

AZORIA 6 July 2006
D1200 (MCH)

FINAL TRENCH REPORT: D1200

Datum used: R22

ARCHITECTURE

D1200 comprises an 8.60m long room which was at least 3m wide.

It is bounded by 3 surviving walls:

East wall: D1200 (8.6m long, 1.75m high)

South wall: D1204 (2.9m long, 1m high)

North wall: D1207 (2.4m long, 0.5m high)

STRATIGRAPHY AND PAIL NUMBERS

The trench was excavated in two portions a southern section from the damaged section of wall D1203 and the fallen boulder, and a northern section. Each section was excavated separately with soil sieving, sampling etc. done as if a separate trench but the same loci were used and the pail numbers are consecutive.

The stratigraphy consisted of: a loose topsoil; tumble with a loose sandy soil as the matrix but with occasional patches of hard white roofing clay; a layer of roofing clay which was for the most part very thin; and finally the floor which was only clearly preserved in the south-east and north-east.

SURFACE	D1200.1
TOPSOIL	D1201.1-6
TUMBLE	D1202.1-5, D1201.7-11
ROOFING CLAY	D1206.1-6

There were the following additional pails:

WALL CLEANING D1203.1-5, D1204.1

WESTERN EDGE D1205.1-3, D1202.6 (tumble in south-west) ✓

PRESERVATION

The destruction of the central section of wall D1203 has led to a patchy state of preservation. In the central section of the room the roofing clay had degraded to a sandy soil, the large tumble was deeply embedded and no floor surface was preserved. Floor surface was preserved in the south east corner, but the best preservation was along the east wall (D1203) to the north of the fallen boulder – where there were good signs of burning and where much of the pottery came from.

CONCLUSIONS

The room may be the main hall of a house. The main question for this trench is whether the bare state of the room reflects the destruction process or the actual use of the room: whether the room was kept empty of archaeologically preserved finds for some human

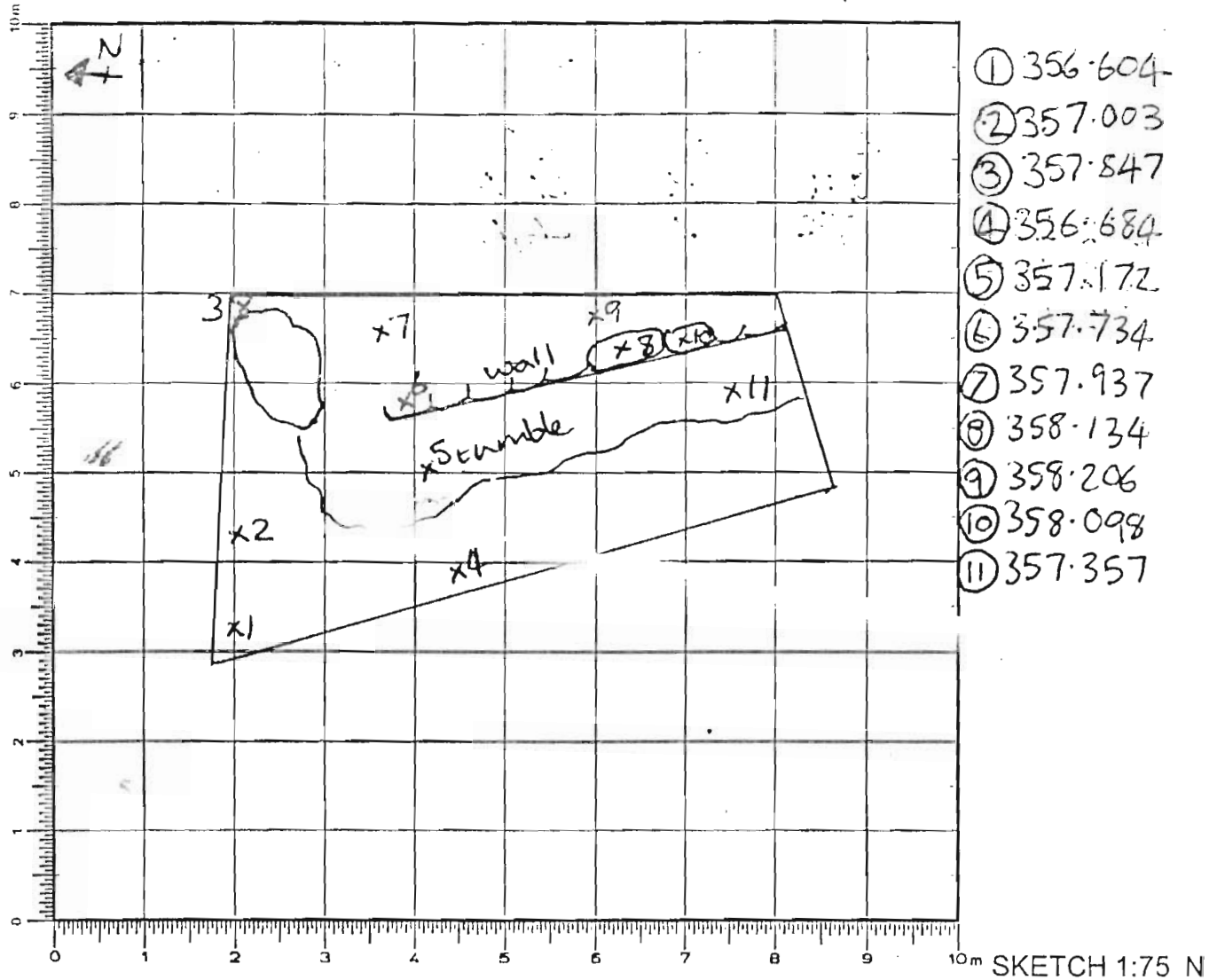
use that is less archaeologically visible than cooking or craft, or whether it was cleaned out at some point around its destruction.

The discovery of burnt deposits in the north of the trench makes the destruction process seem more similar to that elsewhere on the site than initially thought.

Some help in answering the question may forthcoming if artifact filled storerooms, kitchens or workrooms are found to the north.

Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1201 Excavator MCHElevationsBenchmark used: R22

Reading on

Benchmark: 1.175H.I.: 357.894

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 21 June 06 Locus above: n/aLocus parameters: c. 8m x 5.5m

Verbal description:

Topsoil covering the wall tumble:

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
D1200.1 (Surface)	1.6	12	LA
D1201.1	10.1	80	early 5th, LA, A, LMIIc
D1201.1			
D1201.2	0.1	3	LA, A
D1201.3	0.11	4	LA, A
D1201.4	0.72	9	LA, A
D1201.5			
D1201.6			

OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1201 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

Opened new trench D1200.

Cleaned loose surface soil, surface pottery given pail number D1200.1

Commenced first pass, starting from the north working south.

The first pass aimed to define the ancient wall running north south in the eastern part of the trench and the rock bunker in front (west) of it.

Large amount of pottery and some bone was collected in the first pass. It principally came from the extreme north of the trench under the large fallen boulder of bedrock.

Pottery from first pass given pail number D1201.1

A standard soil sample was taken.

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1201.2 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pile(s)]:

We expanded the trench to the west as far as the terrace allowed, removing the topsoil.
The few sherds collected were given pile number D1201.2

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1201.3 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

Continued yesterday's pass through the topsoil in western part of trench. Collected pottery given find number D1201.3

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1201.4 Excavator MCH.

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pit(s)]:

Spotting stones ~~protruding~~ protruding from the side of the hill west of the trench and suspecting that they represent the continuation of the tumble westward it was decided to extend the trench in that direction. Pottery from this extension, which went through topsoil down to the continuation ~~of~~ of the tumble was given pit number D1201.4. The side of the hill west of the trench was also cleared of vegetation and loose soil to make it easier to see the stones protruding through the surface. No pottery was discovered so no separate pit was created.

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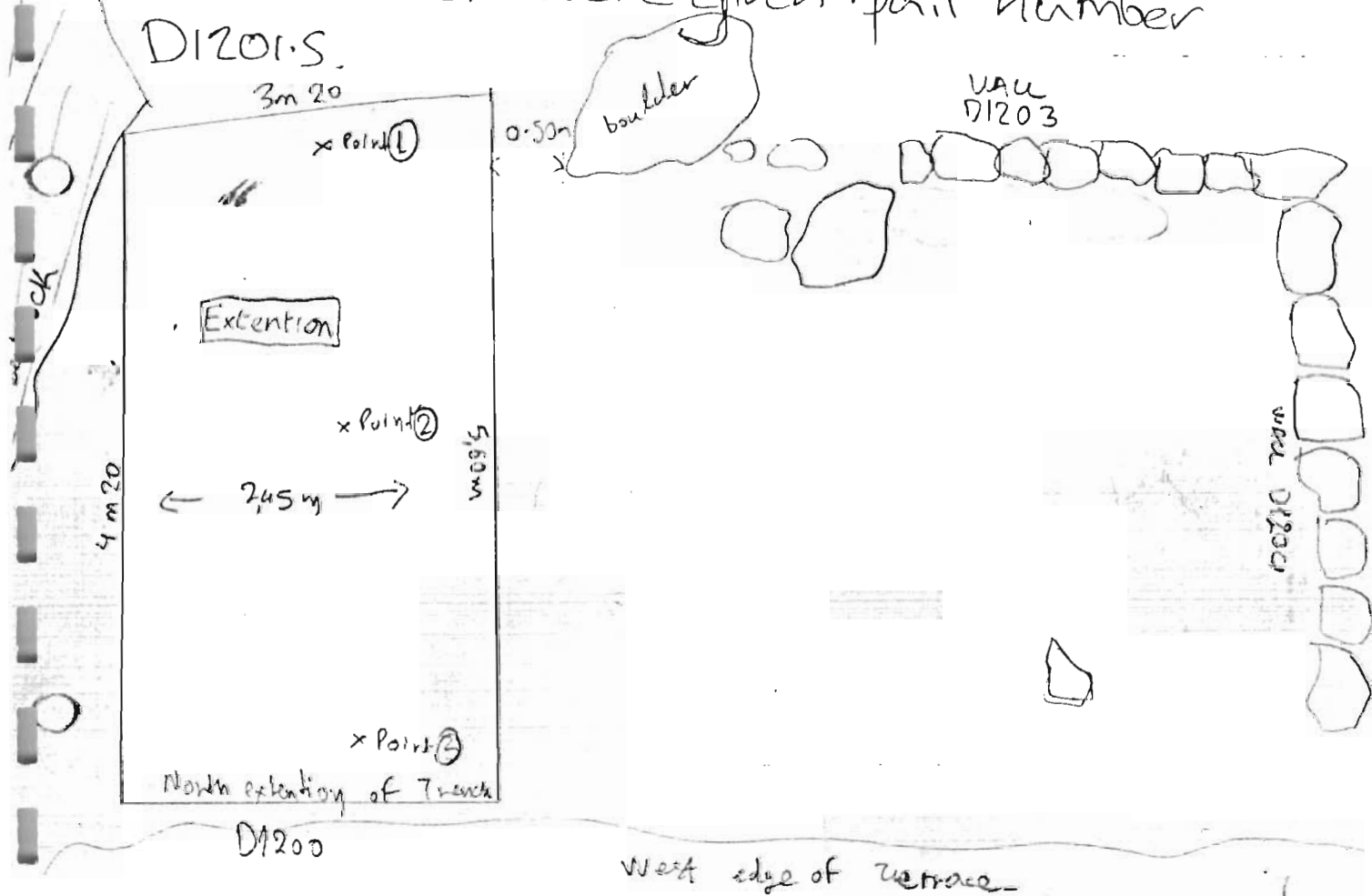
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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1201.5 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pile(s)]:

We extended trench D1200 north to try to find the north cross wall of the room. Finds from the layer of topsoil on this extension were given pile number D1201.5.



BM leading: R22 = 2,345 = 354,374

Point 1 357,174

Point 2 357,434

Point 3 357,524

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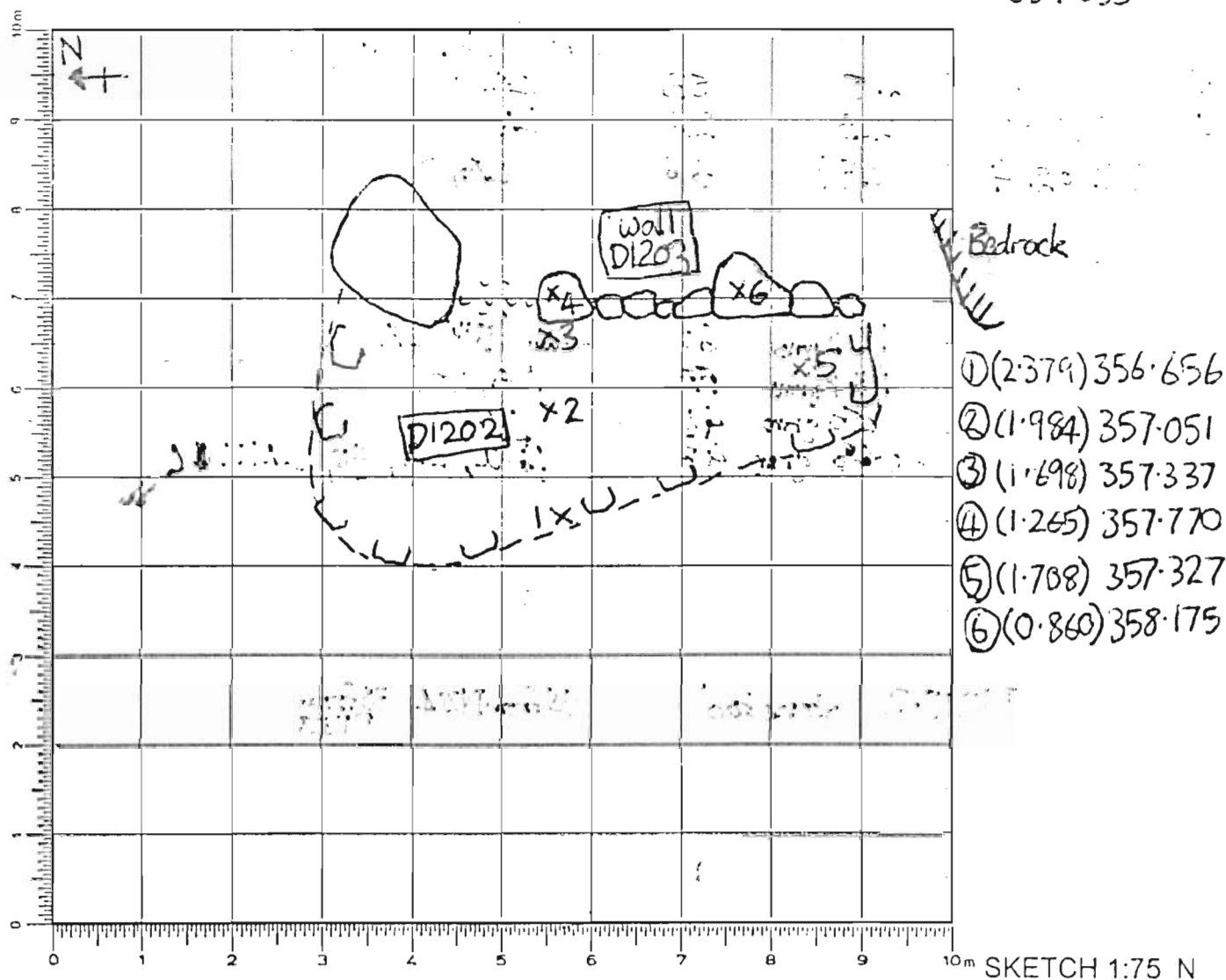
DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

Large amounts of pottery and some bone were recovered from the trench. Since we were confident we were some way above the floor level of the room, no standard soil sample of the topsoil was taken. By the end of the pass we had clearly traced a course of the continuation of wall D1203 in a good state of preservation, we also discovered what appears to be the north cross-wall of in the northern most part of the trench and with it what maybe a doorway into the room.

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Year June Trench/Locus D1201 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

Pail D1201.6 represents material recovered during the removal of the bulk between trench D1200 and its northern extension down to the level of the beginning of the pass associated with pail D1202.7. The finds consist of pottery and bone.

Year 2006 Trench/Locus 1202Excavator INCHElevations
 Benchmark used: R22
 Reading on
 Benchmark: 2.316
 H.I.: 359.035


DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 22 June 06 Locus above: D1201Locus parameters: c. 8m x 5.5mVerbal description: Rubble tumble with loose dark soil in the interstices.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

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Year _____ Trench/Locus _____ Excavator _____

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
✓ D1202.1	6.7	83	LA, LG?, LM IIc
✓ D1202.2	2.5	53	LA, O
✓ D1202.3	2.3	26	LA
D1202.4	0.77	36	LA, O
D1202.5			
D1202.6			
D1202.7			
D1202.8	1.6 kgms	60	early 5th LA
D1202.9	1.3 kgms	55	LA, LO
D1202.10	850 gms	41	LA
D1202.11	600 48 gms	48	HEU, LA, FO, LM IIc

OBJECTS

Object Number.	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	D1202.2	stone tool	135 From D1202.35 From D1202.3		
2	D1202.4	iron	From bone bag		
1	D1202.7	stone tool			

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
D1202.1	1 tr 1 1/4"				1 standard	
D1202.2	1 tr 1 1/2"					
D1202.3	1 tr 1 1/4"				1 standard	
D1202.4	1 trench					
D1202.5	1 tr 1 1/4"					
D1202.6	1 trench					
D1202.7	1 tr 1 1/4"		1 tr			
D1202.8	1 tr 1 1/4"		1 tr			
D1202.9	1 tr 1 1/4"		1 tr		1st lint	
D1202.10	1 trench					
D1202.11	1					

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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

We began clearing the tumble in front (west) of wall DI203. and attempting to see if a preserved face of wall DI203 could be traced running under the larger boulder and area of rubble to the north of it. Collected pottery was given pail number DI202.i. Some bone was collected from the trench. A standard soil sample was taken and 5 zembilia of soil was screened revealing further scraps of bone. The pass was ended where roofing clay started appearing in the interstices of the tumble. A cross wall was discovered at the extreme south end of the trench it will henceforth be called DI204.

The degree of preservation of roofing clay between the stones of the tumble varied in different parts of the trench. It was worst in the area SW of the fallen boulder and best in the region immediately north of the boulder and in the southernmost quarter of the trench.

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1202 Excavator MKH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

Made another pass through the tumble west of wall D1203 and north of wall D1204. The pottery from this pass was given pail number D1202.2. 5 sample; zembelia of soil were screened. Animal bone was found both in the screen and in the trench.

Most of the bone from the trench came from the south east corner. In the same region a stone tool was found, 1.35m from wall D1204 and 0.35m from wall D1203 at an elevation of $(HI = R22 + 2.342 =$
 $HI [] - 2.462 =)$ elevation =

We made yet another pass through the tumble. The pail number ~~2~~ was changed to D1202.3 because the matrix between the ~~stones~~ stones of the tumble had changed from the hard clay of D1202.2 to a soft, almost-sandy material perhaps as the result of ~~the~~ the action of water. Some pottery and bone was recovered. In the south east corner we reached an area where the tumble was sparse but a sandy matrix (rather than roofing clay) remained. In the north of the trench stones much larger than the rest of the tumble ~~stones~~ were found in a fan shape centring on the

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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

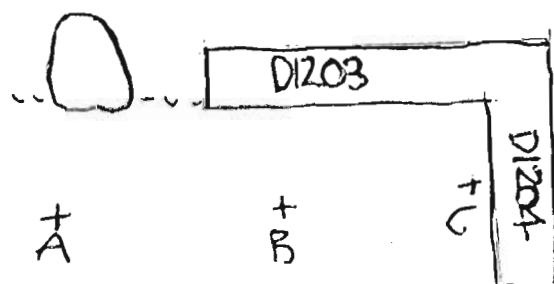
large fallen boulder of bedrock. These are clearly the face of wall D1203 that has been knocked out by the falling of the boulder. In addition this means the tumble above them probably post-dates this event (Rod the architect believes there to have been an earthquake in the Hellenistic period). Because of the clear pattern of ~~low~~ stones from the face of D1203, photographs were taken and labelled D1202.3 bottom.

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 Year 2006 Trench/Locus 1202 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

Conducted another pass through the tumble.
 Finds from this pass given pail number D1202:4.
 We recovered pottery and bone from the trench.
 As part of the pass we removed the first of
 the very large stones that had fallen from
 the face of wall D1203. Underneath these stones
 were more ^{long} stones in a fan shape centering
 on the fallen bedrock boulder—apparently
 belonging to another lower course that had
 been pushed out of place.

Elevations at
 beginning of pass



$$\begin{array}{r} R22 \\ HI: 356.719 \\ + 2.4 \\ \hline 359.119 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} A = (2.47) 356.649 \\ B = (2.57) 356.549 \\ C = (2.53) 356.549 \end{array}$$

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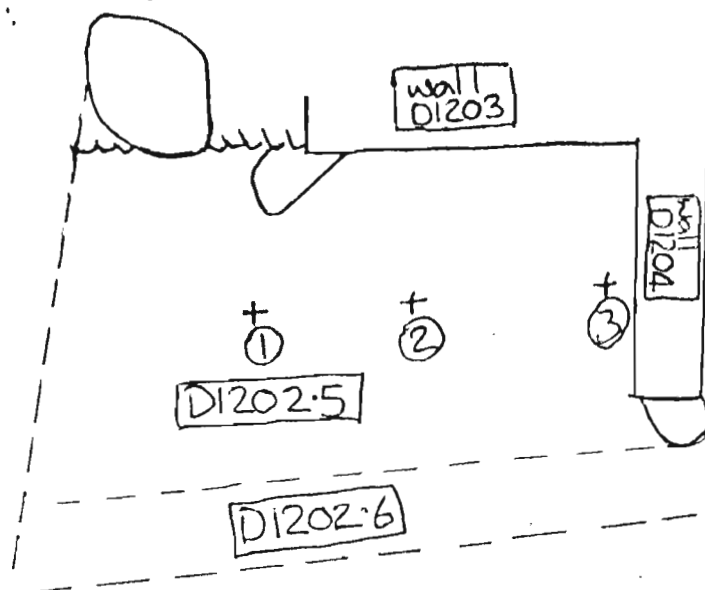
Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1202 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

Conducted another pass through tumble. Finds given pail number D1202.5. The western edge of the trench - encompassing the edge and slope of the hill was dug separately and given a separate pail number: D1202.6.

In pail D1202.5 there was pottery, bone from the trench, and bone from the $\frac{1}{4}$ " screen. In pail D1202.6 there was pottery and a couple of fragments of bone from the trench.

Initial elevations:



R22

HI: 356.719

+2.4

359.119

①(2.75) 356.369

②(2.77) 356.349

③(2.76) 356.359.

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Trench/Locus D1200

Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

We conducted our first pass through the tumble ~~in front of~~ ^(west) in the northern extension of trench D1200 in front of the northern continuation of wall D1203. The rocks of the tumble were large and at times deeply embedded especially in the central and southern parts of the trench. The matrix between the stones, as in the rest of D1200 alternated between patches of hard clay material and patches of ~~a~~ a very sandy and loose soil. ~~One~~ The clearest patch of clay was in the south-east corner of the pass closest to the fallen boulder - this constituted ^{high in the tumble} the continuation of a similar area of clay preserved in the north of the previously excavated extent of D1200 close to the fallen boulder (see D1207, 22nd June). ~~The~~ As the tumble was removed the northern crosswall became clearly defined it will henceforth be given the locus number D1207. We began collecting a soil sample from the tumble and screening a proportion of the soil. Bone was recovered from the trench and the screen, carbon was recovered from the trench, pottery was found, as was a possible stone tool. Almost all the finds came from the ~~west~~ ^{east} of the pass along the face of wall D1203. The finds were given pail number D1202.7

PTC for plan

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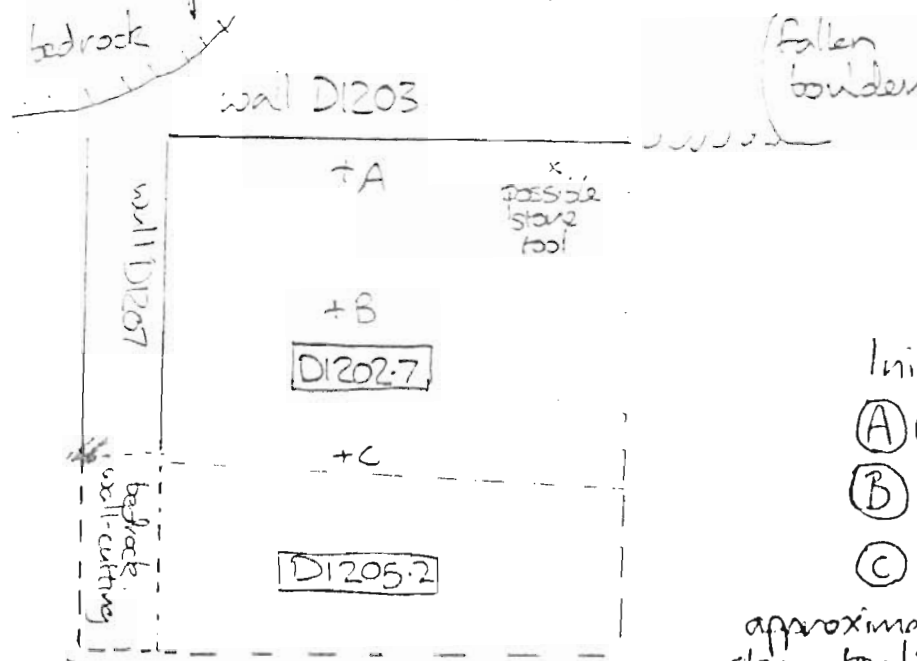
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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1202 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

Plan for pass D1202.7



HI R22

356.719

+2.35

359.069

Initial elevations:

① (2.21) 356.859

② (2.51) 356.559

③ (2.68) 356.389

approximate elevation of possible
stone tool: (2.24) 356.856

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1202.8 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

After pass D1202.7 an area ~~west~~ of clay was preserved at a higher level than the rest of the pass in the south-~~west~~^{east} corner of the tumble nearest the fallen boulder and damaged portion of wall D1203. The clay was preserved between the very large stones of the fallen tumble from the damaged section of wall. It had been decided to excavate this clay down to the level of the rest of pass & D1202.7 as a separate pair because of its good state of preservation. Bone, carbon and pottery was recovered from the trench. One zembali of soil was screened toward the total 5 from the tumble and bone was found.

In addition a portion of tumble which had been left at a higher level in the north west portion of the trench was also removed down to the level of the bottom of pass D1202.7, ~~Bone~~ and the corner of wall D1203 and D1207 was more clearly defined. No finds were made so no new pair was opened.

The initial elevations ~~was~~:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{HI } 356.719 \\ 2.395 \\ \hline 358.114 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 358.114 \\ -2.466 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1202.9 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

and the final

Conducted another pass through the tumble in the northern extension of Trench D1202.

The pass started from the south and moved north. In the southern part of the pass the tumble consisted of large blocks deeply embedded to nearly the level of the surface in the previously excavated part of the trench. In the rest of the pass the tumble is made of smaller flatter stones which are not so deeply embedded so a thicker layer of clay may be preserved.

We completed collecting the standard soil sample for the tumble + screened the last two Zembilia of the 5. In the south west portion of the tumble an area of ashy clay was encountered and an intensive soil sample was collected.

Pottery and bone ^{and carbon} was collected from the trench and bone was collected from the $\frac{1}{4}$ " screen.

The finds were given pail number D1202.9.

The initial elevations were

HI 356.719
+ 2.397

359.116

in the west 359.116
~~359.116~~ - 2.7

in the east 359.116
~~359.116~~ - 2.65

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1202-10 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

We completed yesterday's pass through the last of the tumble, in the ~~area~~ north of the trench, ~~the~~ running alongside wall D1207. Bone and pottery was found and given find number D1207.10. What appears to be a step for the door ^{to D1207} was uncovered and more clearly defined.

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Trench/Locus

D1202.11

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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

As in previous passes an area ~~of~~ in the south-east portion of the trench-extension, nearest the damaged area of wall D1203 contained a harder whiter soil (better preserved roof clay) than the rest of the area. It was decided to excavate this with a separate pail number than the rest of pass D1202.9-D1202.10 (the pass through the last of the rubble). Pottery and bone were recovered and given pail number D1202.11.

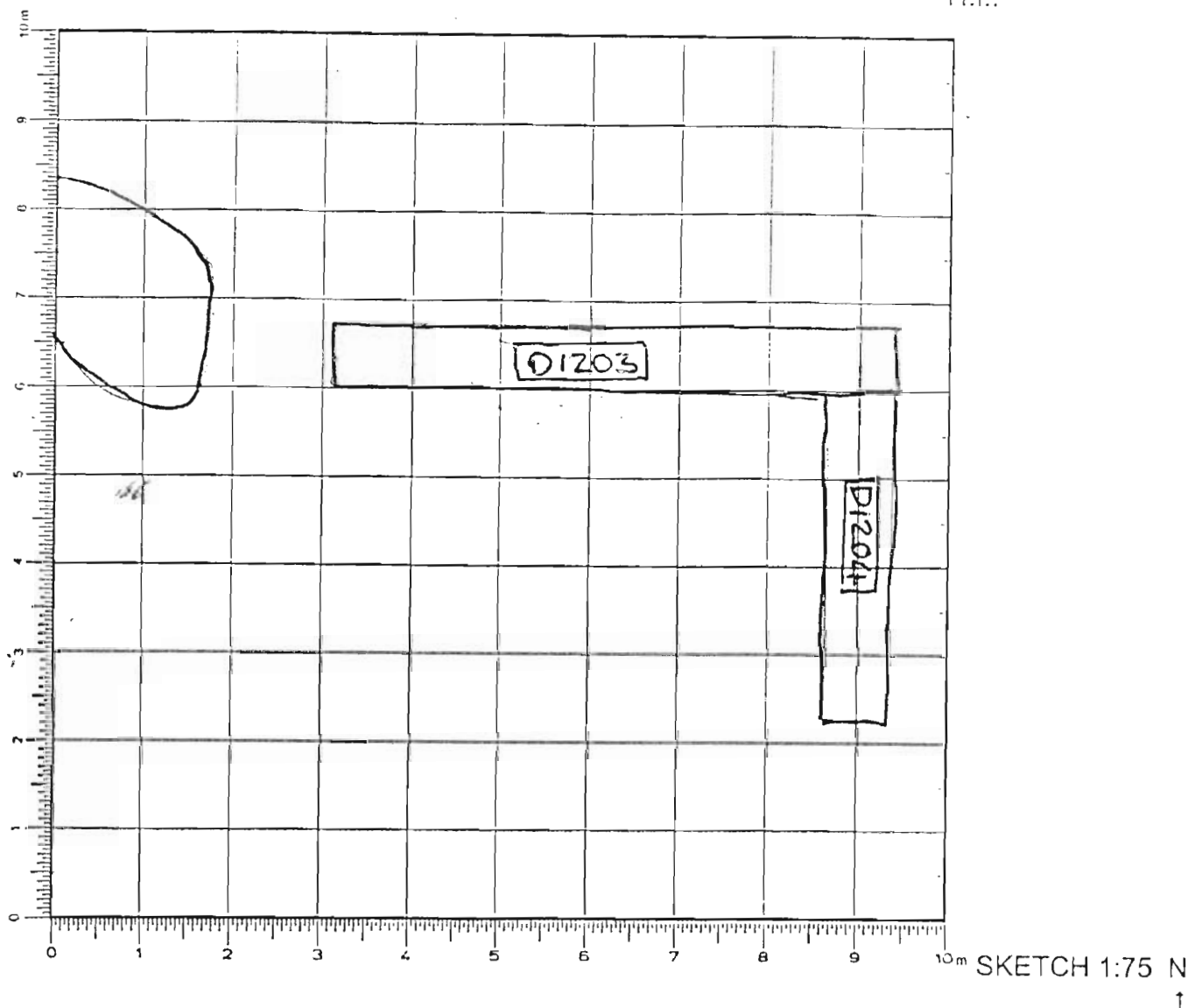
Year 2006 Trench/Locus 1203 Excavator MCHElevations

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 22 Jun 06 Locus above:Locus parameters: 3.65 m long.

Verbal description:

large wall on east side of trench 1200
3 courses,

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

[illegible]

OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1203.1 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

Began clearing the rubble overwash above wall D1203 to aid the architect's work. As the rubble overwash was probably originally part of the packing of the wall the pottery was kept separate and given find number D1203.1

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1203.2 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

Completed cleaning & rubble off overwash
on wall D1203. Shards collected given
pail number D1203.2.

Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1203.3 Excavator HCIT

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

He northern extension of
wall.
(Addition) Wall cleaning on top of ~~Wall~~ D1203. Shards collected one green
pot number D1203.3.

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1203-4 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

We removed rubble overwash from above the northern extension of wall D1203 in order to ~~facilitate~~ facilitate the architect's work. One bag of pottery and one of bone were collected and given pot number D1203.4.

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1203.5 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

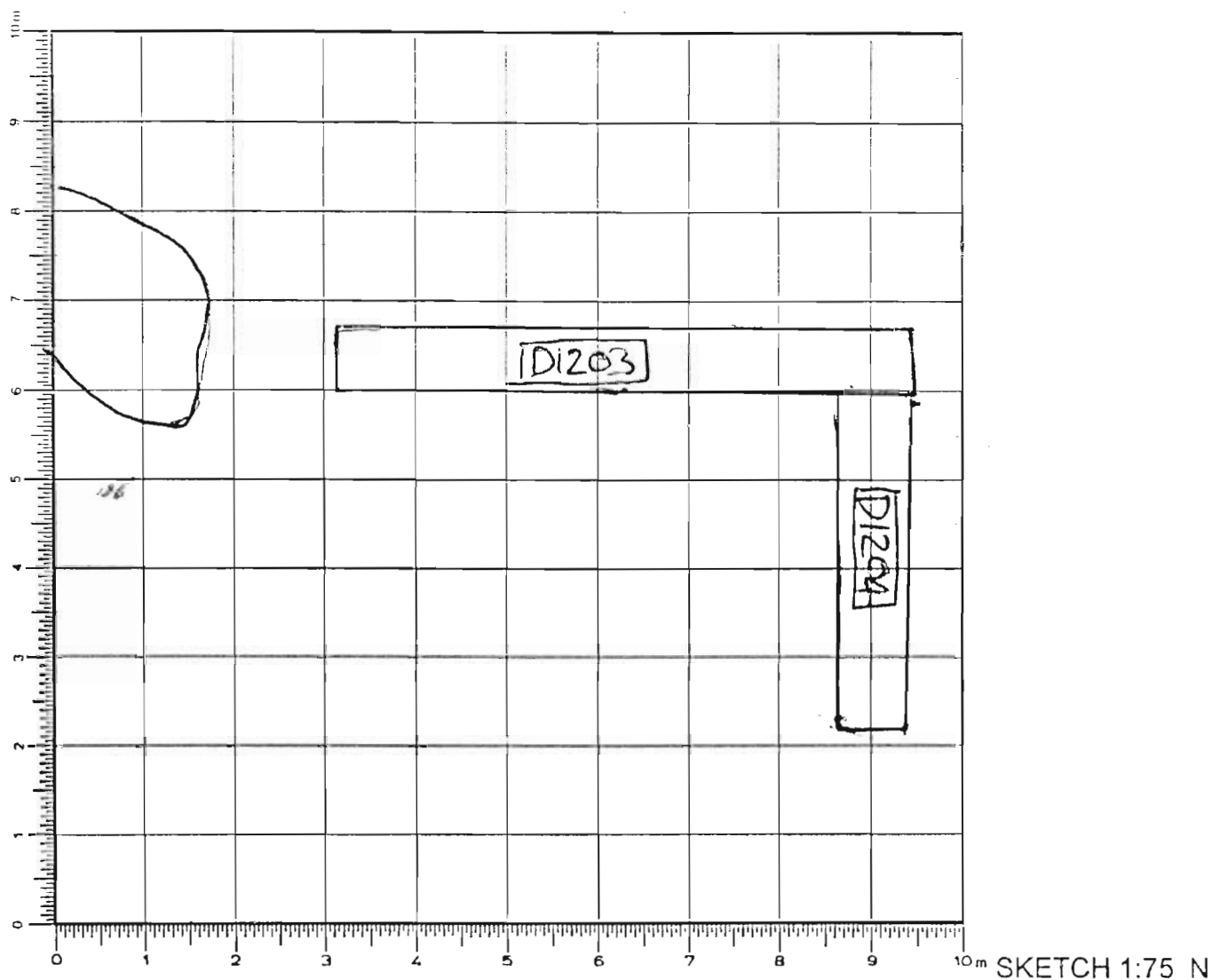
~~With the~~ We took a pass through the deep layer of rubble overwash that had built up to above and behind the northern extension of wall D1203, in order to expose the top surface of the top course for the architect to draw.

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus ~~D1200~~
D1204 Excavator MCH

Elevations

Benchmark used:
Reading on
Benchmark:
H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 23 June 2006 Locus above:

Locus parameters: 2m long 0.5m wide

Verbal description:

cross wall at south end of trench D1200

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

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Pottery pairs:-

D1204:1

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1204.1 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

Cleaned the top of wall D1204 and dug behind
in order to help define the north face.
Shards and bone found and given pair number
D1204.1

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Pottery Pails

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D1205.1 8 sherds, 0.52kg, LA/A

D1205.2 7 sherds, 1.19kg, Hell, LA

D1205.3 weight $\rightarrow$ 400 gram, count $\rightarrow$ 52 LA, A.

~~D1205.1~~

D1205.1 $\rightarrow$ 1 soil sample (standard)

D1205.3 $\rightarrow$ 1 animal bone (trench)

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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

We made a pass through the ~~topsoil~~ in dark ~~so~~ brown soil underlying the topsoil in the western part of the trench in a pass approximately 6m long and 1.5m wide. At the bottom of the pass we started to uncover stones from the tumble, but more sparsely distributed than those in the tumble to the ~~so~~ east.

In the most south westerly corner of the trench was a large boulder on the natural surface. We had left this alone in previous days. Now it was decided that in order to define the preserved extent of wall D120A it needed to be removed.

Underneath the boulder was tumble with loose brown soil in the interstices.

This was removed to bring the area down to an equal level with pass D1202.1 before

we began pass D1202.2. Because no pottery

other find ~~was~~ found we did not open a new pail for this area.

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Year June Trench/Locus D1205.2 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

We excavated the western portion of the northern extension of trench D1200 before making our first pass through the tumble in order to avoid contamination from the loose, eroded soil in this western area. Pottery was recovered and given find number D1205.2. In the ~~po~~ northern section of the pass we hit what appears to be the bedrock cutting for the western part of wall D1207, from which the stones of the wall have disappeared (see locus sheet D1207). We also uncovered what may be the ~~cor~~ bedrock cutting for the corner with the original west wall of the room.

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1205.3 Excavator the MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

We will continue today to remove the ^{more} modern ~~soil~~ soil from the west ^{side/edge} ~~corner~~ of the trench, in order to fully expose the bedrock lying underneath already apparent in the north side of the trench, (just west of the entrance in the north wall (D1207). Associated pottery pair for this locus is: D1205.3.

Starting levels for ~~side~~ pair is: 355, 327

6M reading: 358 114 H1: 2,395.

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1206 Excavator MCH**Elevations**Benchmark used: R22

Reading on

Benchmark: 2.23H.I.: 356.719+ 2.230358.949

Initial levels:-

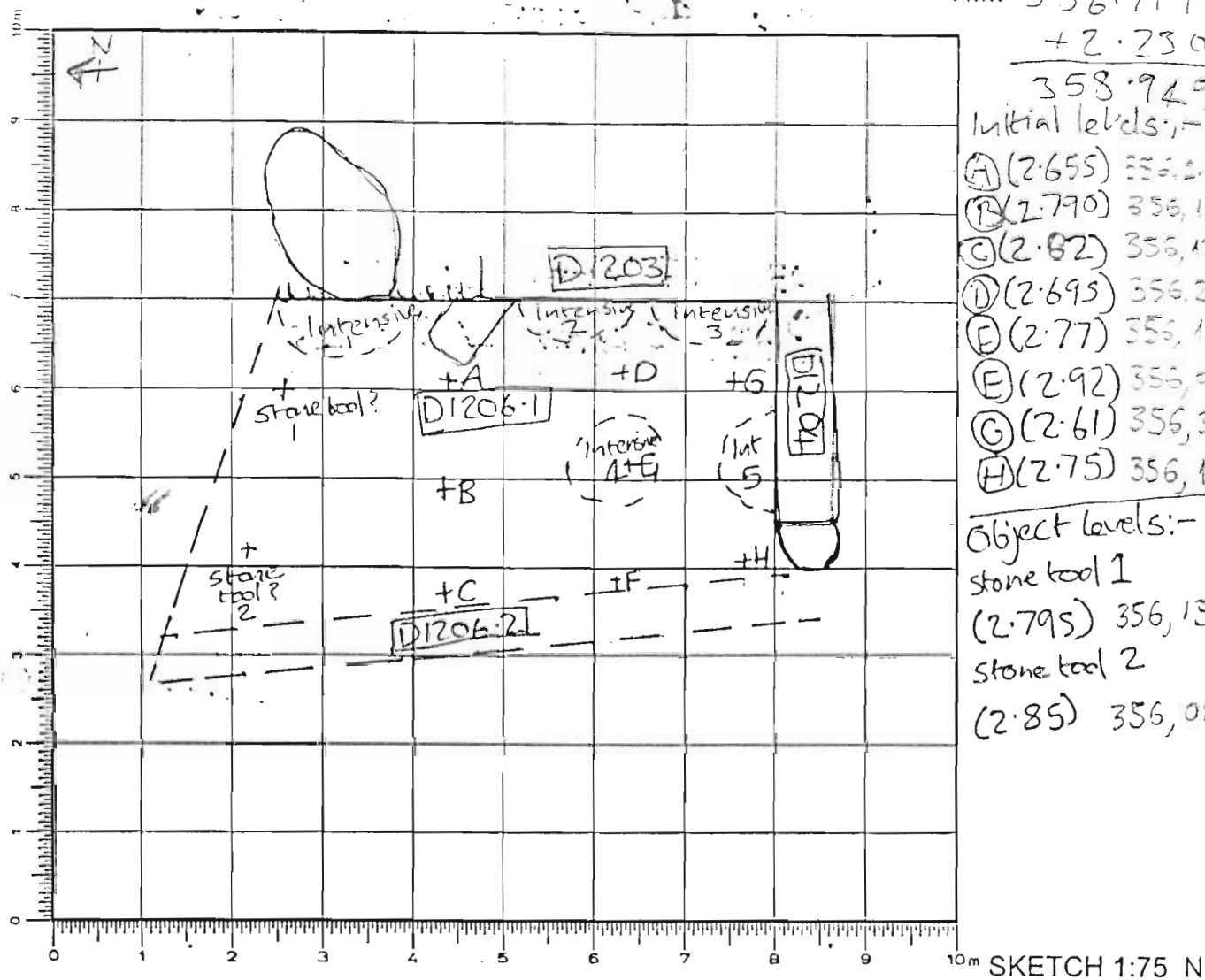
A (2.655) 356,213B (2.790) 356,153C (2.82) 356,123D (2.695) 356,254E (2.77) 356,175F (2.92) 356,083G (2.61) 356,330H (2.75) 356,133

Object levels:-

stone tool 1

(2.795) 356,154

stone tool 2

(2.85) 356,093DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 28 Jun 06 Locus above: D1202

Locus parameters:

Verbal description:

clay material underlying the tumble. Loose and sandy particularly in north and west. Perhaps severely degraded roofing/~~clay~~ floor clay.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

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D1206

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Pottery pails

	<u>Net Sheds</u>	<u>weight</u>	<u>Soil</u>
D1206.1	39,	1,4 kgms,	LA, O, FO, LG
D1206.2			
D1206.3			
D1206.4			
D1206.5	93,	1,7 kgms,	LA, FO.
D1206.6	313,	5 kgms,	LA, FO, LG
	12,	600 grms,	LA, O
D1206.7	10,	300 grms,	LA

Objects

- 1 D1206.1 stone tool
- 2 D1206.1 stone tool

Other material

- D1206.1 → animal bone (1tr, 1 1/4"), 1 standard soil sample, 5 intensive soil samples, 1 pumice, 2 carbon (1tr, 1 1/4")
- D1206.2 → animal bone (1tr, 1 1/4"), 1 pumice
- D1206.3 → animal bone (1tr), 1 soil sample (intensive)
- D1206.4 → animal bone (1tr, 1 1/4"), 3 intensive soil samples, 1 carbon (trench)
- D1206.5 → animal bone (1tr, 1 1/4"), 1 standard soil sample, 8 intensive soil samples, 1 pumice, carbon (1tr, 1 1/4")
- D1206.6 → animal bone (1tr, 1 1/4"), 1 pumice, carbon (1 1/4")

Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1206 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

We conducted a first pass through the roding-clay material underlying the tumble starting in the north and working our way south. ^{possible} 2 stone tools were discovered in the northern part of the trench (see locus sheet for details).

On discovering that this pass was coming down directly onto bedrock in the northern and central part of the trench it was decided to take as many soil samples as possible since we might not get any better information. A standard soil sample was taken as were 5 intensive samples (see plan for details). All soil was screened.

Pottery, bone, carbon and pumice was collected from the trench together with bone and carbon from the screen. Finds were given ~~1st~~ pail number D1206.1.

The western edge was excavated separately to prevent contamination. Bone and pottery was collected and given pail number D1206.2.

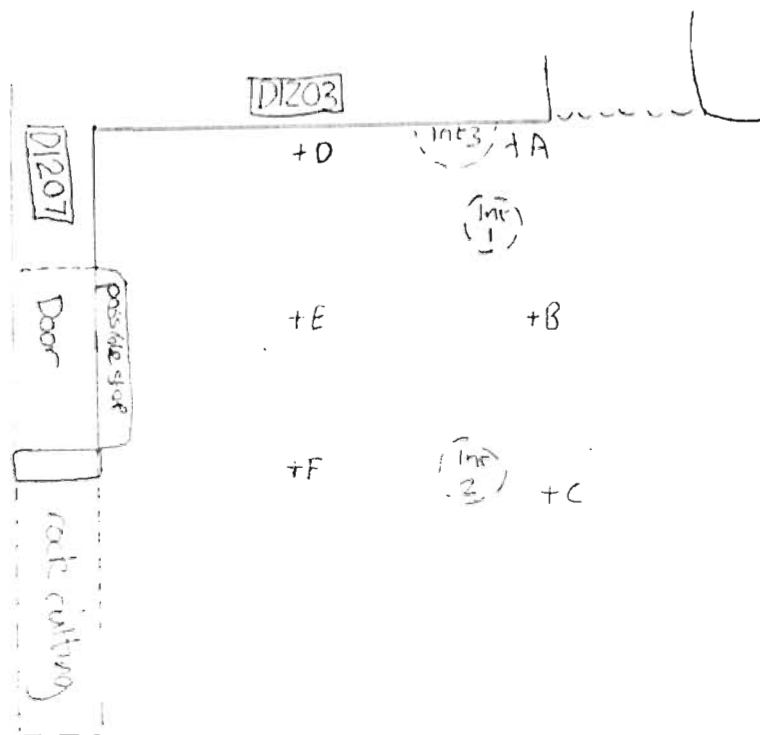
Finally some remaining ^{harder} clay in the SE corner was ~~given~~ taken down to the level of the rest of the pass. 1 bone fragment was collected and most of the soil was collected as an intensive sample. The harder clay in this corner was given the separate pail number D1206.3

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1206.4Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pile(s)]:

We began a pass through the roofing clay in the northern extension of trench D1200, attempting to follow the surface in the already exposed part of trench D1200. All the soil was screened. Pottery, bone and carbon were recovered from the trench and bone was recovered from the screen. Unlike in the ^{previously excavated} southern section of trench D1200 patches of burning, were discovered, with burnt schist and a few burnt pithos sherds. Finds were given pile number D1206.4.



elevations at:

HI (R22)
 356.719
 + 2.351
 359.07

A (2.62) 356.45
 B (2.78) 356.29
 C (2.862) 356.203
 D (2.698) 356.372
 E (2.739) 356.331
 F (2.883) 356.187

85 July
 Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1206-S Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

We continued yesterday's pass through the roofing clay down to the level we believe to be the floor surface. In the eastern part of the pass the surface was well preserved and the ceiling clay peeled away easily. The western parts of the pass was more confused. In parts there were bedrock outcroppings and in others the floor seems to have eroded away so that the ceiling clay seems to have sat directly on the floor packing.

Patches of burning were confined to the eastern half of the pass and were predominant in the southeast quadrant. With some patches continuing more intermittently north along the east wall D1203. One patch (corresponding to intensive soil sample 6³ - see plan) left a burn mark on the stones of the lowest course of wall D1203.

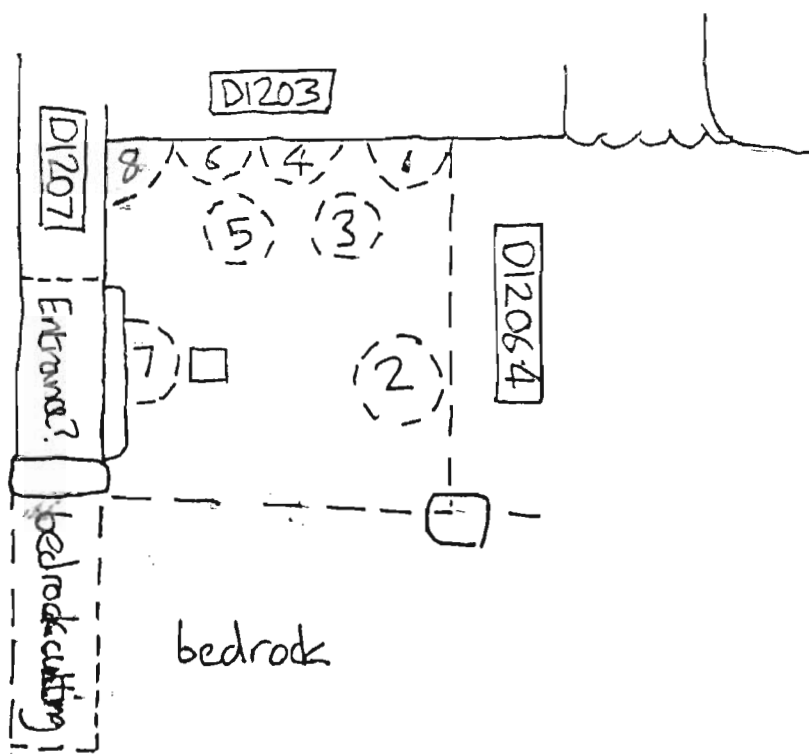
Bone, Pottery and carbon was collected from the trench. All the soil was screened from bone, carbon and pumice were recovered from the screen. Two of the best pottery finds were an aryballos foot from the area of intensive soil sample 3 (see plan) and a large part of the bottom of a cup which was just above floor level ~~was~~ close to wall D1207, On the east of the supposed entrance. A patch of burning was found just ~~at~~ in front of the door (soil sample 7)

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Year 2006

Trench/Locus D1206.5

Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:



- 1-8 = intensive soil samples (areas of burning)
 finds associated with soil samples
- 2 - burnt fineware (cup fragments?)
 - 3 - aryballos foot, burnt animal bone
 - 4 - shell
 - 8 - pithos sherds.

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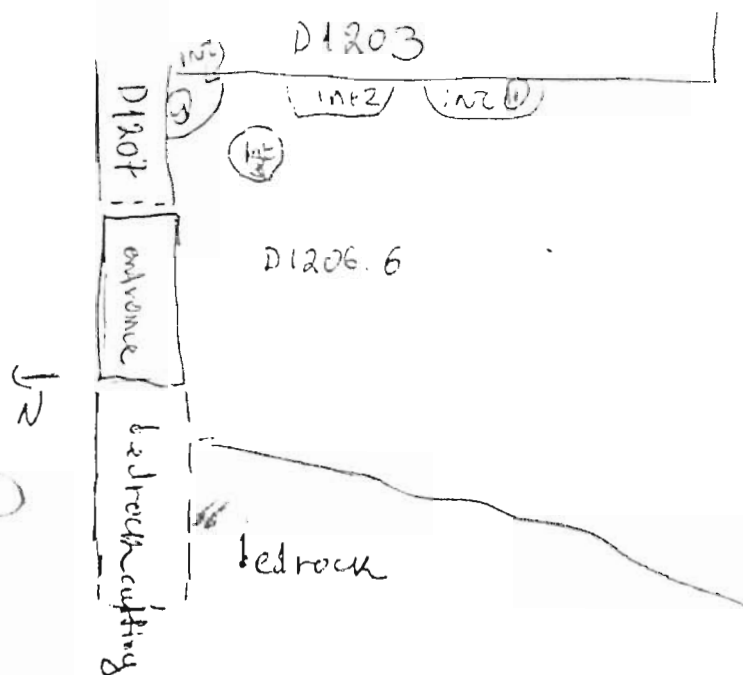
D1206.

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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

EA



We made a very thin pass in the north/east part of the trench, believing we were still above the floor. All soil was screened, and

After the previous pass, it was discovered that the possible steps could not be ~~seen~~, so they were removed.

Intensive soil sample ① was gathered from the east side of the locus.

very near the wall D1203.

INTENSIVE SOIL SAMPLE ② was gathered north of INT ① and INTENSIVE SOIL SAMPLE ③ was gathered west of INT ②.

The soil removed from the thin patch is tightly packed, ~~dark~~, with occasional black patches, (where most of the intensive soil samples have been collected).

INT SOIL SAMPLE ④ was gathered from the corner of walls D1207 and D1203

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1206.7 Excavator MCH

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

D1206.7 refers to sherds and pottery that were embedded in the floor of trench D1200 and removed after the final photographs were taken

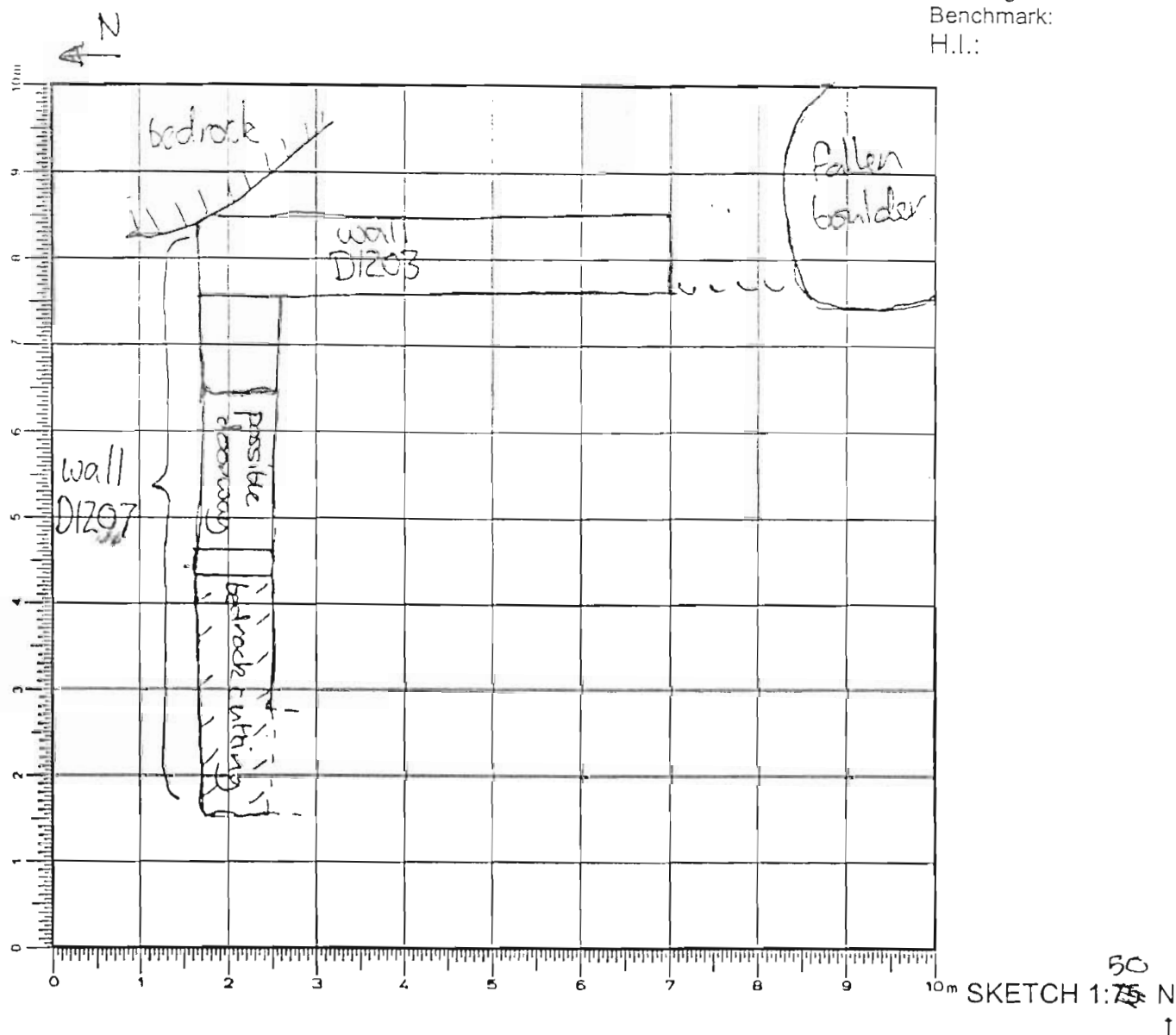
Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1207 Excavator MCH**Elevations**

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.L.:

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 30th JuneLocus above: D1201

Locus parameters:

Verbal description:

Northern cross-wall of the room in trench
D1200.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):