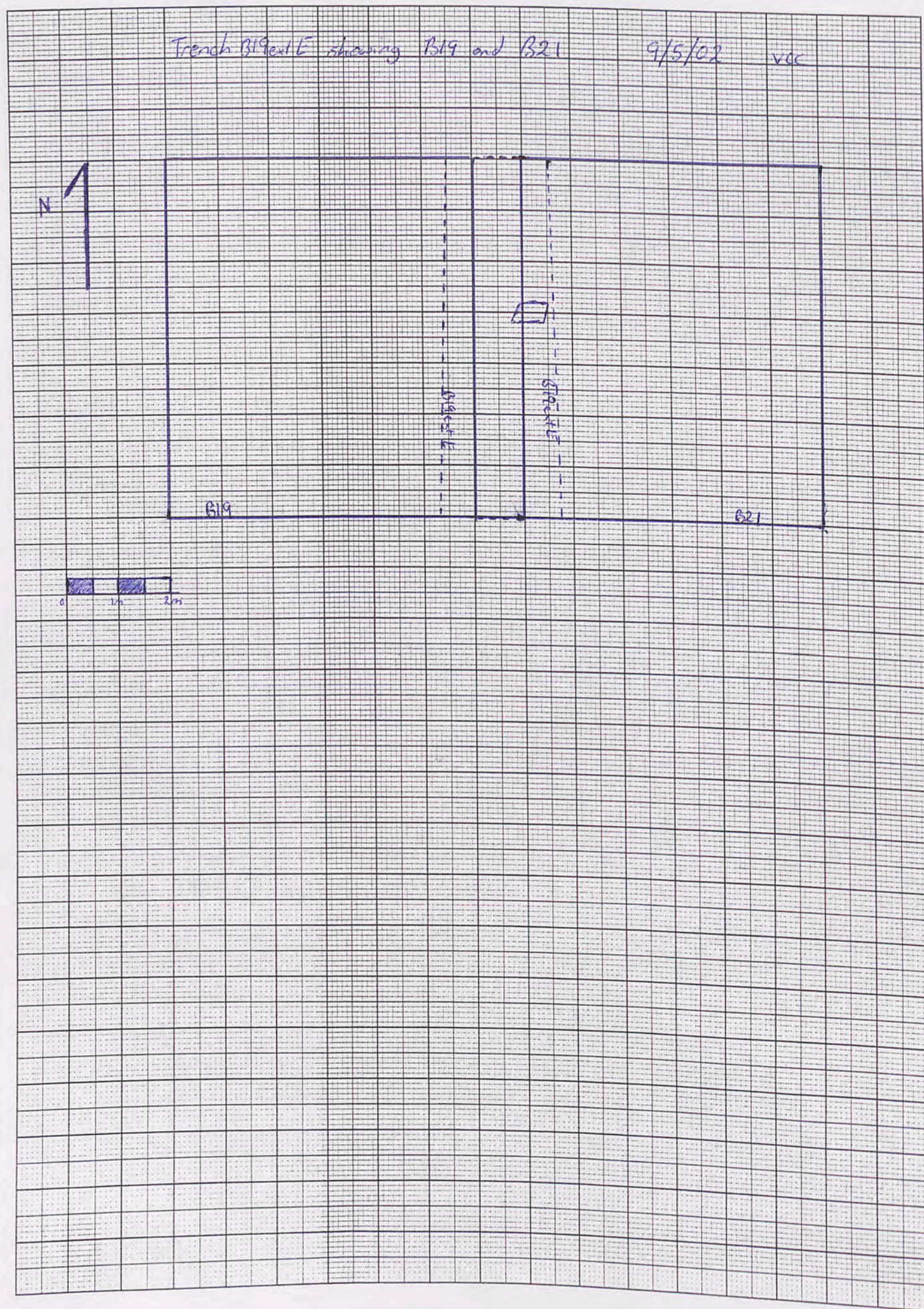
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Pottery	1	1	1
Bone	1	1	1
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)	1 gambrel	1	1
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	lamp fragment	1	1
2	lamp fragment	1	1
3	Glass	1	1
4	Glass	1	1
5	nail	1	1
6	Graffiti on lead	1	1

Context Report

1/1

- It is cool and cloudy this morning but I don't look like rain (yet).
- We are continuing to work on the Northern 2/3 of the bank. Ed is still pulling down the top of the Southern 1/3 from the other side.
- This section of the bank is 40-50cm high above jbel in the middle (EW middle) and ~120cm wide at the base. There is also the Northern 1/3 70cm or so that contains the wall plus perhaps 60cm of dirt. The bank is ~1m wide for this 70cm.
- The fill here is some large stones, some dead limestone, some shattered limestone and lots of reversibly loose dirt. There is some bone, pottery and roof tile mixed in. As before, the jbel seems to have a hard-packed clayey layer on it.
- A small lamp fragment has come up at the Northern edge of the bank near the jbel - Object #1
- Another piece of lamp fragment - thinner than the other - Object #2 same place as the first.
- Some large pieces of stone - 40x43x20cm not worked
40x24x34cm ~~not~~ perhaps 1 bone worked
- A piece of glass - small and thin - Object #3 - from 3m from S of J



Trench B19ext E Initials vac/ver Date 9/5/02 Page
 Locus 1 Spit 1 Locus Spit Feature/s

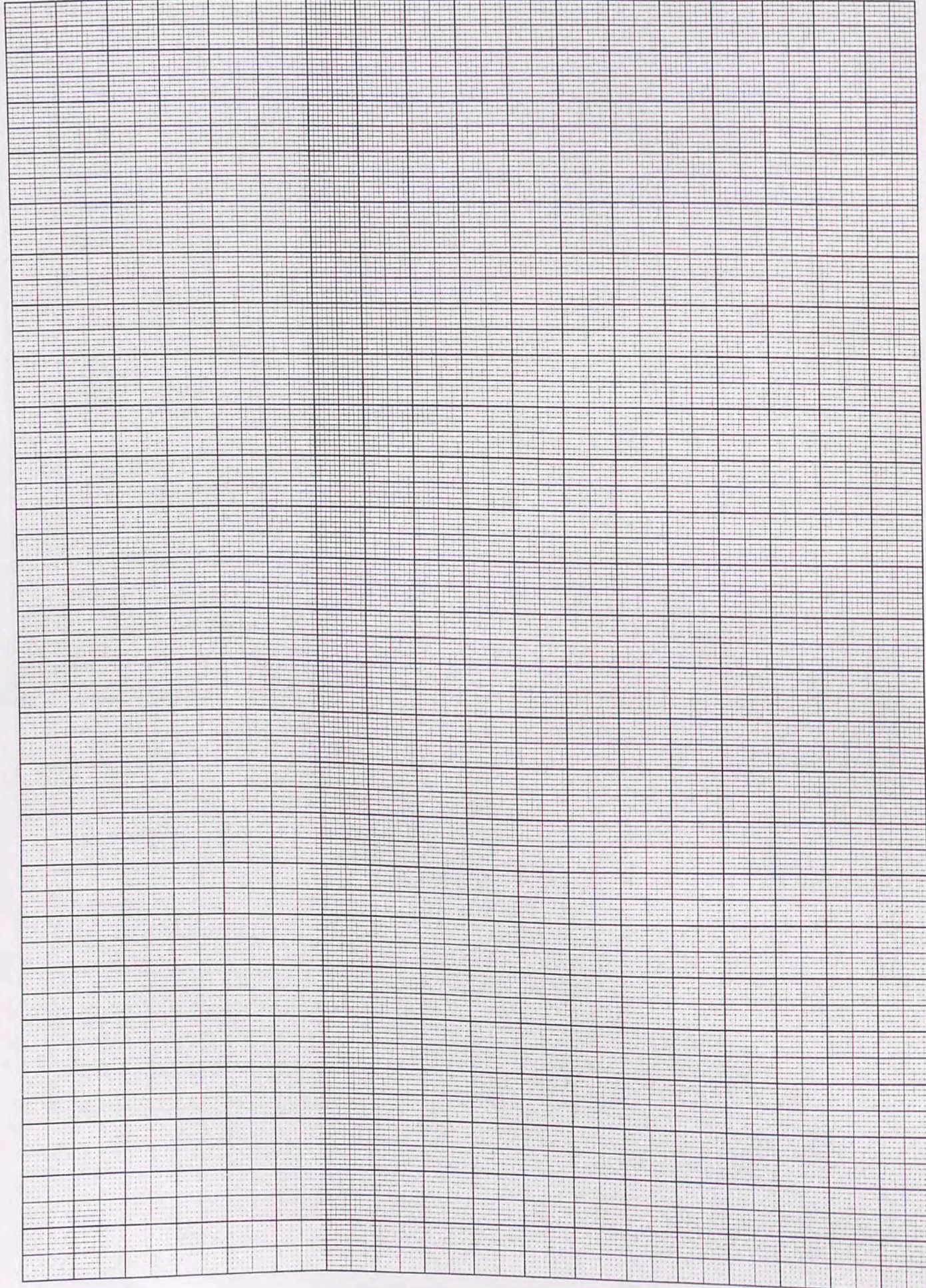
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1	1
Bone	1	1	1
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)	43 zambec	1	1
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	metal lump	1	1
2	seed?	1	1

Context Report

1/1

- Weather is fine and clear this morning with very little breeze. I hope this doesn't mean we'll be roasting by 11am.
- Today I hope we will finish this bank. The workers think I is very boring however, after doing all the fun knocking down yesterday, and are moving slowly.
- When clearing the North end of the bank above the wall we found a ~~mouse~~ mouse nest - complete with baby mice! Some was dug out ~~to~~ to find the bank and some of the nest collapsed (!) but I think they survived. I have built them a little stone wall to protect what remains of the nest and the hole appeared to be gradually digging so hopefully everything will be ok.
- A small lump of metal was found ~ 15cm above jebel in the middle of the bank - Object #1
- We are still finding bone, pottery and red tile. But from the way the bank collapsed I is impossible to say exactly what level I came from. Most of the bone was from the North end of the trench (perhaps all).
- We have ~~not~~ uncovered a large worked stone 2.5m south of the wall (which is ~ 50cm wide from the North edge of the trench. It is sitting ~ 10cm above the jebel on the hard packed clay and some crumbled limestone. The top is approximately level.



Trench... B19 ext E Initials... VC Date... 11/5/2002 Page....

Locus...!..... Spit...!..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

Also B19 ext S Locus 1 Spit 1

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Iron bits (with bronze?)	1	1
2	Iron nail	1	1

Context Report

B19 ext E

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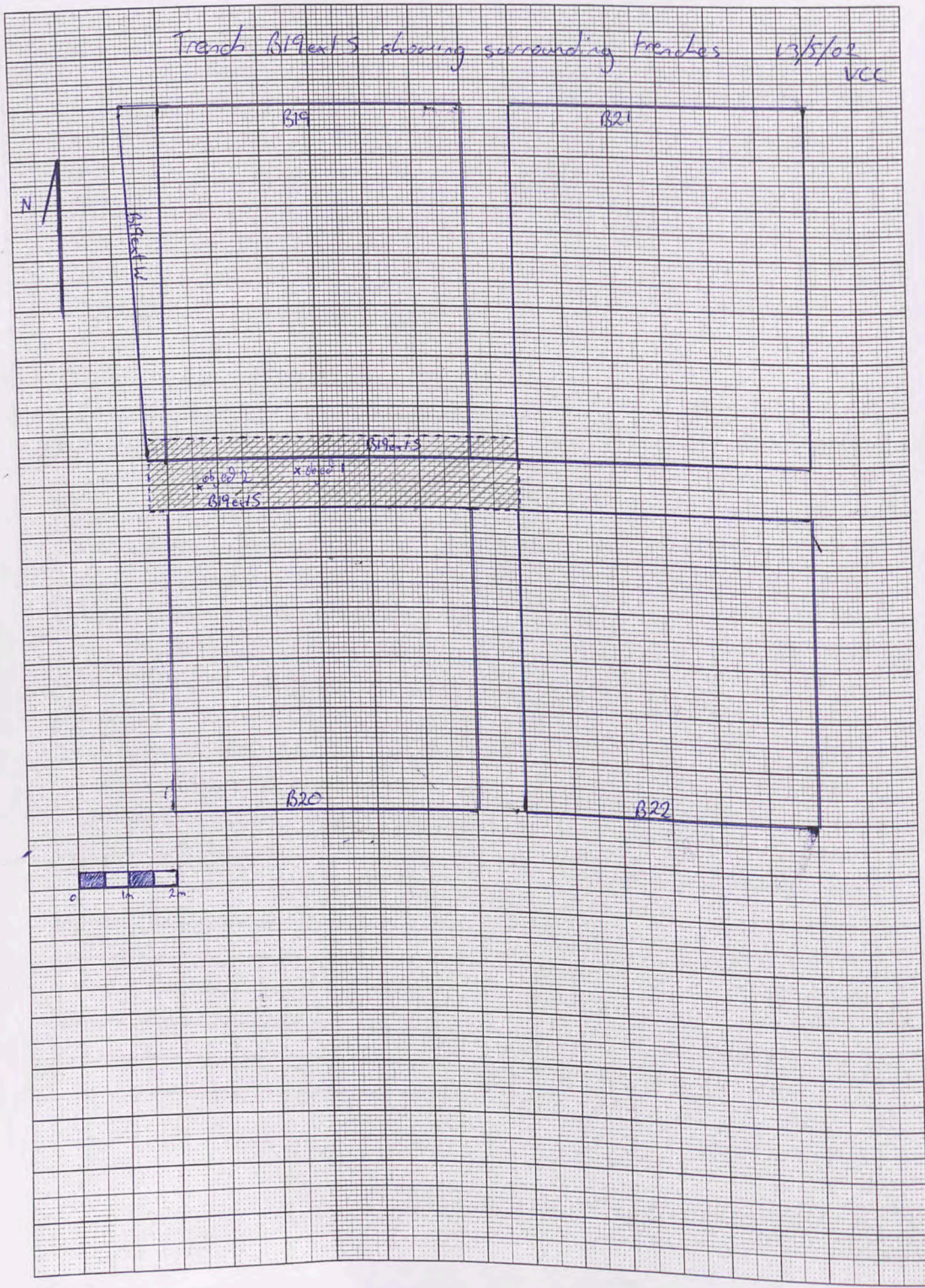
Continued removing remaining rubble and packed soil close to bedrock in southern part of bank where ^{we had worked} the ~~excavation~~ previously. We have rigged a string-line approximately horizontal with grey/brown level in the southern bank and will begin removing the top layers to that level when we have completed the clearing of the current bank.

- Two very eroded pieces of iron with some green (bronze?) colouring found in clayey layer above bedrock 1m north of southern end. (ID#1)
- A small amount of bone also coming up in this area.
- Broken nail fragment (ID#2) found in clay above bedrock 1 m NE of southern corner.
- Bedrock is cut North-South in the this bank. The cut extends approximately 1.5m north from southern end. 1200mm down from grass level. Finished clearing to bedrock, and we will now remove the top part of the southern bank adjoining T20.

B19 ext S

1/1

• Began removing southern bank adjoining T20.



Trench B19 east 5 Initials VCC Date 13/5/02 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)	1 zambel	1	3
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Stone die	1	3
2	lamp frag	1	3

Context Report

1/3

- Starting new spit today as we have approximately reached the brown layer of the East and West ends and have about 50cm to go in the middle. I will attempt to start the next spit at the brown layer.
- It is fine, clear and warm this morning. Looks like I will get hot like yesterday.
- Found small stone die - Object #1 3m E of West edge.
- As we dig it is clear that this fill is disturbed over and slightly to the West of the low stone wall and at the West end. This would be where the stone supporting walls were removed by robbers.
- We have found some pottery, and a reasonable amount of roof-tile.
- Amara has found some bone in the hard-pack clay layer over the pit just East of the low stone wall.
- After considerable discussion we are clearing the dirt that fell into Jamie's trench (B20) during the bank removal. (They thought I was now Jamie's dirt.) We have lowered the bank to approximately the white/brown layer and I would now like to clear all the dirt that fell down to finish this spit.
- An interesting bit of concrete with some pebbles in it has come up. Natural or man-made??
- lamp frag from West end - Object #2
- 1 zambel of roof tile, 1 small bit bag of pottery

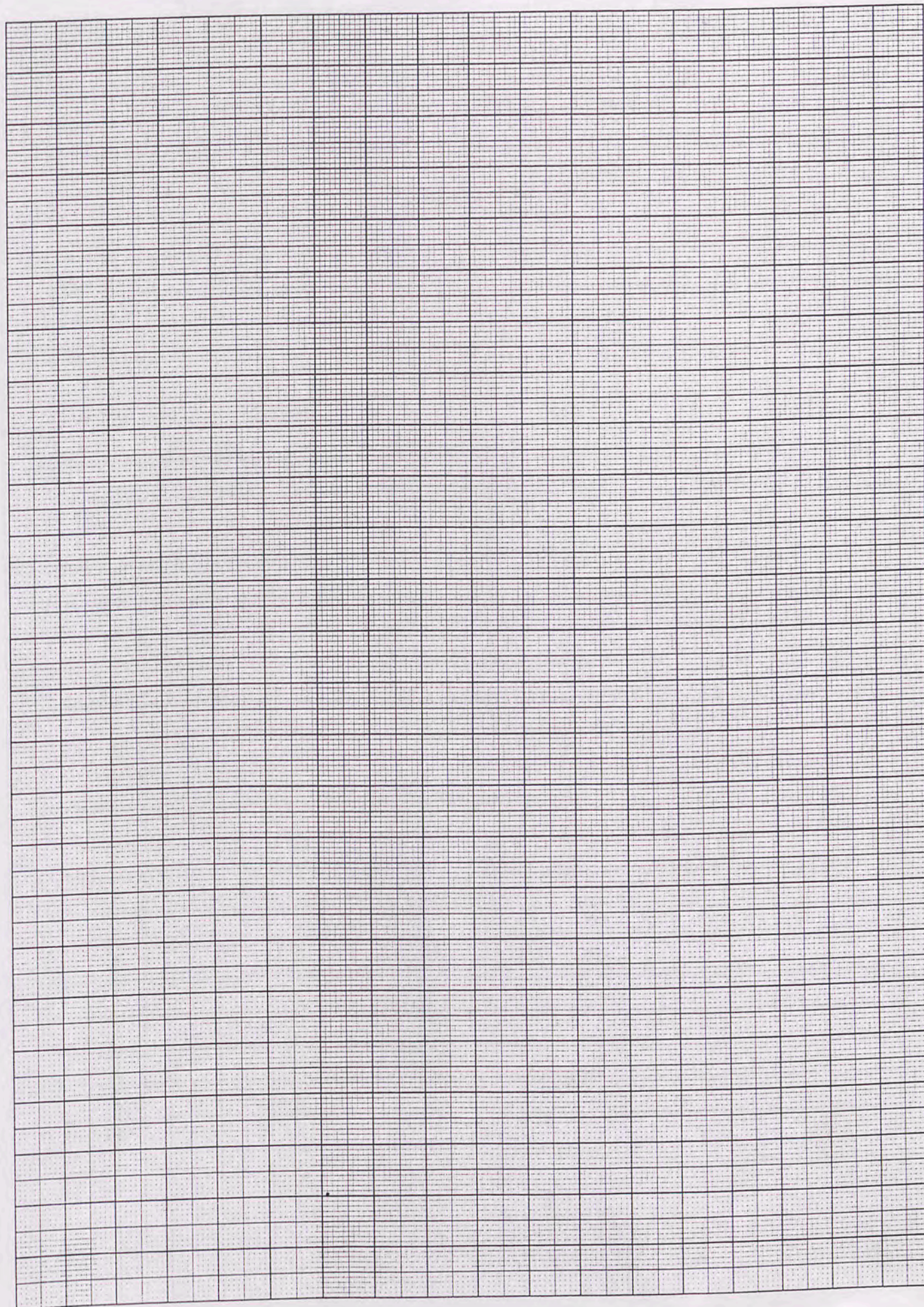
Trench B19ext 5 Initials VCC Date 14/5/02 Page ...
 Locus 1 Spit 3 Locus 2, 4 Spit 1, 1 Feature/s

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Plaster	1	3
2	Iron tool	1	3
3	curved bone	1	3
4	Iron nail	4	1
5	glass	2	1

Context Report

1/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cool and raining lightly this morning. Hopefully I won't continue all morning. • A small piece of plaster - light colored - has come off whilst clearing the dirt from Jamie's trench - Object #1 • Just West of the vault (between B20 + B22) • Some bone coming up 2.5m E of south edge • A curved iron tool - looks? of some sort 2.5m E of south edge - Object #2 • We have finished clearing the dirt from Jamie's trench - the stuff that we knocked there. • We have a small bag of pottery, a few pieces of bone and have emptied 1/4 zambel of rock tiles. • A small curved piece of bone - Object #3 come up ~3m from West
2/1, 4/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving back to B19 (side) I have divided the vault into 3 locuses (loci?). • locus 2 is on the West end, 1.3m • locus 3 is (hopefully) undisturbed fill below (lower layer) - red 2.4m - well do this next. (after 2 & 4) • Locus 4 is remaining 3.5m • Found nice iron nail in locus 4 ~ 1m from west end Object #4 • Found a piece of glass (with lines) - locus 2 - Object #5



Trench B9ext 5 Initials VCC Date 15/5/02 Page...
 Locus 2 Spit 1 Locus 4 Spit 1 Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	4	1
Bone	1	4	1
Charcoal	1	4	1
Other (Tile)	5 pieces ~ 18 32m ²	4	1
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

2/1, 4/1 • Today the weather is fine and clear. It is cool now but I expect it to get hotter later. That will dry up all the mud from yesterday. It doesn't look like I'll rain.

• We are continuing to dig 2/1 and 4/1. Jamie took some photos of the part of the baulk between 22 & 20 yesterday just before we left that shows the white/brown layers.

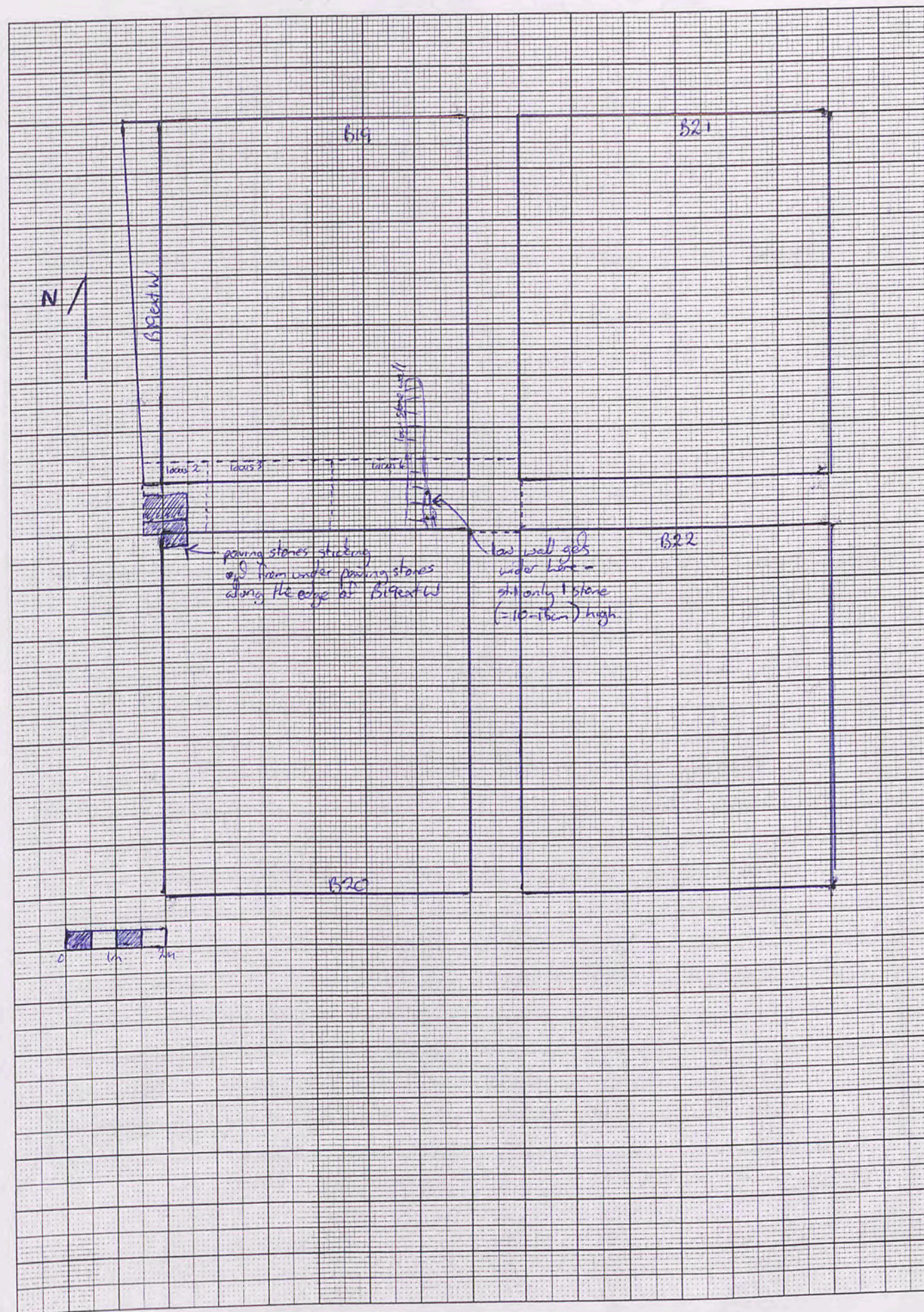
4/1 • We had a largest worked stone yesterday 51 x 18 x 20 and a small worked stone, similar to ones we've seen before. It is 15 x 17 x 6.5cm. The two parallel sides are 6-6.5cm apart.

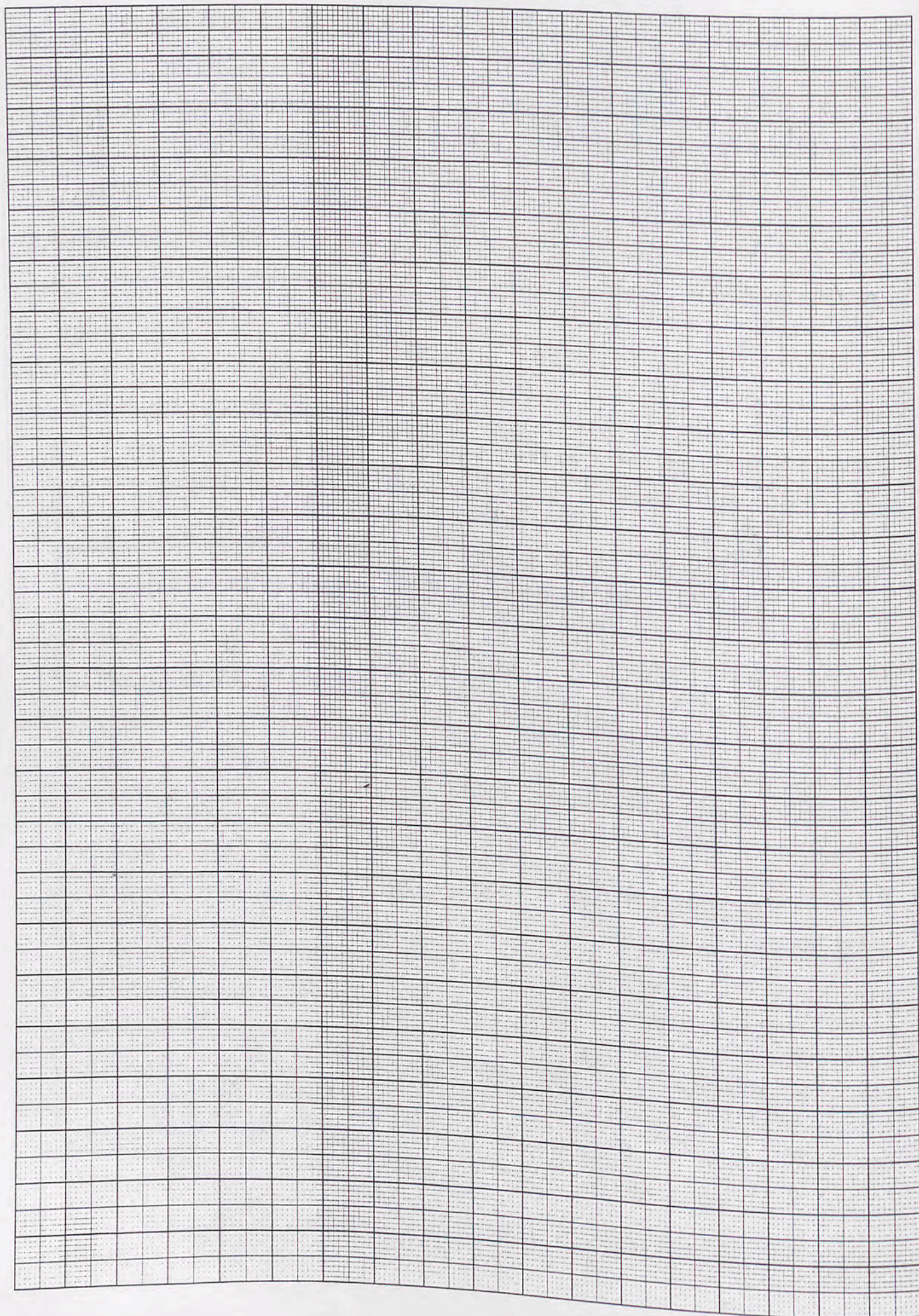
• The dirt we are removing from 4/1 is fine and light-colored. Mostly crumbled limestone I expect. There are large and small stones, generally unworked (except when mentioned).

2/1 • The dirt from 2/1 is dark and richer looking. Also moist, although that may simply be because I was close to the surface.

• A large rectangular worked stone (38 x 58 x 32cm) had fallen over in 2/1 and was moved to the side. The edges we were possibly all, at least the 32cm one.

• Some bone coming up in 2/1





Trench R9ext5.....Initials VCC.....Date 15/5/02 Page.....
 Locus 4, 3 Spit 1..... Locus 2.....Spit 1..... Feature/s.....

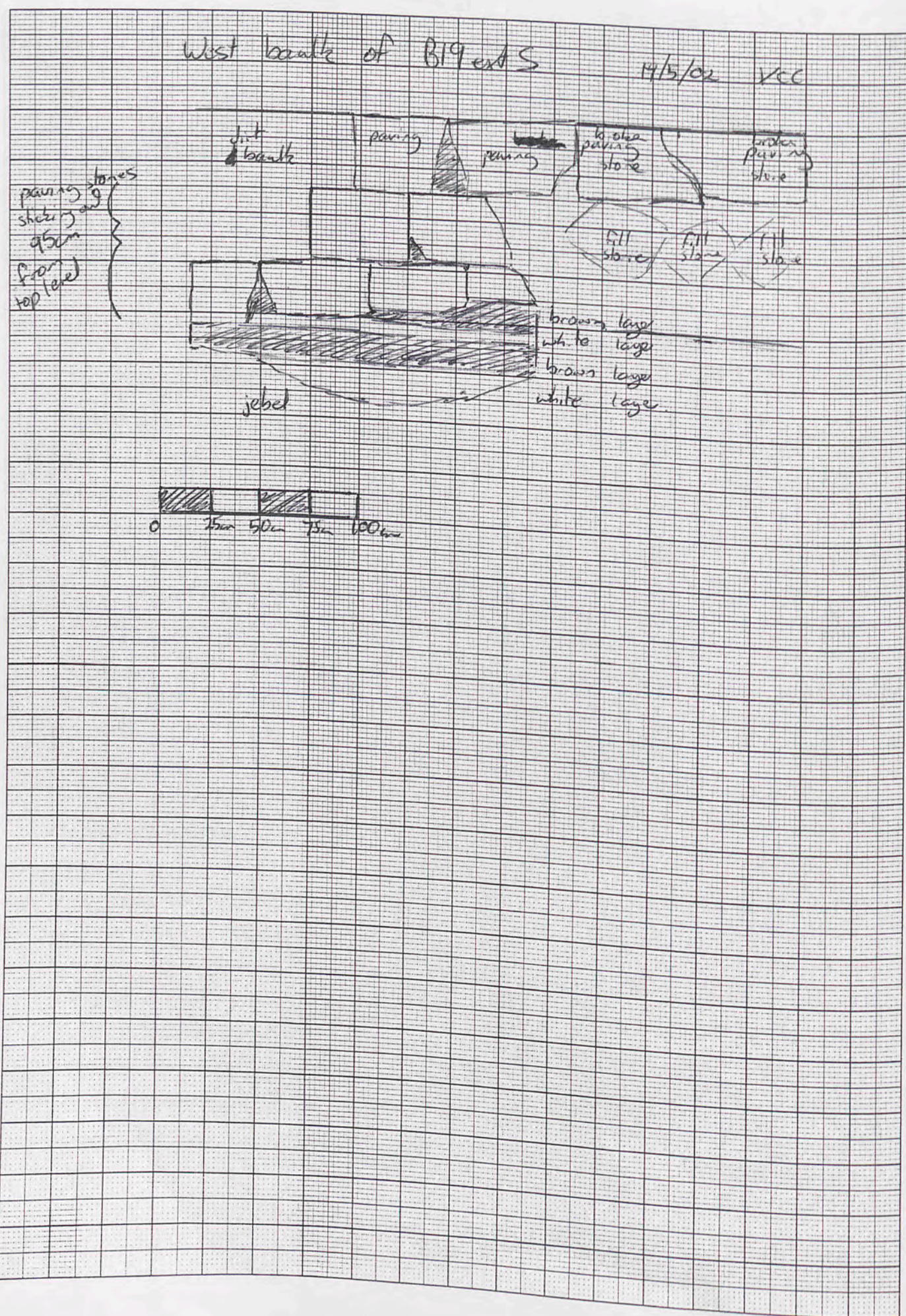
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	5	1
Bone	1	2	1
Charcoal	1	3	1
Other (Tile)	2 small pieces	2	1
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

- 4/1 • Have finished locus 4. Ended up with a small piece of charcoal, a few pieces of bone, a pottery handle and 5 pieces of roof tile ≈ 1/2 zambel.
- The low wall of bones continues through the bank and gets wider. Just at the south edge of our trench the edge of a paving stone appeared, probably sitting on jebel. Some will measure it when he does the NE corner of his trench (B20).
- 3/1 • They are now working on locus 3 - the middle (hopefully undisturbed) section of the trench that ~~was~~ has previously (during locus 1) cleared to the brown layer.
- In the process of walking on the brown layer - which seems level and of consistent thickness ≈ 5cm - we have sunk through in a few places where there are air gaps between the bones in the loose fill below. Obviously whatever compacted that surface wasn't people walking on the brown layer.
- Have collected some charcoal, bone and pottery from 3/1 but no roof tile. A large paving stone - possible hole is near the bottom but not level, will explore & measure tomorrow
- 2/1 • Finished 2/1 - some bone, a small bag of pottery with 2 very small pieces of roof tile. 2 nice paving stones sitting on more paving stones. It will be clear tomorrow with mud of locus 3 gone.
- 2/1 • One of the paving stones on the west side has cracked and subsided a little. Beneath one of the stones I had pushed down is a plastic bag (trapped). This plastic bag is basically ^{just} under these paving stones

Trench... B19ext 5 Initials VCC Date 18/5/02 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
1	lamp frag	3	1

Context

Report

3/1

- It is cool this morning with a strong wind coming from the East. It rained again last night so the trench is muddy and there are pools of water in the jebel. There is a fair bit of cloud around so more rain is possible. This means that we won't be able to clear the trench nicely today when we finish B19ext 5.
- We are removing the last bit of the bank today. The area just East of the paring does on the West side is very hard packed. There are two clear white layers with a 10-15cm thick brown clayey layer in between.
- There are some small amounts of bone and pottery coming of. No roof tile.
- There are two levels of paring here at the West end of the trench. Underneath is a fair bit of hard packed dirt. The jebel is quite uneven here so perhaps I was too hard to level it and so they just filled it with clay & limestone chert.

* lamp frag found in pottery - object # 1

Trench B20 + NE Initials VCC Date 18/5/02 Page...
 Locus...1...Spit...1... Locus...1...Spit...1... Feature/s.....

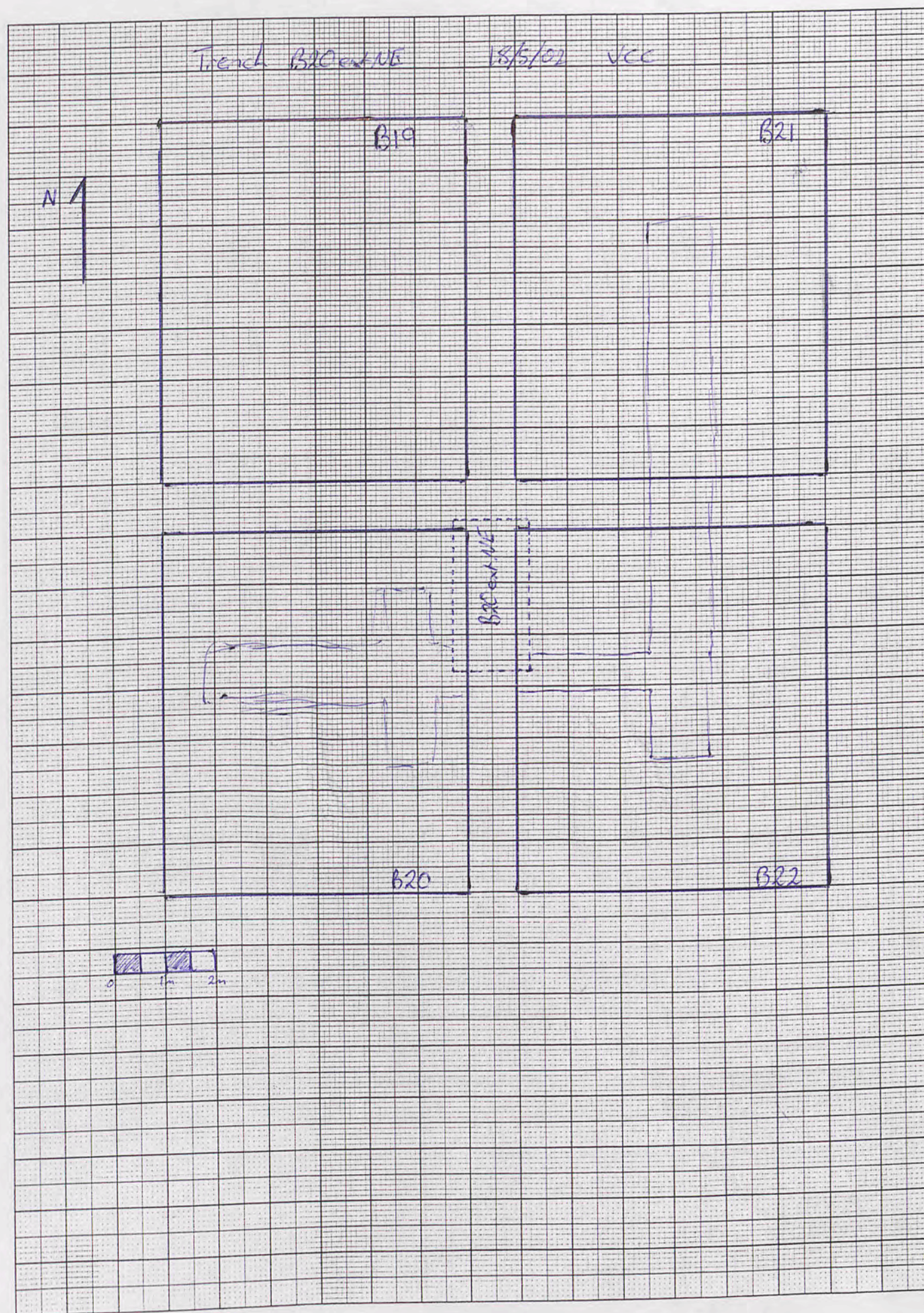
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1	1
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)	1/3 zambel	1	1
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

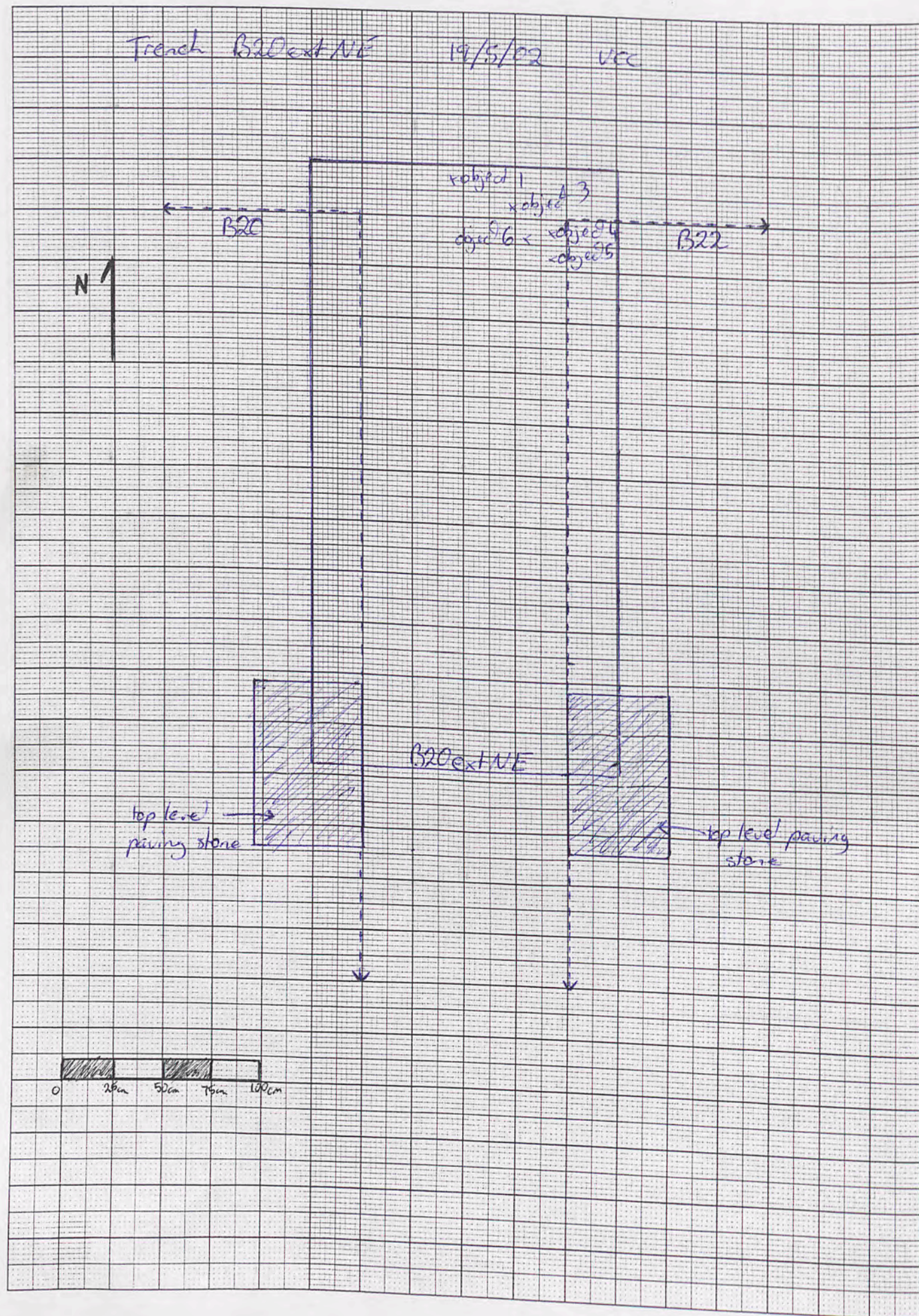
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	glassy glazed pottery	1	1
2	Worked stone	1	1

Context Report

1/1

- We are removing the North half of the bank between B20 and B22. Ed plans to do the South half when he finishes his curved trench. The dividing line is the middle of the wall ~~that runs from B22 to B20.~~
- The bank runs ~3m North from the middle of the wall and is ~3m high. It is ~1m wide at the top (EW) widening to ~1.5m at the base. The job seems to slope quite steeply up towards the West. The white/brown clay bank is the bank also slope up towards the west - perhaps rising 15cm in the 1m width.
- The top metre plus some of the sides were taken down quite quickly with the backhoe. Unfortunately since we only have about 3 days to finish this bank we don't have time to be delicate. I am hoping to clear down to the ~~bottom~~ white layer as spit 1 and then spit 2 should be undisturbed fill.
- An interesting Object #1 - looks like glass on pottery, maybe after the glaze fell off??
- A stone that looks like a broken horn - Object #2
- Have taken a small bag of pottery and emptied 1/3 zambel of roof tile.





Trench B20ext NE Initials VCC Date 19/5/02 Page ...
 Locus 1 Spit 1 Locus ... Spit ... Feature/s ...

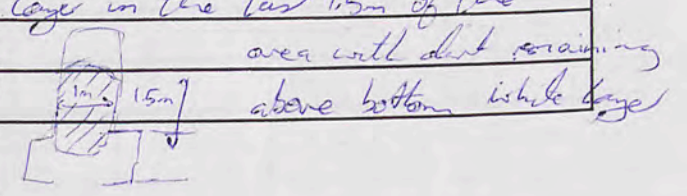
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone	1	1	1
Charcoal	1	1	1
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Bronze pin	1	1
2	Fig frag	landslide	N bank of B19
3	Iron nail	1	1
4	lamp frag	1	1
5	broken coin	1	1
6	shell	1	1

Context Report

1/1

- This morning it is warm, still and clear - I expect it to be hot soon
- Fine bronze pin with a hook at the end found at the North end of the bank - Object #1
- While clearing of a landslide on the North bank of B19 - caused by dragging the zembecks over the edge - found a figurine fragment - Object #2, labelled B19, Object 2 Fig frag, from landslide in N bank.
- long iron nail with flattened thickened end found at N edge of bank - Object #3
- Pretty lamp frag with rivets around the opening - Object #4
- Broken bronze coin - Object #5, both from NE corner of bank
- Small worked stone 25x35x8.5cm. Two parallel surfaces are 8.5cm apart.
- Small piece of shell from NE corner - Object #6
- We have decided in the interests of finishing on time, to just pull down this bank. There is a 30cm of ~~high~~ height above the lower brown/white layer in the last 1.5m of the S end of the bank NA



Trench... B2Dest NE... Initials... VCC... Date 2/15/02 Page...
 Locus... 1... Spit... 2... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

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

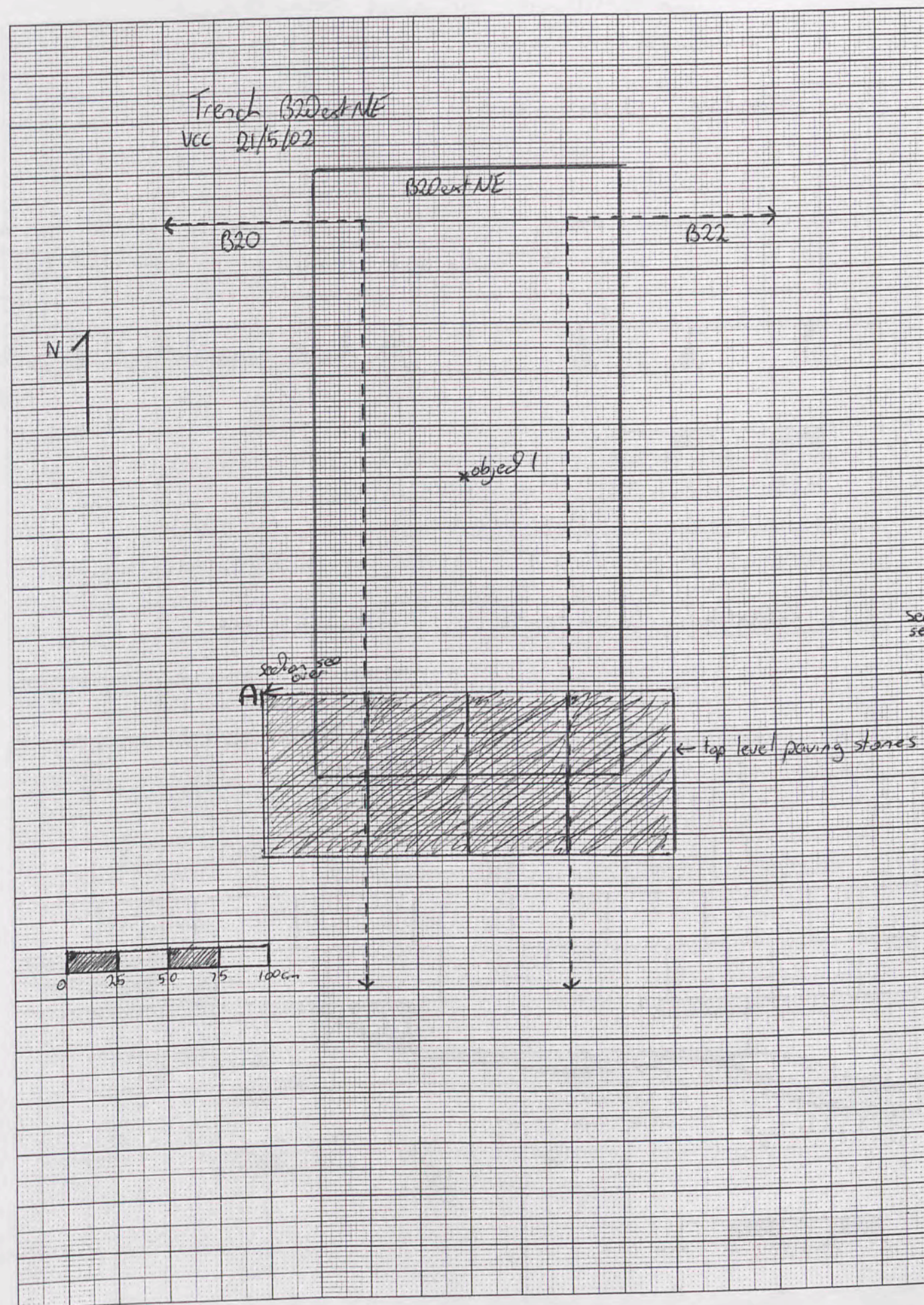
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	stone tool	1	2

Context Report

Context	Report
1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today looks like I will be another hot day. • The plan is for today to be the last digging day, so we need to finish this bank. I suspect we will have to lend some workers to Ed later this morning as he is trying to remove the other side of the bank and he only started after 2nd breakfast yesterday. • Stone tool found - Object #1 • We have now finished B2Dest NE and we cleaning the whole area up. • Today we got a small log of pottery and 2 small pieces of roof tile. It is quite possible that the pieces of roof tile were from the top/disturbed layer and not from the fill that seemed fairly undisturbed. • A few blocks with worked surfaces came up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 35 x 52 x 19cm the sides 52cm apart are definitely parallel worked surfaces. - 37 x 34 x 46cm. The 34 and 37cm surfaces are pretty regular, I may be a fairly complete block with some battering.

A/K section see over

1mm Squares



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staff set to same height as theodolite. Start at 100

All heights are negative

Trench.....Initials.....Date..... Page....

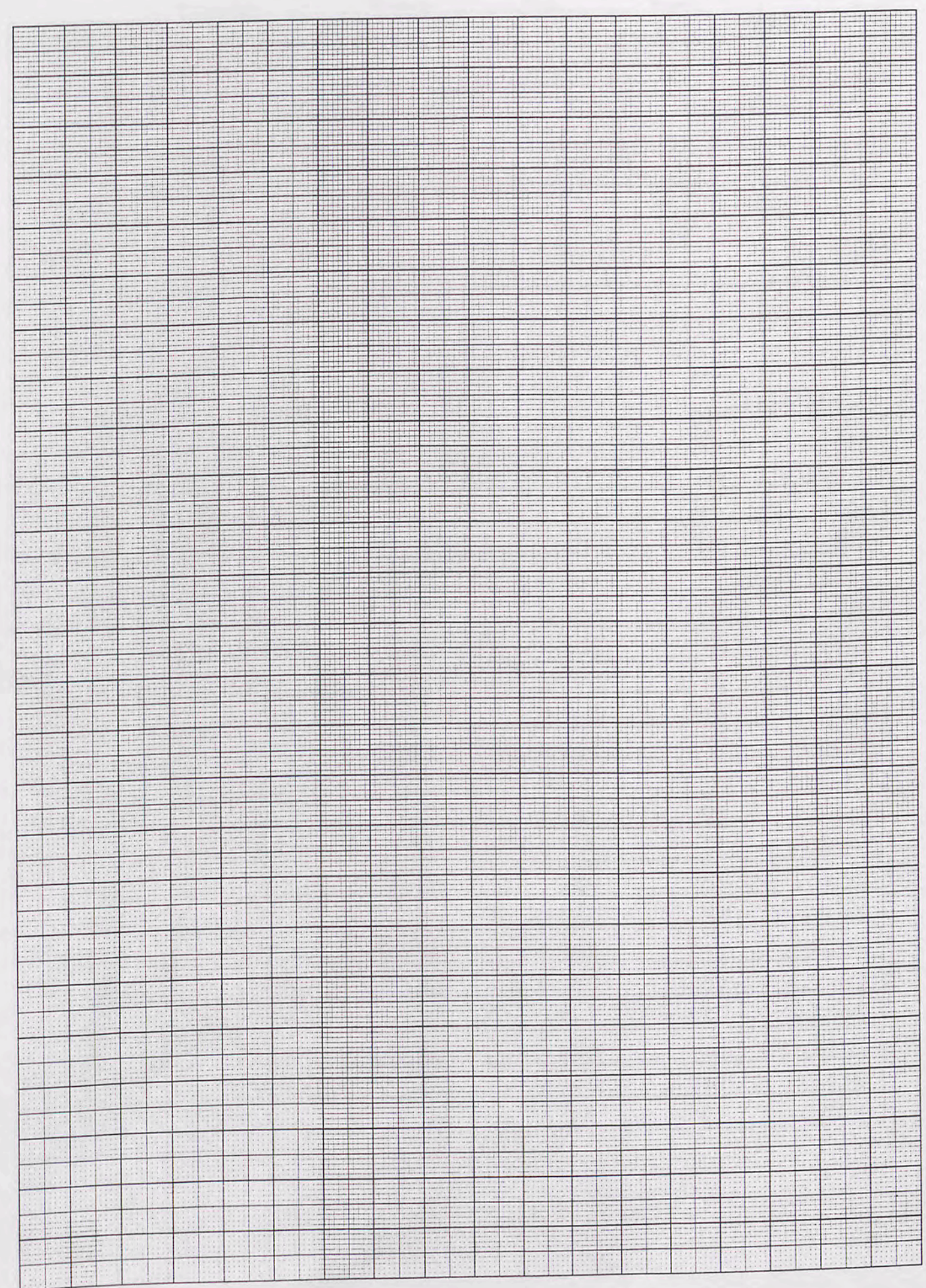
Locus.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	height Report	point number	point number
1	2.321	22	4.074
2	2.306	23	4.547
3	2.229	24	4.107
4	2.627	25	3.837
5	2.603	26	3.020
6	2.664	27	3.557
7	2.940	28	4.478
8	3.244	29	5.525
9	3.544	30	4.571
10	3.810	31	4.252
11	3.384	32	5.454
12	3.580	33	5.013
13	3.268	34	5.621
14	3.293	35	5.038
15	2.975	36	
16	3.558	37	
17	4.081	38	
18	3.280	39	
19	3.570	40	
20	4.090	41	
21	4.104	42	

1mm Squares



1mm Squares

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staff height now longer than height of headolite. All heights are negative unless shown otherwise

Trench.....Initials.....Date..... Page...
 Locus.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s..... Page 1 of 2

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

point number Context	Height Report	point number	Height	point number	Height
1	0.738	22	1.104	43	0.908
2	1.358	23	1.050	44	0.921
3	1.728	24	1.124	45	0.983
4	1.336	25	0.848	46	1.304
5	1.268	26	0.143	47	0.601
6	1.291	27	0.331	48	1.069
7	1.303 636	28	0.625	49	0.804
8	2.078	29	0.909	50	0.092
9	1.279	30	0.910	51	0.594
10	1.456	31	0.679	52	+0.043
11	1.862	32	0.982	53	0.217
12	1.377	33	0.936	54	0.293
13	0.952	34	1.339	55	+0.184
14	1.463	35	1.659	56	+0.055
15	1.362	36	0.830	57	0.103
16	1.524	37	1.008	58	0.235
17	1.235	38	0.350	59	0.223
18	0.998	39	0.952	60	+0.005
19	1.235	40	0.646	61	+0.512
20	1.855	41	0.610	62	+0.434
21	1.645	42	1.120	63	+0.268

