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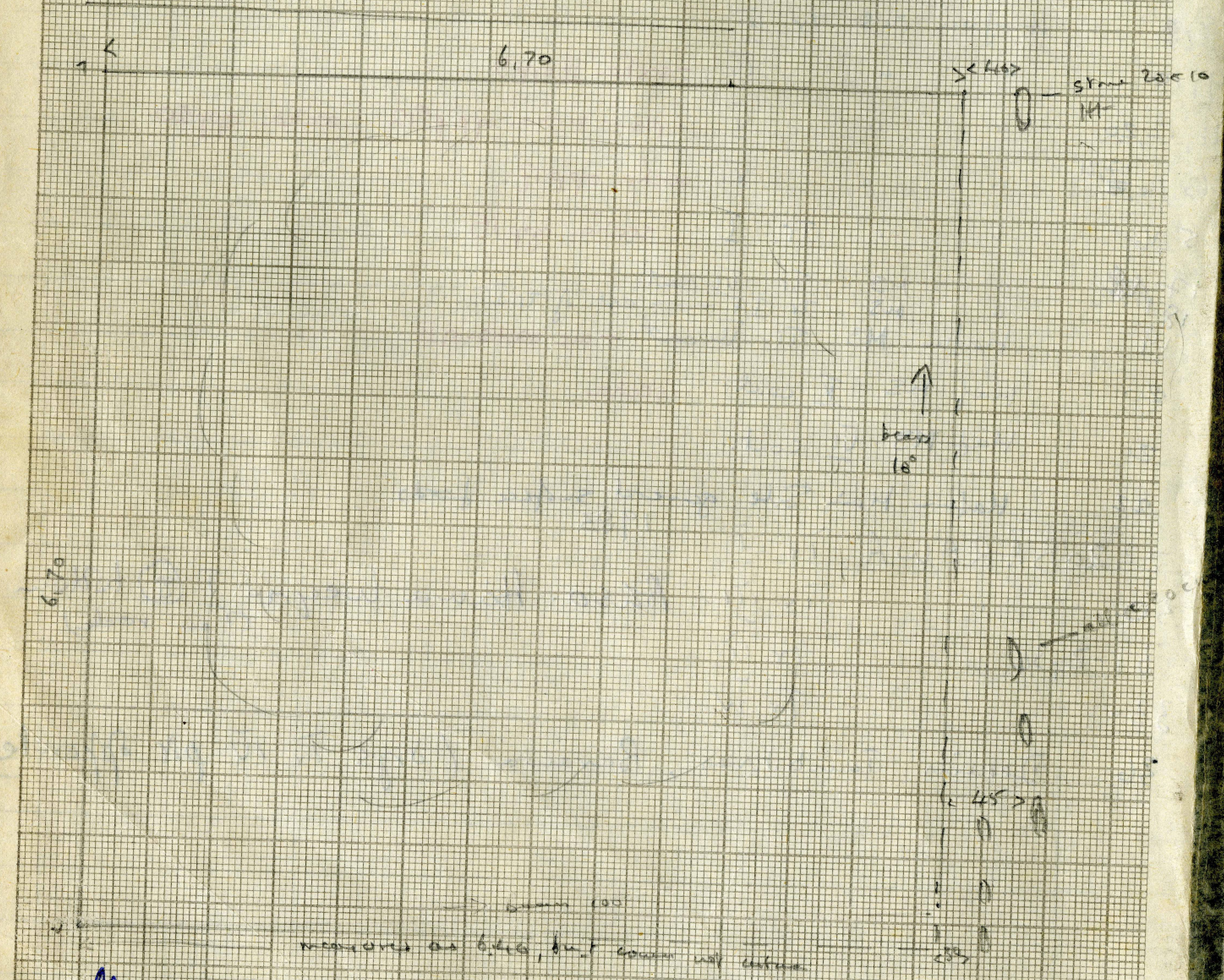
(from opposite)
looks Sas/Isl (glaze within)
Amphora handle - from intact cairn
Fr. painted bowl. ? Roman
Fr Sark sandstone



Above - plan of square cairn in Maʿjilayn field - corners not clearly defined but side ~~of 6.70 sm~~ sides agreed at 2.70. Rt angles assumed

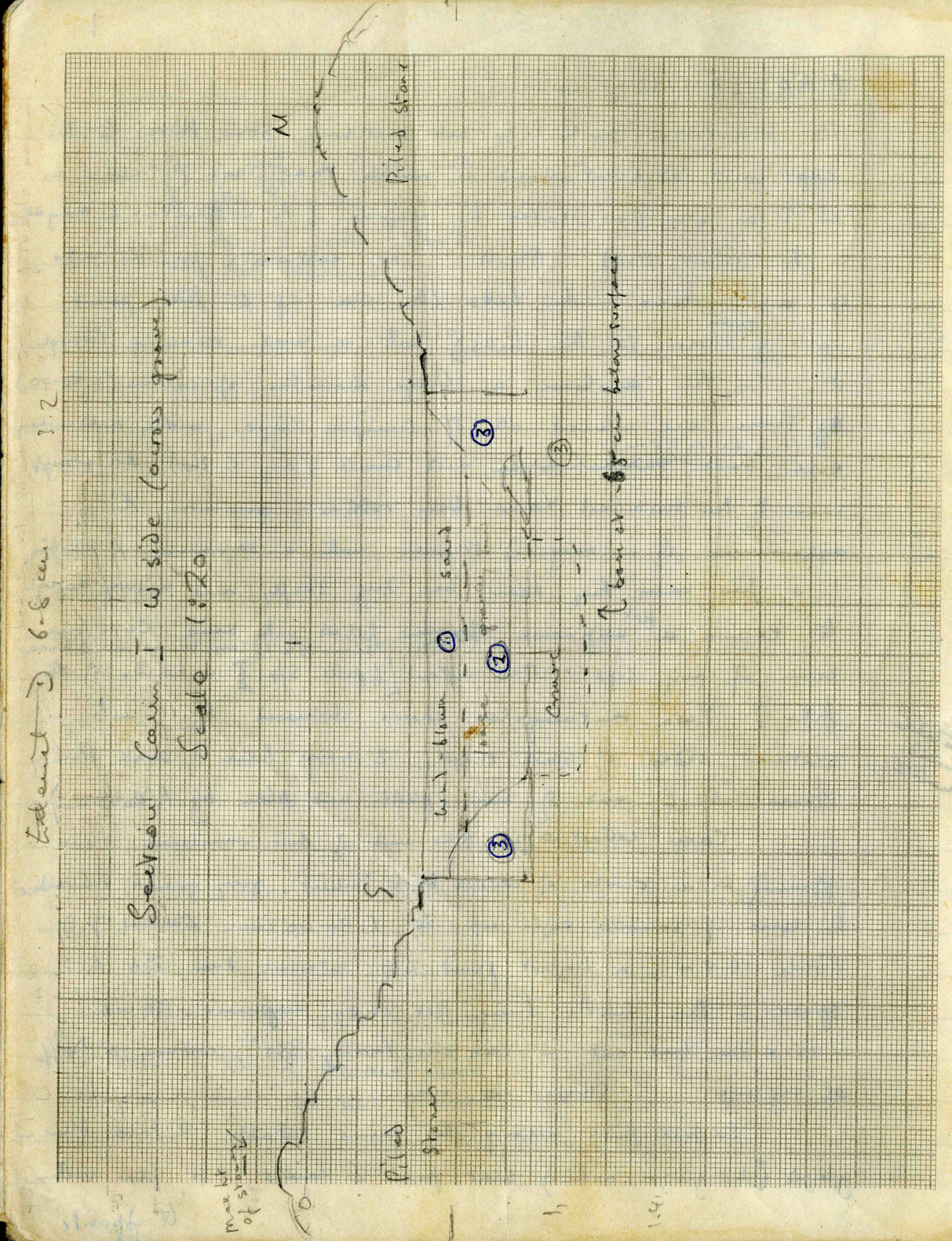
MAʿAJILAYN - Cairn I

The flat-topped amba-like hill stretching from Hais to the cape and adjacent island is named Maʿajilayn ('j' almost as 'ch') as also (as stated by chairman of the cooperative in Magdh, is the island itself. About m eastwards from the cape is an enclave in the hills (the sea up to that point coming pretty close to the hills) with a wadi running through it. In this enclave a large number of cairns (c. 80-90) These are almost all of simple type, mostly medium (orig ht 1-1.5 m) ~~size, some small (~~ and small (orig < 1m). All except some of the smallest have been robbed, presenting the appearance of a ring of stones with a depression in centre. In a few cases they have been dug deeply and widely enough to expose a flat expanse ~~of sand~~ filled with sand. Only one cairn of any size noted intact (Ht. 1.30 m, D 6.7; large stones round base (photo 5/x1 c no 24 of the film). Two rectangular cairns observed, built with vertical sides of black stone; 2 rough lines of small standing stones at the end of one (photo and plan by A/Rahman).

other latter observed further to the

Cairn selected at NW end of this enclave, now appearing as a circle of mixed black ? schist, grey granite & limestone boulders of various sizes up to L. 30-40 cm. Exterior D of circle 6.8 m; at highest point 4.7; internal diam 2.6, the space - the middle being flat sandy expanse. Trench 2.15 x 1m laid out w. long side bearing 335°, covering E half of expanse. Strata etc over.

Surface finds among other cairns notably ? Parthian blue-glazed (no glaze within) most from 2 cairns, 1 fr from another to opposite



Madjilaya Cairn I

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① Wind-blown sand and small pebbles. - av 15 cm deep. ~~[illegible]~~ Evidently blown and washed in after the robbing.

Finds: fr. yellowish-green clear glass, 1 mm thick, & another colour not clear, v. patinated, also 1 mm (at base of layer)

Sm. frs bone, including fr. ? human rib.

② Gravelly ~~[illegible]~~ stone in sand. Some of ③ dug with this ~~Apparently undisturbed from land~~ - surface. 25 cm deep; at ~40 cm more compact, redder, 'subsoil layer begins on N and S. sides; shows upper part ② is disturbed by robbers, lower is fill of grave. Fr. moderately rather bones appear including an articulated.

③. Compact rubble in redder sand, as above.

grave floor reached at ~62 cm. being hard packed small stones - red sandy soil

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Maájilsjn, cairn II (S.A. Warsaw)

Similar in character to cairn I, but bigger – Ext D 9.5/9.2; flat space in centre D 3.6; max ht 0.9. Trench I bears 340°; distant 90 m. centre to centre. Trench laid out ~~on same~~ 2x 1m in centre of open space, longer side abs bearing 240°

Stone of cairn entirely buff-coloured ?limestone – the country rock with intrusions

Strata etc.

(1). Wind-blown sand as in I, but deeper (35-45 cm)

Finds: frs thinkish clear glass prob modern.

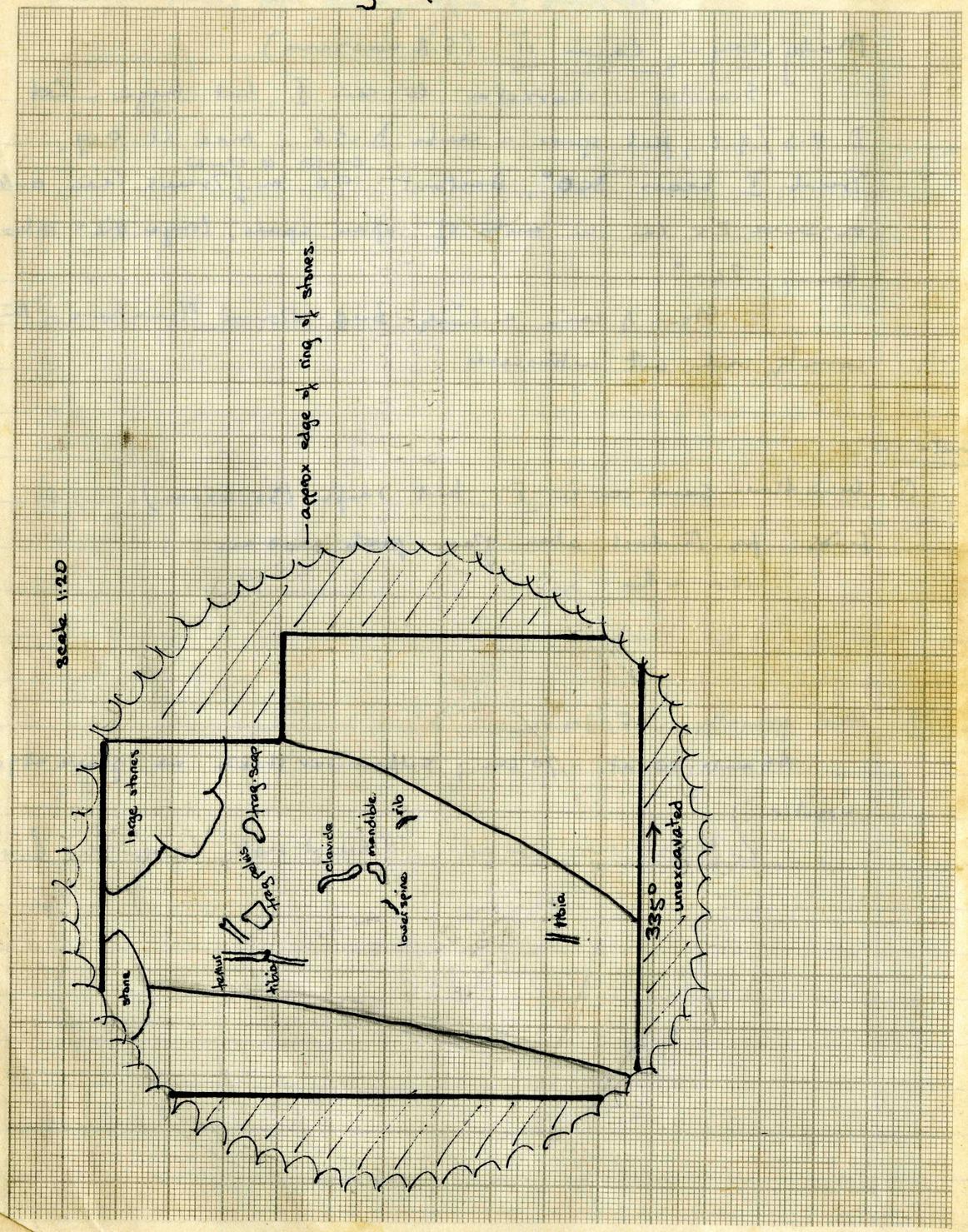
No other finds.

(2) Hard gravelly, 25-30 cm.

Abandoned at ~70 cm; supervisor states no grave edge visible

I believe however it must really have been there

Macjilayn Cairn I



~~MACJILAYN, 'C' Bldg. – General remarks.~~

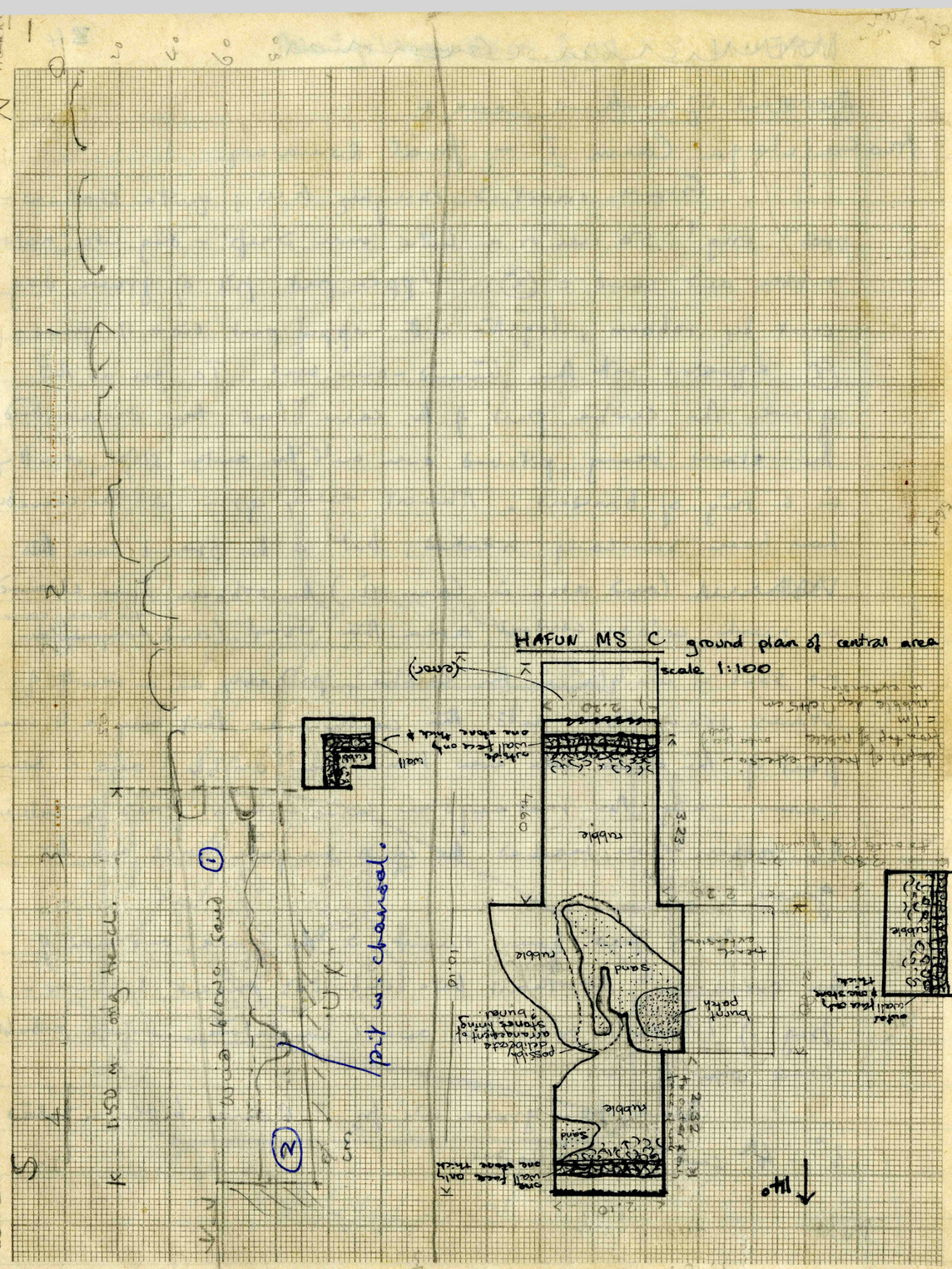
~~At start of work – Lower~~

Macajilayn Cairn I – final summary.

Grave oriented roughly EW; quite shallow – prob^y orig^l 50 cm or a little more deep – dug into natural rubble and sand = (3). Upper part fill of grave dug out by robbers, together with upper part side of grave; (2) equated with this turned-over soil. To get at the grave the centre part of the cairn had been dismantled, the stones being pitched over onto the outer slope, resulting in a ring of boulders. Almost every grave in the cemetery has been similarly treated, but in the present case the ~~[illegible]~~ (and also in Cairn II) the robbers have cleared a much wider central area than usual (and ~~[illegible]~~ in many cases no soil is visible in the centre, probably as a result of stones rolling back into the cavity, so that only a v. small part of the grave can ever have been visible; and in some cases – e.g. the rectangular cairns – it is hard to believe the robbers ever reached the land-surface level and the grave.

Very few bones survive in the grave, and none of the cranium. At least two individ's present, however – frag of l adult mandible, and l unciature. Seems probably head won to W.

Glass from grave inc frg ? Roman bottle – dated 3rd – 4th cent^y by DB Harden.



HAFUN, 'C' Blog. MS

At start of work: low (c. 80 cm) mound, East of main scatter of pottery! No! there are more mounds further E; and about half way between bldgs A & B and the sea. Mound about 18 m across or found; (outer line of wall of mainly sandstone slabs clearly visible on S side) would guess courtyard building about 80 m square. Some modern bottle glass on surface

~~[illegible]~~

Trench 1½ m (N-S) by 2 m (E-W) dug against visible face of S wall, and surface sand cleared on same N-S lines across the mound, revealing wall-face on N side. But no inner faces of this wall, and apparent that there are retaining walls only of platform or low mound. (8.35 m between wall faces across mound)

Strata ① Wind-blown sand, c. 20 cm deep (overlying sterile gravel/sand) small shallow pit containing charcoal near centre; another, B on extreme W side; insufficient charcoal for sample. No artefacts whatever

② Sterile gravelly sand. 20 cm dug.

Subsequent summary clearance on E & W sides brought to light W wall, and confused line of stones.

Pot. See pot book line 1 glazed gr/yel on buff glazed bos., and buff-bodied body sherd w. asphalt, as fr. upper levels trenches

Tr II Pot - Surface coll^{n}, made before excavation (one of more, but far most plentiful scatter)

150-200 sherds, of much same aspect as lower levels, some red wares, and sig- purple-red. Almost all of fair-size wheel-made jars, variously of (a) brick-red paste, dk-r out ourside blackish, (b) purple ware, sandy/soapy, (c) greenish/yellowish-buff, rather soft (but quite a few levels. a hard ware, mostly yel-buff, ocassn); roughly in proportions 2:2:1. All greatly sand-bleached, (c) most of all, being soft; some? this may have been glazed (no surviving glaze in all coll^{n}.

Not a base v. heavy dk red coarse hard jar, fr. this red paste jar, this ?. Fr. mod g.com. dk Thasian

NB. There has been erosion from s/e of this site - evidence: upper and shista running out at s/e & E, E.a; eroded cliff of rocks on E side site. 6

HAFUN MAIN SITE TR II

Initial trench 6M x 2M on western side of site about 100 M from the tip of the ridge. Pottery scattered over surface and beyond; pretty thick scatter, but not as concentrated as on E side of ridge.

Pot - surface coll^{n} - see opposite

① light brown, hard, packed, windswept sand (difficult to dig) fragments of pots sticking out of upper [redacted], including a grindstone, D 21 cm (½ only) Ht 10 cm held by stones in place 15 cm deep, 25 cm from the middle of the SE face of the trench much pottery.

Finds: Chert flake; tooth goat/sheep; [redacted]; ½ Grindstone, vesicular volcanic.

Pot (see pot book also - Nina Crummy Newport): 60-70 sherds, mostly hard gr/buff paste (jars); some red; some have asphalt (?) on interior. Near vert-sided jar [redacted] gr-buff, hard (s.o.); rim wide-bulged jar [redacted] asphalt & [redacted] (s.o.). 2 body sherds (1 purplish, 1 brick-red) [redacted] dec- oooo, o oo; rim sm. jar, purplish red (s.o.); [redacted] hard v. thin, deep red, blk without (s.o.); body fr., ? sm bottle, [redacted] ware, r/b. Knob amphora base

② sand / softer with black patches. quantities of pottery - mostly amphoras and other pots visible from ③

Finds: Chert flake

Pot. (see also pot 6K) Not catalogued: c. 50 sherds, almost all body. Sm body fr., yel (now) glaze on buff. Rest mostly hard buff paste, some purplish (? amphora); 2 or 3 sherds w. asphalt within (inc one soft buff). Jar rim, buff (without)/purplish (s.o.), smooth buff, some size (s.o.); shoulder, dk red paste, flat rounded rim ((oooo

(3) Patches of ash in sand

morfa broken upright in sand with remains of a second, in SE section nearby. Evidence of fire beside it; a few (10 cms) away) crab ~~fins~~ legs

Pottery. c. 38 sherds. Moulded rim (and base belonging?) on v lge red-paste jar
Frs, inc base, rim, lge hard-grey vert-sided jar, buff sfc (f.d.)
Fr (just below rim) jar, finger impressions, + another similar.
Fr. thin red bound, as in (2)

(4) under morfa soft sand and patches of remains of fire at 50 cms – in SE face grey sherd at –48 cm and also at –54 cm. Stratum slopes down to N
Pit in SW corner dug into (5) & containing ashy sand, few scattered frags charcoal & several stones (max dim. ~12 cm).

(5) Yellow sand; marked division w. 4, which overlies it thro' dark circular post hole? visible through (5) ~~20~~ 170 cm s of N section & 20 cm from W section ~ 7 cm diam. Another larger pit/post hole at 270 cm s of N section & 15 cm from W section ~ 17 cm diam.

HAF MS TR III

one side bearing 281°

~~At~~ a ~~high point~~ saddle on the ridge to the west where a scatter of pottery lay on the surface a 2M x 2M trench was dug.

Pot. Surface coll. Surface coll, 25 sherds much as above. All thrown

① soft crumbly sand with some pottery. c. 20 cm

Pot. (ea pot bk, q.v.). 22 sherds; no i except jar rim + asphalt

② sterile sand; ~~[illegible]~~ c. 20 cm. ~~no pottery~~

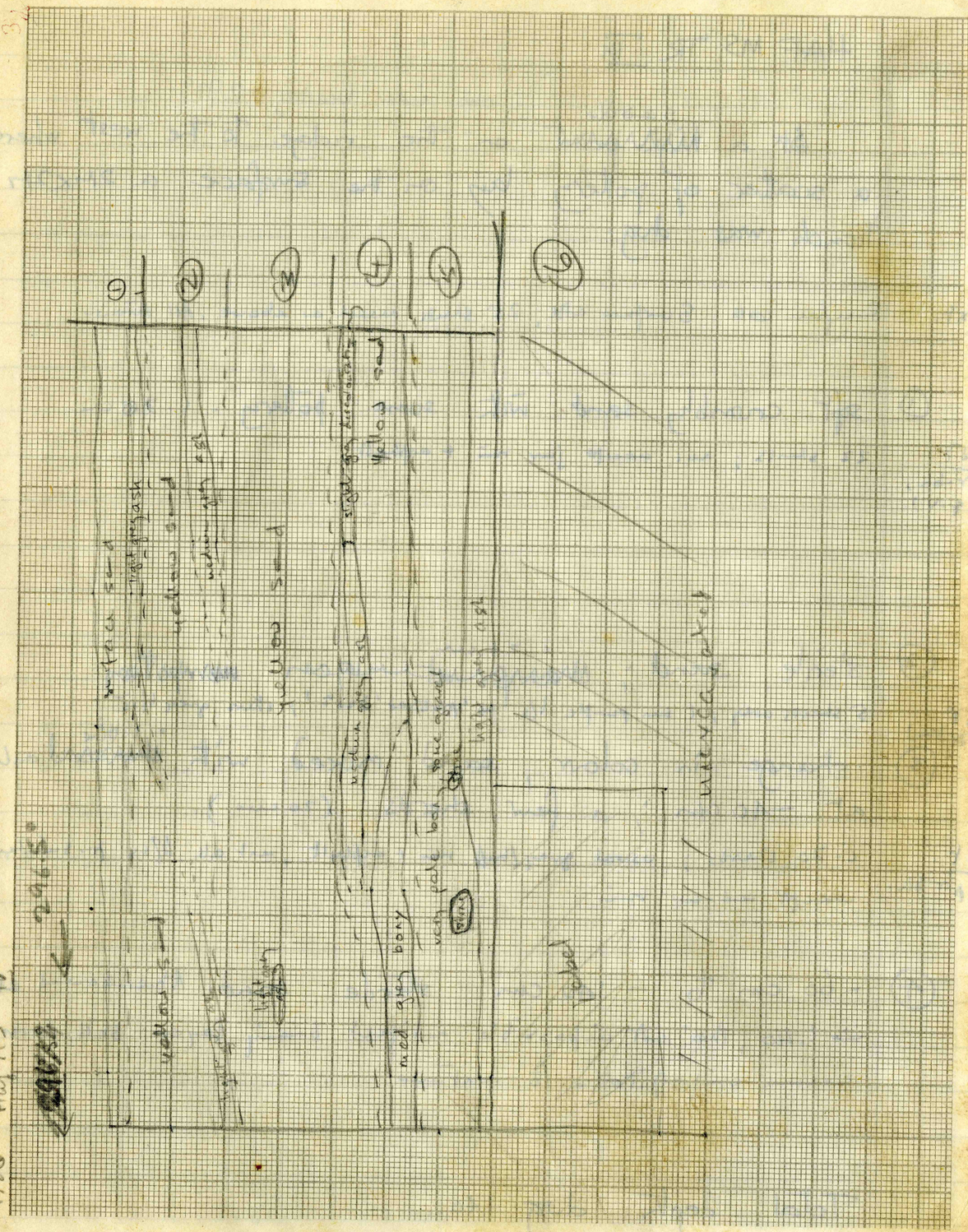
Pot (ea pot bk) 5 sherds only; 1 sm purple b/s w 'pressed 'dec^n'; others grey b/ss

③ change in colour, sand mixed with ~~[illegible]~~ a little ash at −40 cm; a few sherds. (20 cm).

Pot. (see pot bk. c. 20 sherds; usual grey/buff rim + asphalt, rest all b/ss fr. similar except ed-w. rim

④ −60 cm to −140 cm sterile sand. Abandoned at −1.40, tho' not impossible artifact bearing layers still lower, seems unprofitable to continue

Total depth dug 1.40...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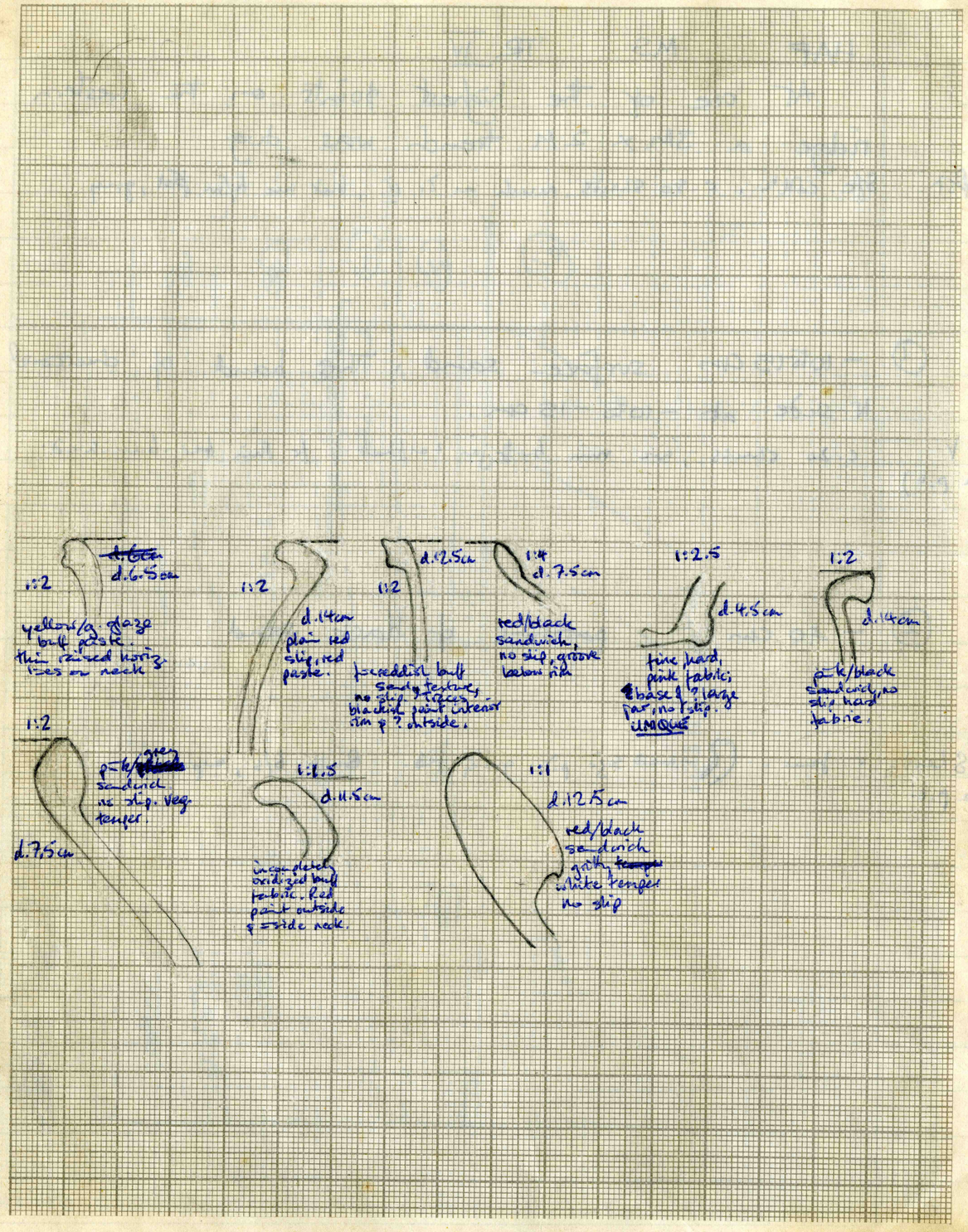


Tr IV cont^d

(3) to − 105 cm. yellow sand. few sherds.

Pot. (ex pub).

(4) thick dark ~~charcoal~~ ash patches; much pottery (relatively)

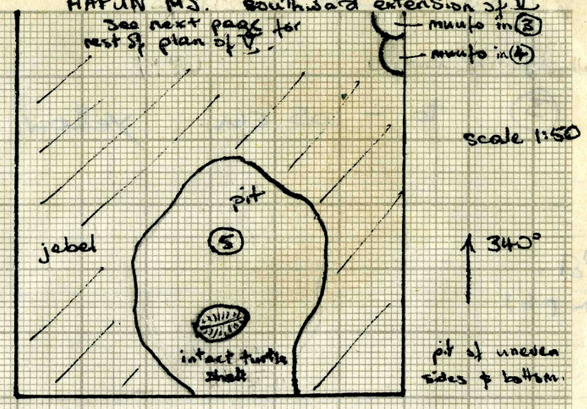
Pot. c. 120 sherds, c. 30 being of red-buff, thin jar (no rim or base) (sample kept). Note candle-stick (f-d; cf another in Tr I (8)); 2 sherds inc rim, yel/gr glazed, buff paste (s.o.) ring base, red-buff (s.o.); frs red bowl jar ~~[illegible]~~ inc rim (s.o.). Rest mainly reddish buff.

Bivalve shells, as scallop, deeper

(5). As above, less ash

(6) ~~Quite area~~? Yellow sand, no ash, some gravel. no finds. ie, ebel

HAFUN MS. southward extension of V
See next page for rest of plan of V.



HAF MS TR V

At a point near TR II, ~~[illegible]~~ top of two pots, evidently morfas, containing ash, level with the ground, a trench was dug initially 2 x 1½, extended ~~[illegible] at right angles to the morfas~~ to 2x3, bisecting larger of two morfas (diam 50 cm; smaller 34 cm.)

Sherds ~~c.12, mixed buff/red, 2 w. asphalt within (1 pink, 1 green-buff paste); flat base, red-purple gritty paste (s.o.).~~

surface collection ~~[illegible]~~ grey/buff/pinkish body sherds (~10) pars, 2 with asphalt lining.

① sand, windblown and hard-caked & darkish, 20 cm.

Larger morfa (which cylindrical, no base, found to extend to — cm only

Sherds. 1st lot C.12. mixed buff/red, 2 (1 pink, 1 yel/buff paste) w. asphalt within) ~~[illegible]~~ flat base, red-purple gritty paste (s.o.). O'wise n.o.i. 2nd lot, 24 sh. (see pit book): Glazed rim of jar as fr grave A? and fr. V ②; flat base grey hard thin jar. (Tick is glaze B not A — MCS)

Some b/ss, buff + red, jars, some + asphalt

Fr Ost. - egg shell

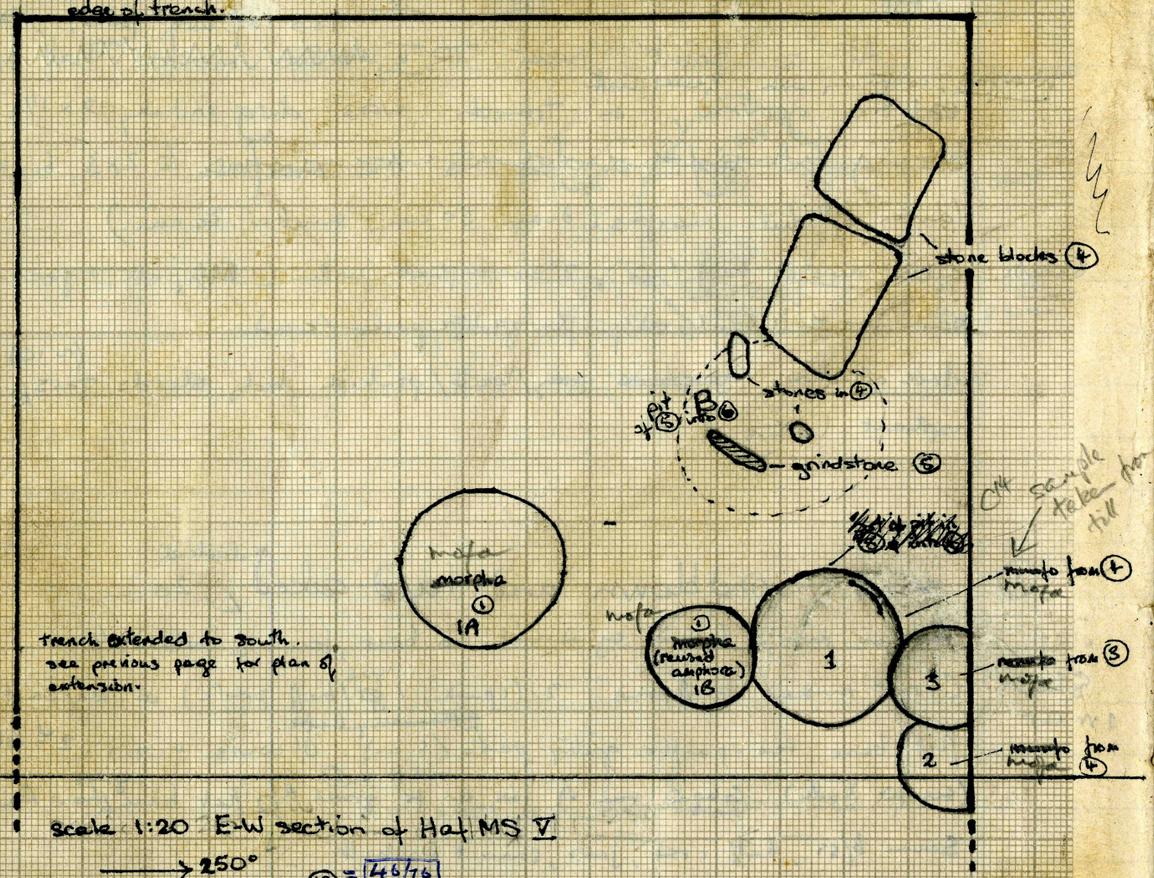
② darker sand, getting softer 20 cm (to -60) Alternating bands of lighter & darker ashy sand, occasionally ashless.

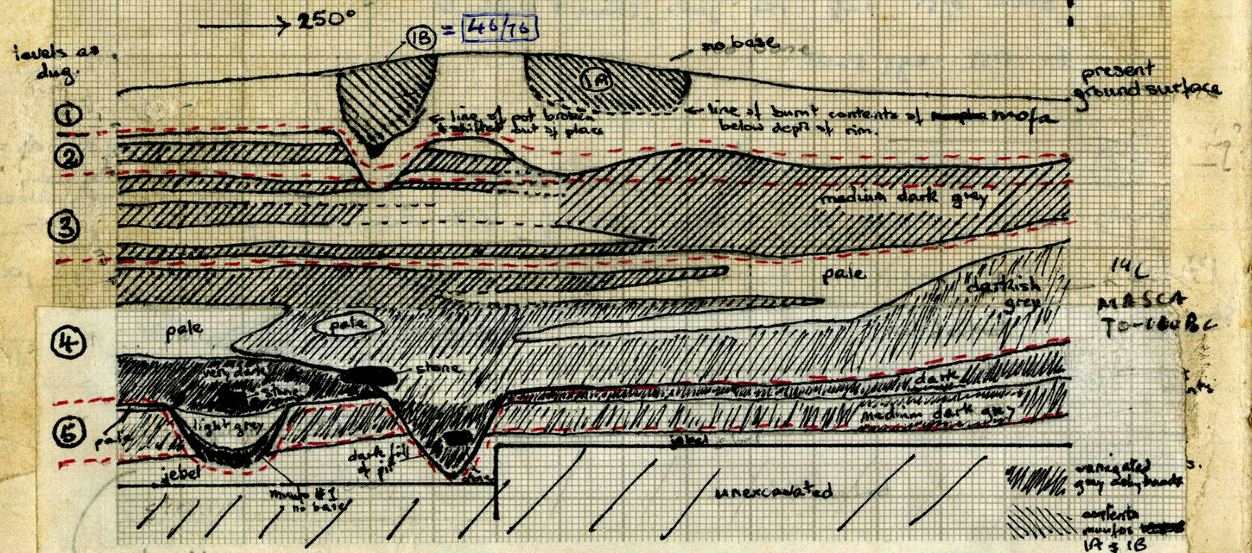
Sherds 1st lot C.15, equal pink and yel buff; both ocean in asphalt w'in; rim - sherd, red, yel slip (s.o.). Last only kept. 2nd lot, mostly thick jar; Some w. asphalt — b/ss ~~[illegible]~~ (almost all thrown). Flat base, gritty dk red. Rim utility grey ware (h/no.)

Frds: largish frag iron slag (max dim. 3 cm)

Glazed Neck, base jar as fr A, but buff paste

scale 1:20 Hafun MS V ground plan. morphas in level ① and stones & blocks in level ④. grindstone in ⑤ ← 250°





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NB Tr I in 2m scarp

T. V, cont.

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③ evidence of fires. dark bands on the sand

40 cm. (6 - 80)

Sherds 1st ⑥ 2 wh lot (see pot book) almost all red/buff jar w/ss (sauce & asphalt) rim of red bowl*
6 only: 5 red, body jar (3 w. asphalt, same pot); 1 yel-buff w. asphalt

All brown. ~~large pit into~~ signs of burning on outside - E section with edge ~~c 220 cm E dian N 35 cm. top at 160 cm~~ below surface, dug into ⑥ see plan opp. Rimless & baseless pot mmpto in E section ④ in part on edge of (and damaged) a larger mmpto of ④. Dark band associated with this mmpto (#3 see section opp. p 20) seals a third mmpto (#2) below it. Signs of burning on outside of mmpto #3.

④ As ③ but generally darker with fewer pale bands. southern extension
V. large patch of ash in SE corner extending 80 cm into
2 blocks sandstone, c. 40 x 30 cm, appear at E end
The large patch black ash mentioned above is semicircular - plan extending in the eastern section (radius approx 90 cm). ~~Pit on top of pit at 100 cm E side overlapping top of pit ⑥ (jebel) another larger mmpto of ④ which has been sunk - a pit dug through ⑤ & slightly into ⑥ (jebel).~~ Baseless & rimless pot mmpto #2 sealed by, dark band at base of ③. see plan & section. Another large mmpto pot with base sunk - pit dug through ⑤ & into ⑥ (jebel). This pot rimless but upper edge damaged by mmpto #3 sitting on it (being forced down on it). Fill of light to red grey ashy sand but with a thick black layer of carbonized material coating the sides. A sample of this material recovered. #3 mmpto also baseless. Sample taken from fill #1
<=P 2611 2030 ± 60 BP
(MASCA corr 70-160 BC

⑤ Sand, lens, ashy, dirty yellow.
Quite stone effects near stone blocks. Pottery & bones, latter particularly on W. side of large blocks. Some (irrelevantly is jebel) ⑥ dug into this level. Pit dug into ⑤ from ④ s.o. (A on E-W section). Fill of soft brown sandy soil + 1 stone (max diam 11cm) + 1 very large land snail shell.
Pit dug into ⑥ approx 140 cm south of N. section & its centre at N 50 cm west of east section. diam (although sub circular) N 50 cm.
~~large pit sunk into pit at 155 cm below ground surface~~
pit mentioned above ~~at depth~~ lower edge at Frag ash stone lying vertically 117 cm & upper at 99 cm by 3 on point D horiz.

⑥ Very yellow extremely compacted sand, quite hard.

HAF MS TR VI

On a height of land overlooking the sea about 10 m from TR I of last year where the scatter of pottery on the surface was thick a trench was laid out 2 M x 1.5 M.

Note Iron slag in most strata this site.

① Loose wind blown sand with occasional sherds.

Pot c. 30. Mostly red-buff; drummy lot, 1 fr flat base, D c. 10 cm only on w. asphalt.

② Black (early) sand patches in E half.

Pot. c. 30 sherds. Glazed yel (now) flat min, open bowl (s.o.). 2/3 Markedly out-turned pot min red 1/3

Iron slag

③ Shell band, E end; black patches sand below

Pot c. 30, mostly reddish, but usual lot. Blk paste base

~~④ Black sandy patches in E half.~~

④ more black patches – much as ③

Pot. 6. sherds only; one body sherd, o'wise n.o.i. Another lot another fr same pot fr. ⑤

~~cv~~

Iron slag

Tr VI contd

(5) Much as (4); more sand

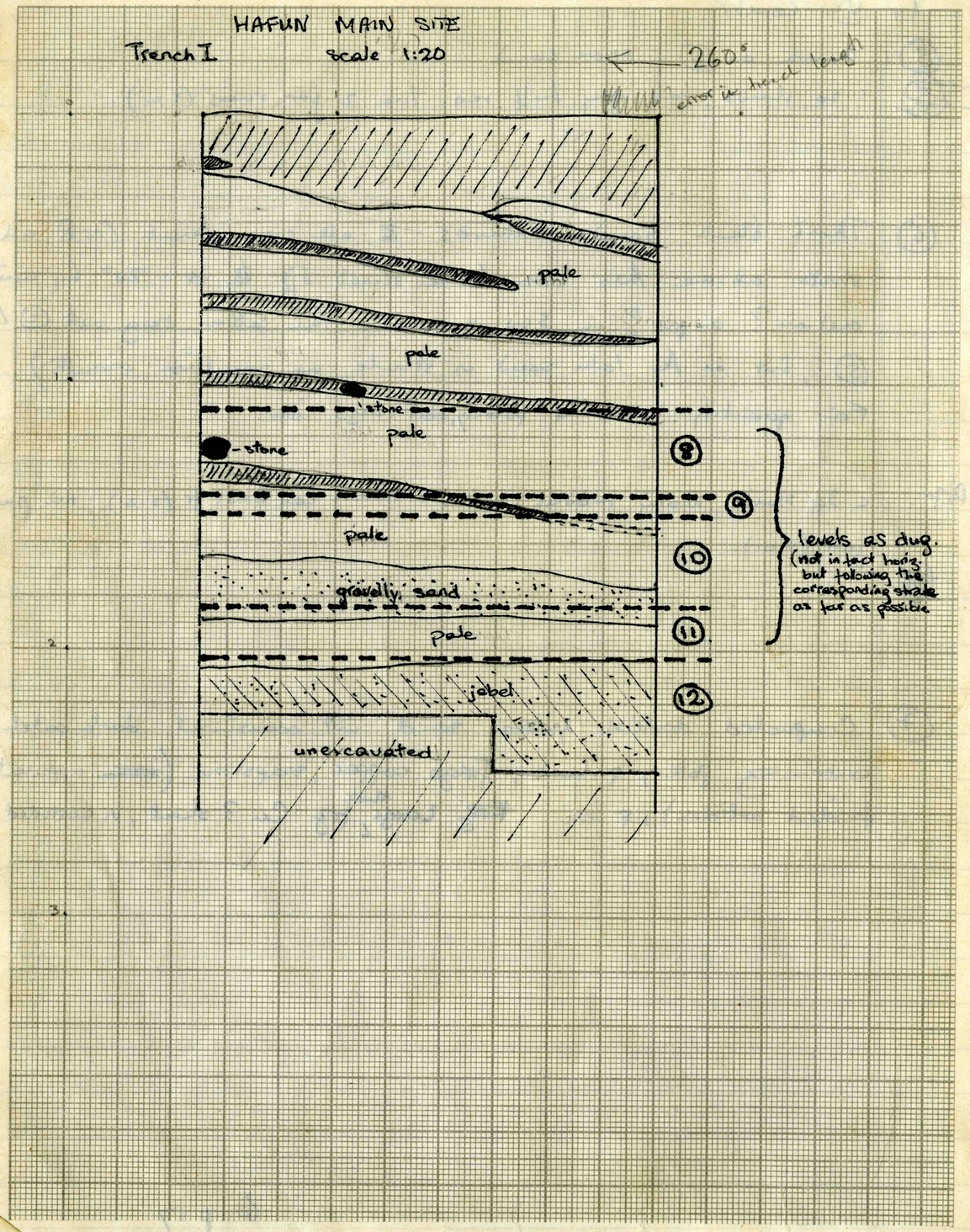
Pot ~~(3)~~ c. 20 sherds, half grey, half red. Inc 2 jar rims (s.o.).

(6). Thick black band — extends ~~to~~ all over trench (NB all strata above this seen to be sliced off ~~by~~ at c. 20° by wind action? or pit? in SW quarter. The latter dug with (2) to (5), but as the latter sand is sterile no corruption results). Fair quantity bones & pottery, also Frags iron.

Pot. c. 30 sherds, mostly reddish-buff, v. heavy carbonat fr (s.o.); min punch jar (s.o.).

~~(4)~~

(7) Compacted darkish yellow sand with occasional dark patches containing pottery & bone, frags copper, soapstone (~~[illegible]~~ apparently finished articles), & iron. ~~Frg~~ Large thick frg Cu ? sheet, v. corroded (n&k)



HAF MS TR I (1975) re-opened 1976

Beneath the ridge facing east the fill from last year's trench was removed. (7' levels) 1.50x1 m.

At −110 cm .. w. face.

(8) A new level of yellow sand revealed 2 ?post holes of dark colour Di. c. 13 & 9 cm. little pottery, many animal bones embedded in the floor, carnelian bead - iron & slag -

Pot. Note 'candlestick' similar to one from Tr. IV (4).
c. 60 sherds, 50% red, 40%, 40% reddish brown / pink-buff-grey - only 3 buff (2 w. asphalt., also 2 pink-buff w. asphalt (1 to rim base amphora. Perhaps 5% hand made ? cook-pots (rims)

(9) — 142 cm. Dark ashy band with bones. v. little pottery..

Pot c. 30 sherds — Glazed. Fr. fr. base of jar (+ b/s), grnish + cream glaze
Other mostly red, much as 8, many blackened w'in (used as mofa? . Rim thin grey pot, wiped w'in

Facts. 1 frg Cu sheet (nsh)

over

Tr I cont'd

(10) – 151 cm

Fairly loose pale sand containing bone, few sherds pottery, few frags iron, frag glass

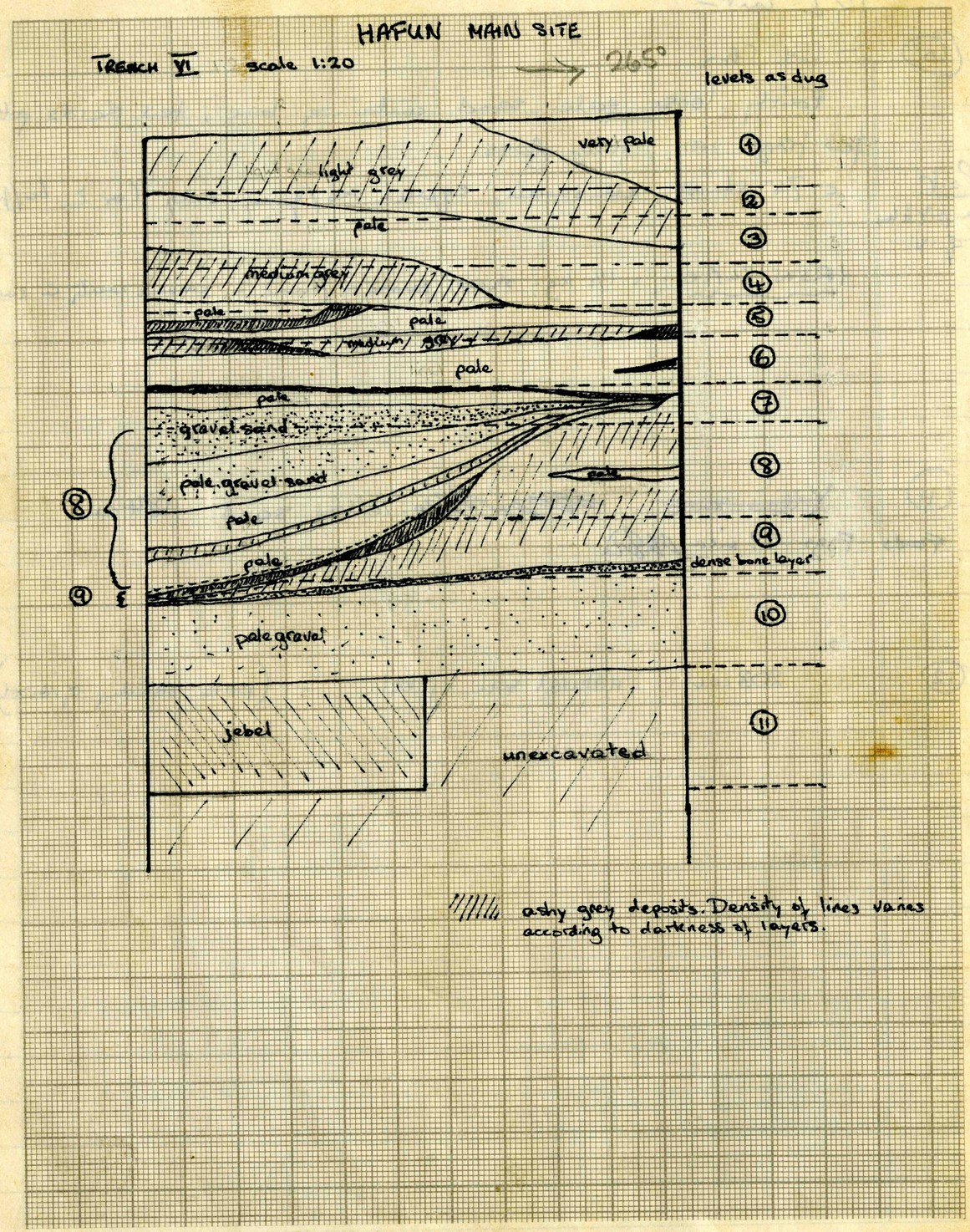
Pot ea pot bk, q.v. c. 75 sherds, all small, equal red/gray, only 1 or 2 buff.

IRON SLAG, c. 1½ kg; shows poured or found in curved cavity in sand

(11) ~~Yellow sand~~. ~~[illegible]~~. Yellow sand. 184 cm.

Fends Frgs ?? mica ~~[illegible]~~

(12) 203 cm natural soil - jebel. – (pale sandy gravel)



HAF MS TR. VI cont.

(8) ~~loose pale sand~~ greyish sand with ash sometimes concentrated in very dark patches. The level slopes down to the SE corner of trench ~~from~~ from the NE & SW corners & also slopes down although less in the NW corner. Quantity bones & pottery & ~~lump~~ iron slag ~~layer~~ Deposit consists of alternating dark & light soft sand with more or less ash content. (some (9) was erroneously dug with this layer in the west half of the trench

ROT exp pot bk q.v. = I (8)

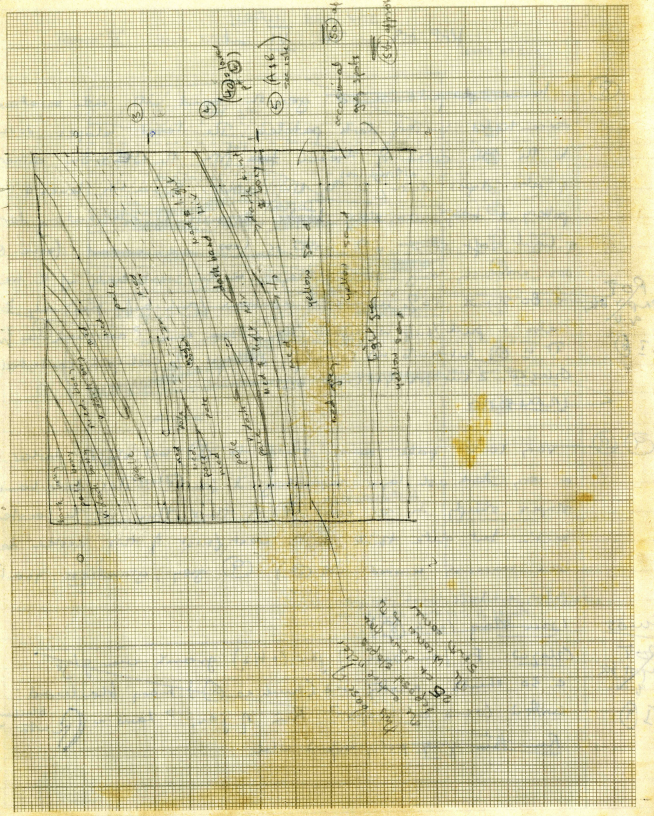
~~c. 80 sherds, 50% red, 40% red-brown/pink-buff/grey, only 3 buff~~
~~also 2 pink/buff w. asphalt (one fr. base ? amphora or fr. Tr II (1), but hub not sowing; perhaps 5% cook-pot.; cauderhead base~~
~~Glazed 2 sm frs yel (now) b/s.~~
~~IRON SLAG~~

(9) ~~(9)~~ ~~Very loose pale sand~~ similar to (8) but slightly darker with a very dark ash layer separating it from (8). This dark band slopes steeply to the east. (9) is thus thin at the eastern section but quite thick to the west (most of this western deposit was erroneously removed with (8).) (9) grey, gravelless. quantity pottery & bone

Finds ~~Iron slag~~ (as in (8)).

ROT exp pot bk q.v. = I (9)

~~Glazed Fr from base of jar (+ b/s) greenish-green glaze~~
~~c. 30 sherds, mostly red (much as (8)) many blackened within (used as mafo? Rim of jar, ? hand-m~~ blackened w/in note
~~Rim thin grey pot, wiped w/in~~



Haf MS IA

2×2m trench opened 50cm to the west of I and extending farther to the south. Pottery scattered over surface.

① Dark grey soil & sand mixture with some pottery & quantity bone. Deposit becomes more yellow with depth

continued by Mohammed Abd' who gave me no = fo.

①-④ Dug without following the sloping strata

④a Is lower part ④.

⑤ Is yellow sand, with ⑤a, ⑤b roughly corresponding with division by darker band

Finds Iron slag from IA ①, ②, ③, ④a poly book p.15 says slag: ① too light to be Fe.

③ ~~[illegible]~~ 2 small frgs Cu

④ 4 frgs Cu ? knife (a.k.)

~~HAF MS V~~ HAF MS II cont.

(probably, really, from ④. Definitely from v. top of ⑤ only)

⑤ cont. v. little pottery, no bone or other material. ⑤ is in fact almost sterile.

Hut MS II

N-S Section

Trench II 1:20

Levels

1 2 3 4 5

Turf

sandy clay

medium sand

loamy sand

fine sand

(Charcoal stained)

Jebel - hard compacted fine sand.

Level

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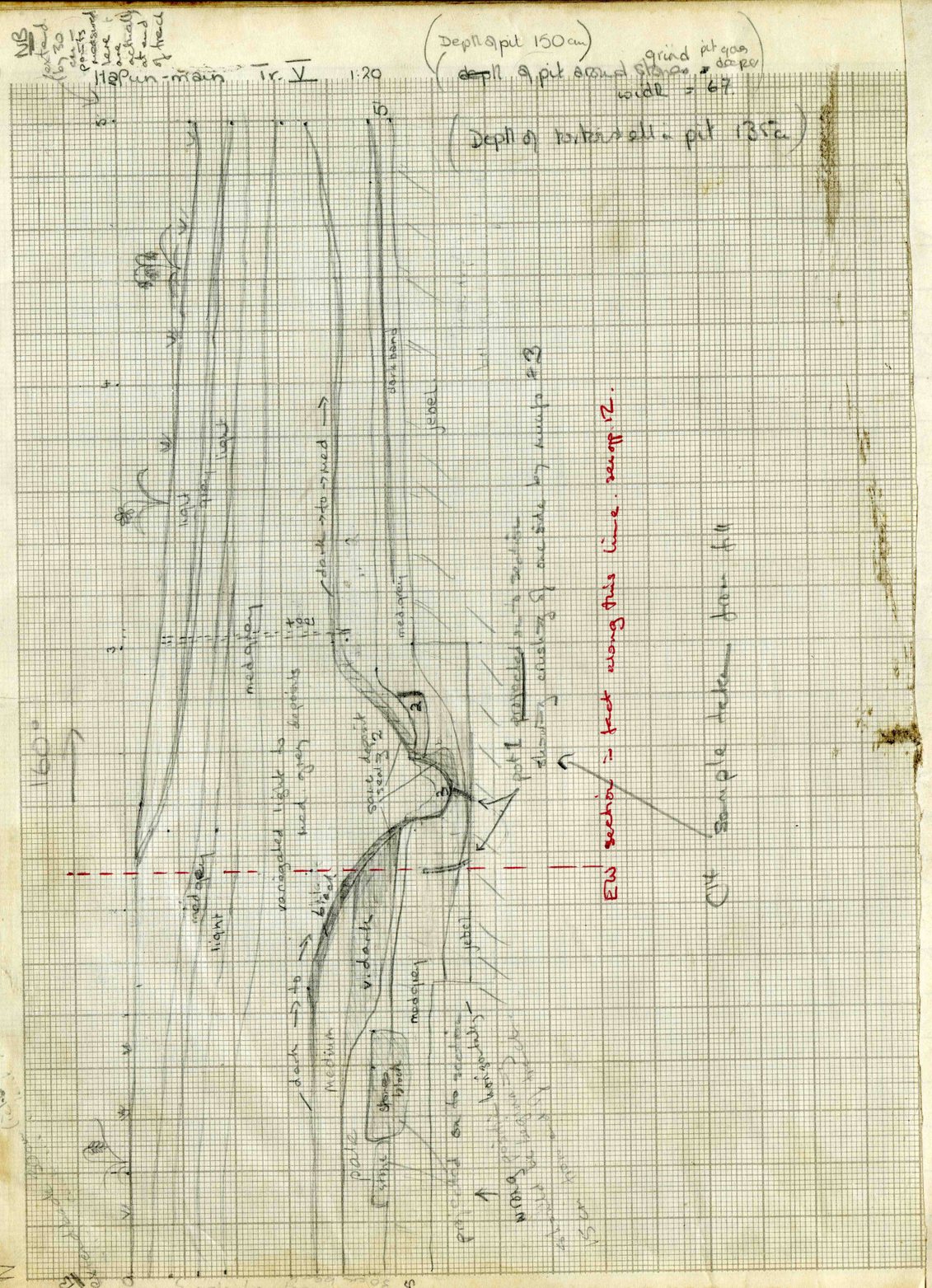


HAF MS V cont.

~~(7) Frag gr stone lying vertically at level (7).~~

(6) Very yellow extremely fine compacted sand, quite hard, no grand. Sterile. Jebel.

Haf. MS VI cont.

(10) Ashy sand paler than (9) & with less ash content. Little pottery & bone. some gravel content.

(11) Sterile yellow ochre fine compacted sand. Tested to depth 3m50. Label.

Hafen MS

Surface finds on MS site: 3 frgs Cu objects – 1 tack, 1 frg welded obj, 1 frg. circular flattened rod shaped obj.

1983

Brava Trench I

Laid out c. 120 m from parapet of sea-spine, 8 m from SW corner of Sarmad: mosque; 1.5 x 1.5 m

① Quantity of modern glass. At 17 cm. Struck water pipe. Centimetre or two of sand on the surface and then compacted colluvial material. At base, W. side, layer mortar rubble (incd. in stratum.)

Sherds. c. 40. small, all modern; thrown

② Dark brown soil, streaks red, streaks charcoal, ash. Damper, stickier at base. Red deposit noticed. Modern glass still emerging. (17 cm) (NB some fragments, bones, modern glass, taken from hole dug behind water pipe), late 15th cent. or more probably 16th cent. Islamic green/blue monochrome found. No more modern glass.

Sherds. c. 40, only one glazed, wh. looks late (sl. mono. Frs mod bottle-glass. Rest mostly plain red (cf mod Bonawi). V. few bones. All thrown.

③ As ② but no red streaks, no charcoal. Potsherds infrequent. Few 10 cm. studded nails. (33 cm) Fragment green/yellow pottery. Small amount charcoal.

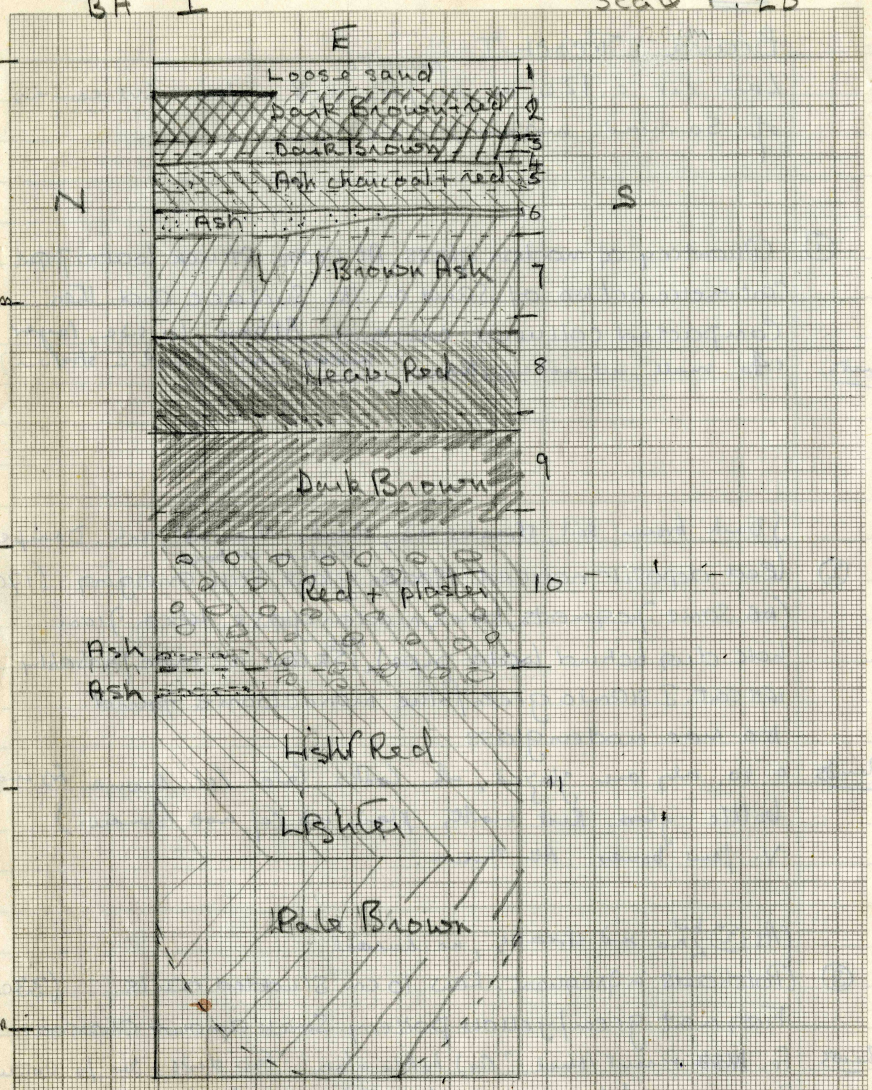
Sherds. Fr. ~~[illegible]~~ recent/black, ? (eg) bottle glass. Few sherds - sm frs stoneware, ? Eur, glazed both sides. Unglazed - n.o.i. All thrown

Finds. 2 Frs v. rusted nail Thrown 1 bone only

MONTEREAT

BA I

Scale 1:20



BA Tr I cont^d

Dark brown, no charcoal. Streaks red loam. Top at 38cm

(4) Rusty remains of nails. Pink/green fragment - (38cm.)
Suspect thrown in by children. Very few potsherds. Handle of (? chitezo) fooja? Alternate thin layers of red loam.

Sherds. Pink/grn fr. is Cig Fr. Fr clear glass c^d be earlier. Handle as above c 20 other sherds. All thrown. 2 sm frg bone

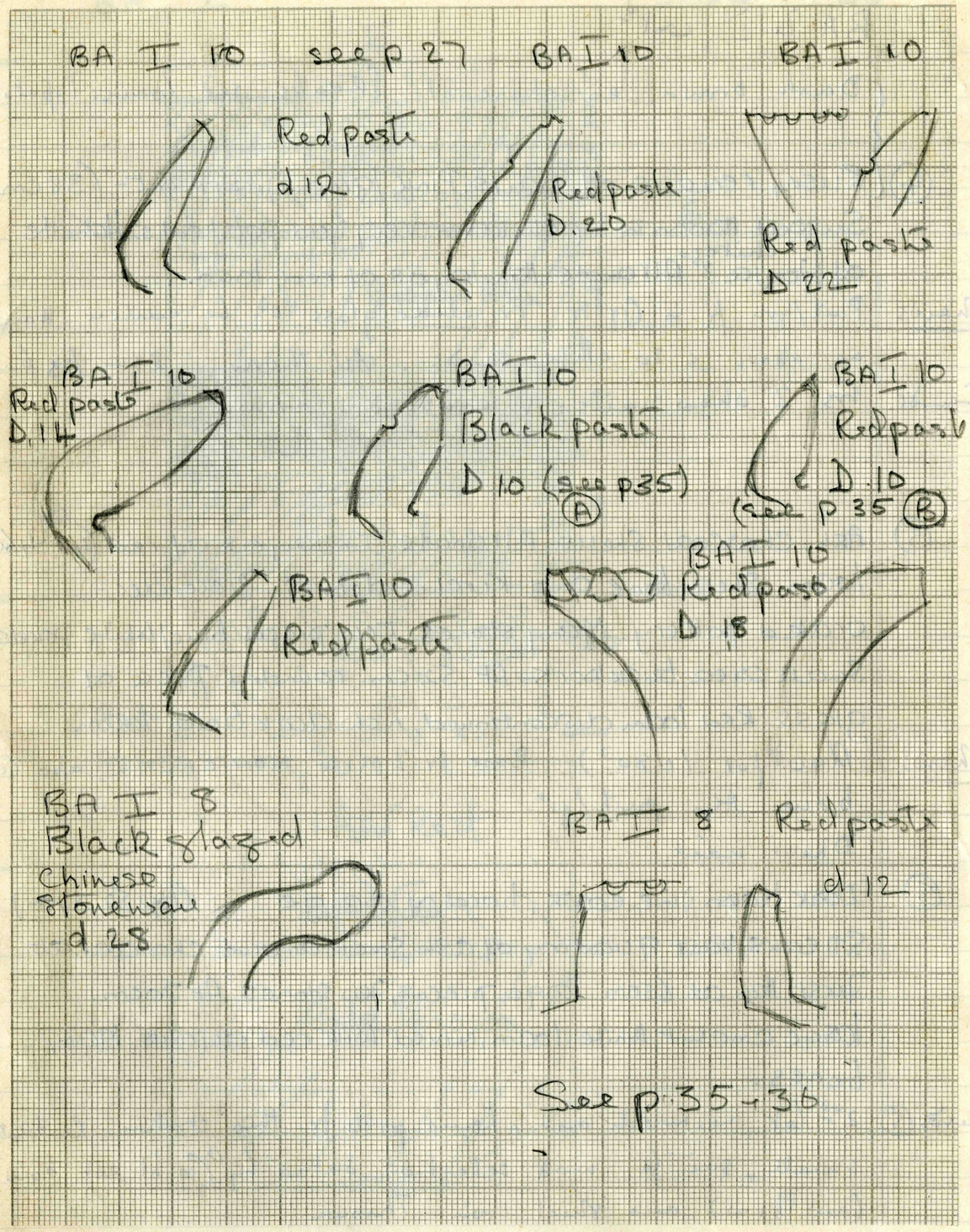
Rmds. Frs 2 dhow nails: v. corroded. Thrown

(5) Ash, charcoal, shells. Alternate thin layers of red (top 43-46cm) loam, shell-bone and kitchen debris. Piece decorated pottery. Many stones. Few pieces blue/white porcelain. Small area brickwork. At 52 cm. rounded piece of glass. Red loam discontinued, now dark brown loam.

Sherds. Plent^l fol (c 80?). Base Fr. L M+Co MONTEREAT; also Cig bow. Also pink/gr^n
Dhow nail

(5) Dark brown fine earth, traces of orange (top 52-57cm) Streaks. Vast quantity of ash. Small amount charcoal at first, then at 65cm. large pieces, few stones. At 70cm. large amount white loam, mixed with red deposits. Many bones.

Sherds (5), 2nd lot, w. much ash, hence prob fr. thin stratum. C. 80, mostly small; similar mod selection, dated by 1^x Cig bl. ext bowl (and 1^x b+w), and sheet iron. Thrown



BA Tr. I (Cont.) (top 71-75cm)

(6) Carbon ridge. Edge of pottery showing at 75cm. Dark brown heavy soil, many stones, bones and kitchen debris, and charcoal, esp. mixed with ash below water pipe. Fragments pink/white and blue/white porcelain (late 19). Pot set in floor with ash. No other fragments. Max diameter 25 cm. Probably small mofa. Pot lacks neck. Near spherical body, red? Botawi ware. v. soft.

Sherds. c. 300 (2 lots), all unglazed except 2 mentd above, v. coarse lot. Thrown, inc frs of mofa
Bones - fair number. Also thrown
~~+2nd (lot) c. 200~~

(7) Earth rich orange/brown. Signs of charcoal + (top 105-110cm) ash, less fine, more clay like quality. At 120-122cm. earth more intensly orange. Many stones. White glazed (inside) pottery. Moister, finer soil. Virtually no potsherds. At 124cm. orange earth streaked with dark brown. v. few pieces charcoal. At 126cm. fragment blue/white on brown glazed.

Sherds c 50-60: 2 glazed - fr. base lge red-bodied white ware bowl, fr. lsl imitn s/w; brw mentd above not seen, but tiny fr. celadon
Local o n i - one thickened rim of jar.
Frs good plaster facing
Qty bones

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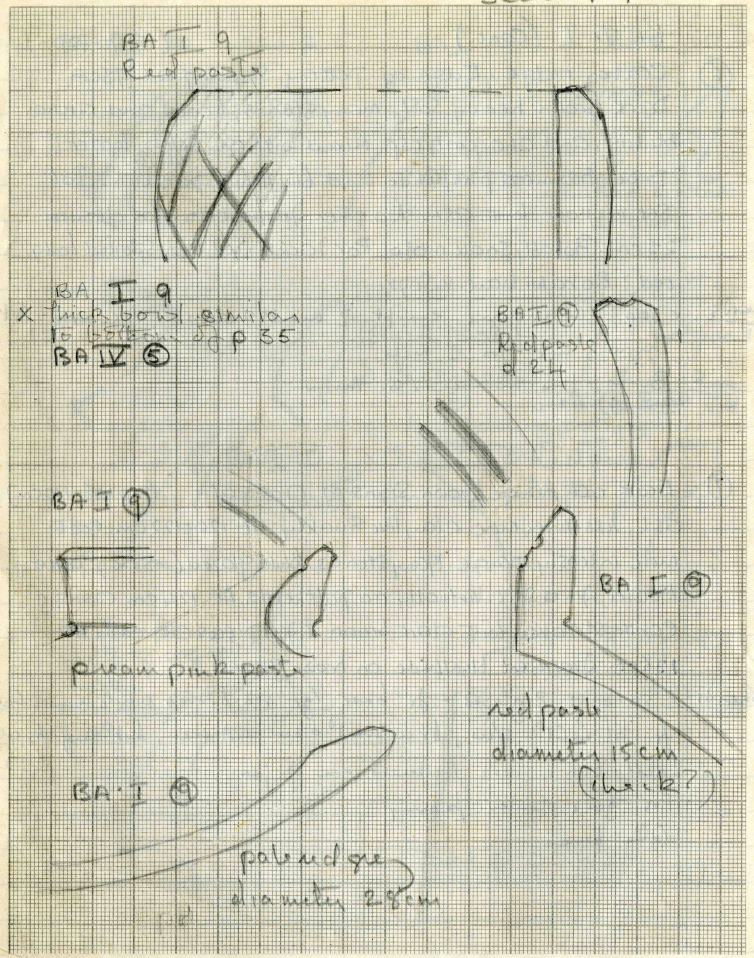

BA Tr I (Cont.)

⑧ Soil heavier and darker, many (top 145-148cm) Stones, few sherds, fewer bones. Streaks of crushed sea shells(?) At 155cm soil changing to powdery quality, pieces of masonry work appearing NB Islamic monochrome sherd at 160m and fragments of glass.

Sherds C.150; only 4 glazed, inc 2 ?(18 (rim heavy blk s/w jar; b&w w. 4 bm below rim). Also thick ?(17 glass, from? oval bottle; but NB fr of ?(15 b&w bottle, and lsl. mono ledge rim bowl. Local inc hollow-base chitezo; deckled rim. Note local quite diff from Kenya coast. A few kept p.t.

⑨ Soil darker, some ash. Many (top 185-188cm) Stones. At 2 metres, soil changes slightly to more orange and breadcrumb consistency. Few sherds, ash in "spots"

Sherds (2nd lot, see below) c.50-60. (v blue (on red body) lsl mono only glazed. ?(15. Local almost all thick sandy red; a few grey. Note fr. v. shallow bowl, slightly out-turned rim

Other Lump iron slag (rounded ?lower side, grey material; rusted flat iron-bearing material above

Bones – few, mostly split, in fresh condn.

Sherds, 2nd lot 78 (but inc many v. small) One tiny fr lsl mono, bl-gr on buff local: rim + neck of squat jar, grooves inside rim, kept w. others (s.o).

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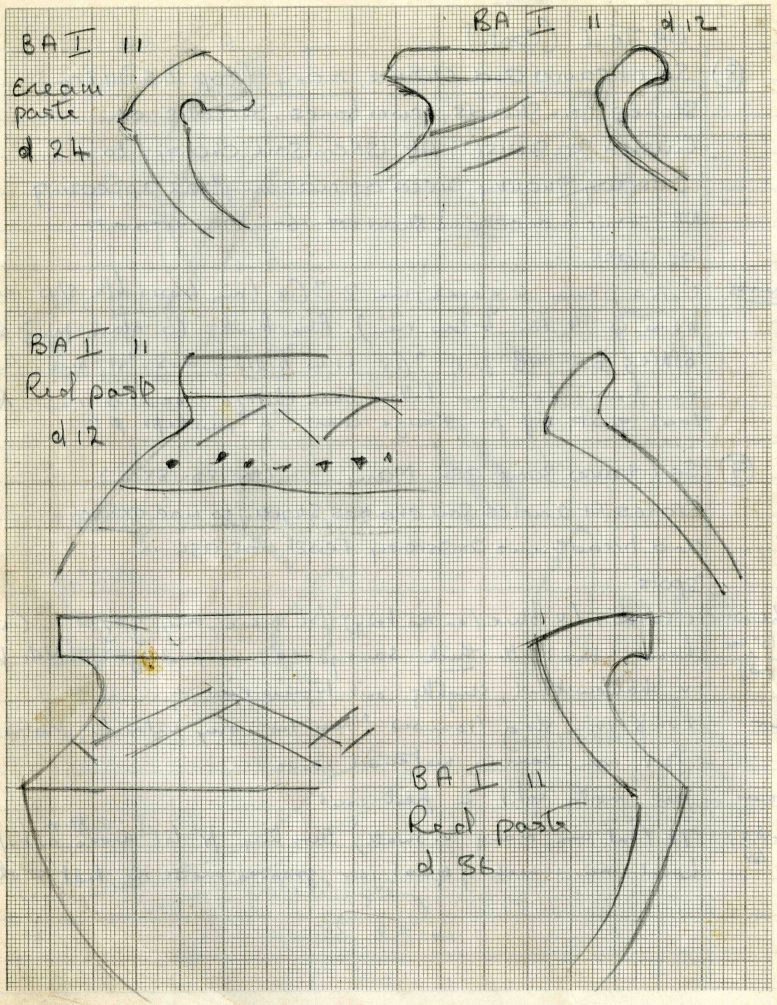


BA Tr I cont^d

(top 250 - 254 cm)

(10) Soil becomes more orange flecked with white. Sherds not very frequent. Many small stones. At 260 cm wet clay lumps, sticky quality. At 270 cm lime plaster work in large quantities. Soil mixed with lime. At 310 cm small pieces charcoal; No sherds

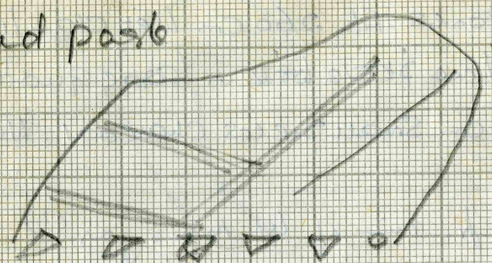
Sherds (10) c. 120; only 1 tiny glazed - fr. rim of Isl. mono jar (!), buff body mottled purple lt blue colour.
Local - rims all kept p.t. (no bases) - all seem outwarving of jars. NB sm. fr., b.s., soft pink purple paste, red sfc, horiz burnished lines

(11) Soil light brown, very fine. Layer of lime plaster in large pieces. Few sherds. Considerable charcoal. At 330 cm sudden emergence of many large/small potsherds, few decorated. Small stones, bones. NB. Ridged piece green Islamic monochrome + celadon found at 350 cm. Soil remains the same but c. 375 cm. Sherds very infrequent and small.

Sherds. V. plentiful (but from restricted stratum, see above); - 1½ basket = c. 1,000? 43 rims (# frs of a well-made mofa); only 3 bases (flat - a sig^t diff^ce fr. later levels?)
(c. 1300 AD ??)
Glazed 3 only (!). Rim of bowl w. lt gr^n sgraff-type glaze, + base-ring of another, mortar att^d, Sm b.s. grey celadon
Local. Red waxes - darker paste than later ones.
Near hole-mouth vessels w. incised dec^n as the later squat jars. Conical bowl, flat base (s.o.). Carinated cook-pot-unqu
(s.o.) - shape as Kenya (20. R/s red burn^d sm. bowl. Flat-lip thickened rim of bowl; miles on edge
Imported Rim of yellow paste (+ sfc) squat jar (s.o.)

BA I 11

Red paste



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BA I 11

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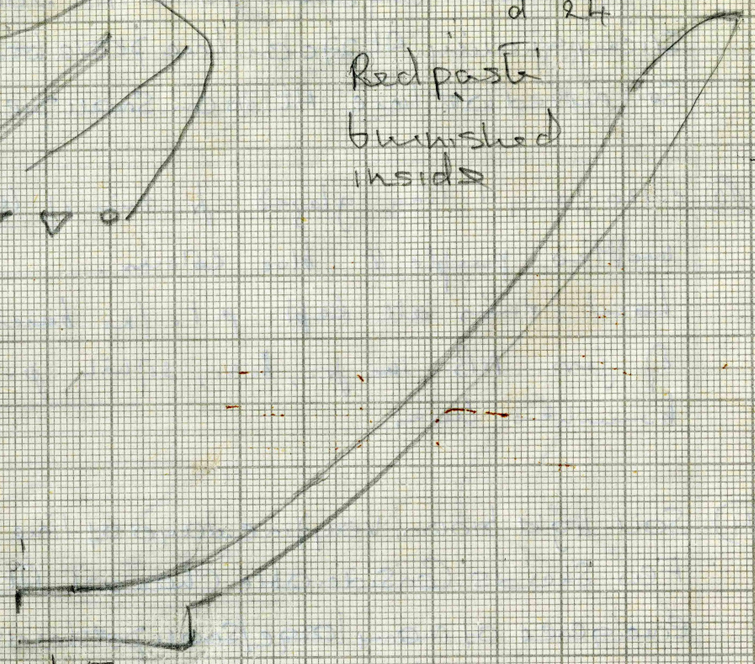
Red paste burnished inside



July 21, 1980

To: Ministry of Culture and Higher Education

From: Hilarie Kelly
Research Associate
British Institute in Eastern Africa

It is with deepest regret that I must inform you of an unfortunate accident which occured at the archaeological pit south of the Jumaa Mosque in Hamar Weyn on Monday, July 14. A portion of the northern side of the pit collapsed at 9:00AM, just as clean-up operations at the bottom were being completed. Loose sand completely buried one worker, but the rest of the crew immediately cleared the sand away from his head, saving his life. The quick action of these men must be commended: Said Muki (foreman), Aweys Maye, Xasan Cilmi Xebe, Cabdullahi Cilmi Xebe, and Cusman Axmed Suleiman.

The buried man, Quraysh Cusman, then proceeded to dig himself out of the sand, with the assistance of the other crew members. This was slow and difficult work, because he was pinned down within a trench, between rock and the wall face that had just collapsed on top of him. The rescue took about one hour. During this time, great assistance was provided by Hussein Suleiman of the Miyusyamka Ummadda, and Yusuf Abdi Ibrahim of the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education. The local police also helped tremendously by keeping back the crowd. I am deeply grateful to all of these people for their help.

When Quraysh Cusman was finally taken out of the pit, he was suffering from nervous exhaustion and shock. Yusuf Abdi and I took him to Dikfer Hospital immediately. He was treated there and released by the afternoon. Thanks are due to the hospital staff who handled the situation with efficiency and kindness. Yusuf Abdi and I took Quraysh Cusman to his home to recover. I will continue to monitor his condition for several days. Compensation has been arranged with the British Institute in Eastern Africa, so that Quraysh Cusman will have adequate time to rest and recuperate without the necessity of working.

I would like to applaud the courage of Quraysh Cusman. He is a valuable and conscientious worker who demonstrated great presence of mind in terrifying circumstances.

The pit has been filled in to remove any danger to the public. This has been done under the direction of the foreman, Said Muki.

The reason for the collapse of a portion of the north wall of the pit is probably related to the presence of a pocket of apparently unstable sandy soil just below a visible old floor level. The ground level of the pit was entirely unaffected.

Finally, I would like to thank the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education, and officials of the First Congress of the Somali Studies International Association for extending their sympathy and support throughout the period following this accident.

Sincerely,

Hilarie Kelly

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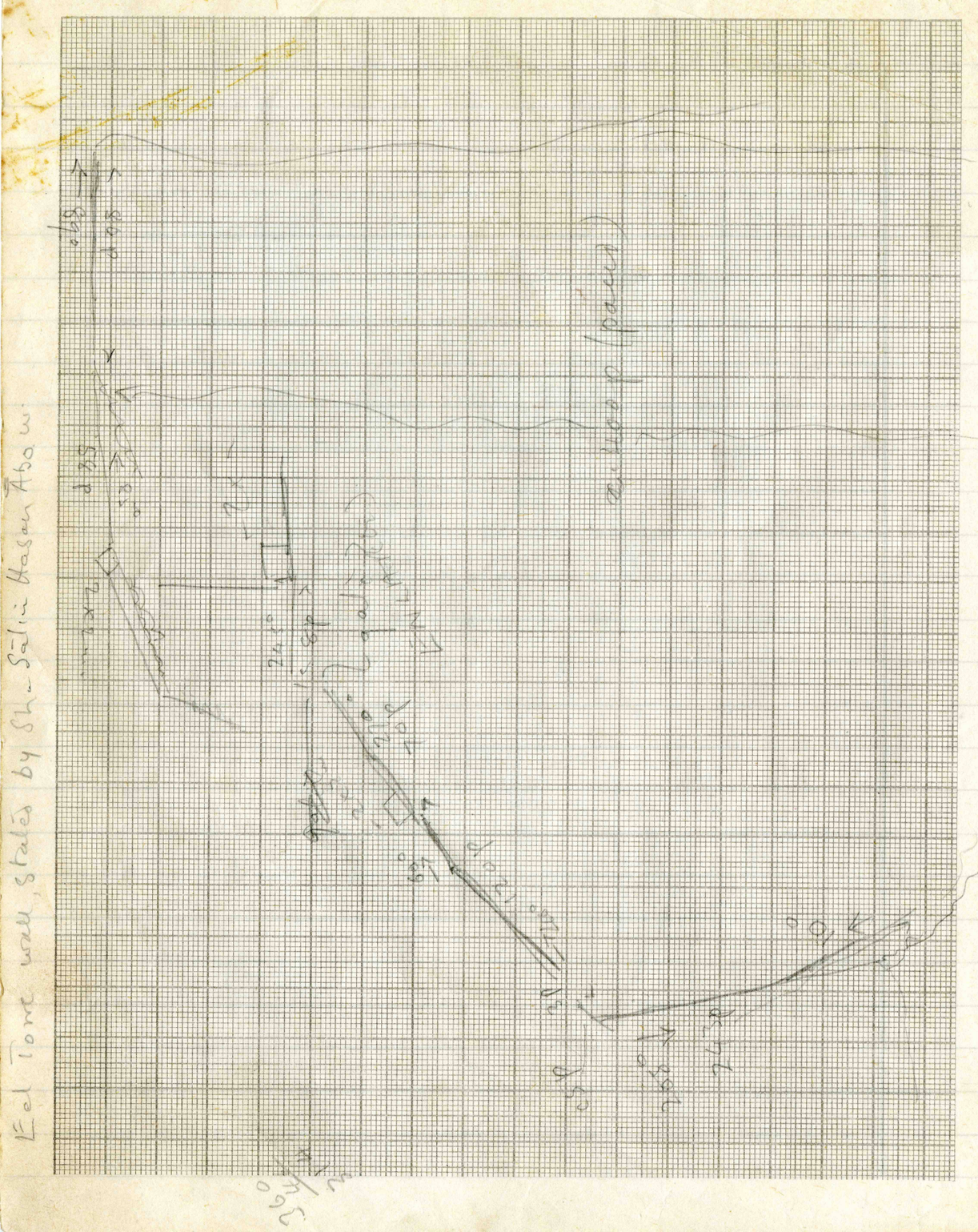


(opposite)

Wall at 'Eel Tore stated by Sh. Salim Hasan Abo of MARIN GUBAI to have been built by Sultan HEEJO ABDULLAH of Tore; successors MO'ALLAM NUR; MELAKH 'ALI ABO; HASAN 'ALI EEDEN (made 'cavaliere' by Italians

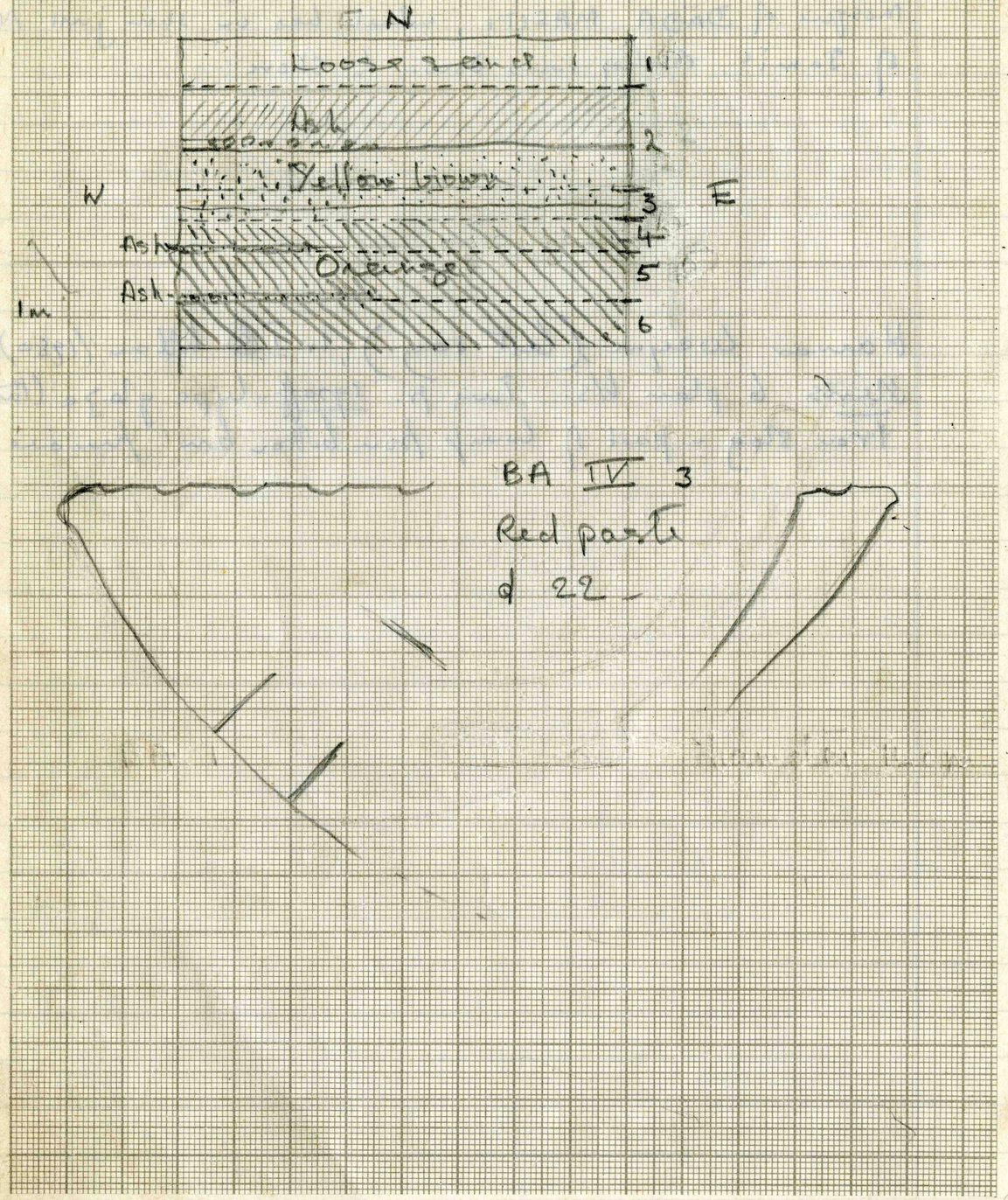
Heejo Abdullah buried at KUYAAW JHURE

Heejo A built it to protect his people from BIMALE

Wall built of thin small slabs sandstone and lumps coral, set in grey lime mortar, 50 cm thick where measured, but in places thinner towards top

BA Tr III – Cutting back face of N side of gulley N of mosque of DĀDA MASITI, which lies on shore just N of Jami'. Gulley runs down to shore

Hamar Weyne (last day), Tr I ⑧ bottom (1980): Sherds 6 plain b/s. Tiny fr. sgraff-type glaze (thrown) Iron slag – part of lump from bottom bowl furnace.



Barawa Trench II. 1.6x1.6m directly inland from Jami and c. 200 m

BA II ① + ②

Loose sand to 15-20 cm (=①) followed by ashy soil ~~to 55 cm filled~~ with bones & sherds (=②). Some pieces of 19 century blue & white.

Sherds c. 30+40; c. 10-12 glazed, modern and C19. Local ine one with wavy combed pattern

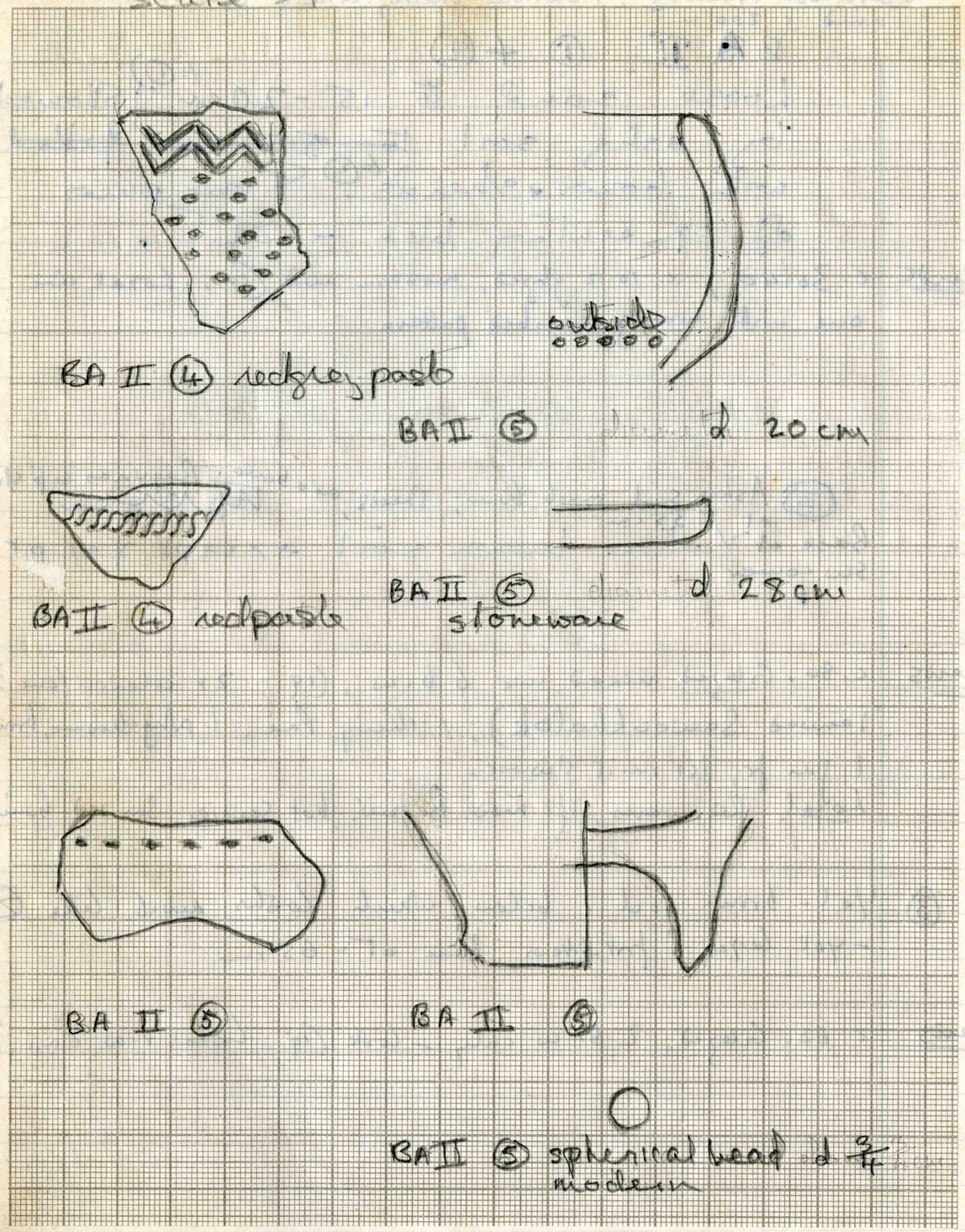
② Ashy soil, much bone; sherds, as above. Begun as sep stratum ~~top 55 cm~~ Base at -55 cm. Yellow brown soil except for pit in SW corner

Sherds c. 80. Glazed mixed, inc 6 b.w., C19; 2x celadon (one? derived Sawankhalok); 1 ching Pai. 1 polychrome, brown/red 1 jar fr, 1st imit s'ware.
Local. Red wares, cf. mod. Barawi, but Saudier. Sm red-bound b/s

③ Yel-brown soil, below/which looks much like ② - yel layer? fortuitous. Base at -65 cm

Sherds c. 60. Glazed, 2 b.w. only - look C19 Local r.w., c.m.i. Thrown

Scale 1/1

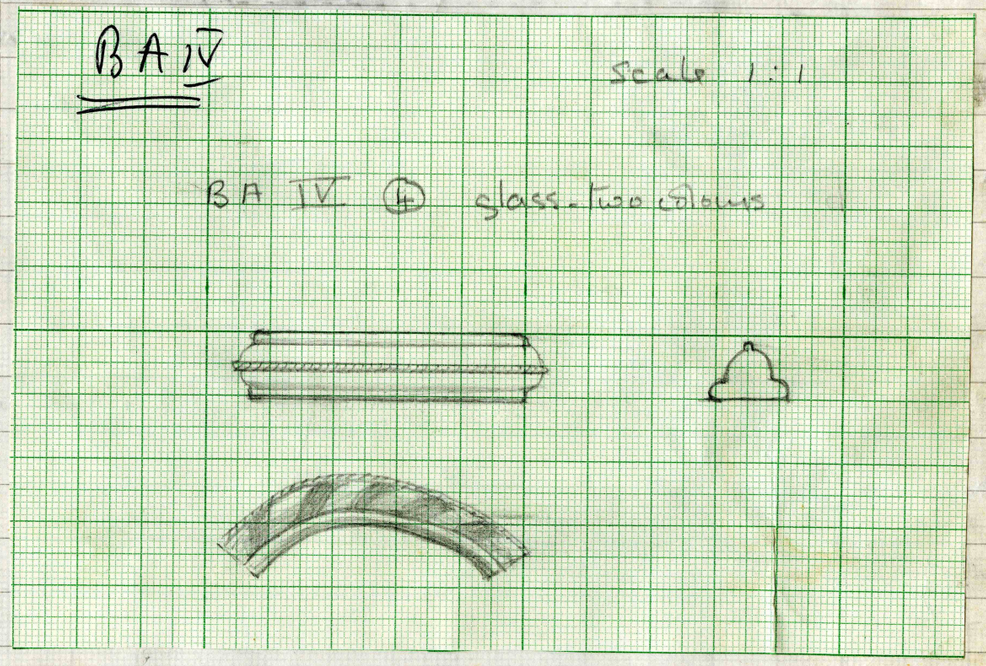


(4.) Orange soil to -75/80 cm.

Sherds c. 200; only 4 glazed: latter 'imit'- stoneware', 1x b+w, 1x Ch. polychr., 1 ? Ching Pai. Local oui. expt 2 dect'd b/s's; s.o.

(5) As (4), from patch of charcoal down; more at -90 cm.

Sherds. c. 200; 2 glazed(!), 'cod's roe' b+w (late (18/(19), strange flat st/ware rim (s.o.).



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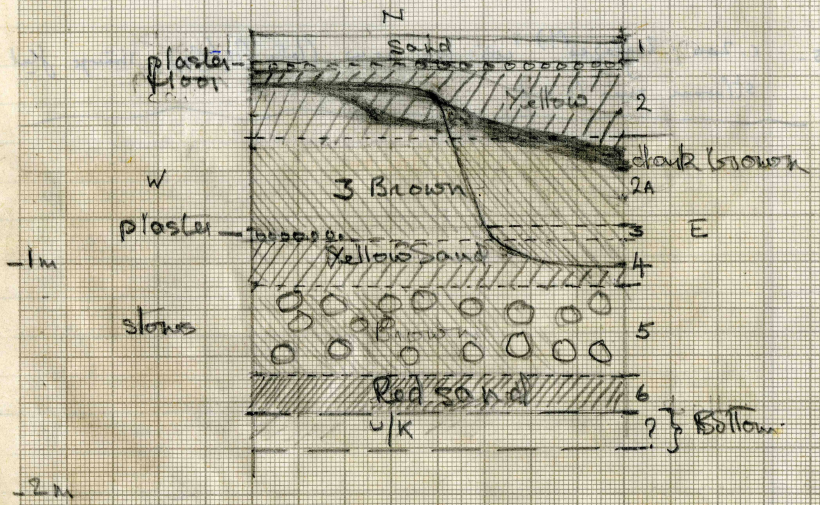
Scale 1/1

inside of bowl



d 6cm

BA IV ② ② black grey paste



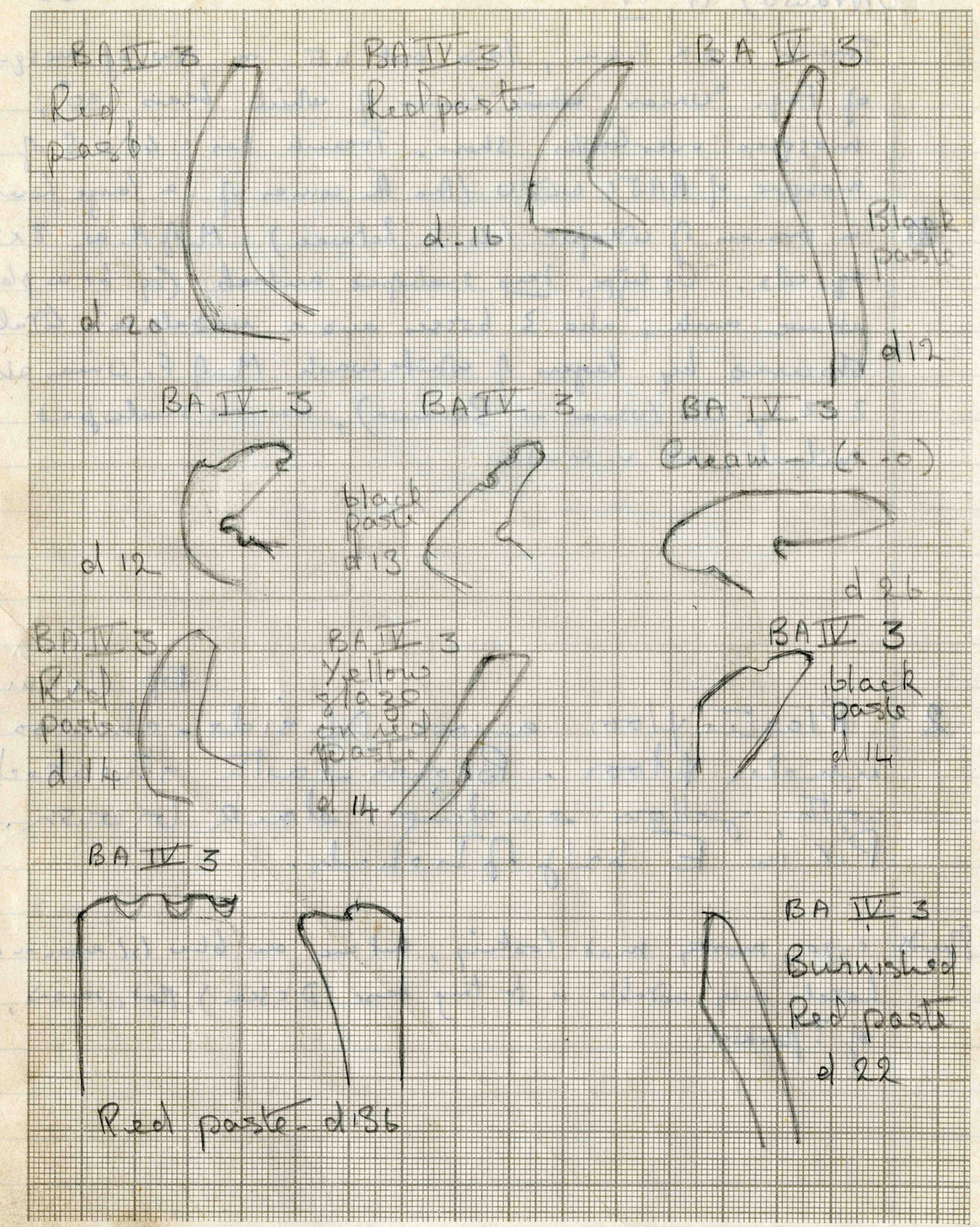
BA(rawa) Tr IV

Trench 1.6 x 1.6m, laid out 45 m NW of mosque of Faqi ʿUmar, ~~which~~ corner of which bears 130°; mosque overlooks shore. Trench lies c. 45 m S of mosque of HAJI WERU (tho the corner of a large house in process of collapse lies in between). M. of H. W. 2x2 sq. cols, ? Cq type, deep scalloped mihrab, (cq br w plates above arch; also 3 bosses and a medallion totally obscured by layers of whitewash. M. of F. ʿUmar also 2x2 sq. cols (usual at Barawa), narrow scalloped mihrab; all v. crude.

top 14cm

2 Plaster floor across N side - charcoal under floor. Brown earth streaked with yellow ending dark brown. Pit in E half of trench.

② Sherds c. 90, mostly mod-looking, but inc one blue (s) mono on red. Local - only notable is fr tiny base (D c.3cm), flat, raised, of ? fluskiet.



BA Tr IV (cont'd)

Top 45

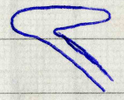
(2a) (1B) Fill of pit on E side – dug as half trench, since w. margin only clear in N. section

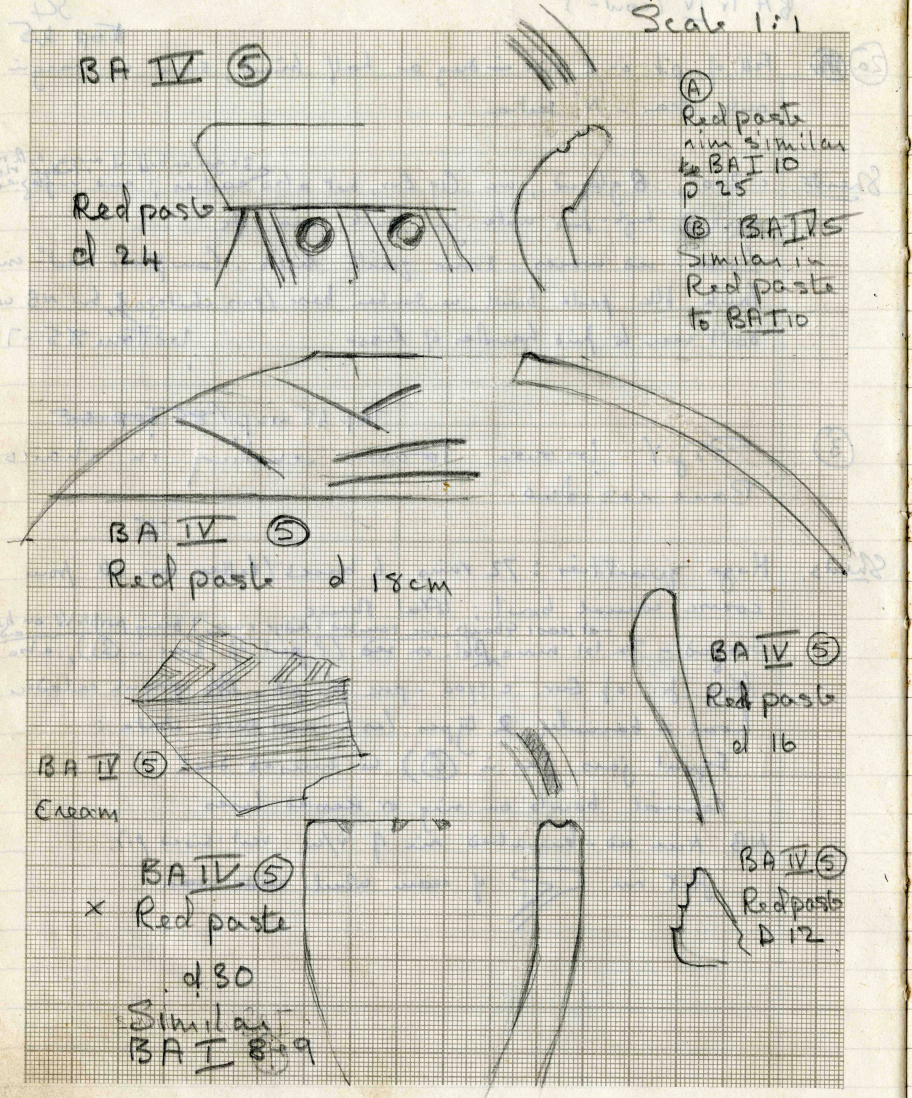
Sherds c. 200, 8 glazed, inc C19 Eur, but also earlier; 3 x grn on buff isl mono, both round + ledge rims; and unglazed neck of high-fired water-jar, pink, cream sfc.
Local – red wares – some quite thick. Complete sect^n crude thick blk-paste bowl w. sunken base (poss chitezo), but NB we don't seem to find handles of these

Bottom 85 – 74

Top 45 – in pit 85 ~~Top 45~~

(3) Soft brown loam ending in charcoal
Bone residue

Sherds. Huge quantities: 72 rims, 6 bases (latter are all from coarse conical bowl; total sherds
Glazed – 7 x lsl mono, 3 bl. on red (? part of bowl in (3)); also – at least 4 bowls, inc rounded-ledge rim, 1 being purple bl. on buff and tiny fr. of Eur. c. 1900 – poss fr. pit. B/s greyish celadon
Local – basically 2 types (as in most such strata:
Squat jars (as in (4)) w. incised dec^n
Conical bowls on ring or recessed bases
NB Nice red-burnished rim of r/w vert-sided pot.
Flat rim  of cream wheel-made wares



Yellow sand followed by (Top 90-110)
(4) Ash - brown earth - much bowl - sheds

(4) Finds. { Fr. polychrome glass bracelet, D c. 6.5cm see page 32
Lump iron slag, c. 200 gm, rounded bottom (? fr. bowl fnce).

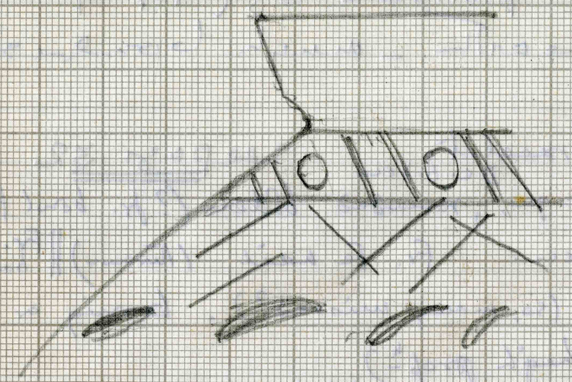
Top of cu nail, D 1.5cm Fr. Fe nail (thrown) || Fr. glass bangle

Sherds. c. 120, inc 28 rim frs (so, many missed?). 6 ring or hollow bases (an unusually high prop^n)
Glazed: Frs 3 isl. mono bowls, all blue (one bl/gr) on red body, inc 1 plain rim and frs large ledge-rim (rinded) bowl.
3 frs celadon bowl, watery blue glaze.
Fr tiny bowl, lt blue on white ? frit body. 1 sm godulia-type b/s.
Local. Mostly red, some shading to grey/buff.
Rims at least 3 globular pots w. incised dec^n.
- an unusual high proportion

Large stones emerging. Less (Top 126-115)
sherds. Brown loam followed by yellow sand streaked with charcoal.

(5) Sherds 10 rims. Glazed: 3 isl mono (1 ledge-rim, bl. grey on red; 1 grn on buff; 1 grey-bl on buff, but not early variety), and not earlier than the lge bowl in (4), 1 b/s. brown s'ware. 1 b/s incised godulia) [w^d initiate to (16 date rather than (15]
Unglazed. Rim water-jar, groove w/in, red sfc - looks Indian (note pavaly of Indian pot compared H. Weyn).
Hole-mouth pot, roughly incised, grey body, white grits, relatively thin (s.o.).
Rim of squat pot fr. same vessel as in (4)

Pottery from Barawa Tr IV



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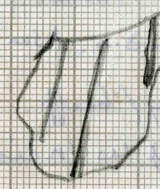

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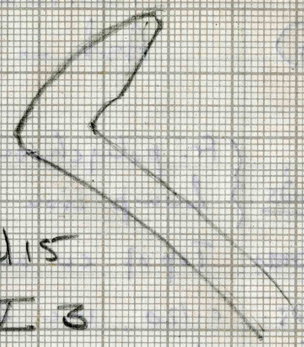

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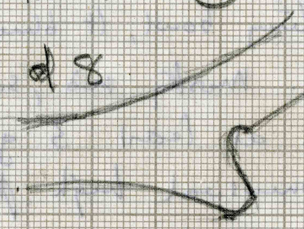
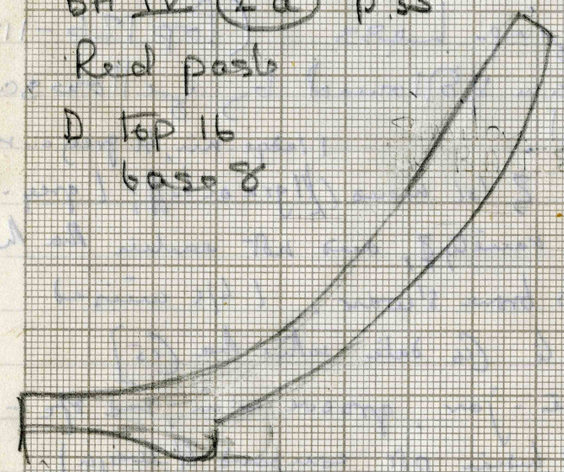
BA IV 6
Red paste

BA IV (3)
d 8



BA IV (2a) p 33
Red paste
D top 16
base 8



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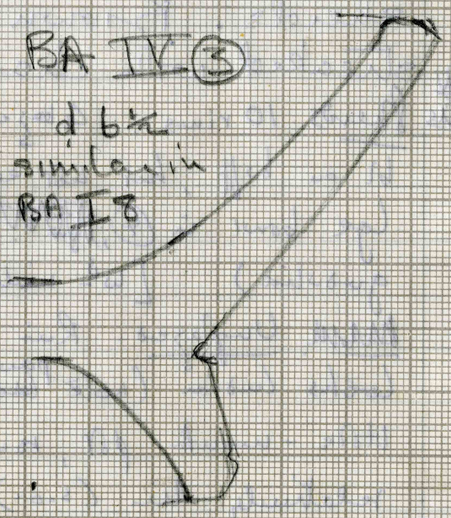

Tombstones kept in District HQ. Photo'd 24.ii.83, without scales.

1. Largest (w. sq. projection at top) h 44 cm. Removed from grave w of Bawa. Dec^{d} Abu Bakr Hāj Sālah, d 7.10.4.

2. Inscip incised in (coral) stone, somewhat crudely (in wh. respects resembles (1) above). Ht 29 cm. Dec^{d} Muh^{d} Yai (or Bai - people differed as to wh.)

3. Fr of tombstone in superior script in high relief. Longest meas^{t} 22.5 cm.