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2008

Field Record Book

Name: ACROPOLIS

Trenches: A102

Dates: 27 APRIL 2008 -

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).
When starting a square, this plan may be nearly empty but draw it all the same and mark in emerging tumble. The graph paper can also be used for sketching objects etc.

3. Mark **depth** from surface at the beginning of each day, at designated points. Also record, each day, the depths taken on the sheet provided (kept in the back of your field record book)

4. 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,

i DRAW (TO SCALE) a section of the exposed baulk, with details of stratigraphy clearly marked.

ii DRAW (TO SCALE 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
Bandaids 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	bint
Glass	azeez
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
Shell	su'hudda
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.....Initials.....Date..... Page....

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

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

No. x day	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	Report

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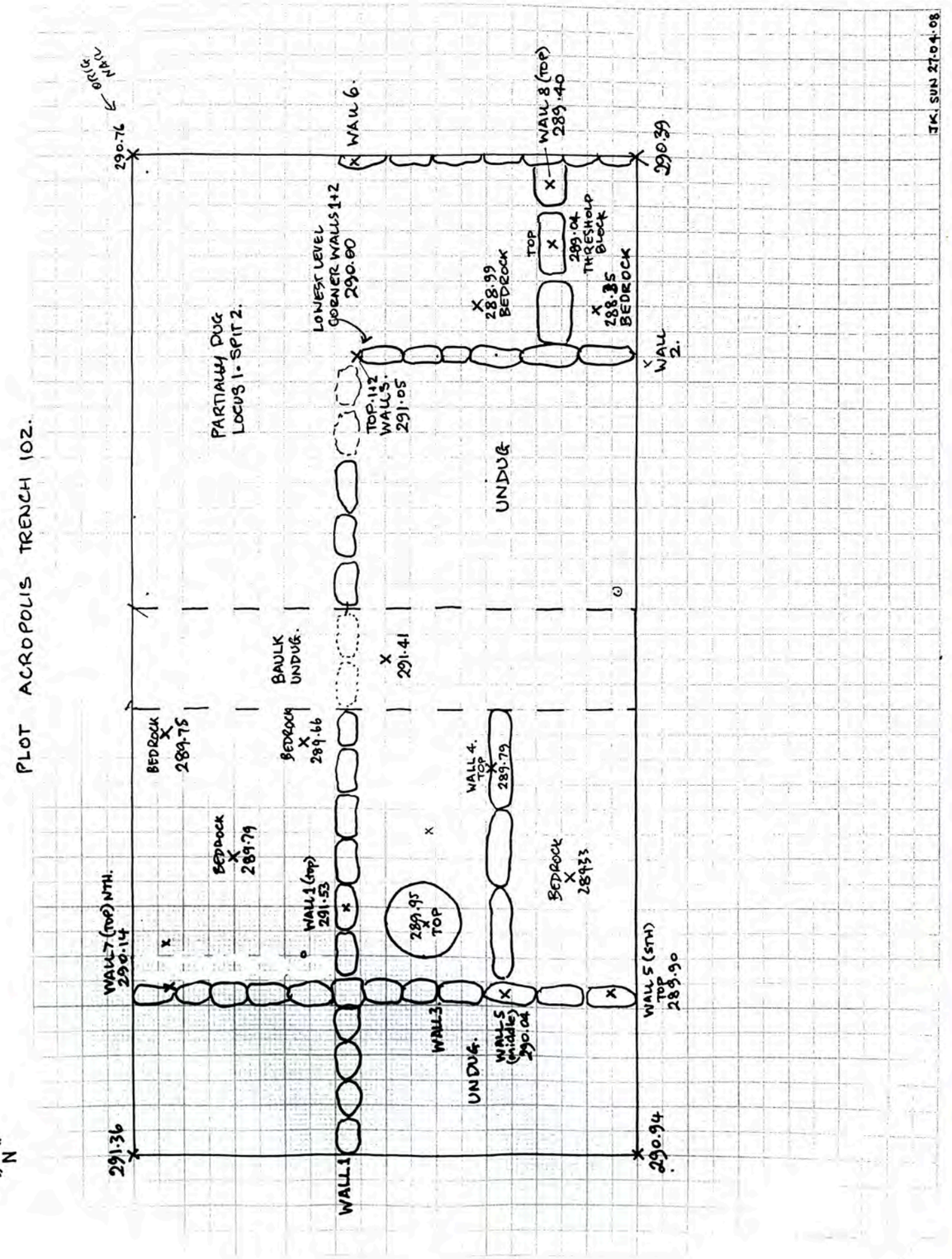
Locus..... Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context **Report**

- ON ARRIVAL TRENCH 100 + 102 (PARTIALLY DUG 2006) WERE INSPECTED. ONE LARGE STONE WALL IN 100 HAD COLLAPSED INTO WESTERN END. IN 102 THE MID WALL OF EASTERN PIT HAD COLLAPSED IN PIT.
- HALF A TON OF LOOSE ROCKS UP TO 40cm WERE PILED ON EASTERN SIDE OF 100 AND THESE HAD TO BE MOVED MANUALLY TO A POINT 10-15M EASTWARD.
- IN TRENCH 102 THE TUMBLED WALL + SOIL WAS REMOVED DOWN NEARLY TO BEDROCK BASE. IN THE EASTERN SECTION.
- IN TRENCH 102 WESTERN 2 PITS WERE CLEANED OF TUMBLE EXPOSING WALLS FOUND LAST YEAR.
- IT WAS SUGGESTED TO COPY PLOT T102 ACROPOLIS 2006 INTO FIRST PAGE AS AN ORIENTATION EXERCISE.



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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	**Report**

1mm Squares

1mm Squares

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	**Report**

ACROPOLIS.
JK08. A **Trench**...102...**Initials**...MP (HM)...**Date**...M 28/4/08...**Page**...1...

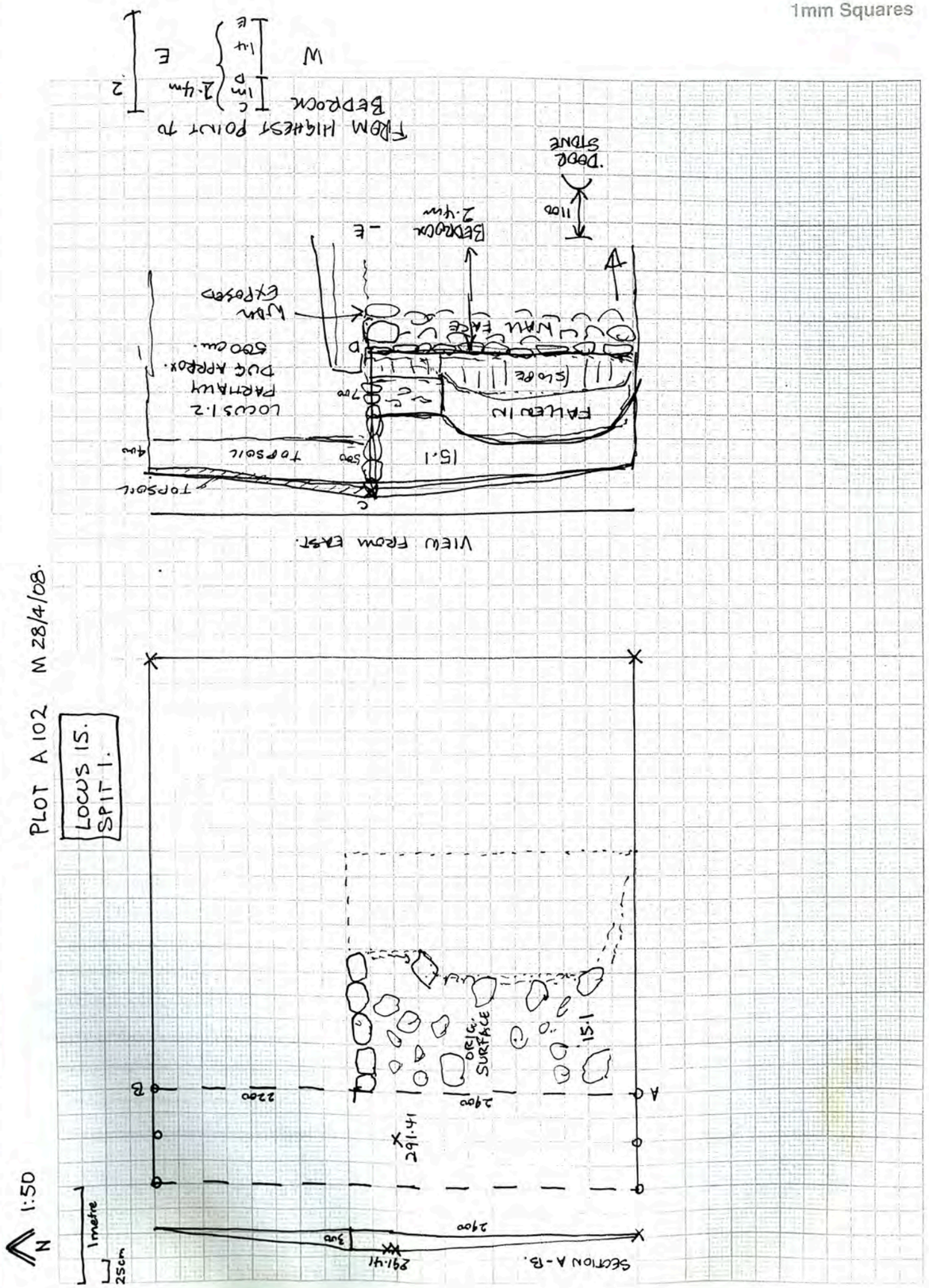
Locus...15...**Spit**...1.... **Locus**.....**Spit**..... **Feature/s**.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1		
Bone	0		
Charcoal	0		
Other (Tile)	2		
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Blue bead	Tumble	08.C28

Context	Report
15.1	• Measurements and site marked by strings Trench A102
	• Established midpoint of Northern and Southern side of trench.
	• Balk established 0.5m from midpoint, total width 1.0m
	• Removed 0.1m (10cm) of topsoil in new locus 15.1
15.2	• Started new locus ≈ 1.0m deep estimated from Eastern side of balk.
	• Removed ≈ 20cm of locus 15.2 till work termination.
	Note: Removal of residual 0.8m of 15.2 planned for 29.4.08
	[REMOVAL OF TUMBLE CONTINUED IN EASTERN END OF 102. SUGGESTED LADDER / STEPS. OBSERVED SAFETY FIRST. THRESHOLD (3 STONES) EXPOSED AS PER PLOT 27/4/08.]

1mm Squares



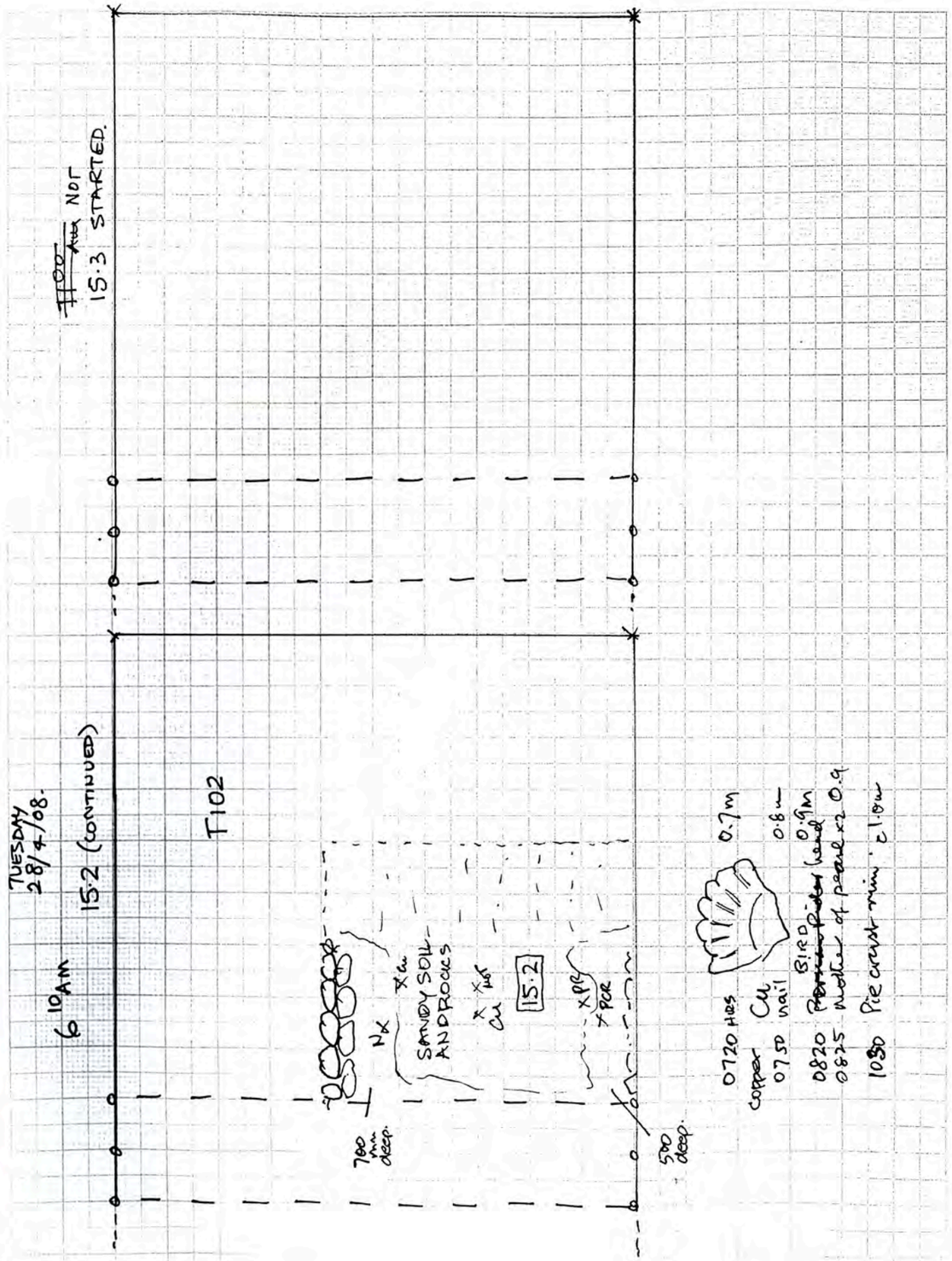
JK. ACR. 08 **Trench**.....102.....**Initials**.....WH/MP.....**Date**.....Tues 28/4.....**Page**....2

Locus...15....**Spit**...2..... **Locus**.....**Spit**..... **Feature/s**.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1		
Bone	1		
Charcoal	0		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
2	Copper ornament	15.2	
3	Iron nail	15.2	
4	Bird figurine	15.2	08.030
5	Bead mother of pearl (x2)	15.2	08.069

Context	Report
15.2 cont	Spit 15.2
	• Depth 0.6m. Removal of loose grey soil and rocks
	• 0.7m 1x copper object, see diagram.
	• 0.7m 1x iron nail, " "
	• 0.9m bird head " " 08.030
	• 0.9m mother of pearl beads 2halves. 08.069
	• 0.95m 1x pie cast rim, decorated
	Finished 15.2 at depth 1.0m



1mm Squares

Trench A.10.2 Initials..... Date 30.4.08 Page....

Locus 15.2 Spit 3 Locus 15.3 Spit 3 Feature/s.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
6	Iron ring	15.3	
7	IRON NAIL	15.3	08.093
8	see copper wire	15.3	
9	Box on miscellaneous magnetic items contaminate		
9A	moulded ware	15.3	
9B	"	* " "ANTIOCH"	
9C	"	conserve then ID.	
	Lamp	15.3 "	08.233

2nd C

* MAGNET ON TROWEL

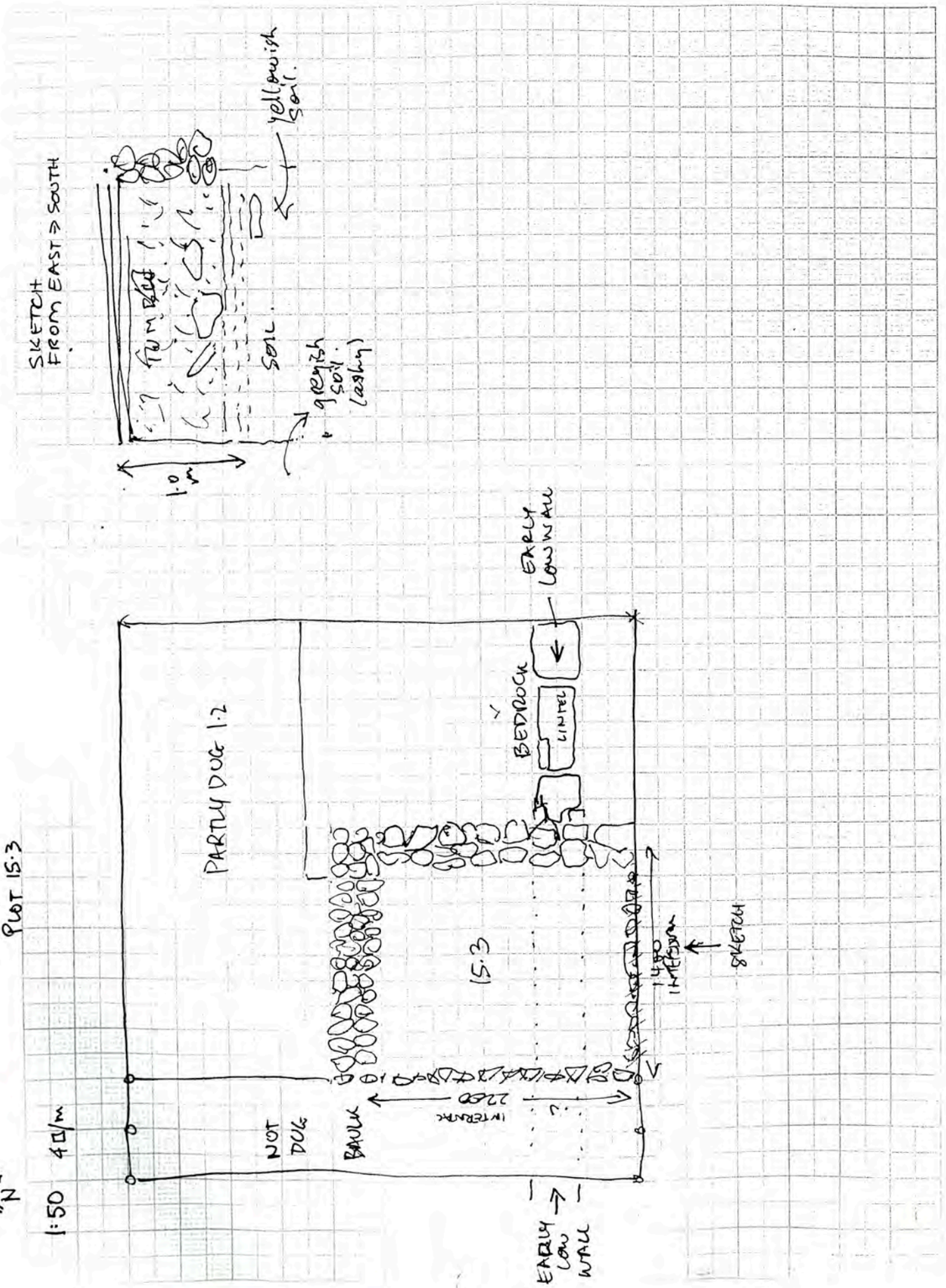
Context	Report
15.2	*Finished - bones + pottery Final depth 1.0m
15.3	*1.2m. 2x iron nails, small glass fragment at transverse wall
	*1.1m 3x fragments of glazed red FW (150BC-II) opposite transverse wall
	*1.2m 1x large very fragile flat piece of iron at S wall corner 4
a)	*1.35m 1x ball like object at S wall, corner 4, see sketch.
	* grey, ashy soil c charcoal (bagged) + bone, together with light brown to drab soil - sandy. Bone (animal) found in conjunction.
	* 1.43m mother of pearl fragment, N wall corner No 1
	* 1.35m White layer of plaster in N wall corner No 1

N wall

1 2 15.3 3 4

S wall

a)



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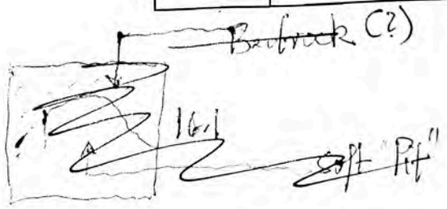
Locus 15 Spit 3 (cont) Locus ..... Spit ..... Feature/s .....

Find bag 2nd C

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1		
Bone	1		
Charcoal	1		
Other (Tile)	8		
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
10	CLEAR GLASS	15.3	
11	IRON ITEM	15.3	
12	NAIL	15.3	
13	4 NAILS	15.3	
14	2 BIG NAILS/BOLTS	15.3	
15	Lamp base	15.3	08.098
16	GREEN GLASS	15.3	08.097
17	Bags of 4 nails	15.3	

Context	Report
15.3	(cont) WORKING DEEPER IN SMALL SQUARE TRENCH
	Started at
	• GREY / BE FAWN SOIL c̄ SMALL ROCKS.
	• SEVERAL LARGE IRON NAILS/BOLTS.
	• TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF GLASS green / clear
	• LENS OF FIRE ASH (not bagged) enough to fill sm bag.
	• 23 pces of tile removed.
	• Sherds mainly common – less red slip than yesterday.
	• Found ½ of lamp (bottom half)
	• Big bag of bones.
	• Another 3-6 tiles + mainly coarse ware.
	Much less but nearly nil red slip.
	• TILE pces total 29 all up.
	– Down to 1.6 m in S-W corner
"	– Expected to hit cross wall. – Has not happened yet
	Probably < 1m off bedrock.
15.3	• ~~Spit 3 completed.~~
16.1 ~~15.4~~	• ~~Locus 16 Spit 1 started at bedrock (?) = 2.0m~~



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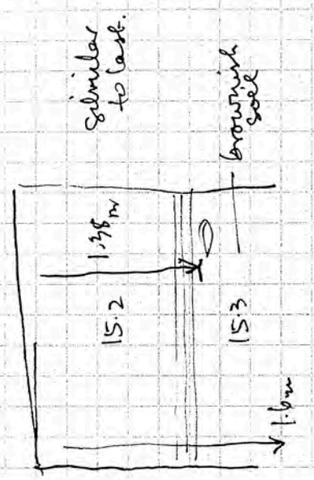
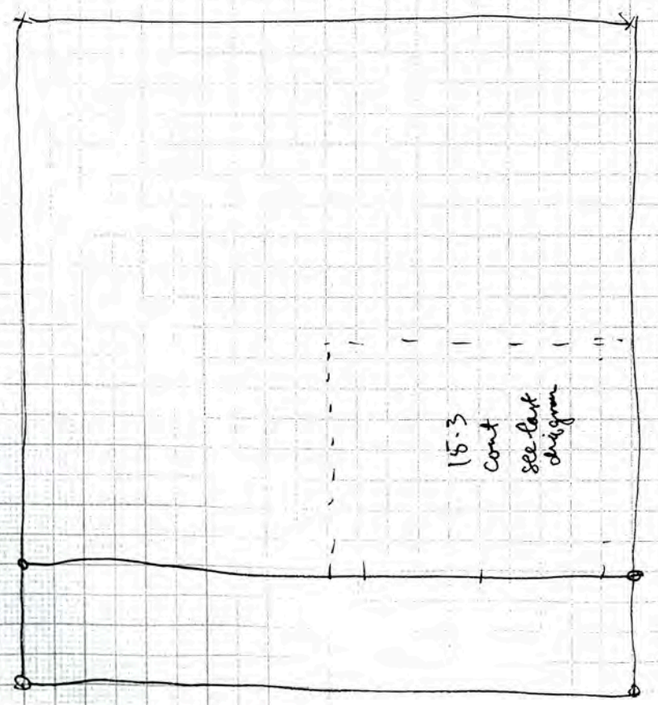


FEATURE: – 15.3 S-E corner

glass +

* large nails/bolts.



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Locus 1 Spit 2 Locus 15 Spit 3 Feature/s.....

16 · 1

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

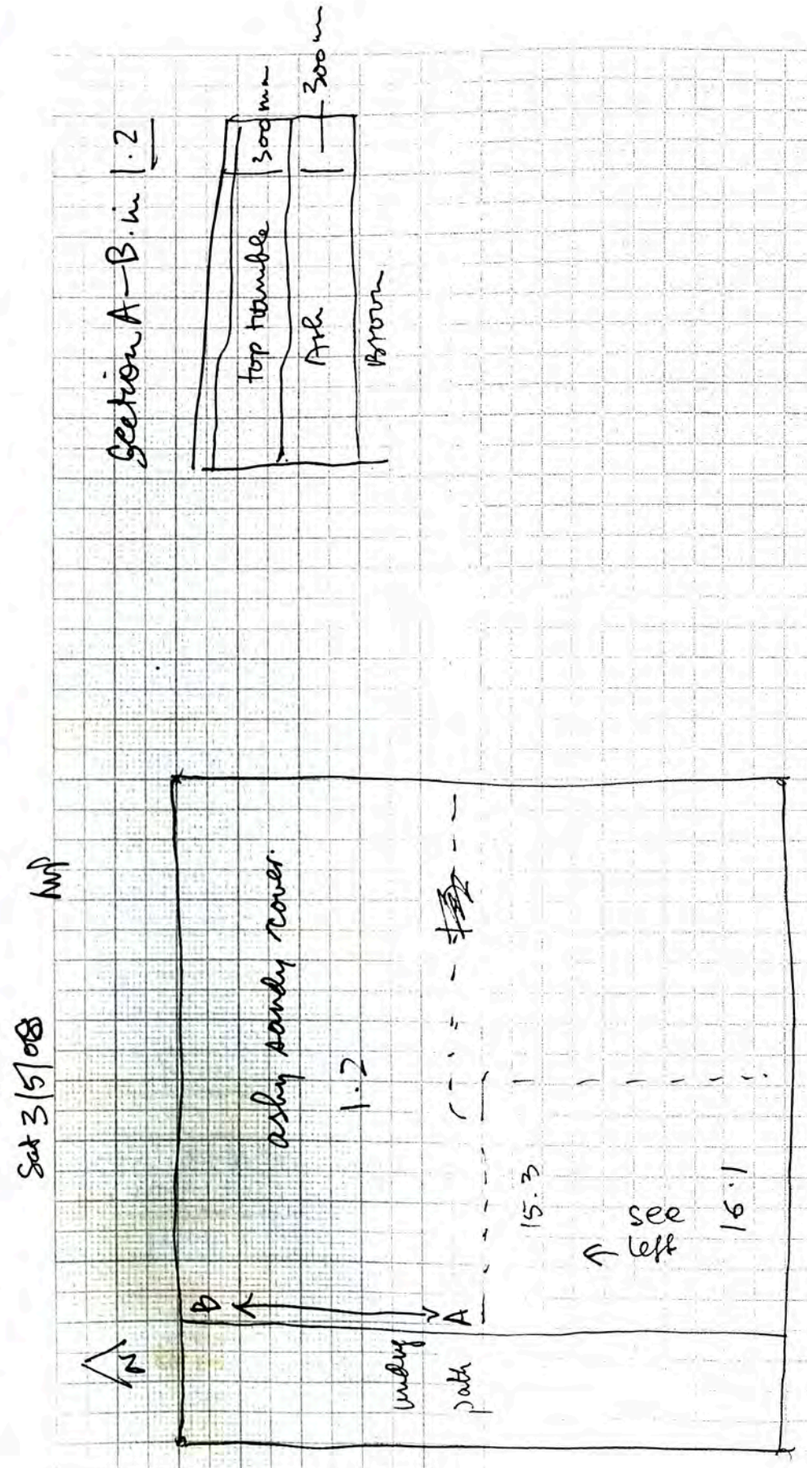
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
18	Nails	1·2	
19	glass	1·2	
20	soil sample	1·2	ashy
22	iron objects	15·3	
21	sherd with figurine	15·3	

Context	Report
1·2	Undug 2006 area. Locus 1. Spit 2.
	• Removing ashy soil (sample) Start
	• Brown layer under will be 1·3.
	• 2 NAILS, Many CW and some sigillata sherds.
	• charcoal + bone bags. (Will go until
	ash level off then. . . . MP.
15·3	• FINISHED 16·1 started at 2·0m
	• ≈ 15cm of 16·1 removed as 'safety zone'.
	• Pit like formation in bedrock, see sketch
	• Dug to ≈ 10cm deep into pit by 12⁰⁰ hrs.

16·1

a) "pit"

b) bedrock



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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
23	COIN (serrated)	1.2	08.173
24	NAIL	1.2	
25	FIGURINE (HEAD)	1.2	08.174
26	glass	1.3	
27	spindle whorl (½)	1.3	
28	SOIL SAMPLE	1.3	
29	3 NAILS	1.3	

	Context	Report	
6AM	1.2	(FITTED NEW WHEEL TO BARROW A102)	ASHY LAYER between ~~TOPSOIL~~ & ~~BROWN LAYER~~
6.30		• COIN (SERRATED) OBJECT BAG	
		• IRON NAIL " "	
7AM		• FIGURINE HEAD " (SEE DIAG)	
7.30	1.3	ASHY LAYER REMOVED / INTO BROWN OILY LAYER	
		• SPINDLE WHORL (½)	
8.00	"	• GLASS PIECE. (SOIL SAMPLE 1.3)	
		• GETTING INDURATED CEMENTATION TO SHERDS & SOIL	
		• 3 NAILS	
8.30	"	• DONKEY TOOTH	
		• NAIL + ////	
8.40		• semi circular object	
9.00	"	• COIN 2 / "EBONITE" / TORTOISE SHELL? / PISTACHIO SHELL (burnt)	
		• LEVEL 1.1, LEVEL 1.2 TAGS PLACED.	
10.30		• GREEN GLAZE □.	
	16.1	• At ≈ 1.3m bedrock (see sketch)	
		dark brown debris at c) similar to	
		decomposed timber (?)	
		• discoloured brown	
		soil (compacted organic matter)	
		— 1 bag	

		OBJECTS (Cont)	
30	sherd c INDURATED CEMENTATION	1.3	
31	DONKEY TOOTH	1.3	
32	NAIL	1.3	
8.10 33	SEMICIRCULAR OBJECT	1.3	
8.40 34	COIN 2 08.258	1.3	
8.50 35	"EBONITE" / TORTOISE SHELL?	1.3	
36	PISTACHIO? NOT burnt	1.3	
9.40 37	2 NAILS +2+3	1.3	
10 38	Blob of molten glass	1.3	
11.5 39	unknown object	1.3	
	SOIL SAMPLE	16.1	

16.1

a) = bedrock

b) "pit"

c) soil sample

1mm Squares

A-B section

1m

400 1.1

300 1.2

1.3 4/5/08

TOP LAYER / 1

ASHY LAYER

BROWN LAYER

7AM RUNNING OUT OF ASHY LAYER INTO OIL DARK BROWN LAYER — THIS WILL BE SPIT 3.

Q: IS THIS THE COVEROR'S PALADE RUBBISH TIP.

ASH. OILY SOIL. TEETH BONES. BURNT SHERDS 2 COINS SNAILS etc etc "EBONITE".

SUN 4/5/08

PLOT LOCUS 1 SPIT 2

N

N N N

1m

1600

N N

C

G

O

N E

G T

X

C2

WALL

IRON NAIL

6–7am COIN

FIGURINE HEAD

ASHY

1.2

1.3 BROWNISH

G Glass

T Donkey tooth

NAILS

NAIL

C semicircular object.

COIN 2 C2

EBONY LIKE MYSTERY MATERIAL (smooth/tough)

TORTOISE SHELL?

ACTUAL

Coin Depth 300 mm

AMOUNT "SEMI" HUSSEIN = TURKIYE & HUS

1mm Squares

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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
41	NAILS	1.3	
42	GLASS	1.3	
43	SMALL ROUND BROWN ITEM	1.3	
44	COPPER PLATE	1.3	
45	ROSETTE/lamp base	1.3	
46	CARBONISED OBJECT	1.3	
47	SLAG	1.3	

	Context	Report
	1.3	• STARTED SIEVING YESTERDAY AFTER FINDING MANY OBJECTS
		• TRENCH AT LEVEL = • NAILS STRAIGHT AWAY.
6.30		• GLASS & SMALL ○ ∪ BROWN OBJECT. • 2 NAILS. • ROSETTE LAMP BASE (?)
7.30		• 2 BOLTS. • ANIMAL TEETH • COPPER OR BRONZE 30mm pce
7.50		• MOLTEN BLACK GLASS/SLAG (INDICATIVE OF HIGH TEMP FIRE. • BOLT HEAD
8		• BLACK BEAD. (SIM COLOUR BLACK SLAG)
8½		• Donkey tooth / • Megarian pce / • Nails.
		• glass • 4 NAILS • TEETH (animal)
10	"	• COIN. NAILS, LAMP.
10¹⁵		• ceramic glaze ▭, lamp nozzle, black pce
10½	"	• copper ring ("bagpiece?")
	"	• drilled shell (necklace) • Bolt head

No.	OBJECTS	Cont
48	MOLTEN GLASS	1.3
49	ANIMAL TEETH	1.3
50	very nice BLACK BEAD	1.3
51	BIG TOOTH small tooth	1.3
52	pce MEGARIAN pot	1.3
53	pce SHELL	1.3
54	COIN	1.3
55	LAMP	1.3
56	ceramic glaze	1.3
57	NOZZLE	1.3
58	black pce	1.3
59	hollow COPPER RING	1.3
60	Plaster tube	1.3
61	copper nail	1.3
62	drilled shell necklace	1.3
63	Bolt head	1.3
64	carbonised	1.3
65	pce grey lamp	1.3
	Lamp	1.3

08.257 08.172 08.263 08.251 Late 2nd early 1st C Antioch 2-IV 281-164 2nd C 2nd C 08.262 Late 2nd / early 1st C 08.259

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

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
66	ANIMAL MANDIBLE		
67	GREEN GLAZE		
68	BLACK GLAZE		
69	COPPER WIRE		

Context **Report**

13	HAVING DETERMINED THE THREE TOP LEVELS
	AND DONE CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF CONTENTS
	(WITH SIEVING) THE DEDUCTION WAS THAT
	THE TOP ASHY LAYER APPEARED TO BE FIRE
	GRATE DEBRIS (TR) THE NEXT LAYER APPEARED
	IN ONLY LENSES WITH RED - YELLOW GRAVEL
	TEXTURE. / THESE STRATA SLOPE FROM THE
	WESTERN SIDE DIPPING c 15° DOWN TOWARDS
	THE EAST (EUPHRATES).
	MUCH SOIL WAS REMOVED FOR LITTLE
	OBJECTS AND THIS WILL SET THE CORNER
	WALL INTO BETTER RELIEF.
	STARTED AT

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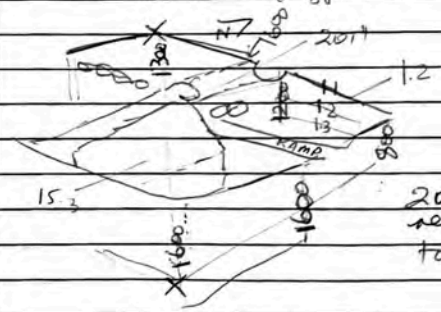
Locus 20 Spit 1 Locus ..... Spit ..... Feature/s .....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
70	LAMP BASE	20.1	08.325
71	whorl?	"	08.329
72	Megarian +	"	08.328
73	nail + shell	"	
73	pendant/l & ut	"	08.326
74	slag (grey)	"	
75			

	Context	Report
6	1.3	STOPPED WORK ON 1.3
	20.1	STARTED BAULK REMOVAL. 20.1 (TOPSOIL) + gross.
	20.1	• LAMP BASE / Removed baulk c̄ UMM HASSAN
		TROWELLING AGAINST WALL. / spindle whorl (?) /
		3 bits of megarian ware in 20.1 ≡ 15.3 grouped against
9		N face. / NOT MUCH IN BAULK. / nail / shell /
		+ pendant stone with hole. /
11		slag
		{ 3 big rocks in line at bottom of baulk
		{ Rolled in? (bigger than others in wall.
130		
		bedrock de fall. = m
		20.1 represents removal of baulk today 7/5/08 MP

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

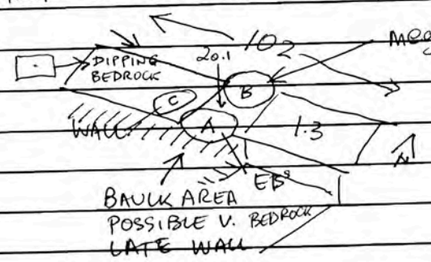
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1, 1	—	20.1, 1.3
Bone	1 1		
Charcoal	1		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
76	3 BITS MEGARIAN	20.1	
77	GRINDING STONE	A "	
78	Palmette plate frag.	C "	08.386
79	IRON WIRE	"	
80	COPPER WIRE	"	
81	YELLOW PAINTED CEMENT	"	
82	NUT CASING burnt	"	

Second Lot — Lamp fr 20 / 08.418
2nd C

Context **Report**

VARIOUS WORKING ON 3 LEVELS. COLLAPSE HAS ADMIXED, BUT TRYING TO ISOLATE DIFFERENT "HOT SPOTS"



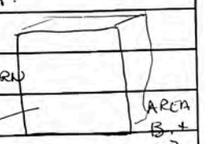
Megarian ware, # lamps,

"~~RUBBISH AREAS~~" –
(A) FIRST AREA TO PRODUCE OBJECTS.
(B) SECOND (MEGARIAN) "RUBBISH" (?) AREA.
(C) FOLLOWING BEDROCK DOWN UNDER BAULK (QUIET)

7.30 (BACK TO SIEVING. WORKERS FINDING MORE THAN SIEVE.)

FINDS: (A) EBs,
(B) MEGARIAN x 3, BURNT NUT SHELL, 2 LAMP FRAGs
(C) UNG toes x 2, "PALMETTE" x 2 fragt,

(A) • BROKEN V. SMOOTH BASALT GRINDING STONE + # QUERN



• WE ARE COMING ACROSS SQUARED SHERDS (x 5) REMINISCENT OF TESSERAE. SIGNIFICANCE?
• ~~ditto (MORE) CONSULTED DR TLD MARSH will discuss c GWC.~~

(C) • ~~PALMETTE PS int / Blk ext (2 PALMS)~~ MARKED FULLER

~~* NEW TRENCHES HAVE COME MISSING AFTER TWO DAYS – VERY FRUSTRATING~~ 00 00 MA → JT.

9.30 • More megarian.
~~OBJECTS~~ bagged. (yellow fresco?)

1mm Squares

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

Second half 2nd C

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
83	NAIL	1.3	
84	LAMP BASE	1.3	08.500
85	GLASS	1.3	
86	MEGARIAN FRAG	1.3	
87	SHELL (PEARLY)	1.3	
88	TOKEN / COUNTER	1.3	
89	COPPER RING	1.3	
90	FIGURINE FRAG	1.3	08.395

	Context	**Report**
	1.3	Dr Tidmarsh suggests. (1) clean up baulk wall. (2) Remove
		grey ashy soil (and ramp) to expose yellow brown gravel level.
		(3) Take levels down from there.
6.30		• LAMP BASE ("SOURA") [~~Photo:~~ Dr Tidmarsh: "Zoumara" ~~done~~ 0000 6.40]
		• NAIL // [Dr Ted Nixon: Demetrios II/Antiochus (150 BC)]
		• GLASS ///
6.50		• SHELL
		• FRAGMENT (MEGARIAN WARE) [c 150 BC ANTIOCH?]
7.45		• TOKEN / COUNTER (SMALL FIND)
		TRENCH CLEANING. RAMP → STEPS. SE CORNER TROWELLED.
10.40		VISITORS. GWC BC JCT SYRIA TOUR GROUP.
11.10		• COPPER RING / FIGURINE FRAG / 2 MEG^N FRAG / SHELL

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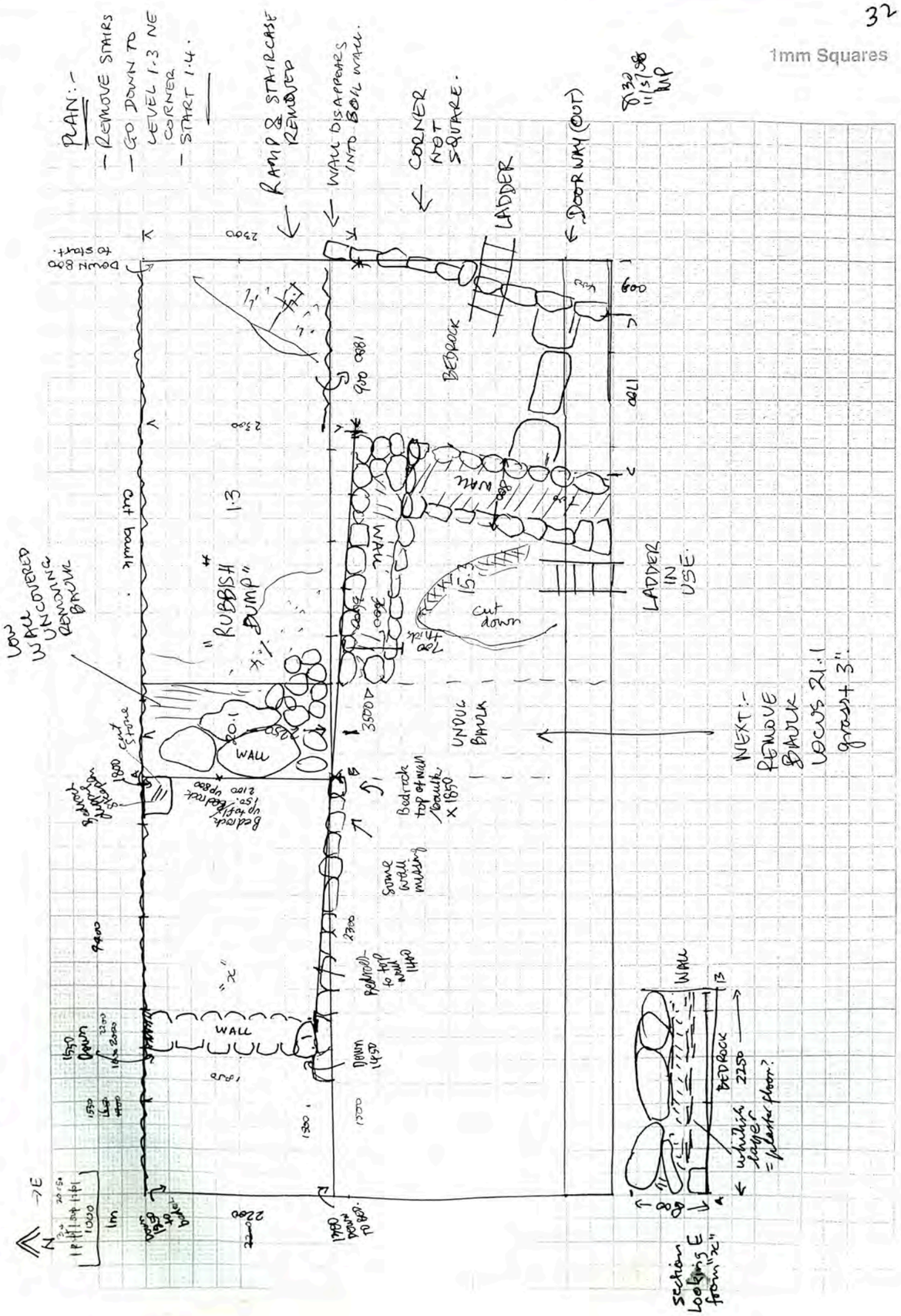
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1		
Bone	1		
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
91	BUTTON (CLAY) + small object.	1.3	
92	IRON NAIL + CU WIRE	1.3	
93	IRON - ARMOUR SCALE?	1.3	
94	½ BUTTON + Improvised button	1.3	
95	PLATE c̄ Motifs.	1.3	
96	GLASS	1.3	
97	MELTED OBJECT	1.3	
98	IRON SHOT	1.4	

	Context	Report
6.30	1.3	RAMP CUT BACK TO STEPS.
		• "RUBBISH DUMP" THOUGHT TO EXIST NORTH OF "DOORWAY".
		ASH / OIL / GRAVEL LAYERS. MOST OBJECT IN (FIRE) ASH LAYER.
		• BUTTONS, IRON, COPPER FINDS.
8.30		• PLATE c̄ "FACE PATTERN"
		MEASURED & RE-DREW TRENCH. (some minor changes)
9.		• GLASS / MOLTEN ITEM.
		* FOUND "PLASTER" FLOOR UNDER WALL UNDER
		BAULK 20.1. / CONTINUE TO REMOVE 1.3.
		NEW LEVEL 1.4 PLASTER WALKWAY/PATH FLOOR. MARKED IN.
		NO ITEMS FOUND. / NEW BAGS 1.4. / #
		• IRON SHOT (GWC) (JCI).
16.30		• PLASTER PATH LEVELS. (30cm diff) APPEAR NOT CONNECTED.



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Locus 1 Spit 5 Locus ..... Spit ..... Feature/s .....

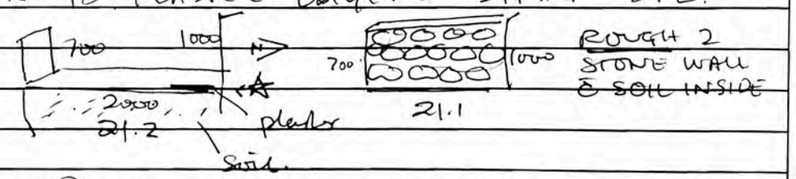
second bag 2nd C

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	11		
Bone	1		
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
99	IRON NAILS	1.5	
100	COPPER WIRE	1.5	
101	FIGURINE FRAG	1.5	
102	BOLT (IRON)	1.5	
103	LAMP FRAG	1.5	08.486
	Lamp fr		08.642
	2nd C		

Lamp fr 1.5 08.687 2nd L4/ 2nd C

	Context	Report	
6.20	1.4	LEAVING 1.4 STANDING.	PLAN:
	1.5	STARTING 1.5	(1) BEDROCK
	21.1	ALSO STARTING BAULK 21.1 (grass)	LOCUS (1).
		• SMOOTH BROWN ROCK = PAVING?	(2) BAULK (21)
		DISCUSSION: PLASTER LENSES	REMOVED
		RESULT OF POOLING WATER IN DUMP HOLLOWS	
		NO SPECIAL STRUCTURE OR CONTENTS.	
	21.2	DOWN TO "PLASTER" LAYERS START 21.2.	



- Baulk (21) down to porcelain plaster level.
- Struck BEDROCK UNEXPECTEDLY HIGH IN NE CORNER

Dr JCT: Remove loose soil then new level scape to bedrock carefully (for ceiling)

1mm Squares

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Locus 1 Spit 5 Locus ..... Spit ..... Feature/s .....

second half 2nd C 2

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	11		
Bone	1		
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
99	IRON NAILS	1.5	
100	COPPER WIRE	1.5	
101	FIGURINE FRAG	1.5	
102	BOLT (IRON)	1.5	
103	LAMP FRAG	1.5	08.486
	~~Lamp fr~~ 2nd C		~~08.642~~
	Lamp fr	1.5	08.687 2nd L4 2nd C

Context	Report	
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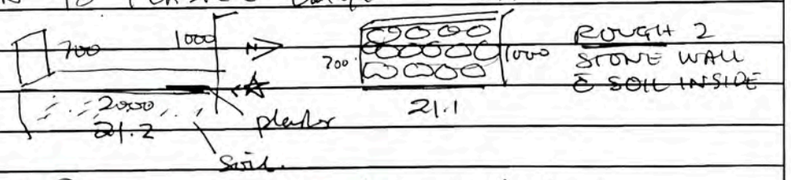
	DISCUSSION: PLASTER LENSES.	REMOVED
	RESULT OF POOLING WATER IN DUMP HOLLOWS	
	NO SPECIAL STRUCTURE OR CONTENTS.	
21.2	DOWN TO "PLASTER" LAYERS START 21.2.	
		
	– Baulk (21) down to perceived plaster level.	
	– Struck BEDROCK UNEXPECTEDLY HIGH IN NE CORNER	
	Dr JCT: Remove loose soil thus	
	new level scrape to bedrock carefully (for vis)	

1mm Squares

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Locus.....1.....**Spit**...4..... **Locus**.....21.....**Spit**...2... **Feature/s**.....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
104	COPPER WIRE x 2	1.4	
105	COIN (3) LGE	1.4	
106	COIN (4) SML	1.4	
107	COIN (5) SML	1.4	

	Context	Report
		* PLASTER INDICATES BEACED AREAS IN PATCHES.
		1.4 → 1.5 21.1 → PLASTER 21.2 UNDER 21.3 (BAULK)
		• COPPER WIRE x 2 / • CHARCOAL BAG / • POT SHERDS ON BEDROCK.
7.10	1.4	• COIN (3) LEVEL B/S (JUST ABOVE BEDROCK AGAINST WALL)
7.20	1.4	• COIN (4) LEVEL B/S (MORE NORTH ABOVE SLOT IN BEDROCK)
		* VERY CAREFUL TROWEL/SLEVING AT BEDROCK ☺ ("PATIENCE PAYS.")
		NO NEW LEVEL IN NE.
	(1.5)	UNDER PLASTER 1.4.
8.20		• COIN (5) BESIDE + LOWER THAN 1.4 BUT NOT 1.5
		• SNAKE? rib bone + vertebra. Evidence of DIET? (Third lot).
		ON BEDROCK. SHERDS ON BEDROCK (RELEVANCE = ?)

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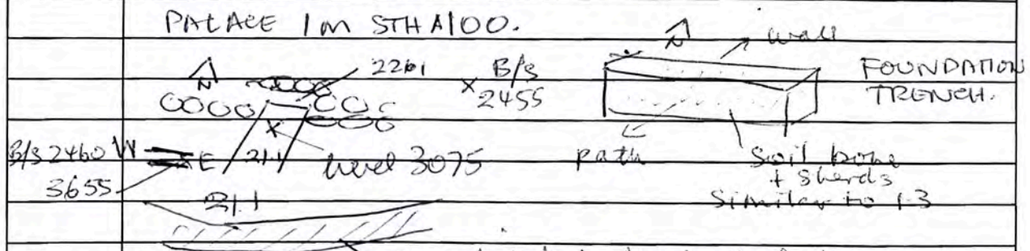
Locus.....**Spit**..... **Locus**.....**Spit**..... **Feature/s**.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1 1	22.1	21.2
Bone	1 1	22.1	21.2
Charcoal	1 1	22.1	21.2
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
108	COIN (6) SPOIL	SPOIL	
	Lamp ft	21.2	08.547
	(Second half 2nd C)		

Context **Report**

Context	Report
21.1	DOWN TO PLASTER PATH.
	NOTED PATH CUT BY WALL.
22.1	FOUNDATION TRENCH.
	• COIN FOUND REMOVING SPOIL FROM S WALL OF
	PALACE 1m STH A100.
	
21.2	~~loose brown~~ consolidated plaster/ash/rubbish layer
	→ ~~inconsolid.~~ quite hard. More of a fine ash
	~~after detritus.~~ ~~rubbish~~ dump that was then built on
21.2	TOOK 21.2 DOWN, TO OLD W→E WALL
	"Same old, same old" ash/sherds/bones debris
	One piece of gm glaze. HOT WORK.

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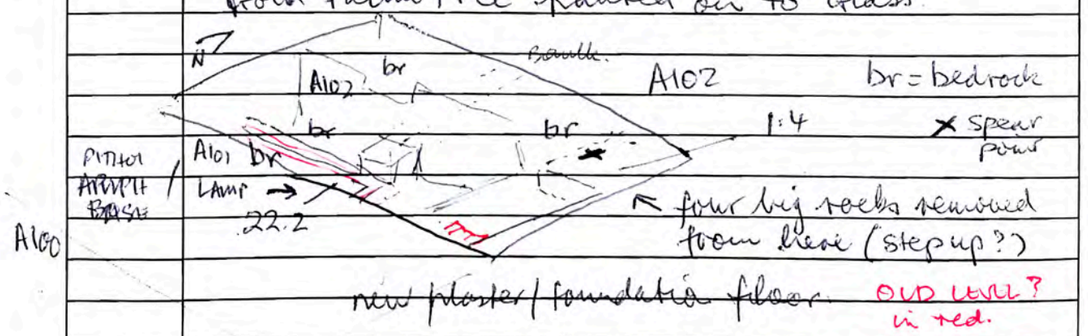
Locus 22 Spit 2 Locus 1 Spit 4 Feature/s

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1 1	22.2	1.4
Bone	1 1	22.2	1.4
Charcoal	+		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
109	LAMP 2 pcs	22.2	08.571
110	IRON NAIL(S)	1.4	
111	"PALM TREE"	1.4	
	ON GLASS?		
112	SPEAR POINT	1.4	

Context	Report
22.2	• continued isolating wall W→E in SW section of A102. FOUND LAMP TOP SOON AFTER FOUND LAMP BASE. ALMOST COMPLETE (USED).
	• W→E WALL APPEARS TO END OR HAVE BEEN INTERSECTED UNDER BAULK.
1.4	continue to clean out platform at E end of Northern half of A104. • Found Gold Palm Tree painted on to Glass.



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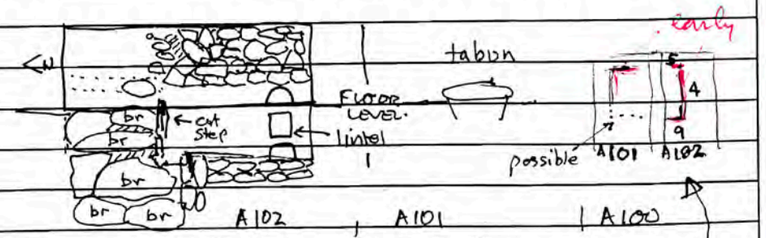
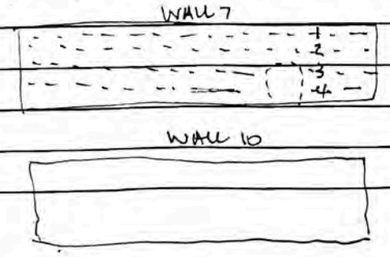
Locus 1 Spit 4 Locus ..... Spit ..... Feature/s .....

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

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
113	BIT OF MEGARIAN	1.4	
114	IRON	1.4	

Context	Report
A102	★ CONSOLIDATION/REVIEW/OVERVIEW PHASE > CLEAN-UP
	FOR PHOTO. FINISH.
1.4	• Remove steps/path/whatever in Northern Section
	• Found another piece of same Megarian Bowl being put together.
8.00	★ MEASURES + LEVELS. → CAREFUL TRENCH PLOT.
	Questions before proceeding. ① Northern points now = . Nominal 10m
	② what do 5 figure survey nos eg. "290.76". Relate to?
	• PLOT newly discovered "cut-step" likely related to "LINTEL".
	
9	• Return in Sth section is likely to be continuous with the bits uncovered in W and A101 (Jet's).
	
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CONSOLIDATION/OVERVIEW DAY.

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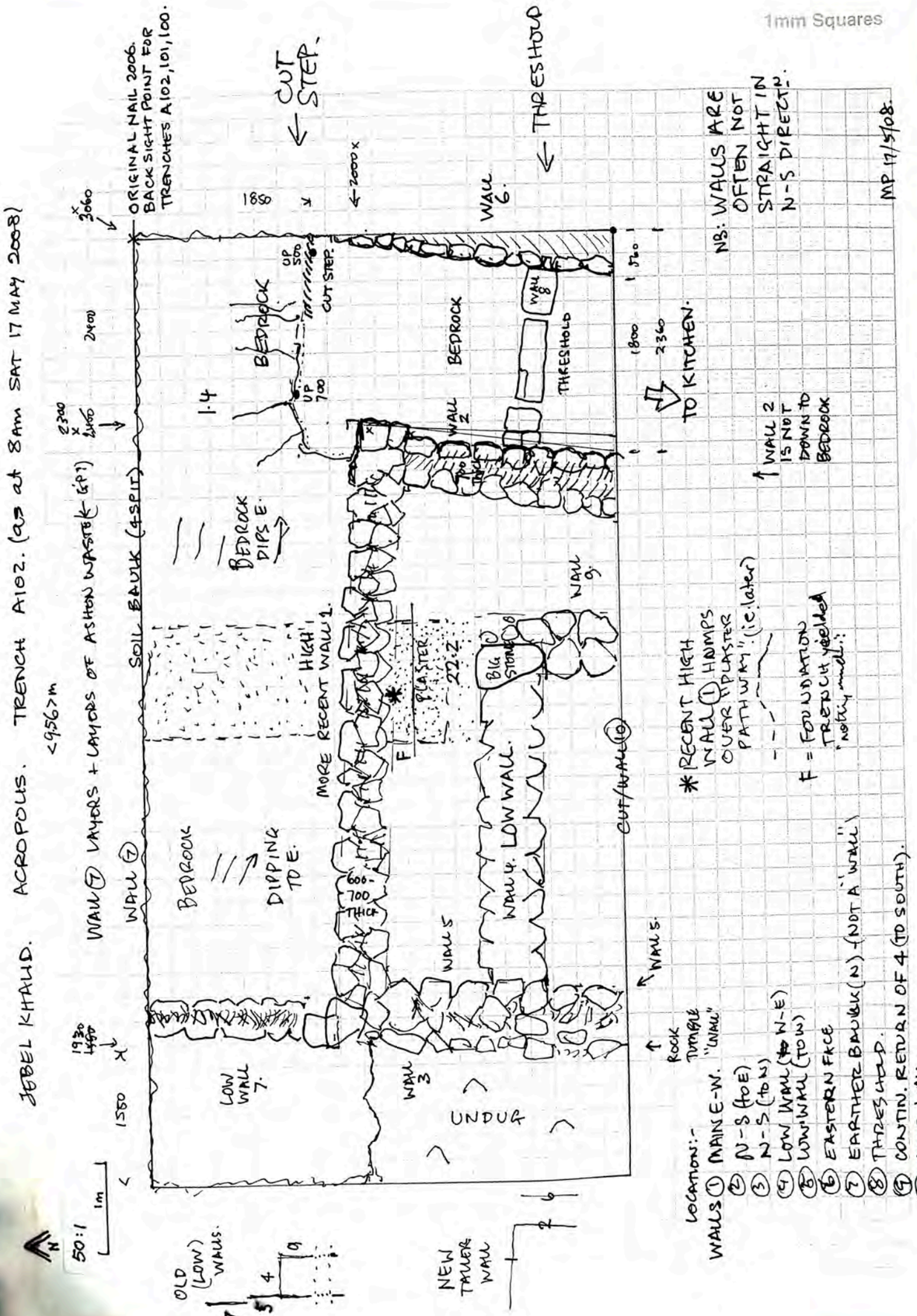
JEBEL KHALD. ACROPOLIS. TRENCH A102. (as at 8am SAT 17 MAY 2008)



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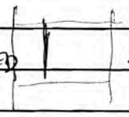
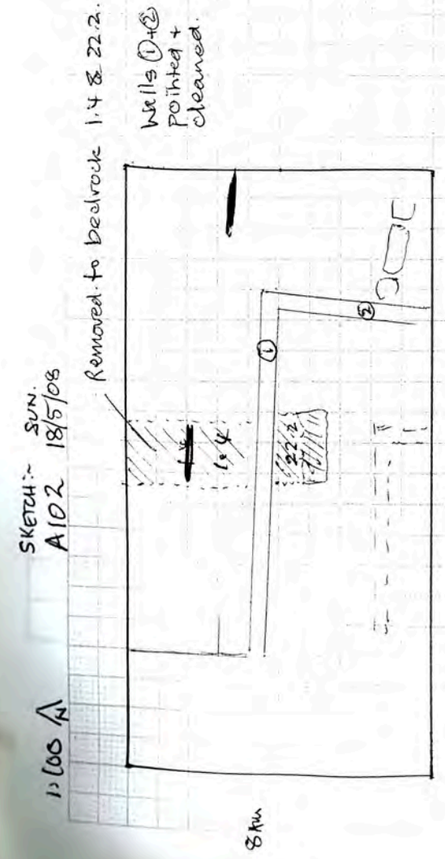
Locus 1 **Spit** 4 **Locus** 21 **Spit** 2 **Feature/s** 0

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1 1	1-4	21.2
Bone	1 1	1.4	21.2
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
115	½ glass bead	1-4	

	Context	Report
6 am	1.4	• REMOVE "STEP" PLASTER / "WALK" / DEBRIS FROM N A102
		• POINTING UP WALLS (1) + (2). NOTHING OF NOTE.
8 am		• NEARLY FINISHED 1.4 DOWN TO BEDROCK.
		• NEXT TO REMOVE PLASTER FLOOR NEW SPIT
		21.2. to BEDROCK. THEN CLEAR ALL FLOORS.
9³⁰	1.4	• CLEANING DOWN = FOUND ANOTHER CUT/QUARRIED
		STEP (1.4 →)  (1) STEP TO SOUTH (UNDER PATH)
		INTERPRETED AS:- (2) ALLOWS PATH W-E. OR
		(3) WATER DEFLECTED TO E.
		• GLASS BEAD (½) (4) SOME OTHER REASON.



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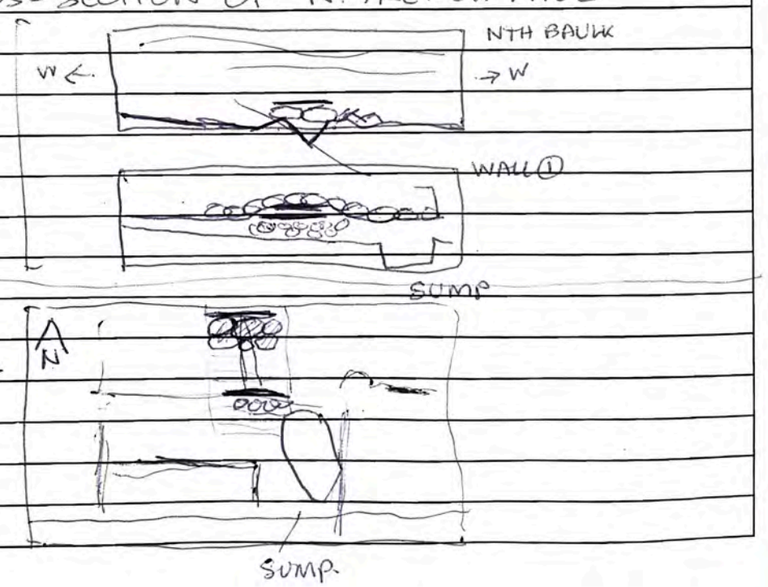
Locus.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	0		
Bone	0		
Charcoal	0		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	Report
	☆ CLEANING + FINAL ANALYSIS STARTED.
1.4	FINAL DEBRIS/GRAVEL FROM MID NORTH
	SECTION A102 TRENCH SHOWS "WATER COURSE" DRAIN SYSTEM.
	THIS NOW MAKE SENSE OF PLASTER LAYERS.
	CROSS-SECTION OF N. TRENCH A102



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Locus....1.....**Spit**.....4..... **Locus**...22.....**Spit**..1..... **Feature/s**.....Water course

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	0		
Bone	1		
Charcoal	0		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
—			

	Context	Report
6		1 A102 TRENCH ESSENTIALLY COMPLETED BY 8AM.
		- MEN TRANSFERRED TO CLEANING SPILL TO SOUTH OF
		MAIN WALL SOUTH OF T100.
9		- CONTINUES.
		- 1.4 floor (warehouse) & 27.2 floor (warehouse) stable good.
		ASSISTING DR JOHN TIDMARSH.
11		BIG BONE (DONKEY VERTEBRA?) IN BONE BAG.
		SWEPT FLOOR + REMOVED STONES FOR 2HRS.
12		

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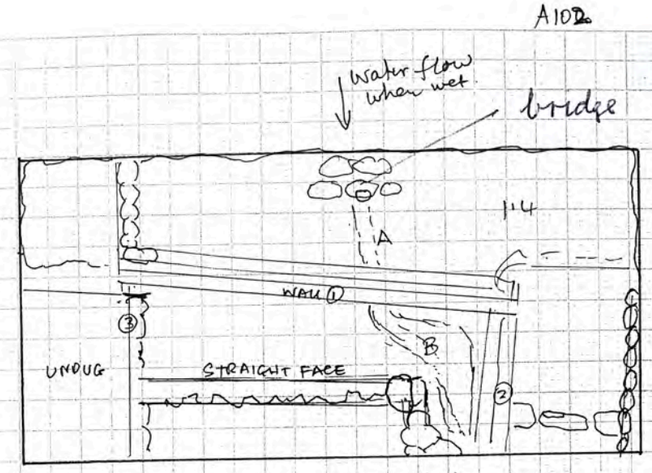

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A CLEANED TO BEDROCK

B CLEANED TO BEDROCK

LOWER WALL ③ IS CUT BY WALL ①.

TUES 26/5/08

⑥

101

LAUNDRY OR KITCHEN?

WATER A → B FOLLOWS NATURAL GULLIES IN THE BEDROCK.

WHERE DOES THIS WATER GO?

EITHER WAY IT IF FOR A BIGGER ESTABLISHMENT THAN A DCQ.

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

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	0		
Bone	0		
Charcoal	0		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	**Report**
GENERAL:-	SAND HAS BLOWN IN OVERNIGHT.
	RE-SWEEP & SOME POINTING-IN
	BOTH SECTIONS OF TRENCH. (PHOTOGRAPHY)
	CONDITIONS:- FAIR SKY BUT BRISK
	NORTHERLY WIND.

1mm Squares

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

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	0		
Bone	0		
Charcoal	0		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

	Context	Report
6.30		LEVELS A102, A101 & A100 TAKEN.
10.20		WORKERS PAID.
11.20		TOOLS STORED.
12.00		RETURN TO BASE

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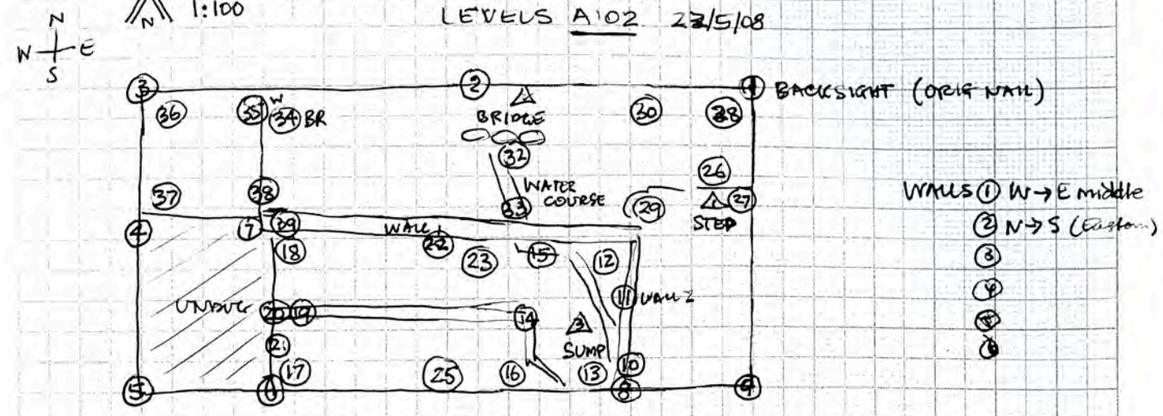
1:100 LEVELS A102 22/5/08



FEATURES:—
① STEP
② BRIDGE
③ SUMP

BACKSIGHT: No 1.

FORESIGHT:

1	Backsight	21.75	21	ON WALL (Stil)	30.10
2	Mid N Baulk	15.80	22	LOW MIDDLE WALL ①	22.65
3	NW CORNER (TOP)	15.80	23	HIGH PART " "	16.20
4	Mid N Baulk	17.50	24	BEDROCK 21.1	34.50
5	SW Corner	19.95	25	BEDROCK 22.2	36.20
6	SW Corner (Edge)	18.45	26	STEP 1.4	36.20
7	NE " UNDUG AREA	14.80	27	BELOW STEP (BR)	38.23
8	STH END WALL ②	19.75	28	BEDROCK NE CNR	34.90
9	SE CNR TRENCH	26.50	29	BR W of Step	39.10
10	1st STEP WALL ②	25.40	30	BR ~~[illegible]~~ ~~TOP~~ see diag	32.95
11	MID TOP WALL ②	27.80	31	~~TOP~~ BRIDGE	30.80
12	TOP SHELF SUMP	36.20	32	W. COURSE (N)	35.75
13	SUMP BOTTOM	41.50	33	" (S)	36.15
14	NE LOW WALL	33.40	34	BR nr Wall Nth.	30.30
15	WATERCOURSE	36.65	35	ON LOW WALL (N)	27.60
16	BEDROCK 22.2	36.60	36	BR. NW CNR	27.00
17	" SW CNR	35.30	37	BR Mid W "	29.20
18	" NW CNR	33.20	38	LOW WALL STH	27.00
19	LOW WALL W.	32.00	39	W 1 WEST (TOP)	18.30
20	HIGHER WALL W	28.70			

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

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