

Jebel Khalid

Field Record Book

Book 1
2005

Name.....	HEATHER JACKSON.....
Trenches.....
Dates.....	23/4/05 - 21/5/05.....

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.

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 ardh
- 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


Trench 43 Initials HJ Date 23/4 Page....
 Locus.....1.....Spit.....1 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	basalt toe		
2	bone spindle whorl		

Photos 673. 7344-45 (South)
46-47 (West)

Context	Report
	Area 43 (Yazi 90)
	Cleaning in north of Area 43 to level excavated in 1990. Not a floor here - probably left unexcavated at end of season.
	EW wall in south of trench revealed as built on soil ∴ secondary phase. It reaches a clear corner to the east where an unexcavated area may be a wide doorway ①
	Cleaned to a hard floor, on which rests a column drum section, just north of wide doorway ①.
①	After photos, beginning to clear unexc. area in possible doorway area.
1.1	Topsoil being removed. Some pottery and bone. There may be a pit/buried here - Yazi investigating. It's part of an OVEN wall

 large basalt toe found in E. bank of 43

Trench 43 Initials HJ Date 23/4 Page...
 Locus S11 Spit 1 Locus.....Spit..... Features/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.1	
Bone	1	1.1	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.	Alabaster dip		

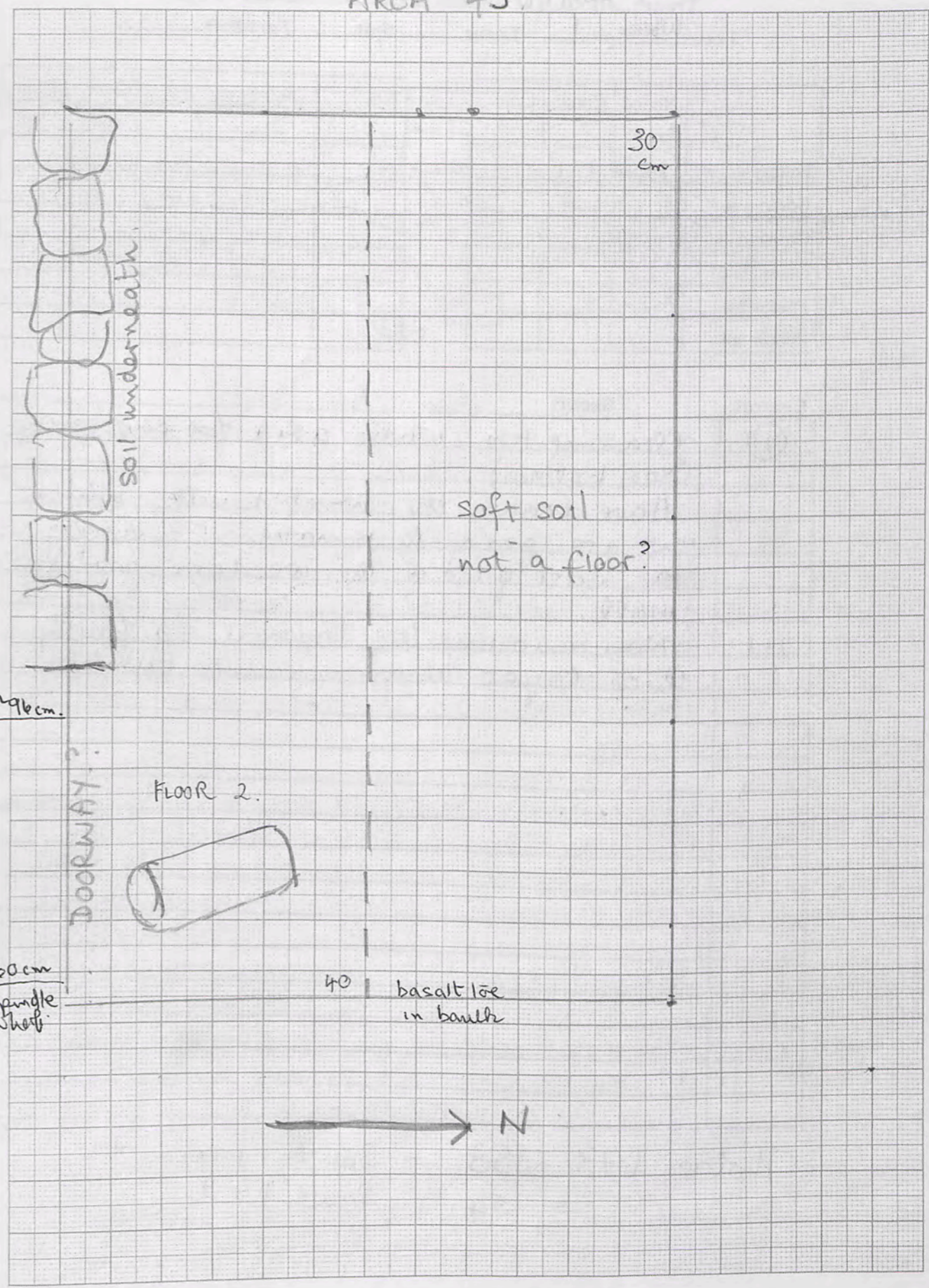
Context Report

Context	Report
1.1	The oven wall is now quite clear. As it's nearly end of the day, we have covered it up and will work on it tomorrow. An oven has to be resting on a floor, so perhaps this is the floor associated with the base of the E/W wall. The oven is approx 54 x 60 cm - its centre 96 cm from the wall corner (south)
1.1	Bone spindle whorl (?) or spinning equipment found near oven 100 cm east of wall and 60 cm south of wall corner. This was later found to be alabaster - probably a lid? (of alabaster)

Photos 673.7348 } W. bank
 49 }
 50 } South wall.
 52 }



AREA 43



43↓

Trench.....42.....Initials.....HJ.....Date.....24/4/05.....Page....
 Locus.....1.....Spit.....2.....Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1+1	1.2	1.3
Bone	1+1	1.2	1.3
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	2030	N	
Photos col.	2031	2 W	

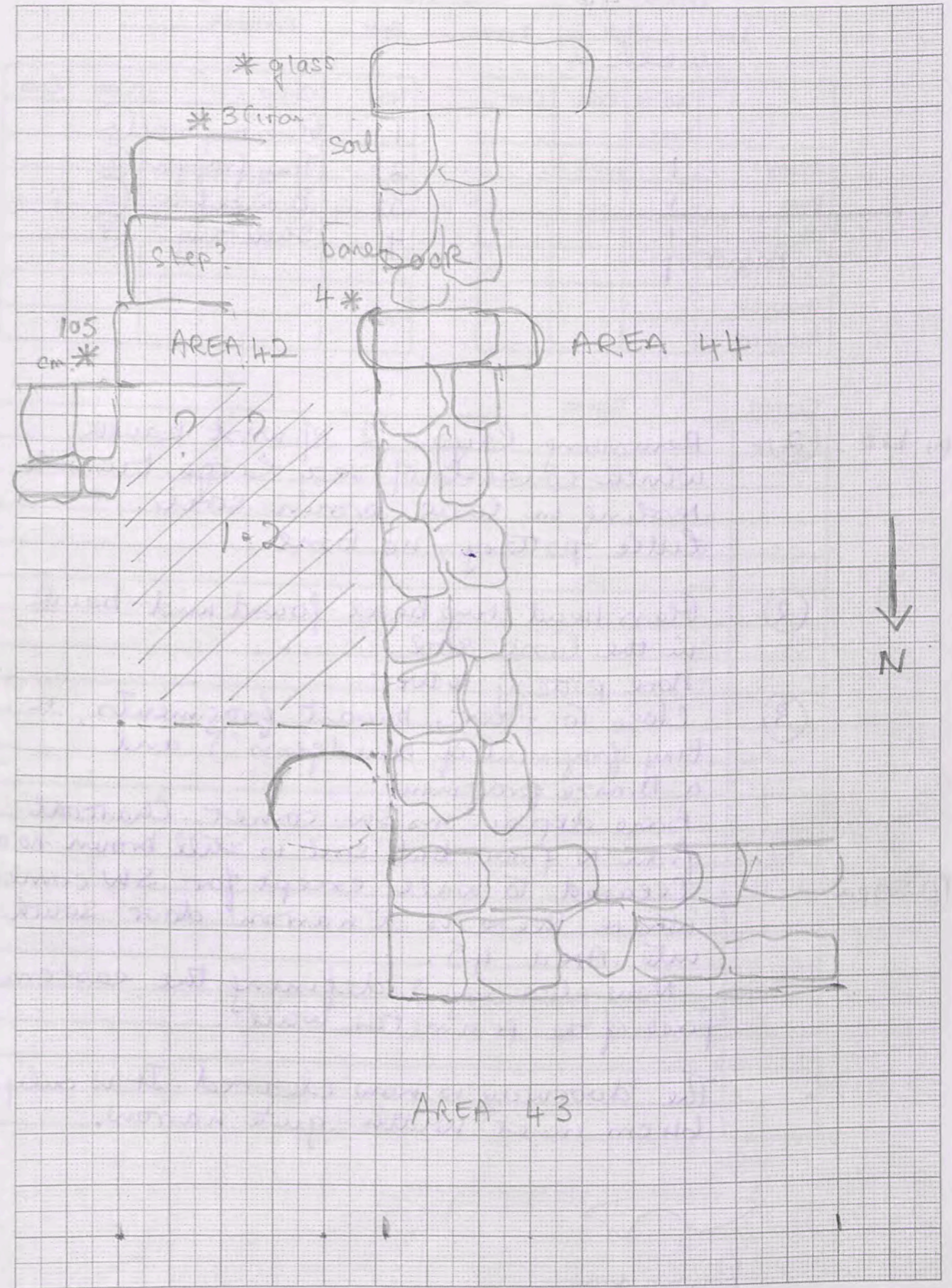
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.	Coin		
2.	Bronze Glass		
3.	Iron for x 4		
4.	Fy. frag.		

Context Report

1.2	Because of overnight rain, we are not excavating the oven today but have moved south into Area 42 to remove the unexcavated area and the N/S bank. Soil fairly dry under the top layer - loose, brown, with little tumble. Because we took off the top layer yesterday, this locus is 1.2 Feature A
1.2	Two worked rectangular blocks have appeared in step formation to south. As we excavate below the doorstep in the N/S wall, it is apparent that this door is built on soil = secondary. From this locus (below doorstep) comes a bone deposit, ESA in pottery.
1.3	Now a third step appears in feature A - definitely a stairway. Cleaned & photographed.

Small coin at base of ^{side of} steps @ 105 depth
 Fragment of glass at same level south of bottom step.

See 2 pages on.



Area
 Trench 4/6 Initials HJ Date 25/4 Page...
 Locus.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....
Wbk 2

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.	Glass ring bezel	(2)	
2.	Tiny frag glass	(2)	
3.	Bronze frag	(3)	
4.	Shell-tiny	(3)	

Context Report

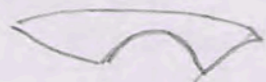
w. bk. (2) Removing layer 2 of west bank, which consists of very large tumbled resting in loose brown soil. Little pottery, no bone.

(2) Glass bead / ring bezel found mid-bank in the loose soil.
 More pottery below

(3) Close to floor, basalt fragments, a tiny fragment of blue (glass?) and a bronze fragment.
 Base deposit in SW corner. Charcoal from N. floor but soil is still brown - no ash.
 Cleared to wall except for SW corner where there is a narrow door south into Area 45.
 Now cleaning & defining the eastern face of the perimeter wall.

The doorway is now cleared. It is only 64 cm inner width - quite narrow.

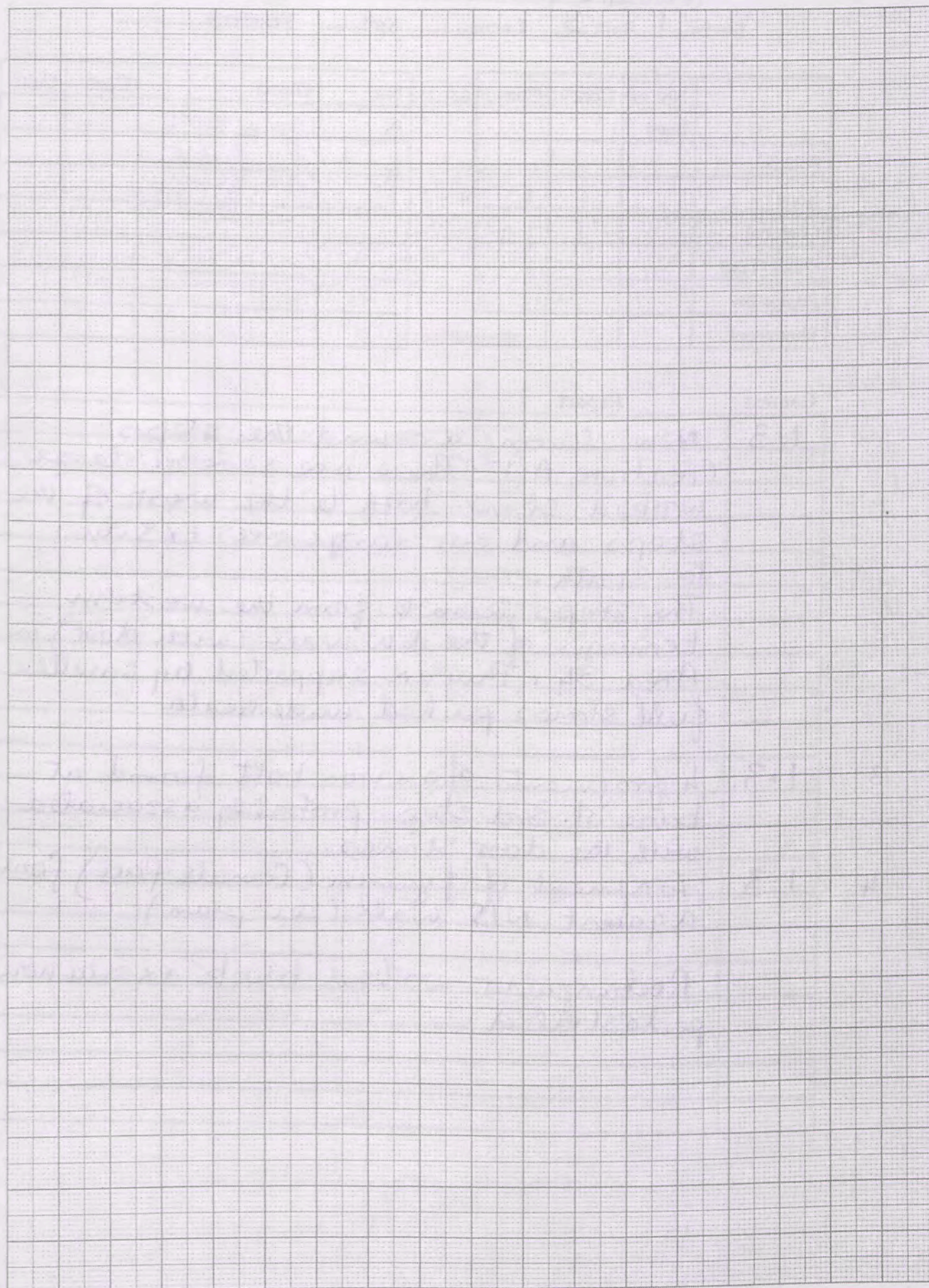
10.30pm



bronze frag.

For plan, see entry for 25/4

1mm Squares



Trench... Area 42 ... Initials... HJ ... Date... 24/4 ... 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
3	iron bolt		
4	fig frag		

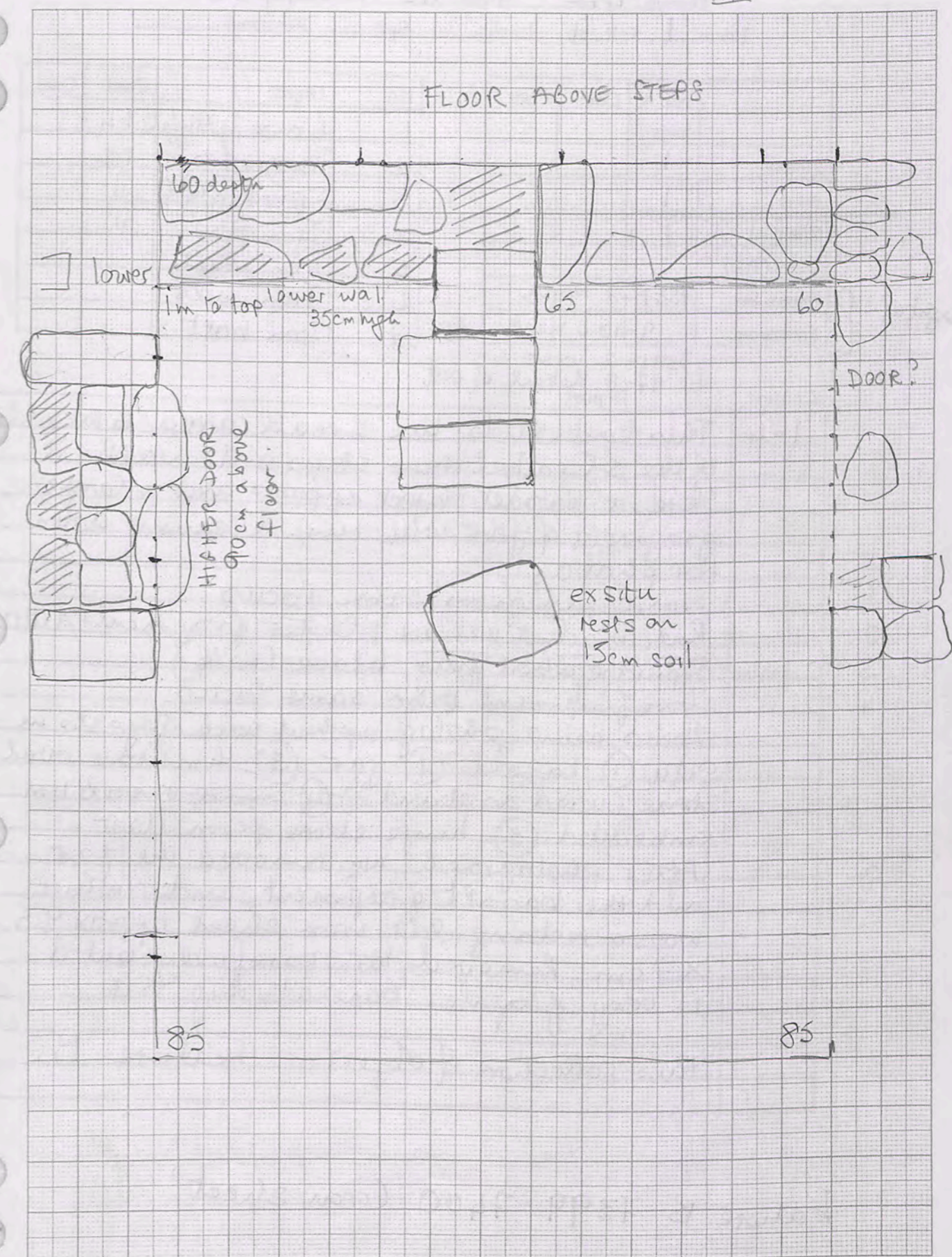
Context Report

Context	Report
1.3	Now clearing around the steps (Feature A). There are several large worked stones both to the west of the steps and one large one ex situ to south. The steps seem to form the western terminus of the EW wall (with door) in Area 34. They are supported by smaller field stones packed underneath
3.	1.3 4 fragments of an iron bolt found at base of 3rd step - probably associated with the door stones.
4.	1.3 Fragment of figurine (female face) found against N/S wall (see plan) Rectangular worked block ex situ now pedestalled

1mm Squares

For plan, see next page.

▨ = lower



E/W 3.40 N/S 380 - over wall 450

AREA
 Trench... 42... Initials... HJ... Date... 25/4/05... Page...
 Locus... 1... Spit... 4... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1		
Bone	1		
Charcoal	1		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	7387-8 North		
Photos col.	9-10 o'head		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.	Bronze needle/pin	1.4	
2	Plaster frags	1.4	
3	Spindle whorl	"	
4	Iron frag	"	
5	Iron sheet		
6.	Iron nails		
7	Iron bolt		

digital.

7391-2 west
 97-8 detail of pot.
 Report

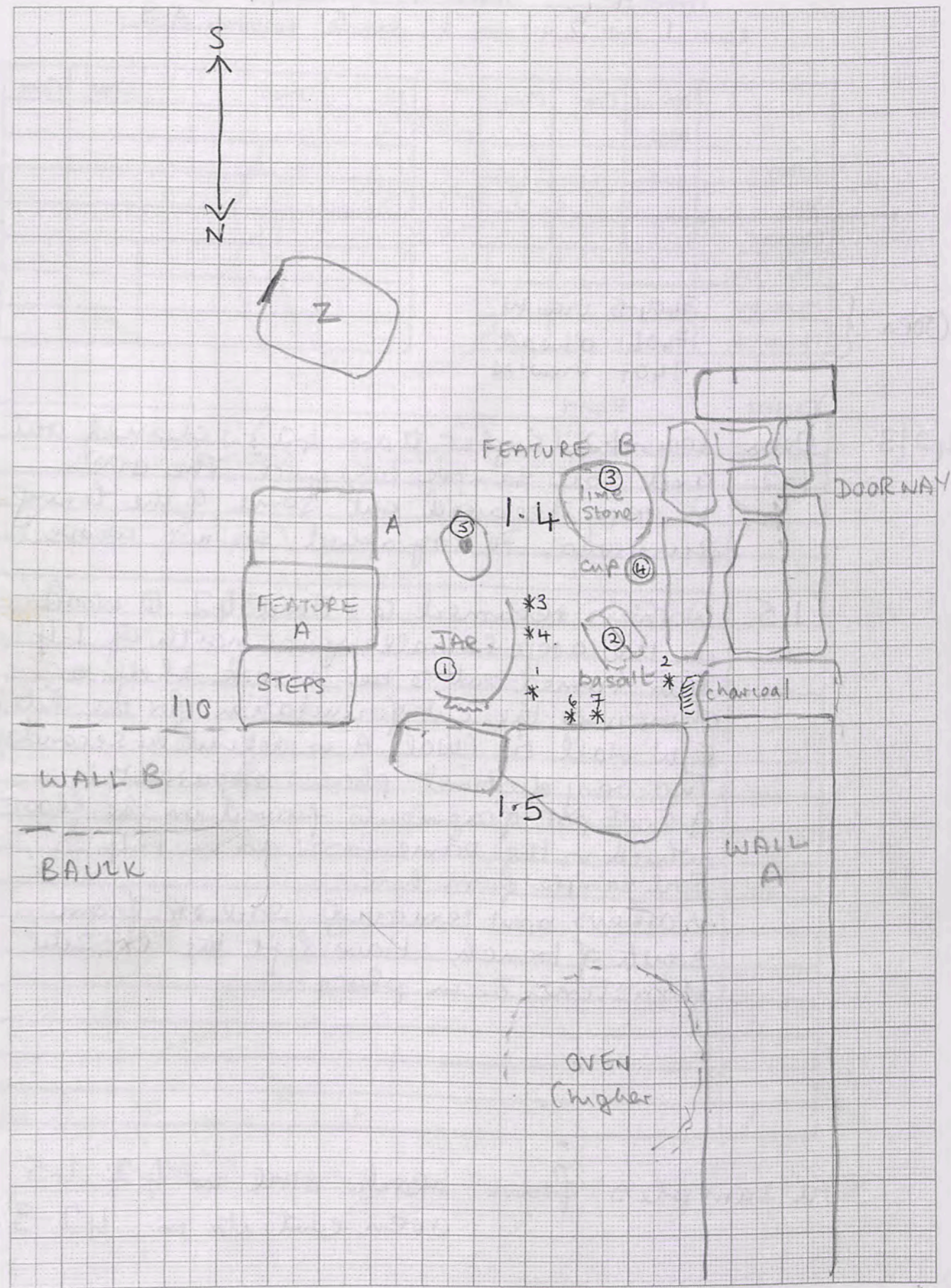
Context

1.4	This context is the small area to the west of the steps between steps and wall. Here a basalt object appears and a large fragment of jar with rim. Clearing down for photo.
1.	Bronze pin from same locus.
2.	Red, black & yellow plaster fragments ditto
3.	Spindle whorl frag, black (half)
4.	Iron fragment from same locus
	Locus being photographed with objects in situ (1) basalt (2) jar (3) limestone oval stone (used as stand) (4) small vessel rim embedded (5) hinge stone from door.
5.	After photograph, we removed the jar and the basalt fragment, under which was a rectangular iron sheet approx 9.5 x 7 cm. Removed this carefully but it is very fragile. Bone adhering to it.
	This collection of objects = Feature B.

Feature B 7399-7400 (iron sheet)

1mm Squares

AREA 42



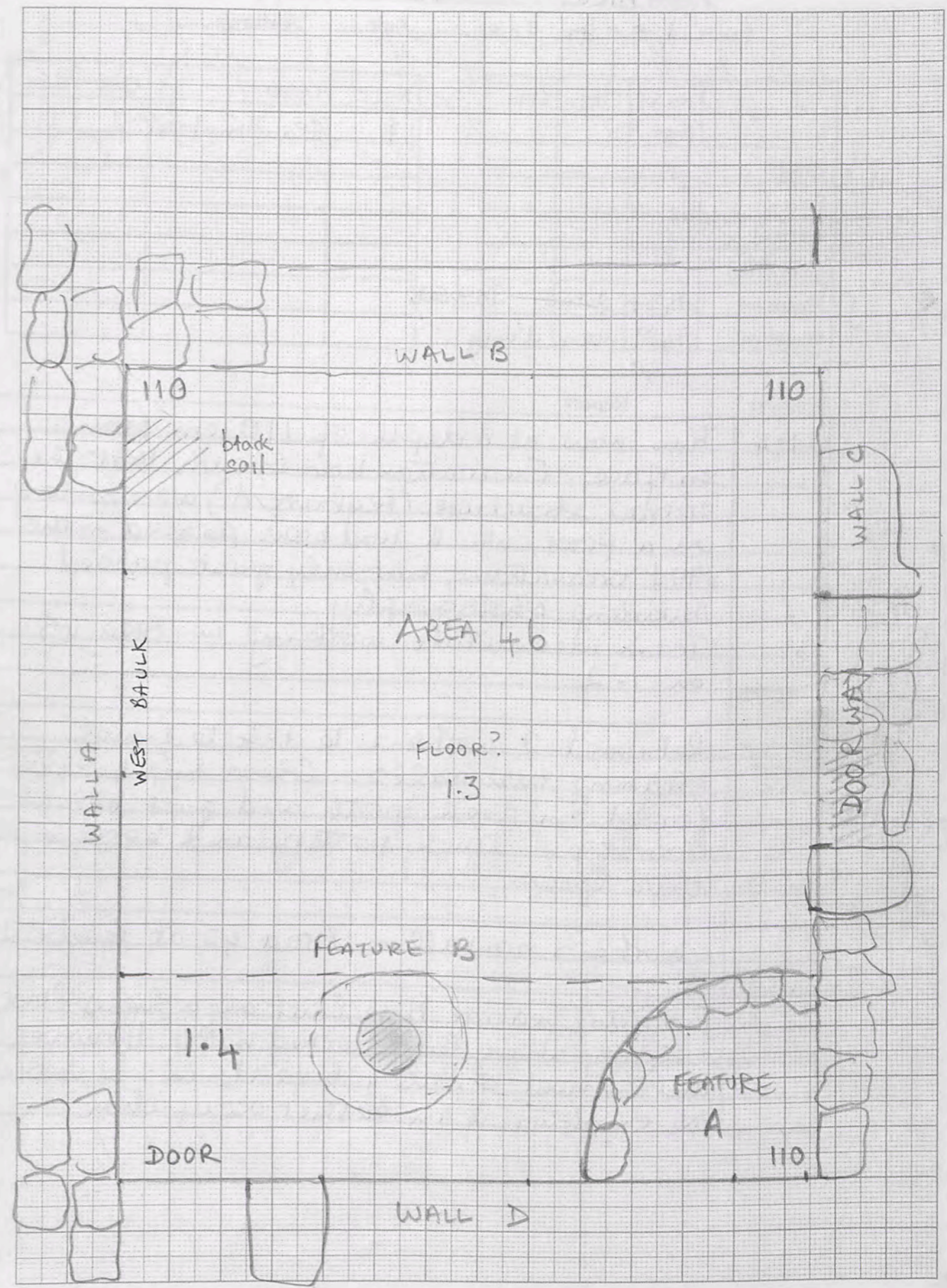
Trench Arealb Initials HJ Date 25/4 Page...
 Locus... Spit... Locus... Spit... Feature/s... A-B
Clearing floor

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1+1	A	1.4
Bone	1	A	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Lamp frags		

Context	Report
Cl.1	Clearing down the wall face exposed yesterday. The wall is badly decayed at the southern end.
Cl.2	Now clearing to floor in north of trench. There is an area of very black soil in the NW corner against the perimeter wall
Feature A	The corner installation is now being cleared out. As yet we have not reached the base but it is full of pottery and bone
Feature B	A limestone quern set in the floor in the south of the room. Excavating around this to find a hard floor.
1.4	Have extended the excavation across the trench in the southern third - to floor, hopefully (not yet) This called 1.4. From Feature A, fragments of a lamp Type 11-12 with amphora or nozzle and rosette on base.

Soil sample from Feature B interior



AREA 45

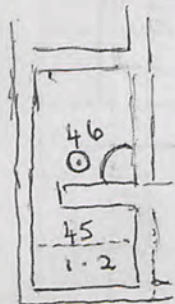
Trench Area 4b Initials HT Date 26/11 Page...
 Locus... 1.4 Spit... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	7437	detail -38	→ East
Photos col.	7439	-terr d'way.	

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Glass ring bezel		

Context Report

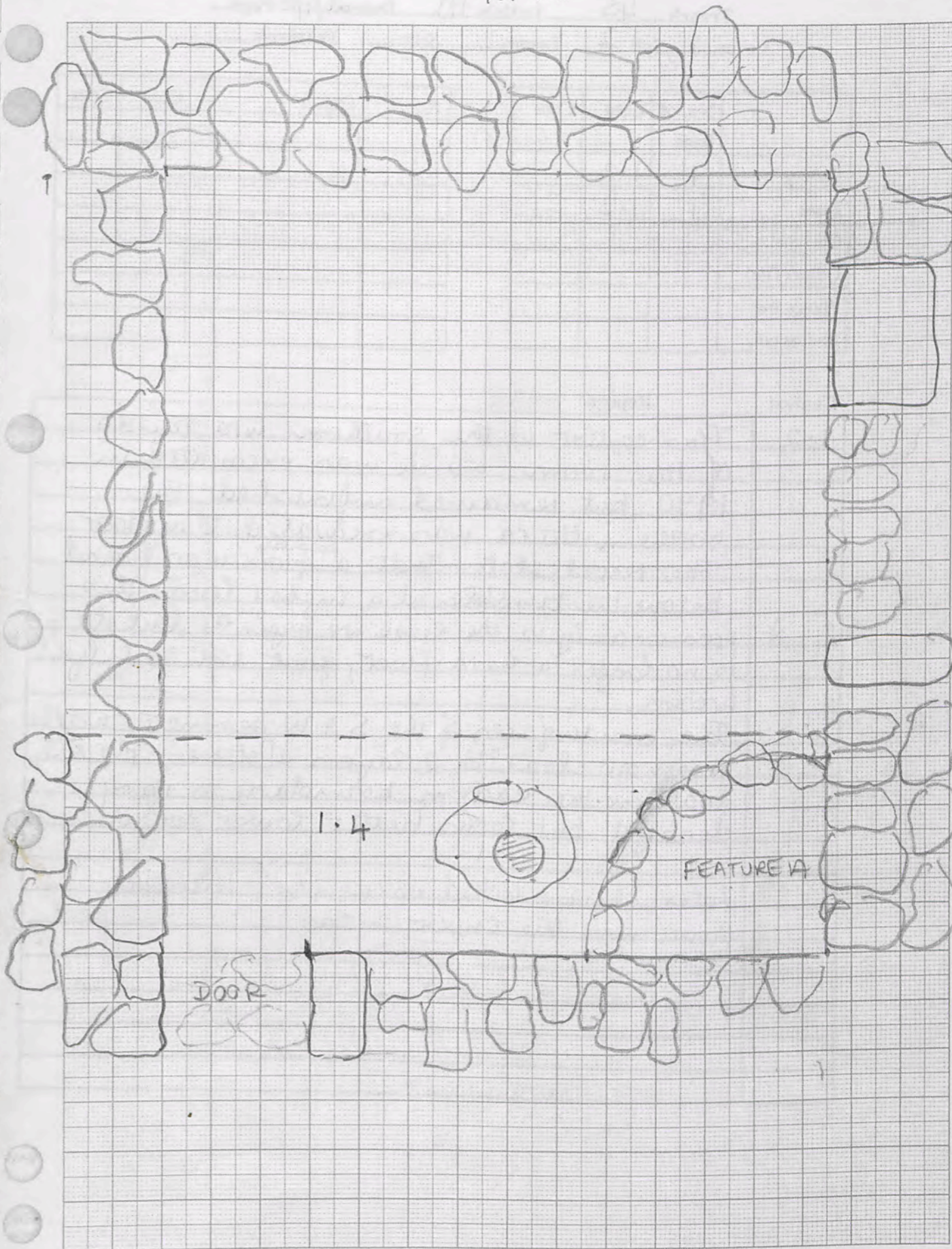
Context	Report
1.4	This now at a depth of 110 cm from surface. Excavation has shown that the corner structure (Feature A) was resting on a floor, which had been passed in the 1990 excavations, but only just passed awaiting photography. Team meanwhile working in Area 45 on 1.2
	Returned 2 workers to 1.4 to finish cleaning the walls. Glass ring bezel found in area north and just below doorstep. Much pottery and bone in this locus.
	Workers now all in Area 45 at level 1.2
	Thoughts: Feature A is built on a higher floor - slightly above level reached in 1991. However the amount of pottery, bone etc in 1.4 indicates the existence of an earlier occupation.



depth 122

AREA 46
TOP PLAN

1mm Squares



140.

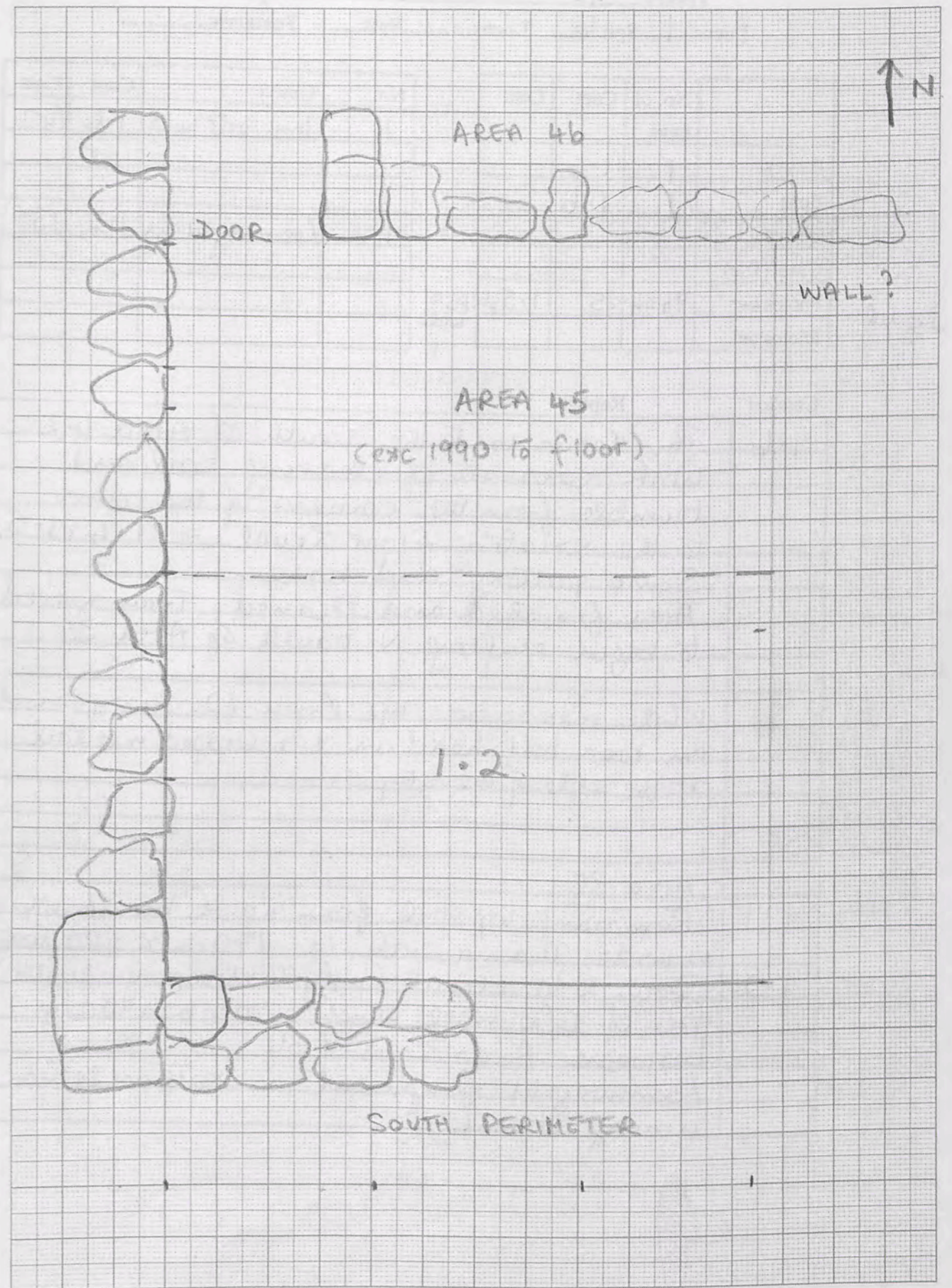
Trench.....45.....Initials.....HJ.....Date.....2/4/85 Page....
 Locus.....1.....Spit.....2..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

Context	Report
1.2	This context is the southern two thirds of this room, which was excavated in 1990 but remained unfinished. The northern third was excavated to a floor. The record states that a ^{possible} floor was found below the tumble at a higher level - this * presumably is the level we begin at but it is no longer a hard floor, just soft soil, light brown.
	The inside faces of the S & W perimeter walls are now clear to 2 layers of stone. The N/S wall on the eastern boundary is very decayed but looks better lower down.
	Later: having looked up records, the 1990 floor was the <u>lowest</u> surface



380 x 280 (190).

+35, 1.2

Trench.....42.....Initials...HJ.....Date...26/4 Page...
 Locus.....1.....Spit...6..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.6	
Bone	1	1.6	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	7434-35	1.5	steps & wall
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Iron bolt head	1.6	(42)
1	Loomweight frag.	1.2	(35)

Digital.

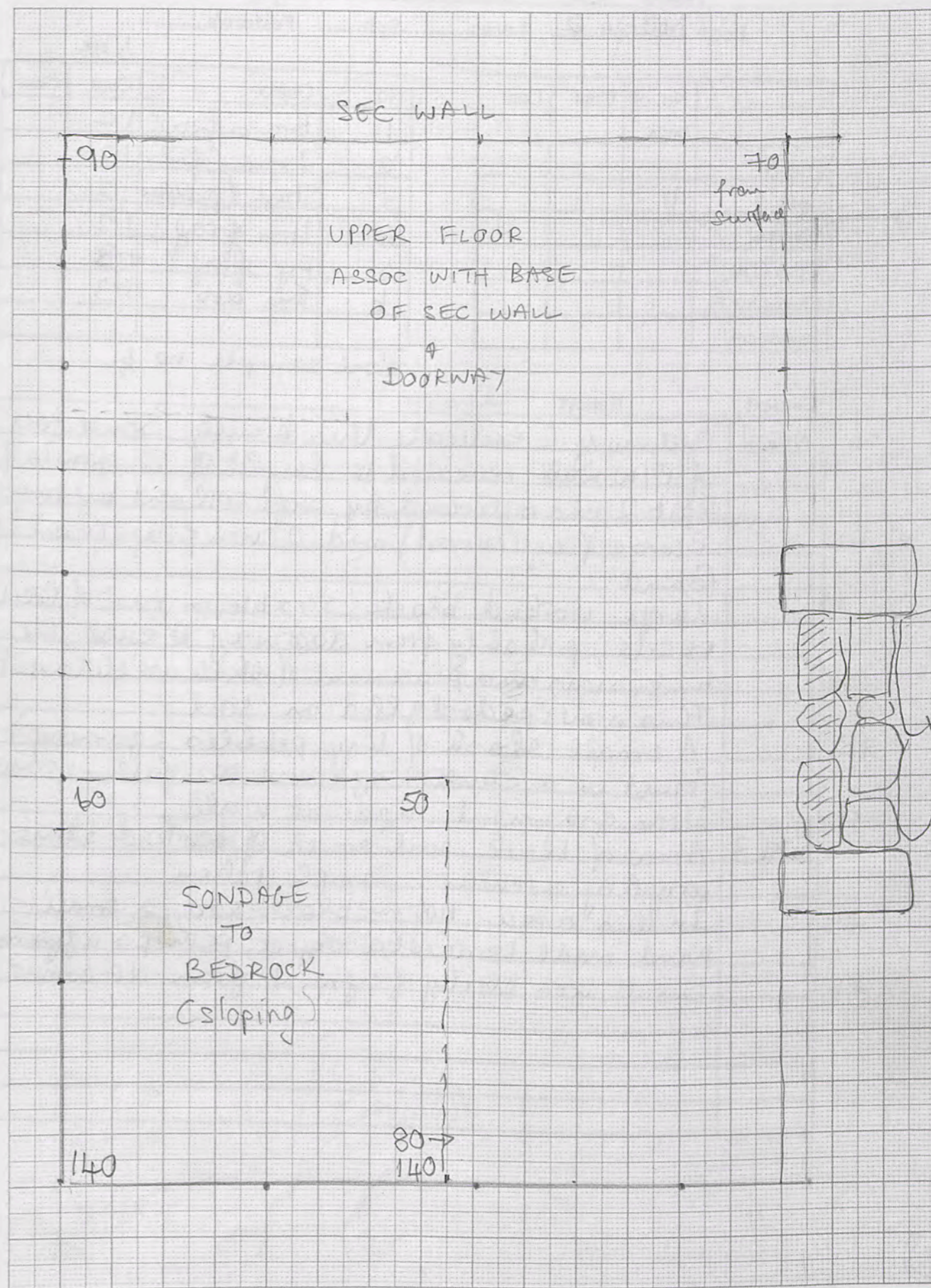
Context Report

Context	Report
1.6	This locus is to the south of Area 42. Work consists of clearing soil and tumble from the corners of the room to the existing floor level = 1.4 + 1.5. Some pottery and bone. Area finished and cleaned. Team moved to begin shifting N. bank of Area 35.
*	While measuring up Area 42, Barry found an iron bolt head in 1.5 wedged into soil at the side of the steps.
	Area 35
1.1	Removing top soil from north bank, which is wider than usual, i.e. 170cm x 400 long.
1.2	Down to tumble already - clearing south face of E/W wall which is the boundary between Areas 35 and 36. Loomweight fragment in western section among tumble.



NS Ew
 510 x 350. within walls.
 44 TOP PLAN

1mm Squares



Trench 35 Initials HJ Date 27/4/05 Page...
 Locus Nbbk Spit 2 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

Nbbk

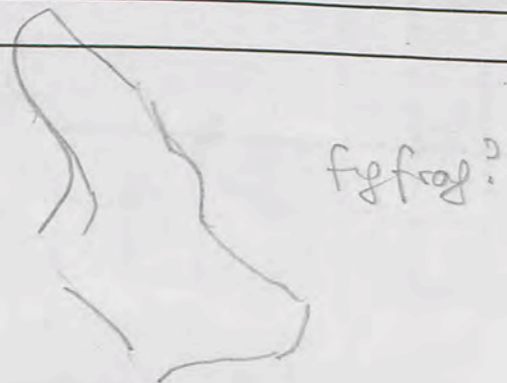
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1-	Bronze frag	1.2	
2	2x iron frag.	1.2	
3	Stash of pebbles	1.2	
4.	Iron frag.	1.2	
5	Fy. frag.	1.3	
6	Iron blob	1.3	

Soil sample no. 4.

Context Report

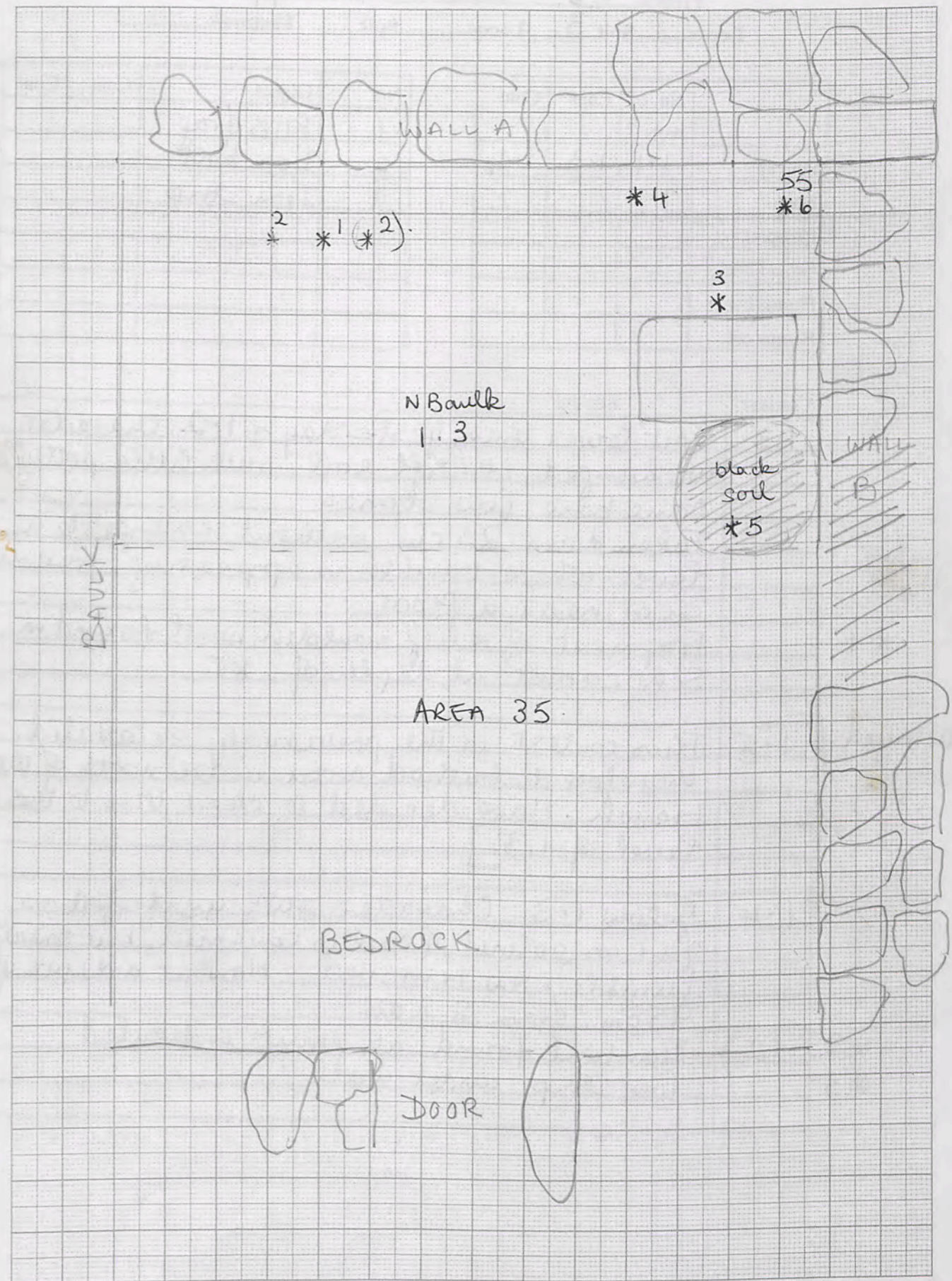
Context	Report
Nbbk 2	Continuing to excavate this baulk. South face of E/W wall revealed to height of 55 from surface
* 1-2	Spit 2 characterized by soft soil and by tumbled Bronze frag (curved) and 2 iron frags (nail?) found. Large worked block, 54x64 in east of locus, ex situ, probably from doorway to east, the dimensions and placement of which are still uncertain. This now pedestalled on soil.
*3	A small stash of tiny pebbles (gaming) found in a cluster against the fallen stone
*4	Iron fragment against wall
Nbbk 3	Area of black soil south of worked stone - roughly circular. Sample taken.
*5	In this area, not in black soil, a small hand-made terracotta object, perhaps a figurine
*6	Small iron blobby fragment from NE corner.

1. 54x64
 25 from wall east
 75 " " north



Area 35.

1mm Squares

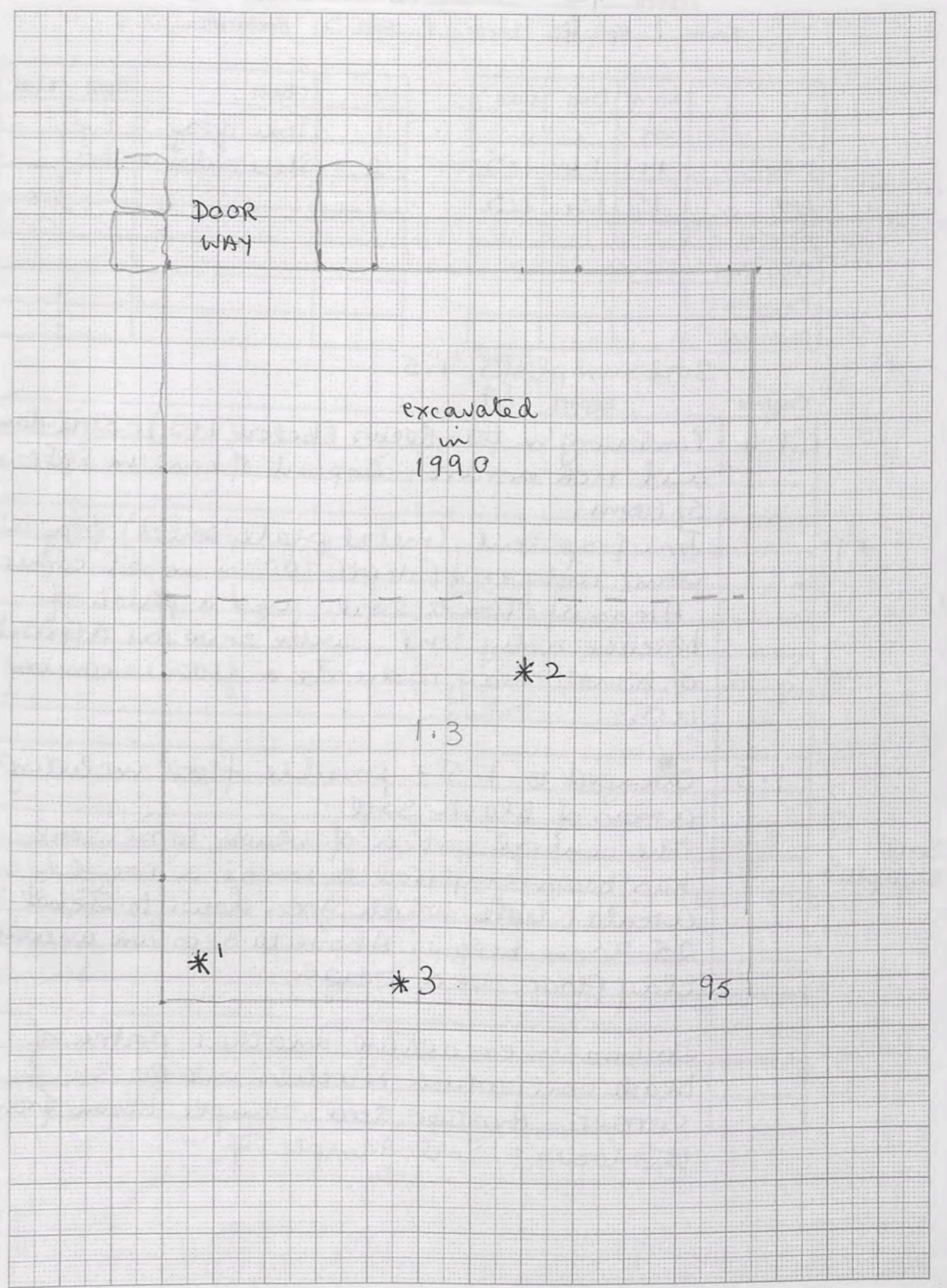


Trench 45 Initials HJ Date 27/4 Page...
 Locus 1 Spit 3 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1+1	1.3	1.4
Bone	1		
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	RMB frag		
2	Iron bolt		
3	Iron strip		

Context	Report
1.3	Spit lower than yesterday's 1.2. Character unchanged, i.e. soft soil, with little pottery, some bone, few stones. Taken down 25 cm without change to a level where tumble is appearing, presumably on or near a floor. Fragment of relief moulded bowl found in S.W. corner at depth of: 85
*1	
Delayed 1.5	This context is the previously excavated, therefore disturbed area in the north of the trench. Have decided to clear this to the level of 1.3.
1.4	Below 1.3. Character still unchanged as far as colour of soil is concerned, but small tumble now removed. Now at a depth of 95 cm. from S. wall.
*2	(2) Iron bolt found at point indicated
*3	Iron strip under wall



Trench 45 Initials HJ Date 28/4/05 Page...
 Locus 1 Spit 4 Locus 1 Spit 5 Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1+1	1.4	1.5
Bone	1+1	1.4	1.5
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.	Iron frag	1.4	
2.	Stone containers	1.5	

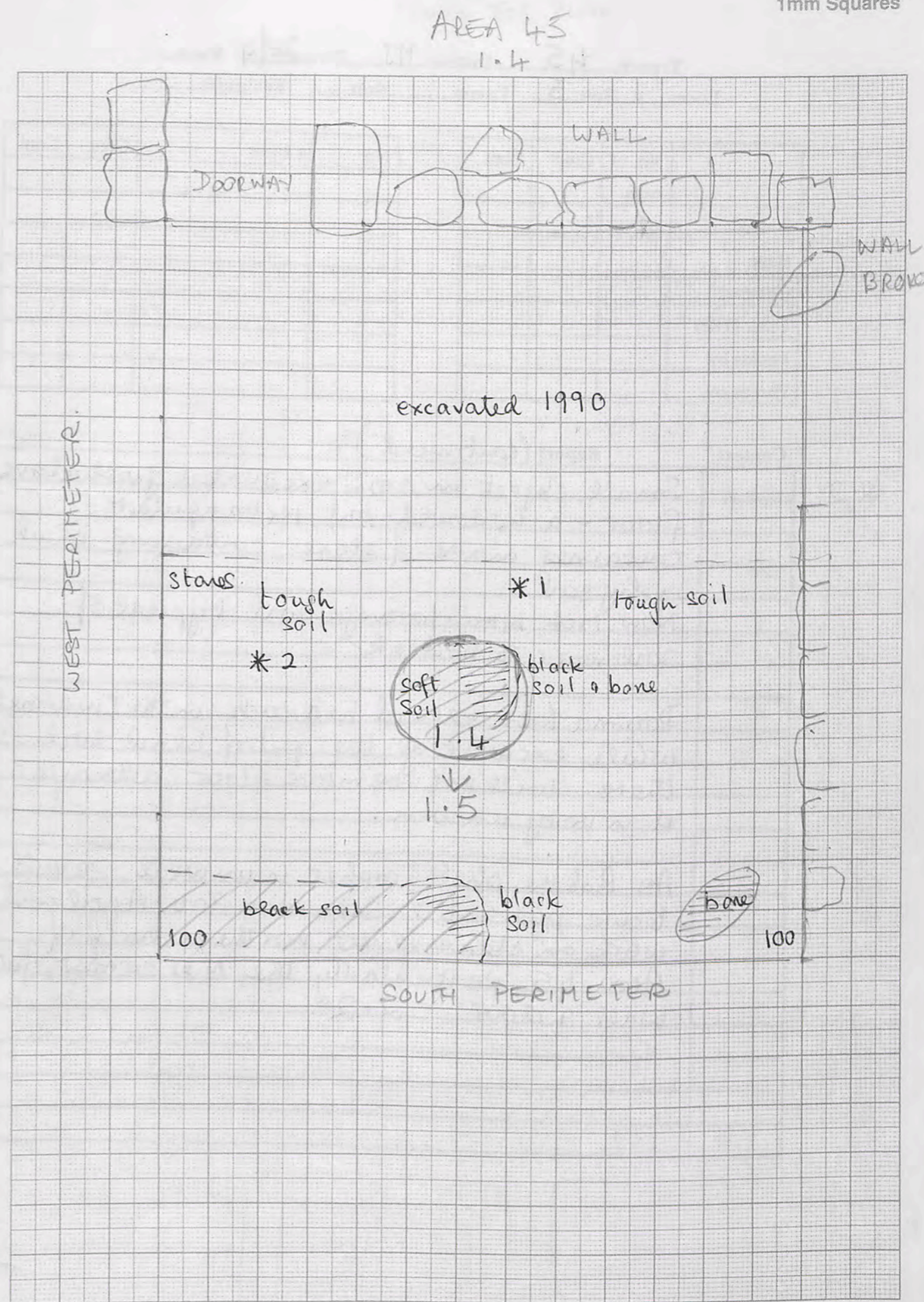
Soil samples 5, 1.5

Context Report 7

1.4	Continuing in this locus (below 1.3). Soil damp and rich brown. Deposit of bone in SE corner of room.
*1	Iron fragment (metal plate/sheet) frag at point indicated (depth 100 cm in SE corner). Areas of tough soil, and a patch of black, ashy soil, with several deposits of bone, may indicate a floor is coming up.
1.5	Changed to 1.5 = possible floor including areas of black soil. The central patch of black, loose soil has been emptied to reveal a roughly circular hole which goes down to level 25-30 cm below. Above this is an uneven clay floor, very tough.
	Douma is excavating another patch of black soil which reaches into the SW corner. Another soil sample taken from this locus = Soil sample 7.

Soil samples

1mm Squares



continued.

Trench.....45.....Initials.....HI.....Date.....28/4 Page....
 Locus.....1.....Spit.....5..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report (continued).

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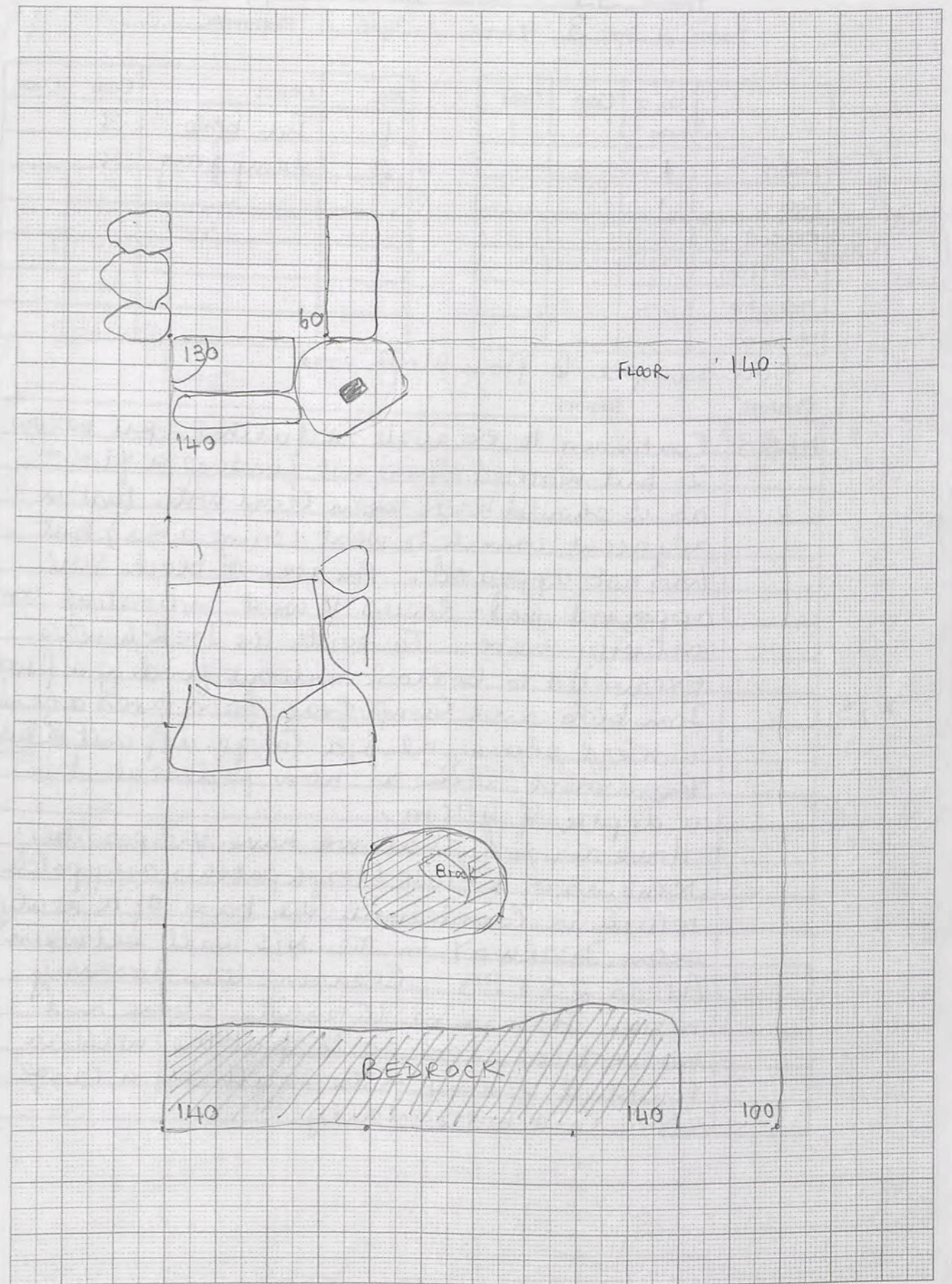
Small object in soil excavated just above floor - a hollowed-out, rectangular container made of stone, containing black ashy soil
Now rich brown/orange soil typical of soil near to bedrock.
Douma has reached bedrock in the SW corner while excavating the pit of black soil there. Will not remove floor, although it is very uneven.
As Bob the photographer is unwell, we will leave photos till Saturday 30th April and work on clearing the northern half of Area 45, particularly the NW corner, for wall & door = 2.2

* 2



FINAL TOP PLAN

1mm Squares



E/W 3m 2
N/S 3.80 } wt

All walls on bedrock

Trench... 35 Initials... HJ Date 28/4 Page....
 Locus... 1 Spit... 3 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	Iron blob	3	
2	Lamp frag	3	

Soil sample 6 from black soil.

Context Report

Context	Report
NBek 3	Continuing to excavate a further spit below 2 but worried about not finding a floor as it should have been level with that in adjacent trench to west (same area) but has not appeared. An area of black soil appeared mid-focus to west, indicating some activity here. To south the trench was excavated to bedrock without finding a floor. Iron blob and lamp frag from area around worked stone, also a large deposit of bone. The worked stone is now pedestalled to a depth of 40cm. Have decided that we have the possible remains of a floor (tough patches, ashy patches) which is level with the base of a newly-seen DOORWAY in the N/S wall between Areas 25 & 35. Clearing this doorway now. There is no threshold stone and no vertical stone posts but the wall is finished cleanly on the south by a large stone laid horizontally.

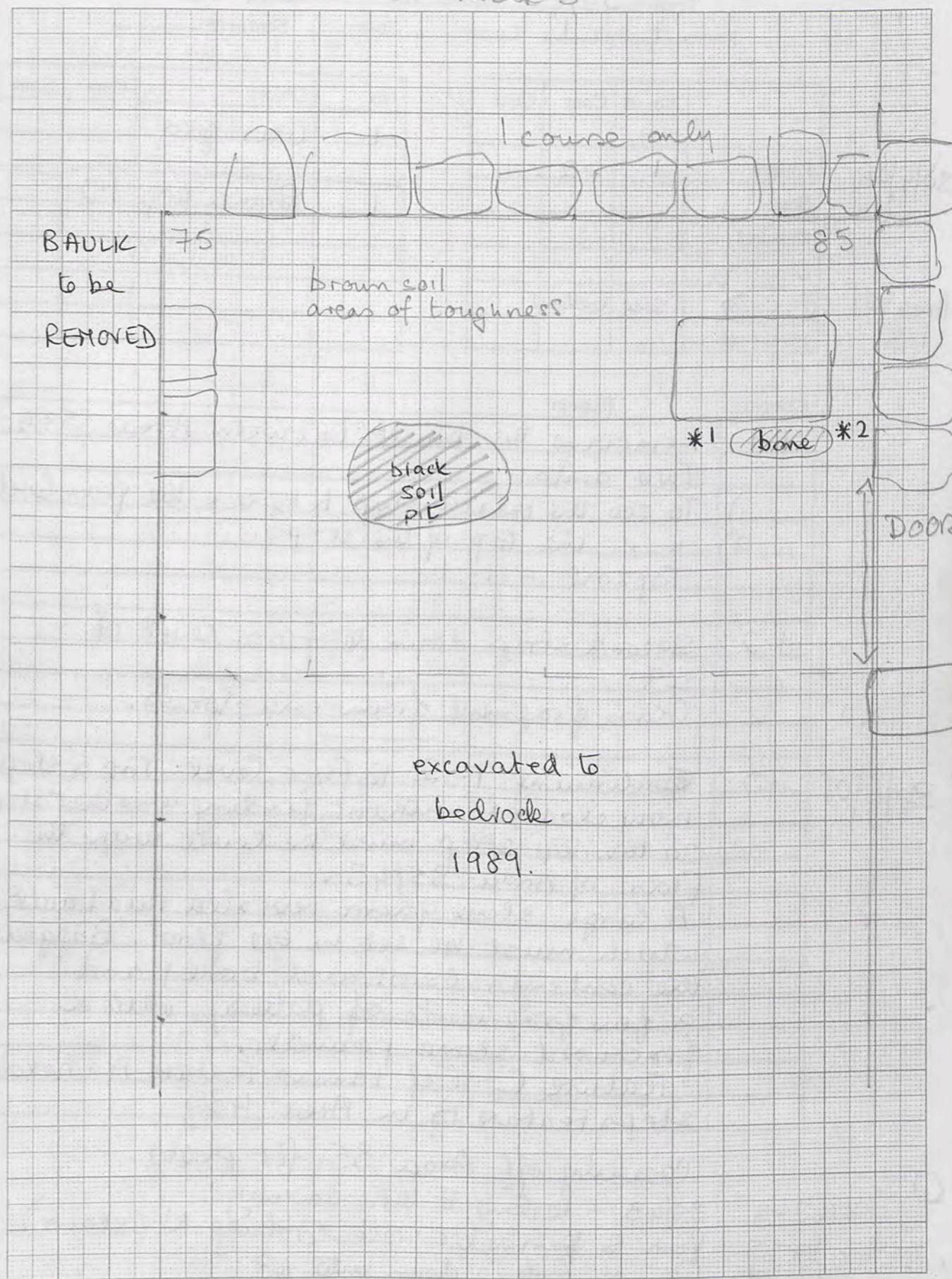
*1*2

2.



1mm Squares

Area 35
N. bek 3



7772-3 quem in situ, plus worked block.

74 detail of wall in Area 35.

75-6 looking south → 42

Trench 35/43 Initials HJ Date 28/4 Page...

Locus 1 Spit 1 Locus Spit Feature/s

77-8 detail of doorway.

30/4/05

Area 35/43

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Glass frag		
1	Bronze frag	1.2	

Context Report

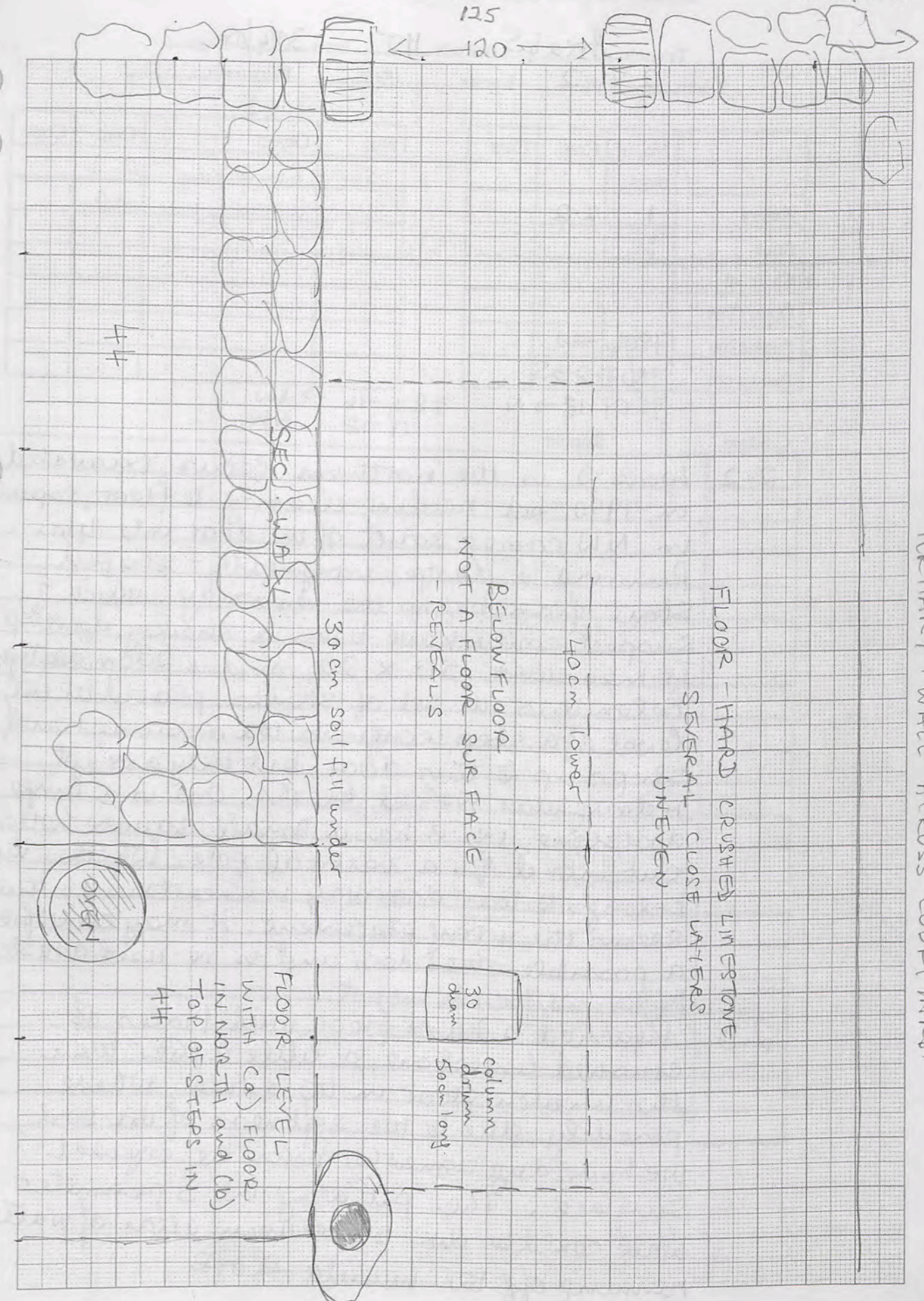
1.1	Removing the baulk between Areas 35 & 43. Two aims:
1)	To see the relationship between the floor levels.
2)	" " the top of the steps.
	Topsoil = 1.1
1.2	Second strip down to floor level of 43.
*1	Glass fragment from mid-locus.
30/4/01 43	Continuing 1.2 to floor level. Top of steps now cleared without fending another step so the top step must be level with the floor of Area 35/43.
*	A large stone quem revealed mid baulk which must be set in the floor. Bagged the contents (soil and bone) and a few fragments of pottery, with a fractured stone powder.
	= Feature C Cf. Tannur Feature A & below steps Feature B in Area 432

Cleaning off Area 35 for photo.

7762-3 35/43 - looking E thru doorway
 64-5 from S. perimeter wall looking N (stairs)
 66-7 from N looking down into 43
 68-9 Area 35 looking E, incl pit & doorway
 70-71 " " " " " " " " wider

TOP PLAN 43

1mm Squares



Trench Area 45 Initials HT Date 30/4/05 Page...
 Locus 2 Spit 2 Locus Spit Feature/s

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	2.2	
Bone	?		
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	7806	→ W	
Photos col.	7807	→ S	

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
138	bronze ring	2.3	
222	W lamp	2.2	

7809-18 → N 7814-16 → SW
 17-18 NW

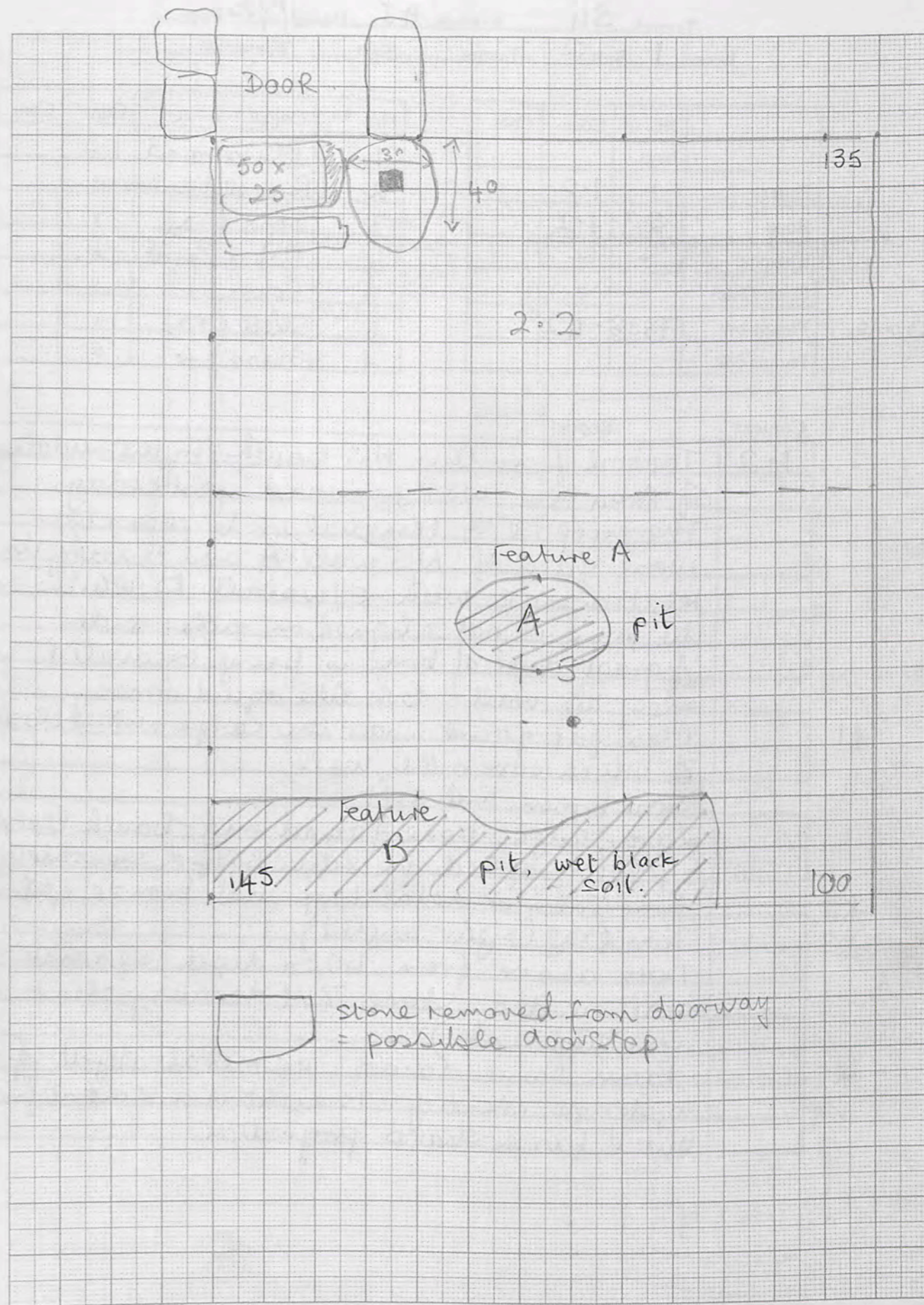
Context Report

2.2 Locus 2 is the northern locus, excavated in 1990 but needing clearing to floor, especially in NW corner south of the door into 146. Removed a large, irregularly-shaped stone from below the doorway, which I suspect could have been a shanky doorstep. It measures 50 x 20, and is 20cm deep. Below this a set of stones placed at the level of a step, confirms the assumption of steps up to this door, but they are not rectangular worked blocks. One is a hinge doorstone, i.e. it has a small square hollow cut into it for a vertical pole. Whether this belongs to this doorway is uncertain as this seems the wrong placement. It may come from a possible other door and is re-used as a step. Maybe used for pole support.

2.3 Reached a hard floor with traces of crushed limestone, a little higher than the uneven floor in the south, where possibly, due to the softness of the soil, we have dug somewhat below the original surface. The "pit" along the S perimeter wall could be due to accumulation of water running off the insula slope.

FOR FINAL TOP PLAN
 See a few pages back

1mm Squares



Area
 Trench 34.....Initials HJ.....Date 1/5/05 Page....
 Locus 1.....Spit 2 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1-2	
Bone	23	1-2	
Charcoal	-	-	
Other (Tile)	-	-	
Photos bw	7838	-42	
Photos col.			

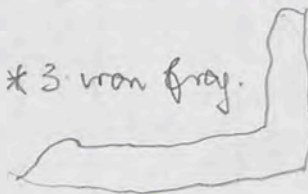
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.	Glass fr x3	1-2	
2.	Bracelet silver	"	
3.	Iron frag	"	
4.	Metal object	"	
5.	Corn	"	
6.	Shell frag.	"	
7.	Glass fr.	"	

Bone

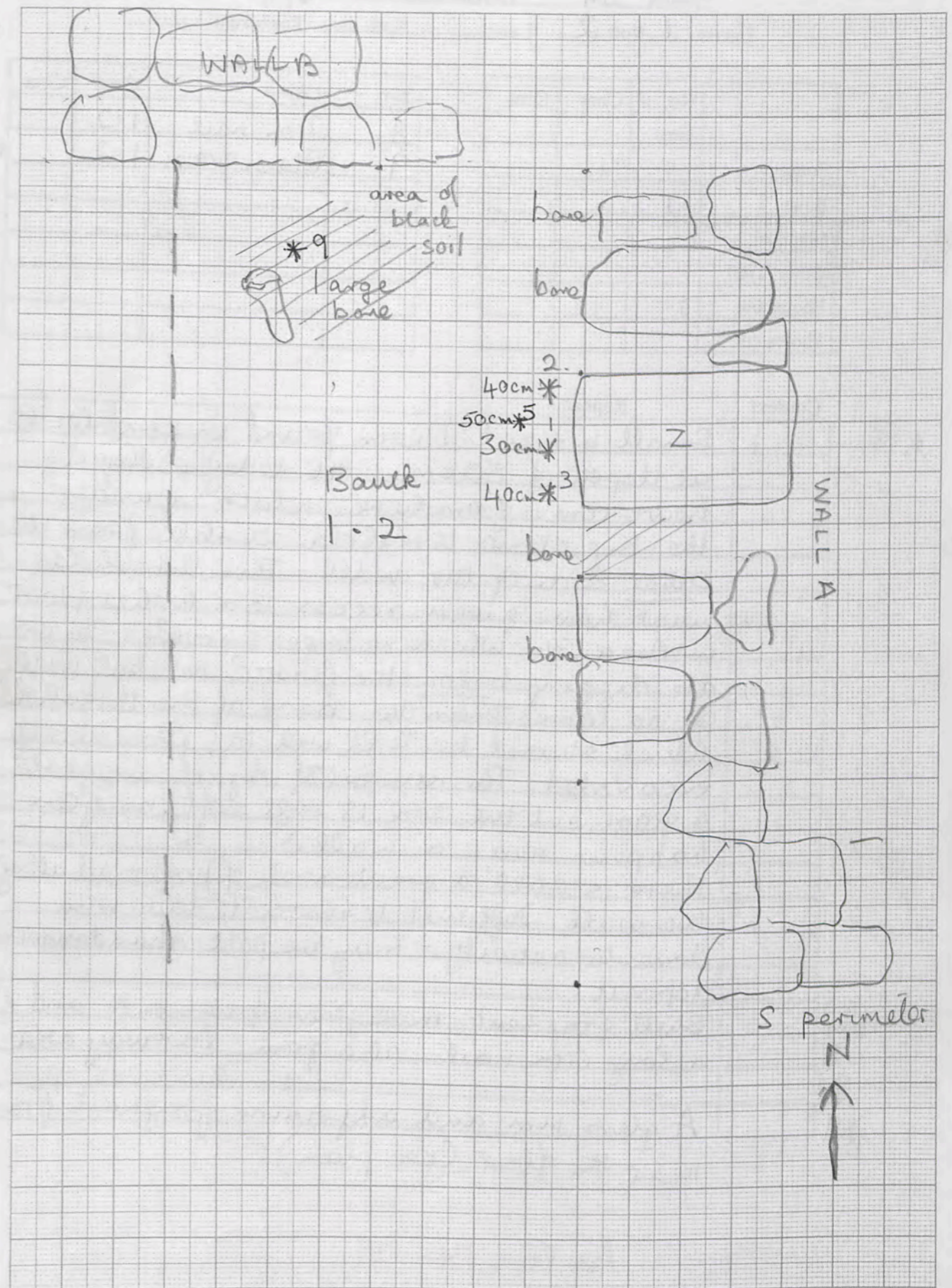
Context Report

Context	Report
1-2	Topsoil from this N/S baulk, in the middle of Area 34, was removed yesterday. The purpose of removal is to clear the west face of N/S wall A and clarify its relationship with E/W wall B; which, on the plan is not aligned on either side. A great deal of bone is being excavated along the wall - look like equid bones.
*1	Glass fr found under the large worked block Z which covers the wall. Soil brown and soft. Large thigh? bone found mid-baulk (see plan) - photographed in situ. Bagged separately.
*2	Bracelet? or metal loop, not bronze (silver?)
*3	Iron frag (right-angled). Both above from 40cm depth against wall under stone Z (doorway clear on other side)
*	From same locus, a metal object of mysterious identity. Thought it a stone at first but it has a sharp projection

*3 iron frag.



1mm Squares



Trench.....34.....Initials.....HS.....Date.....1/5/03.....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
8.	Iron nail	1-2	
9	Glass frag	1-2	

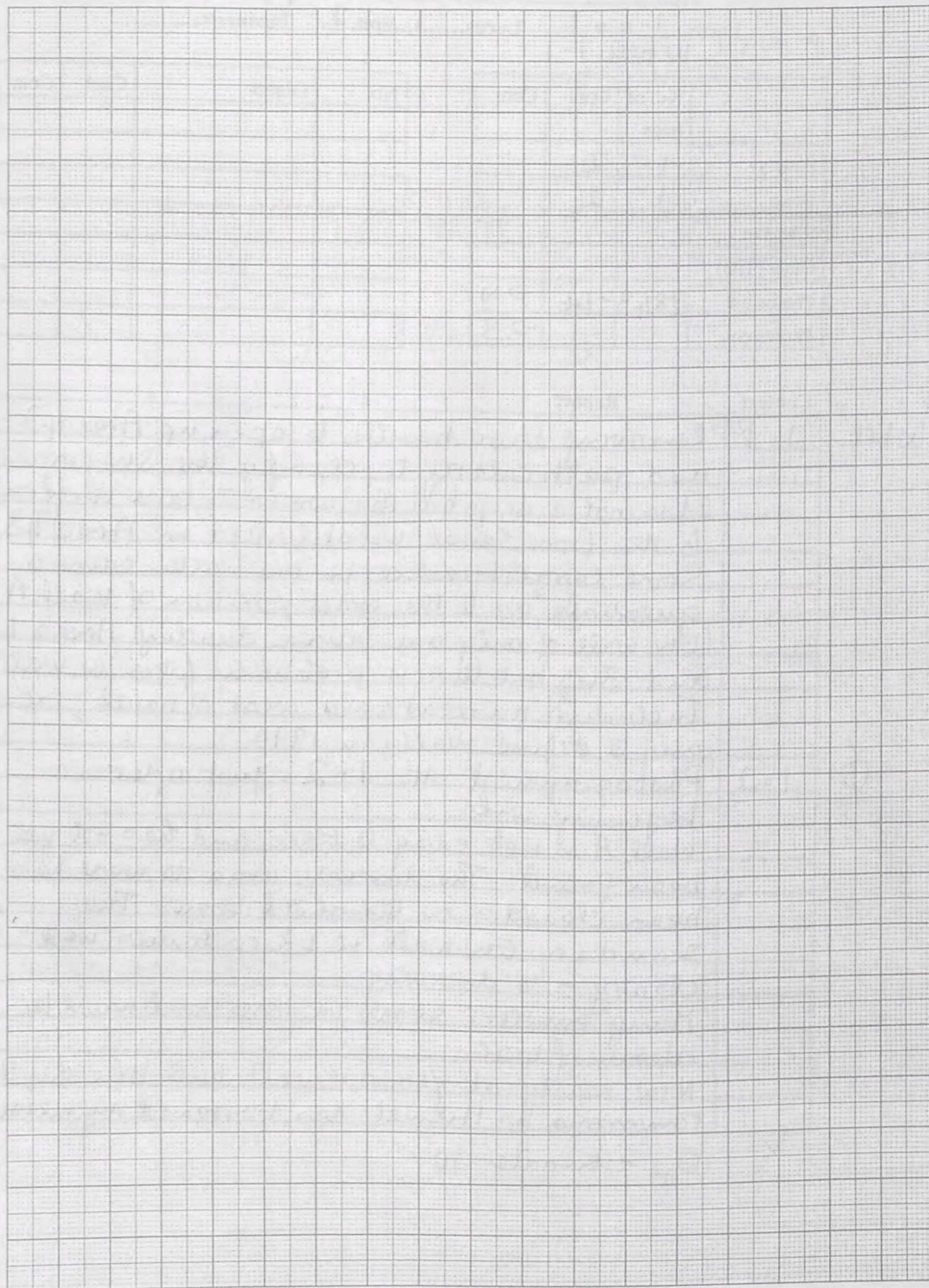
mm

Context Report

*5

	Small bronze (?) coin found in same locus at depth of 50 cm. All today's objects have come from here, which is under the big stone threshold visible from the other side of the wall. This threshold must have given access to a higher floor in Area 34, which no longer survives, so we are digging below the floor? No, but will go no lower than the base of the threshold, which should be level with the floor already excavated. The number of objects suggests a floor but the soil is still soft, as often happens near a wall.
	There is still a great deal of bone - all along the wall. Difficult to associate this with domestic activity - may be post-abandonment deposit.
*6 7 8	Shell fragment, more glass fragments and a long iron nail, also from doorway area
*9	A glass mm and adjoining fragment from near the floor (see plan)

Ans VII 138-129.



Trench ^{west} 43 Initials HS Date 1/5/05 Page...
 Locus 1 Spit 1 Locus 1 Spit 2 Feature/s...
 Wbek 1.1

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	2	
Bone	1	2	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	7843-46	→ N	
Photos col.		→ S	

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

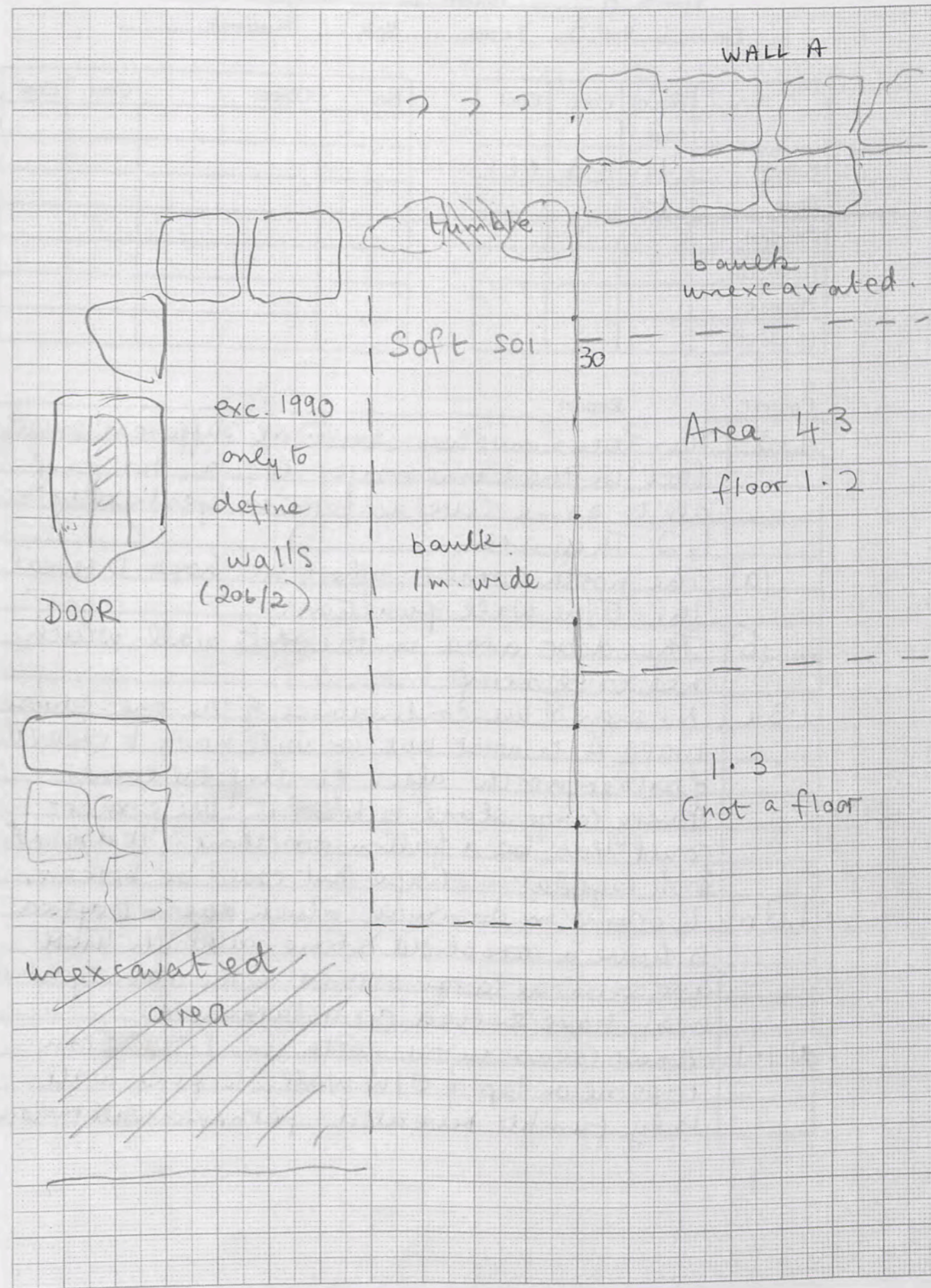
Wbek Context Report

1.1 Removing this baulk to open up Area 43 and particularly to clarify the SW corner. It is not a deep baulk - we will take it off only to the floor level established in Area 43. Some large tumble in the north raises questions as to the exact position of Wall A (EW wall of only one course during Areas 43 and 36) but this is probably from the wall. Including narrow area west of baulk, exc. only to define walls in 1990.

1.2 Photographed at 1.2 - just after beginning work. Wall A is not easy to trace and has not yet been found. The doorway area to west has been cleared - no threshold stone. The secondary EW wall in 43 continues west clearly - to doorway. Many smaller stones in loose soil must be above floor. Now nearly at floor level - will take depth tomorrow as Hikmet has borrowed my measure. Eye estimate 30-

350 x 100 m first.

1mm Squares
 ↑ N



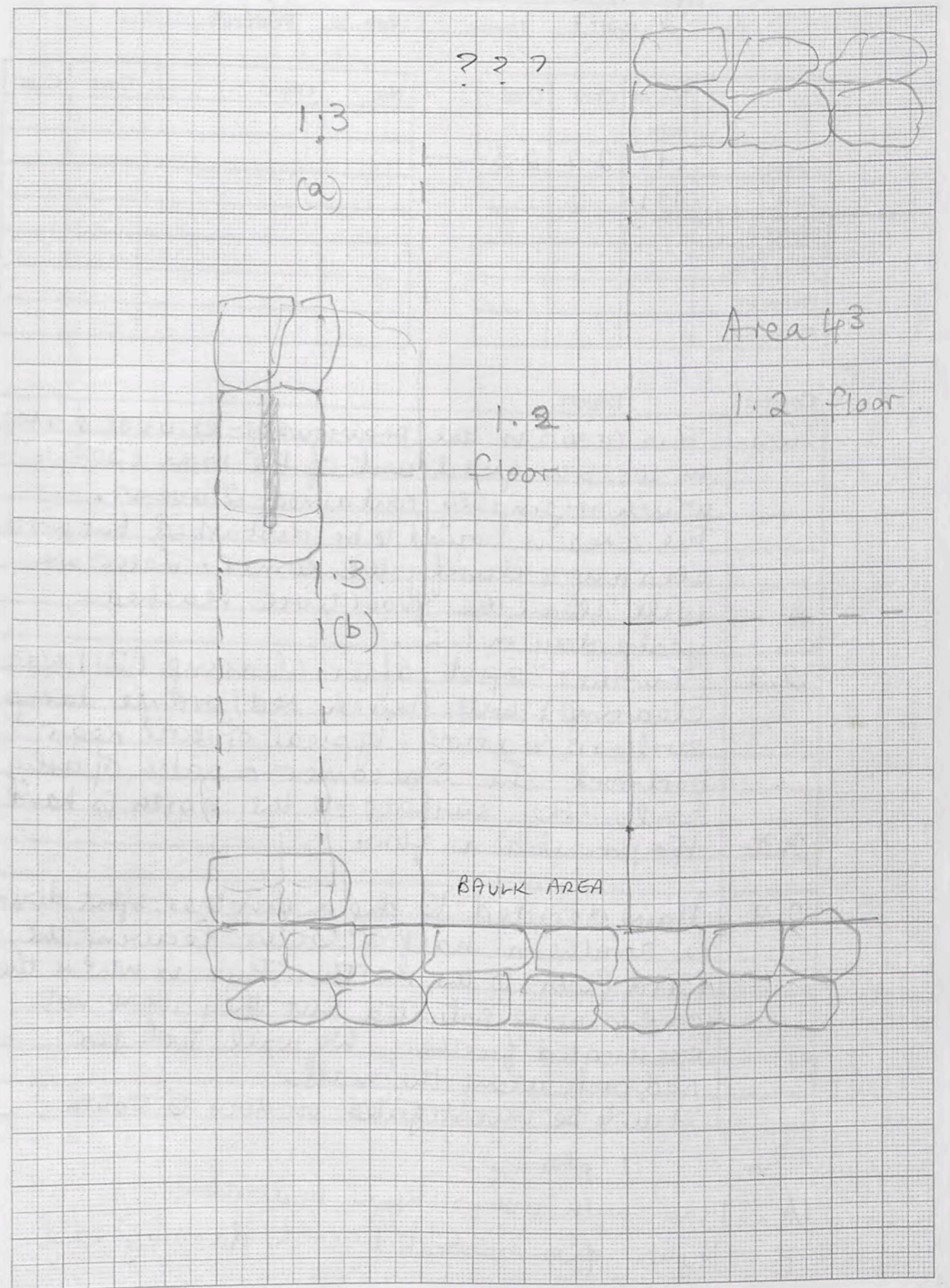
Trench 43 Initials HS Date 2/5/05 Page...
 Locus 1 Spit 3 Locus... Spit... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1+1	1.3	N1.1
Bone	1+1		
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

1.3	This locus involves ^{two} several different small loci in the same major locus, bringing all to same level as floor in yesterday's 1.2 They are:
(a)	The north corner where we hope to reveal the E/W wall junction.
(b)	The door area in the N/S wall which needs clearing
1.3a	No sign of the continuance of the one-course wall A to west but we will have to excavate further north after finding the corner. A very large stone is blocking the corner - could this be a fallen doorstone? It does not look regular in shape but could be broken.
1.3b	Working in doorway which doesn't appear to have a threshold stone, although there are several large stones in the vicinity which may have served as a threshold.
N1.1	A new locus in the north in 1.3a - from topsoil on top of E/W wall, to find wall. Only tumble revealed - perhaps wall remains



Trench... Area 34... Initials... H.T... Date... 2/5/05... Page...
 Locus... 2... Spit... 1... Locus... Spit... Feature/s...

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

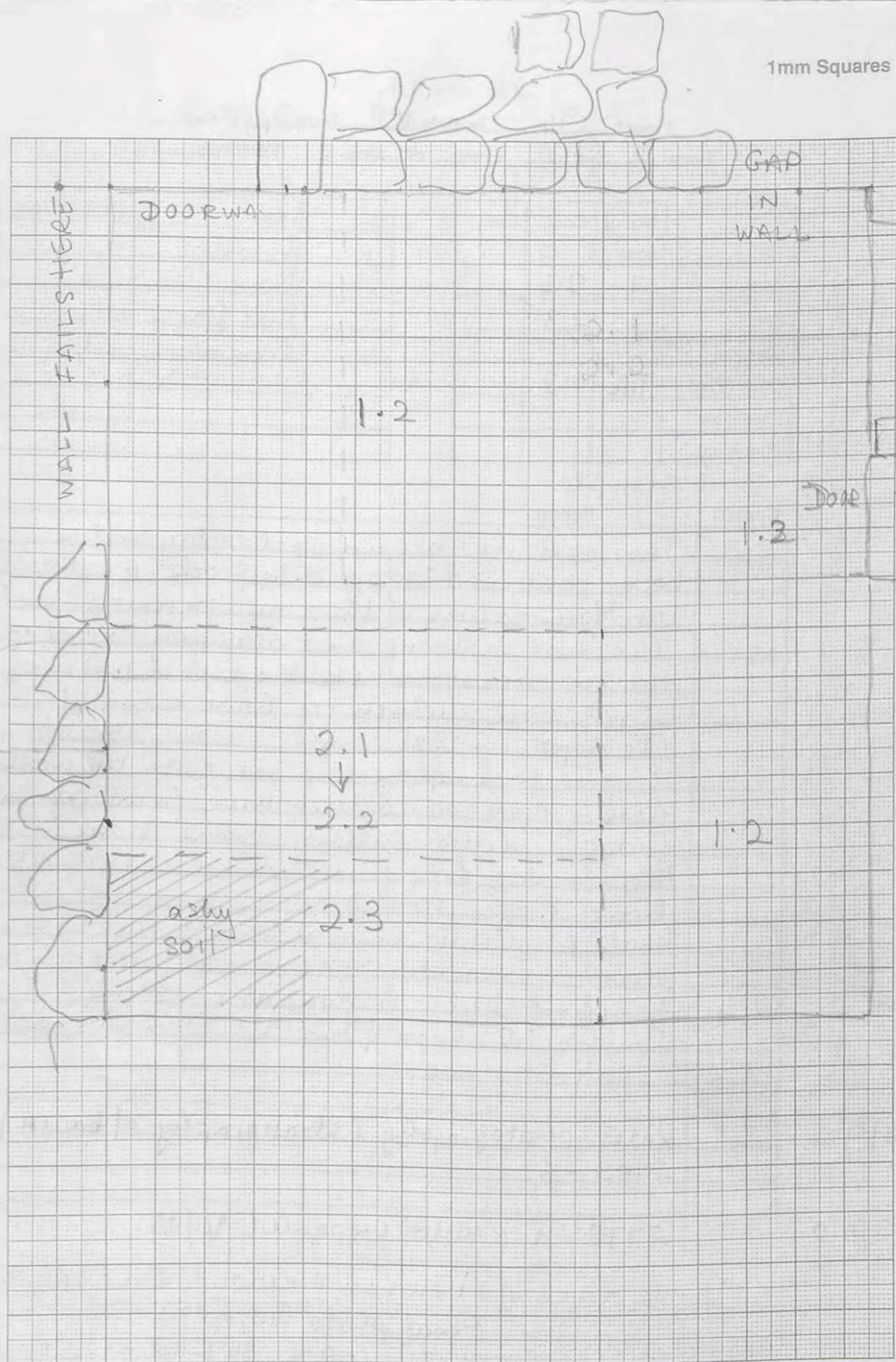
No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

2.1	This locus is the previously-excavated area in the SW quadrant of the room (207/4) which originally contained 2 ovens. The area is bound to be disturbed but worth clearing to clarify the corner. Later we will clean the floor level reached yesterday in 1.2.
2.2	Further spit after clearing (2.1 was clearing) with much red/orange damp soil appearing, typical of soil near bedrock. In SW corner a patch of ashy soil. The surface to the north is hard, possibly a floor.
2.3	Have decided to dig a further spit down in southern half of locus, leaving the hard floor to the north. This is where the ovens were situated but they were not excavated further. We will look for bedrock along the wall. Still to be investigated is door to south.

So... 2 phases:

- A: Floor with ovens near bedrock
- B: Higher floor associated with doorway east.



Trench 34 Initials HT Date 8/5/05 Page
 Locus 2 Spit 3 Locus 2 Spit 4 Feature/s

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	2.4	
Bone	1	2,3	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)	Tile	1.2.	
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Iron slag	2.3	
2	Bronze frag	2.3	
3	Iron frag	2.3	
4	Iron ring	2.4	

Soil sample

Context Report

2.3	This spit was begun yesterday and is being continued today to bedrock, to establish the foundation of the south perimeter wall. The soil is damp and orangey, except in the SW corner, where there is a patch of black soil, which we have bagged. The depth in SW corner is now 1#0 cm. Several rocks projecting out from the wall here - how would they have fitted into the floor? Little pottery, some bone. At Iron slag frag. in SE corner at depth of 130. Bronze frag, iron frag. Small plastic tie in same locus!! Must be from previous excavation, so this is a DISTURBED area.
2.4	Reaching bedrock now at c. 150cm. Iron frag in shape of ring at 150cm up against S perimeter wall.
8/5/05	later photography (stratigraphy of baulk) 2783-5
7/5/0	2778-9, ditto (repeated 9/5/05).

*1
*2
*13

*4

8/5/05

7/5/0

Check level of ovens in previous excavation

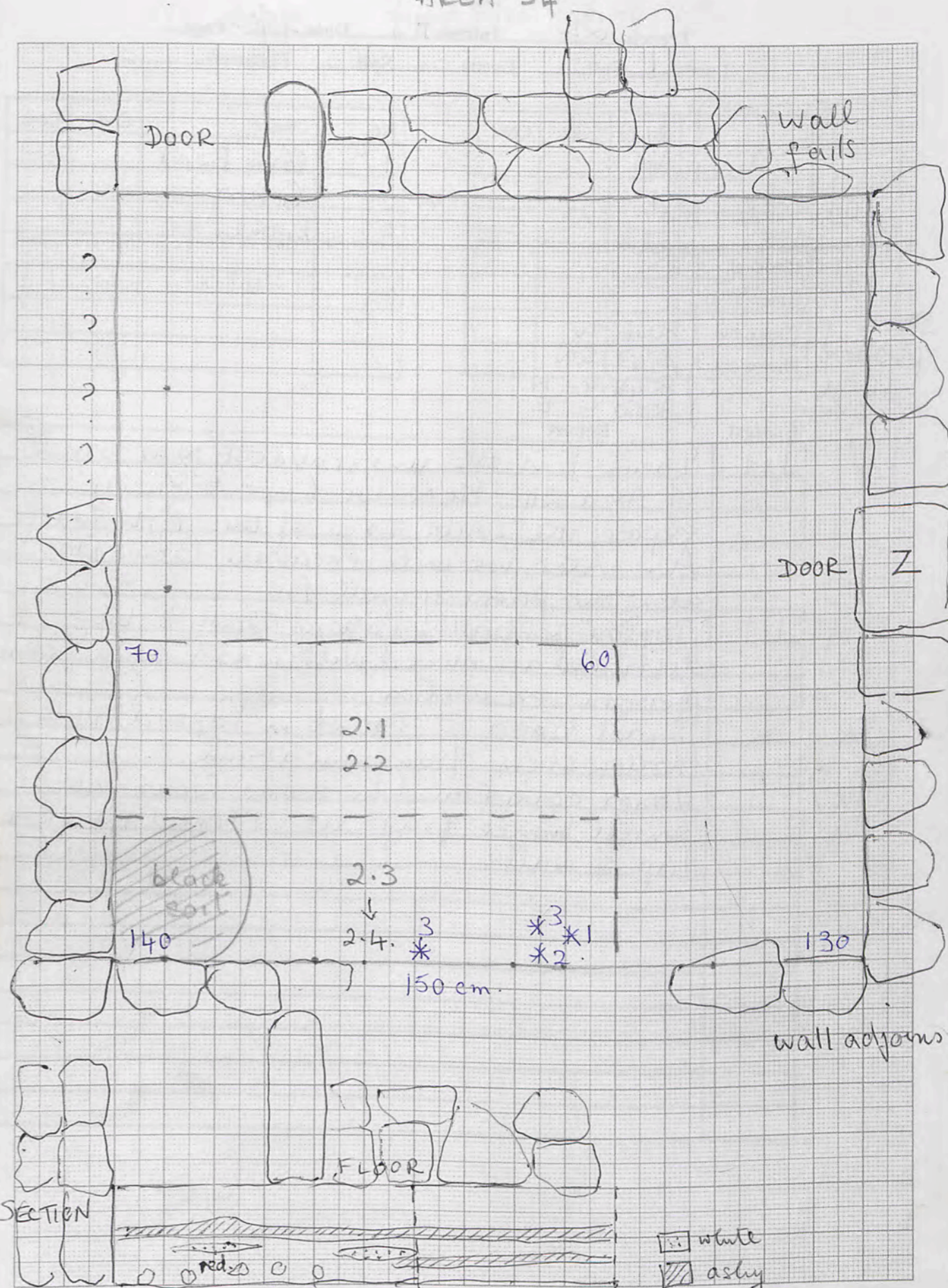
140 SW 70
130 SE 60

Final photo (10/5/05)

0006-7 → N 34 final
0008 door (re-do 0011)
0009 NE. oblique to door in east wall
0000 → S 2.4 S perimeter wall.

1mm Squares

AREA 34



BETWEEN 2.2 - 2.3/4

white
ashy
small stones

Trench 24 Initials HJ Date 3/5/05 Page....
 Locus 1 Spit 1 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1		
Bone	-	-	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	8046 W		
Photos col.	8047 SW		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.	Coin Bead		
2	Bronze		
3	Bronze fr.		

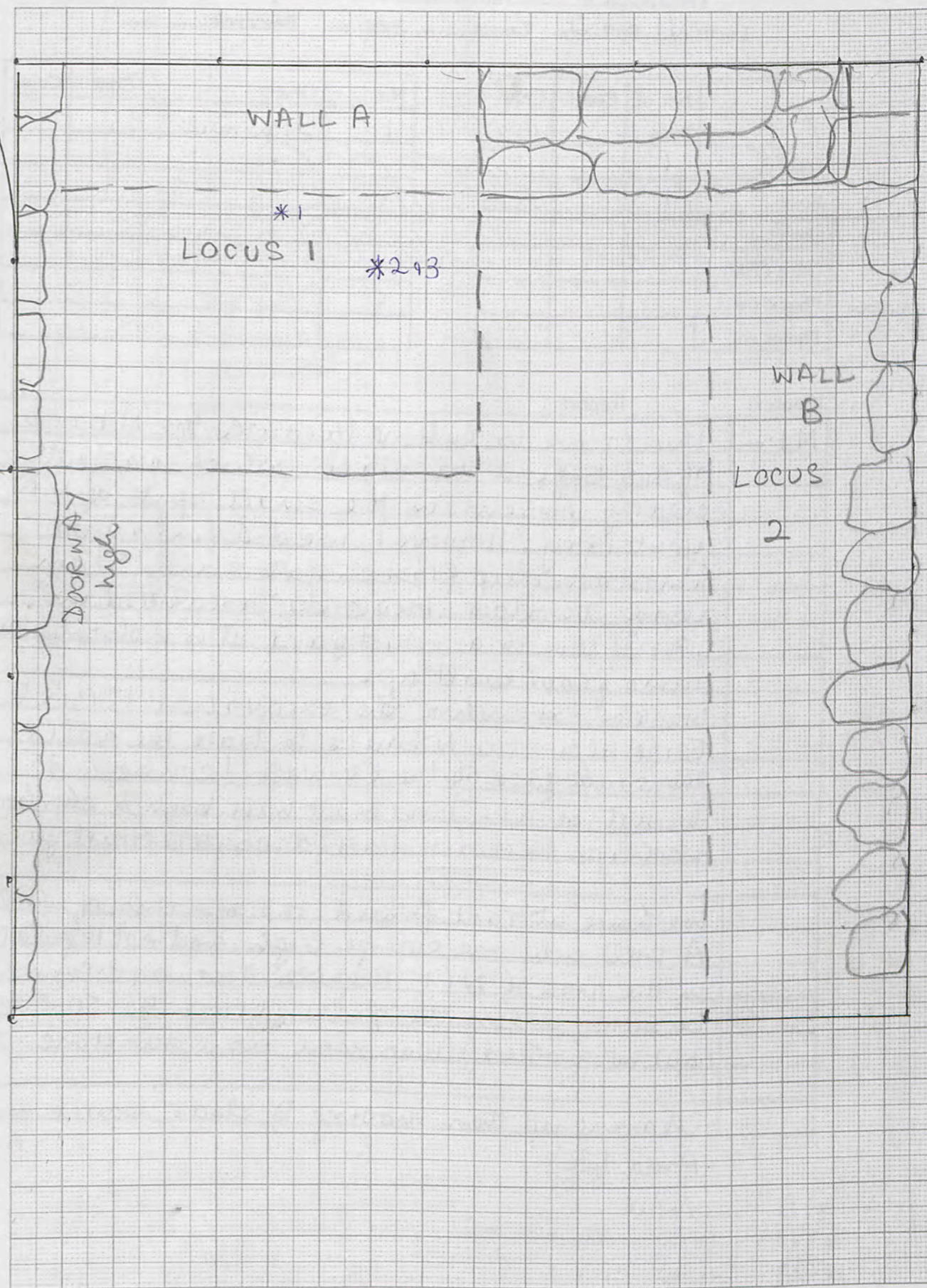
Start photo }

Context Report

1.1	Locus 1 is the unexcavated NW corner of Area 24. Here we hope to fully expose the south face of the E/W wall A. Later we will excavate locus B along the primary wall B.
1.1	Topsoil removal! Pottery likely to be disturbed as mixed with wash down from previous excavation
*1	Small bead @ found in topsoil with hollow stem of unguentarium
*2	Large coin found in same locus with small bronze frag. at 57cm depth from top of wall
*3	

AREA 24
 440 E/W x 460 N/S.

1mm Squares



Trench 43 Initials HJ Date 3/5/05 Page...
 Locus N1 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.	Iron nail		

See below

Context Report

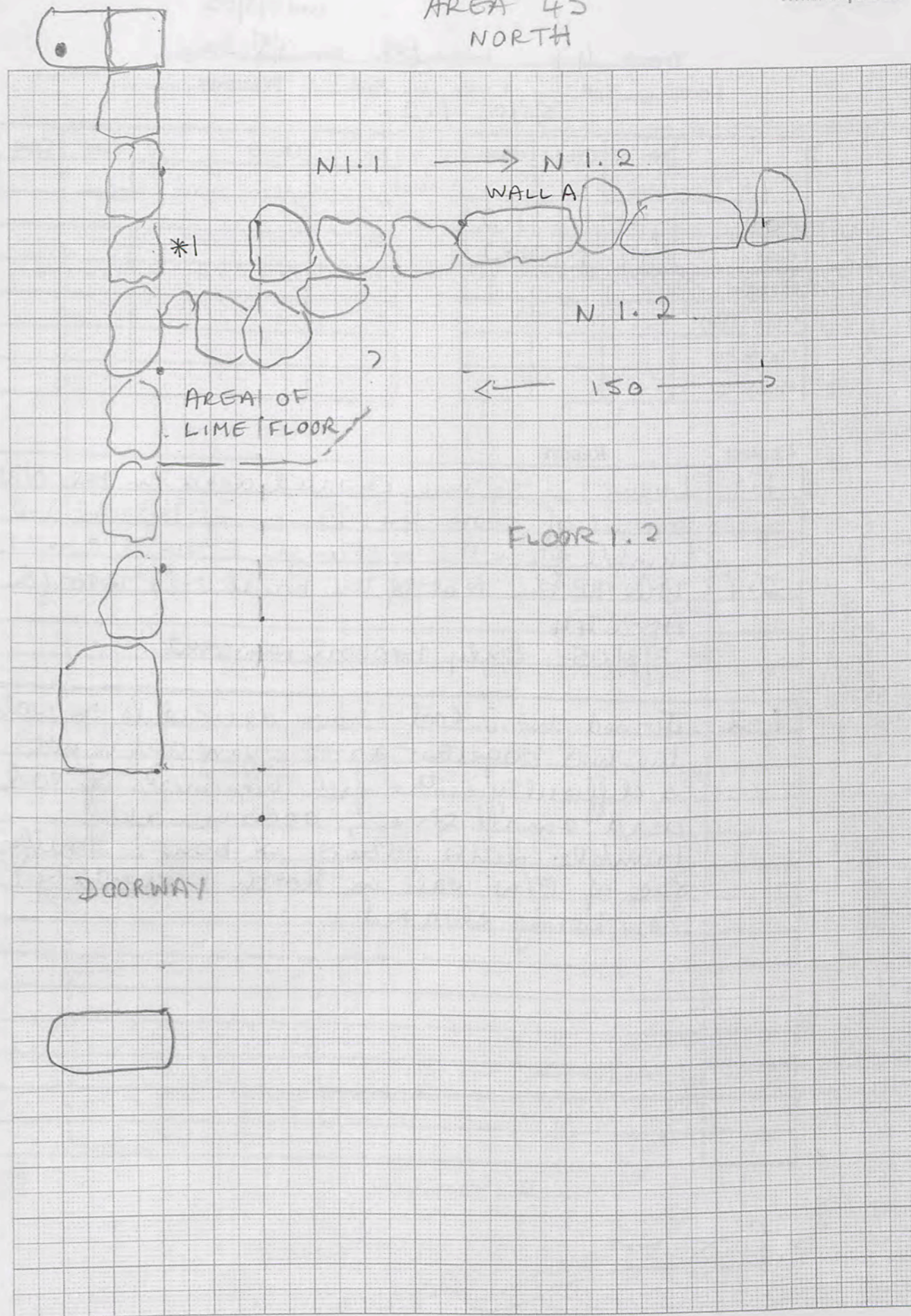
Context	Report
N1.2	This locus is cutting through the N bank of 43 to find the wall, which was not clearly present in the small spit of N.1.1 yesterday. However, we did find a good limestone-chip floor surface some 15 cm above the floor previously excavated in 43. If this is a courtyard, it is probably the same floor built up.
	We are extending the excavation 150m to East along the N bank to trace the wall. The south face of the EW wall (1 course in 35) is not clear. This must have been a shabby perhaps tertiary wall across the courtyard.
	We have at last found the remains of wall A still only one course high and not regular in the area of N1.1. Possible doorway? Cannot be sure, unless the fallen stone 90x50x35 (but not worked) was used as a doorstone.
	Clearing up then moving to clear bank in Area 44.

- ⊕ 8114-5 → NW
- 16-17 → W with doorways
- 18-19 → N
- 20-21 → W
- 22, 23, 24 → W along wall

Door?

AREA 43 NORTH

1mm Squares



stone 90 x 50 x 35

Trench 24 Initials HJ Date 5/5/05 Page
 Locus 1 Spit 2 Locus Spit Feature/s

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1+3	1.2	1.3
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Iron nail	1.3	
2	Shell frag	1.3	
3	Lamp frag	1.3	
4	Basalt vessel	1.3	

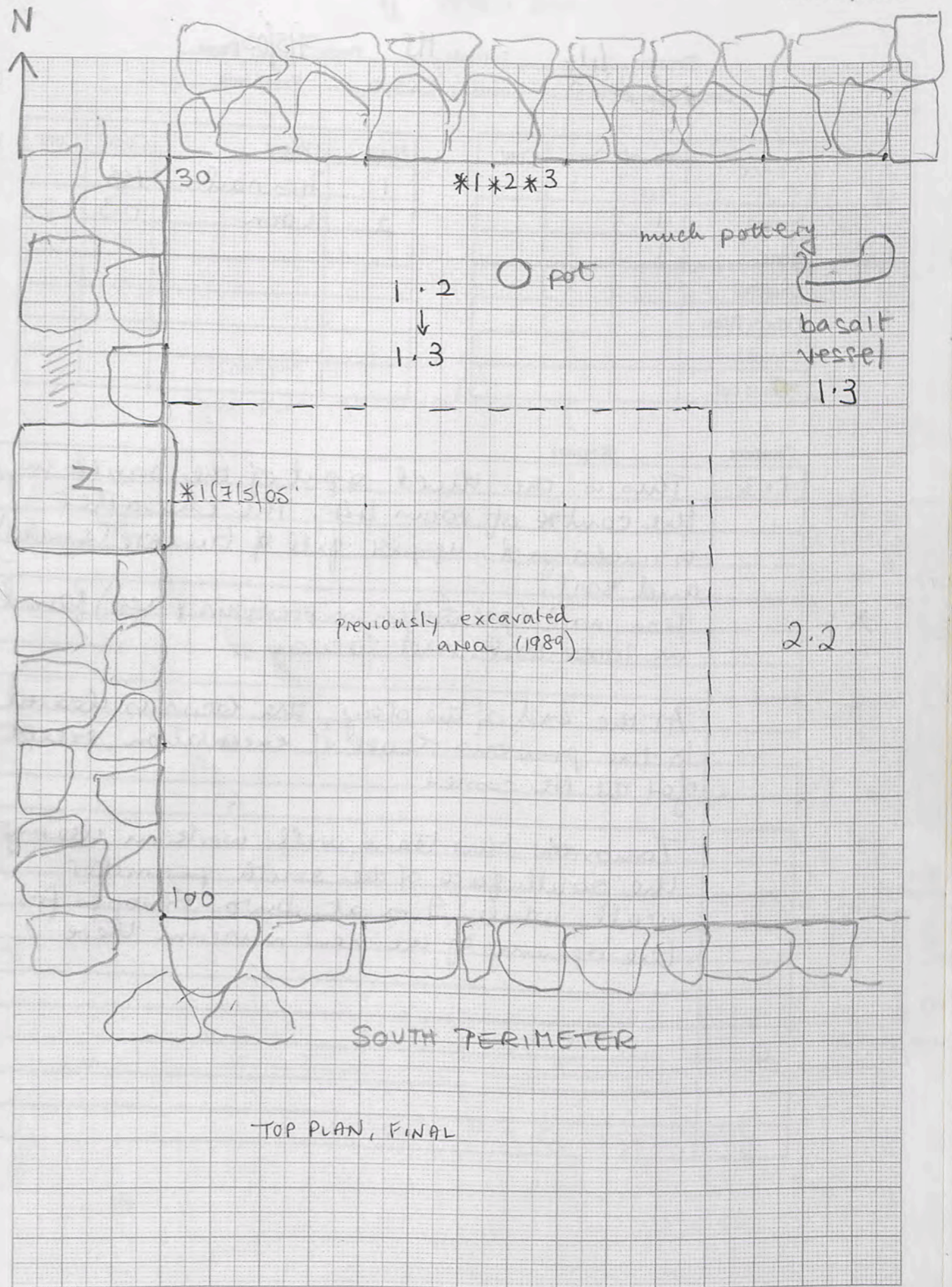
Context Report

Context	Report
1.2	This is the second spit, character unchanged from first, i.e. loose brown soil, no tumble, but some pottery.
*1,2,3	Iron nail, shell frag. and lamp frag (Type 9) found at 40cm depth from top of wall. Have extended excavation to strip N/S along wall N/S to east. Observation: stone Z is a doorstone fallen across doorway. It is wider than the wall (80cm) and has a small square cut out which could be a hinge base.
1.3	Appearance of a great deal more pottery in the soil, most associated with a jar rim (J3) (photographed), so have changed spits. Was the jar on a floor? Soil still soft - no sign of floor. Much pottery in next spit also. Basalt vessel frag in soil to east of 1.3 (see plan)

⊕ Jar 8210-12 Pot rim in situ at 1.3

AREA 24 5/5/05

1mm Squares



Trench 24 Initials HJ Date 7/5/05 Page...
 Locus 2 Spit 2 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

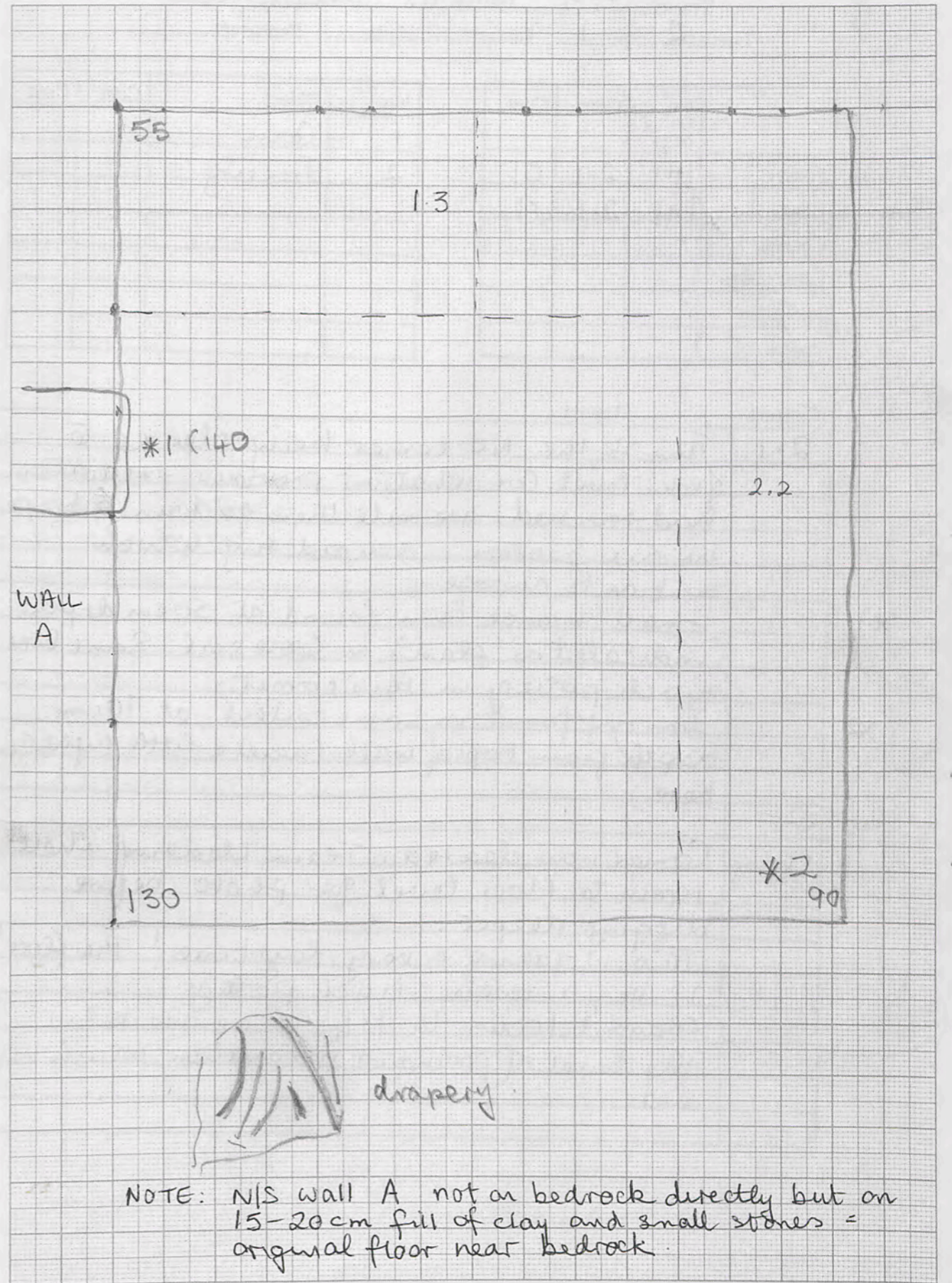
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Metal object	Clear	
2	Fig. frag.		

fibula

Context Report

Context	Report
2.2	This locus is the partially excavated area along the cut-down N/S wall to the east of the room. The wall is low but wide and strongly constructed on bedrock. Have just reached bedrock. Will finish clearing, clean walls and photograph. Still considerable amount of pottery and bone, indicating activity at this level.
*1	Now clearing floor over whole area. Metal object (fibula) found at area indicated at 140cm depth.
*2	2.2 Fig. frag (drapery) found in corner at 90cm. Bedrock is visible at 2.2 but have decided not to excavate to bedrock under the perimeter wall, as we now know the walls are on bedrock (see NOTE opposite).
Final	⊕ 2773 → N ⊕ 2774 → W. ⊕ 2775-6 → S ⊕ 2777 → E



TOP PLAN NEEDED. - see Book 2.

Trench 44 Initials H1 Date 9/5/05 Page
 Locus 2 Spit 1 Locus Spit Feature/s

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

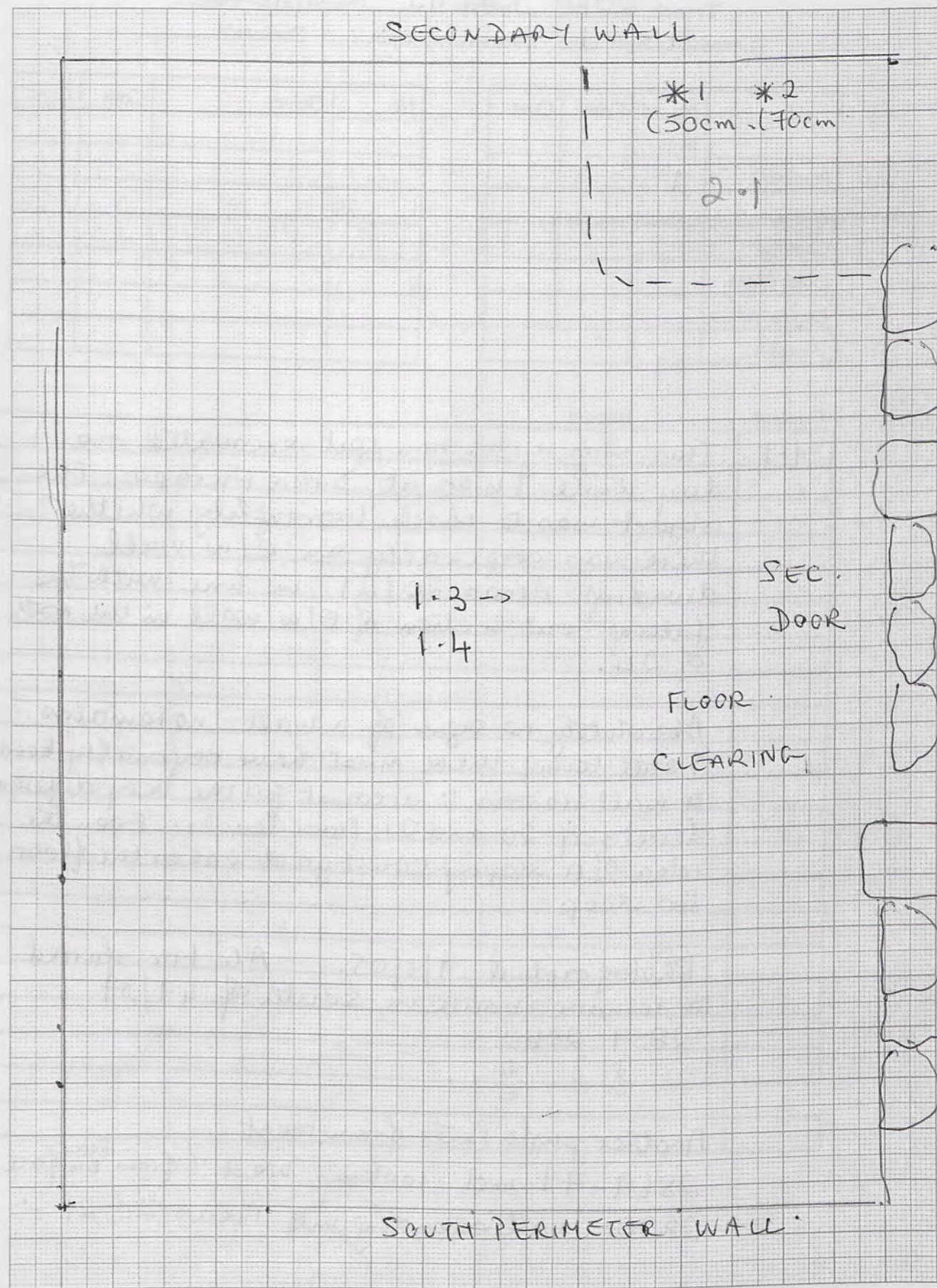
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Corn		
2	Iron ring		

Context Report

Context	Report
2-1	This is the NE corner being cleared to floor level for whatever previous excavation had reached. We will then go down to deeper in one section - considering which section to choose.
*1	Small bronze corn found at 50cm depth (indicated on plan) in loose soil. Some bone-much pottery in this corner.
X2	Iron ring found in same context, at 70cm depth from top of wall (wall a little higher here)
Clearing	Cornes now cleared. Team clearing whole room to floor level for photo before digging deeper. This is taking a very long time! The "floor" is very uneven. Much pottery. Changed locus to 1-4 as we are below the level of previous excavation which did

TOP PLAN

1mm Squares



560 x 400 cm

Trench 20/21 Initials HS Date 8/5/05 Page...
 Locus 1.1 Spit 1 Locus Spit Feature/s

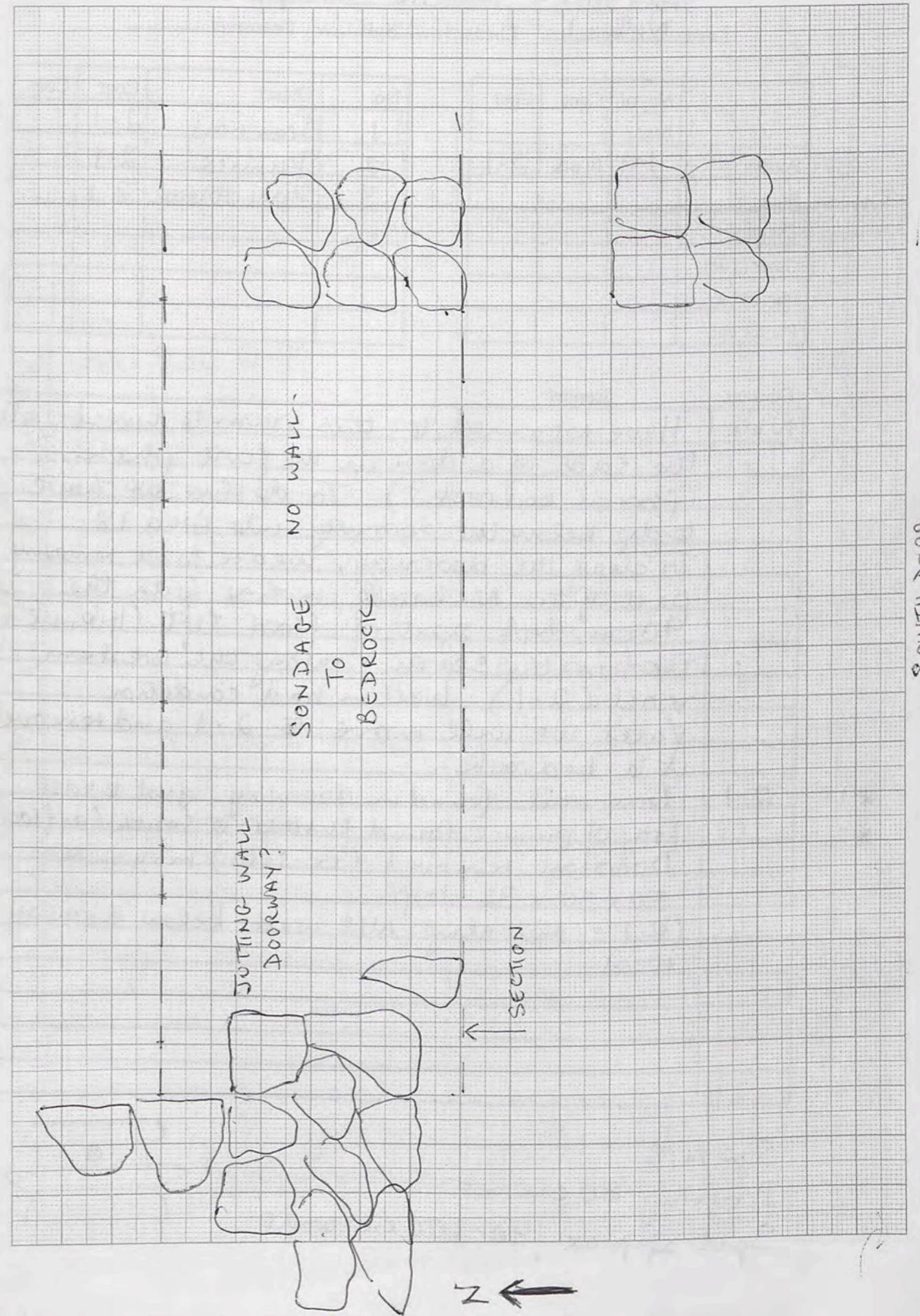
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	-	
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

1.1	This was a narrow spit excavated over 1 day while I was at Dura Europos. The object was to check thoroughly whether there was originally an E/W wall dividing Areas 20/21, in line with the jutting-out section of E/W wall in the north of 24.
	Absolutely no sign of a wall - no remains. I still think there must have originally been a wall across to account for the very different levels of 20 and 21 floor levels. Even the idea of a sloping courtyard makes the floor too steep.
	Photographed 9/5/05. Ali transferred to remove baulk in south of 49/37
	2859 2860
	↓ ↓ S E
	Another photo later from west.

2869-71 incl looking west (from floor surface)
 2890 wall extending into Areas 20-21 → N.



SOUTH DOOR

Yazı

Trench Area 8 Initials HJ Date 9/5/05 Page...
 Locus Nbk Spit 1 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

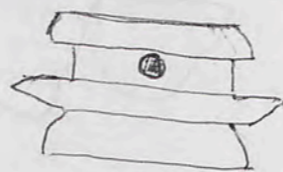
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1+1	Nbk	2.1
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.	Iron nail	2.1	
2	Pumice	2.1	
3	Stone stopper	2.1	

Context Report

Context	Report
Nbk	Have returned to this room to investigate the catch of a door in the first phase (floor on bedrock?). To do this we have to dig below the doorway into Area 18. To clear the doorway, we are first removing part of the N. bank, in line with the 90 cm. N/S spit of floor left (Hemel's workers this season) along the western wall (2.1). Wall in bad condition. Later we will move to 2.1 and remove it to bedrock.
*1	2.1 Iron nail found in doorway, just to east.
*2	Frag of pumice found further to south (on floor?) Doorstone removed (ex situ) measures 50 x 50 x 32 deep. (2.1 = spit along N/S wall below doorway west)

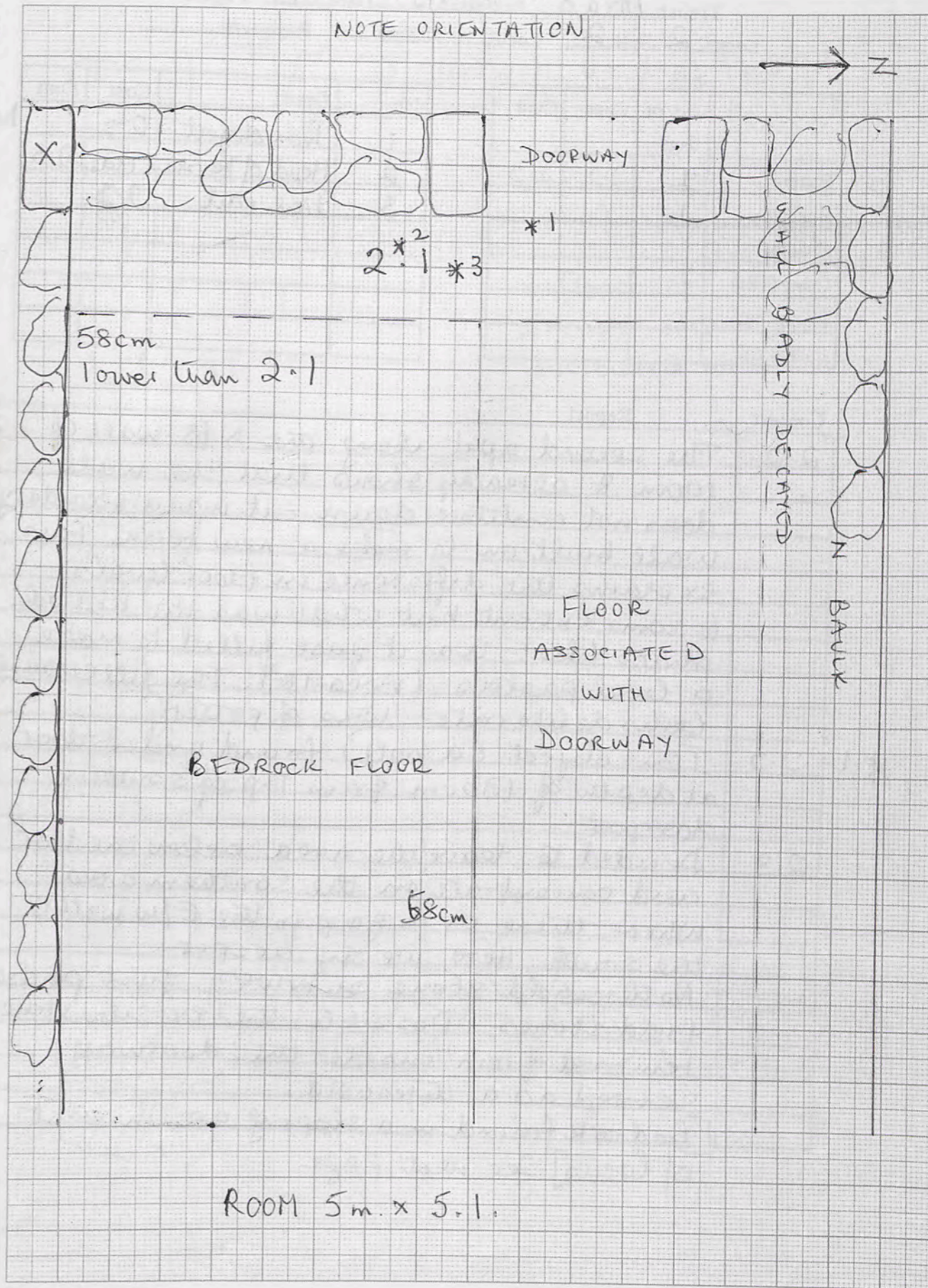
5m N/S
 Doorway 80 cm int.
 Spit approx 90-100 cm wide



1mm Squares

AREA 8

NOTE ORIENTATION



Trench Area 8 Initials HJ Date 10/5/05 Page...
 Locus 2 Spit 2 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	2.2	2.3
Bone	1		
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

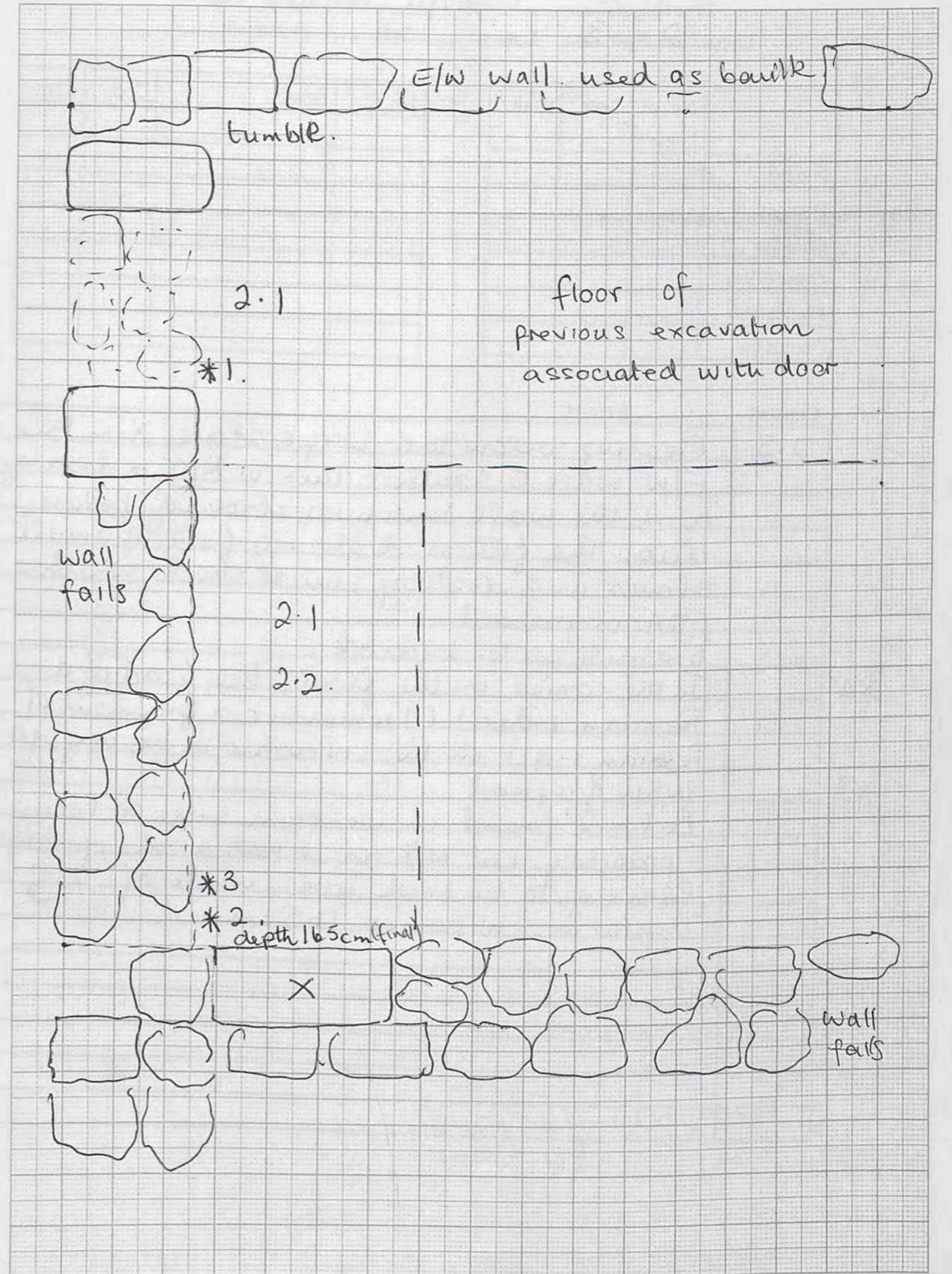
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Iron object	2.2	
2	Head of Persian rider	2.3	
3	Iron nail	2.2	

bolt?

Context Report

2.2	The second spit along the N/S wall of room 8 already shows that the wall does not continue down - it was a secondary wall built on to make a new room. This explains the difference in floor levels to some extent but what was the bedrock phase like? Was it just filled to make a level pastas (Area 18). The fill certainly looks deliberate - lots of pottery
*1 2.2	Iron object (a bolt) found under door at depth of 130cm from top of southern doorpost.
2.3	Decided to leave the area below the door and concentrate on the southern area where there is a gap in the E/W wall to the south. Here we dig deeper. No threshold stone survives, just packed field stones. Possibly the ex-situ stone removed from inside the doorway served as a threshold.

[Bedrock found in a sloping arc in west of locus] See next page



Trench... 44 ... Initials... HS ... Date... 10/5/05 Page...
 Locus... 1 ... Spit... 4 ... Locus... ... Spit... ... Feature/s...

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

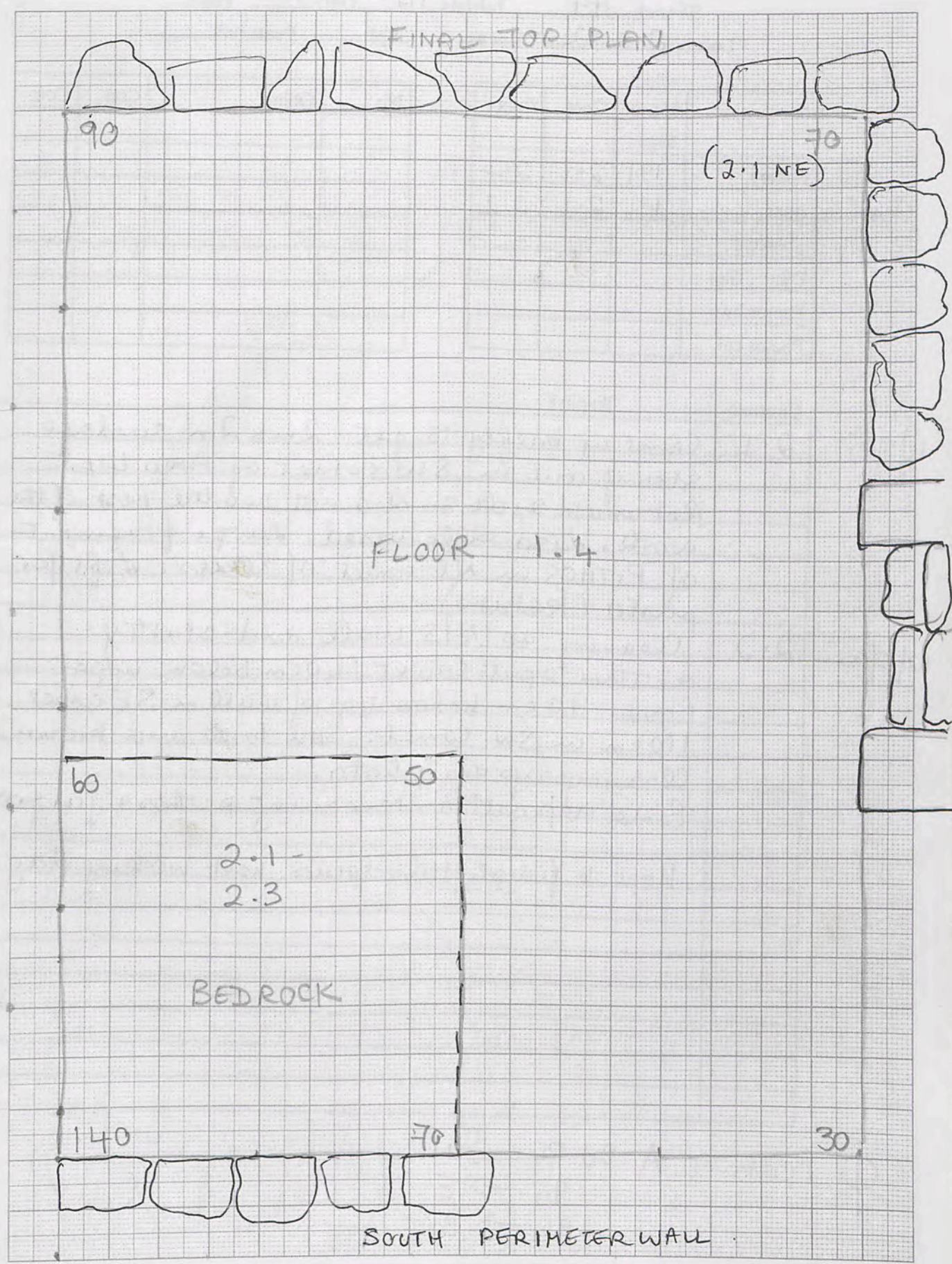
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	2 loonwts		
2	Shell		

Context	Report
1.4	This is a spit below the level which I considered was clearing the floor yesterday. The NW corner was considerably higher so 1.4 is concentrated in that area and is finding much pottery, including a fishplate lying in situ - to be photographed.
⊕	0004-5
* 1	Two loonweights found near N/S wall in NW corner. One more later
* 2	Rebber pounder in same locus.
	Now that the NW corner is cleared, I have decided to define the E/W wall in the north more clearly. Taken away some tumble - now certain that it is SECONDARY and had been built on the floor. We have gone a little below the floor (1.4). Cleaning up for photo
⊕	032 Floor & sec wall. → N.
	033 - E - floor & door

520 N/S
170 W door

See previous page for plan!

1mm Squares



520 x 400 mt.

Trench 19 Initials HJ Date 11/5 Page 11/5
 Locus 1 Spit 2 Locus Spit Feature/s

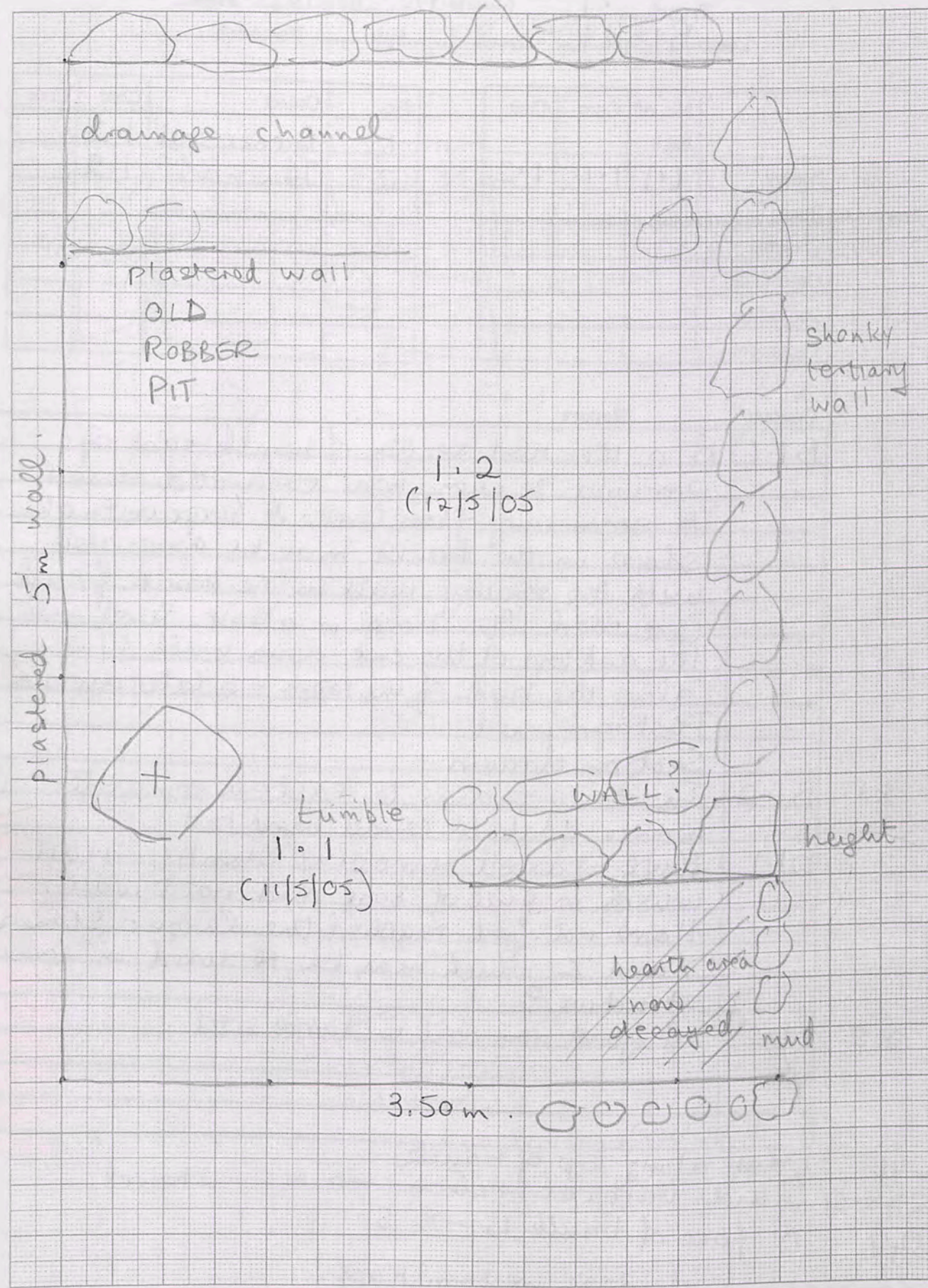
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1		
Bone	1		
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

11/5/05	A1.1	Working to clear west end of bank across Area 19. Reached floor (9 was away side) of upper (tertiary 3 level) and changed spits. Looking for third side of "hearth" (2000 exc) have found a mysterious E/W stone wall.
12/5/05		Working today in non-bank area to north of 1.1 below floor located yesterday. Shanky N/S wall (exc 2000) seen to be very shanky (badly built). Decided to remove N/S shanky wall but must photograph it first.
∅		Wall photographed and five minutes later removed! The "new" wall E/W still looks like a wall, with a large worked block standing vertically to its north.

- ∅
- 0100 → S
 - 101 → W
 - 102 → oblique into corner
 - 103 → retake S
 - 104 → retake W



Trench 19 Initials HJ Date 16/3 Page...
 Locus B1 Spit 1 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

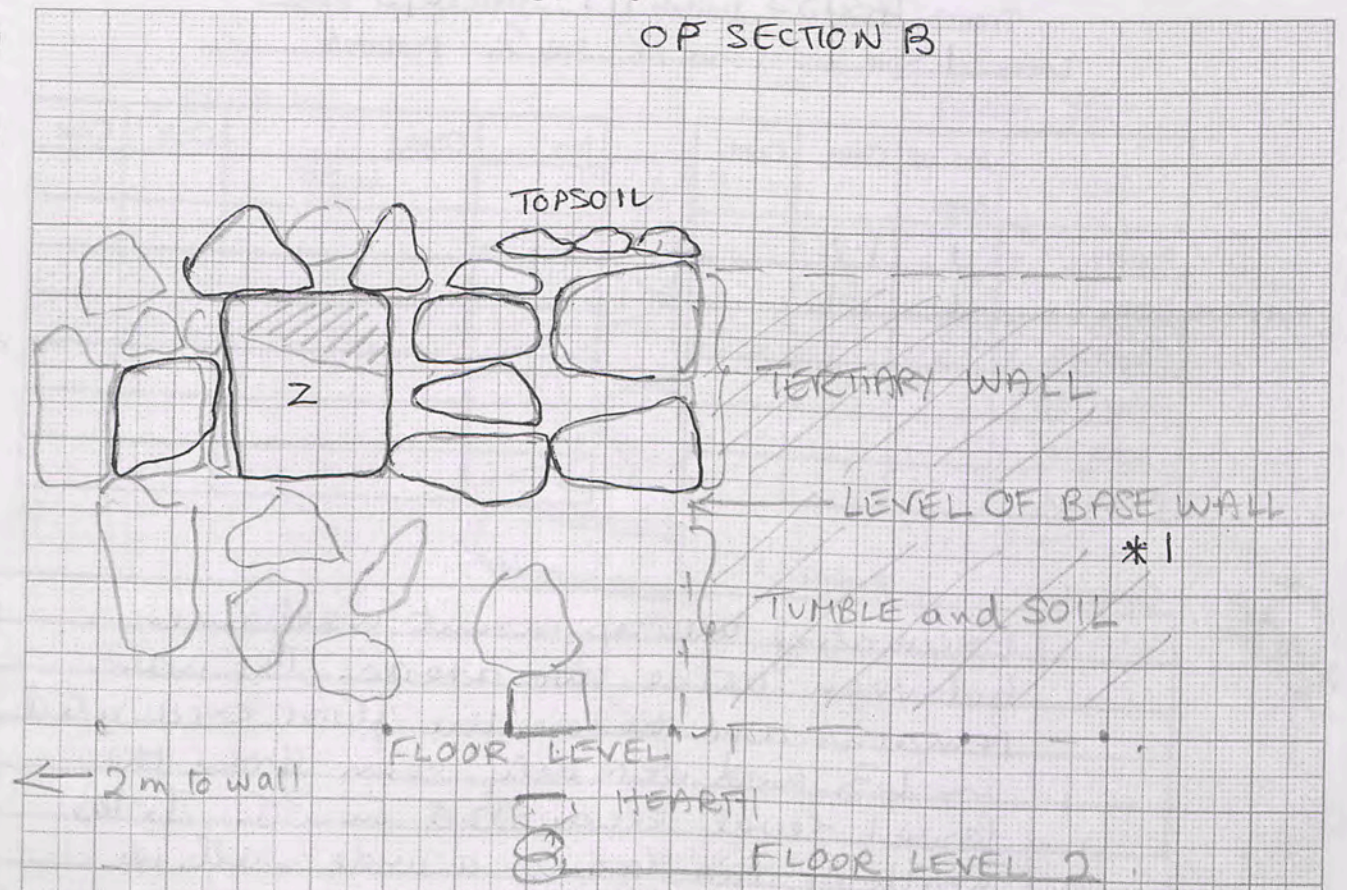
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Bronze spat	1.2	
2	Iron nail	1.2	

Context Report

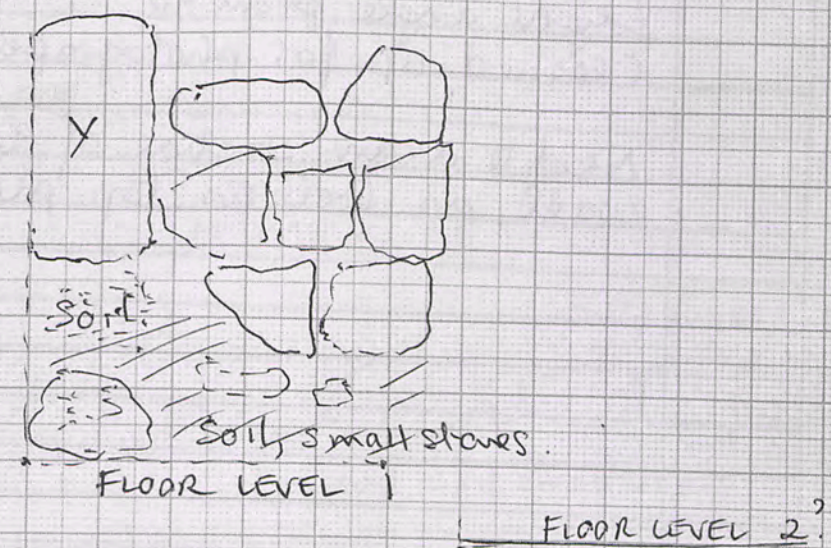
Context	Report
B1.1	B is the next section of baulk east of previous section, now excavated almost to secondary floor level. A large vertical shank in the baulk may be associated with the shanky wall in the baulk found last week. Its base is about level with the cut top of the cut-down wall E/W along the back of the room - a later division? Photographed. Section drawn.
*1 B1.2	In soily section to east, a complete bronze spatula (small hand tool)
B1.1	Have started removing shanky "wall" which is full of soil and not a wall. Have not yet reached the larger stones Y and Z which may be re-used in same structure?
*2 B1.2	A good iron nail in loose soil

3246 East along top of baulk
 ↑ 3248-51 S side vertical section → N. - 2 halves
 ↓ 3347 N. face of baulk B → S.
 3250 eastern half 3251 western half.

SECTION: S.FACE OF SECTION B



SECTION W. FACE



Started 16/5

32-33

Trench ~~32~~ Initials HJ Date 17/5 Page

Locus Spit Locus Spit Feature/s

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.1	
Bone	1	1.1	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

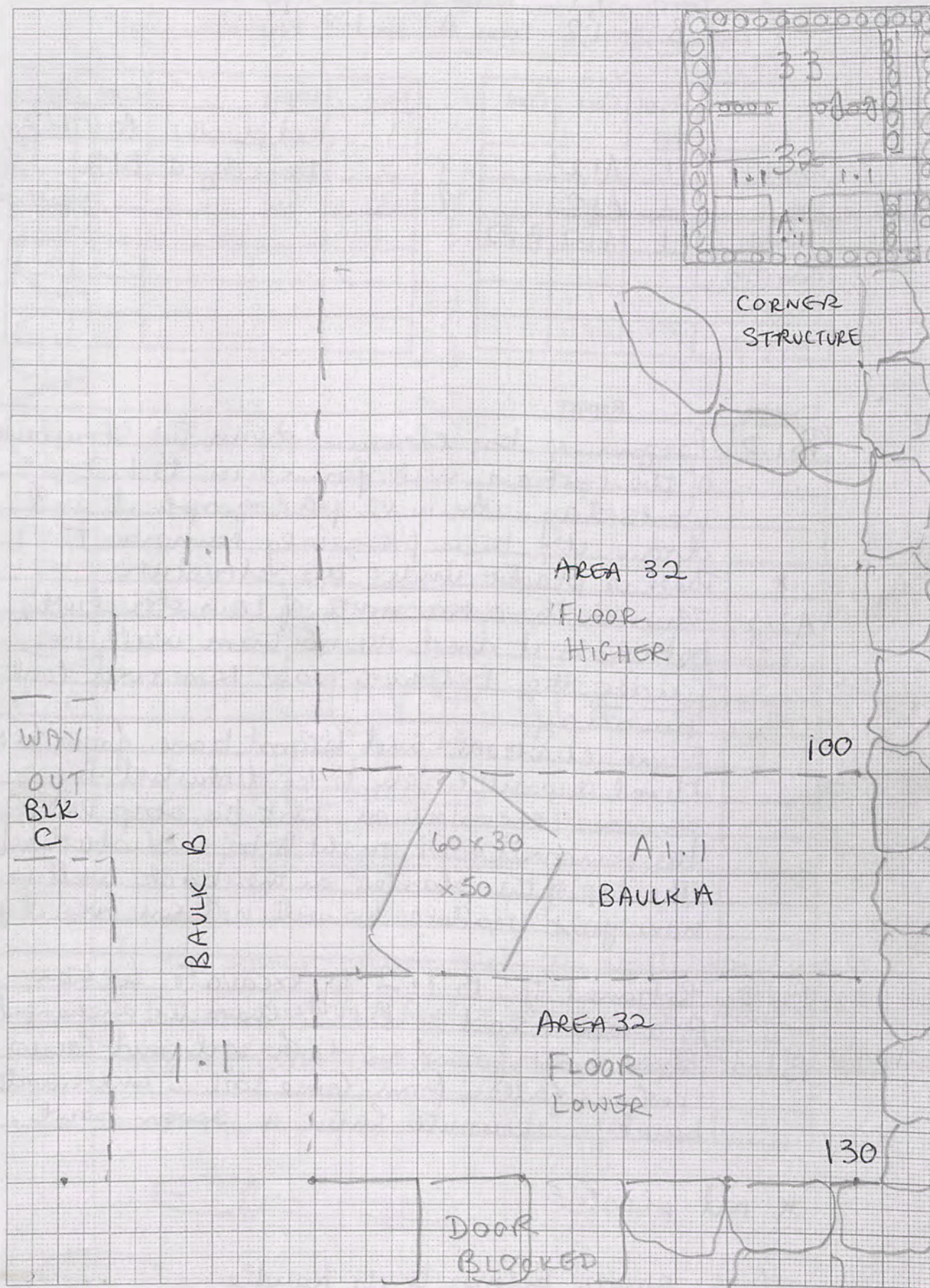
Context Report

Context	Report
A 1.1	Began yesterday by removing topsoil from this locus, which is the eastern end of the E/W baulk.
1.1	Have decided to contemporaneously remove topsoil from all baulks in this area, working down from top. So 32.1.1 covers the whole room.
A1.2	A large worked stone 60x50x30 lies mid-baulk A. This has now been shifted onto the floor in 32 north and will be removed later. Umm Khadija working at same time on N/S baulk B. The fill is just broken limestone clumps compacted with little pottery, no bone. The baulk faces show soil for 1 metre ^{at base} with timber & chipped limestone above (see photos). Northern extension of baulk B to be removed also.
11.am	This has begun but section A is still much lower. Character of fill unchanged.

Start photo 3274⁷⁶ → S
 3275 - SW
 3277 → E
 3278 32 East face of N/S baulk N-section
 3279 32 ditto S-section
 3280 33 S face of E/W baulk W end.

1mm Squares

→ N



1450 230 650 1m.

Trench... 19 Initials... HJ Date... 17/5/05 Page...
 Locus... B... Spit... 1.2 Locus... A... Spit... 1.2 Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	A1.2	
Bone	1	A1.2	
Charcoal	1	A1.2	B1.2
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Red plaster	A	1.3
2	Bone object	B1.2	
3	" "		

} spoon

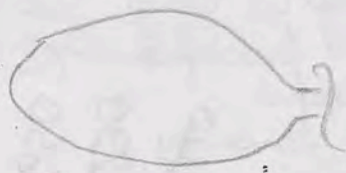
Context Report

B1.2	Beginning by clearing down the structure of the tertiary wall found in B1.2 yesterday. We will photograph it and draw it, then possibly remove it.
*	There is plaster under the structure
A1.2	This is the area north of this structure, between it and the northern wall, i.e. under the tertiary wall removed last Thursday.
	Some charcoal and burnt bone from here. Mixed deposit likely to be disturbed by previous excavation. But the strip UNDER the removed wall ought to be undisturbed. The top of the plaster on the back wall is now just visible. We will not uncover it yet.
B1.2	Returned to B1.2 to excavate section B another spit = B1.3. Character unchanged
*2	B1.3 Bone object found in dark soil mid-locus - perhaps fallen from loose soil in unexcavated bank! A minute later a spoon bowl.
*2	

* red plaster

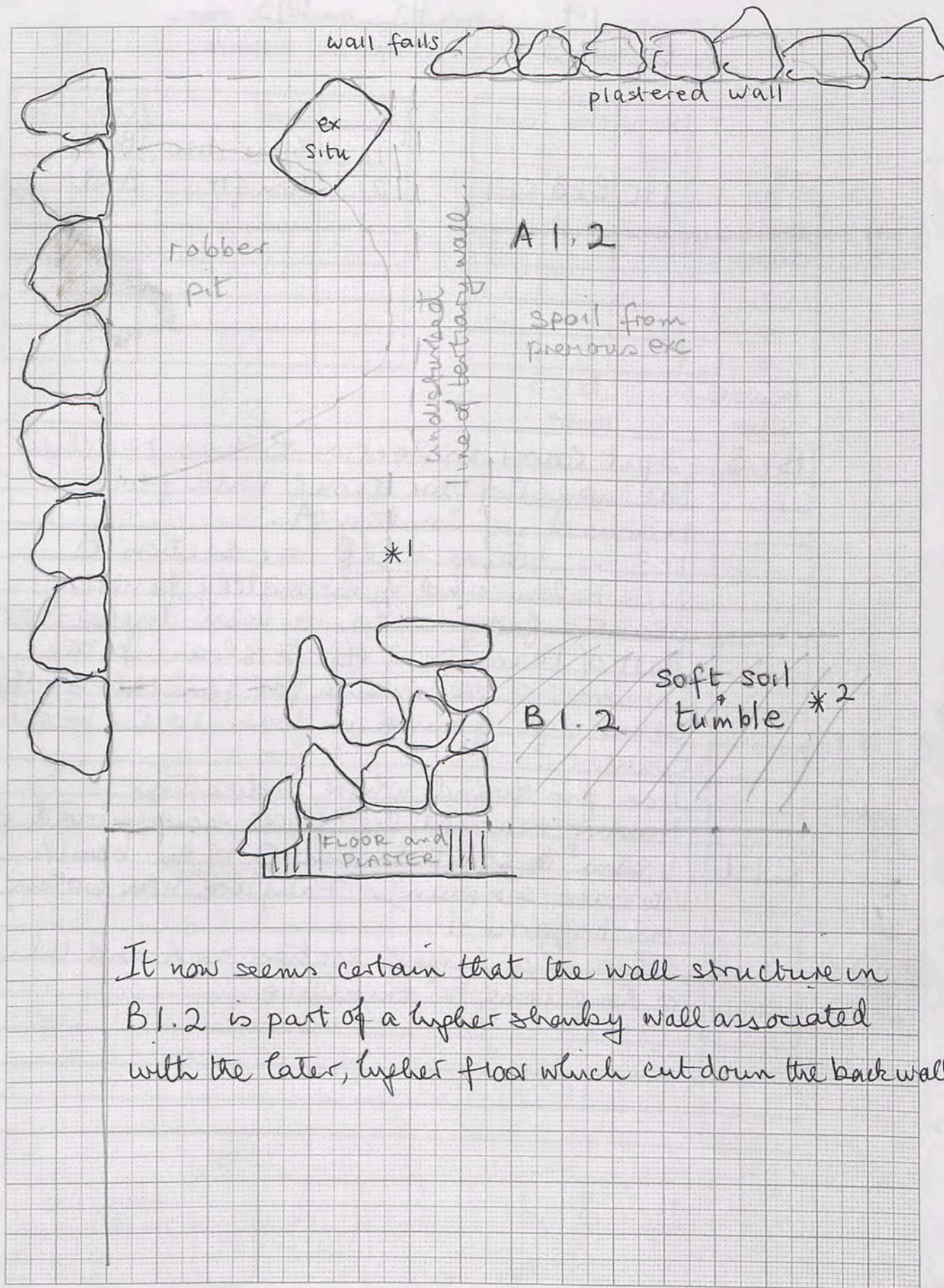


*2 which surely belongs to its handle and a tiny piece more of the handle.



AREA 19

1mm Squares



It now seems certain that the wall structure in B1.2 is part of a higher shabby wall associated with the later, higher floor which cut down the back wall

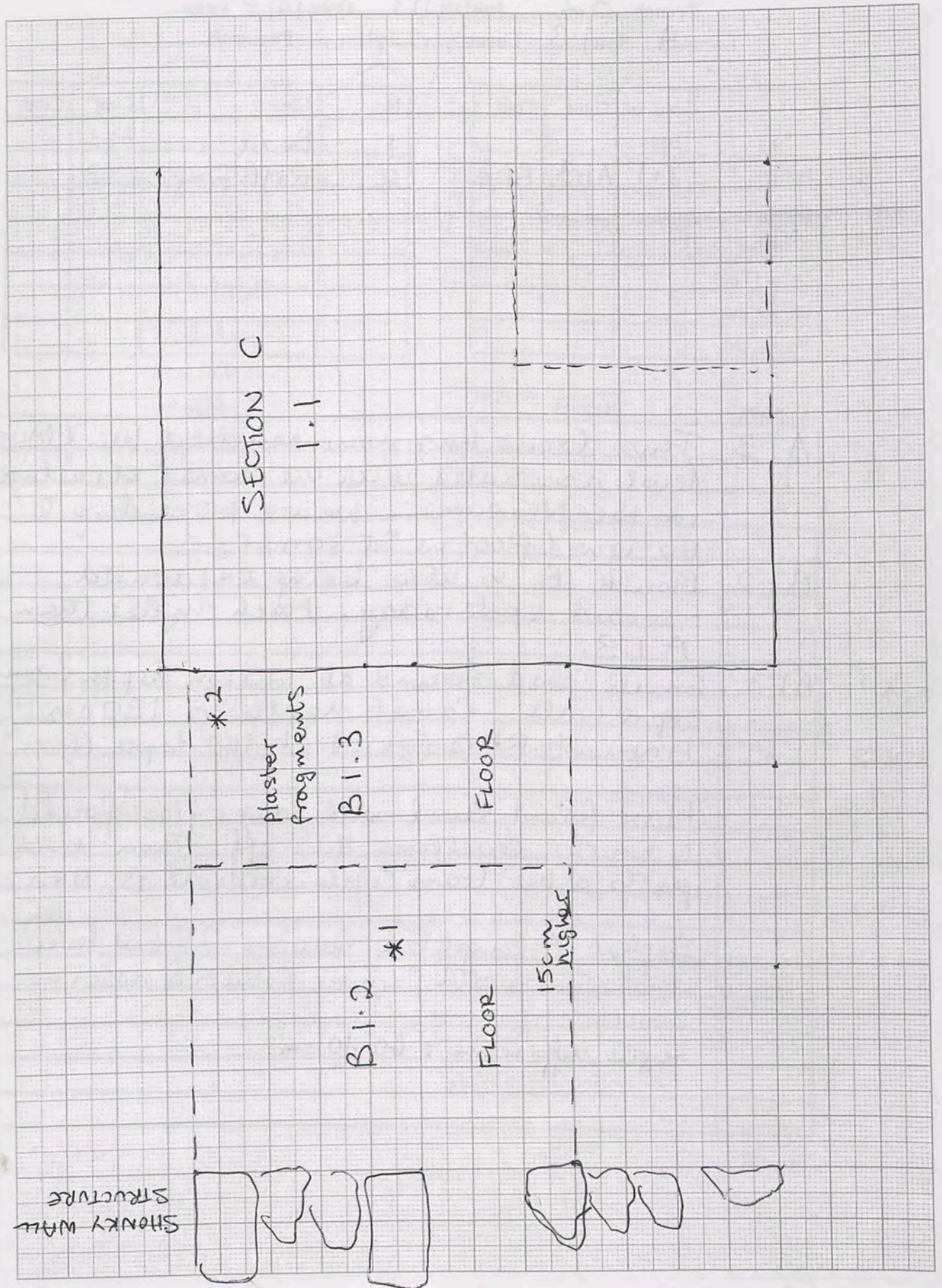
Trench.....19.....Initials.....HJ.....Date.....18/5.....Page.....
 Locus.....B.....Spit.....1.3.....Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1+1	B1.3	C1.1
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.	Stone? disc	B1.2	
2.	Iron fr.	B1.3	

Plaster B1.3.
 Context Report

Context	Report
B1.3	Spit lower in Section B has reached the upper floor level with floor reached in Section A. 1.3 is taking half the section B N/S below and immediately finding plaster fragments, i.e. below upper floor. Part of team sent off to clean up the swatches of the insula for general photo. Stone disc found in loose soil. Small counter?
*1	
*2	Iron fr found where indicated. Having reached the floor, have moved team to start Section C of the baulk (to east, see plan). They are now working on top soil 1.1
C1.1	This is a larger section and will take a long time to excavate.



Trench... 32 Initials... HT Date... 18/5 Page....
 Locus... A Spit... 1.3 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

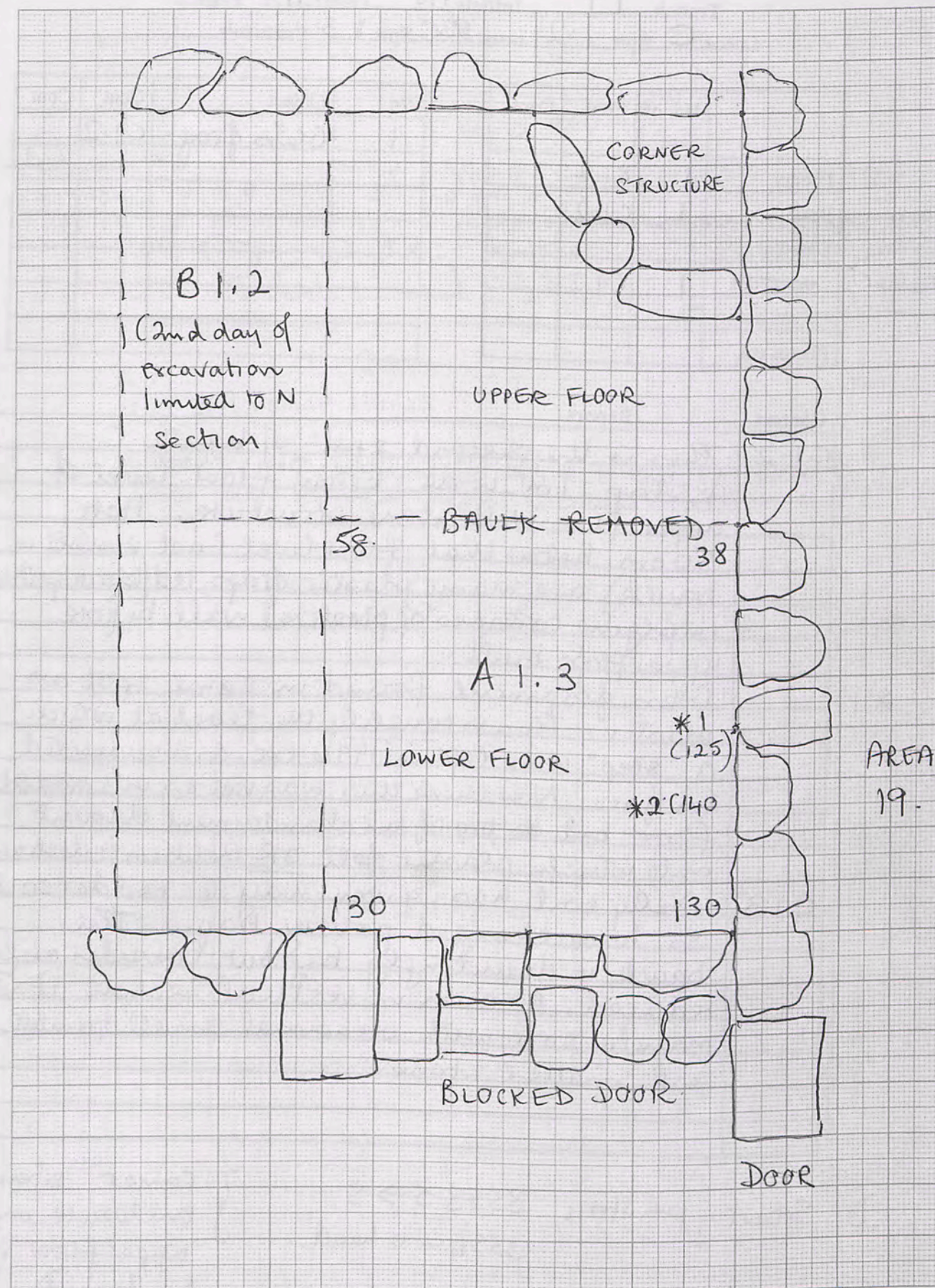
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1+1	A1.3	B1.2
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Bead	A1.3	
2	RMB frag.	A1.3	

Context Report

Context	Report
A1.3	This locus has now reached the floor level associated with the corner structure in the NE corner. We are proceeding to the lower floor in SE corner.
B1.2	Bank B is also being excavated - second spit today. Much higher than A1.3.
*1 A1.3	Small bead found at 125cm depth from top of wall. Corner depth is 130cm.
*2 A1.3	Fragment RMB found at 140 depth (floor?)
	Floor found level with lower floor found to south levelling this off. Then both parts of the team will excavate B, N&S.
	Section A completed leaving 2 floor levels, upper in north, lower (bedrock near) in south.
	Height difference: 60-70 cm.

AREA 32.



Trench...19...Initials...HJ...Date...19/5...Page...
 Locus...C...Spit...1.2...Locus...C...Spit...1.3...Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	C1.2	
Bone	1	C1.2	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)	1	C1.2	
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

Plaster

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Glass frag.	C1.2	

Context Report

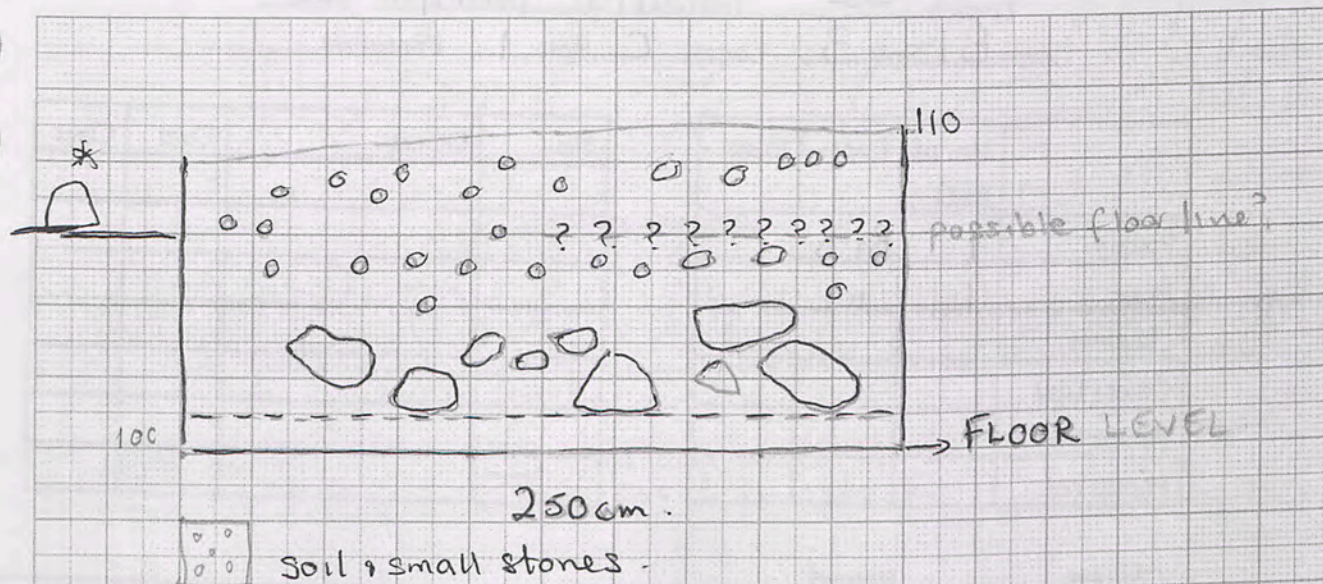
Context	Report
C1.2	This is the second spit of baulk C - a strip 1m ²⁰ wide below floor level of upper floor with stone structure. Here, 50cm below that floor level (not visible in baulk) are many plaster frags, red/black yellow implying collapse of plastered wall before upper floor built
*1	Glass fragment found in same spot as plaster. This is roughly the level at which a "step" was left in 1996 exc. as a suspected surface. Now think this was not an intermediate floor but the top of an abandonment deposit onto which plaster fell OR deliberate destruction
C1.3	Ashy soil has given way to redder soil so have changed pottery bags. The baulk is dauntingly big but considerably reduced. As seen in vertical section it is mainly soil with occasional small tumbled and smaller stones.

D Start photo: 3553-5 → S
 3556 - o'head.

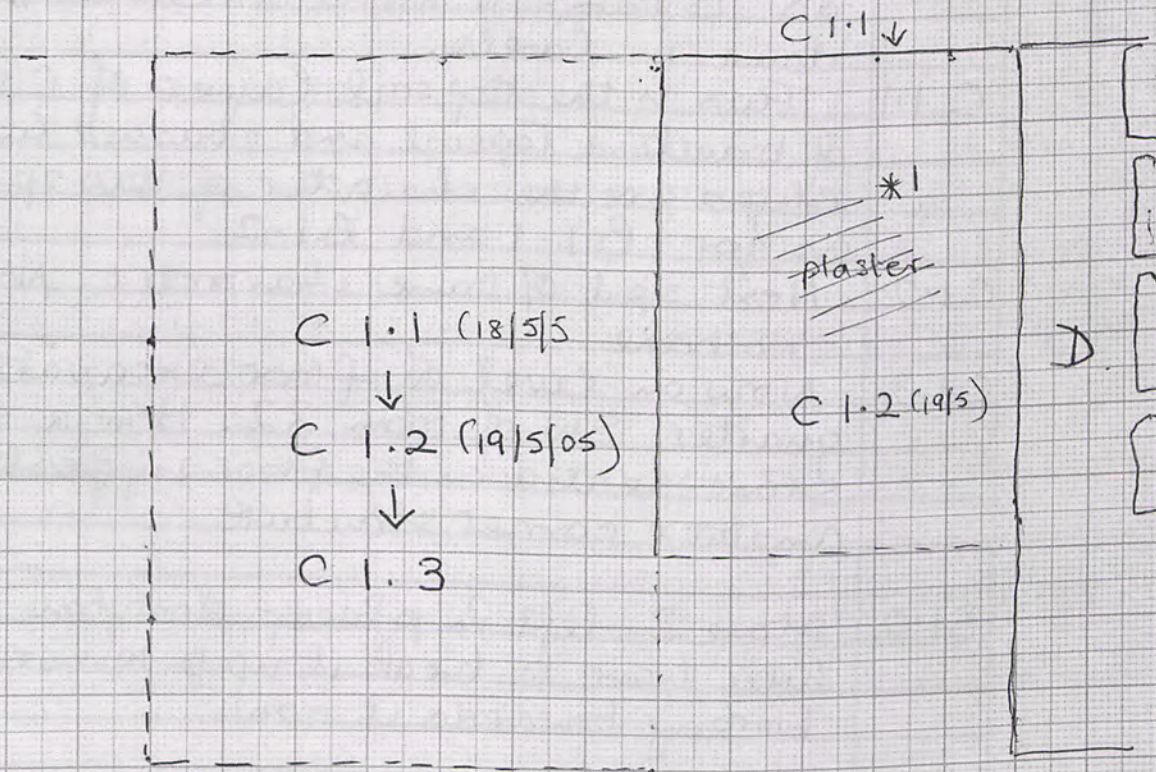
} "corner" stone enclosure on upper floor in Section D

1mm Squares

SECTION C - NORTH FACE



SUMMARY: NO clear line for floor, although there is a floor at 80 cm high further east.*



Trench 32 Initials HT Date 19/5 Page ...
 Locus B1 Spit 3 Locus C Spit 1 Feature/s

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	B1.3	
Bone	1	u	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

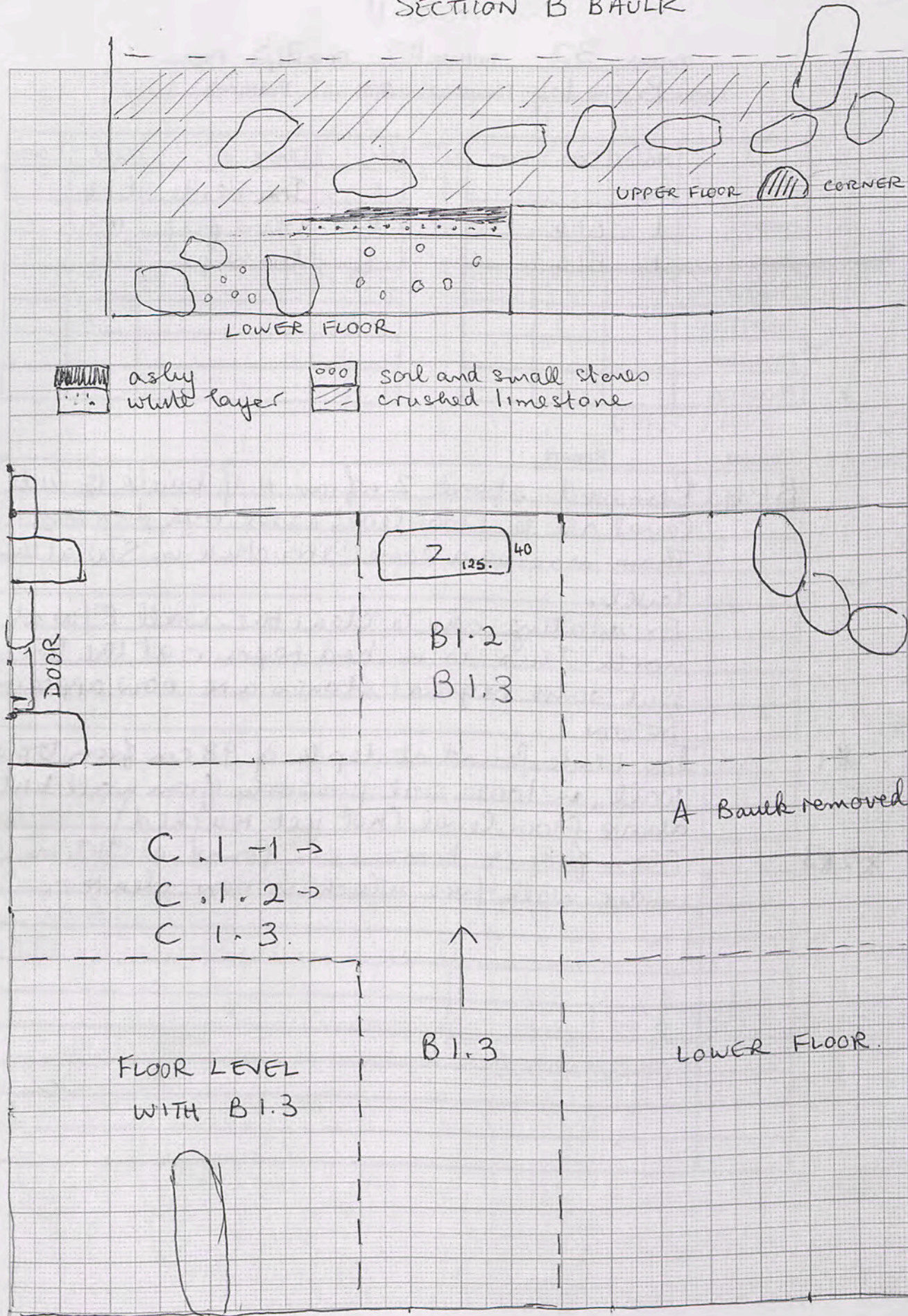
No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

B1.3	Began here a spit below previous day's B1.2. Then decided to remove C section of baulk as far as the wall dividing 32 from 33 to same level as B1.2, to make it easier to go down in levels.
C1.1	This is the top soil layer of C section of baulk. Topsoil and crushed limestone chips are the character of this spit, just as for B1.1 and B1.2.
C1.2	Next spit of same character. No pottery - no bone.
C1.3	Now on level of floor excavated in quarter SW of room 32. Here a large stone seated on the floor suggests another corner structure.
B1.2	Stone Z left in place - doorstone ex situ? Will have to break it up to remove it. Working towards it now.

SECTION B BAULK

1mm Squares



Trench.....19.....Initials...HJ.....Date 2/15 Page....
 Locus...C...Spit...B Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

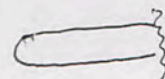
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	C1.3	C1.4
Bone	1	"	C1.4
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			


No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Stone object	C1.3	
2	Fig frag (head)	C1.4	
3	Iron nail	"	

Context Report

Context	Report
C1.3	Continuing to clear this spit to an apparently tough & firm surface 55cm above lowest floor (primary?) level. This level was also found in the 9b excavations and left as a step. It is lower than the upper surface with rectangles of stones. Is it same level as the surface under the wall in A? Need levels. No sign of this in bulk - it is lower than cut-down wall at rear. No pottery
C1.4	Below this apparent surface, is a new level of tumble. C1.4 will go to the floor level reached in B 1.3.
*1	Small cylindrical stone object found on this floor.
*2	Figure female head wearing plain stephane at 130m depth on floor level which is 2nd lowest, now reached in C1.4
*3	Iron nail adjacent to above, same depth

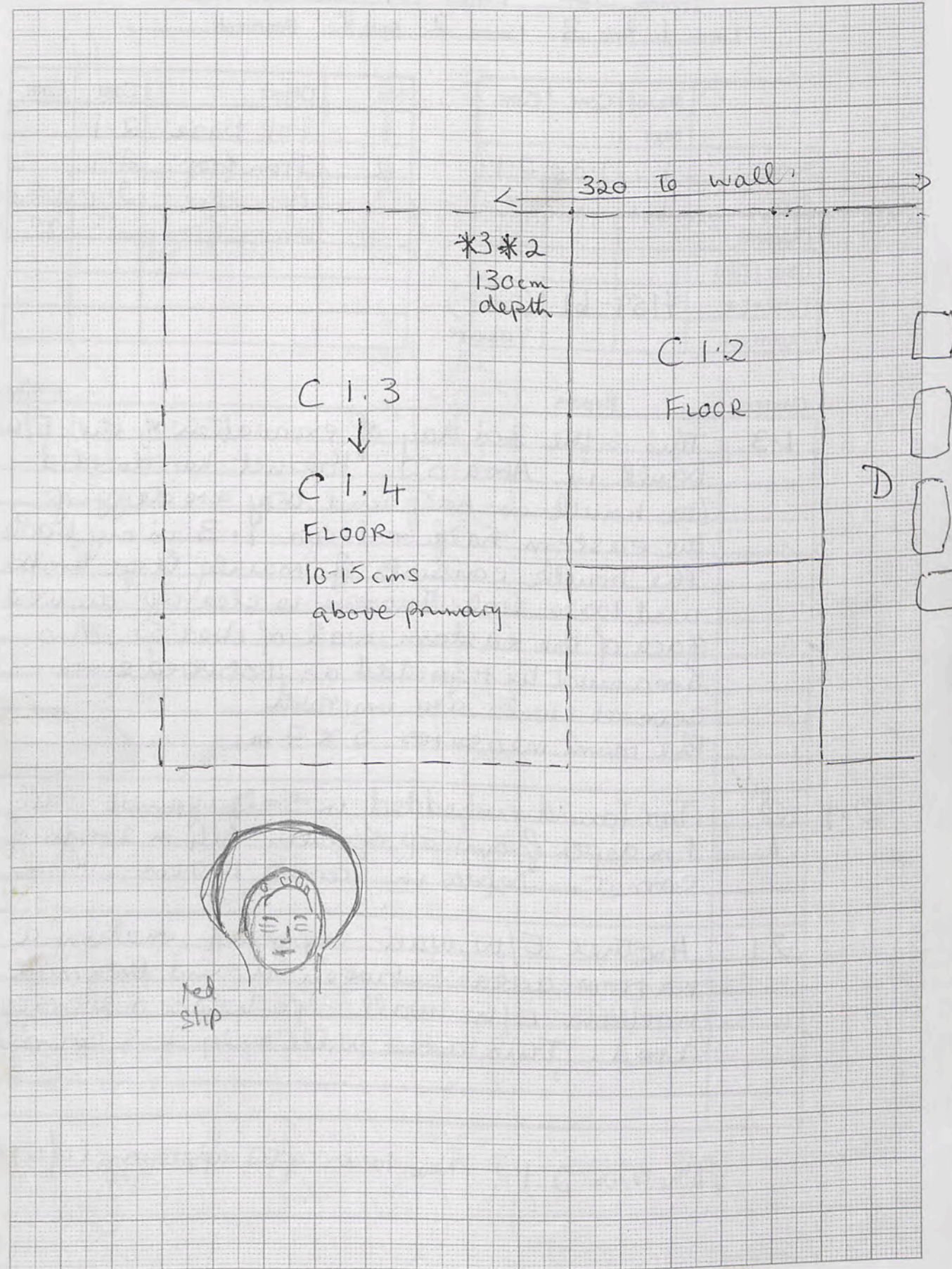
* There was no sign of this surface in section B.

 stone object - small cylinder

 iron frag

AREA 19

1mm Squares



Trench... 52 Initials... HA... Date... 30/4/05 Page...
 Locus... 1... Spit... 3... Locus... 2... Spit... 1... Feature/s.....

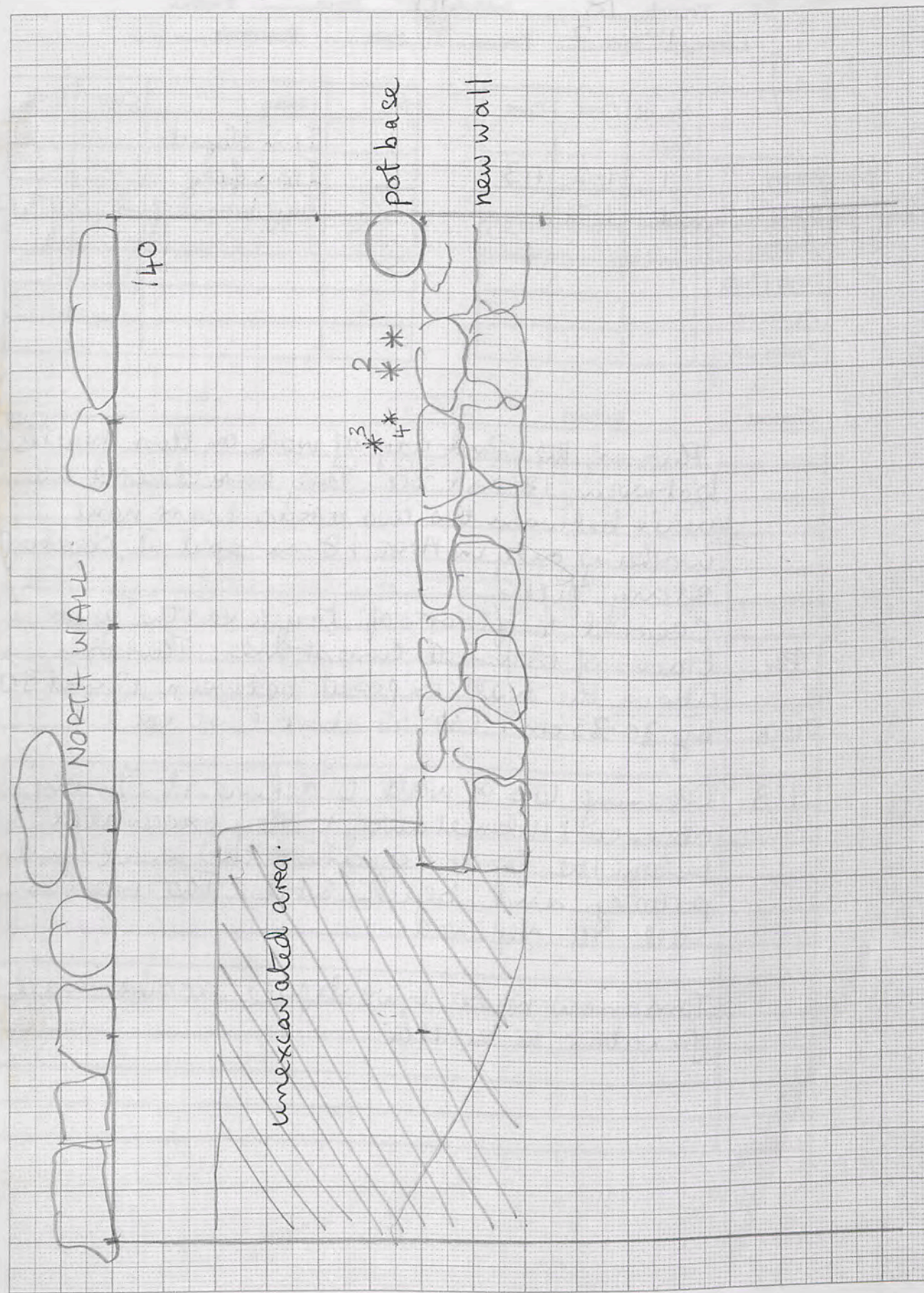
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.3	2.1
Bone	1	"	"
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	7759-61	(East)	
Photos col.		9 above	

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Pot base	2.1	
2	Iron frag.	2.1	
3	Bronze pin	2.1	05. 236
4	Lamp frag.	2.1	05. 137

Context Report northern

1.3	This is the 3rd day of excavation of the E/W bank in Area 52. Hikmet has divided the bank in half and they are digging the eastern half = locus 1.3 in my book. The bank consists of mainly large rubble and loose soil. Hussein is clearing the west face of the eastern wall of Area 52. This area must be regarded as disturbed since several levels are involved. The room measures 5 x 7 m.
2.1	φ Jar found embedded in soil against wall 1 m depth from top of wall. 1.4 m south of corner. Depth in corner 140 cm.
2.1	Another E/W wall exposed, making a narrow area between it and the more northern E/W wall - perhaps a storage area. This area wall only 2-3 courses.

Where is 2.1? New locus after appearance of wall.



150/2

30/4/05

Trench... 18 Initials... H.J. Date... Page...
 Locus... 1... Spit... 2 Locus... Spit... Feature/s.....

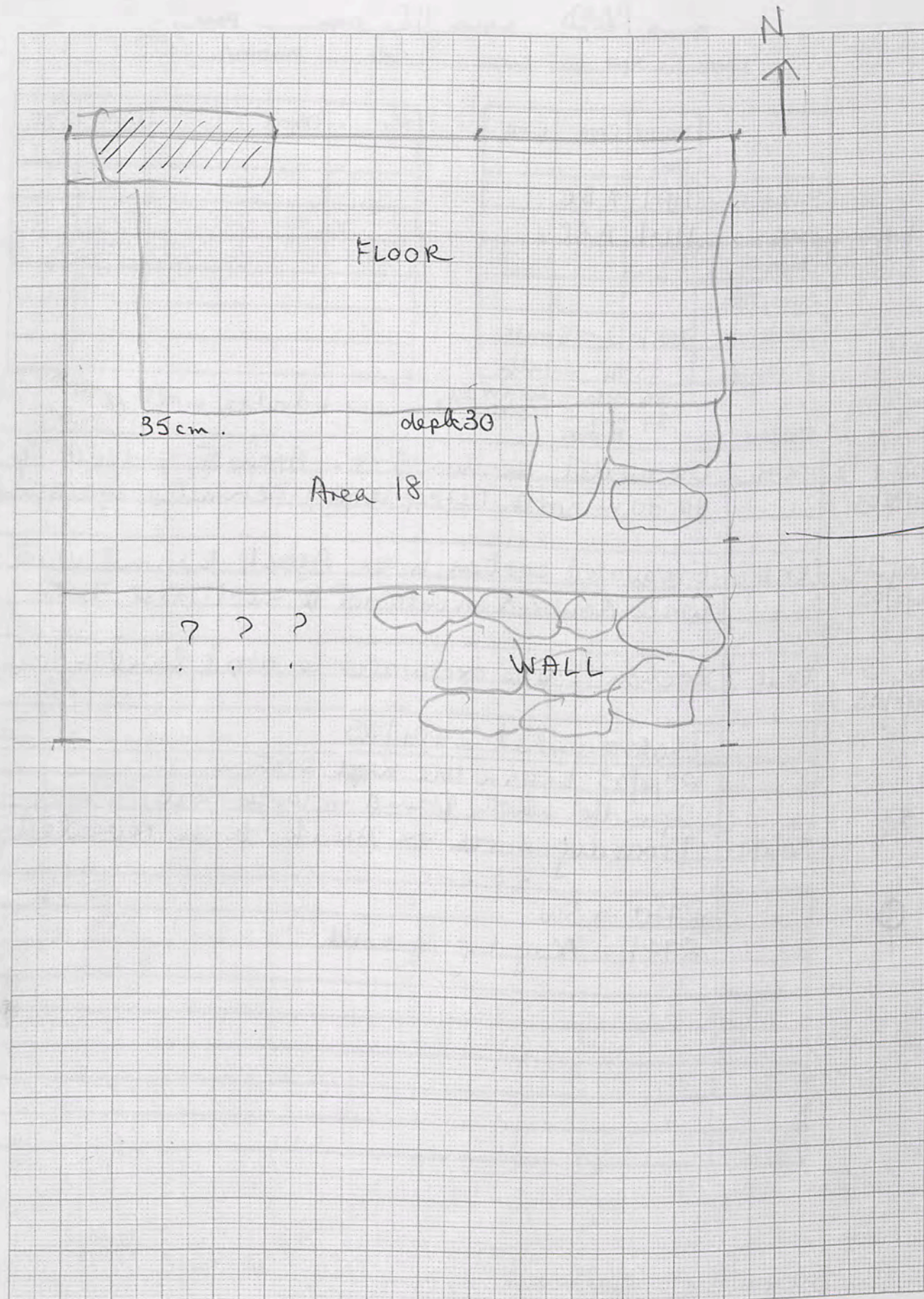
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.2	1.3
Bone	1	1.2	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Iron object		
2	Iron frag.		
3	Tiny bronze pin.	05.135	

Context Report

	This is the 2nd day of work on this baulk between 18 and 30. They have cleared the wall between the two areas & are now working only in Area 18 on spit 2, clearing stony fill.
421	cleared to floor of tough earth, with traces of crushed limestone. This is above the wall exposed between 18 and 30 by 30-35 cm. (30-35 above level exc)
20x25	
1.3	Cleaning top of wall to define it. In my absence (Hikmet away), they excavated below the floor - against the wall, finding pottery and black soil. The wall is still ill-defined.
	Tomorrow must investigate possible wall junction to south.

1mm Squares



Road ex Areas 4-5

EAST

ROAD

Trench.....Initials...*HJ*.....Date..... Page....

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

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1+1	A, B, C	
Bone	1+1	A, B, C	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw	7581-2 - South		
Photos col.	83-4 - South		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

85-86 - doorway
87 -> 8 to North doorway + double wall
Report

Context

Day 1
25/4/05

ex 5 Excavated section A ex Area 5 to depth of 80-70 m north (steep slope) Perimeter wall found.

Day 2
26/5/05

ex 4 Excavated section B ex. Area 4 to reveal wall. Wall doubled on interior to meet East Door.

Day 3
27/5/05

ex 4 Section C to be excavated to road level - done

Photographed 27/4/05.

28/4/05 began the next section.

Spindle wheel found in loose soil.

*1

30/8/05 Proceeding north ex Area 6. Wall revealed.

2770 -> SW

2771 Along top of wall.



Barry has set out 5x2 along areas 7+8

↑ N

ex Areas 4-5.

1mm Squares

