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 A GENERAL NOTE ON EXCAVATION OF (68) LAYERS (68A) TO (69A) INCLUSIVE.

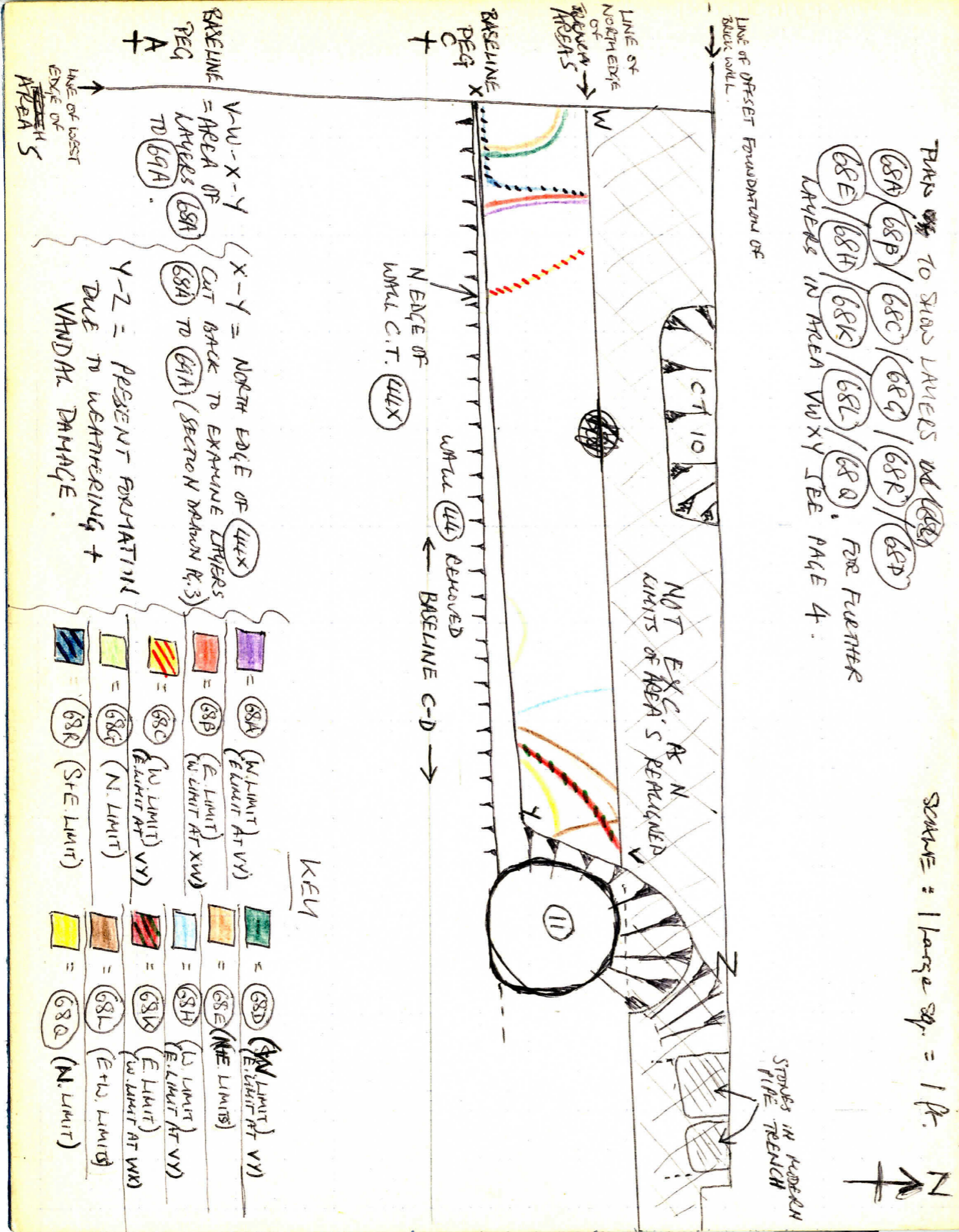
At this point in it was noticed that ~~After the excavation of the Sherry wall (44)~~, a group of layers (then collectively as (68)) was left in isolation between the northern edge of the Sherry wall (44) and the main north edge of the realigned trench (See plan opp.). For some reason GY had not dug these.

The layers (68A) to (68L) inclusive and layers (68Q) and (68R) were dug stratigraphically, following the layers back from the drawn section on pg. 3.

For the excavation of the layers below (68L) another procedure was adopted. See explanatory note on p. 8.

\* NB It was at this point in excavation when starting to dig (68A) etc. that the N. limit of Area S. was realigned. This realignment appears as plan of ditch cuttings, as does a new W. edge of the area, also realigned at this time.

This group of layers (68A) to (69A) incl. only ever existed in this very limited area N. of wall (44). A lot of these layers are masonry etc. (cf. N. of the B/S wall in 1971 and 1973/74) and must be removed now as they are like ditch layers which are already exposed all over the rest of Area S, in preparation for digging the ditch.





LAYERS (68A) TO (69A)

DESCRIPTION OF LAYERS (68)

(68A) (68A) Reddy-brown sandy soil with many fragments of tile, and a few frags. mortar. Very loose consistency. Extends to within 14" of Western edge of trench, continuing beyond Northern edge  
 FINDS: frags of tile, glazed + unglazed, some with knobs. 2 sherds per: 1 reduced green glazed, 1 reduced unglazed. 1 frag. bronze pin. 1 tooth, 1 bone. See plan on p. 2. + section on p. 3.

Under  
 ○  
 Over  
 (68p)

(68p) (68p) Very similar to (68A), but with far less tile, slightly sandier and more flecks of mortar. Extends up to 14" from western end of trench eastwards, and continues beyond northern edge. See plan on p 2 + section opposite.  
 FINDS: frags. tile, 1 glazed brown, 2 sherds per, 1 green glazed light grey colored fabric, one splashed glaze light buff colored fabric. 1 bone 1 tooth.

Under  
 (68A)

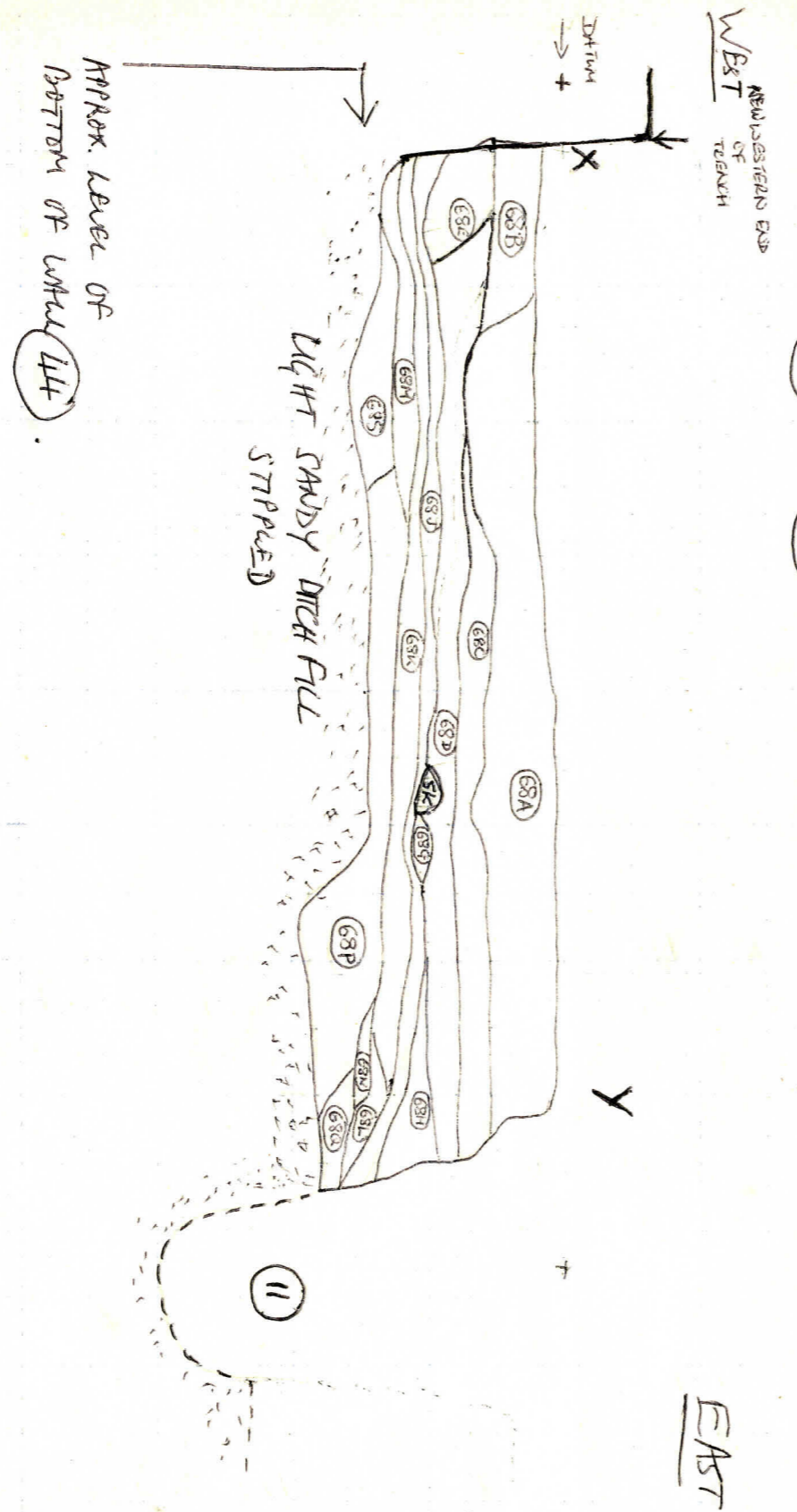
(68c) (68c) Very similar to (68A) but lacking tile and mortar flecks, some pebble and <sup>very</sup> flecks of charcoal. Extends westwards from ~~eastern~~ <sup>western</sup> ~~end~~ <sup>edge</sup> to within 2'0" of western edge of trench, thinning noticeably in western half. Contains large amounts of small close-packed pebbles\*. See plan on p. 2 and section opp.  
 FINDS: 5 frags tile, 1 with knob, 1 with brown/green glaze. 2 sherds per, 1 frag splashed green glazed rim (oxidized), 1 frag reduced w. yellow/brown glaze. 1 tooth.

Under  
 (68A)

\*could BE PEBBLE SURFACE, in ROAD

E/W Sections of LAYERS (68) TO (68S)

SCALE: 1 LARGE SQ. = 1'0"



NP Layers (68T) to (69A) in design do not show in this section but exist (where excavated) just N. of this section in a long irregularly E/W column, possibly associated with the ~~the~~ parallel roads.



? (68D) draws from less a road (green-brown cross-pan)

Under (68A), (68B) + (68C) + (68R)

Under (68B) + (68D)

Under (68D)

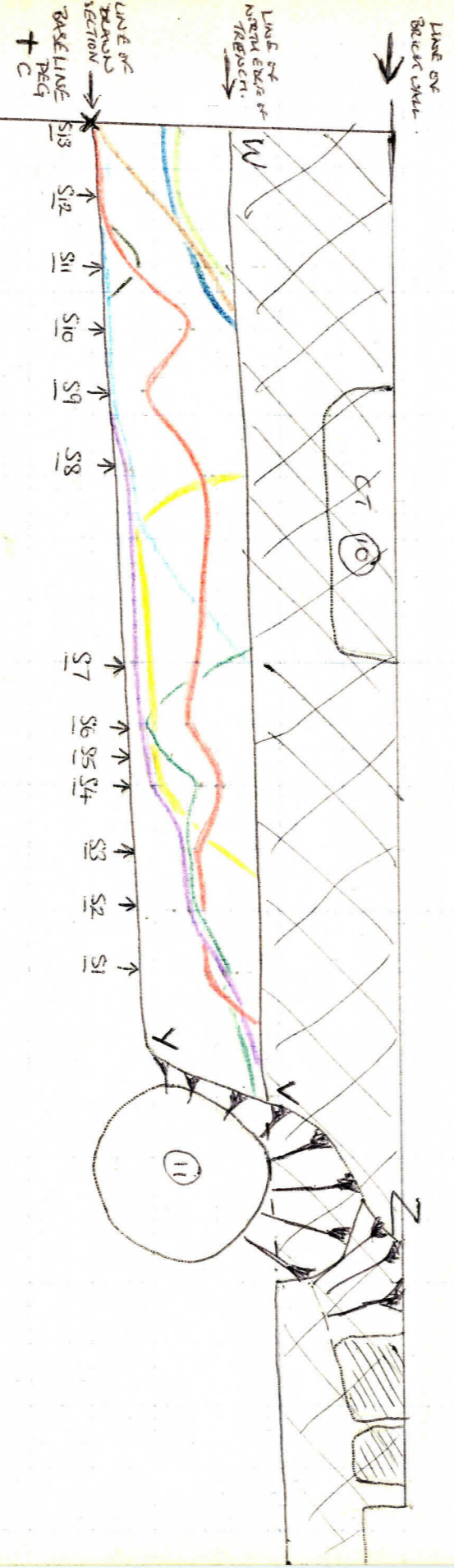
(68D) Similar to (68A) but lighter and sandier. No tile frags. but some pebble and many frags of <sup>broken</sup> sandstone. <sup>vwxy</sup> Extends all over ~~the~~ except in S.W. corner. see section on p. 3 + plan on p. 2. Towards bottom of (68D) <sup>compressed stained</sup> ~~extreme~~ became increasingly hard with large quantities of <sup>greeny-brown</sup> sandstone. FINDS: 3 shreds pot: 1 green glazed, 1 unglazed, 1 red unglazed, 3 frags bone, 1 frag tile.

(68E) ~~Lightish~~ brown sandy soil, sandier and more compacted than (68A), (68B), (68C) + (68D). A few flecks of <sup>broken</sup> sandstone and charcoal. Extends only in S.W. corner of (68D) <sup>vwxy</sup>. See section p. 3, plan p. 2. FINDS: NONE.

(68G) Light-brown sand with yellowish overtones. Extends only 3" back from drawn section. See section on p. 3, + plan on p. 2. FINDS: NONE.

PLAN TO SHOW LIMITS OF (68V) / (68S) / (68W) / (68Y) / (69A) / (68Z) / (68P) / (68U) / (68T)

SCALE: 1 Large sq = 1'0"  
N ↑



S1 to S13 = N-S SECTIONS

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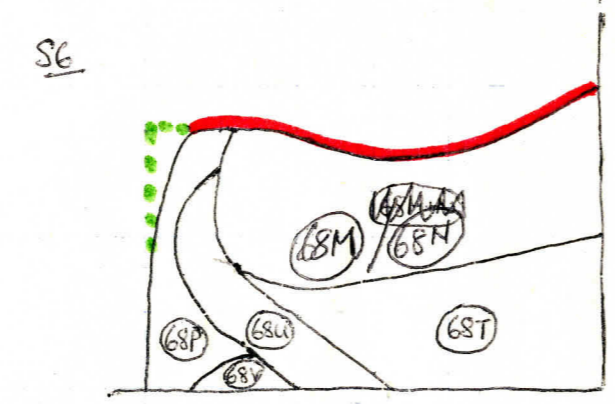
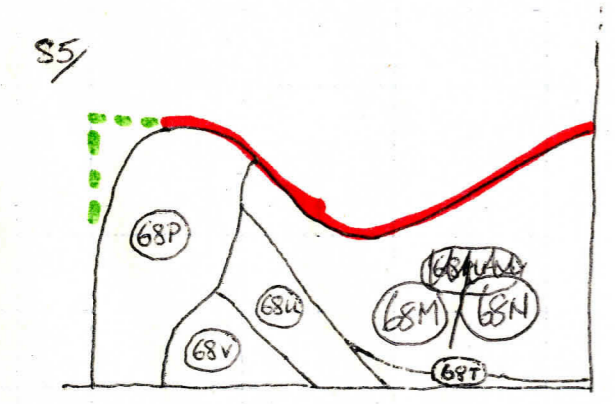
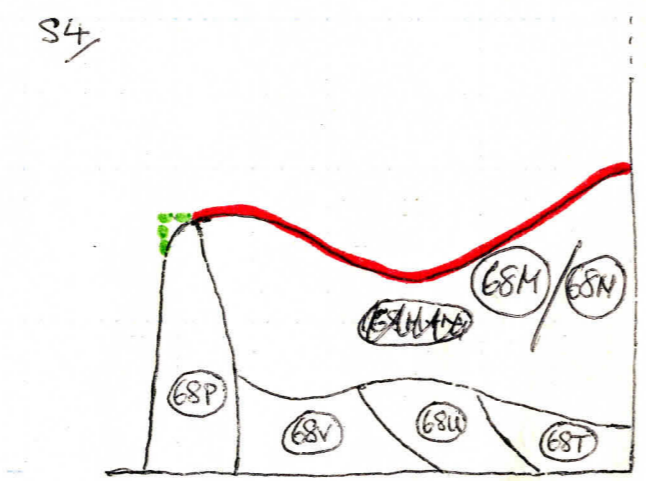
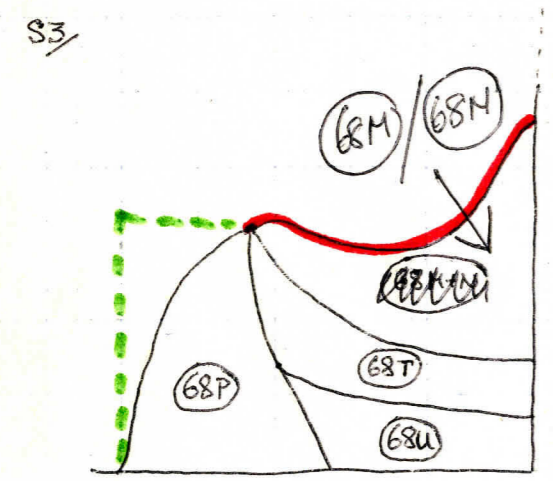
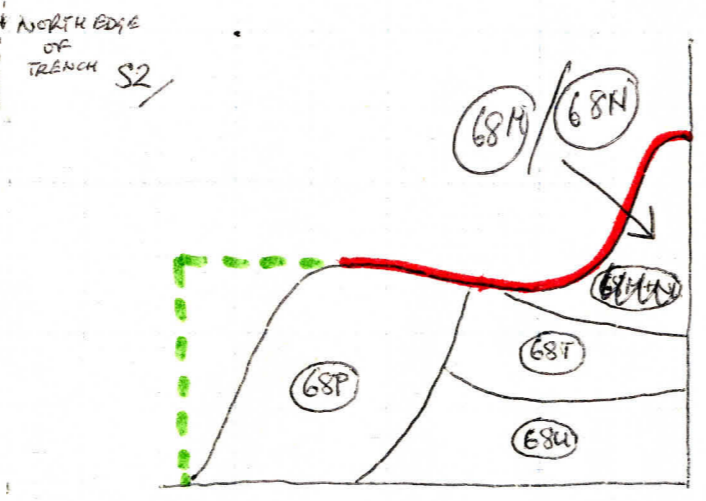
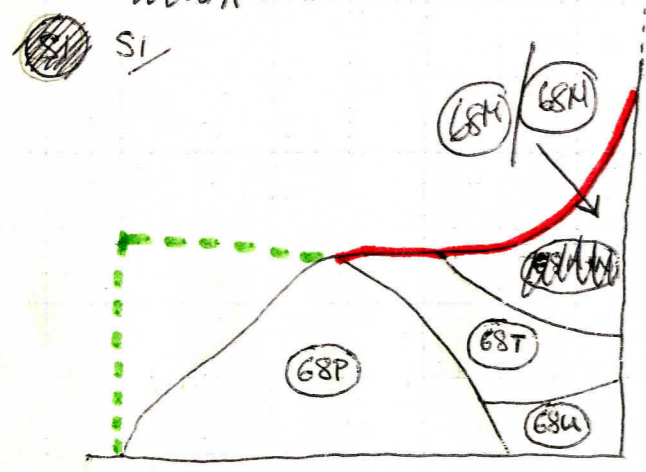
	= (68T) (N. LIMIT)		= (68W) (S. LIMIT)
	= (68U) (S. LIMIT)		= (68Y) (S. LIMIT)
	= (68V) (S. LIMIT)		= (68Z) (N. LIMIT)
	= (68W) (S. LIMIT)		= (68A) (S. LIMIT)
	= (68S) (S. LIMIT)		= (68B) (S. LIMIT)

NB S1 → S13 = NORTH SECTIONS SEE PP. 5, 6 + 7.



SERIES OF N/S SECTIONS CUT THROUGH LOWER LAYERS <sup>IN VWXY</sup> ~~IN VWXY~~.  
 FOR EXPLANATION SEE P. 8. FOR POSITION SEE PLAN P. 4.

SCALE: 4 LARGE SQ'S = 1 FT.



(68H) ~~68H~~ Grey-brown sandy soil with some yellow-brown admixture, fairly compacted texture. Extends c. 1'4" from ~~eastern limit of 68~~ <sup>WVXY</sup>, existing only on East side of ~~68~~. Sloping slightly W to E. See section on p. 8, plan on p. 2.  
FINDS 1 bone.

Under (68D)

(68J) ~~68J~~ Grey-brown sandy soil with strong red clay admixture. Some frags of charcoal, sandstone and some pebble. <sup>WVXY</sup> Extends over the whole of ~~68~~, dipping W to E and thickening from c. 1" to c. 3" towards ~~68~~ <sup>WVXY</sup>. See section p. 3.  
FINDS: NONE.

Under (68G), (68H), (68D), (68E)

(68K) ~~68K~~ Grey brown sandy soil, - greyer and slightly darker than (68H). Much pebble. On excavation this layer was found to be a fairly compact layer of medium to small pebbles. Extends over whole of ~~68~~ <sup>WVXY</sup> except for S.E. corner. See section p. 3 + plan p. 2.  
FINDS: pot, / sherd: 1 frag green-glazed base, oxidised.

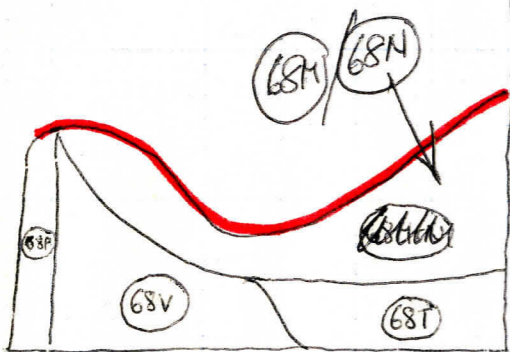
Under (68J)

(68K) probably a road surface. Very hard but only one pebble thick.



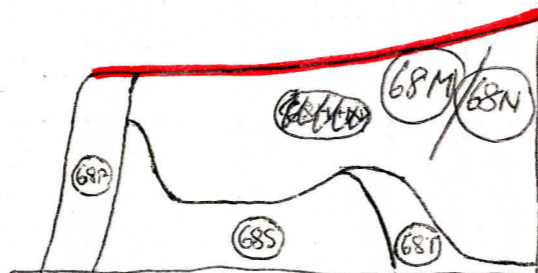
NB. The upper profile of S1 to S12 indicated ~~was~~ arrived at by trying to follow (68M) + (68N) Northwards from section XY. In reality (68M) + (68N) have been partly excavated BEFORE cutting + drawing these sections.

S7

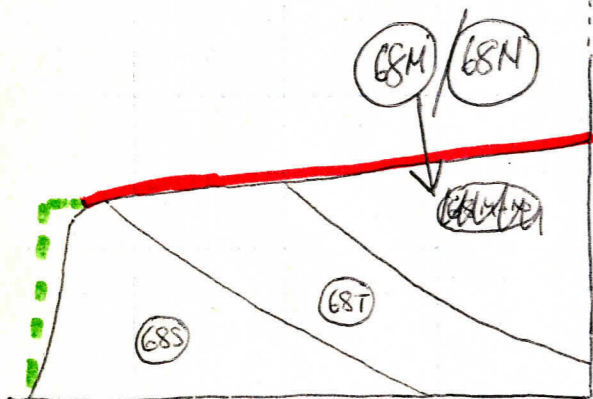


NORTH EDGE OF TRENCH

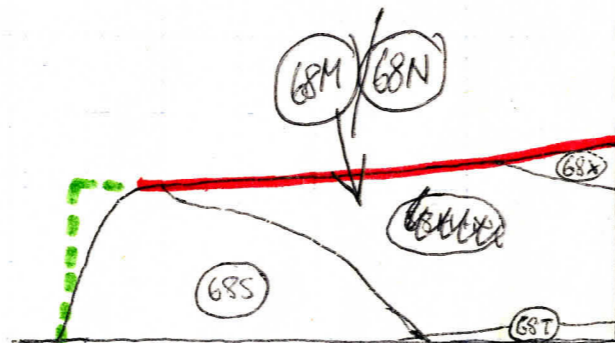
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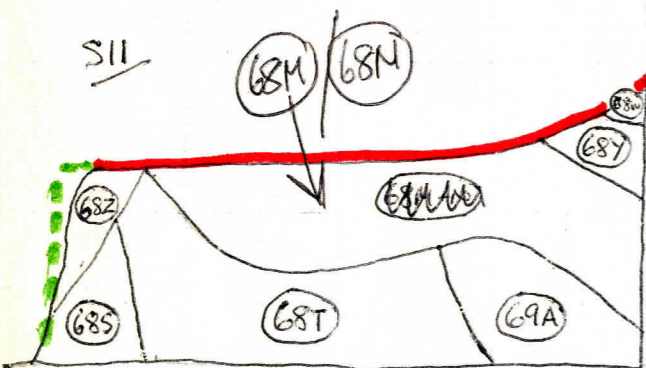
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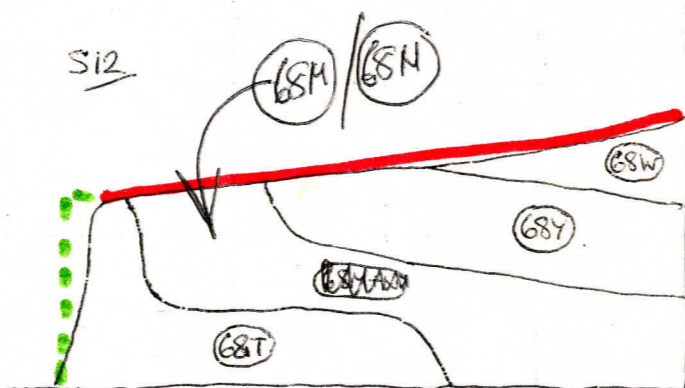
S10



S11



S12



≡ VANDAL DAMAGE AFTER PARTLY FOLLOWING (68M) + (68N) FROM XY

(68L)

~~(68L)~~ Light grey-brown soil, with admixture of dark waxy yellow sand. Exits only towards E. Limit of ~~(68L)~~. Dipping slightly W to E. Extends just over 1'0" from E. limit. See section p. 3 and plan p. 2.

FINDS: None.

LOWER LAYERS — SEE S1 TO S13

(68M)

~~(68M)~~ Compacted light brown sandy soil, with heavy yellow sand admixture. Similar to (68G). On excavation (68M) and (68N) were found to be one layer extending over the whole of ~~(68M)~~, except for the extreme southern limit of ~~(68M)~~. This layer is therefore referred to as (68M) + (68N). See plan p. 4

FINDS: NONE.

(68N)

~~(68N)~~ Very similar to (68M). } SAME LAYER AS (68M)

FINDS: NONE.

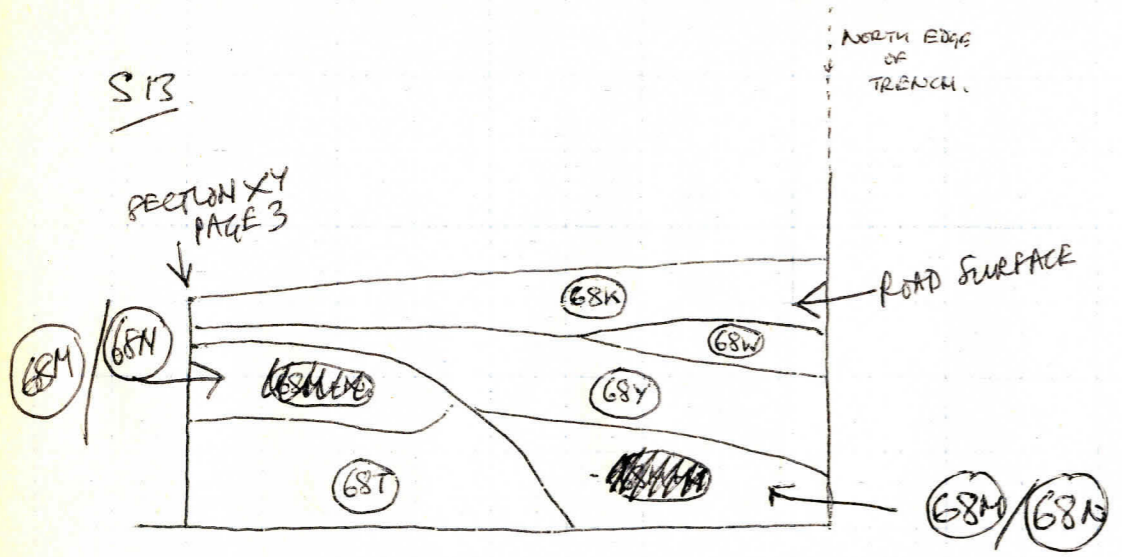
Under (68J) + (68K)

Under (68K)

Under (68W) + (68L)



S13



THIS IS REALLY MAIN WEST SECTION

Assuming these N-S sections S1 to S13 are correct (and excavators think they are), the only explanation is that the stratification has been much disturbed by the E-W roads. Road surfaces (e.g. (68K) ~~(68L)~~ ~~(68M)~~) do exist here. (Road surfaces also appear in W-sections of Trench R)

NB. When cutting S1 to S13 they were dug initially to an arbitrary "flat" level to examine layers. After drawing sections, layers were excavated fully below this level, but not using these sections. Dotted layers on sections = reconstructed.

(68P)

~~(68P)~~ Grey-brown very sandy soil. Compacted. One or two flecks charcoal and pebble. Extends up to 1'0" back from drawn section <sup>XY</sup> towards E. side of ~~(68P)~~ <sup>VY</sup> depending c. 2'5" from main west end of trench. FINDS: NONE [narrowing towards the west. Slopes very steeply. See section p. 3, plan p. 4. Also S1 to S8 pp. 5+6.]

Under (68M), (68N), (68K)

(68Q)

~~(68Q)~~ Similar to (68P), but with flecks of red clay, some <sup>bricks</sup> sandstone frags. and charcoal + mortar. N.B. This layer lies over (68P). <sup>XY</sup> Extends 4" in from drawn section <sup>VWXY</sup> Excists only towards South <sup>east</sup> ~~east~~ limit of ~~(68Q)~~ <sup>VWXY</sup>. See section p. 3, plan p. 2. FINDS: NONE.

Under (68N) + (68L)

N.B. In the numbering of the layers in ~~(68H)~~ <sup>VWXY</sup> the letters F, I and O were not used. Therefore there are no layers (68F), (68I) or (68O).

(68R)

~~(68R)~~ Does not show in drawn section <sup>XY</sup> Dark brown-grey soil, with some pebble. Sloping South to North, lying over (68D) and (68E). See plan p. 2.

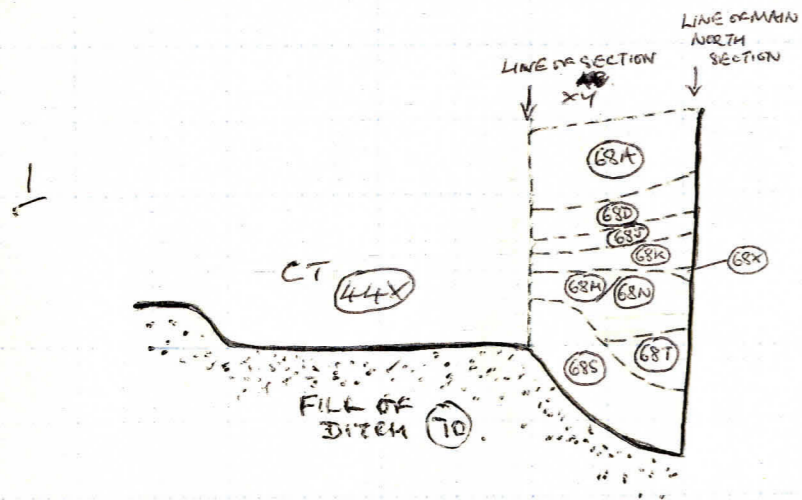
Under (68B)

NO FINDS.  
DESCRIPTIONS OF LAYERS CONT. P. 9.

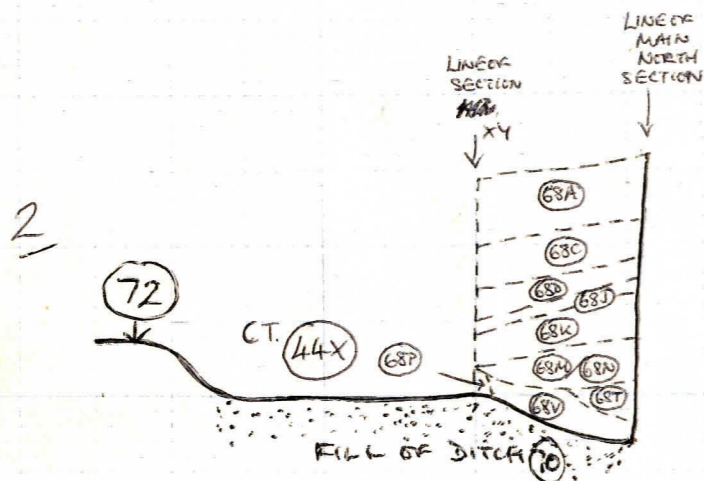


RECONSTRUCTED SECTIONS ACROSS LAYERS IN VWXY. (N/S).

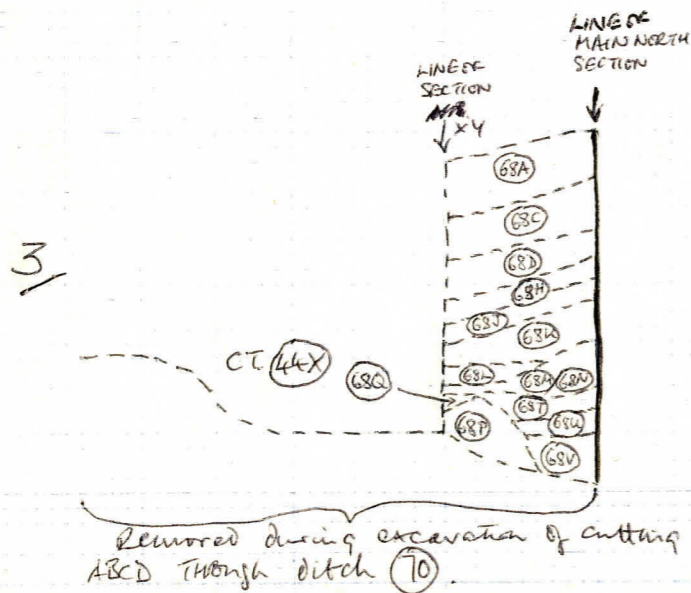
DOTTED LINES = RECONSTRUCTIONS.



SECTION 1 IS DRAWN ALONG THE LINE OF SMALL N/S SECTIONS S10 see plan, p.4.  
 SECTION 2 IS DRAWN ALONG THE LINE OF SMALL N/S SECTIONS S7 see plan p.4.  
 SECTION 3 IS DRAWN ALONG THE LINE OF SMALL N/S SECTIONS S1 see plan p.4.



The reconstructions are based upon 1. Layers showing in the main north section.  
 2. Layers in drawn section XY see p.3.  
 3. Layers recorded in small N/S sections S10, S7 and S1.



General Note:

On excavation (68M) and (68N) were found to be one continuous layer extending over the whole of <sup>VWXY</sup> (68K) apart from the extreme South limit of (see plan p.4). During excavation of (68M) and (68N), it was found that the layer dipped extremely steeply, vertically in places, and so was difficult to follow stratigraphically in the space available (ie. between N. edge of trench and (68P)). It was therefore decided to cut a series of small N/S sections (S1 to S13) northwards from XY along the length of (68K). The position of these sections is shown on the plan on p.4., and the sections themselves on pp. 5, 6 and 7. NB, (68M) and (68N) as shown in S1 to S13 is partially excavated.



(688)

~~688~~ Light mottled, <sup>vixy</sup> grey-brown sand. Exits on western side of ~~68~~ ending e. 4'4" east of western end of trench. Section p. 3, plan p. 4. Also ~~88-854~~ p. 6. Dipping very steeply in west, S to N, a ~~very~~ becoming quite thick.

Under (687)

FINDS: ~~None~~. 1 sherd pot: frag. rim. red ware 'square' form of rim.

(687)

~~687~~ Mottled brown-grey sandy soil with flecks of charcoal, clay, pebble and <sup>brunter</sup> ~~poor~~ sandstone. Exits chiefly on northern side of ~~68~~ <sup>vixy</sup> extending from west end of trench to within c. 7" of ~~68~~ <sup>vixy</sup> extends up to 1'2" S. of N. edge of trench. Sloping S to N. Not on section p. 3.

Under (68M+N) (68M) (68N)

FINDS: NONE. See ~~plan~~, plan p. 4 also S1-S13 pp 5-7.

(68U)

~~68U~~ Grey sand with blackish appearance, large quantities of charcoal, soft texture. Does not show in section on p. 3. Exits in E. half of (68), extending c. 3'6" <sup>w.</sup> of E. limit of (68) and up to c. 10" S. of N. edge of trench. See plan p. 4. also S1-S6 p. 5. FINDS: NONE. Sloping S to N.

Under (68T)



(68V)

~~(68V)~~ Green-brown sand, lighter than (68T)

Does not show in section on p. 3. Exists as a patch c. 8' 3" wide, 2' 9" from ~~W~~<sup>WX</sup> and 110" from ~~E~~<sup>XY</sup>.  
(68U) Extends up to 10" S. of N. edge of trench. Slope of S to N.  
See plan p. 4. also S4-S7 pp. 5+6.

Under  
(68U)  
(68S)

FINDS: NONE.

(68W)

~~(68W)~~ ~~tan~~ Golden brown compacted sand with clayey texture. Exists only in N.W. ~~of (68T)~~<sup>VWXY</sup>.

Does not show on section on p. 3. Extends c. 5" S. of N. edge of trench. See plan p. 4 also S11-S13 pp. 6+7.

Under  
(68K)

FINDS: NONE.

(68X)

~~(68X)~~ Compact clayey texture, slightly greasy. Grey sand with green and yellow overtones.

(68X) appeared on excavation to be a patch of layers (68M) (68N).  
(68X+M) affected by cess rather than a separate layer.

Under  
(68K)

FINDS: NONE.



(68Y) ~~Dark grey sandy soil with greasy texture~~  
 Exists only in N.W. of ~~(68)~~, Sloping S to N. Extends  
 c. 1'0" east of W. end of trench + c. 1'2" S. of N. edge of  
 Trench. See plan, p. 4 also S<sub>11</sub>-S<sub>13</sub> pp. 6+7. Does  
 not show in section <sup>XY</sup> on p. 3.

Under  
 (68W).

FINDS: NONE.

(68Z) ~~Grey brown very sandy soil. Very similar~~  
 to (68P) and probably an isolated patch  
 remaining from (68P). c. 9" from W. end of trench  
 and 9" from N. edge of trench, extends only c. 2" back  
 from drawn section <sup>XY</sup>. See plan p. 4 and also S<sub>11</sub> p. 6.

Under  
 (68M+N)  
 (68M) (68N)

FINDS: NONE

(69A) ~~Lightish grey glossy sand w. flecks of~~  
 greenish sand. Exists only in N.W. of ~~(68)~~,  
 extends 1'6" east of W. end of trench and up to 6" S. of  
 N. edge of trench. Sloping S to N. Does not show  
 in section <sup>XY</sup> p. 3. See plan p. 4, also S<sub>11</sub> p. 6.

Under  
 (68M+N)  
 (68M) (68N)

~~FINDS: NONE.~~ Slopes very steeply ~~up~~ W. of <sup>WXY</sup>  
 S to N, and becomes quite thick + very  
 compacted.

FINDS: 1 sherd pot, green glazed, oxidized.











GENERAL NOTE

Following the excavation of (69A) there appears to be only ditch filling remaining in Area S. Consequently excavation of the ditch has now commenced, and the ditch itself has been given the feature number (70).

(70) THE LARGE SHALLOW E-W DITCH.



Note on Method of Excavation of Western portion of Ditch (70):

To facilitate stratigraphic excavation it was decided to make a cutting, ~~(A)~~ (A,B,C,D on plan on p. 16), running N/S. across the ditch, approximately 50" wide. This enabled the stratification in area E,F,B,A, on plan p. 16, to be examined in section from 2 sides: W/E section (E,A.) and N/S section (A,B.)

The cutting <sup>ABCD</sup> was not excavated stratigraphically, but distinction was made between the darker <sup>upper</sup> fill and the lighter, sandier primary sitting at the bottom (for finds purposes numbered (71A) and (71B) respectively).

See separate sheet of graph paper for section drawing ~~of~~ (along A B)

~~The~~ layers found in the section ~~along A B~~ were numbered from ~~(71A) to (71B)~~

CUTTING ABCD

- (71A) Upper ditch filling FINDS  
Section nos. 1 to 17 incl. + 21.
- (71B) lighter layers at bottom NO FINDS  
Section nos. 18 to 53 incl. except 21.

} SEE DRAWN SECTION AB WHICH DISTINGUISHES (71A) + (71B)

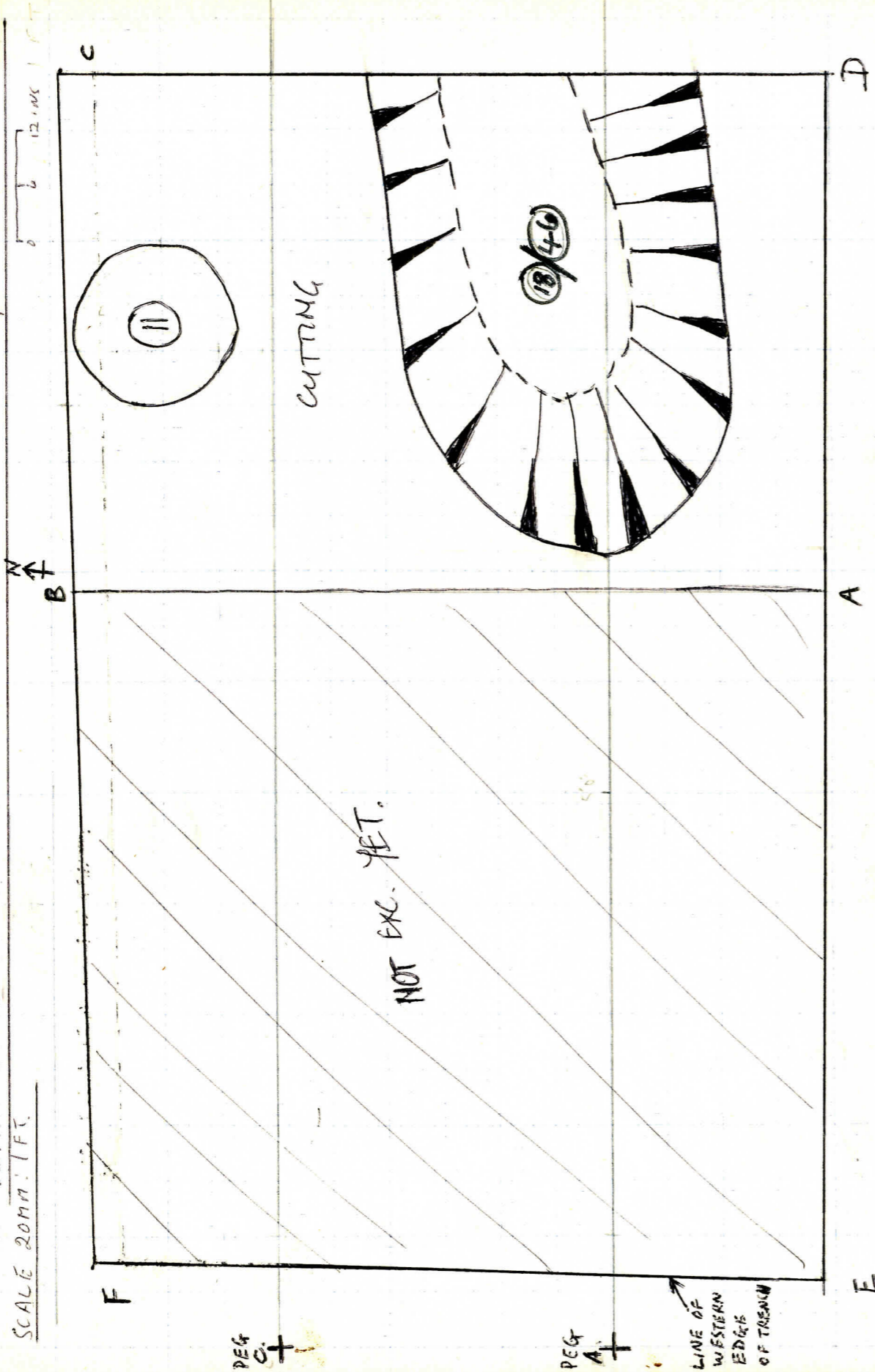
\* This cutting was sited here because much of the ditch filling had already been removed by later features.

PLAN OF AREA F C E A W



PLAN OF WESTERN BLOCK OF DITCH FILL EFBA, AND CUTTING ABCD

SCALE 20MM:1FT.



LAYERS IN SECTION A.B.

SEE SECTION DRAWING ON GRAPH PAPER.

SECTION NOS.

1. Mixed grey-brown silty sand, with flecks of clay, yellow and light orange sandstone. A few flecks charcoal, distilled general appearance.

~~Wavy~~

2. Very similar to layer no. 1, but darker with more flecks charcoal.

~~Wavy~~

3. Similar to layers 1 + 2, but lighter and sandier with more flecks of orange-brown s/s.

~~Wavy~~

STRATIFICATION NOS.

72A

~~Wavy~~

72A

~~Wavy~~

72A



4. Fairly light brown-grey sandy soil, some iron-brown flecks, some flecks charcoal.

~~73A~~

73A

~~73A~~

5. Mixed layer of brown grey sandy soil, with patches of golden-brown sand. Some pebble, flecks charcoal + ~~the~~ red clay.

~~73A~~

73A

~~73A~~

6. Very similar to 5., but more uniform in appearance, with ~~the~~<sup>no</sup> golden-brown sand, or clay. With iron-brown flecks and flecks charcoal. Some pebble.

~~73A~~

73A

~~73A~~



7. Mixed layers of brown-grey sandy soil, lighter than 6, and with considerable admixture of golden brown and yellow sand. Some flecks charcoal.

~~73A~~  
73A

~~73A~~

8. Mixed layers of brown-grey sandy soil, similar to 7, but with heavy admixture of yellow sand, and some patches of golden-brown sand.

~~73B~~  
73B

~~73B~~

9. Brown grey silty sandy soil, some flecks charcoal. Greyer than 6 and 10.

~~73B~~  
73B

~~73B~~



10. Mixed grey-brown sandy soil, with flecks of charcoal, patches of iron-brown flecks

~~WAAAA~~

73B

~~WAAAA~~

11. Mottled light grey-brown sandy soil. Some flecks of charcoal and red clay.

~~WAAAA~~

73B

~~WAAAA~~

12. Grey mid-brown sandy soil. Flecks of sandstone + charcoal. Some pebble.

~~WAAAA~~

73B

~~WAAAA~~

13. Very similar to 12., but slightly greyer, with one or two iron-brown flecks

~~WAAAA~~

73B

~~WAAAA~~



14. Mid brown very sandy soil. Some pebble.

~~73B~~

73B

~~73B~~

15. Mixed layers of grey brown sandy soil. Greyer and darker than 11 + 12. Many flecks of charcoal. Some pebble. Patchy texture, some areas slightly sticky.

~~73B~~

73B

~~73B~~

16. Mid to dark grey brown sandy soil. Slightly sticky texture. Some flecks charcoal. Lighter than 17. Darker than 11 + 15.

~~73C~~

73C

~~73C~~

17. Fairly dark ~~grey~~ brown grey sandy soil. Sticky texture. Flecks of charcoal + iron-brown flecks. (? Turf lanes).

~~73C~~

73C

~~73C~~



18. Grey-golden brown <sup>very</sup> sandy soil. Flecks charcoal and iron-brown flecks

~~73D~~

73D

~~73D~~

19. Similar to 18, but with lighter sand and less charcoal

~~73D~~

73D

~~73D~~

20. Light grey brown sandy soil with flecks of charcoal and red clay. Admixture of sand with pinkish overtones.

~~73D~~

73D

~~73D~~

21. Dark grey-brown sandy soil, slightly sticky texture, some flecks charcoal. Stake hole or root hole.

73C



22. Light grey-brown sandy soil. Pinkish overtones.  
Some pebble.

73D

23. Mid grey brown sandy soil with staley texture.  
Some pebble, charcoal + iron-brown flecks.

73D

24. Very similar to 23. but slightly lighter. No  
pebble.

73D

25. Mid to light brown with grey overtones. Very sandy  
soil, some flecks charcoal and a few iron-brown  
flecks.

73D

26. Very similar to 25. Probably the same layer, separated  
from 25. by ? stake or root hole 21.

73D



27. Golden brown very sandy soil, a few flecks of charcoal.

73D

28. Very similar to 27, but slightly darker.

73D

29. Mid grey-brown sand. Slight admixture of grey-brown soil. A few flecks charcoal.

73D

30. Grey brown sand with slight soil admixture + patches of light yellow sand. Some flecks charcoal + many iron-brown flecks.

73D

31. Light brown very sandy soil with "watery" appearance and faint blue overtones.

73D



32. Very similar to 31. but darker grey with a few flecks of charcoal.

73D

33. Light grey brown very sandy soil with patches of lighter ~~dark~~ brown sand. Slightly 'watery' appearance, some pebble.

73D

34. Similar to 33. but ~~lighter~~ with more light sand and some iron-brown flecks.

73D

35. Mottled brown very sandy soil with patches of light sand, some charcoal and iron-brown flecks

73D

36. Light coarse yellow sand. Rock wash from b/s edge.

73E



37. Similar to 33 but darker and more flecks of charcoal + iron-brown flecks.

(73D)

38. Similar to 33 and 37, but with more light brown sand, but not as much as in 34. Some iron-brown flecks.

(73D)

39. Dark brownish-grey silty sand very 'watery' appearance.

(73D)

40. Light bluish grey silty sand.

(73E)

41. Light buff silty sand with pinkish overtones.

(73E)



42. Brownish grey sand with some soil admixture.  
Pinkish overtones. Some iron-brown flecks.

(73E)

43. Mottled grey brown soily sand with patches of  
yellowish sand, some pebble.

(73E)

44. Grey brown sand with some soil admixture and  
fairly large admixture of yellow sand.

(73E)

45. Grey brown soily sand.

(73E)

46. Light brown sand with some grey-brown soily  
sand admixture.

(73E)



47. Brownish grey silty sand with light 'watery' appearance.

(73E)

48. ~~Light~~ Brownish grey silty sand with some pebble. Slight pinkish overtones.

(73E)

49. Golden brown sand with coarse compacted texture. Some light silty sand admixture.

(73E)

50. Bluish grey silty sand with some pebble + flecks charcoal.

(73E)

51. Light grey silty sand with pinkish red overtones.

(73E)



52 Golden brown compacted sand with light buff silty sand admixture. Some iron-brown pebbles.

(73E)

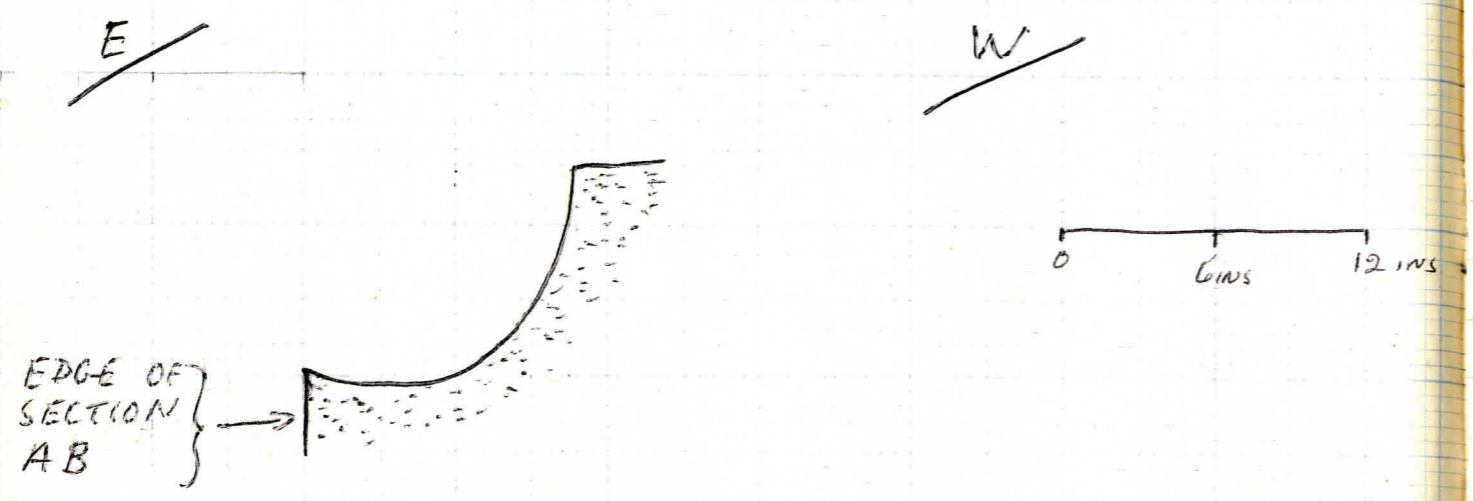
53. Light golden-brown sand with light buff silty sand admixture, with some pebble.

(73E)



PROFILE OF PIT (72)

SCALE 4 CM = 1 FT.



(72)

Feature not into ditch fill discovered  
 on east digging, nothing ABCD. It  
 can be seen in the down section  
 AB (see graph paper) as layers  
 1, 2 + 3 (- these are described on P. 16.)  
 On excavation, this was found to  
~~be a part of a shallow~~ be a part  
 (? about one half) of a shallow  
 pit. [- Rough profile opposite].

(72A) Fill of feature (72). This  
 included all three layers shown  
 in section AB ~~NOTE~~ (SECTIONS NOS = 1,  
 2, 3 on P. 16). - see graph paper ~~for~~  
 for section drawing.

~~NOTE~~ FINES - NOTE.



\* NB. Section AB is very similar (excluding roads) to sections of area H drawn in 1973/74

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## FURTHER EXCAVATION OF THE DITCH (70)

After completing the initial cutting ABCD through the ditch fill, and drawing section AB (on graph paper; description page 16), it was decided to base the rest of the excavation of the ditch on section AB.\*

A bank will be left in at CDQH (see second main plan) so that sections CD and QH can be drawn, as these are in the same line as, and complete, the first and second main west sections of trench R.

A further section will be drawn at JK as most of the ditch filling survives here (comparable with AB). Not all that much survives in CD and QH, although these have to be drawn to complete the sections of Trench R. Consequently sections AB and/or JK can be used and substituted for CD and/or QH to have composite sections completing Trench R, and showing as much ditch stratigraphy as possible. Rock profiles from CD and QH can be used and ditch fill from AB and JK inserted in them.



It has been decided not to RMus ditch stratigraphy in detail because of time/\$/ the uselessness of Trench R (which had no surviving rampart). The ditch is being dug only to add to the already existing groups of finds from 1971/and 1973/74. It was noted then that ditch finds from top to bottom cannot really be distinguished in terms of date.

The ditch will however be excavated throughout its length in major deposits, based on the already drawn section AB —  
SEE SECTION AB WHERE SHOWN IN RED.

These deposits are as follows .....

DEPOSIT A

This will be approx. the top 1'0" of the ditch filling to avoid any possible contamination from mixed potsherds (although none have shown from cleaning)

Mainly brown-fawn sands with slight admixture of grey sandy soils. Occasional ch. cl.

DEPOSIT B

Mainly grey-fawn to grey-brown sands with very slight grey sandy admixture. Flecking of lighter fawn + yellow sands. Some layers have sparse large charcoal streaks.



DEPOSIT C

Slightly mid-grey brkly/sandy layer with slight fine sand admixture. Sparse large ch. cl. pebbles. ? roots/S.H.'s below it. Possibly decayed veg. in clamp hollow +/- old ground surface.

DEPOSIT D

Secondary silting mainly, interspersed with occasional charcoally sandy/silty in-filling layers. Mostly fawn-yellow to fawn-brown sands, very light in colour.

DEPOSIT E

Probably primary silting. Coarsely yellow sands/white sands/pebbles/plus watery grey sands probably from downslope W to E. water running in channels.

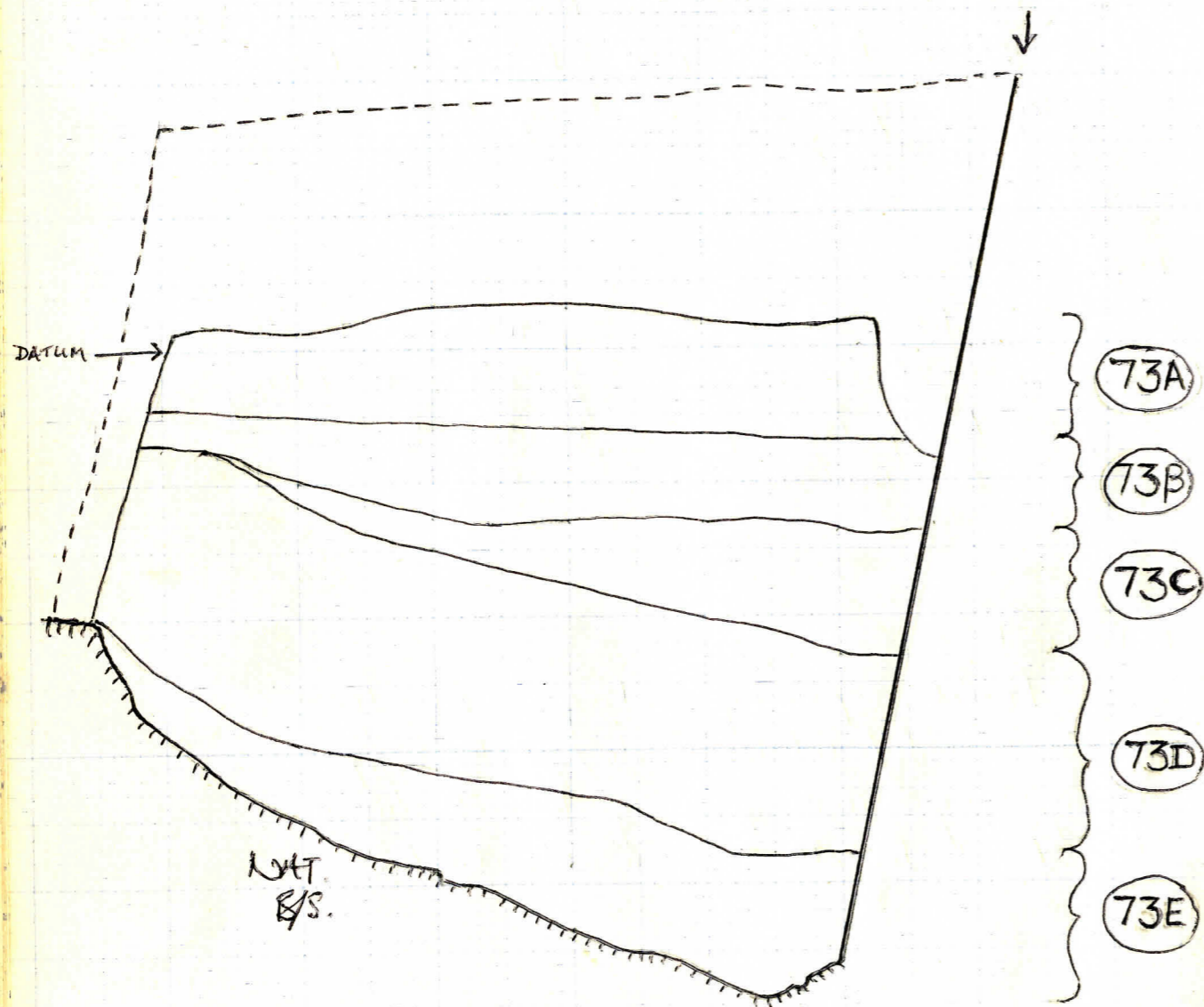
NB. Description of these deposits based on looking at section AB, on site.



PROFILE ACROSS DITCH (70) at line FF. in Main West Section  
 SCALE: 1 Large sq. 1'0"

SOUTH

NORTH  
 LINE OF MAIN NORTH SECTION



SEE LETTERS ON PLAN 2

73 EXCAVATION OF BLOCK EFBA .....

73A Deposit A as described above  
 (layers nos. 4/5/6/7 in section AB)

FINDS :- Bone; 2 sherds of pot (unglazed coarse ware; several fragments of flint, (possibly worked) ~~and~~ 1 block of soft red sandstone + 1 block of hard red clay.

73B Deposit B as described above  
 (layers nos. 8/9/10/11/12/13/14/15 in section AB)

FINDS Bone; 1 fragment of flint; 3 fragments of soft red sandstone; 6 ~~fine~~ sherds of pot (all coarse ware ~~ware~~, including one ~~at~~ sherd of a base); ~~and~~ 1 fragment of slate



\* (73C) Deposit C as described above  
(Layers nos. 16/17/21 in section AB)

Remains fairly similar from section AB back to section FE,  
but becoming patchy in south west quarter of ABFE.

Layer 21 in Section A.B.: on excavation this appears to be  
a stake-hole of fairly regular proportions, extending c. 2" back  
from section A.B. However no other features were found cut into

(73D)

FINDS - ~~bone~~ Bone; 13 sherds of pot  
(all coarsew <sup>are</sup> ~~ware~~, including  
one sherd of vinn).

(73D) Deposit D as described above  
(Layers nos. 18/19/20/22/23/24/25/26/27/28/  
29/30/31/32/33/34/35/37/38 in section AB)

FINDS - Bone; 2 blocks of soft  
~~red~~ red sandstone; 3 fragments  
of tile; 2 sherds of pot  
(both coarsew <sup>are</sup> ~~ware~~.)

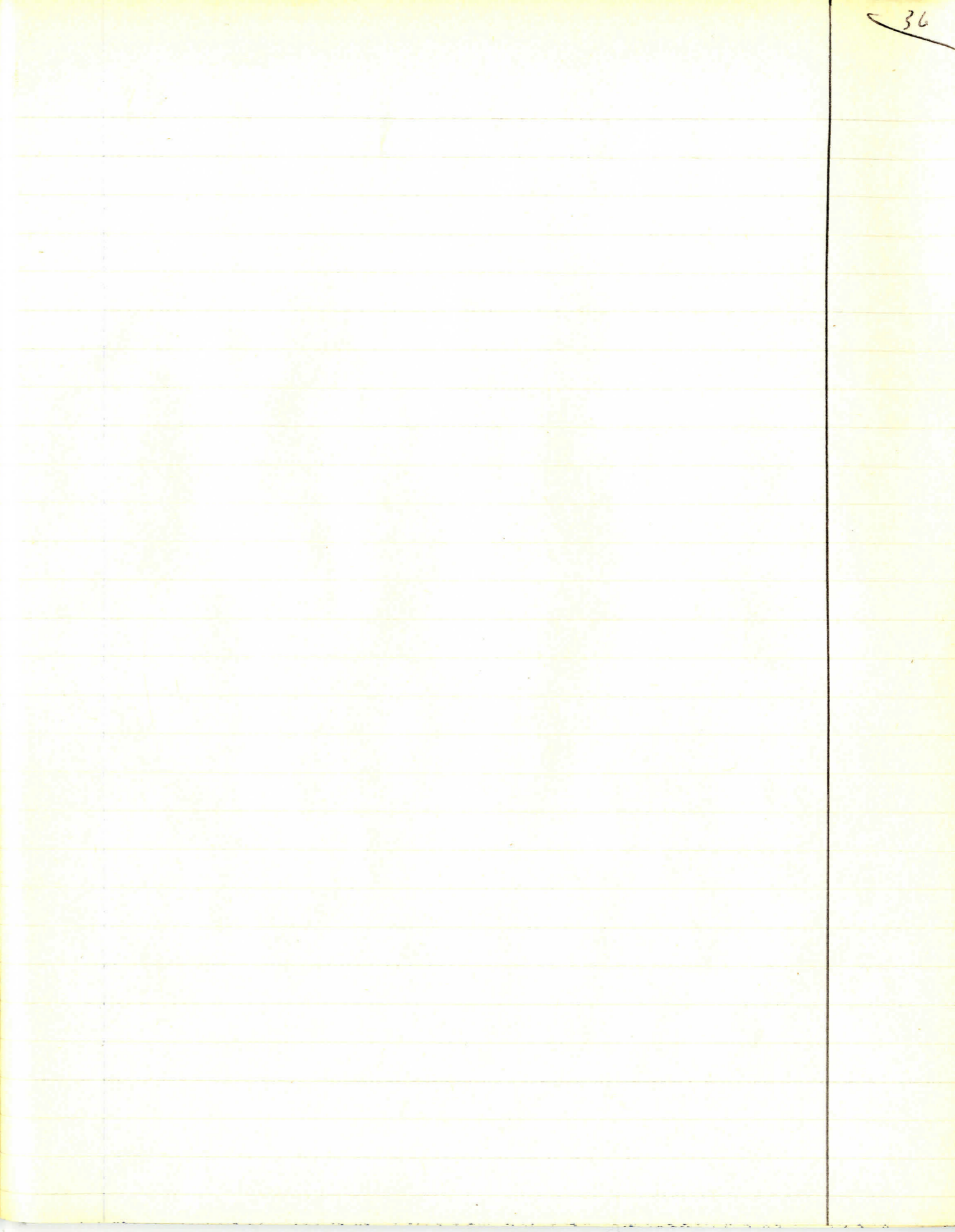
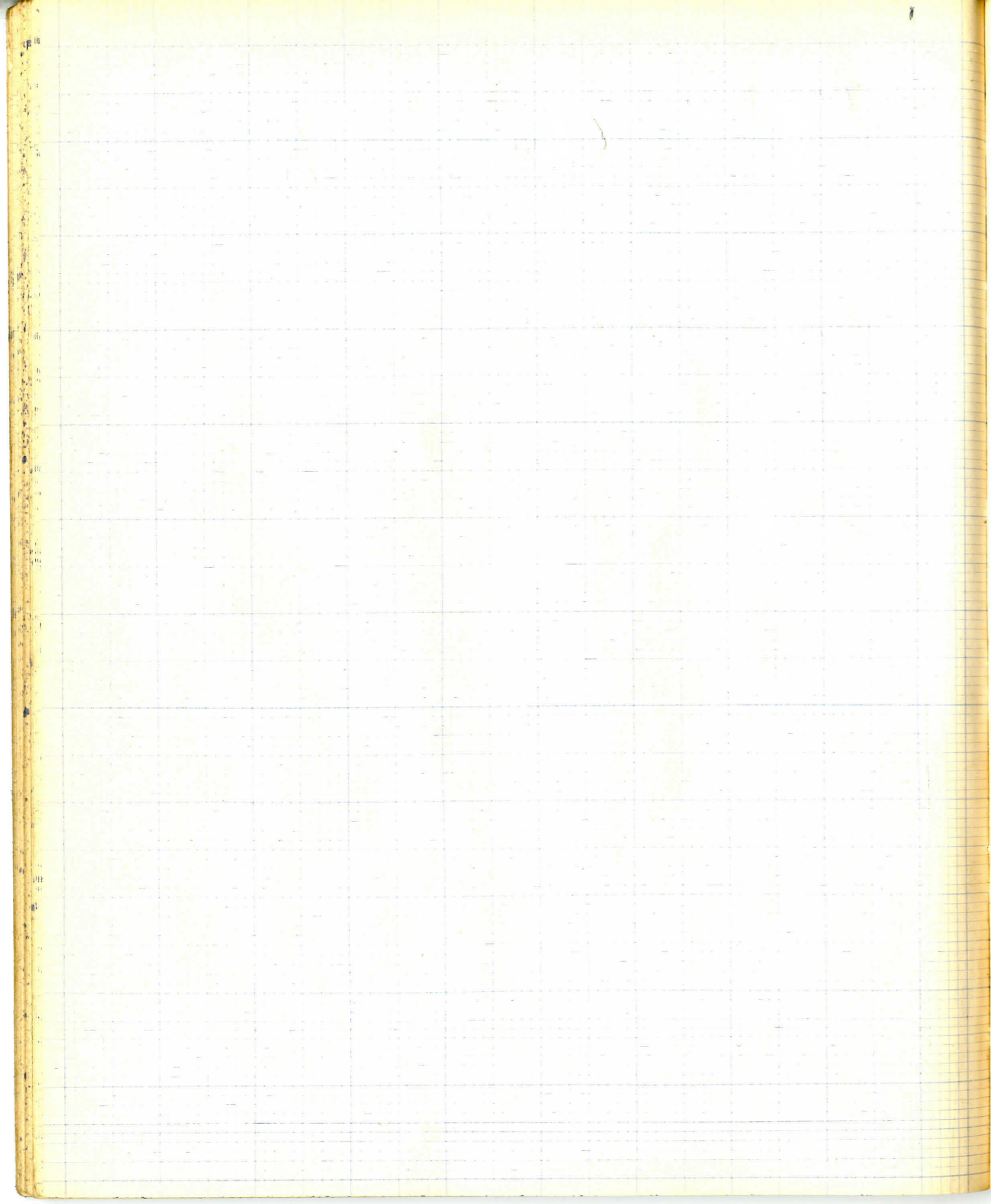


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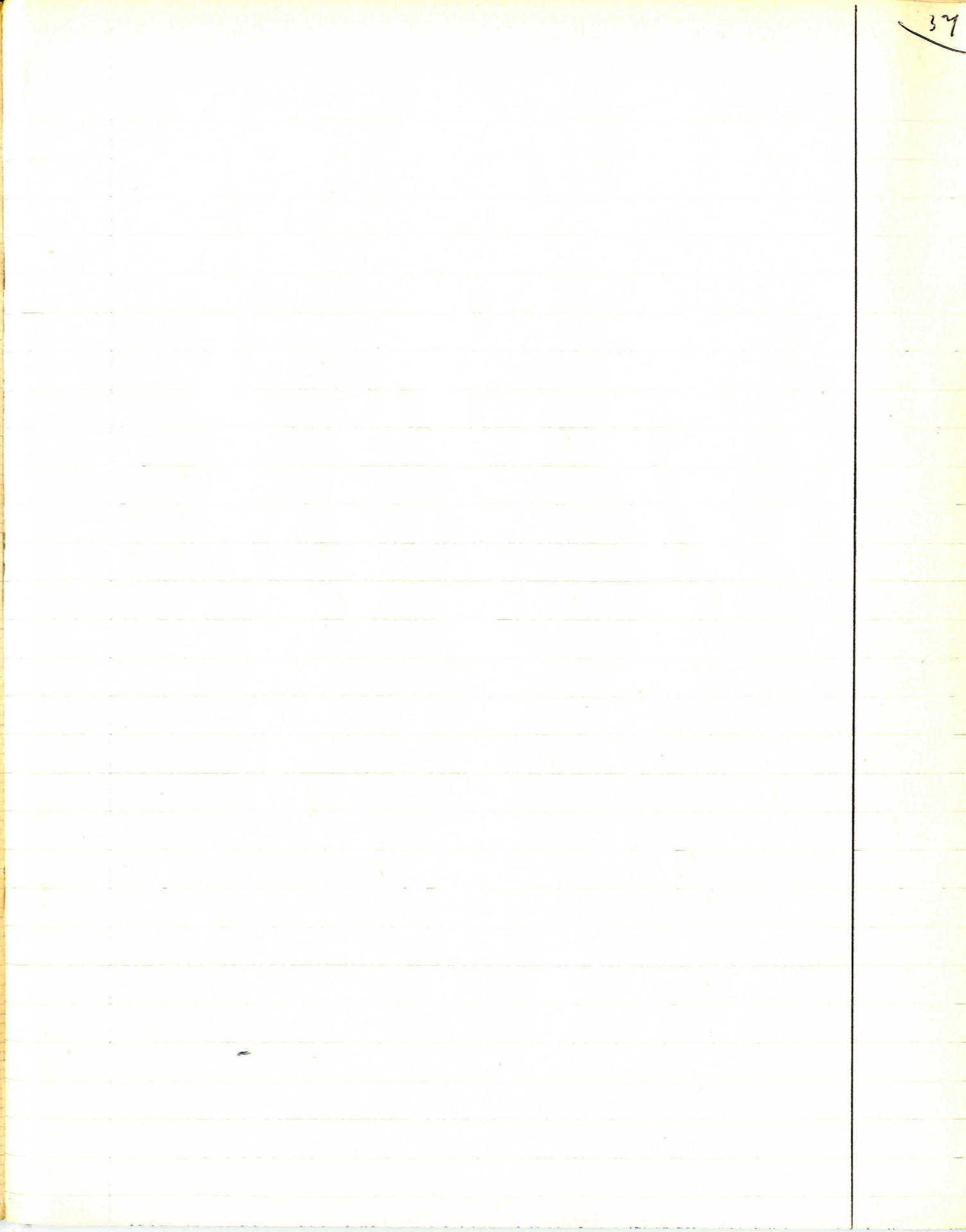
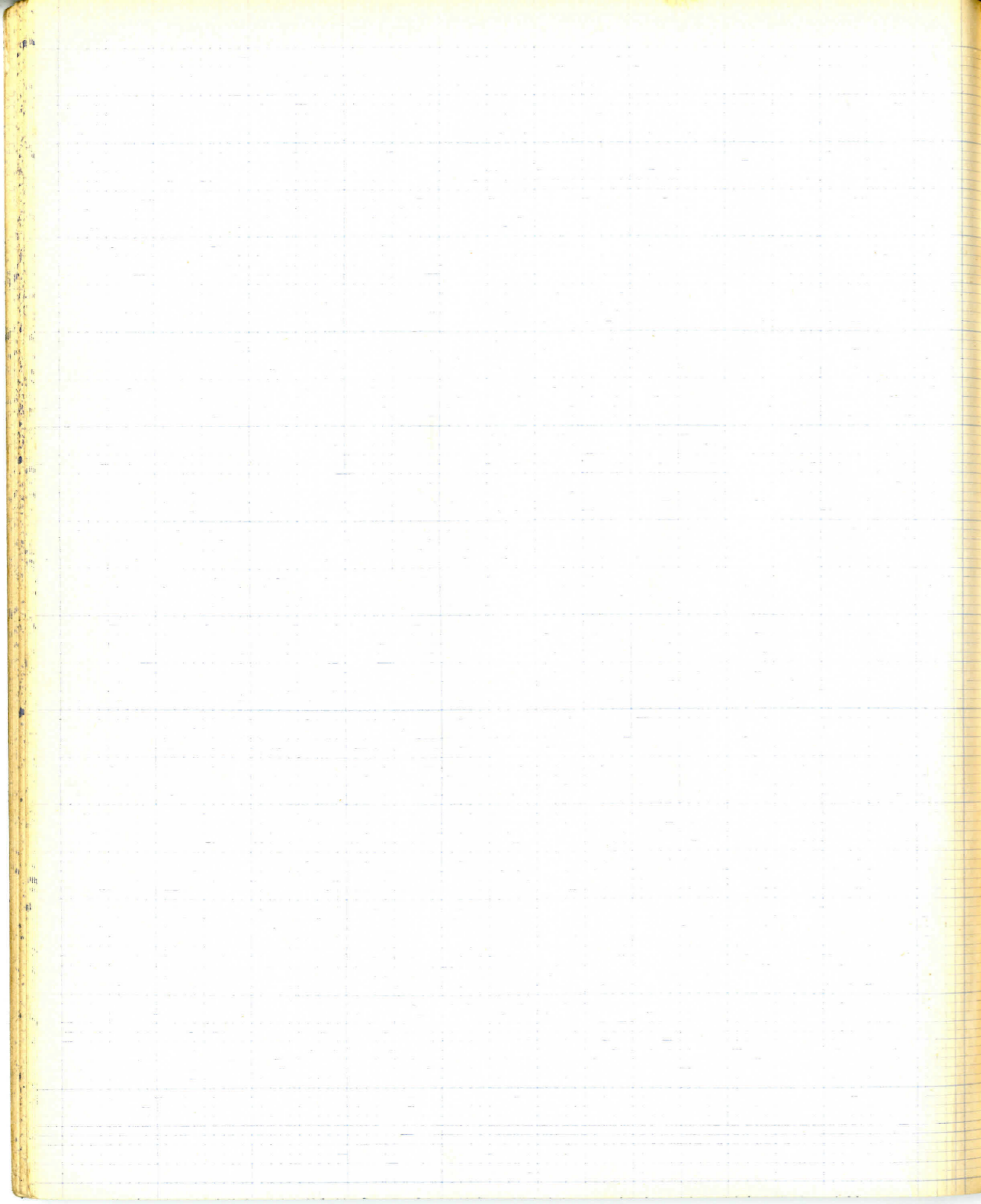
(73E) Deposit E as described above  
(layers nos. 36/40/41/42/43/44/45/46/47/48  
49/50/51/52/53 in section AB)

FINDS - NONE.









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NOTE ON GULLY (53)/(76) AND BLOCK G.H.K.J.

[SEE PLAN NO 2 ON GRAPH PAPER.]

Before excavation of ~~the~~ <sup>block</sup> G.H.K.J. it was found that the gully ~~(53)~~ <sup>(76)</sup>, which ran S-N. across the ditch fill, had not been fully excavated earlier in the dig. It was therefore decided to re-number the gully ~~(53)~~ <sup>(76)</sup> and continue the excavation of it. ~~(Its WESTERN SIDE was lettered Q.R. and its EASTERN SIDE was lettered S.T.)~~

~~It was found that <sup>the WESTERN EDGE</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>cut</sup> lay to the WEST of the line G.H. ~~was~~ <sup>cut</sup> into the ~~area~~ <sup>area</sup> block D.C.H.G. ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~marked~~ <sup>marked</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~number~~ <sup>number</sup> (74E)~~

~~Likewise ~~the~~ side S.T. lay to the EAST of G.H. so that only block S.T.K.J. remained with the full number of deposits in it.~~

The ~~WESTERN~~ <sup>limit</sup> ~~side~~ of the gully lay to the west of line G.H. by about 1 ft. The EASTERN limit of the gully lay to the ~~east~~ <sup>east</sup> of G.H. by about 3 1/2 ft. ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> the northern edge of the trench ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> about 2 1/2 ft. ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> the southern edge of the trench. ~~Thus~~ <sup>Thus</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~area~~ <sup>surviving</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>block</sup> ~~G.H.K.J.~~ <sup>G.H.K.J.</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~reduced~~ <sup>reduced</sup> ~~considerably~~ <sup>considerably</sup> (as shown on the second main plan).

Furthermore, ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~layers~~ <sup>layers</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~section~~ <sup>section</sup> G.H. ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~layers~~ <sup>layers</sup> in deposit ~~(74E)~~ <sup>(74E)</sup>.

(74) EXCAVATION OF BLOCK G.H.K.J. — see note opposite.

(74A) Deposit A as described above (in section K.J. this is layers nos. 1/2/4 and top part of 3 and 12)

FINDS:- Bone; 2 pieces of <sup>soft</sup> red sandstone, 2 ~~sherds~~ <sup>sherds</sup> of ~~pot~~ <sup>pot</sup> - unglazed coarseware (- one sherd = rim); 1 fragment of slate; 1 fragment of flint.

(74B) Deposit B as described above (in section K.J. this is layers nos. 5/6 and parts of 3/12/13/20/21)

~~FINDS - Bone; 2 pieces of soft red sandstone; 1 fragment of flint; 1 fragment of slate; 2 sherds of pot (both ~~present~~ <sup>present</sup> here, including one ~~sherd~~ <sup>sherd</sup> of rim).~~

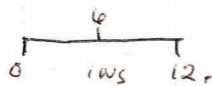
- Bone; 2 fragments of flint; 1 sherd of pot (coarseware).



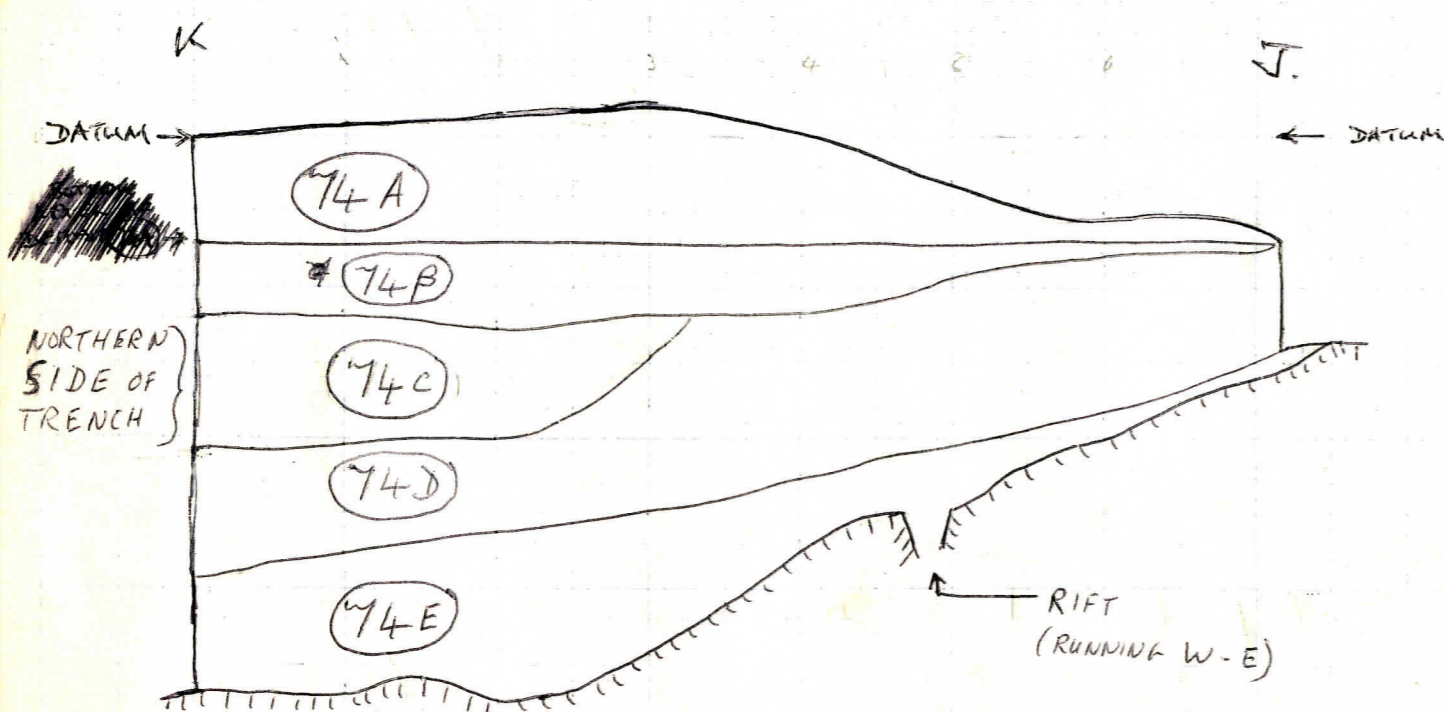
PROFILE OF DITCH (10) at line of Section K.J.

SCALE: 1 Large Sq: 10" (20 MM = 1 FT.)

NORTH



SOUTH



(74C) Deposit C as described above  
(in section KJ this is layers nos. 7/8/9/10 and 11)

This was found to extend only half way across the river G.H.K.J. - [see profile opposite + plan on P. 40]

FINDS - Bone; 4 fragments of flint.

(74D) Deposit D as described above  
(in section KJ this is layers nos. 14/15/16/17/18/19/22 and parts of 12/13/20/21/27/28)

FINDS - Bone; 2 flint fragments; 4 sherds of pot (all unglazed wherever); ~~1 piece~~ 1 piece of soft red sandstone + 2 pieces of <sup>soft</sup> whitish pot sandstone.



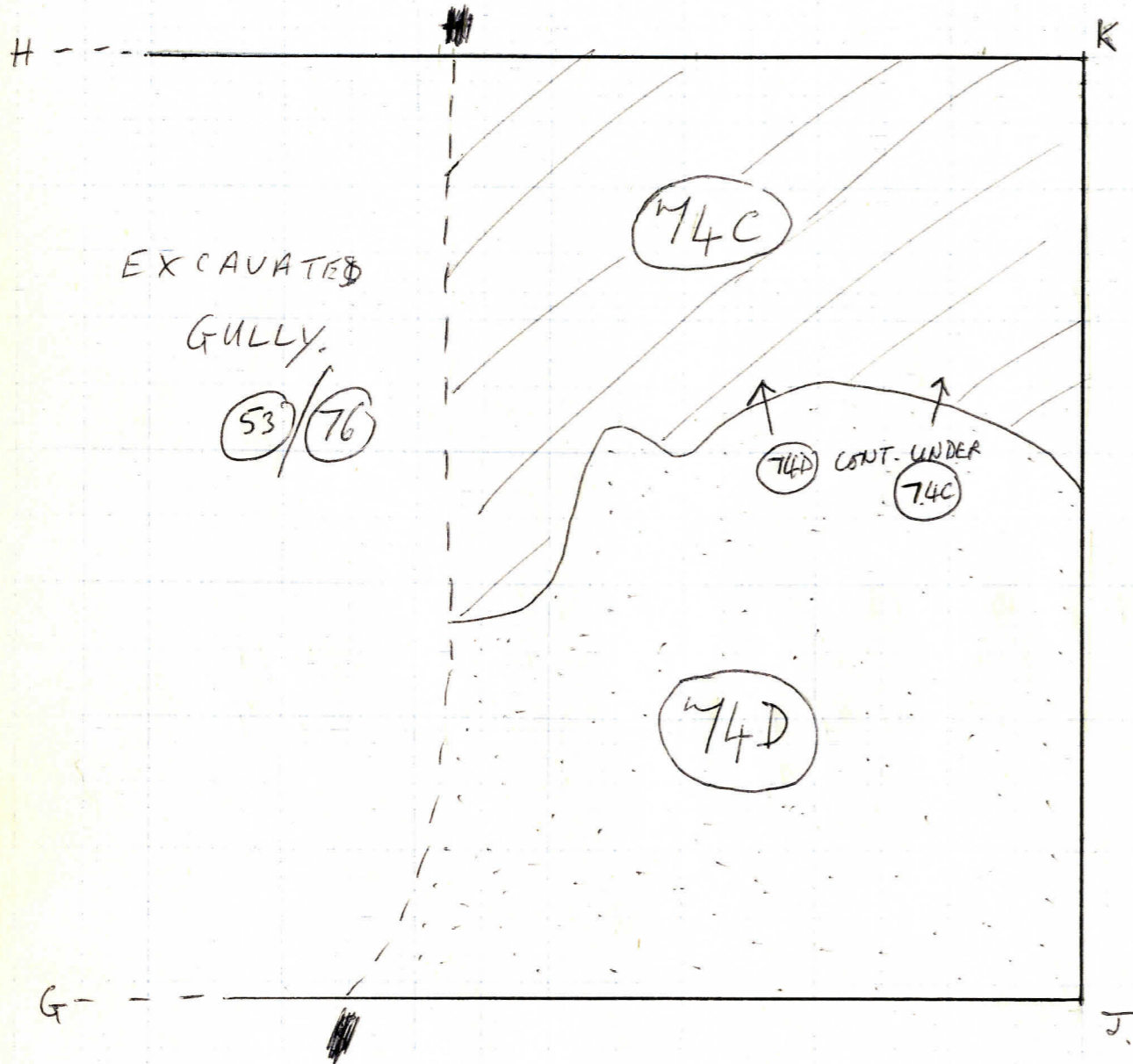
PLAN SHOWING THE LIMITS OF DEPOSIT 74C

IN BLOCK GHKJ.

0 1 2  
INS



SCALE: 20MM - 1 FT.



(74E) Deposit E as described above.  
(On section KJ this is layers nos. 23/24/  
25/26/29/30/31/32/33/ and parts of  
24/28).

[See (84) for layer in which bronze object was  
found.]

FINDS: - Bone; 1 fragment of flint;  
1 small round object - ~~possibly~~  
of light green colour - ? Bronze.

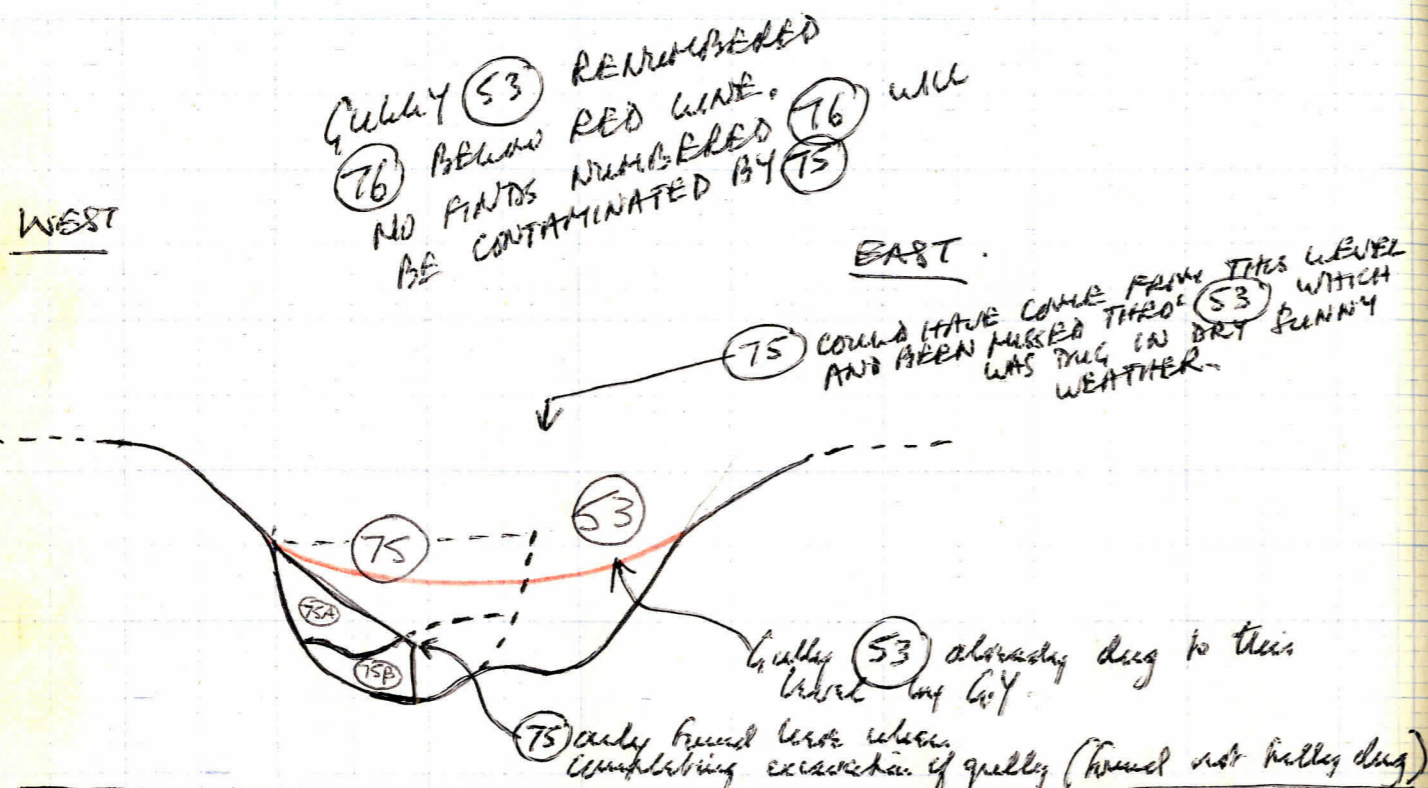






SECTION DRAWING OF POST HOLE (75)

12' 13' 14' 15' 16' 17' SCALE / Large Sqm = 1'0"



DOTTED LINES = PROBABLE LINE OF EASTERN EDGE OF P.H. (75) extent of fill. which was destroyed during further excavation of (53)

(75) Post Hole CUTTING GULLY (53)

This feature was found during the further excavation of gully (53), which had not been fully excavated. The feature was not identified until it was partially destroyed in digging (53). See page opposite for section. Any finds numbered (53) could be contaminated by (75) as (75) probably missed thro' (53).

~~75~~ Fill of post-hole (75):

(75A) Grey-brown slightly sandy soil, w. flecks of red clay.

~~75~~ FINDS -

(75B) Similar to (75A) but with large quantities of red clay and some pebble.

FINDS - 1 large sherd of red wareware pot.



~~#~~  
76

Further excavation of gully ~~(53)~~ (53).  
(53) was re-numbered on finding that it  
had not been fully excavated  
before) [- SEE NOTE ON P. 38].

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76A

Soil from <sup>furthe</sup> ~~the~~ excavation  
of gully (53). ~~Soil from gully (53).~~

~~Soil from gully (53).  
Soil from gully (53).  
Soil from gully (53).~~

FINDS - Bone; 3 fragments of flint

(76) will not be contaminated  
by (75)?



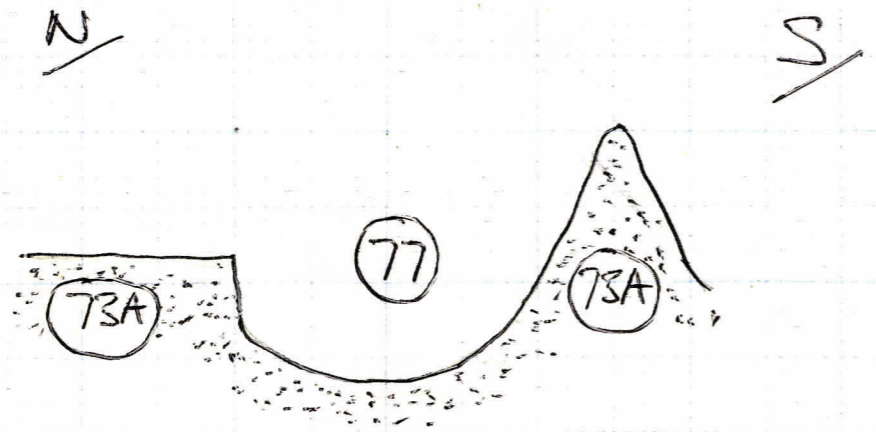




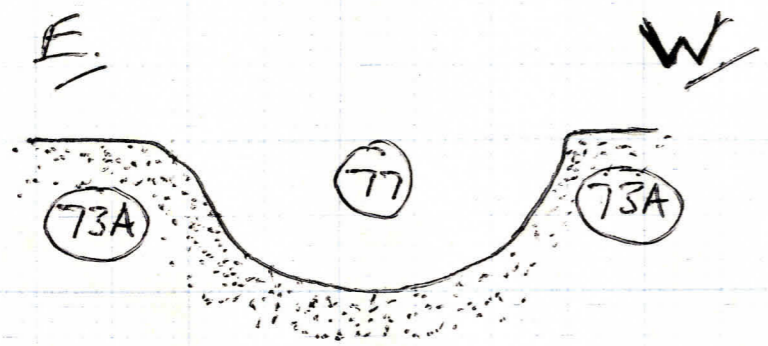
PROFILES OF P.H. (77)

SCALE 2 Lg. Squ = 10m.

(1)



(2)



(297)

Feature found during cleaning of top of ~~the~~ block EFBA. This was found to be a small steep-sided pit cut into the top layers (na deposit [in (73A)] of ~~the~~ block EFBA.

(297A)

- Fills of pit (297). Mixed grey-brown silty sand with mottled appearance from some lighter & brownish patches of sand. Some flecks of charcoal.

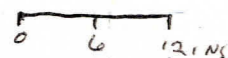
FINDS : NONE.



PLAN TO SHOW POSITION OF (?) STAKE HOLES

[78, 79, 80, 81] IN BLOCK GHKJ.

SCALE: 40 MM : 1 FT.

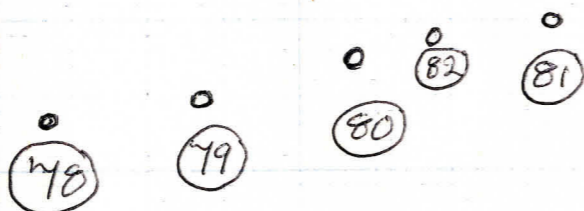


(H)

NORTHERN SIDE OF TRENCH



ROOT HOLES!



(G)

NORTH LIMIT OF 1973 EXCAVATION.

ALL THESE FOUND UNDER (74A) GOING INTO (74B)

46

ROOT

(78)

Small (?) stake hole; c 1 INS in diameter. [SEE NOTE P. 48]

Under (74A)

(78A) Sill of (78)

Very loose coarse sand with much ~~massive~~ humus admixture; mid-brown in colour. Some flecks of charcoal and root fibres.

FINDS - NONE.

ROOT

(79)

Small (?) stake hole; - c 1 INS in diameter [SEE NOTE P. 48]

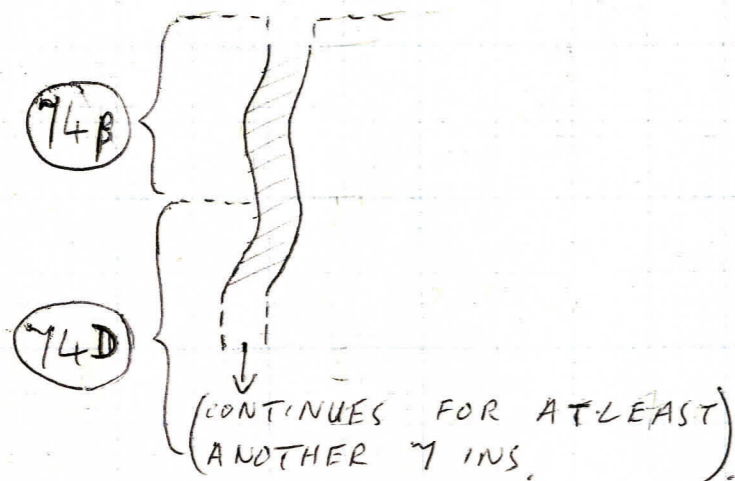
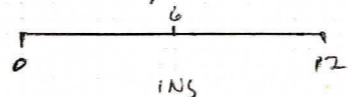
(79A) Sill of (79) - as (78A)

FINDS - NONE.



N/S SECTION OF (79)

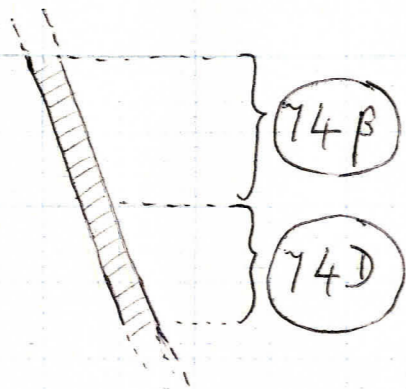
SCALE 4 CM : 1 FT



MUST BE A ROOTHOLE  
THEY WERE ALL LIKE  
THIS EXCEPT (80)

N/S SECTION OF (80)

SCALE : 4 CM : 1 FT



? ROOT

(80) Small (?) Stake Hole - 0.1 INS in diameter. [- SEE NOTE P. 48]

(80A) Same as (80) - very similar to ~~(78A)~~ (78A) above.

FINDS - NONE

ROOT

(81) Small (?) stake hole - 0.1 INS in diameter [- SEE NOTE P. 48]

(81A) Same as (81) - very similar to (78A) above

FINDS - NONE

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NOTE ON POSSIBLE STAKE HOLES (78) (79) (80)  
(81) (82)

These holes were discovered after the removal of deposit (74 A). As noted above ~~they~~ their fills <sup>were</sup> virtually identical. None were bottomed due to their depth but all were at least c 4 INs ~~deep~~ deep. Apart from (80) ~~and other~~ <sup>the holes</sup> were vertical; (80) was sloping <sup>north to south</sup> ~~west to~~ <sup>east</sup> fairly steeply (c 70° from horizontal). On excavation of (74 B) ~~the~~ both (78) and (80) were found to extend down into deposits (74 D), (74 E).

(82) Small (?) stake hole - c 1 INs in diameter  
[see note above]

(82 A) Soil from (82) - very similar to (78 A) but more compacted & redder in colour.

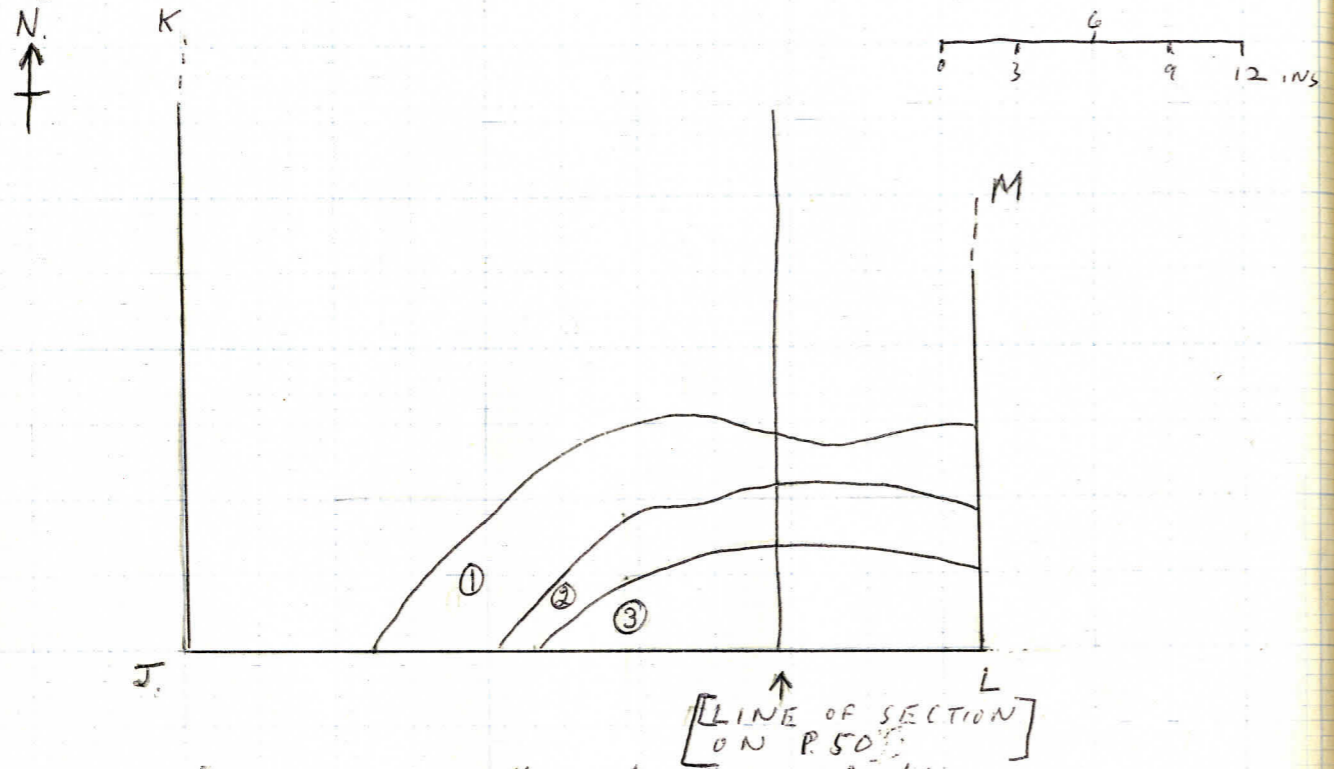
FINDS - NONE



SKETCH PLAN OF KILN BOTTOM EAST OF  
SECTION K-J IN BLOCK J K P N M L.

[FOR SECTION - note p. 50  
FOR NOTES - note  
with

SCALE = 4 CM : 1 FT.



- ① = grey brown soil with red clay + light sand admixture.
- ② = thick heavy red clay with some ~~light~~ sand admixture.
- ③ = light brown silty sand of mottled appearance, some flecks of sandstone, charcoal and red clay.

(83) SEE PAGE 50.

(84) Layer no. 23 in section K-J.  
Separately numbered as bronze object found  
in this particular stratum.  
Bronze obj. labelled (84).

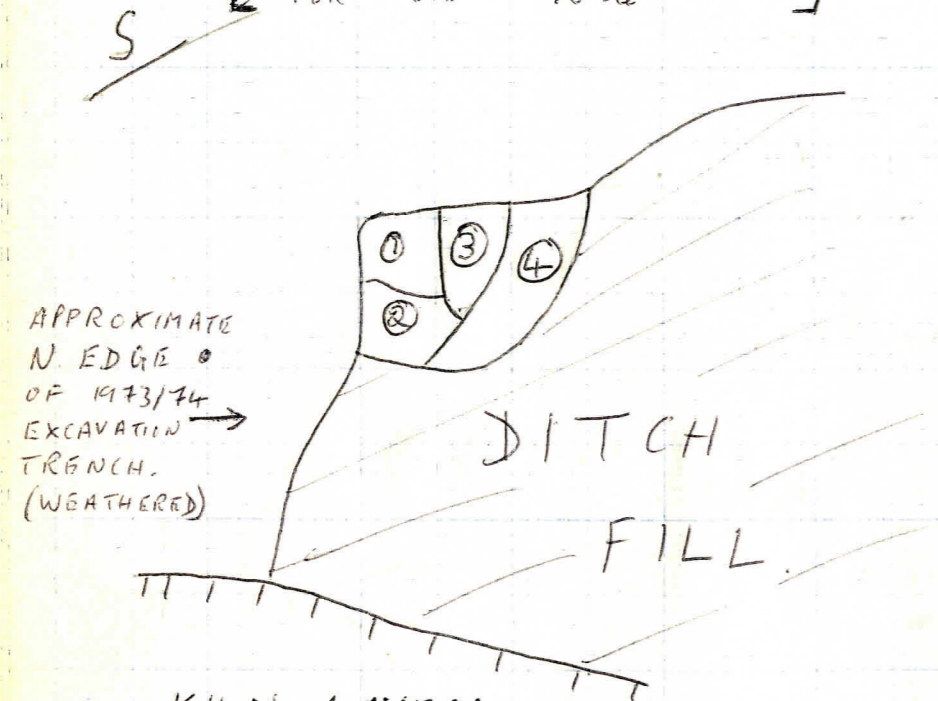
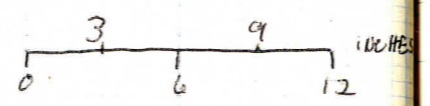
(84) was part of Deposit E (ie. (74E))  
when dug west of K-J. This obj. was  
found about 12" west of K-J. All other  
finds from this layer were to be  
found with those from the rest of  
DEPOSIT (74E).

NORTH-SOUTH SECTION ACROSS KILN IN BLOCK

JKPNML

SCALE 4 CM : 1 FT

[ FOR PLAN - ~~see~~ wide P. 49 ]  
[ FOR NOTE - wide P ]



KILN LAYERS.

- ① = Light brown silty sand of mottled appearance; some flecks of sandstone, charcoal + red ~~dry~~ clay.
- ② = Dark brown silty sandy soil with flecks of charcoal + red clay.
- ③ = Red clay of thick + ~~heavy~~ heavy texture, some sandy admixture.
- ④ = Very similar to ②, but with greater admixture of red clay.

83) EXCAVATION OF BLOCK JKPNML (after drawing section ~~K-J~~) (Section K-J on page 65.)

83A) DEPOSIT A IN BLOCK JKPNML.  
(= 74A) continued East of section K-J)

FINDS :- Bone.

83β) DEPOSIT B IN BLOCK JKPNML  
(= 74β) continued East of section K-J)

FINDS :- - Bone.

83C) DEPOSIT C IN BLOCK JKPNML  
(= 74C) continued East of section K-J)

FINDS :- Bone.



(83D) DEPOSIT D IN BLOCK JKPNML  
(= (74D) continued East of section KJ)

FINDS :- - Bone; 1 shed of pot  
~~pot~~ (courseware).

(83E) DEPOSIT E IN BLOCK JKPNML  
(= (74E) continued East of section KJ).

FINDS :- - Bone; 1 small shed of  
pot (courseware).

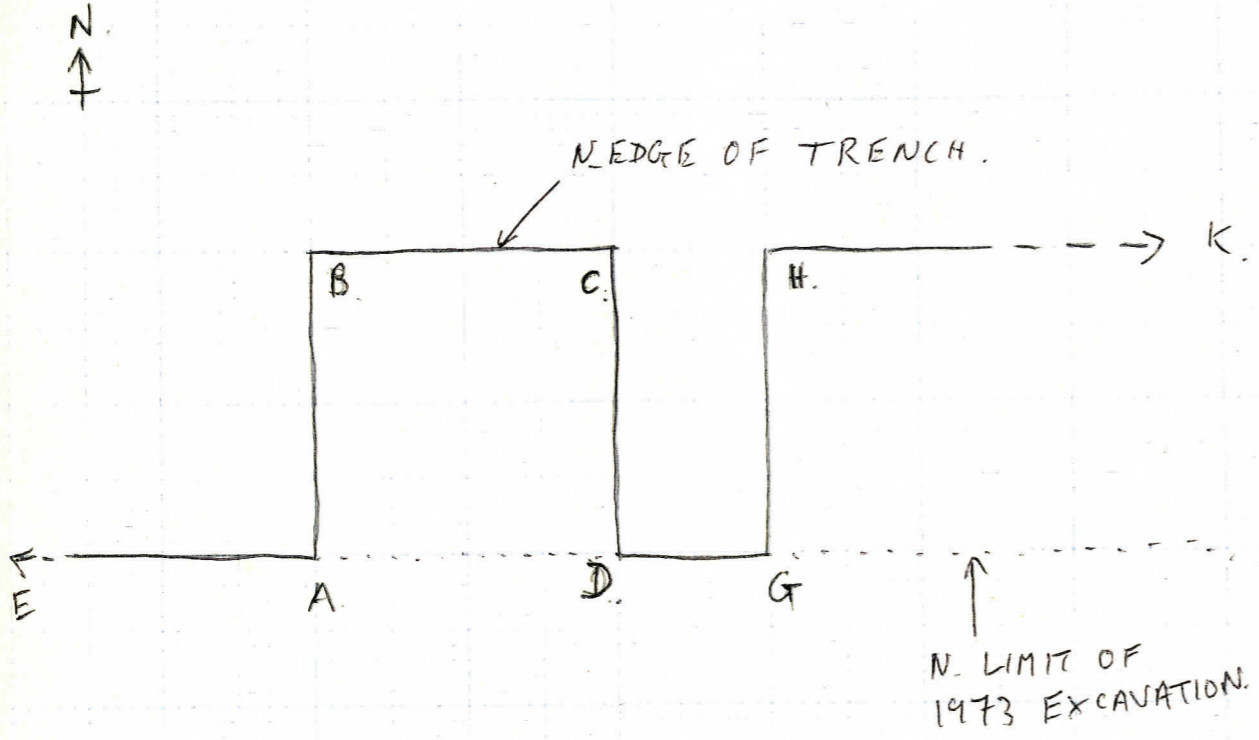
(84) - see p. 49.

(85) EXCAVATION OF BLOCK DCHG (after drawing sections CD and HG)  
 (For section drawing of CD see P. 7 [BK 5]  
 For section drawing of HG see GRAPH PAPER  
 of FIRST WEST SECTION IN AREA R.)

ABCD DUG AS  
 A TEST SECTION. >

NOTE Due to the fact that ~~block~~  
 ABCD was ~~not~~ not excavated  
 either stratigraphically or in  
 5 deposits (used elsewhere in in the  
 ditch fill), but only in 2 "spits" (ie  
 71A and 71B - see P. 15) we were  
 unable to follow the deposits westward  
 from section BA and so position there  
 on sections CD and HG. Therefore  
~~stratigraphically~~ the deposits in  
 block DCHG were identified as  
 follows; - The section drawing of BA  
 was examined & the deposits traced to the  
 main north section <sup>which</sup> (BC) <sup>is a part of</sup> the  
 deposits were then followed along BC  
 until they reached CD. ~~then~~ By using  
 this information together with what  
 we could see in the actual section  
 CD, the five main deposits (numbered  
 below) were put onto the section CD.  
 From CD they were ~~traced~~ <sup>followed</sup> via DG  
 around to section HG. The  
 block DCHG was then excavated in

DIAGRAM TO SHOW POSITIONS OF BLOCK DCHG IN  
 RELATION TO SECTION AB. (SEE NOTE OPPOSITE)





the usual way in 5 deposits.

(85 A) DEPOSIT A IN BLOCK D.C.H.G.  
(In section CD, this is layers Nos...  
10/11)

FINDS :- NONE.

(85 B) DEPOSIT B IN BLOCK D.C.H.G.  
(In section CD, ~~this~~ this is layers  
Nos 1/2/3/12/13.)

~~PROBABLE~~ FINDS :- NONE

85 C

DEPOSIT C IN BLOCK DCHG

(In section CD, this is layer ~~13~~  
N<sup>o</sup> 14)

FINDS :- - 2 fragments of bone.

85 D

DEPOSIT D IN BLOCK DCHG

(In section CD, this is layers  
Nos. 15/16/17/18/19/20/21/22/  
23/4/5/6/7/8/9.)

FINDS :- - 3 fragments of bone.  
1 sherd of pot (~~ear~~ lowerward)



85 E DEPOSIT E IN BLOCK DCHG.

(In section CD, this is layers nos. 24/25/26)

FINDS :- 1 sherd of base of R.B.  
Derbyshire Ware.







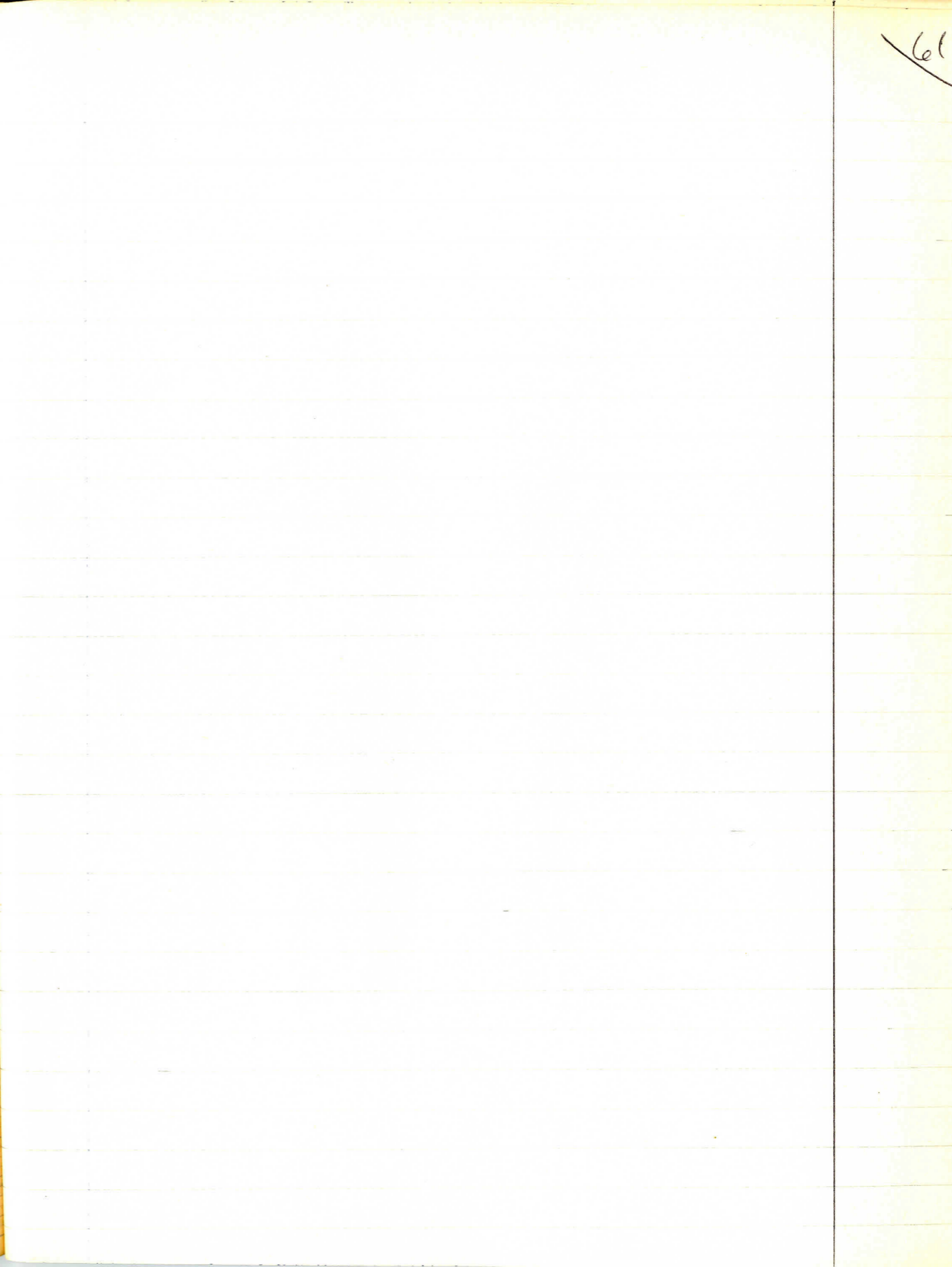
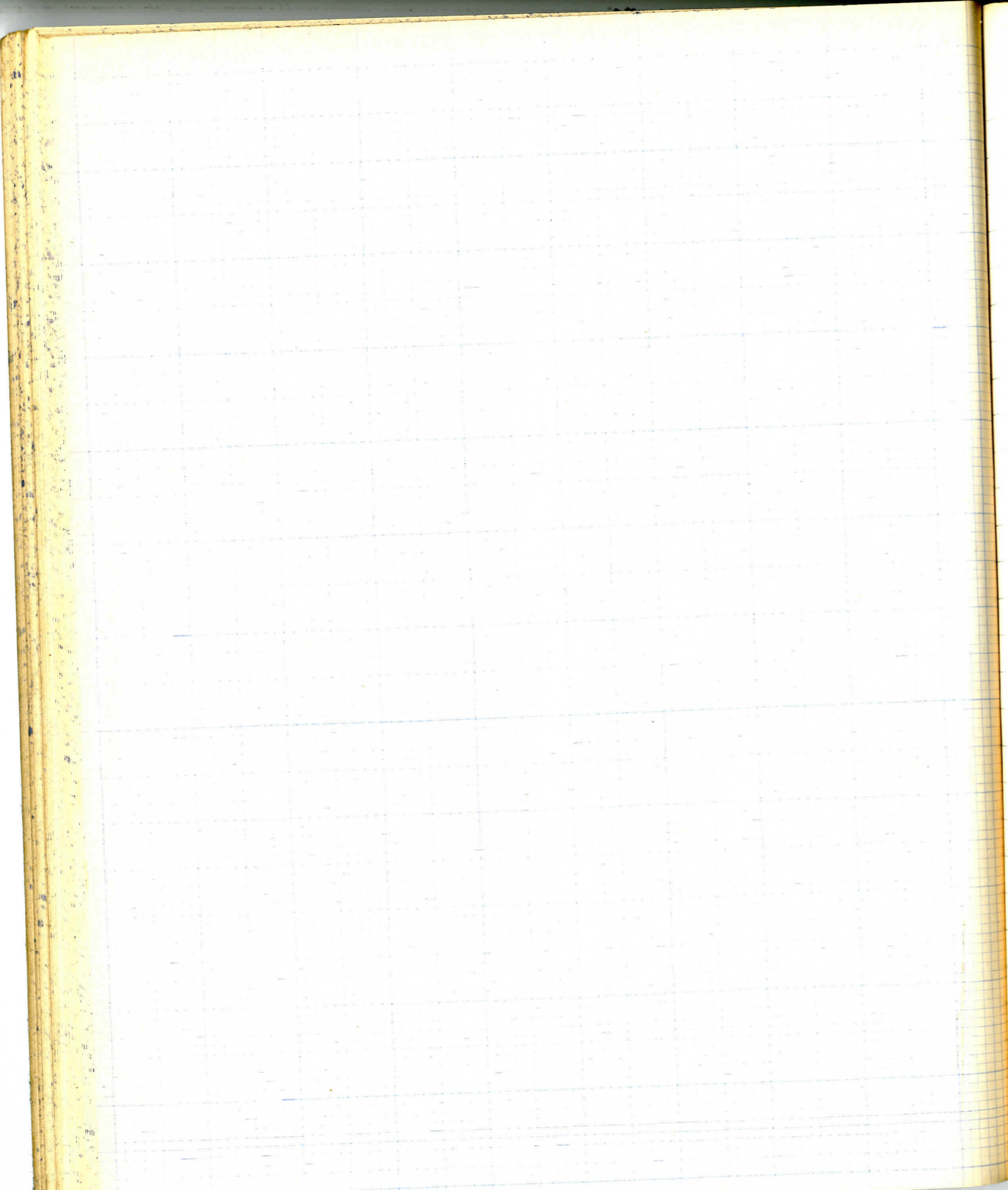


















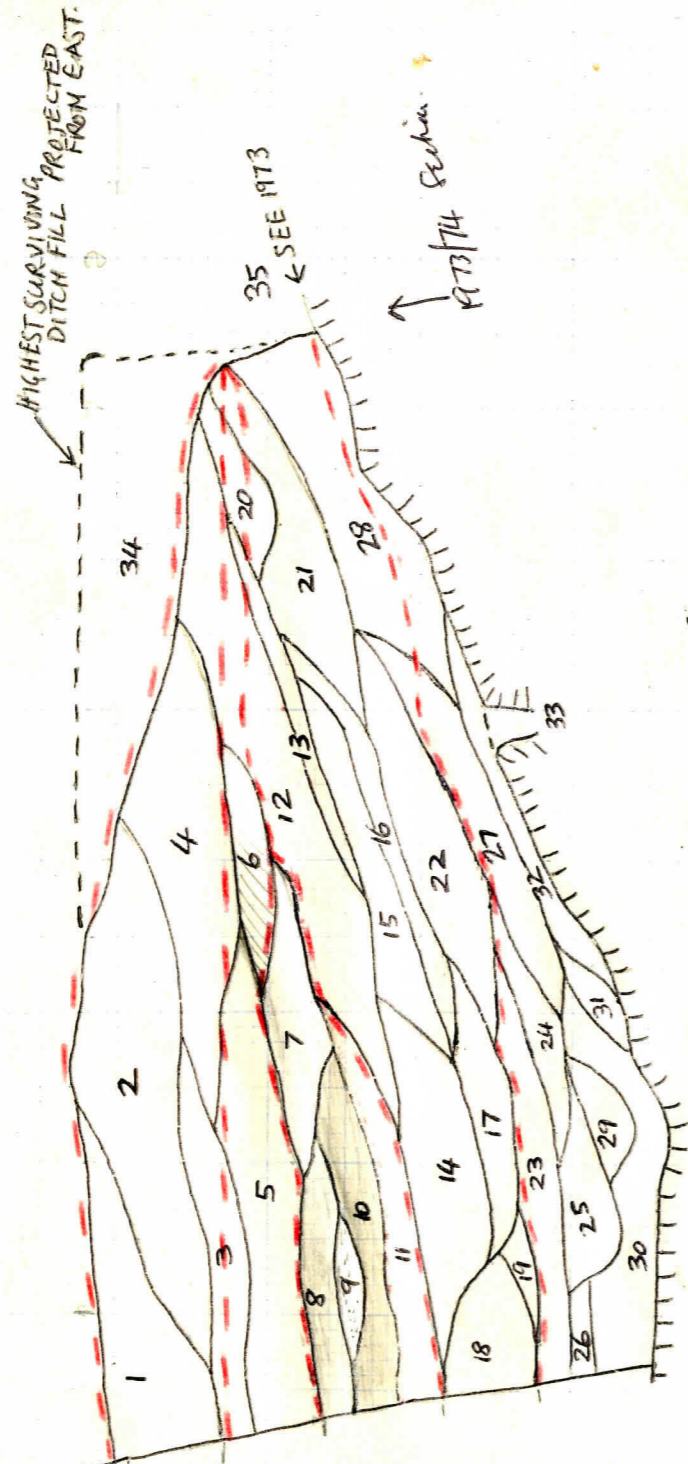




N-S DITCH SECTION K-J

SOUTH

NORTH  
MOD. BRICK WALL  
CONC.



SCALE 1 LARGE SQUARE = 1' 0"

NORTH-SOUTH DITCH SECTION K-J

NB. Described in dazzling sunlight.

SECTION NUMBER

1. Crusty textured light grey-tann sand. Sparse flecks of charcoal, a lot of iron-brown flecks, some (crassy) green speckles.
2. Very similar to 1 but tends to lack green speckles + is less light grey = grey-tann to grey-brown sand, crusty textured, with sparse flecks of charcoal and a lot of iron brown flecks.
3. Slightly grayer and darker than 1+2 but otherwise very similar = light grey-tann sand with sparse charcoal flecks and a lot of iron-brown speckles.
4. More tann and less grey than 3 = slightly greyish, tann sand, with sparse flecks of charcoal and some iron-brown flecks. Bones.
5. Very distinctive as it has a lot of sparsely spaced large flecks of charcoal = admixture of grey sand and tann sand with charcoal flecks and some iron brown flecks. Grayer than 3 and 4.

Two fly-textured layers ..... possibly old ground surface (ie. vegetation and humus in a damp hollow) or water-borne "mud" .....

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STRAT. NUMBER.

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74A

74B



6. Not quite as lumpy as the others = shaly bedded mid-grey to dark grey lumpy with an admixture of brown sand. Sparse small charcoal pebbles.

(74B)

7. Shaly darkish grey lumpy with sparse charcoal pebbles. Slight admixture of fawn sand makes it a bit less lumpy than 8 and 10.

(74C)

8. Shaly dark grey lumpy with charcoal pebbles. Slightly more sandy than 10. Bones.

(74C)

9. Whitish sand with grey lumpy pebbles.  
? Water-borne.

(74C)

10. Shaly dark grey lumpy with charcoal pebbles.

(74C)

11. Possibly slightly lumpy but if so it's much adulterated by sand = light fawn sand with an admixture of dark grey (? lumpy bits). Sparse small ch. d. pebbles and some iron-brown pebbles. Looks faintly greyish fawn overall. Bones.

(74C)

12. Looks faintly fawnish grey = coarse mid-grey sand to sandy with an admixture of fawn sand. Sparse but evenly spaced small pebbles of charcoal.

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~~(74D)~~



13. Grey-fawn sand with a slight admixture of yellow sand (wash).

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74D

14. Compacted, coarse, mid-grey silty sand. Brown speckles and a few pebbles of charcoal and white sand. Hardish pan (probably iron) at the top. Bones.

74D

15. Coarse mid-grey sand to sandy with an admixture of fawn sand. Sparse pebbles of ch.d. Rather like 12.

74D

16. Grey-fawn sand with a slight admixture of yellow sand (wash) rather like 13.

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17. Rather similar to 14 but slightly paler and more fawn and without iron pan.

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18. Mid-grey silty/sandy with faint vestiges of white sand.

74D

19. White sand with an admixture of grey silty/sandy.

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20. Brownish-fawn sand

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21. Brownish-fawn sand with grey sand vestiges

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74D

22. Admixture of grey + fawn sand with sparse small pebbles of ch.d.

74D



23. Mid-grey silty/sandy with nodules of white sand and sparse small pebbles of ch. d.

(74E)

24. light grey sand with strong nodules of fawn sand. Sparse small ch. d. pebbles.

(74E)

25. light whitish-grey sand with mid-grey nodules. Faintly bluish.

(74E)

26. faintly bluish, whitish-grey sand. Paler and less grey than 25.

(74E)

27. pale grey sand with strong nodules of fawn sand.

(74) / (74E)

28. "Watery" pale yellowy-fawn sand.

(74) / (74E)

29. Milky grey-white silty sand with faintly bluish nodules.

(74E)

30. Slightly paler than 29, but otherwise similar

(74E)

31. Like 30 but with faint fawn sand nodules

(74E)

32. Yellowy-fawn sand wash with faint white sand nodules.

(74E)

29/30/31/32 at least would be primary filling.



33. Natural rift in the rock (very evident in large late medieval pit  $\Delta$  just East of here)

34. Part of this "hollow" may be due to N-S other trench (see 1973 section and 1978 excavation) but difficult to say as this has been badly weathered.

The projection may be too high at its S. limit - check 1973 sections.

35. Ditch edge has now been obliterated here since 1973/74 so will have to be reconstructed to complete the profile. See 1973/74 excavation.

