

NOTTINGHAM 1973

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SITE NOTEBOOK 19

AREA H

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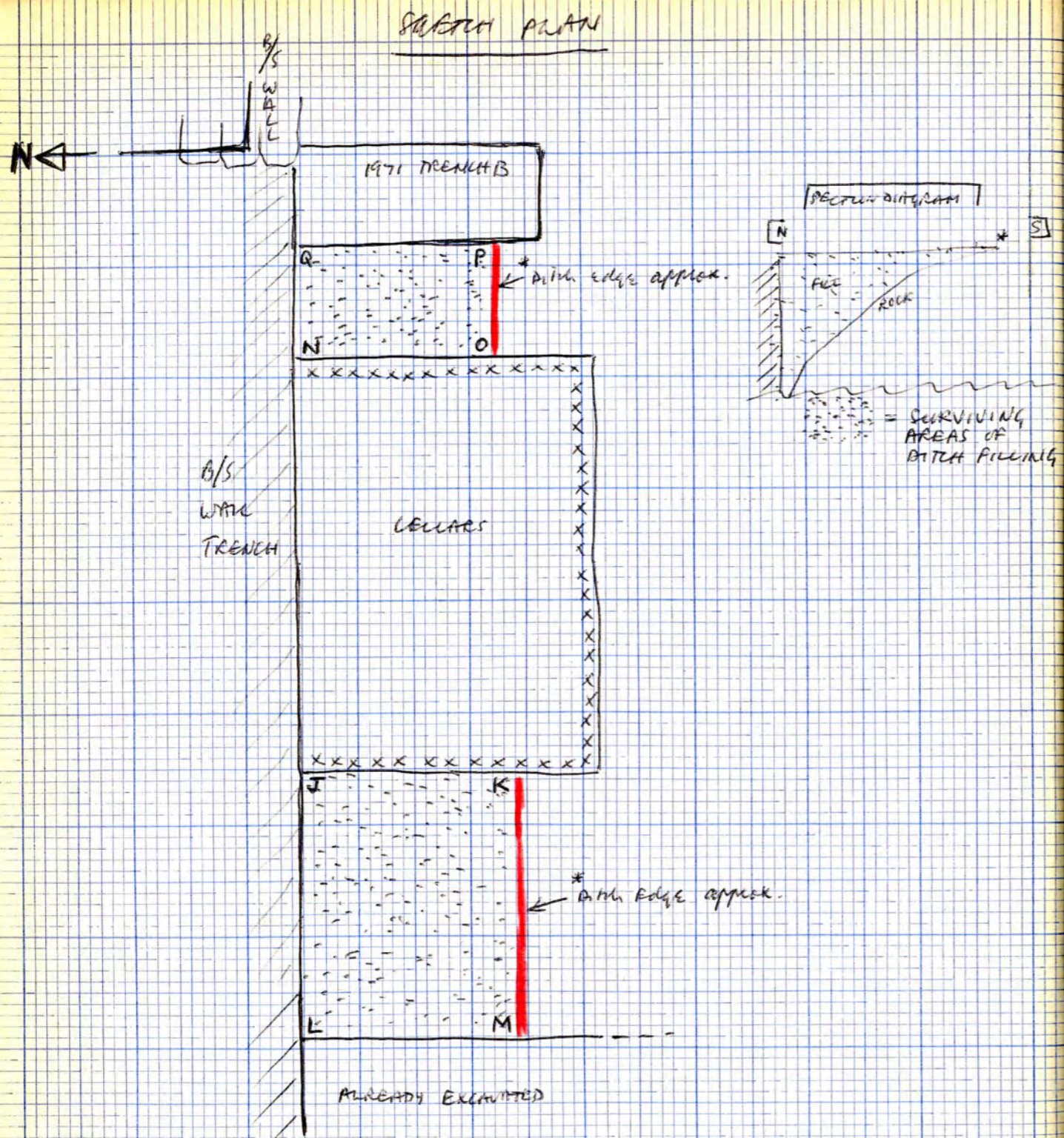
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[H]

AREA H

THE DITCH

(CONT. FROM BOOK 13)



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EASTER WEEKEND 13/4/74 - 16/4/74 INCLUSIVE.

As the bins are working full-time for four days I have put them on excavating the ditch in the areas SOUTH of the B/S wall trench, WEST of 1971 Trench B.

These parts are not very useful for dating as the layers cannot be related to the main part of the ditch North of the B/S wall trench. Only useful stuff will be primary silts in approx. bottom 6" where ditch shelves steeply.

TECHNIQUE

See sketch plans in Booth 12 (+13). {and opposite

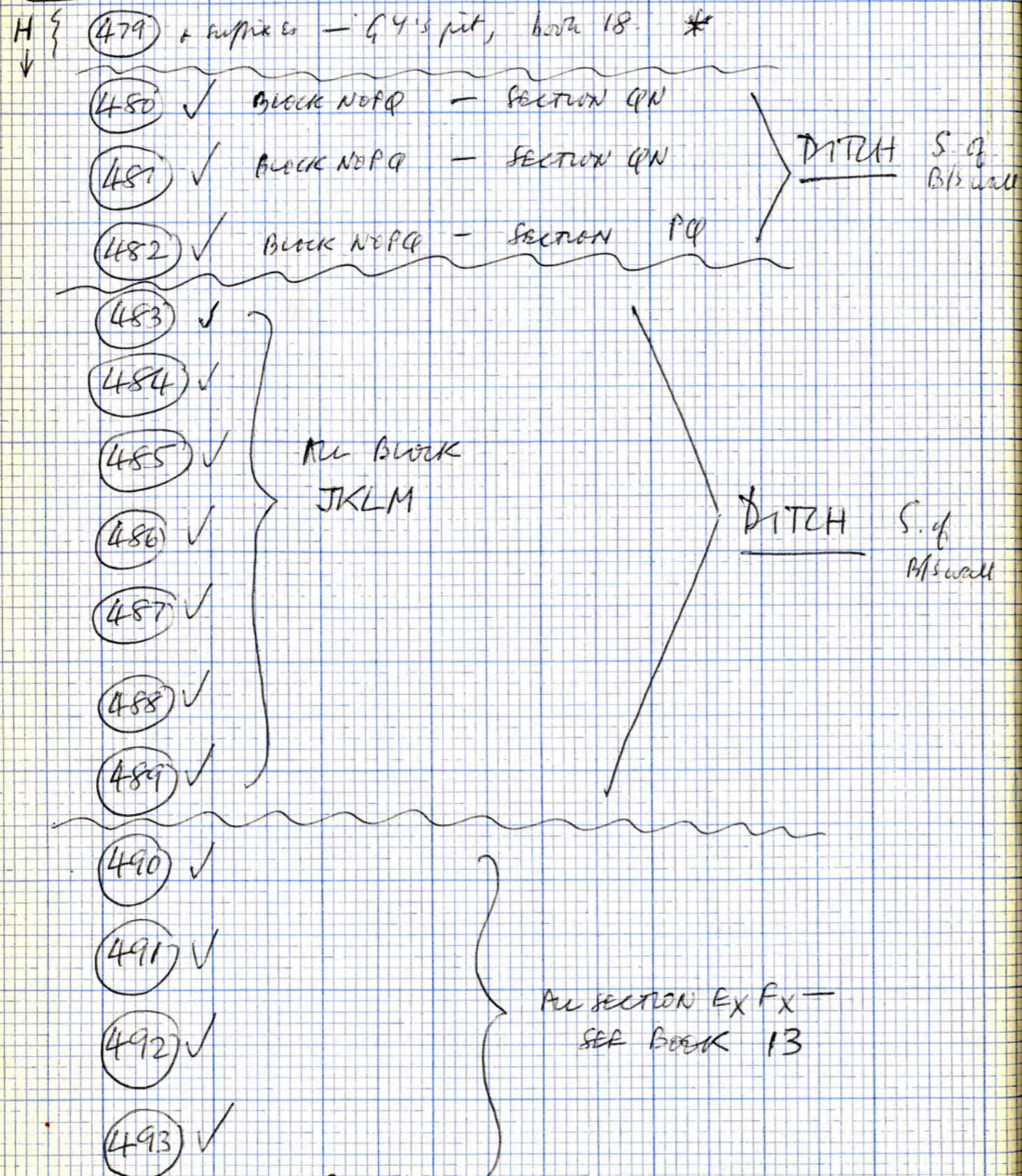
There two areas are the lettered "blocks" JKLM and NOPQ, of which all the sections have already been drawn. Letters refer to sections.

NOPQ has been largely leveled in by vandals and is hardly worth bothering with now.

JKLM is fairly intact.

SITE STRATIFICATION NUMBERS USED ~

AREA H



PTO

After several weeks of no rain, one week of sun, and sudden dry NE and SE winds, these areas all look dirty pale grey dry hard concrete and dust. This means it is practically impossible to attempt to follow the layers. The top 6" or so of each block ~~was~~ ~~was~~ ^{are being} knocked down carelessly in case of any surviving protrusions etc. (don't think there should be anything major - possibly one or 2 stabilizers)

Consequently, two methods of excavation have been used...

* (I) Excavating the material according to the drawn sections, using the drawings, and plotting the finds in relation to these layers when these can be followed

(II) where it is not clear in which "layer" the finds are, plotting their position 3-dimensionally in relation to the section drawings. Should give a reasonable stratification +/- 1 or 2 layers either way.

Blocks NOPQ and JKLM excavated simultaneously, one bin to each block.

* WILL HAVE TO RELY ON DRAWINGS BEING ACCURATE, CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF STRATIFCN.

* NB The drawn sections do not give a complete picture of the stratification, as not all layers can be followed from JK via JL to LM, so some details will not be known. However the general picture should be fairly clear, which should be reasonable enough, considering it's all DITCH FILLING / SILTING.

NUMBERS USED, CONT.

- 494 ✓
- 495 ✓
- 496 ✓
- 497 ✓
- 498 ✓
- 499 ✓
- 500 ✓

All SECTION EXFX —
SEE BOOK 13

BK 20 * 501 ✓

FEATURES JUST NORTH OF F/S
TRENCH EXCAVATED + RECORDED BY
G.Y. SEE BOOK 20

BK 20 * 502 ✓

BK 20 * 503 ✓

G.Y. FEATURE — SEE BOOK 20

504 ✓

505 ✓

DITCH BLOCK JKLM

CONT.
D.R.

DITCH

SEE ON 10 PAGES FOR BLOCK JKLM.

BLOCK NOPQ (Ditch Twin)

Layers not given site stratification not unless they contain finds. Stratification assumed to be as drawn in sections PQ / QN / NO.

Layers with finds —

480

No. 259 in section QN.
Pot Small body sherd. Large grits in reddish orange fabric. Coarse, lumpy, soft, soapy. Handmade.

481

No 274 in section QN.
Pot Small body sherd. ? Large grits, soft soapy coarse reddish fabric. Handmade.

482

No 282 in section PQ.
Pot - body sherd about 2" x 1". Handmade, smooth grey to red-brown inner surface. Coarser reddish outer surface. Medium grits.

STRAT. NOS. USED

506 ✓
507 ✓
508 ✓
} MITCH - BLOCK JKLM

509 ✓ MITCH ~ SECTION R/S AND EAST OF R/S

BR 20 * 510 ✓ SHALLOW PALE GREEN PIT - EXC. + REC. BY GY. SEE BLOCK 20

511 ✓ MITCH ~ E₃F₃ to TU

512 ✓ MITCH ~ SECTION R-S

513 ✓ MITCH ~ E₃F₃ to TU

514 ✓ MITCH ~ E₃F₃ to TU

515 ✓ MITCH ~ F₃F₃ to TU

516 ✓ MITCH ~ E₃F₃ to TU

517 ✓ MITCH ~ E₃F₃ to TU

518 ✓ MITCH ~ E₃F₃ to TU

519 ✓

520 ✓

521 ✓
522 ✓
523 ✓
} MITCH - SECTION R-S AND EAST OF IT

CONT.
OVER.

Block NPTQ now totally excavated.

Specification as in drawn section!

[UNUSED PAGES - SEE ON TO BLOCK JKLM]
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STRAT. NOS USED

524 ✓

525 ✓

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527 ✓

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530 ✓

MATCH ~ XY to VW

531 ✓ STAKEHOLDERS IN S. EDGE OF MATCH

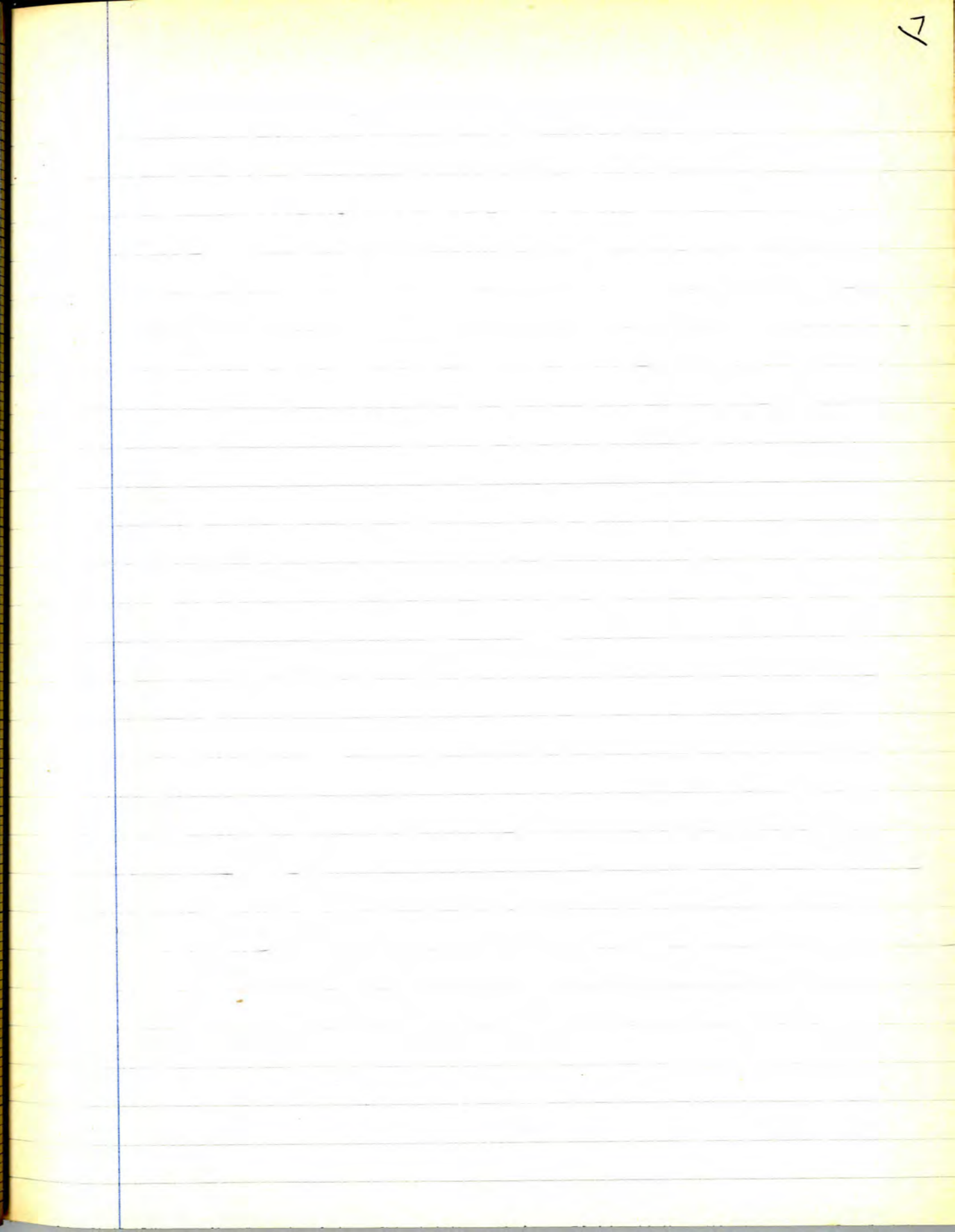
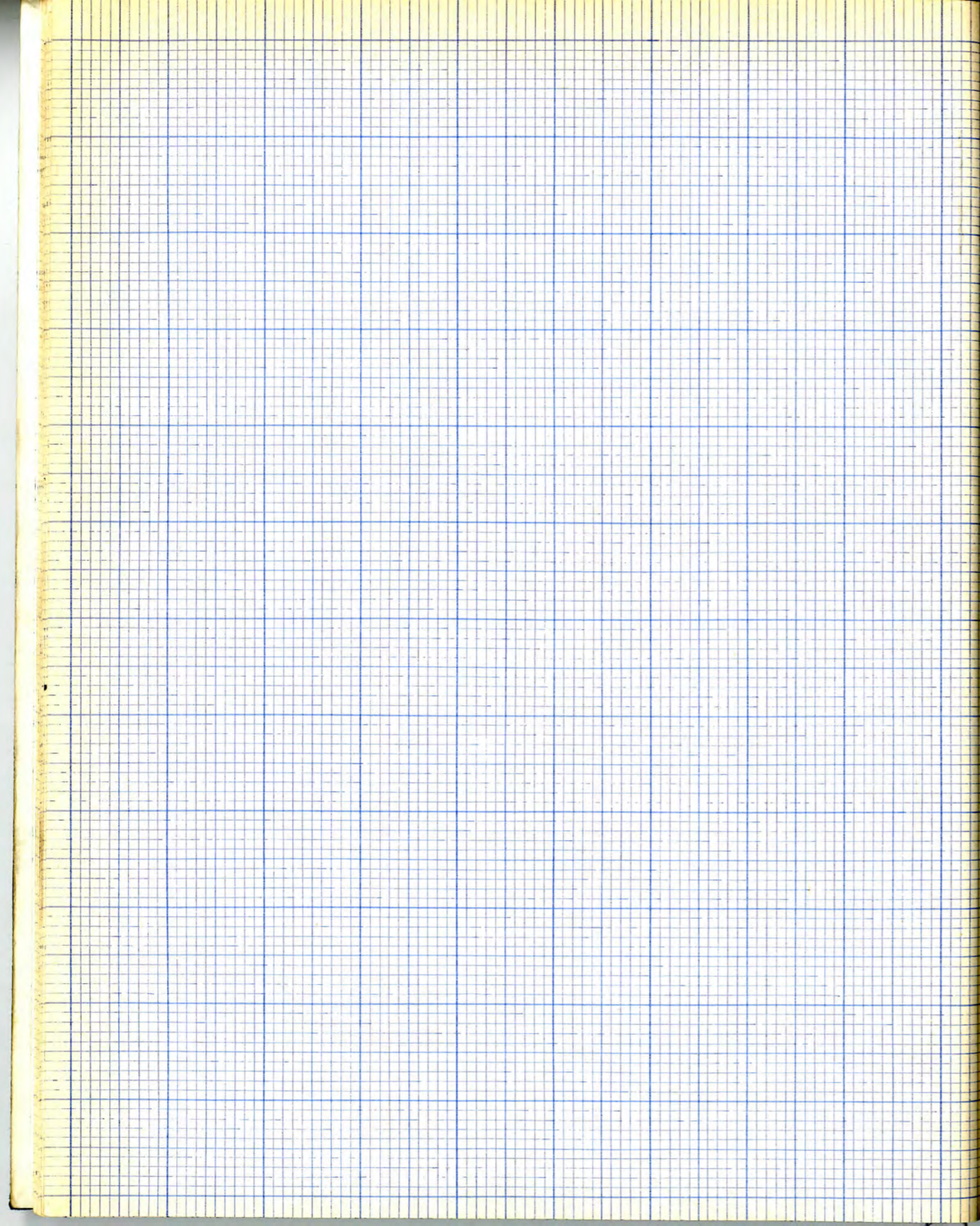
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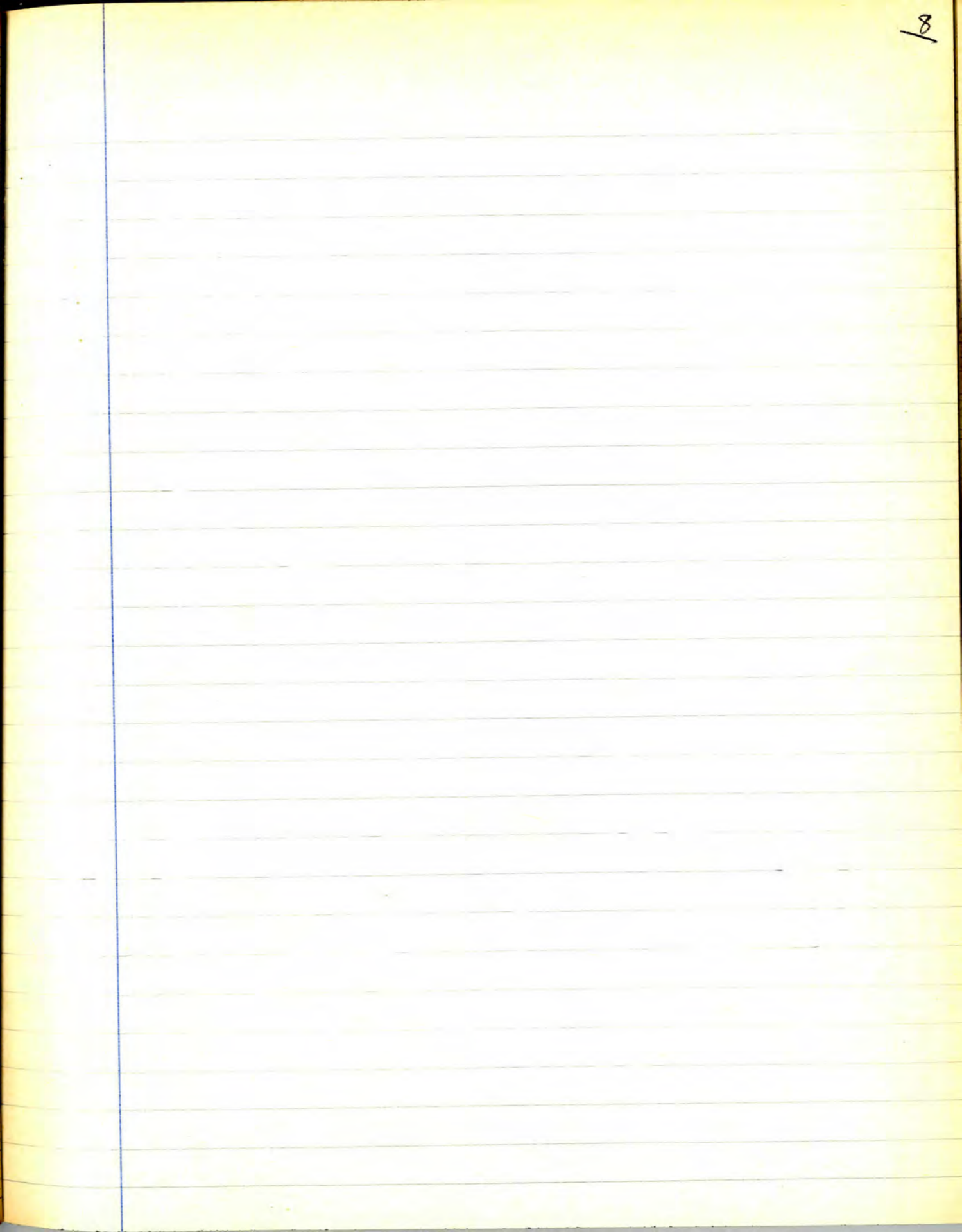
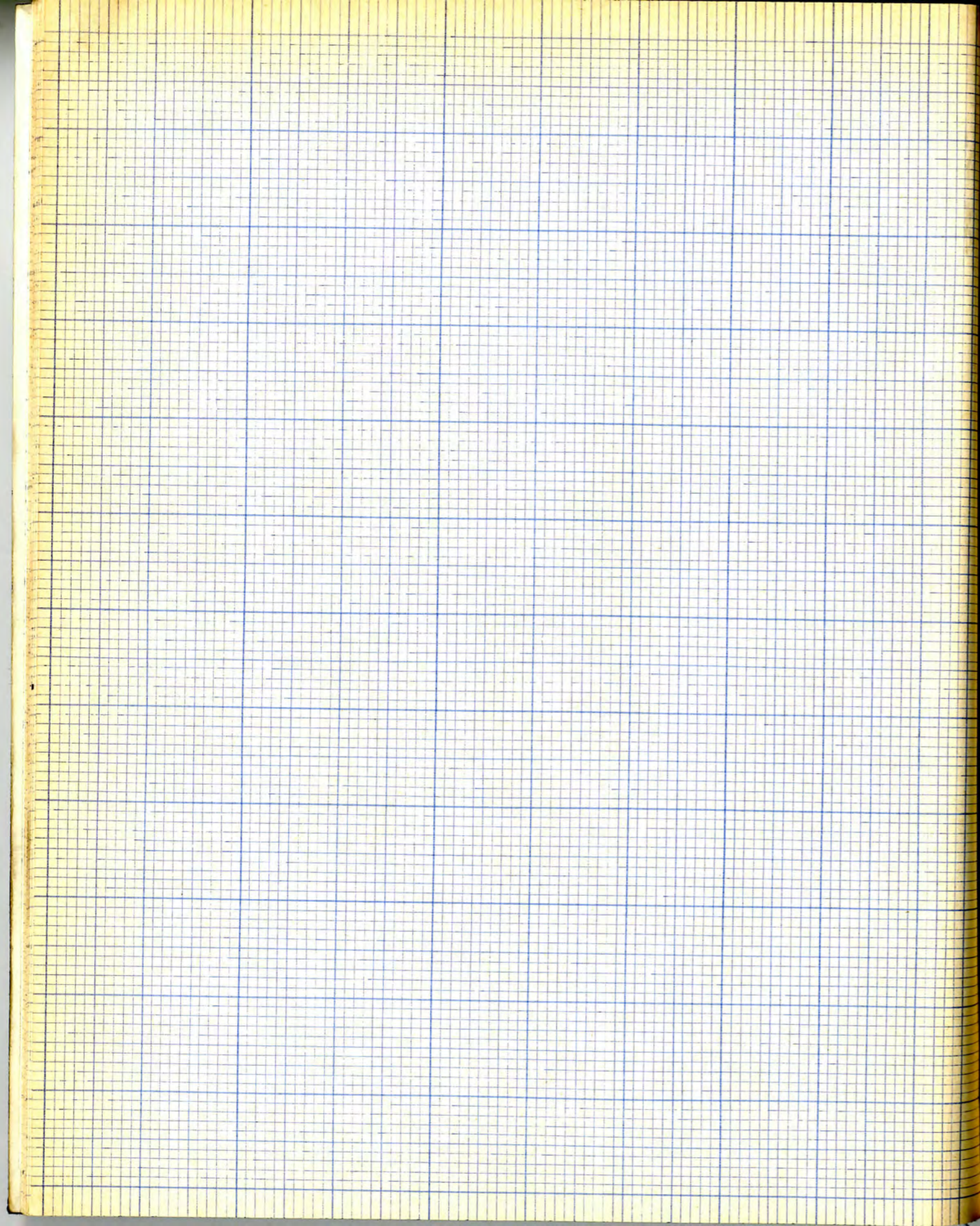
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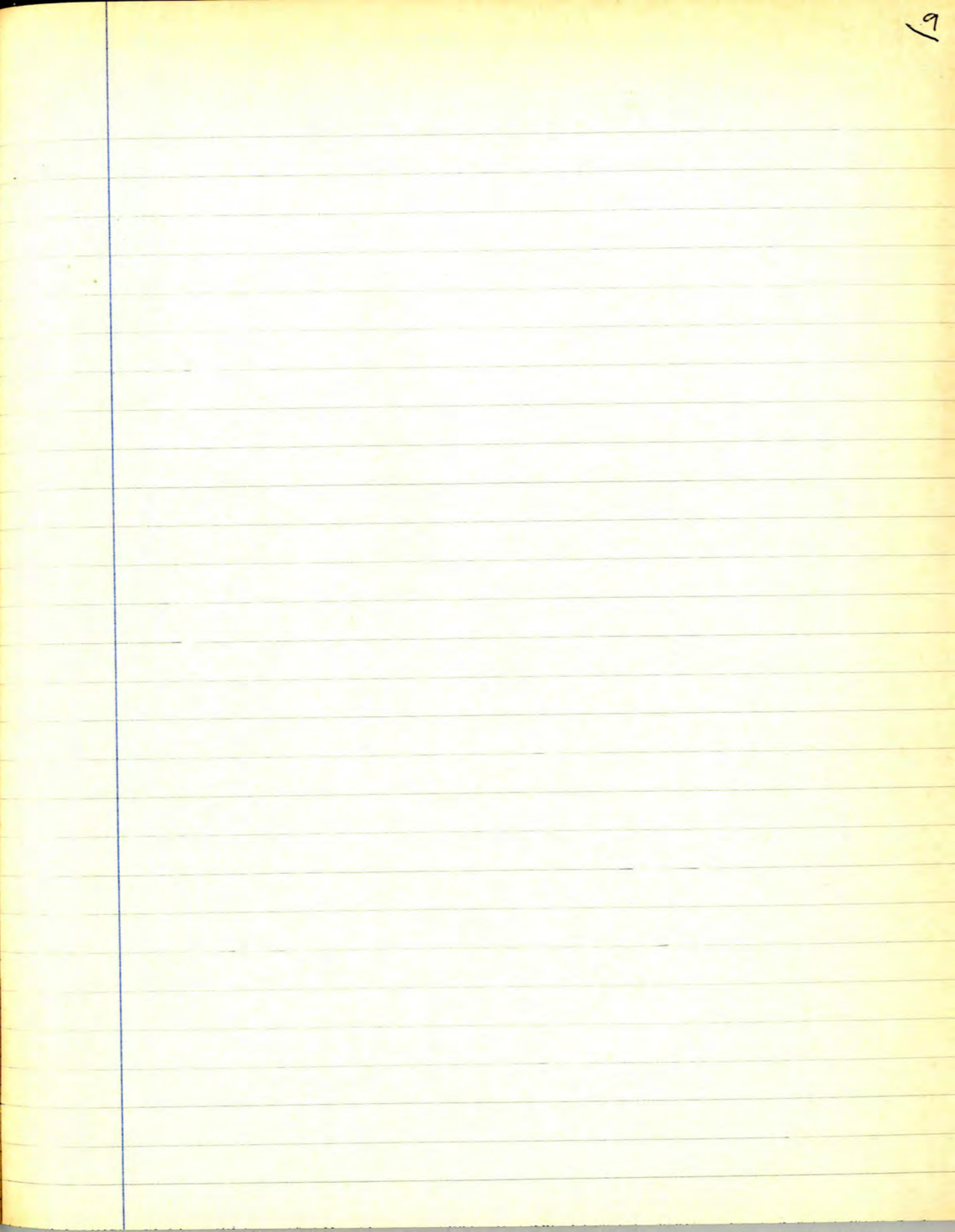
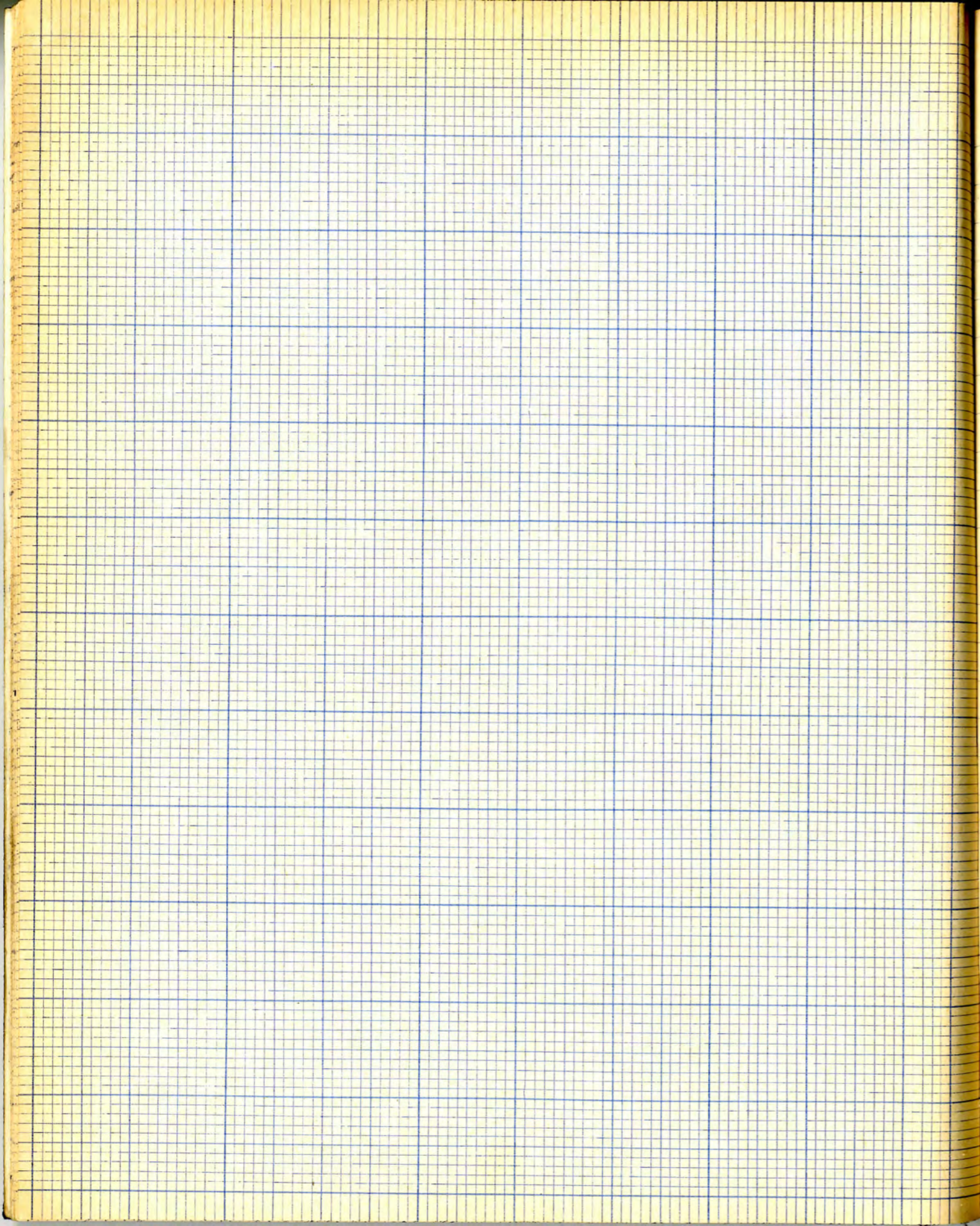
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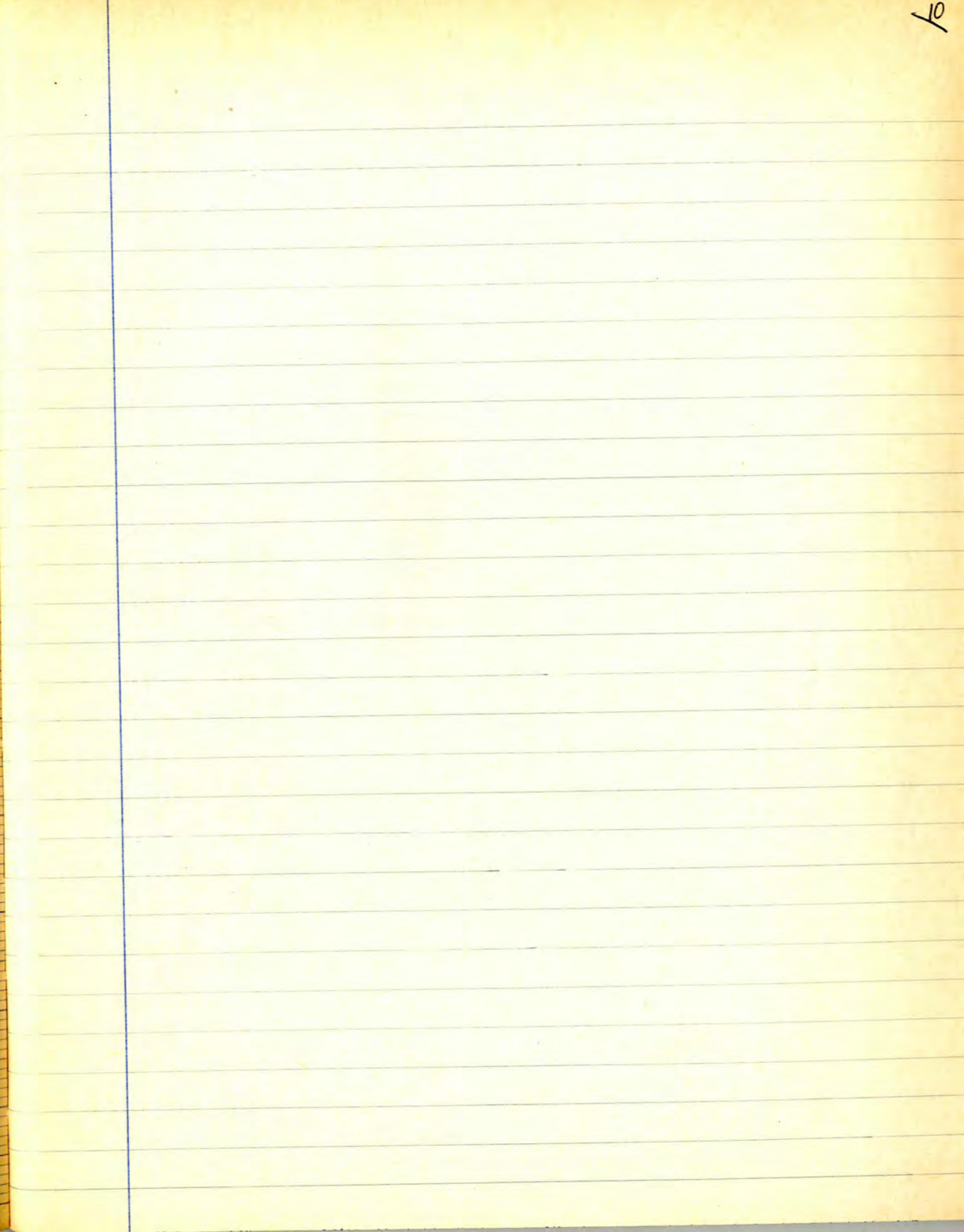
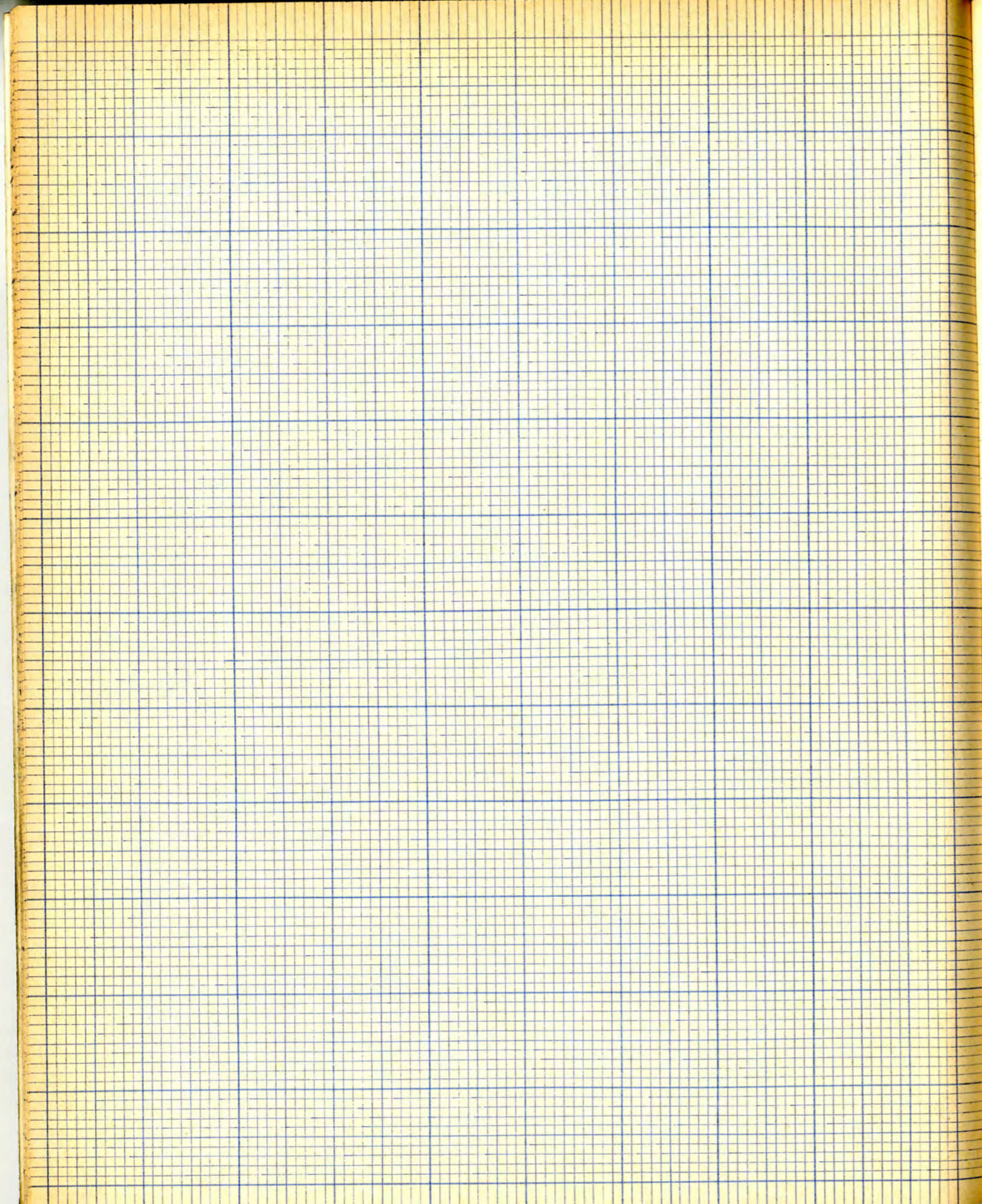


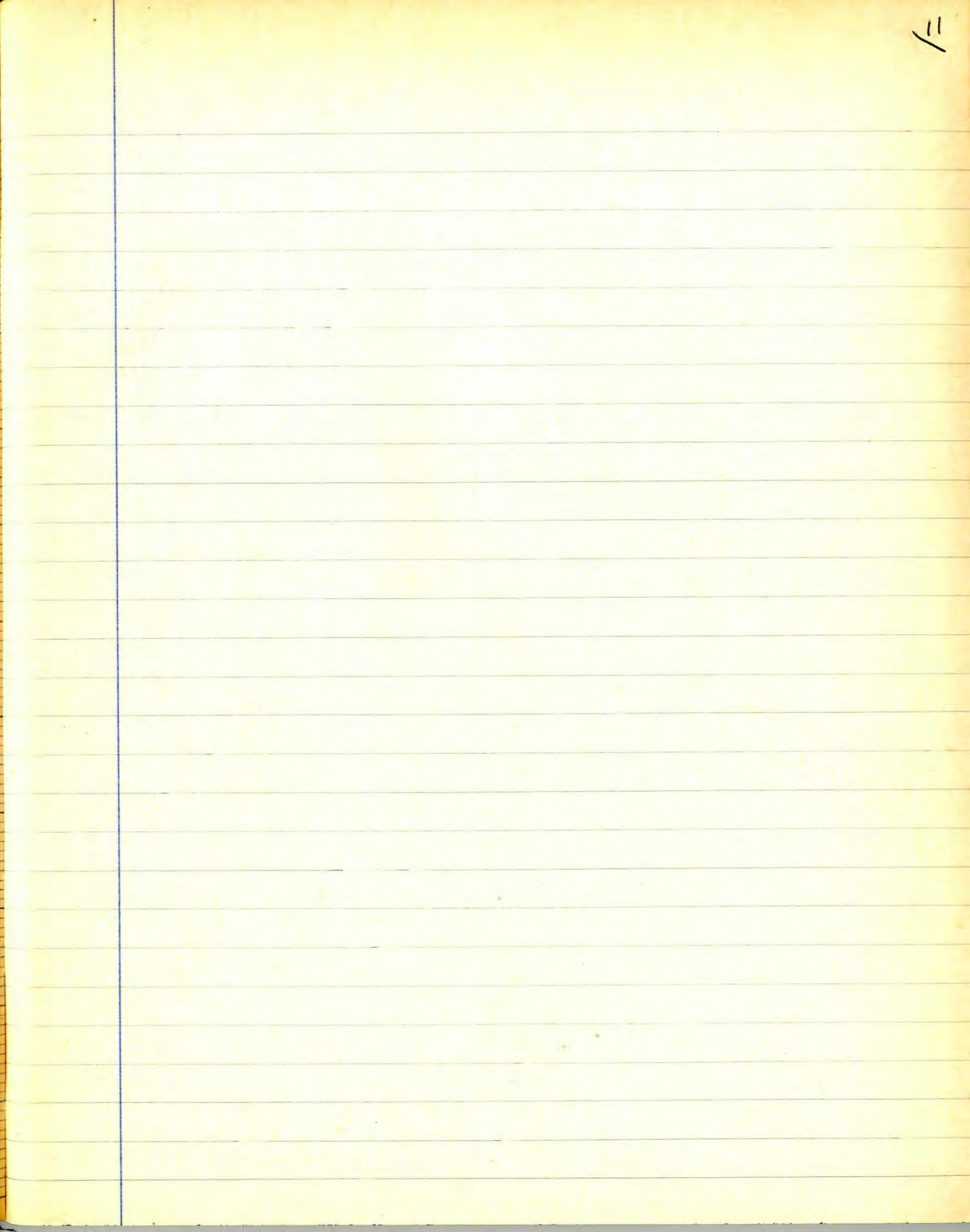
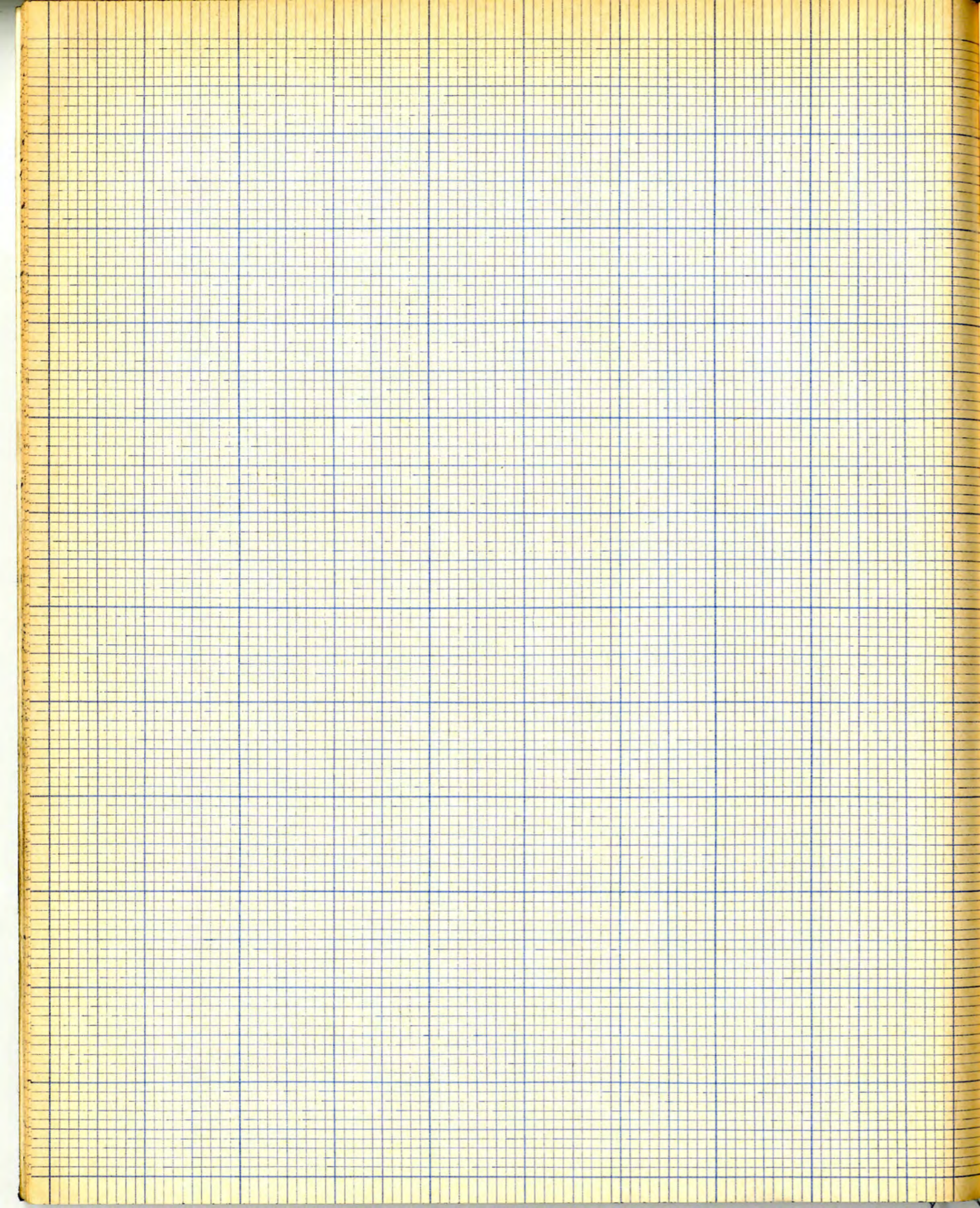
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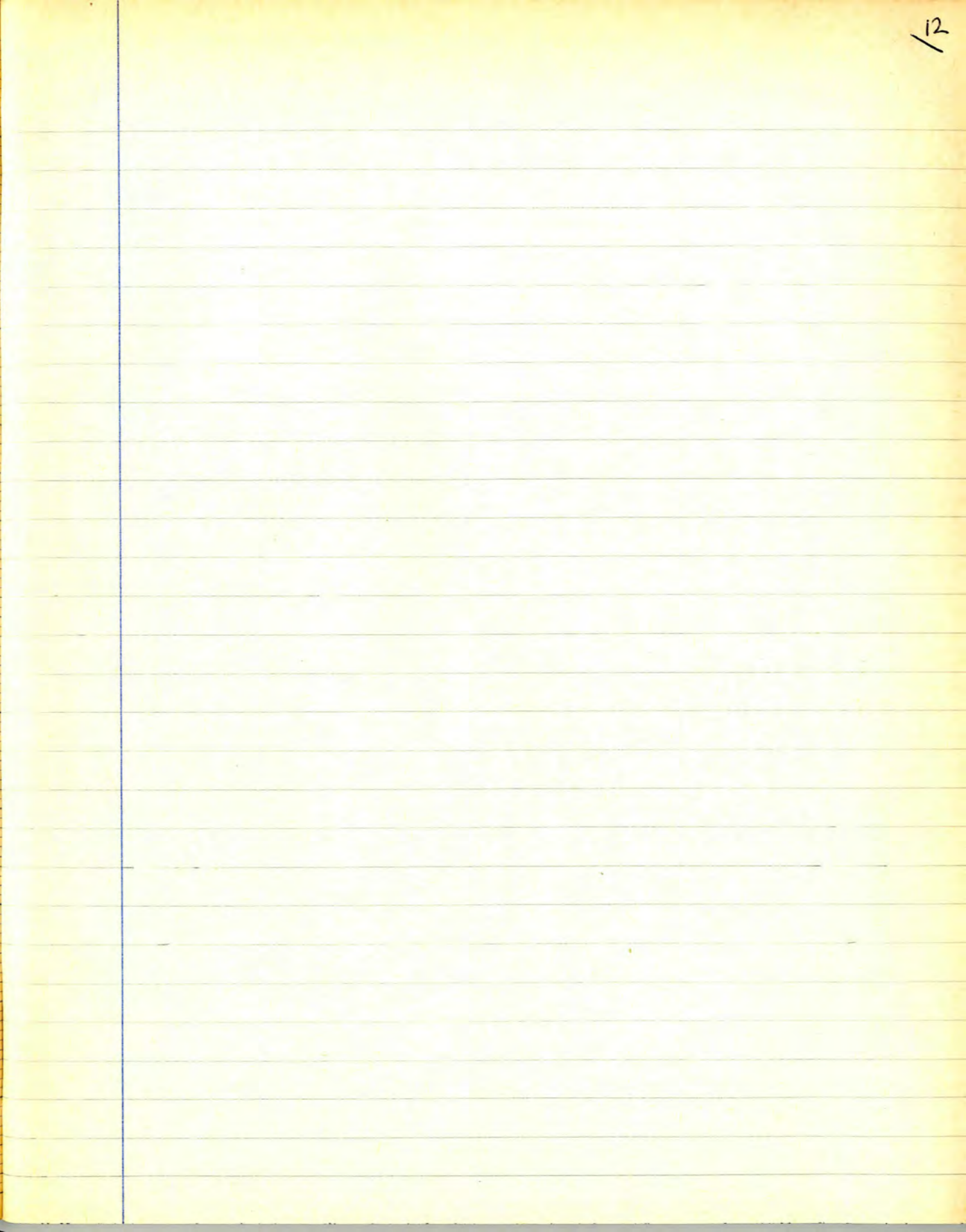
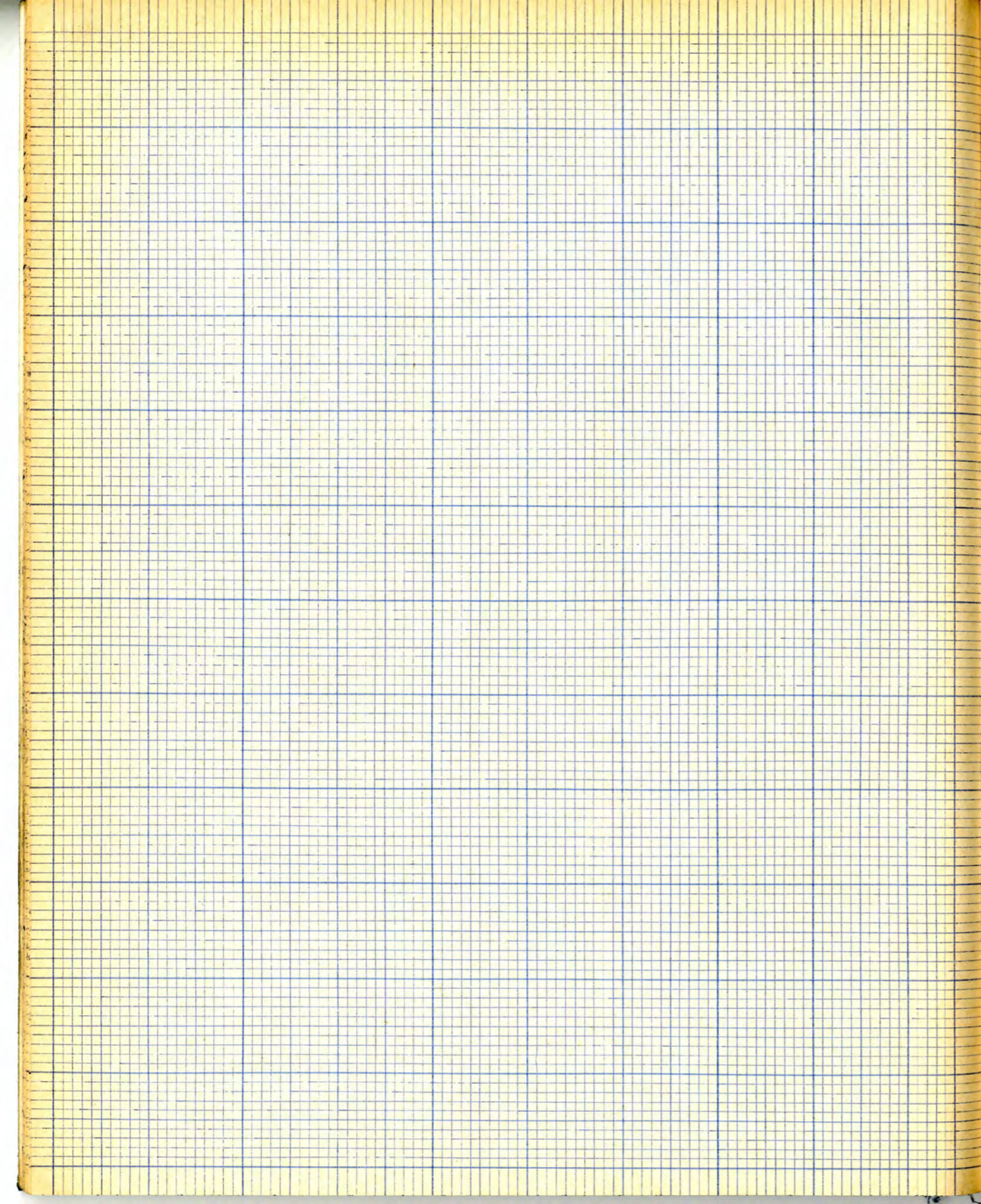


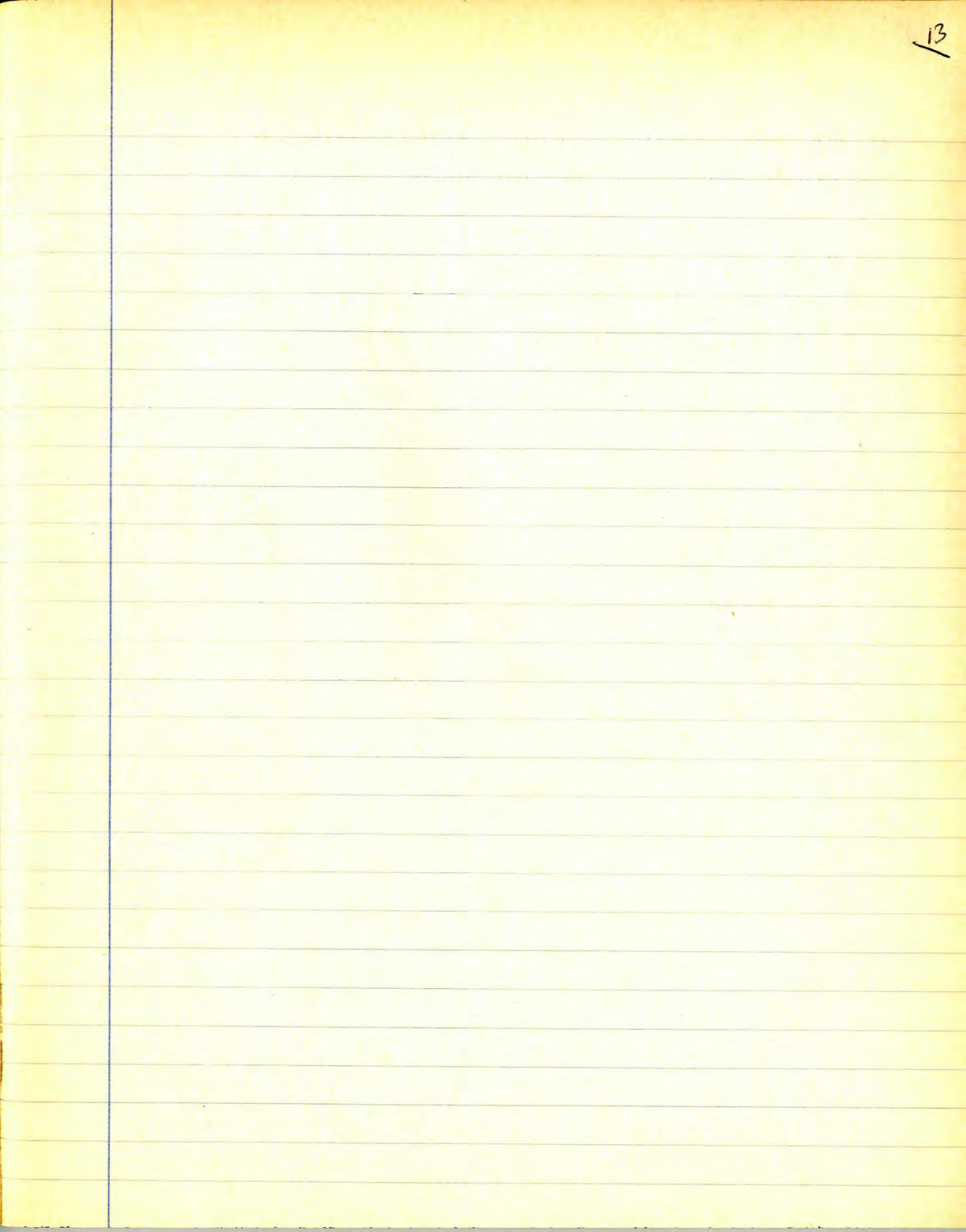
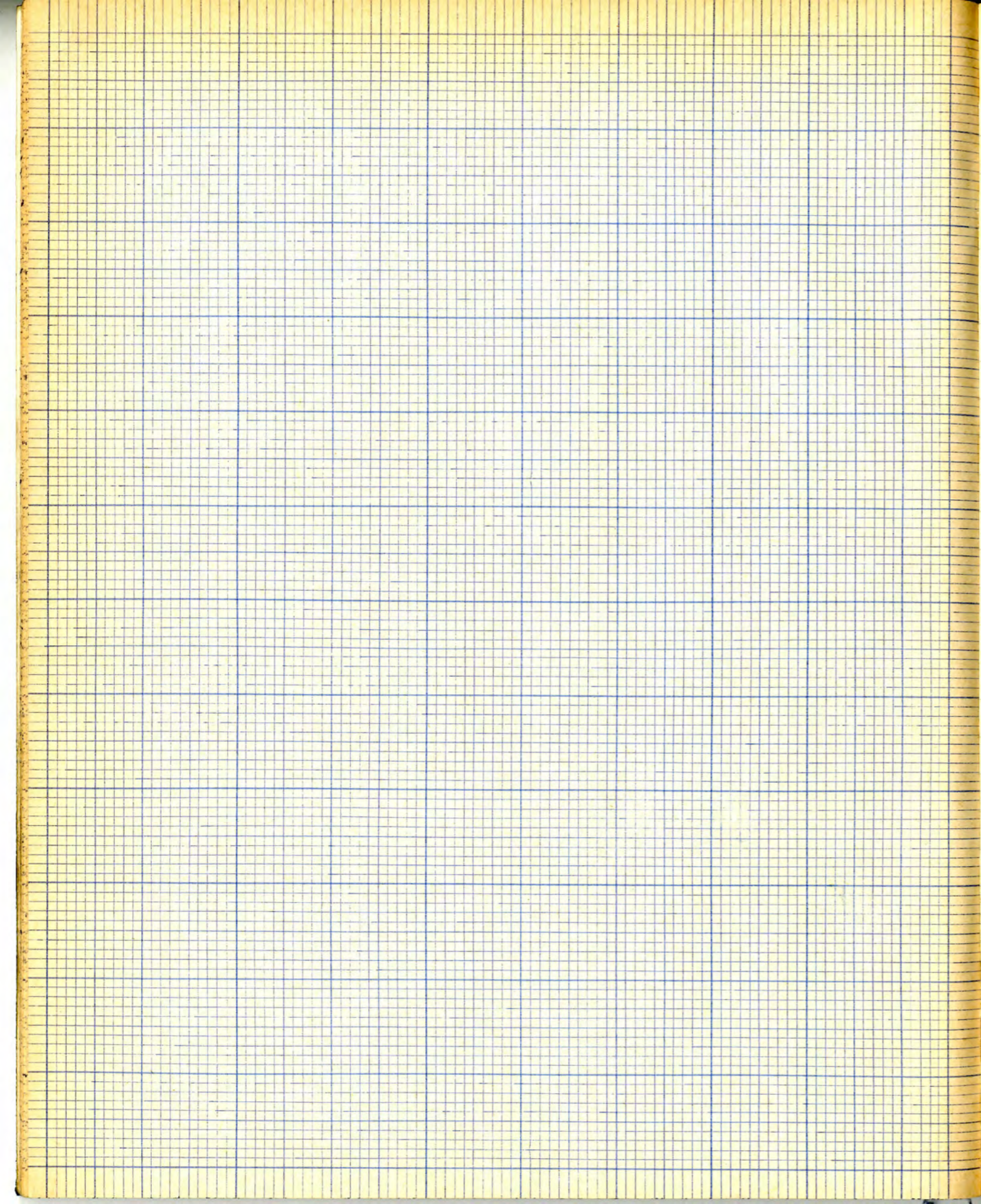
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* NB The drawn sections do NOT give a complete picture of the stratification as not all layers can be followed from JK via JL to LM. Some precise layer relationships will not be known, but the general picture is fairly clear. Should be reasonable enough as it's all
DITCH FILLING / SILTING. CP.

* NB pot notes done before pot was washed. Check pictures etc.

BLOCK JKLM

Layers not given site stratification numbers unless they contain finds. Stratification assumed to be as drawn in sections JK/JL/LM.

Layers with finds — $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{The numbering does not necessarily} \\ \text{reflect the digging sequence} \end{array} \right.$

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V

(483)

Layer no. 102 in sections JK + JL.
BONES.

(484)

Layer no. 103 in section JK
= 132 in JL
BONES.

(485)

Layer no. 106 in section JK
BONES.
POT — 1 body sherd. Handmade coarse black fabric. Large grits.

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(486)

Layer no. 107 in section JK + JL.

STONE - heavy hard close grained reddish sandstone (?)
Kept.

BONES (Animal teeth - ? cow's)

(487)

Layer no. ~~108~~ 111 in section JK

POT - one body shard, hard well fired smooth
grey fabric. Probably R-B

(488)

Layer no. 115 in section JK

POT - one small rim shard
? hand made.

Grey black fabric, possibly
burnished outer surface.

? Could be R-B, but probably isn't



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(489) Layer no. 133 in section JL.

PET 1 body shell.
Handmade coarse black fabric, smooth inner surface.

BONES
~~BONES~~

SEE ON TO
(504)

(490) to
(500)
already
used.

Strat. nos. (490) to (500) have
all been used in section Ex Fx (DITCH).
See notebook B.

Block JKLM continues with strat. no. (504)

(501) + (502)
+ (503) USED

STRAT. NOS. (501) + (502) + (503) = 4 Y'S FEATURES. SEE BOOK 20.

DITCH Block JKLM CONT.

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(504) Layer no. 108 in section JL
BONES

(505) Layer no. 109 in sections JL+JK
BONES

For (490) to (500) see Book 13.
For (501) (502) (503) see Book 20.

Strat nos. (490)
to (503) inclusive
and elsewhere.
DITCH, Block JKLM
continues with
(504)

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(506) Layer no. ~~110~~ 110 in section JK
NOTE

(507) Layer no. 126 in sections ~~JK and Jk~~
JK and Jk

POT ~ one large thick-walled body sherd.
Coarse lumpy handmade grey-black fabric.

(508) Layer no. 136 in sections Jk and Km.

NOTE

No more finds in Block JKLM.

Block JKLM has now been fully excavated except for some possible skeletons. These showed initially in the top of nos. 146/147/148 but were left for later examination in case they were structures which could spoil ditch plots.

** TO EXAMINE IN NAT. B/S WHEN DITCH FULLY EXC.

↑ END OF DITCH BLOCK JKLM ↑
└ SH'S TO LOOK AT WATER ┘

EXCAVATING THE DITCH EAST OF 1971 TRENCH B

[SECTION R-S AND EAST OF IT]

Only the outer edge of the ditch remains here — only that part of the ditch South of the B/S wall is within the excavated area.

The only section drawn was section R-S (revised version of E. face of 1971 Trench B.)

The men started to excavate this towards the end of Easter, after works JKLM and NPPQ.

They removed — (Section R-S nos. — see R-S) (R-S IN NOTEBOOK 13)

Layers nos. (already gone from vandals w exc. by men)
SH.295 (lost when kicked by vandals — not on plan anywhere)

R-S

297 — 297A — 298 — 299 — 300A — ~~301~~ 301 — 302 — 302A — ~~303~~ * these all extended Eastwards to where they were cut away by men H(69).

Men didn't excavate anything East of men H(69).

THE REST OF THE LAYERS EAST OF R-S
REMAIN TO BE EXCAVATED.

Layers in SECTION R-S and east of R-S
so far excavated which contained finds

(only layers with finds given strat. nos. (O))

(509) Layer no. 300 in SECTION R-S.
ARMS only.

*510 - PFT IN BOOK 20 | (511) USED LATER

EXCAVATION + NOTES ON R/S AND EAST OF IT -

(excavation continued by GY)

CONT'D.

~~(511)~~

(512) Layer no 302 in section R-S
POT - small shard of gdpot

Excavation of R-S and East of it —

G.Y. used the drain section R-S and Pillard layers through to where the ditch was cut away by brick wall / concrete foundation / large black pits.

Using the ^{R-S} section numbers —

R-S section nos.

297 — exc. by bins West of area H(69) — [G4] → it also continued East of area (69) but only existed between feature (A78) and B/S wall and slightly E. of (A78) (kicked in by vandals here).

297A — exc. by bins West of area H(69).

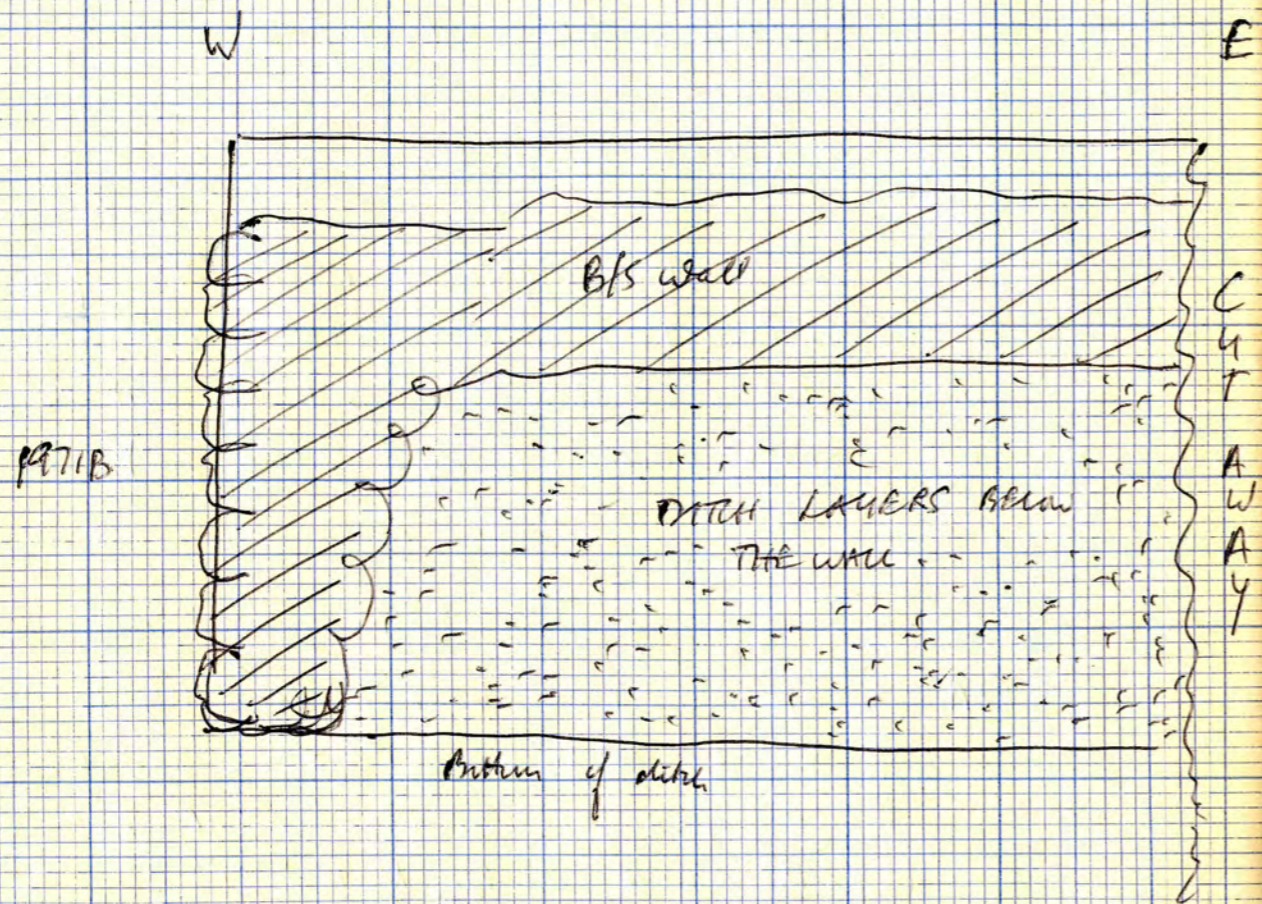
G4 — it continues East of area (69) also, and there's a slight bridge of it between area (69) and the wall to the North

298 — exc. by bins West of area (69) and doesn't continue East of area (69).

299 — exc. by bins W. of area (69). Also continues East of area (69).

~~297~~ 297, 297A, 298, and the top of 299

* The B/S wall is stepped in the N.
 Petri bed.



WON'T show in the main N-section as they were above the level of the bottom of the B/S wall. The bottom part of 299 should show just below the wall.

300 - exc. by trins West of area (69).
 Also continues East of area (69).
 Shows in main N-section.

301 - 302 - 302A - 303⁻³⁰⁴ only existed West of area (69) where they were dug by the trins.

Rest excavated by GY both E+W of area (69).

305. Continues all the way along this part of the ditch and will show in main N-section.

306. Exists both E+W of area (69) - continues all the way along this part of the ditch though partially interrupted by area (69) and pit (478).
 Not in main N-section.
 Gets thinner Eastwards.

307. Only continues about 6" East of section R-S.

308. Disappeared with sandals.

309. Continues all the way along this part of the dike. Won't be in N-section.

310 and 311 look just the same when excavated. Continues all the way along and will show in N-section as fine sand.

312. Only continues about 1'0" beyond R-S. won't be in N-section.

313. Continues all the way along this part of the dike. Gets thinner Eastwards and only about 3" thick at E-limit. Won't show in N-section.

314. Continues all the way along. Gets thinner Eastwards. Shows in N-section but only as a thin layer.

315. GY couldn't find it. GY found 314 straight on top of 306 + 323.

316 + 317 GY couldn't distinguish 316 and 317.
Exists only as one thin layer all the way along this part of the ditch.
won't be in main N-section.

318. Gps all the way along.
Shows in N-section.

319. Gps already (this section was cut back several times after vandal attacks - in 1970, cut back about 6")

320. Continues all the way along.
Shows in N-section.

321 + 322 Continues all the way along.
Shows in N-section.

323 } Continues all the way along.
324 } Not in N-section.
325 }

End of excavation.

THE DITCH FROM R/S AS FAR EAST
AS TOTALLY CUT AWAY BY BRICK WALL
+ BLACK PIT NOW FULLY EXCAVATED.

LAYERS FROM R-S EASTWARDS CONTAINING
FINDS (ONLY LAYERS WITH FINDS GIVEN
STRAT. NOS.)

STRAT
NOS.

(519)

Layer no 305 in section R-S
POT 1 small shard of gpt-pot.

(520)

Layer no. 309 in section R-S.

STONE

(521)

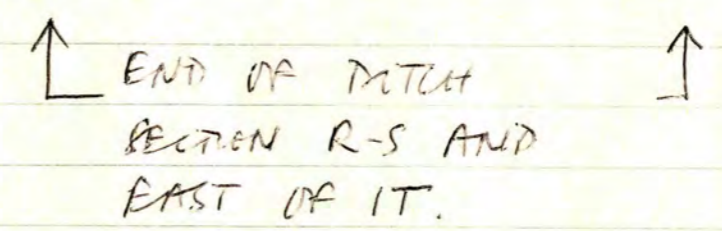
Layer no. 320 in section R-S

POT

1 rounded shard of gpt-pot.

(522) Unstratified but found in loose soil
excavated from this area of the ditch.
P.T. Island blackish fabric spot-pot.

(523) Unstratified.
Came from area of R-S and Eastward
but found in soil AFTER clearing down
main N. section // P/S wall // P/S wall North
to PITTS of stepped wall junction just E.
of 1971 trench B.
BRONZE OBJ.

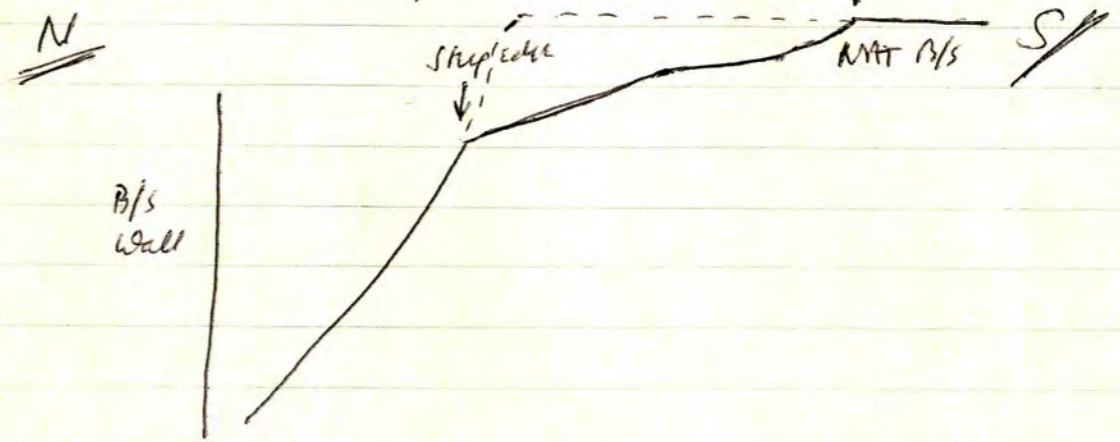


P.T.O.

NOTE

From section R-S and Eastwards, the excavated ditch has a slightly different profile — probably due to less erosion of the edge.

* [eg. West of 1971 trench B the ditch profile generally is ...]



... which is probably an erosion of an original profile ...



It is the level part which forms the primary silt in the ditch bottom.] P.T.O.

* * * This is nonsense! (True, but not in relation to profiles east+west of 1971B.)

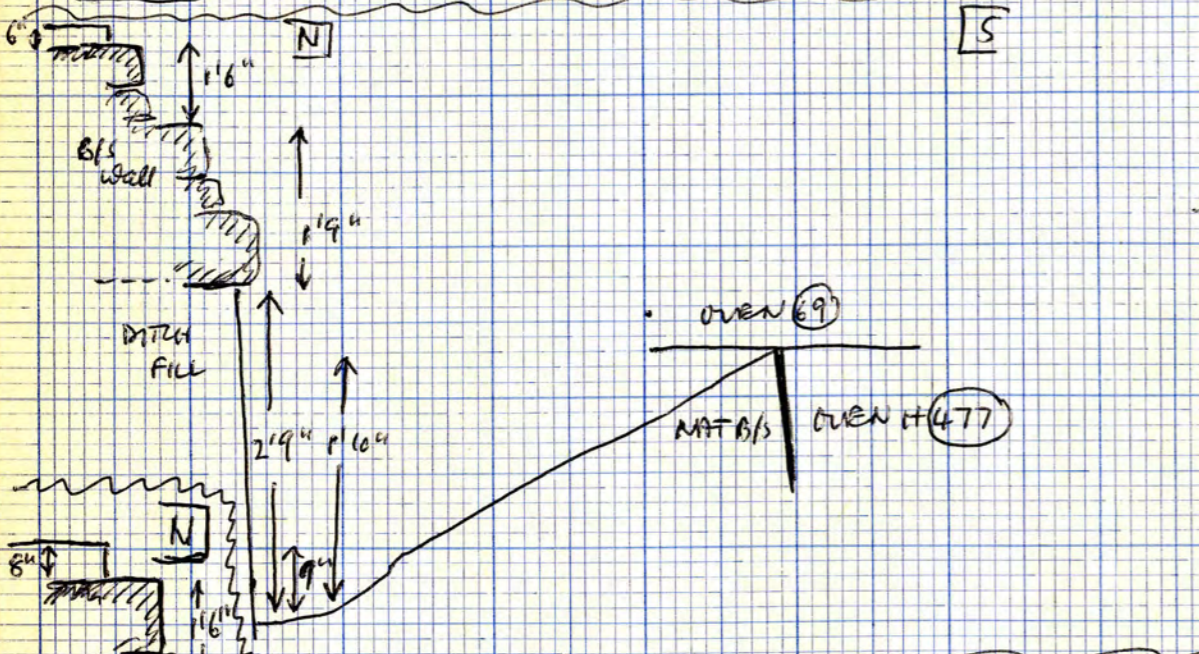
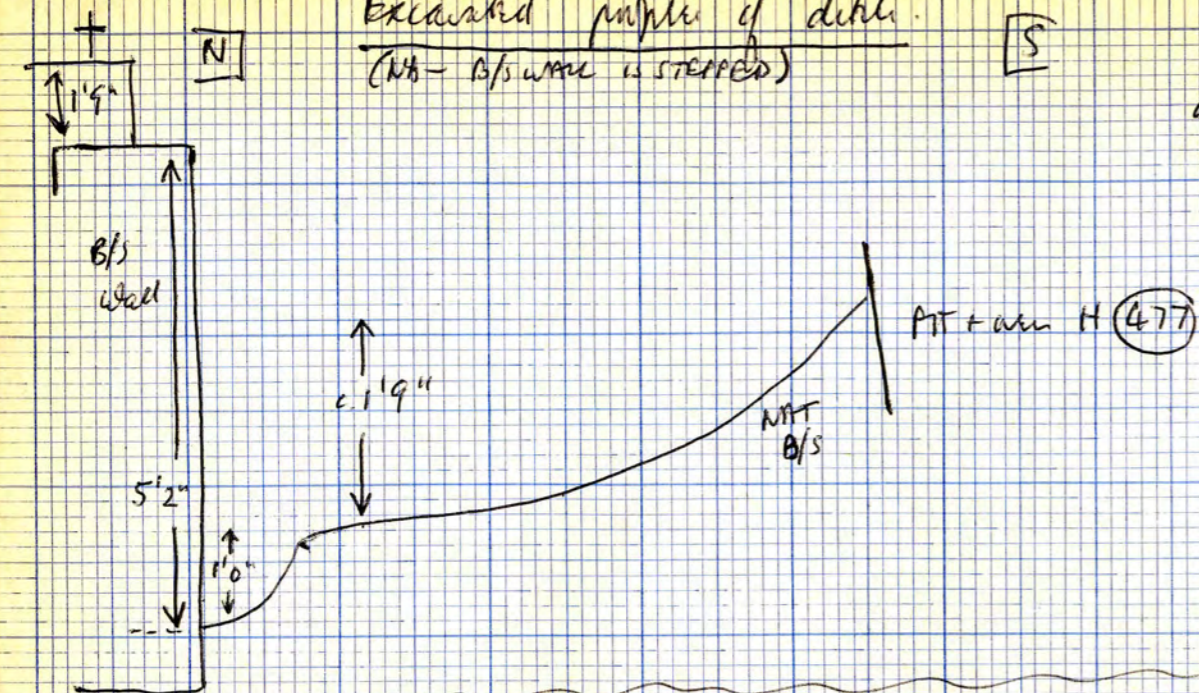
This steep edge to the ditch East of 1971 trench B is further south than surviving steep edge elsewhere! (see main plan).

Either a slight directional change, or irregularly-profiled ditch, or level edge has collapsed in East of 1971B.

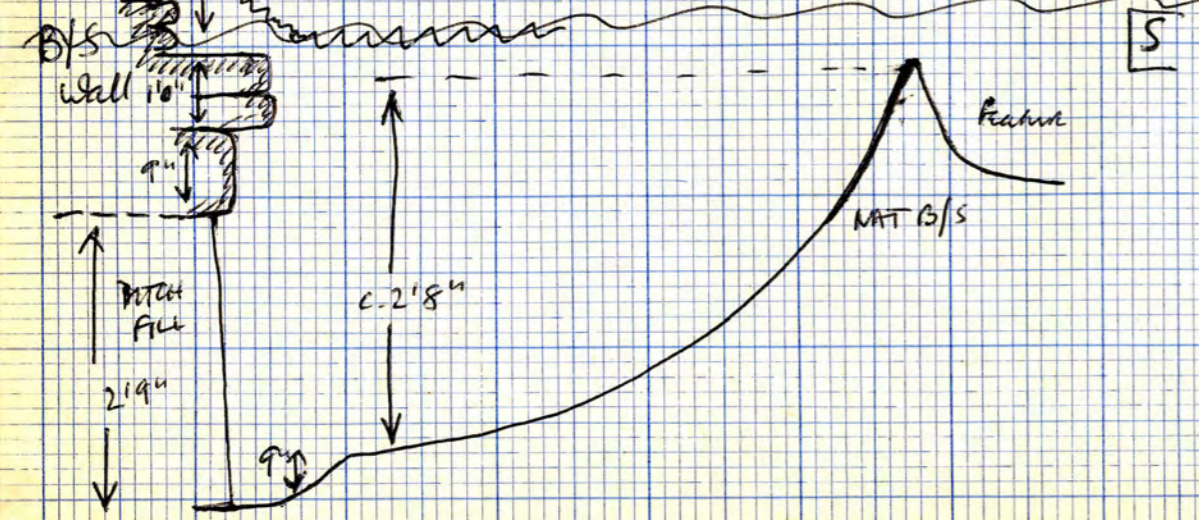
Excavated profile of ditch.
(NB - B/S wall is stepped)

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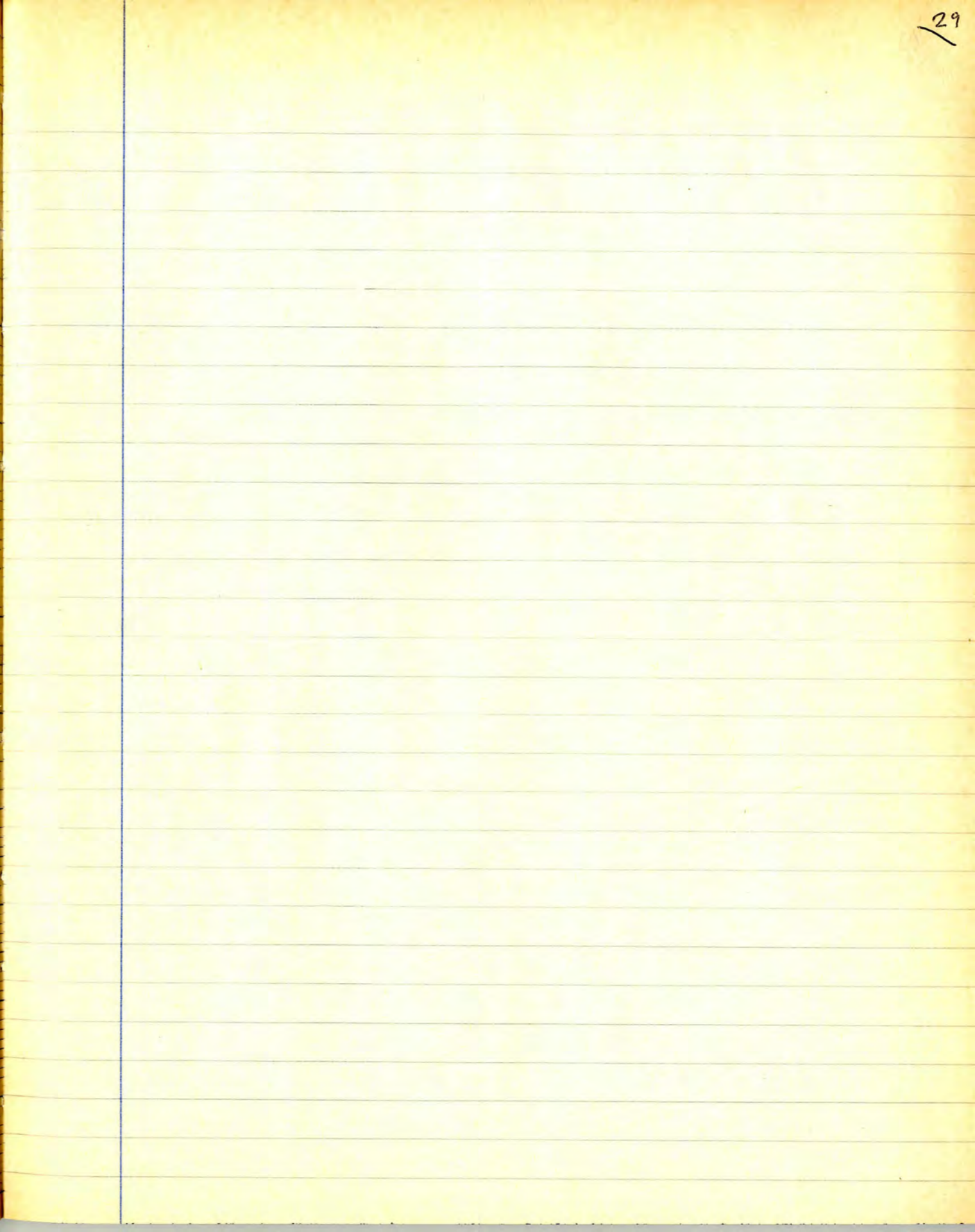
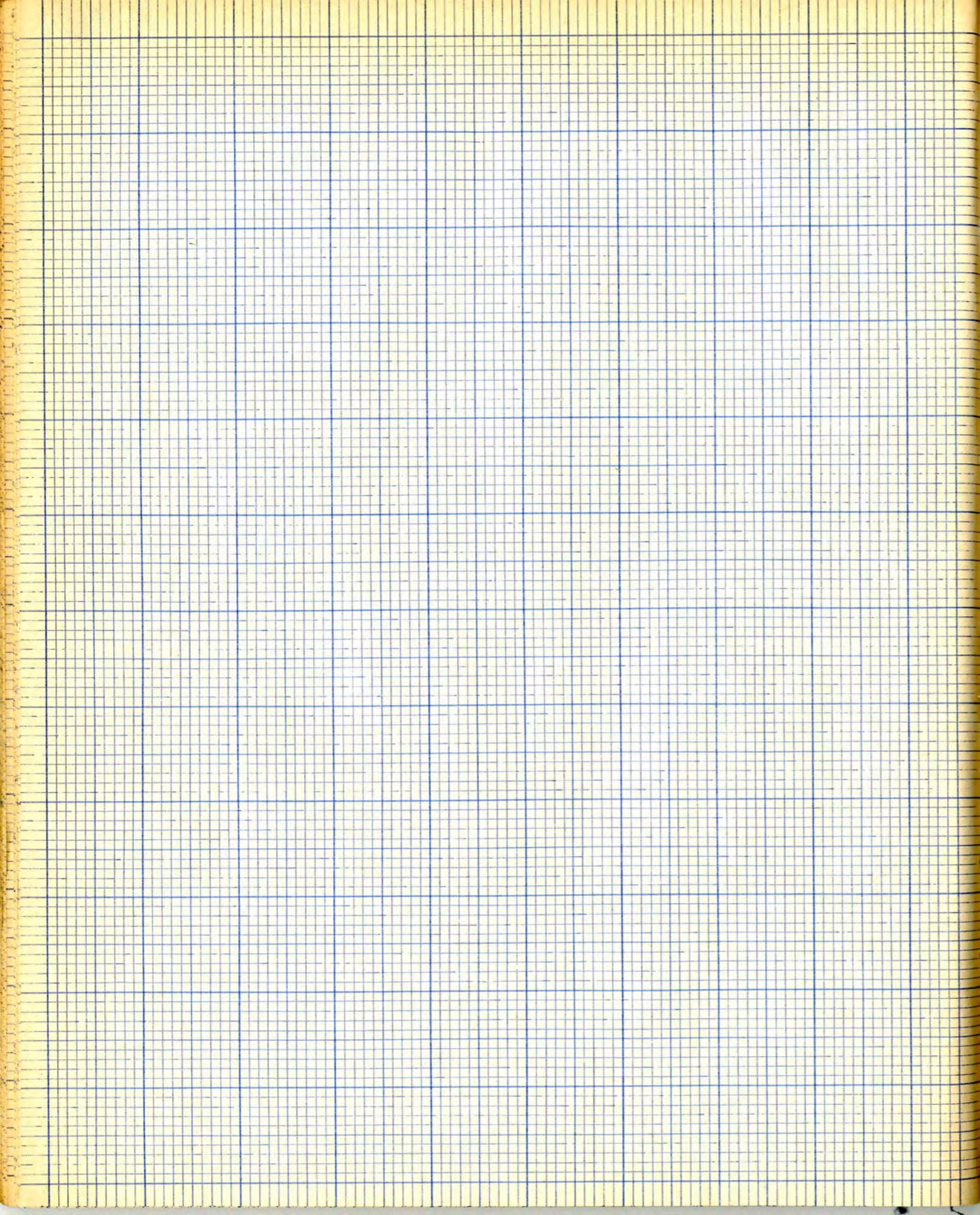
at R-S -
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measured
section.

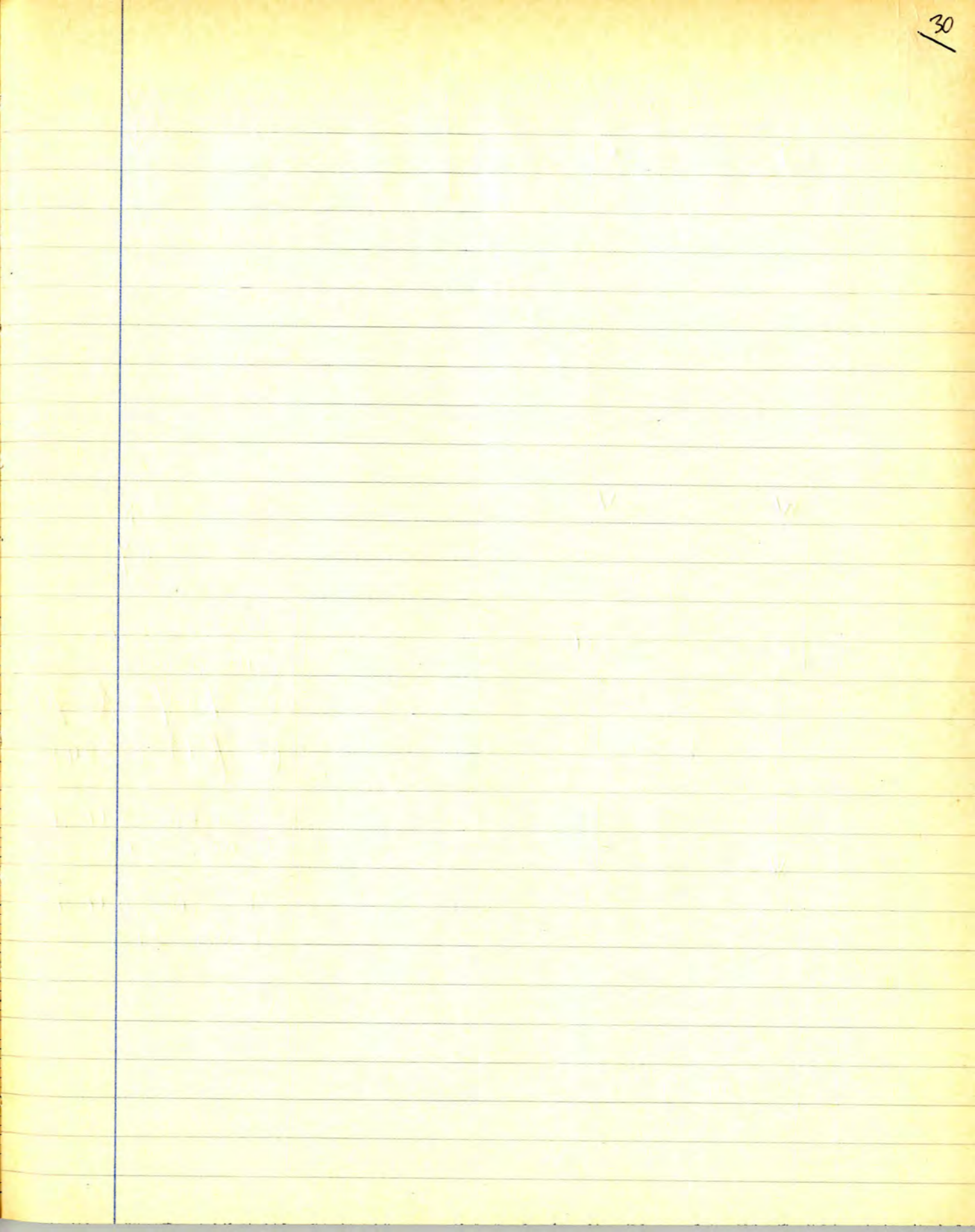
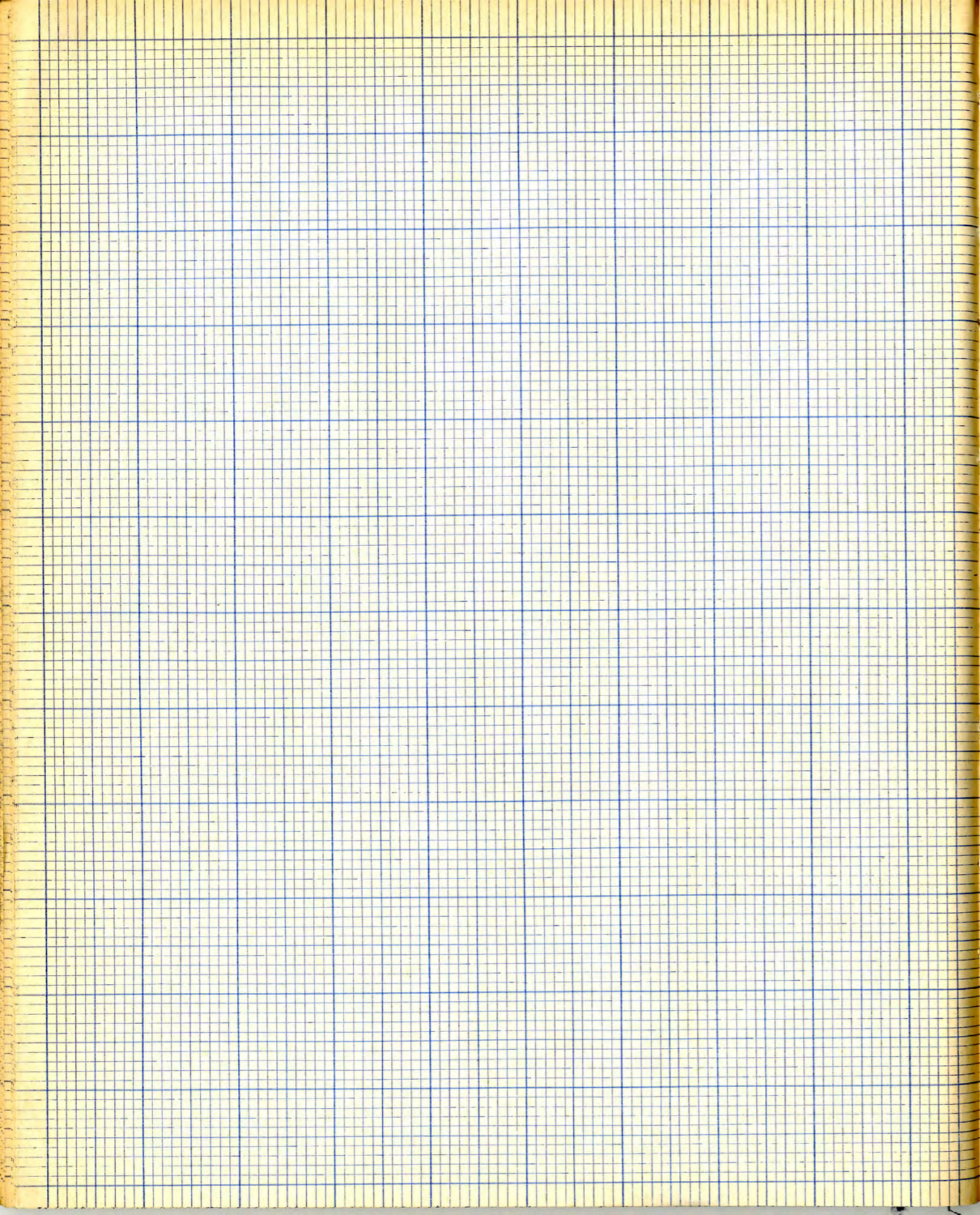


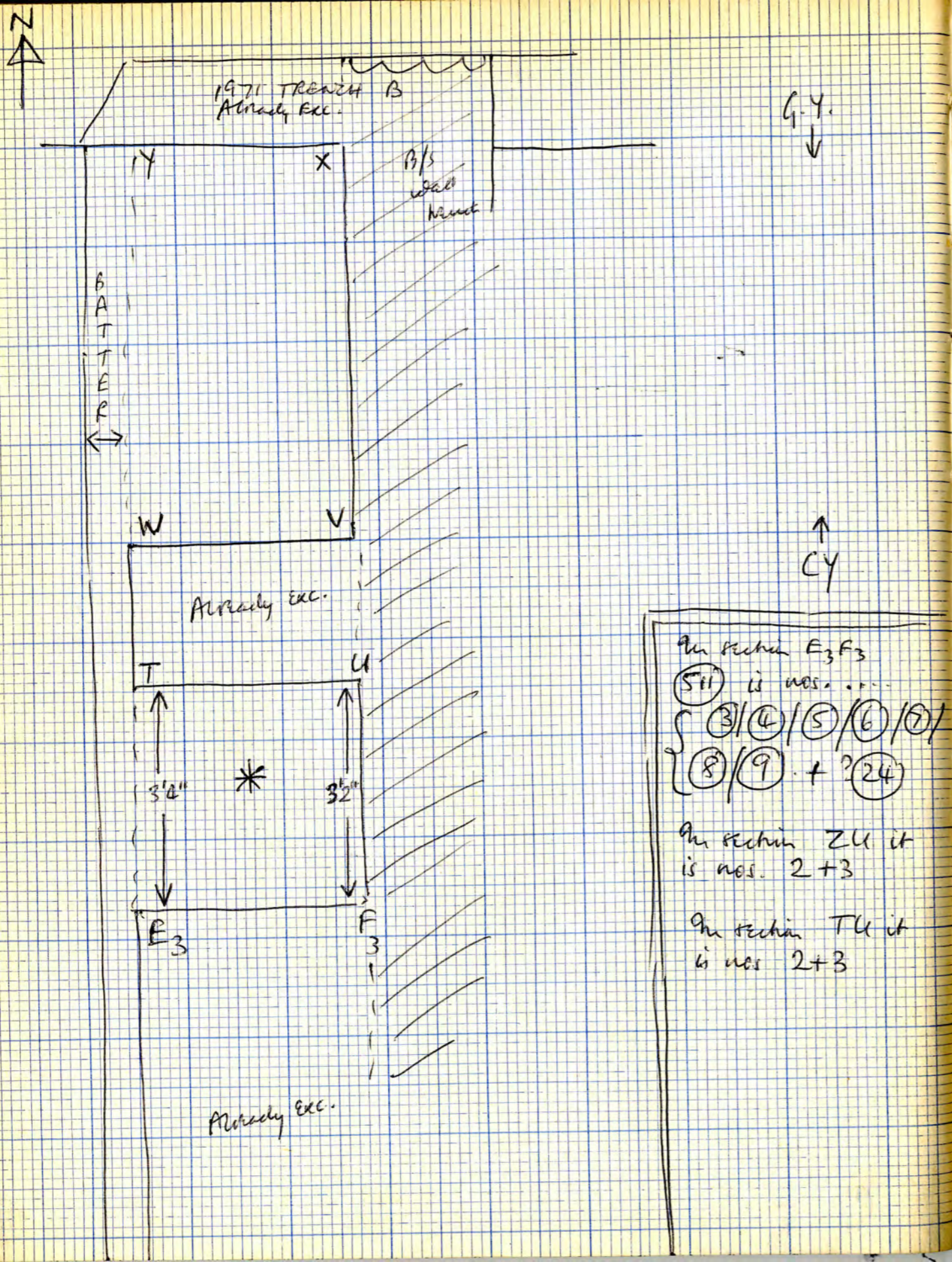
5'6"
East of
R-S



7'6"
East of
R-S to
End of area H
(brick wall +
concrete block)







THE DITCH

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EXPLANATION OF

SECTION E₃ F₃ TO SECTION TU } see sketch plan opposite, + earlier sketches
(Block E₃ F₃ - TU)

22/4/74

NOTE This has got thoroughly dried out with only one day of rain in the past few weeks. Impossible to travel → dust; impossible to pickaxe → large lumps of "concrete", and the sections break away. Layers impossible to see.

* Removed (by pickaxe) (by CSBY) also excavated ① separately

⑤11 = The top layer of TURF = no. ④ (+③) in E₃ F₃ which continues into F₃U and into TU where it is number 2.

This won't show in the main North Section, at least in this area.

DEPOSIT A

* Contains a large number of bones which were impossible to excavate without fragmenting them as they are fragile and decayed, in coarse-hard sand.

* No pottery found.

* SAMPLE taken for organic / pollen analysis.

May have taken some thin underlying layers with it, ensuring that it's all gone.

Excavated by following the line of down sections. Taken off totally from E₃ F₃ to TU.

In section E₃ F₃ ⑤11 is nos. ...
(③/④/⑤/⑥/⑦/
⑧/⑨ + ②4)

In section ZU it is nos. 2+3

In section TU it is nos. 2+3

(513) would be

in section E₃F₃, nos. (10)/(11)/(12)/(13)/(14)/(15)/(16)/(17)/(18)/(19)
(20)/(21)/(22)/(23)/(25)/(26)/(27)/(28)/(29)/(30)/(31)/(32)/(33)/
(34)/(35)/(36) AND (37)

in section ZU, nos. 9/11/14

in section TU, nos. 4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12/13/14/15

After removing (511) all over

* Bottomed the ditch in
Stage (1) before
continuing with Stage (2)

[512] USED IN R/S]

(513) After removing (511). { Picked but carefully
sifted for finds.
Under (511). (Stage (1))

Being unable to follow layers I removed as (513)
all the sands down to the next turf layers,
which would be down to the blue clayon
line on drawing of E₃F₃. At a stretch, these
could be treated as a group of layers but
as a result it won't be possible to relate E₃F₃
to TU in great detail.

DEPOSIT
B

Also removed (37) on E₃F₃ so that all the
turf layers could be treated as a group.

On removal, all (513) was dirty grey-brown sand —
only distinguishable layer was the one in N.
section with lots of pebbles and large lumps of
white sand.

* [Excavated in two stages —
(1) From E₃F₃ to half way between it and TU
(2) From half way, to TU.

in Stage (1), (513) contained BONES
but NO POT.

Turfs carefully handled

(514) Under (513). (Stage (1))

All the TURF LAYERS.

9 numbered them as one group, which is effect they are, forming a continuous band N-S (and E-W) with only slight variations.

DEPOSITC They show in section in E₃F₃, T₁₁, and N-section, (and in section N-S at the completion of stage (1)).

Carefully handled out.

This group would be nos. (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) (43) in section E₃F₃, and nos 16 in T₁₁ (which is probably just no. (41) from E₃F₃, unless layers not distinguished in T₁₁)

* SAMPLES TAKEN SEPARATELY (OF TURFS) —
... for analysis of organic material / pollen analysis.

SAMPLES

(514A) ~ of no. (41) in E₃F₃
(514B) ~ of nos (40)/(43) (together) in E₃F₃

In stage (1), (514) contains —

BONES

FOOT 3 slabs hard black fabric footst

STONE 1 reddish sandstone. (Kept)

SAMPLES as opposite

A layer like: probably same
 NB (515) also occurs in a patch
 in similar stratigraphical position
 R. huts just W. of section XY =
 1971 track B.

(516) could be...
 nos. (45) / (46) / (47) / (48)
 (49) / (50) / (51) / (52) / (53)
 in section E3 F3.
 ... no. 17 in ZU
 and no. 17 in TU

(516) would be down to
 green line in section
 drawing of E3 F3; could
 well be no. 17 in
 section TU.

(515) Under (514) (Stage (1))

The "loamy" white/grey deposit in E3 F3 (no. (44))
 continues only about 3" East of E3 F3,
 where it terminates.
 Truncated out.

EXTRA

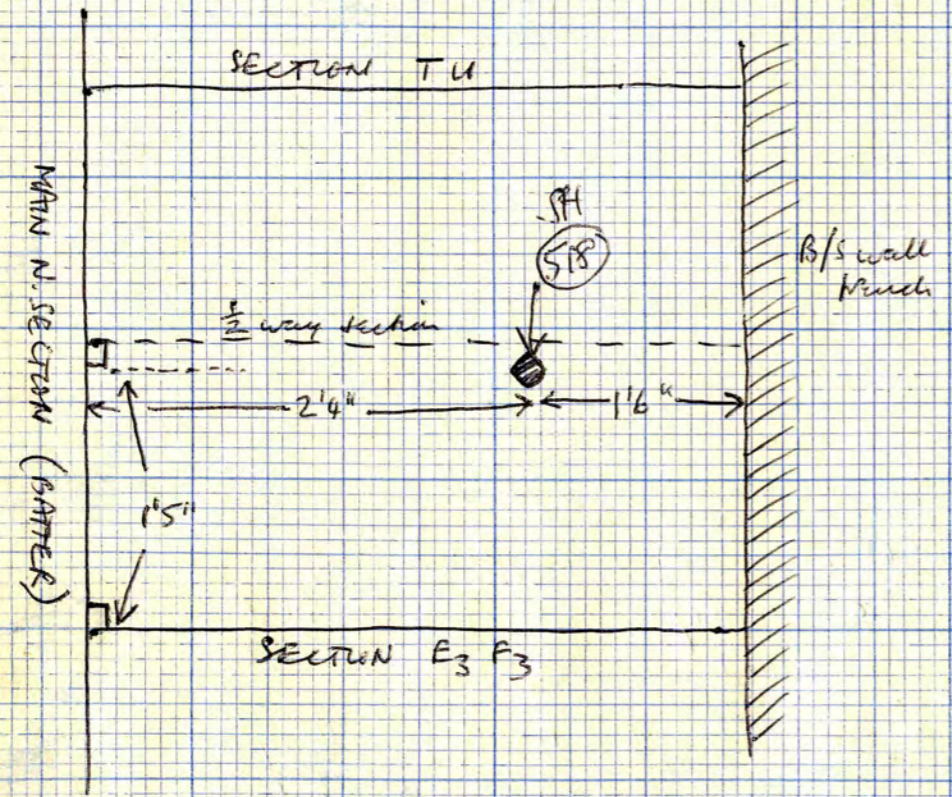
(516) Under (515) (Stage (1))

Under (514) mostly, where (515) doesn't exist.
 Carefully travelled down.
 Several layers grouped together. They are in
 fact one deposit, and when broken up such
 from a continuous E-W and N-S band of
 dirty off-white sands under the huts
 where (515) doesn't exist. Below them is a
 hard fairly level surface (slight dip from S to N.)
 of clean yellows / dirty yellows = PRIMARY SILTS.
 An N-S section between E3 F3 and TU (end of
 stage (1)), (516) is c. 5" thick in main N section, c.
 3" to 4" thick in N-side of B/S wall - much.
 NO FINDS AT ALL (* no down R-B pt) in Stage (1) of this.

DEPOSIT
 D

SKETCH-PLAN OF STAKEHOLE (518)
(* NOT OTHERWISE PLANNED)

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(Stage (1))
(517) All the PRIMARY SILTS (clayey, hard yellowish sh. - mostly v. clean layers) under (516) down to the NATURAL bottom of the ditch.

DEPOSIT E Excavated by travelling to a vertical face to check for any more stakeholes (one possible is already evident in the surface; this was under (514) into (516))

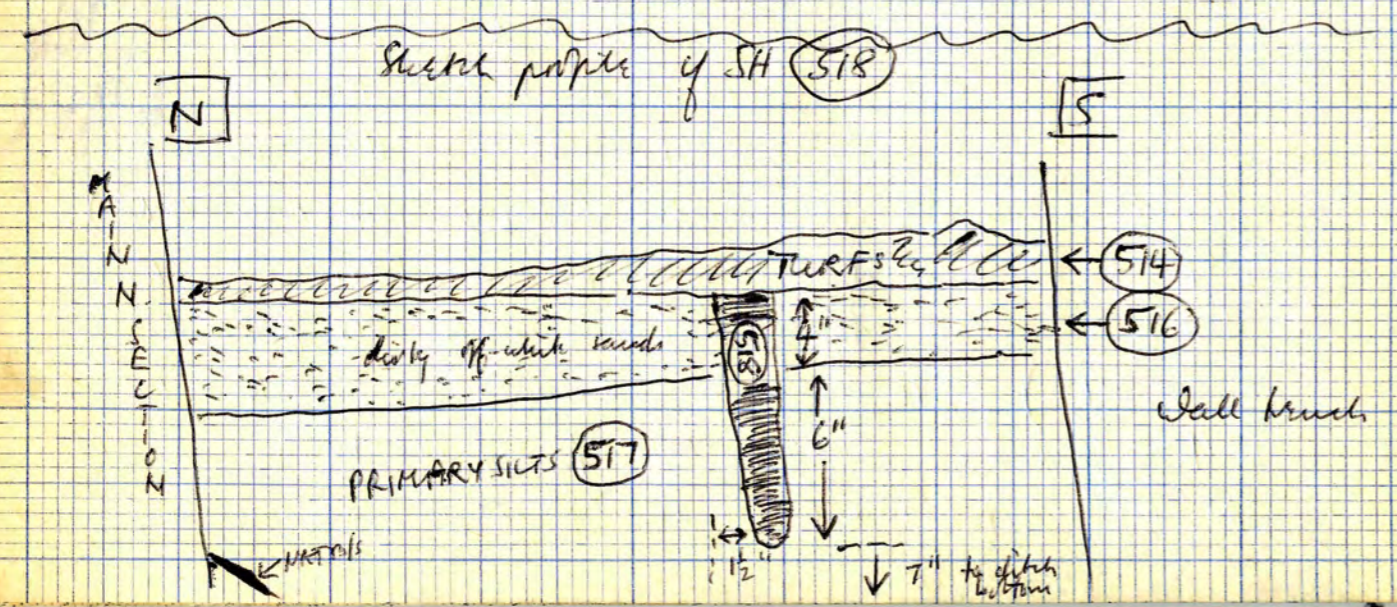
Indicated by heavy line in all sections.

(518) STAKEHOLE <NOT ON MAIN PLAN - SKETCH ONLY>

Found under turf (514) (but? from higher level). Goes into (516) and continues into (517)

Squarish in plan.
10" deep. 2" x 2" subrectangular at top.
Rounded bottom.
Fill of top 3" = grey turfy soil with sand.
The rest is soft fine mid-grey sand with one or two pecks of ch. d.

* There are other stakes at this level to go with (518)



INTERRUPTION

GENERAL NOTE ON THE DITCH

For the area N. of the B/S wall —

For publication I think all the layers should be grouped into main deposits (as they have been excavated in E₃ F₃ to T₄). Layers fit into these groups quite well, and fit the general picture given by every down section, and in how the sections look on the ground if one stands back and looks and doesn't analyse minute detail.

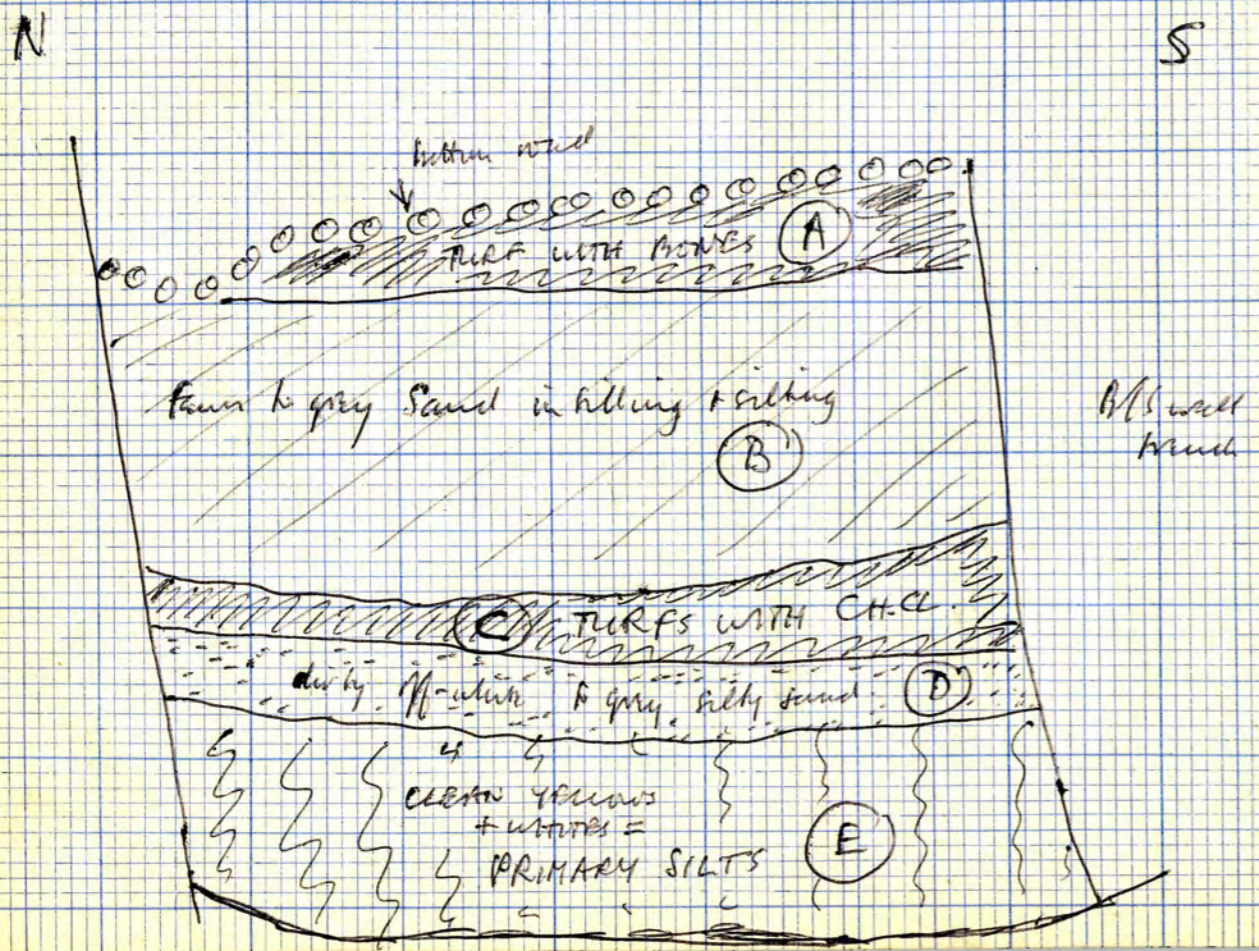
These deposits would be —

- A. Top turf with bones (under bottom road)
- ↓
- B. Sand with filling / partial silting. Generally
↓ turn are slightly silty sand layers with a
↓ slight variation from fawn to grey-fawn to grey
Very little textural difference.
- C. Group of turf layers with charcoal — slight
↓ variations from darkish grey to blackish grey —
↓ areas slight textural differences but all clayey / turfy.
- D. Dirty off-white sand deposit about 5" to 6"
↓ thick w/ primary silts
- E. Primary silts = clean yellow, redeposited materials
etc. etc.

P.T.O.

Sketch section of main ditch deposits (for publication).

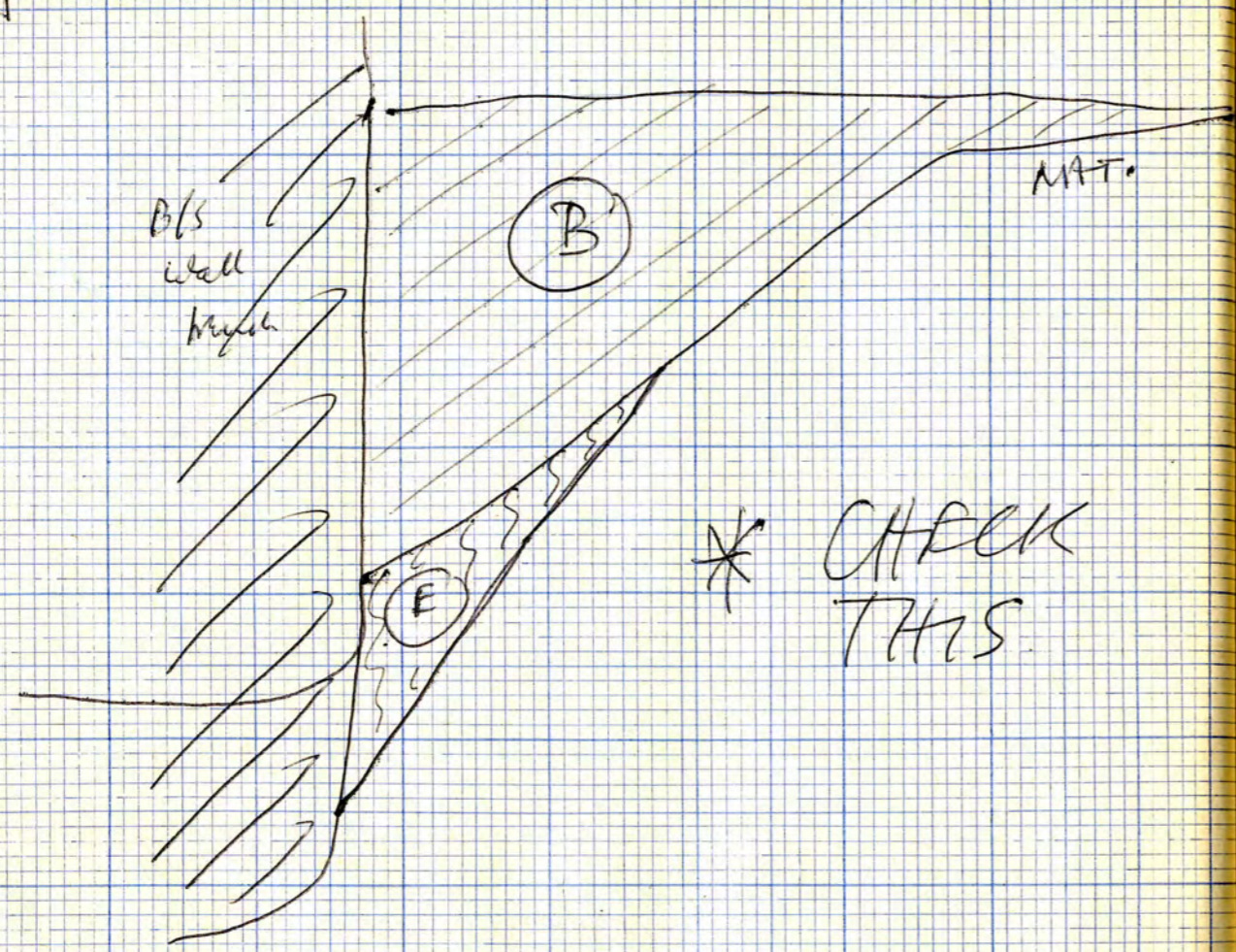
* Deposit (A) doesn't appear in all sections



South of the B/S wall -
Main ditch deposits.

N

S



* CHECK THIS

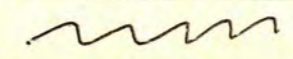
GENERAL NOTE, CONT.

The area S of the B/S wall will be a little more problematic, and also not very reliable/usable for dating. Primarily this area contains only deposits B and E, though there may be slight indications of the others.

Will of course, have to incorporate extra detail with this general picture, eg. Stakeholes, and open burry/very pit which underlies the road.

Unfortunately, B* seems to be a very complex deposit, as far as deposition of layers. But I'm sure will deal with all features which postdate this deposit, and have removed all stratification which might go with T/B's or other features. Primarily all features in H post-date or go with latter road, with one or two exceptions.

Despite the complexity of B, to date all the pottery from it indicates it covers a fairly narrow date-range ~ all common hand-made stuff (9A/R-B/early or mid-Saxon) with a scatter of R-B sherds. So far, at the time of this note, we've removed about 2/3 of the ditch in the N. Extension.



DITCH

BLOCK E₃F₃/TU CONTINUED

C.Y.

SEE BACK TWO PAGES
FOR MAIN DEPOSITS.

Stage (1) of E₃F₃ to TU has now been completed.
 Casualty examination of the section halfway between
 E₃F₃ and TU shows only the MAIN DEPOSITS
 as excavated (all very dry, and spraying only
 means it as it's got too dry even for that, with E+NE
 winds). The only distinctive layer in the
 sand infilling/silting (DEPOSIT B) is the one with
 large bits of white sand which has continued
 through and shows in main N. section.

Stage (2) ~ from immediate section to ~~the~~ TU
 Excavated in main deposits working to vertical section
 as in stage (1).

The main deposits studied, had two pages,
 A/B/C/D/E ~ "A" already removed from E₃F₃ to TU
 as (511).

ALL THE MAIN DEPOSITS CONTINUE RIGHT
 THROUGH FROM E₃F₃ → immediate section → TU.
 Deposits renumbered from immediate section
 to TU (stage (2))

P.T.O.

513A

Under 511

This is the continuation of 513 and is the same deposit.

This would be main deposit B.

DEPOSIT B

Refilling / silting of fully grey to brown sands under top hwt A (= 511) down to bottom group of hwt B (= 514)

In section TU this would be nos. 3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12/13/14/15 (but ?? 14/15 should go with hwt) * Contain a number of large broken pebbles - ? heat.

BONES Quite a lot

Two funny STONES (kept)

FLINT ~ 1 ? Made

POT - 3 sherds = 2 body sherds coarse handmade black fabric
1 small body sherd coarse (needs washing)

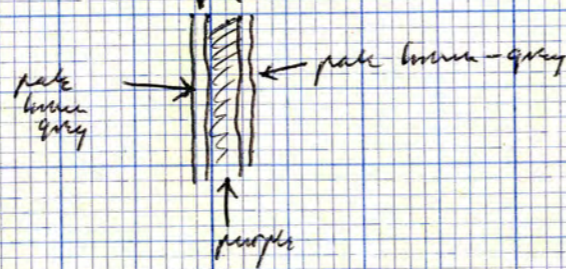
APPENDIX

(514D) Potsherd from the West section of the North extension — found where drawing the final sections.

Using section nos. (see scale drawing and notebook 9A), this occurs below no. 464 (hwt) on the surface of no. 463 (hwt) — belongs to the group of hwt layers deposit C, but can be accurately pin-pointed.

This is hard well-fired body sherd — fast wheel — gritty fabric with purple core, then blackish, with grey-brown outer surfaces. Pimply.

MUST BE R-B (?)



Looks a bit like midland purple!

Looks a bit like the R-B pot from working West to East up to Section E3F3

(pot with hand rim + possible lid-seating)

* CHECK IF IT'S SAME POT — THE RIM WAS IN FG/H/ (500)

(514C) Under (513A)

This is the continuation of (514) and is the same deposit. Group of charcoally hwt layers. This would be main deposit C.

DEPOSIT C

Turky/organic matter — probably from several streams plantgrowth in the ditch? What about the charcoal?

An section TU this would be no. 16

* Contains a number of scattered pebbles (?heat)

BONES

STONE reddish ? sandstone (kept)

2 or 3 ? pebbles (scattered) or stones or ?? slag (kept)

FIRED CLAY (small waxy lump — or is it stone?)

CHARCOAL 2 or 3 solid bits kept.

(514D) See additional note opposite R-B POT IN DITCH TURNS IN W. SECTION OF N. EXTENSION See notebook 9A

(516A) Under (514C) (there's no ash (515) here).
This is a continuation of (516) and is the
same deposit.

DEPOSIT
D

This would be main deposit D.
Dirty off-white sands or finely bedded with
yellow, brown, and grey sand. Probably a water
deposition or wash off ditch-sides etc. *

Down to nat. b/s of ditch bottom.

In section TU this would be no. 17

Contents — NO POT etc.

ONLY 1 LUMP OF SLAG which is resting immediately
on the primary silts.

(S17A)

Under (S16A)

DEPOSIT
E

This is a continuation of (S17) and is the same deposit.

This would be main deposit E.

Clear yellow & white with a varying waxy "central channel" which isn't consistent all along the ditch = PRIMARY SILTS - probably a rapid deposit of collapsing ditch edges in thin soft natural - largely made up of redeposited natural plus some waterborne sands.

An section T4 this would be nos. 18/19/20/21/22

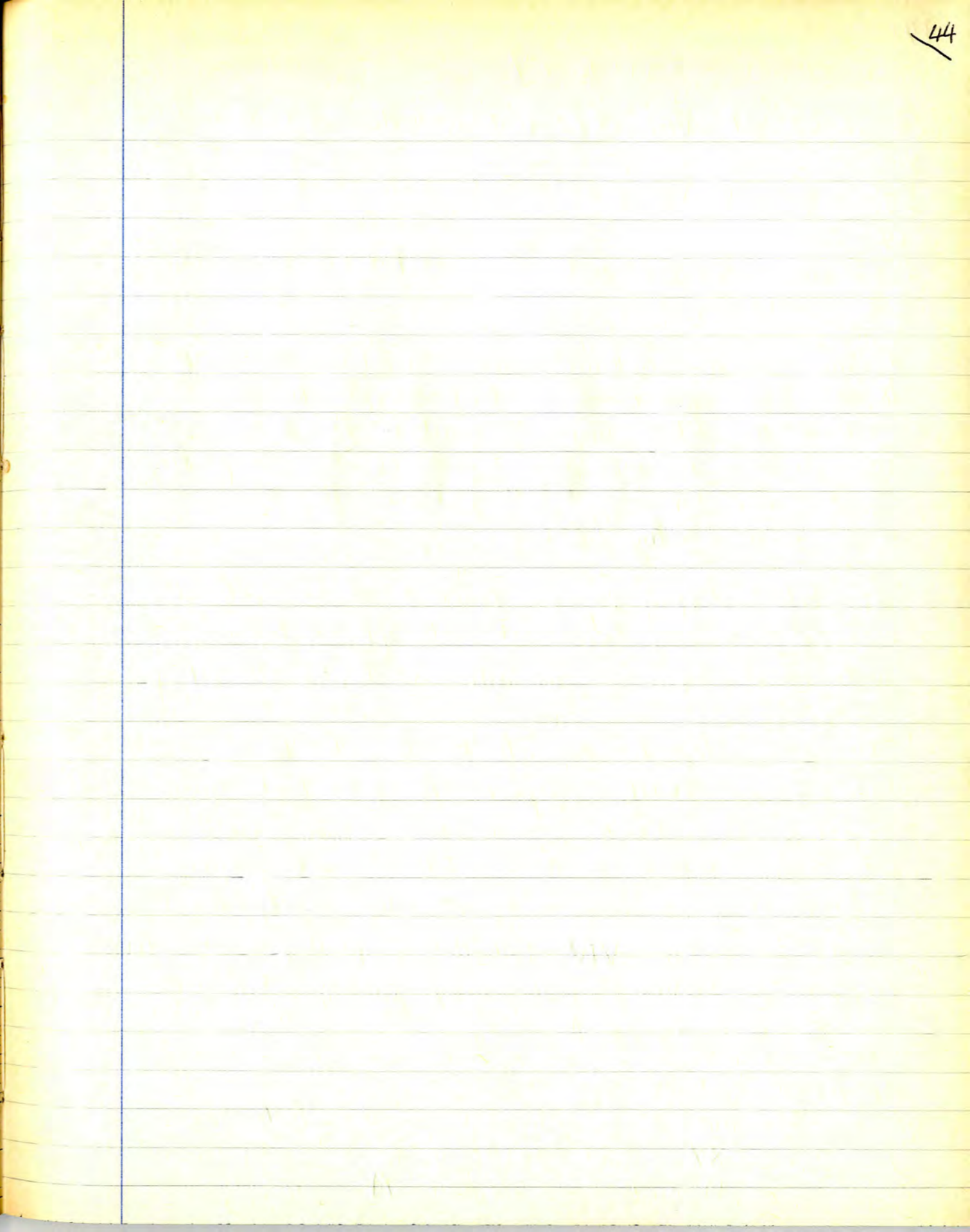
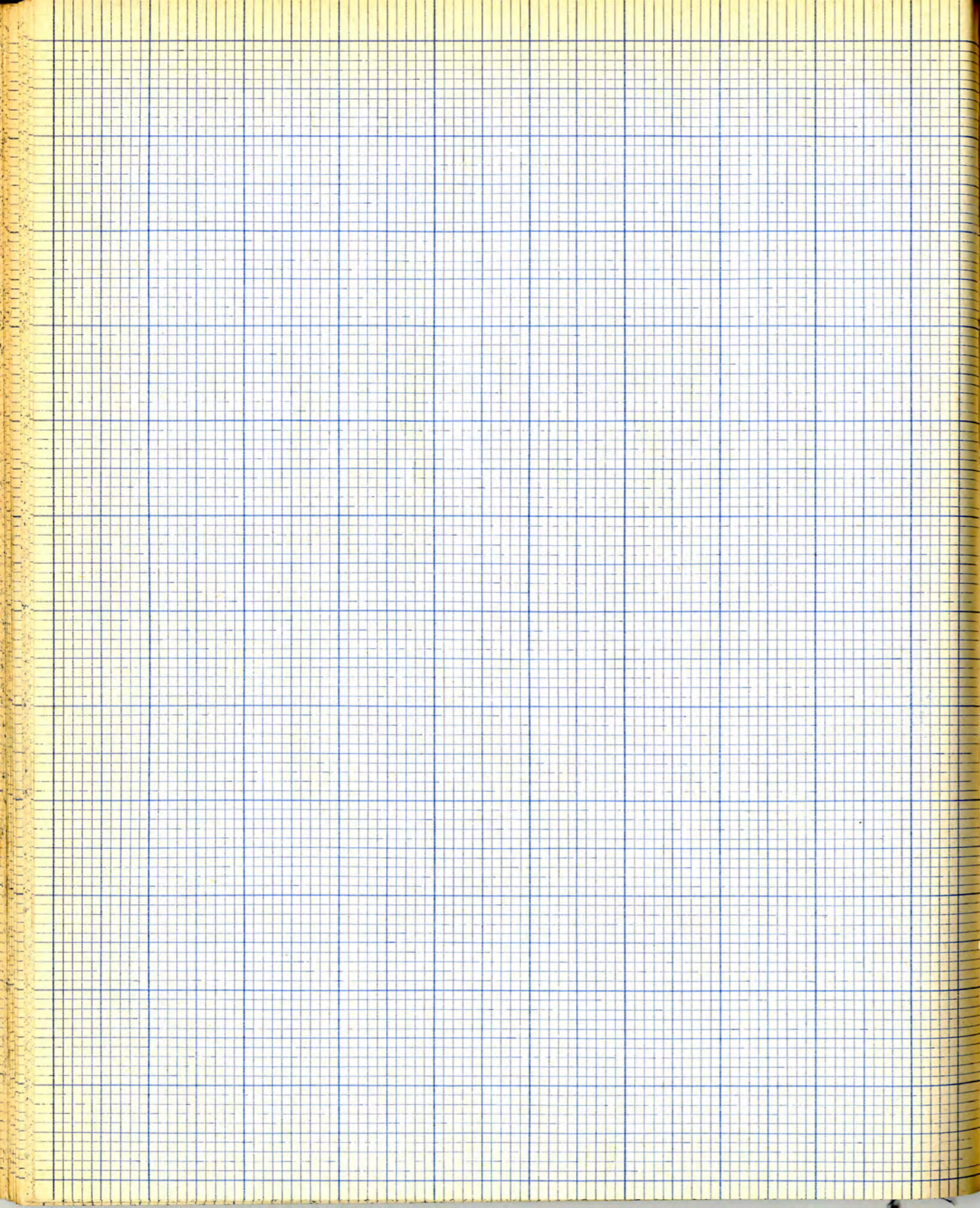
~~NO~~

NO FINDS AT ALL

EXCAVATION OF E₃F₃ TO TU
NOW COMPLETED.

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The ditch is now fully excavated
except for the block VW - XY
(see previous sketch plans).



DITCH

NOTE ON BLOCK VW TO XY

GY started at ~~block~~ XY and worked west towards VW.

CY started at VW and worked east towards XY.

Eventually CY + GY met to COMPLETE excavation of the ditch.

Because of the extremely dry conditions the stuff is ~~not~~ like concrete and dust except for the cracks of the block and the bottom 18" or so.

This makes it impossible to follow the complexity of the deposition of MAIN DEPOSIT B, the sortly sand in filling / sitting.

So, before digging, we decided to excavate in main deposits only and not attempt to follow individual layers — see notes on E3F3 to TU.

The main deposits are A-B-C-D-E.

There is no TRUE deposit A (top not under "road") in this block, but the whole "surface" below the bottom road is littered with grass, and there is a layer of slightly heavy fine sand in section VW (no 75 ~ possibly = 2 in TU — see notes on TVVW) which may possibly EQUAL the top not deposit A.

To avoid contamination ~

Starting from VW no 75 treated as deposit A ~
Starting from XY run arbitrary top 6" (loads of grass)
as possibly = VW no. 75 = deposit A (it's all hard & grey)

DITCH

WORKING EASTWARDS FROM SECTION VW
TOWARDS SECTION XY (= Adams W. face of 1971 B)

** SEE XY TO VW

* No extra numbers ~ all this block XY-VW was excavated by GY working from East to West, from XY to VW.

Excavated in main deposits A-B-C-D-E.
Done in 2' strips approx., working to a vertical section, boltoning each strip before continuing the next.

P.T.O.

THE MAIN DEPOSITS

The main deposits (see previous notes) with their equivalent numbers in section VW are as follows —

SEE XY
to VW

↓

(524)

DEPOSIT A

The huff or huffy sand(s) just below bottom road, containing large numbers of bones....

= nos. 75/77 in section VW

SEE XY to VW

(525)

DEPOSIT B (under A)

the complex sand/silty sand in filling/partial silting. All grey-fine sand to sandy...

= nos. R/79/76/4/80/81/82/6/12/83/84
in section VW

See XY to VW

(526)

DEPOSIT C (under B)

charwal ... The group of grey to black beds with

= nos. 16/85/86/87 in section VW

See XY to VW

(527) DEPOSIT D (Under C)

The off white sands with multicoloured speckling of grey, brown, + yellow sand. Probably a water-silt from ditch sides etc., immediately over the primary silt

= nos. 88/89/90/91/92/17
in section VW

See XY to VW

(528) DEPOSIT E (under D)

The primary silts ~ largely clean hard yellows =
bedrocked materials from ditch sides plus some
water-borne sands

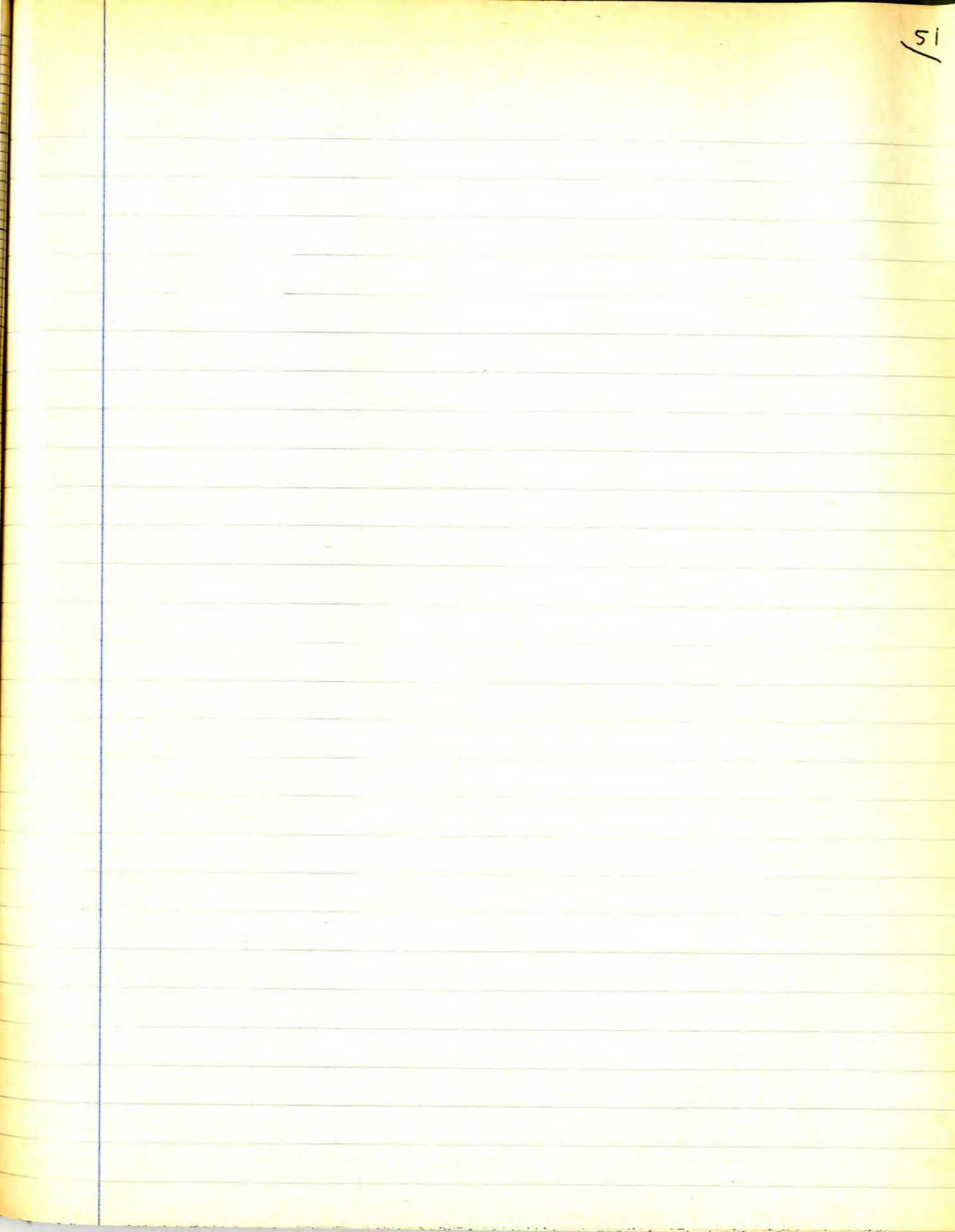
= nos. 93/94/95/96/97/98/99/100
22
in section VW

See XY to VW

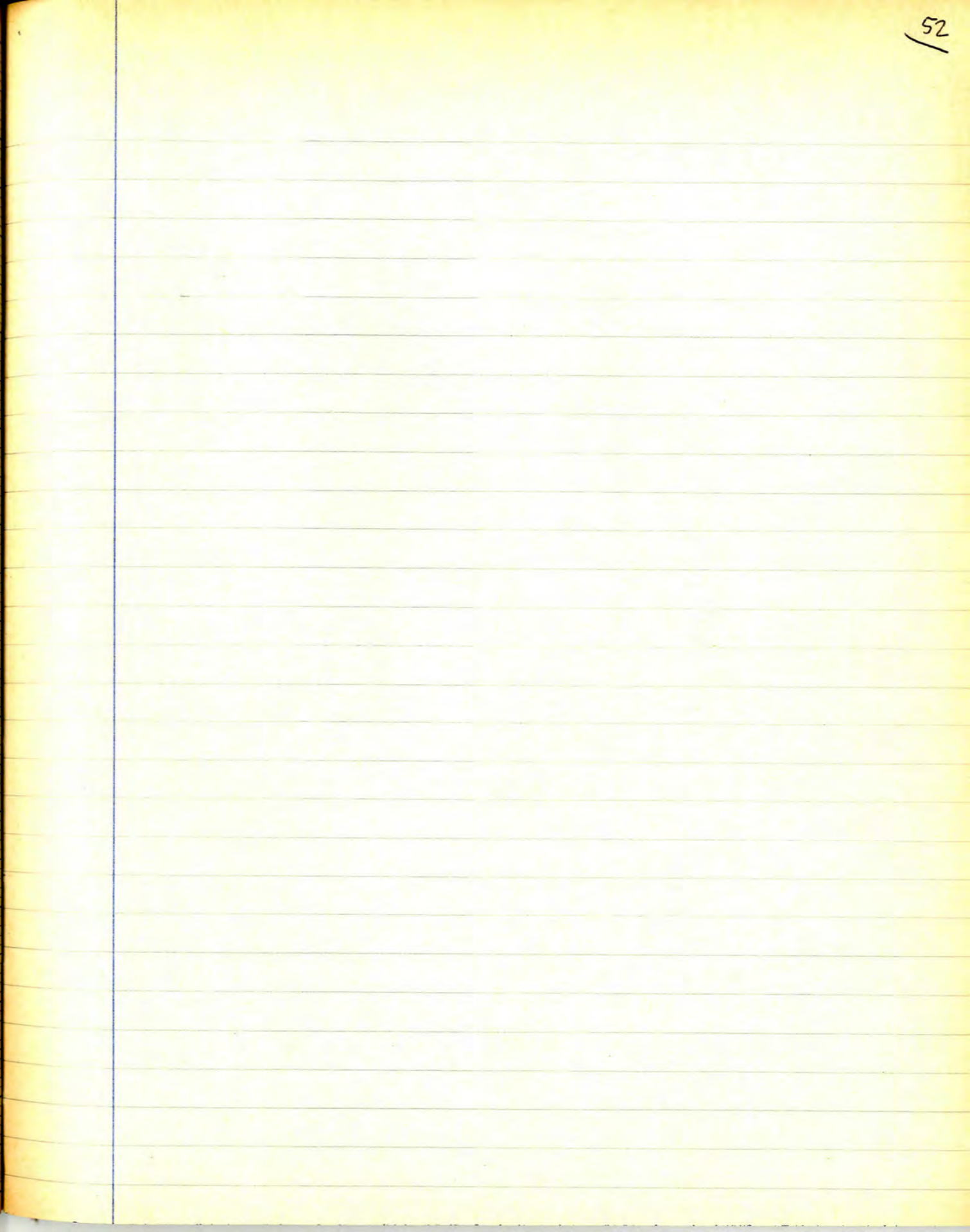
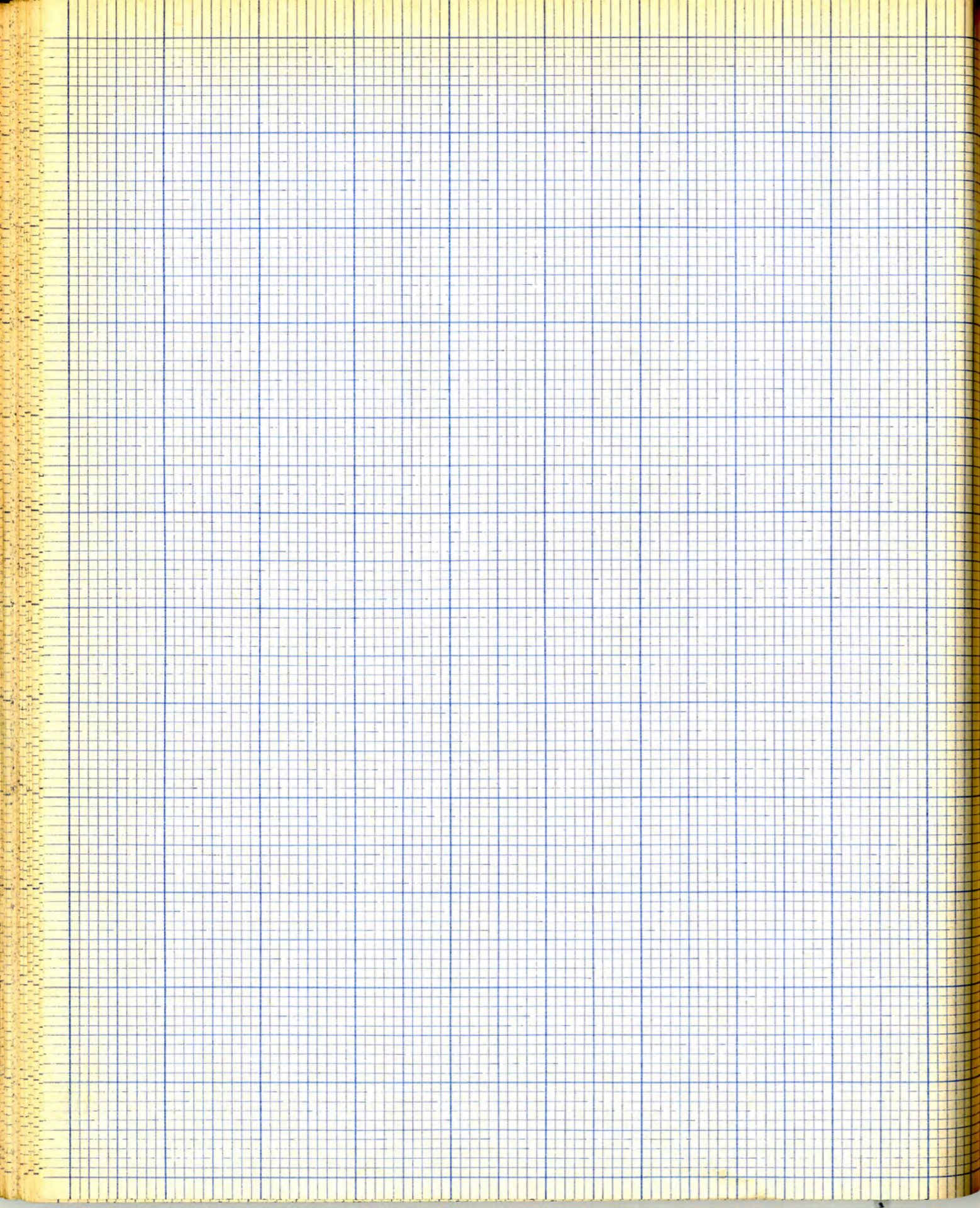
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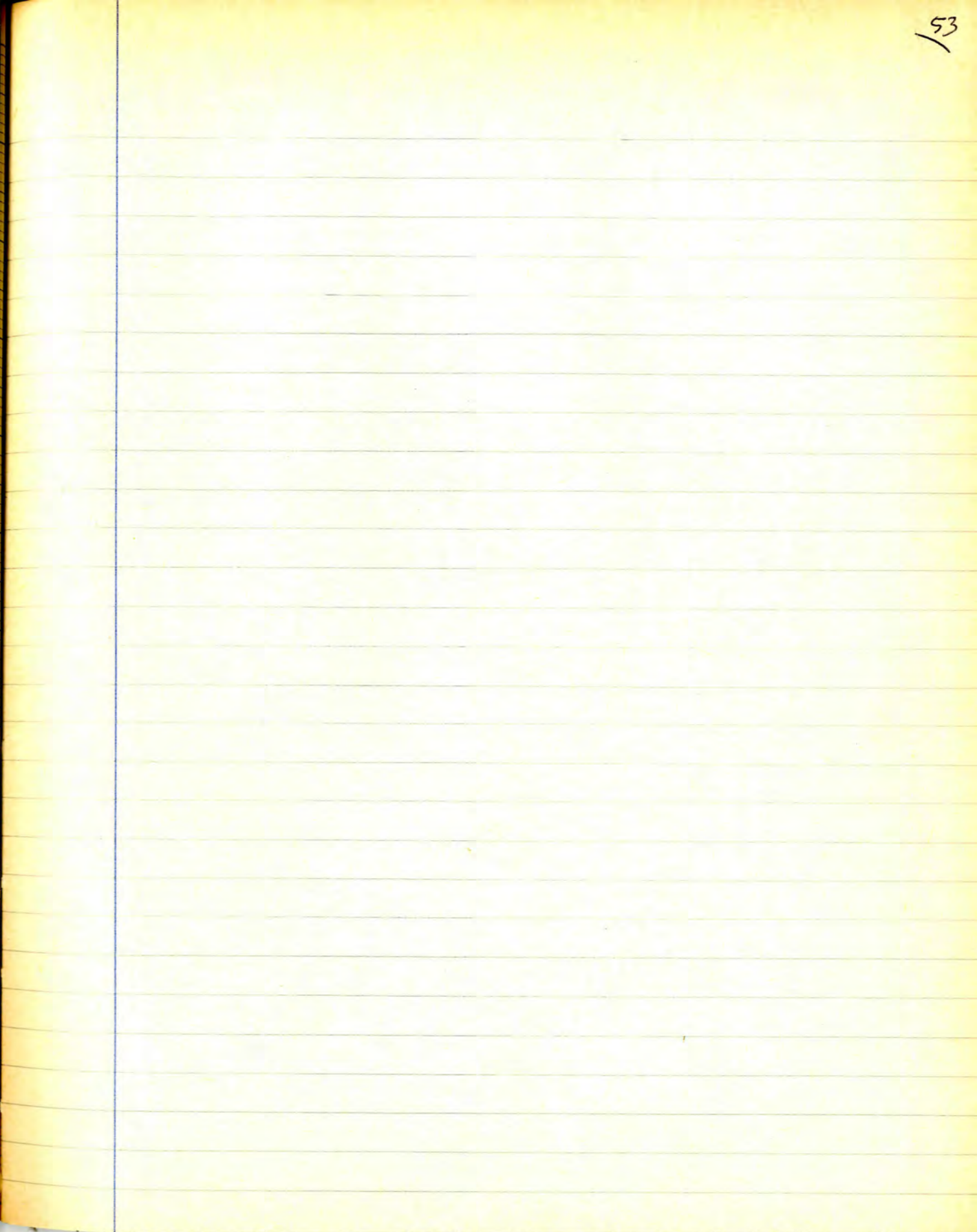
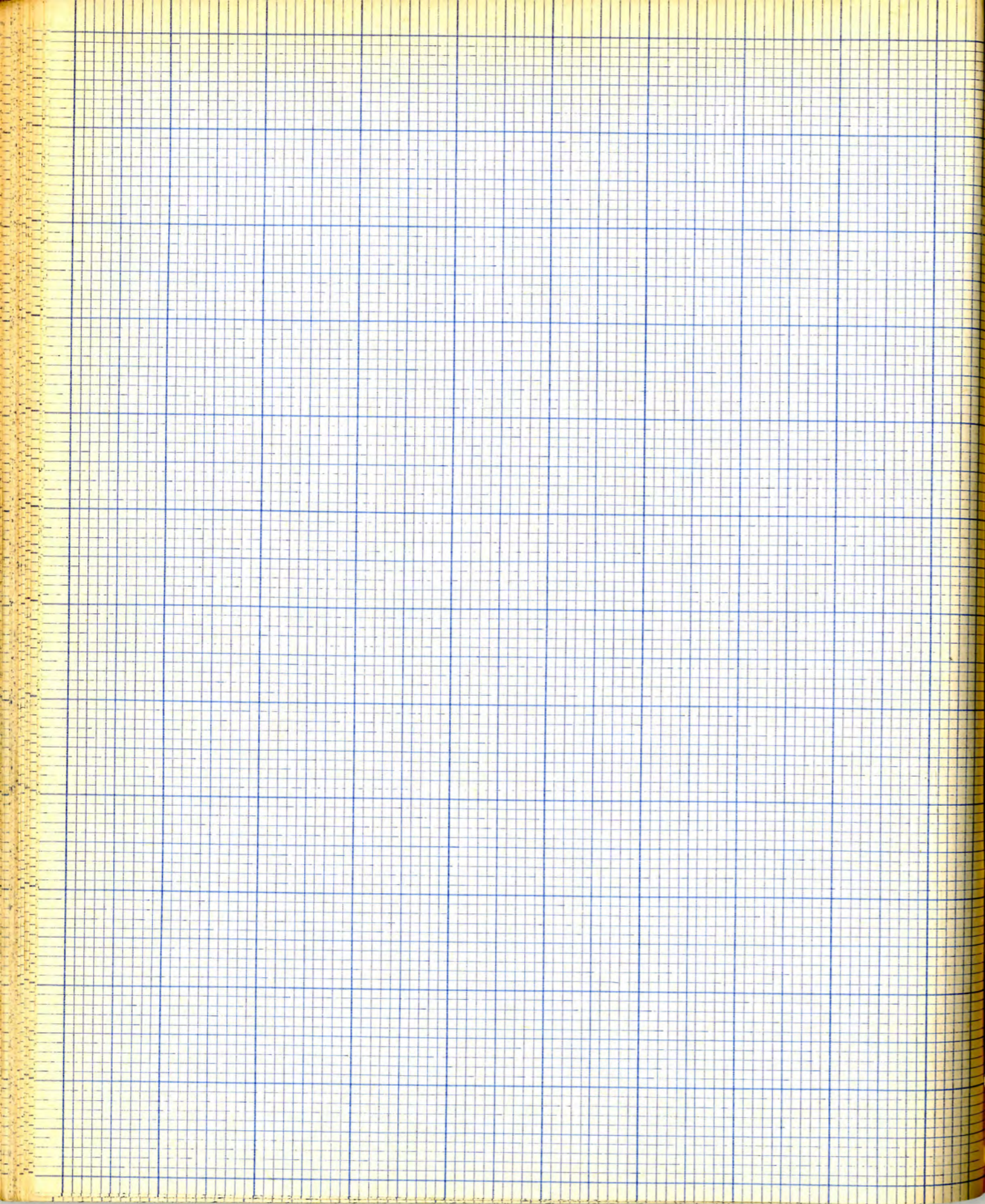
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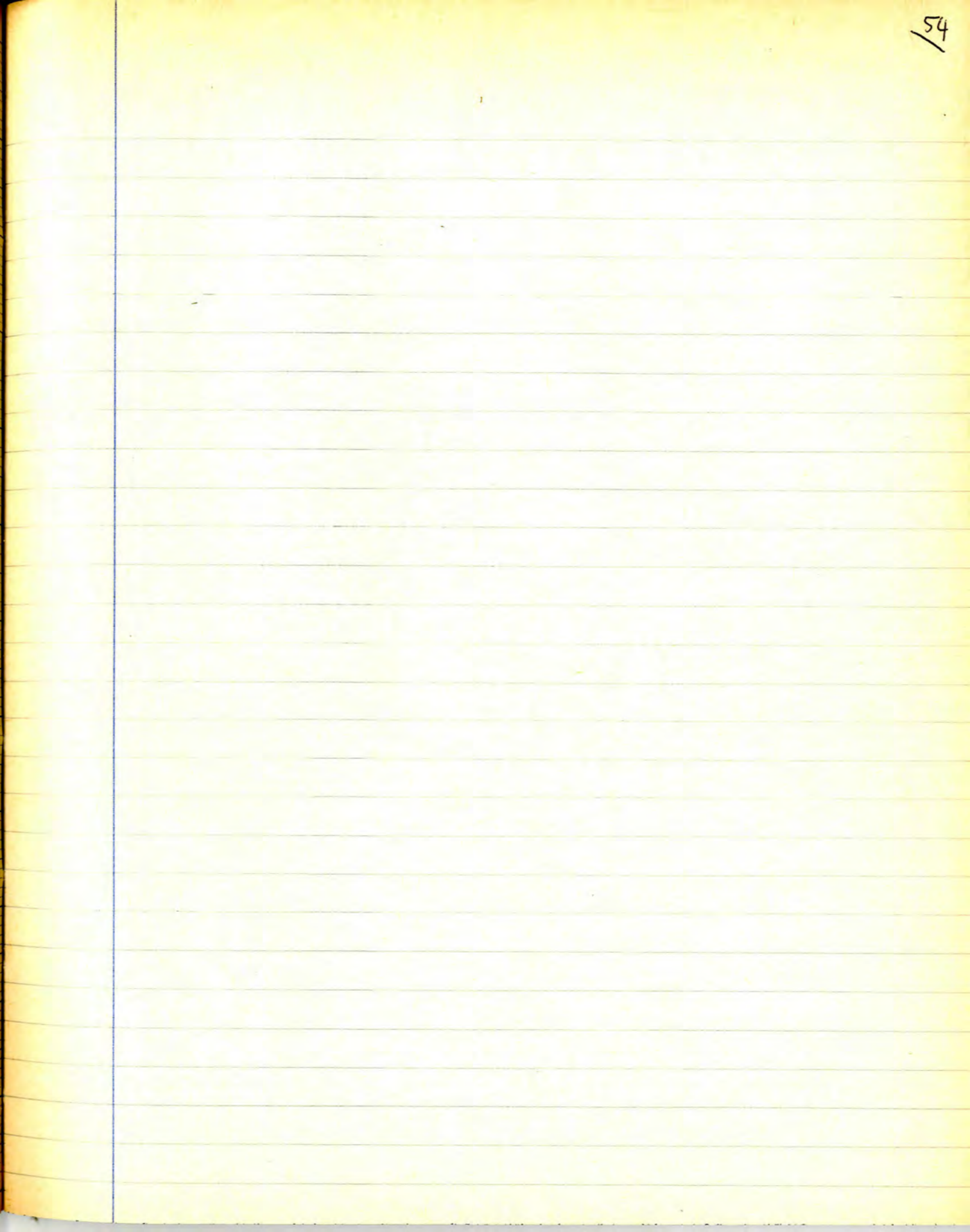
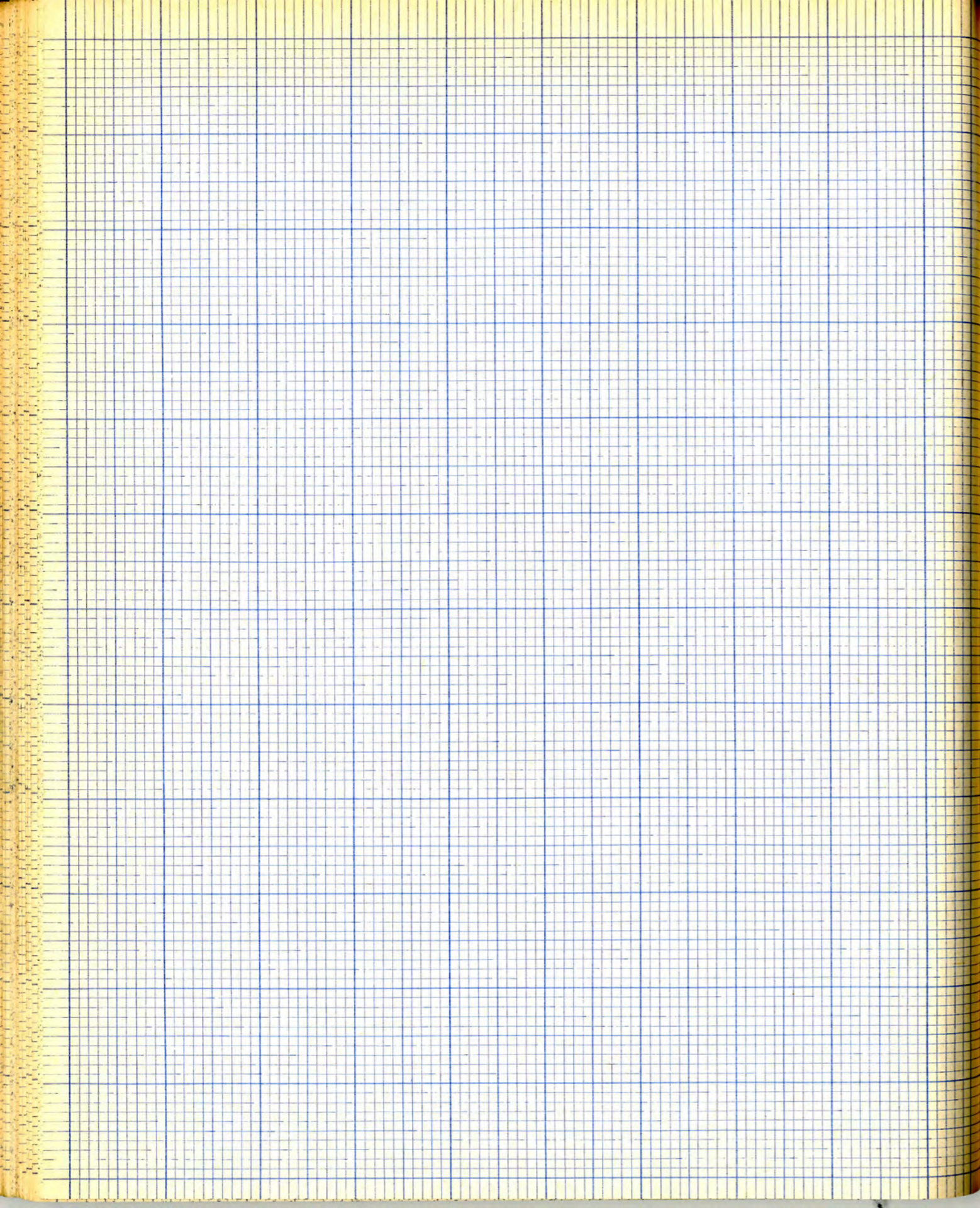
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XY to VW

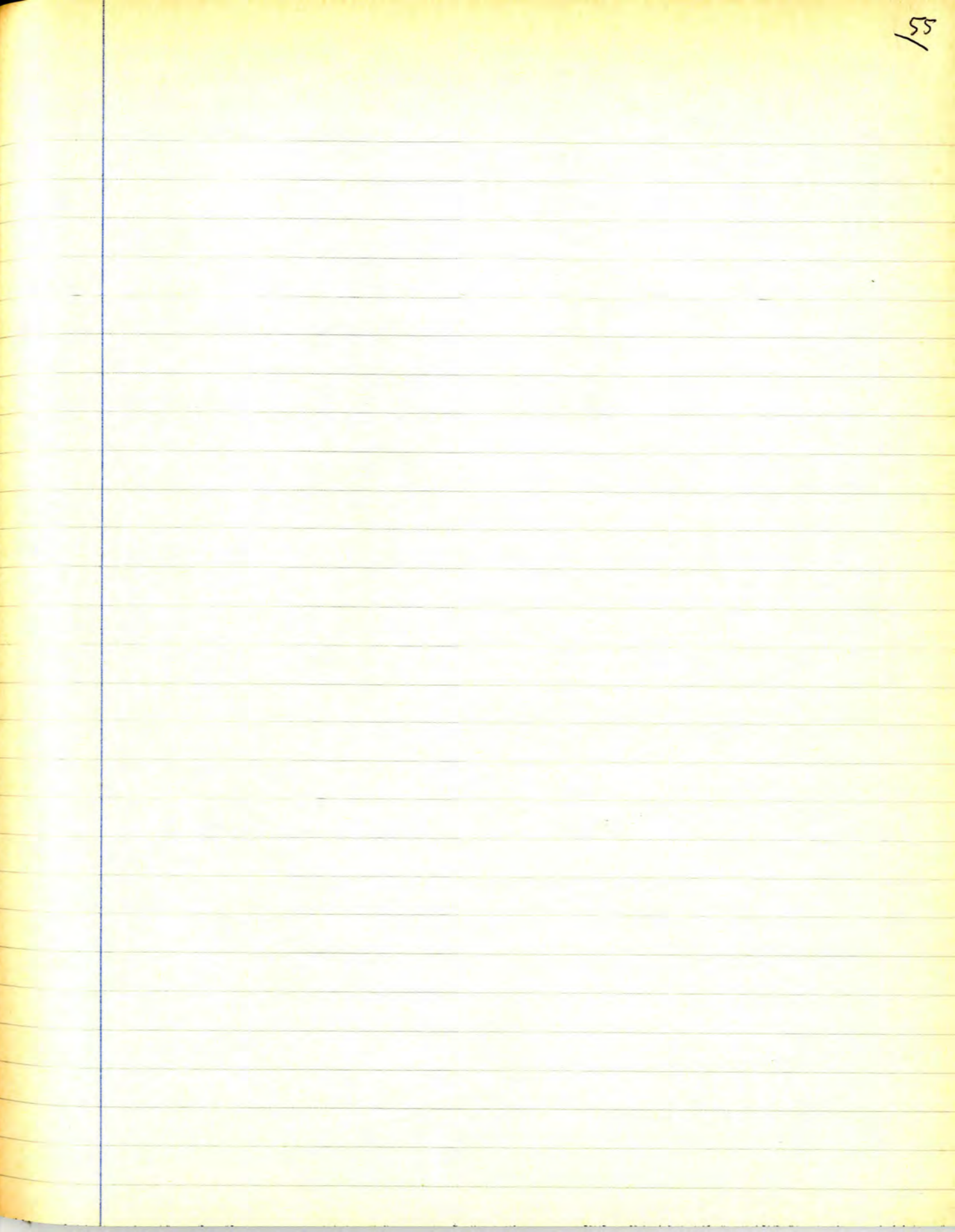
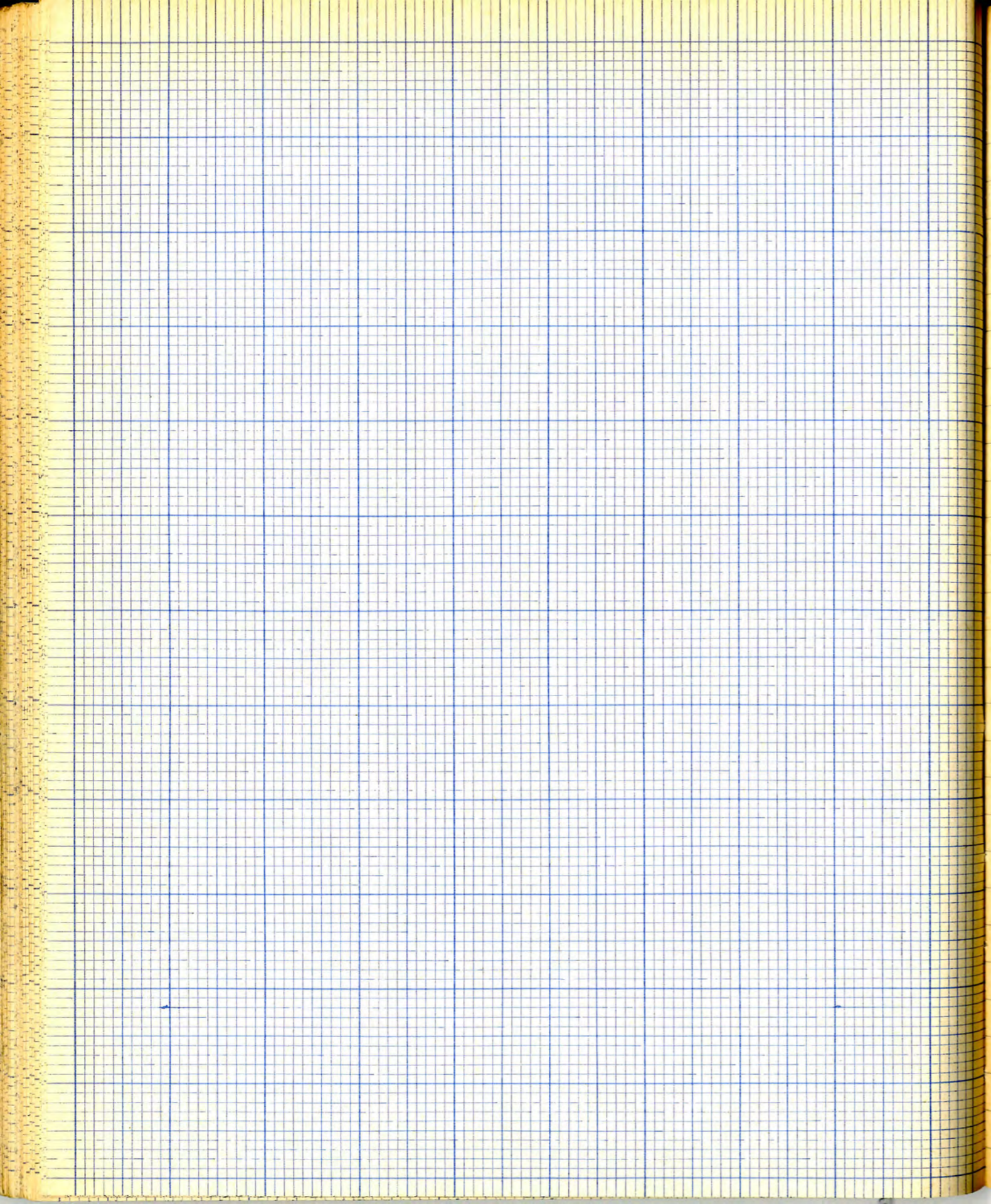


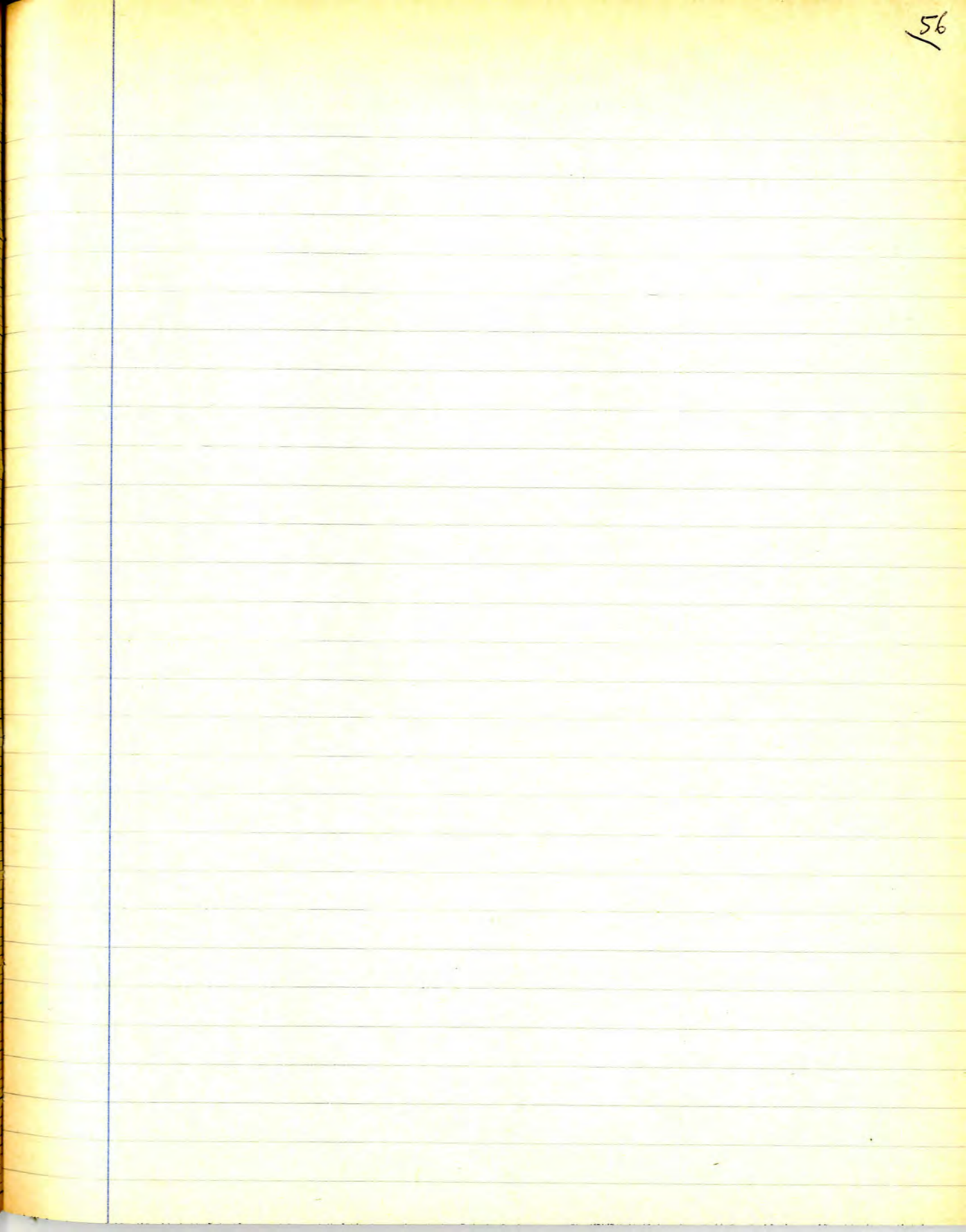
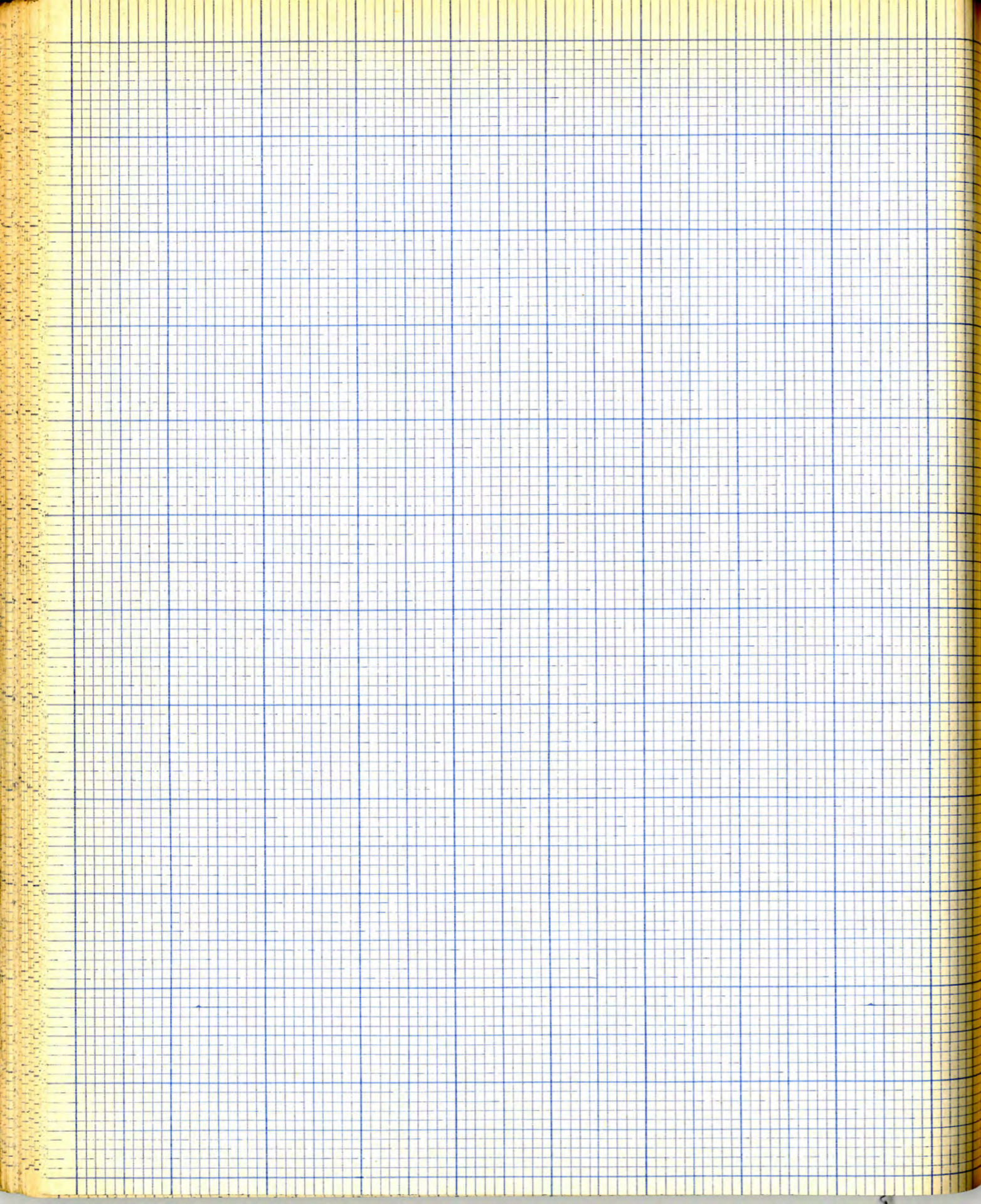
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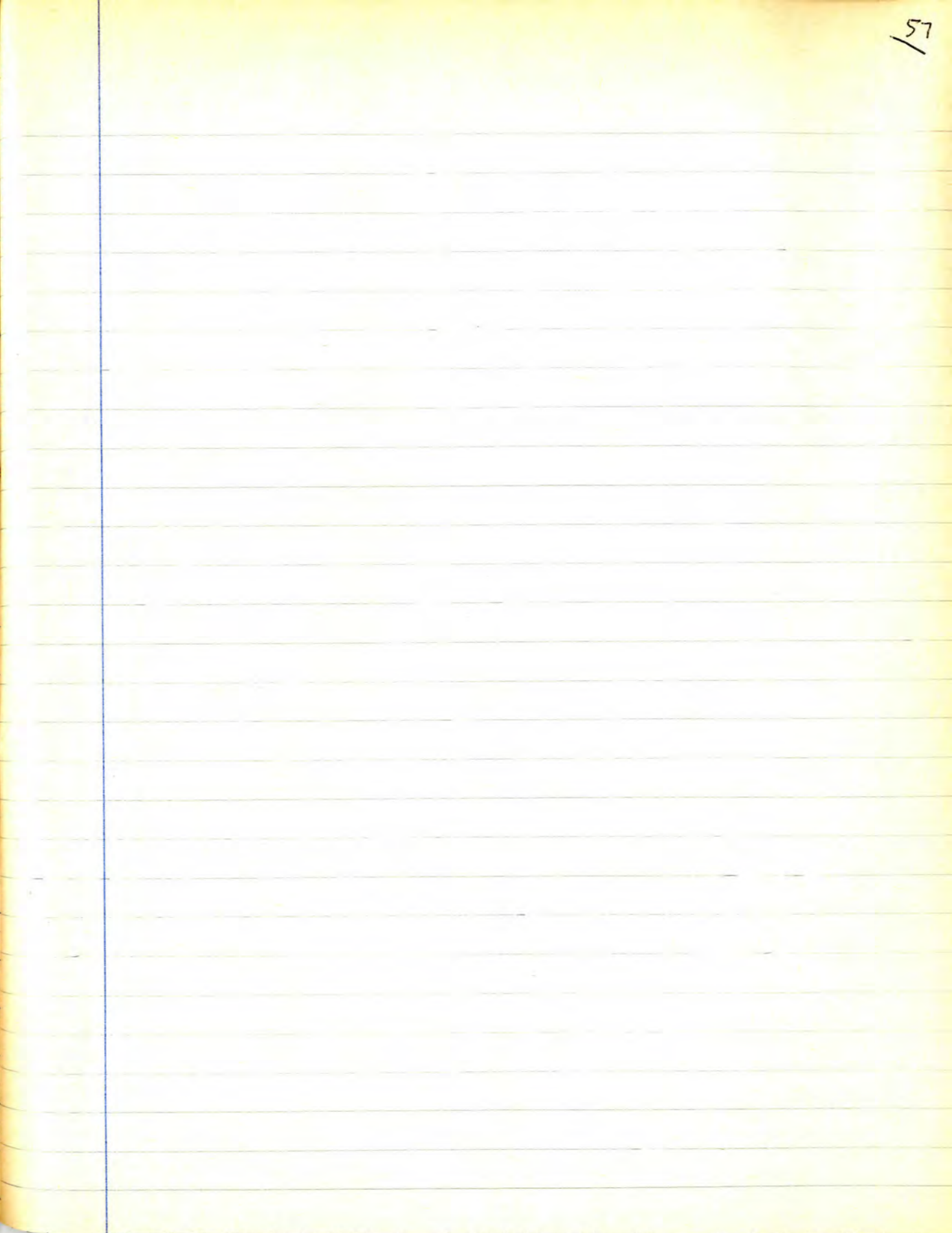
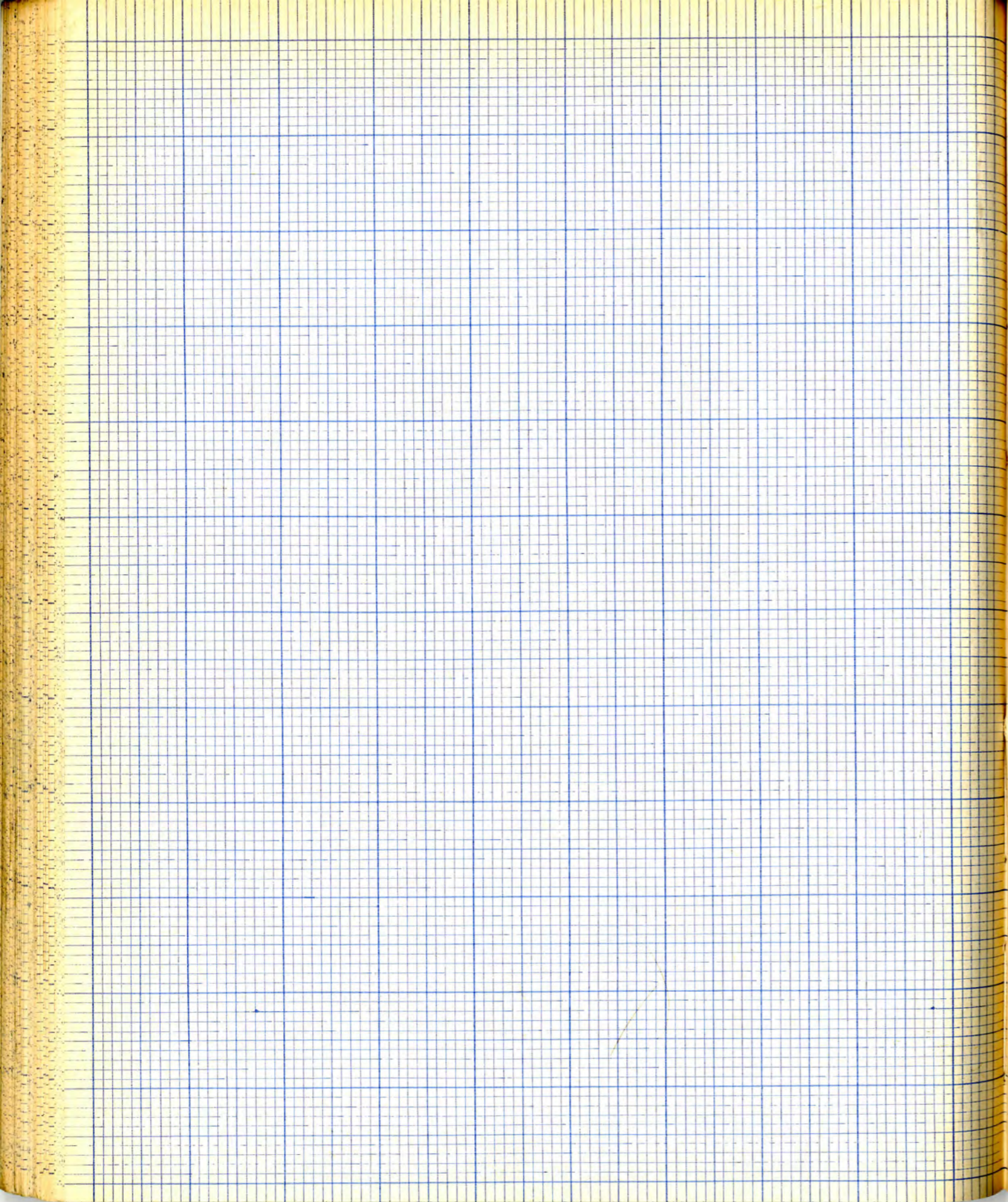




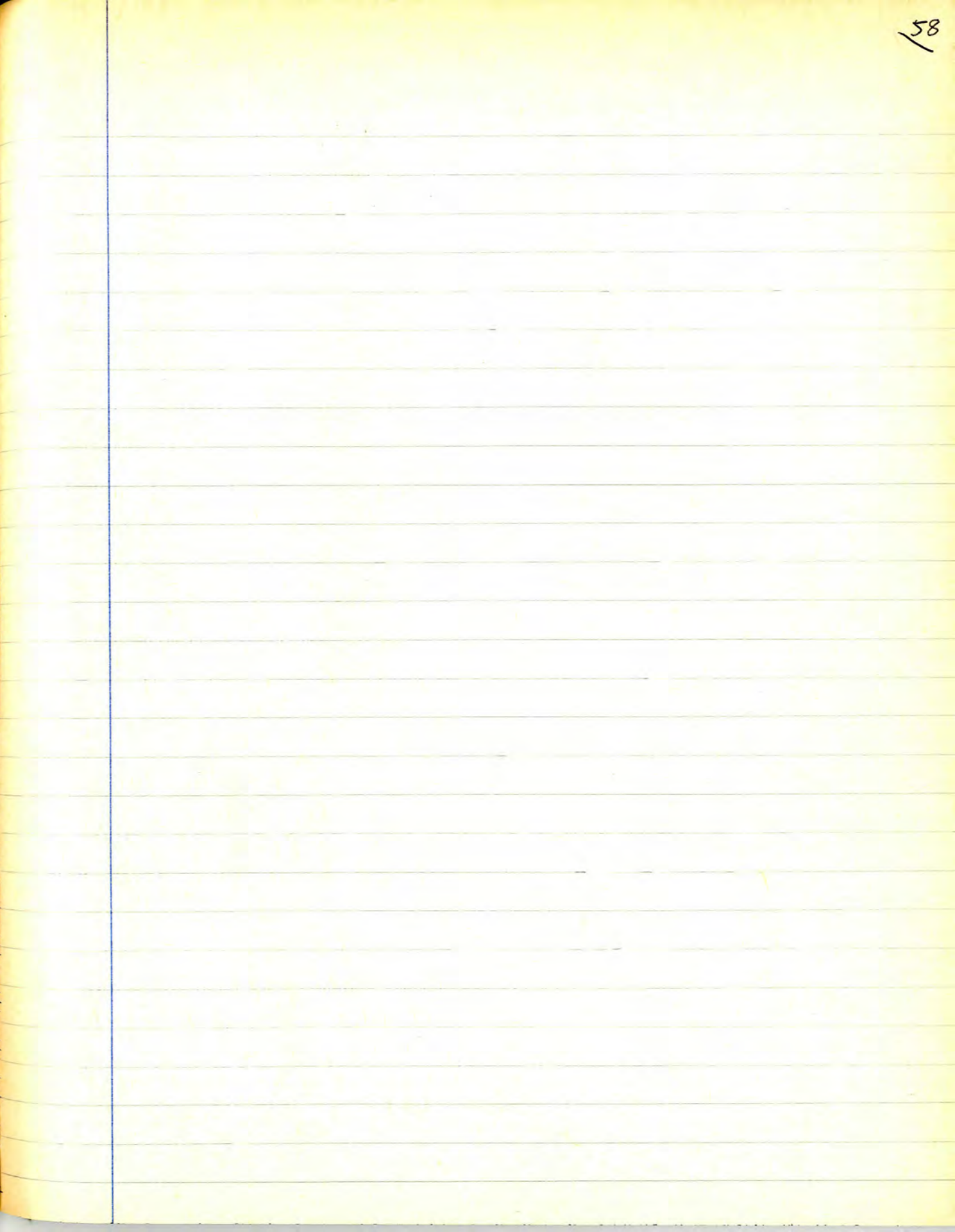
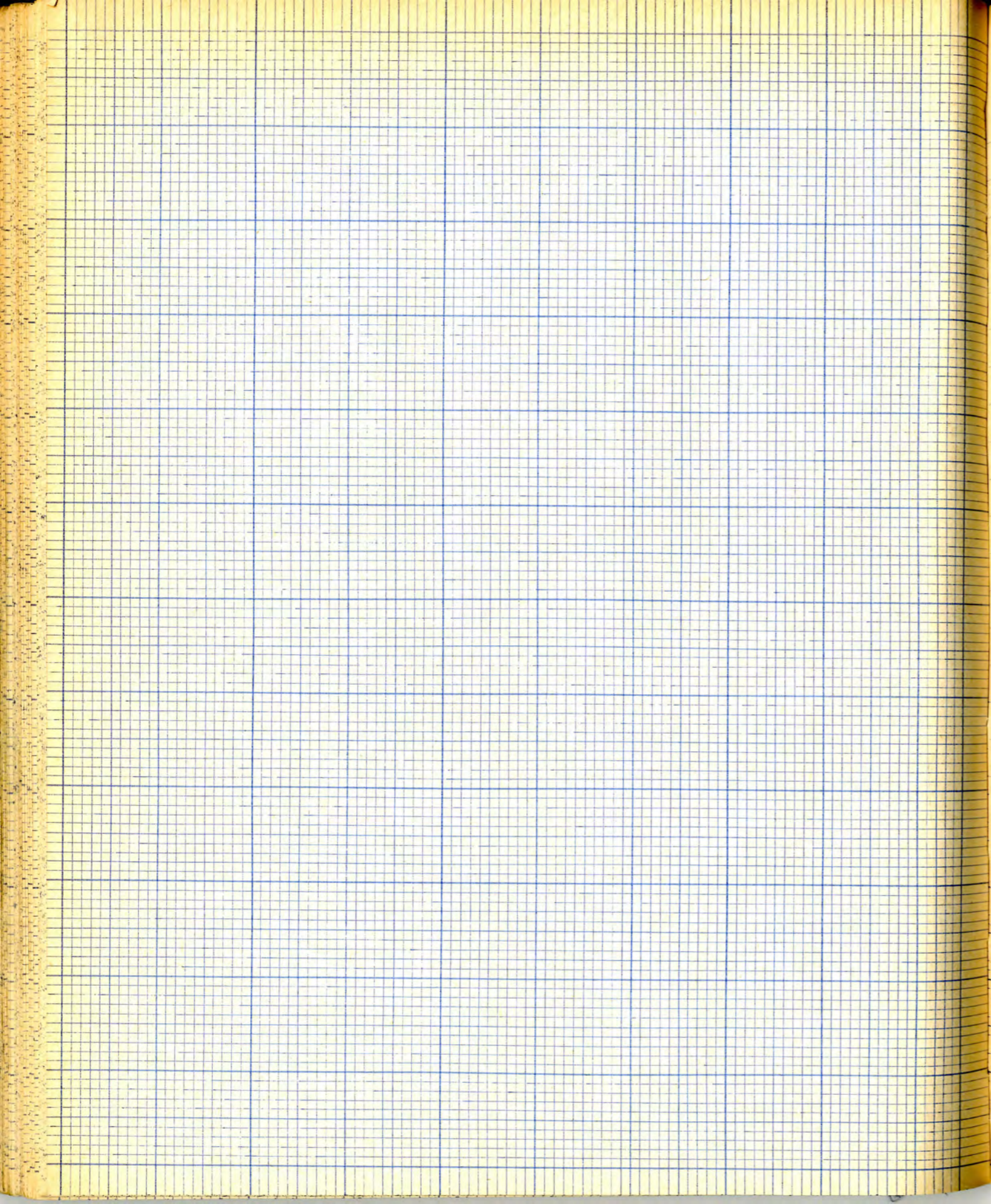








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DITCH

WORKING WESTWARDS FROM SECTION XY
(= advance West face of 1971 Trench B) TOWARDS
SECTION VW. [G.Y.]

Because of dry weather etc. this was excavated
in main deposits — see notes on Block E₃F₃ to TU.

The main deposits were —

A. In this case, as there are lots of bones on
the surface (see XY) several inches were
removed in case of contamination from the top turf
layer directly under the road — although the
turf itself does not survive here (see sections)

B. From A down to the group of turf layers —
this was sand infilling/sifting and includes
everything in section XY down to nos. 232/234/233
/327

C. Group of turf layers with charcoal —
in section XY = nos. 232/234/233/327/237

D. Dirty off-white sands over primary silts =
in section XY nos. 238/239/329/330/331/332/333.

E. Yellow/whites of primary silts. (Reddish sub. —
(then "wavy sands") ←→ rapid silt)

removed arbitrary 6"
as possibly = no 75
in VW which possibly =
deposit A

not possible to follow the
completeness of this as the
top 2' of hill is dry
& like dust when excavated

There's also patches of the
old white? ash stuff, no. (444) →
in E₃F₃, occurring
between C + D all along the
ditch.

* From section XY westwards it was all
excavated as "MAIN DEPOSITS".

Worked in c. 2'0" wide strips, following the
ditch before doing the next strip.

Same strat. nos. used all through.

~~524~~

[Under bottom road]

(524)

Top 6" or so in XY, working westwards.
This is all clay + hard. Plenty husky in
places. Large quantity of bones.

DEPOSIT
A

Treated as possibly part of deposit A
because of the bones.

Would be a complex of layers in section XY—
approx. down to no. 227.

BONES Loads

(kept) STONES: 1 brown ? slate
1 red pottery ? sandstone

POT 1 round (body) hard coarse black handmade. Thick.
micaceous grits.

~~524~~

525

Under 524

This would be main deposit B.
Complex sandy/silty in filling / partial silting.
Largely fanny-grey sands with slight soil content.

DEPOSIT
B

In section XY this would be nos. 227/228/ 229/230/
231 / 326/326A

BONES a few

POT 1 hard coarse gritty black tab handmade (part of hand/ side)

STONES 1 hard red ? sandstone (kept)
1 hard red ? sandstone (kept)

(526) Under (525).

This would be main deposit C.

Group of grey to blackish turf layers with charcoal flecks.

DEPOSIT C * * In section XY this would be nos. 232/234/233/327/237/328. When excavated these are all TURF/TURF-LIKE layers ~ this supersedes all earlier descriptions. This gives a band of TURF with CH. Ch. about 6" thick in MAIN N. SECTION.

BOXES a few

BOX 3 coarse shreds (handmade etc. - need a wash)
1 handmade shred hard black fabric coarse handmade

* 1 odd shred coarse black handmade.
Cotton? →



1 body shred coarse grey fabr. handmade
1 more body shred coarse black gitty h.m.
1 body shred coarse black fabr. gitty h.m.

(527) Under (526) < except for occasional patches of ash white between >
This would be main deposit D.

DEPOSIT
D

Several layers as a Ghor — all dirtyish
off white sands with various tints of dark grey, yellow,
and brown. Probably a water silt from debris sides
etc. immediately over primary silts (which are
collapsed natural edges plus some W to E water deposits)

An extra 4 or 5 would be nos. 238/239/ 329/330/331/
332/333

NO. 1000

POT Is found in (527) resting directly on (528) —
Coarse gritty handmade red-buff fabric
body shield.

(528) Under (527) as natural;

This would be deposit E = the primary silts. Largely redeposited materials from collapsed dike edges plus some waterborne sands. Plus a fairly central "channel" of water borne sands from W. to E. (This occurs all the way along the dike but is not consistent in relation to collapsed materials - remembers with interruptions from collapses)

DEPOSIT E

in section XY this would be nos. 334/335/336/337/
338/339/340/341/342/343/343A/344/347/348/346/

NO FINDS

(529) U/S from ditch fill - in spoil from
Work XY to VW when shifting spoil heap
(originally dumped in cellars) for photos.

POT 1 small coarse sherd

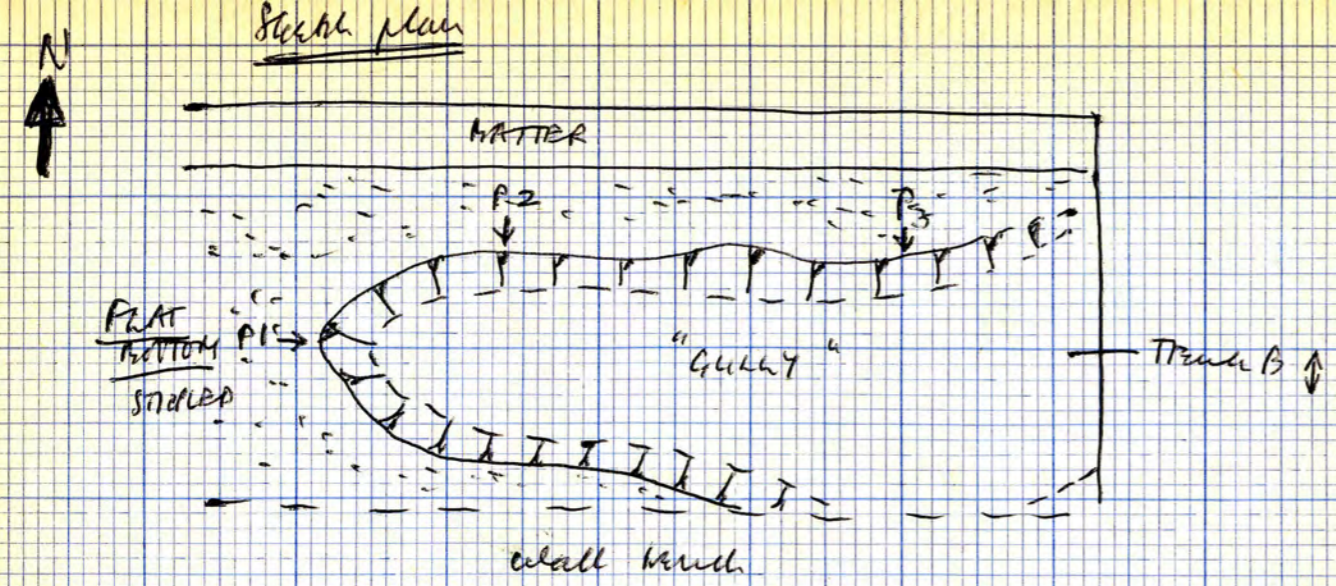
(530) Completely U/S but certainly from the ditch.
Found in loose ditch-spoil when moving spoil
for photos. Could have come from areas N. or
S. of B/S wall; certainly West of Trench B.
If from N of wall, would be below level of bottom
road. If from S of wall, came from after starting
ditch excavation.

2 sherds - coarse black fabric - * are grass-imped.

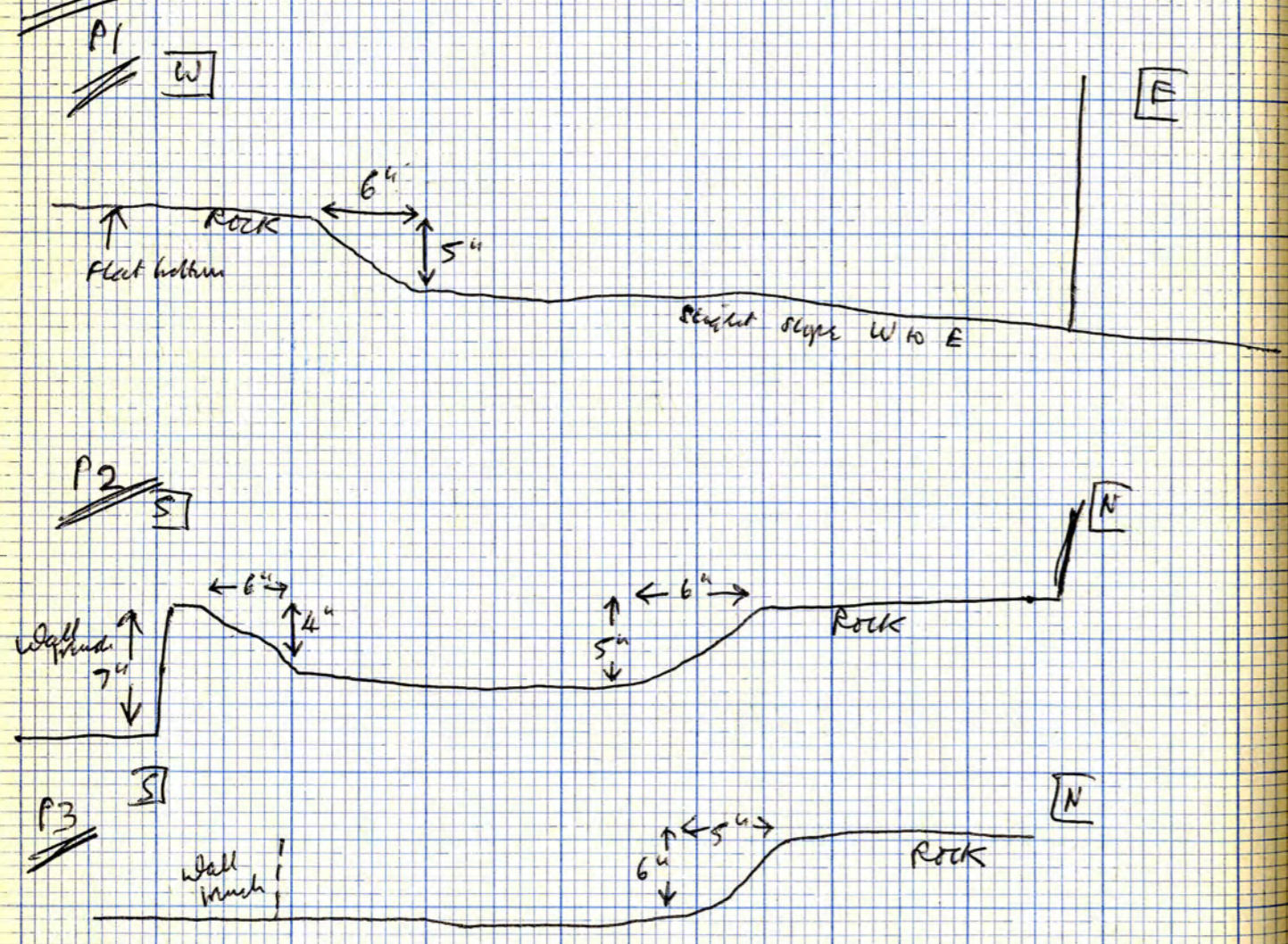
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DITCH NOW FULLY EXCAVATED.

P.T.O. FOR SUPPLEMENTARY
NOTES ON
EXCAVATED DITCH.



PROFILES OF "Gully"



THE DITCH EXCAVATED

When belly excavated we have properly only the south edge of the ditch. In plan this shows an eroded profile or probably the best-preserved profile is in the area E. of Trench B - see down sections / plan / notes.

Of the N. edge we have only a slight slope along the bottom of the section in the N. extension. The nearest we had to a proper N. edge was in 1971 Trench B. See plan / sections / notes.

The ditch is entirely flat-bottomed, again see down sections, with one exception which IS NOT in any of the down sections. This occurs just W. of 1971 trench B, is barely visible in trench B itself (rock has gone since 1971) but should show in the W. section of 1971 B. In this area (SEE PLAN) there is a shallow gully which occurs in the flat bottom of the ditch. Sketch profiles opposite.

There is no indication of channels to cf. with ditches of Bq 72 ~ BUT NOTE

A// B/s will right obliterate - see photos

B// soft materials - could have belly eroded (one of Bq 72 ditches was eroded away)



* The excavated ditch was fully photographed as was the N section, and E-W sections of North Extension.

Photos were done in very dry weather, as was final ditch excavation.

Sections were sprayed after photos and then rephotographed but won't have very clear detail.

Before taking photos and drawing final sections the filling of 1971 trench B was cut back to align with the N. side of the North Extension.

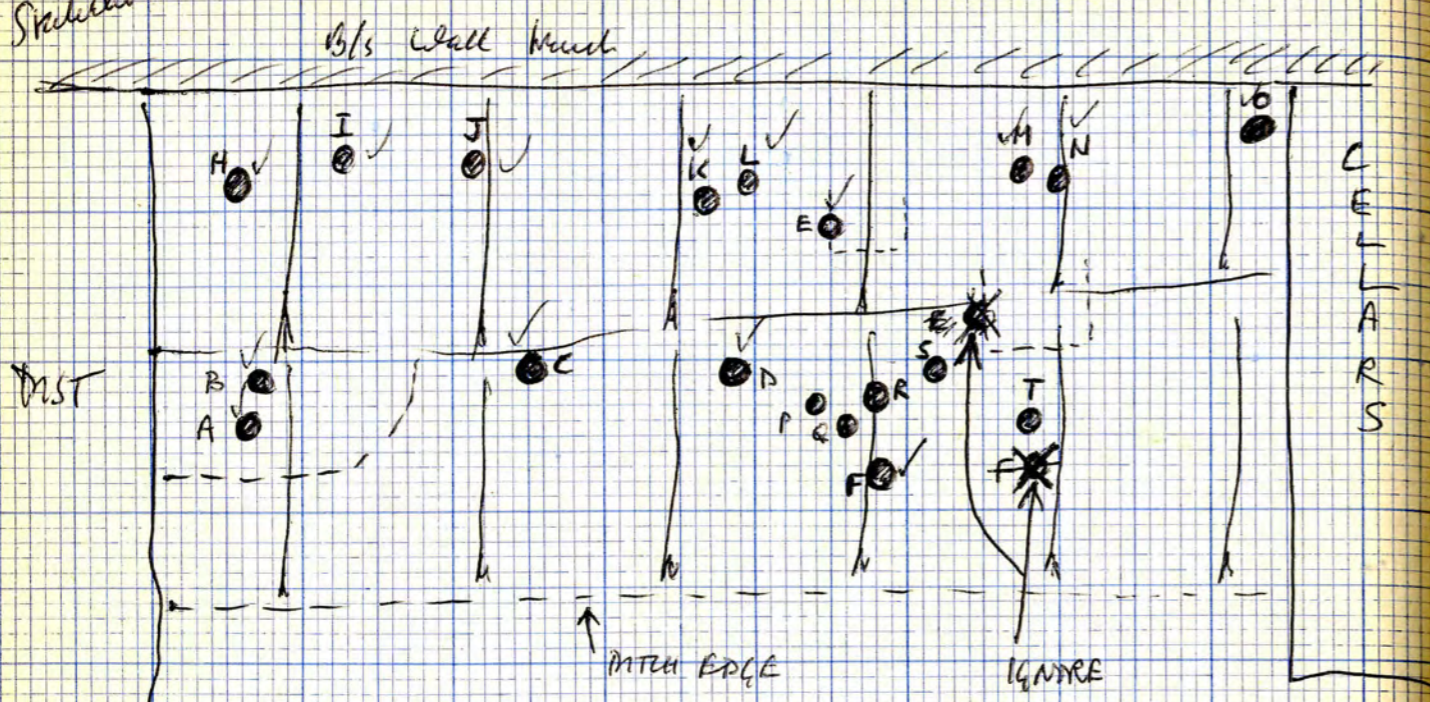


* AFTER photographs of the ditch the possible stalactites (see earlier note) in the South side of the ditch (edge) were examined and ~~photographed~~ excavated but NOT photographed. Probably there are not holes (or soft natural pockets - can't be, as shown higher up?) and should be ignored. Recorded and planned on ditch plan. See also.

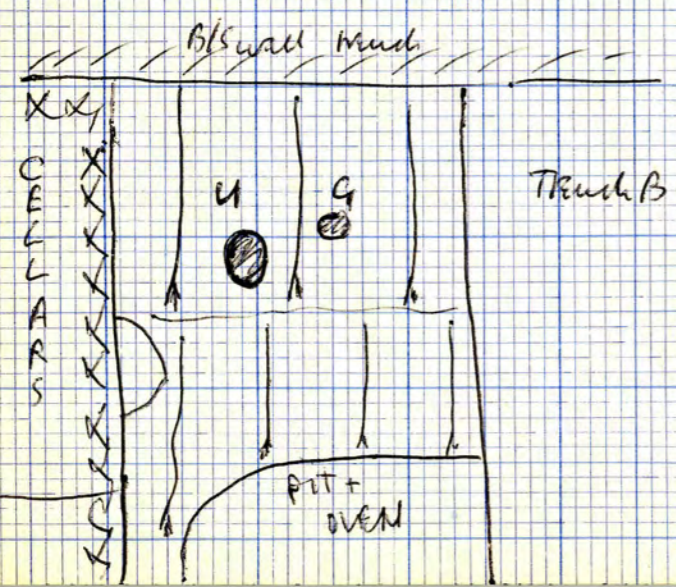
Sketch plans
Sketchnotes (531)



Inter. bottom



? It's in Red a Inter Plan.

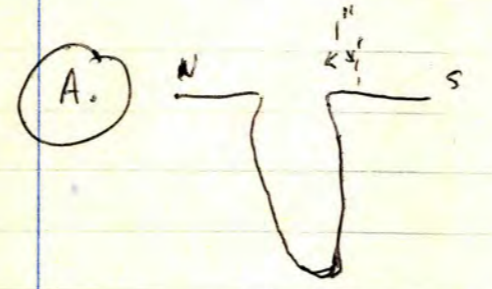


Some stratigraphies may have showed lighter up in dirt layers — 68
see earlier note XND — don't coincide with holes in nat. so they must have been in layers.

(531) STAKEHOLES OR ROOTHOLES
(see sketch plan opposite)

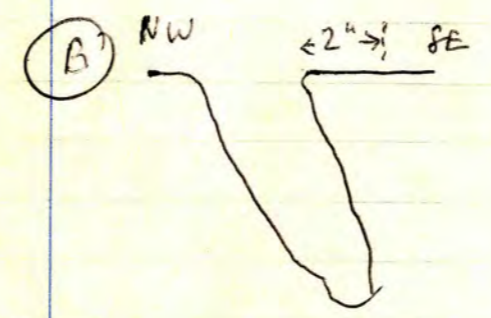
* IGNORE AS FEATURES —
SEE NOTE AT END.
MOST LIKELY WEATHERING +/OR ROOTS
(EG. PARSNIPS OR DICKS WHICH HAVE THICK DEEP SINGLE ROOTS)

All in nat b/s
all hills like dirty nat.



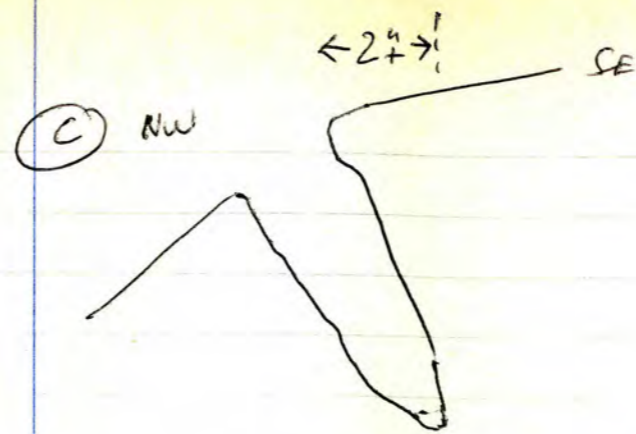
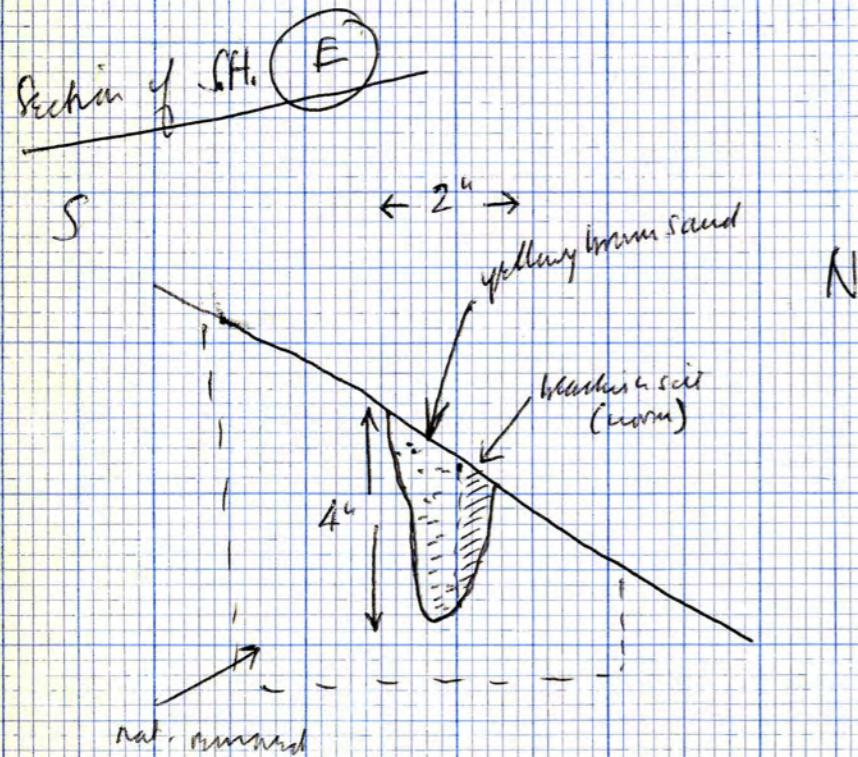
Circular, 2 1/2 diam, 6" deep.
Slightly smaller at top than inside.

Filling pale yellow grey sand like dirty natural but topish.



Circular, 3" diam, 6" deep (on slope).
Filling similar to A'

Both A' and B' in to soft natural b/s. No dirt layers over as they both occur in the bottom of a later feature (Pit's complex.)

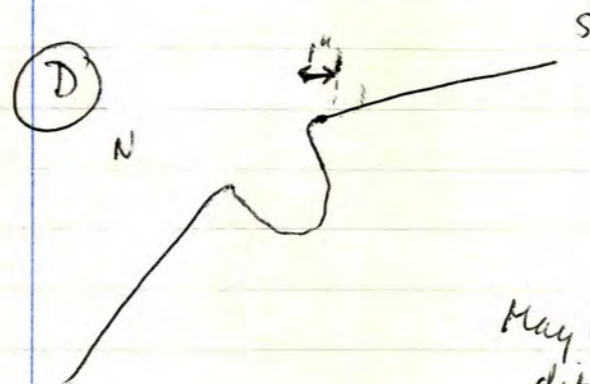


Circular, 3" diam, 9" deep (on slope)

Filling silty dark yellow grey sand like cherty natural. Bit darker than A+B.

Removable stake?

May have slumped higher up in ditch layers - see earlier note.



Circular, 3" diam, 3" deep (on slope).

Filling similar (A+B)

May have slumped higher up in ditch layers.

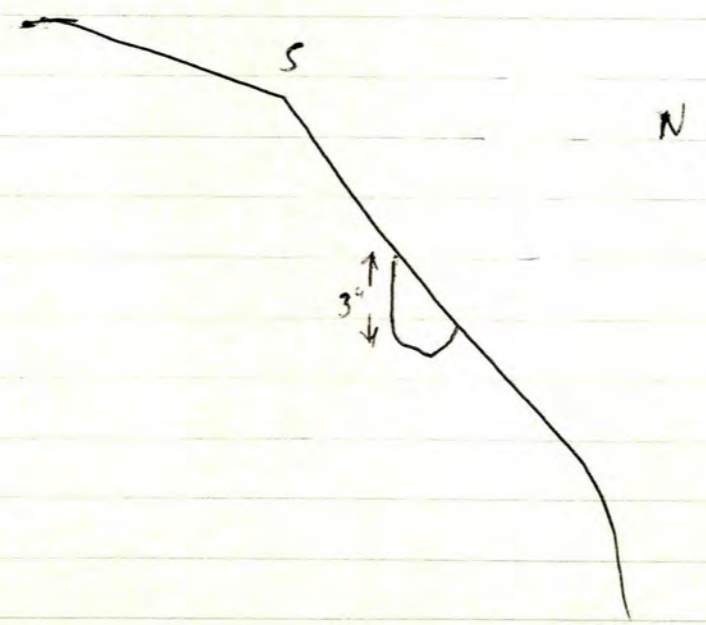
(E) Sectioned by cutting a "box" from natural but this isn't a very good hole and not a typical example. See opposite.

Circular, 2" + diam, 4" deep.

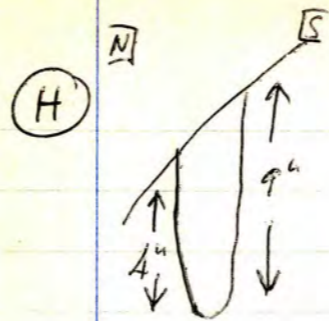


3" diam, 2 1/2" deep.
 Filling brown yellow sand - darker than all
 the others.

(G) Between cells + 1971 March B



Circular, 2 1/2" diam,
 3" deep.
 Filling similar to
 (A+B)



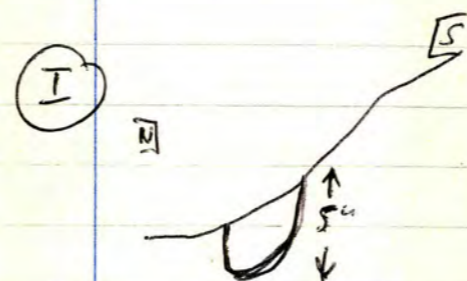
(H)

3" diam, circular, 9" deep.

Filling = dirty pale yellow sand, almost like natural.

Seems to go through orange striations in the nat b/s.

FILL DIFFERENT FROM (A) TO (F) INCH.



(I)

circular, 3" diam, 5" deep.

Filling as (H)

(J)

Box-sectioned.

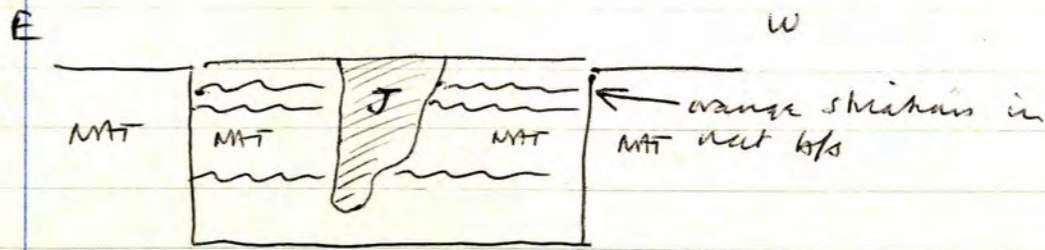
Seems to be something in that it goes through orange striations in Nat B/s.

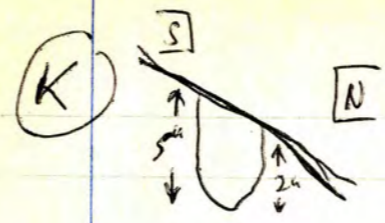
Otherwise fill is just like dirty natural = coarse gritty fairly hard yellow rock/sand.

Vertical, circular, 2 1/2" diam, 1 1/2" deep

BOX SECTION (NAT REMOVED TO E+W+N)

ALL OF H+I IS LIKE J





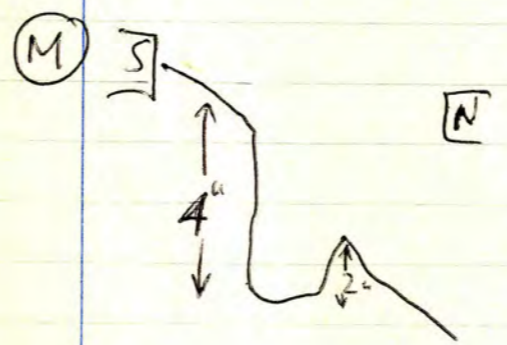
3" diam, circular.
 Fill with yellow like soft nat. —
 Slightly greyish.
 But greyer than (A) (I) (J)



(L) Box sectioned (removed nat. East of it)

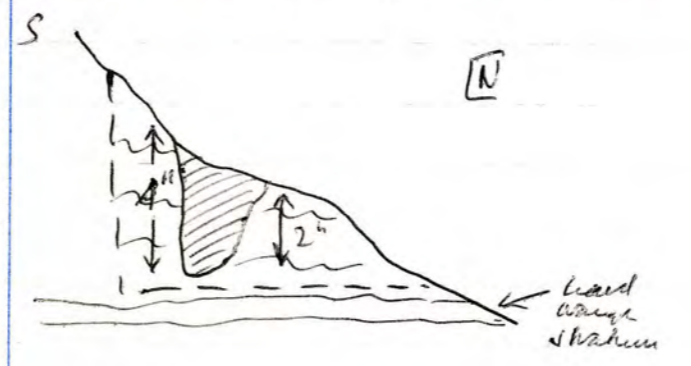


Circular, 2" diam.
 Fill like (J).
 Not like anything at all.



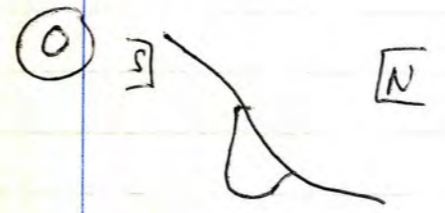
Circular, 3" diam.
 Fill like (L).

(N) Prox sectioned (Removal Nut. E of it)

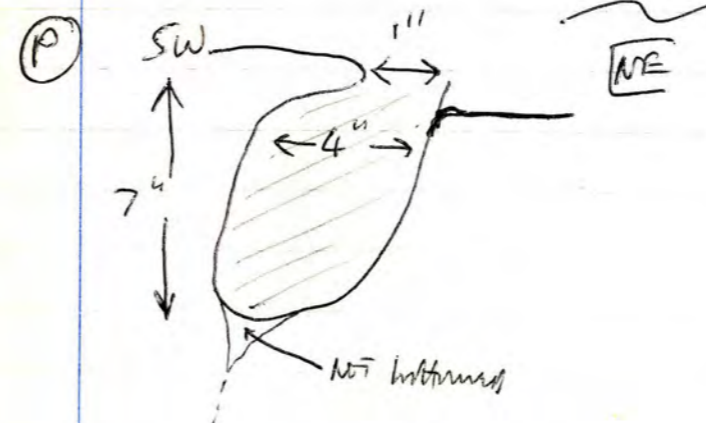


Circular, 3" diam.
 This hill looks just
 like dirt by nat. even
 though it goes thru
 orange lines in lts.
 Fill = coarse yellow sand,

Grainy brownish. lites (JLM)



Circular, 3" diam, 3" deep.
 Fill lites (N) but slightly
 darker.



Circular, 3" diam
 when looking SW at it.

Filling slightly grayish
 washy yellow sand.
 Grayer than (JLM) etc,

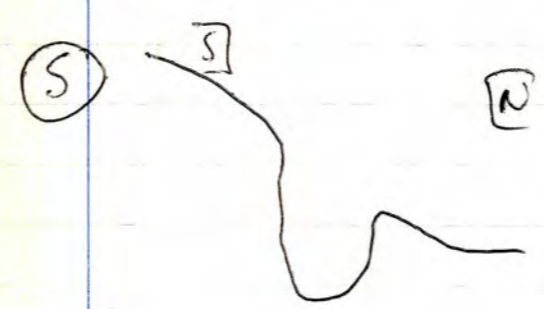
Yellower than gray ones.
 Must be nest or rat.



Circular, 3" diam, 7" deep,
filling like (P)



Circular, 3" diam., 6" deep.
Filling soft yellow brown
orange lines in B/S. Obtain
just like soft mat.
Fill similar (JL) but yellowed.



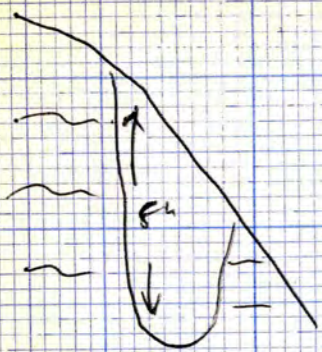
Circular, 3" diam., 4" deep.
Fill like R.



Circular, 2" diam, 3" deep.
Fill soft orangey yellow but could
be 3 worm-tubes as it's very wavy
here.



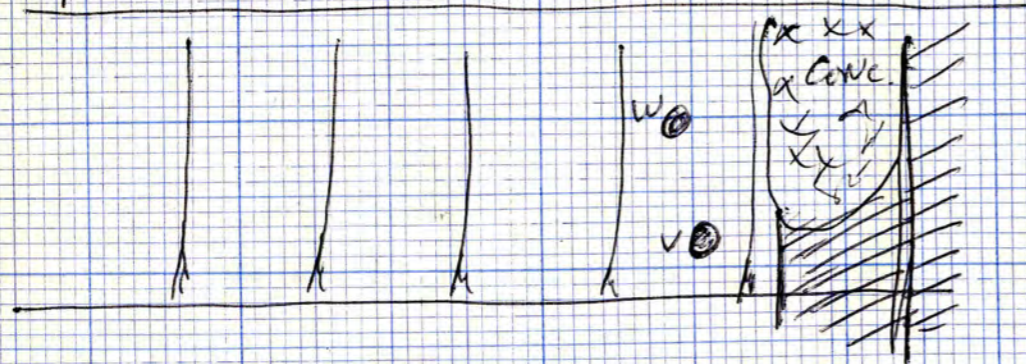
(U) between trench B + cellars



fill with yellow-brown like dirty nat. —
not waxy stratum.

Oral, 4" N-S x 3" E-W.

Between Trench B and E limit of H by concrete in section
Sketch plan



(V) Box-sectioned running Nat. N of it.

Circular, 3" diam., 1" deep.

Fill like dirtied Nat. ~ brownish yellow.
7 faint ch. d. marks

(W) Box-sectioned running Nat. N of it

Circular, 3" diam., 2" deep.

Fill like dirtied Nat. ~
brownish yellow.

END OF (531)

* I think most of (531) aren't SH's but
possibly roots or dirtied natural // weathering.

As such they should be ignored — no ch. d.,
no regular pattern, no dirty fillings etc.

The ones W. of the cellars in NAT B/S did NOT
COINCIDE with those seen by him at higher
level — him must have thought grey lenses
in layers were SH's

All (531) are in Nat B/S under all
dirt layers. All fill like dirty Nat B/S.
Could be just weathering of dirt edge.

IGNORE ALL (531) AS PROPER
FEATURES.

(532) At least found in clay bonding of the Bunker
sandstone wall when drawing E. Section of
Trench B ~ about 3 courses down, 6 inches
in from S side of wall as shown in section.

SBE BOOK 9A FOR STRAT. NOS.

(533) ONWARDS

Monday May 6th '74 (about 5:30pm.)
Lorry from Sney-Dominico-Prud backed into wall.

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(low loader)