4. **SOME LATE BRONZE AGE BURIAL CAIRNS AT MUSSELBURGH.**

From the links at the edge of the Firth of Forth where Musselburgh Racecourse now lies, flat land stretches southwards some ½ mile as far as the ridge on the end of which stood the Roman station of Inveresk. During the laying of drains and other services for the new Pinkie Mains West housing scheme on this land, a cinerary urn was struck in the middle of January 1947. Thanks are due to the workman, Mr Dickson, to the foreman, Mr Malloy, and to the Burgh Surveyor, Mr Dryburgh, who in turn reported the find. When I visited the spot all concerned were extremely helpful, labour was provided for further exploration, and later a site-plan was supplied (fig. 1).

The section visible in the housing-scheme trenches showed clean sand, unmixed with stones or gravel, over the whole area underlying nearly 2 feet of soil. The surface of the field is approximately 28 feet above O.D. Just where the urn had been found there was a considerable number of water-worn boulders lying in the spoil from the trench. They had been found close together over a length of ten or a dozen feet, in the centre of which the top of the urn was struck after the boulders had been cleared away. It stood mouth upwards (fig. 2). Boulders still *in situ* in the side of the trench formed, with