Azoria 2005
Trench Report for E300
DWM
18 July 2005

Excavation dates: 31 May 05 – 9 June 05
Trench Workmen: Manolis Devdas
Trench Assistants: Samantha Keller, Cory Chisholm, Ben Bragg, Robin Grieg
Datum Point: R7 (343.24)
Location: Rectangular trench located on the eastern plateau of the north acropolis. It is bounded on the south by E200. To the west is a large bedrock outcropping that forms the top of the acropolis. To the north and east of the trench are modern terrace walls. The trench runs approximately 9.4 m south down a slight slope and extends about 3.5 m to the east from the bedrock outcrop.

Purpose of excavation: To investigate the area north of E100, which displayed evidence for habitation early on during excavation.

Stratigraphy: The trench was excavated in two loci. The first locus, E301, was a deep pass to remove top soil. A small amount of pottery was retrieved, which dated from Archaic through Hellenistic. The second locus, E302, was meant to be another deep pass but a large pottery scatter was encountered fairly quickly in the northern part of the trench. The pottery scatter included a pithos and a hydria that appear to have crashed down upon some fine ware and cooking vessels. The scatter extended almost the entire east-west width of the trench, and over 3 meters to the south. Intermixed with the pottery scatter was a large swath of carbonized soil. Burning was particularly concentrated in the western part of the trench, alongside the bedrock scarp. Finds included three stone tools and a terracotta weight, all found within the area of the pottery scatter. The pottery retrieved dates mainly from the Archaic and the Late Archaic period. The bedrock scarp intruded from the western portion of the trench into the center and did not encourage deeper excavation. No discernable clay floor surface is found in the eastern portion of the trench. However, a pithos base is found lying horizontally in the SW corner of the trench, on top of the bedrock intrusion.

Conclusions: E300 likely functioned as at least a storage space, and also possibly as an area of domestic industry. The large pottery scatter is the best indication of a floor surface. The presence of tools, a weight, and olive pits in soil samples suggest some industrial activity. However, it is difficult to determine whether this area was exterior or interior space. The intense burning found throughout the trench in the destruction layer hints at some kind of roofing structure, but the lack of any ceiling debris is puzzling. It is possible that this was modestly roofed exterior space, without any packed floor surface, adjacent to a built structure. Any architectural features discovered in E200 or E100 can help to clarify E300's disposition.

Locus List:

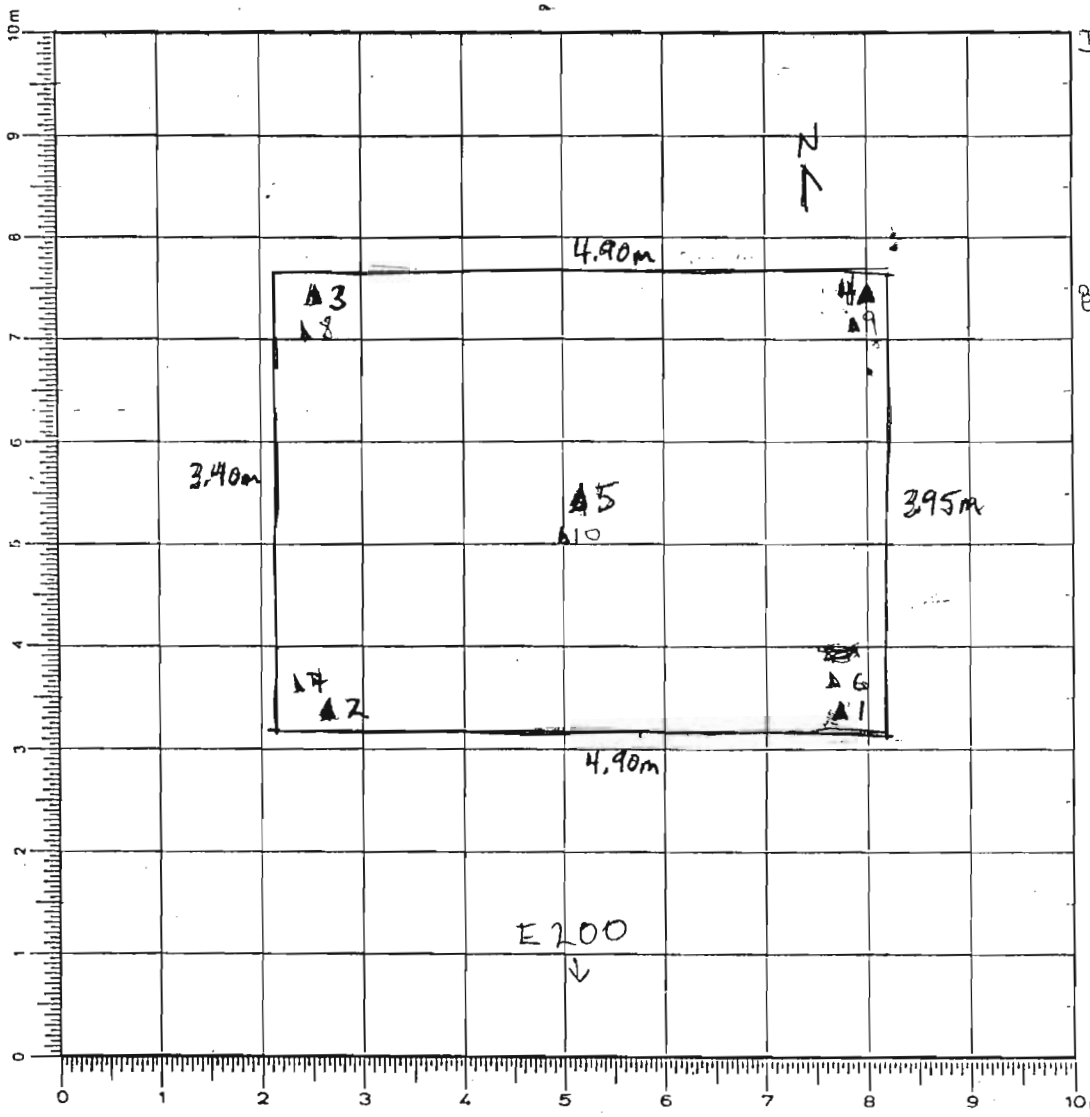
E301: Topsoil/Terrace fill
E302: Habitation debris

Year 2005 Trench/Locus E301 Excavator SZP/ DWM

Elevations
Benchmark used: R7
Reading on Benchmark: (0,615)
H.I.: 343.24 + 0.615 = 343.855

Top
1. (1.328) 342.527
2. (0.585) 343.27
3. (0.615) 343.24
4. (1.378) 342.477
5. (1.044) 342.811

Bottom
6. (1.445) 342.400
7. (.761) 343.094
8. (.865) 342.990
9. (1.491) 342.364
10. (1.125) 342.730



SKETCH 1:75 N

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 31 May 05 Locus above: nothing

Locus parameters: A rectangular trench, measuring 4.90m long and 3.40/3.95m ~~An almost~~ on either side. Its length is oriented west-east.

Verbal description:
The trench is located on the north side of the plateau on the north ~~slo~~ hill. E301 was fairly flat, sloping slightly up towards the west side. Its western boundary meets a large bedrock outcropping which forms ~~the west~~ a small hill

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

Year 2005 Trench/Locus E301 Excavator SZP.

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
E301.1	0.120	7	A
E301.2	0.005	2	A

OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number

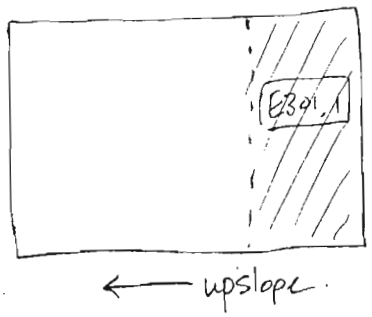
ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)

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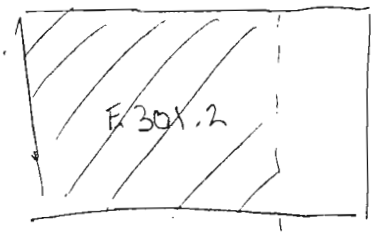
DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

31 May 05: Start of new trench. Began clearing vegetation. Start elevations taken. Benchmark for trench is R7. Excavation began from ~~west~~ south, heading north - 15-20cm deep pass using a large pick. Pottery pail is: E301.1. No bone found. By day's end, pass was not finished.



Soil for this pass was red brown with many small inclusions. Loose and crumbly. Little pottery found.

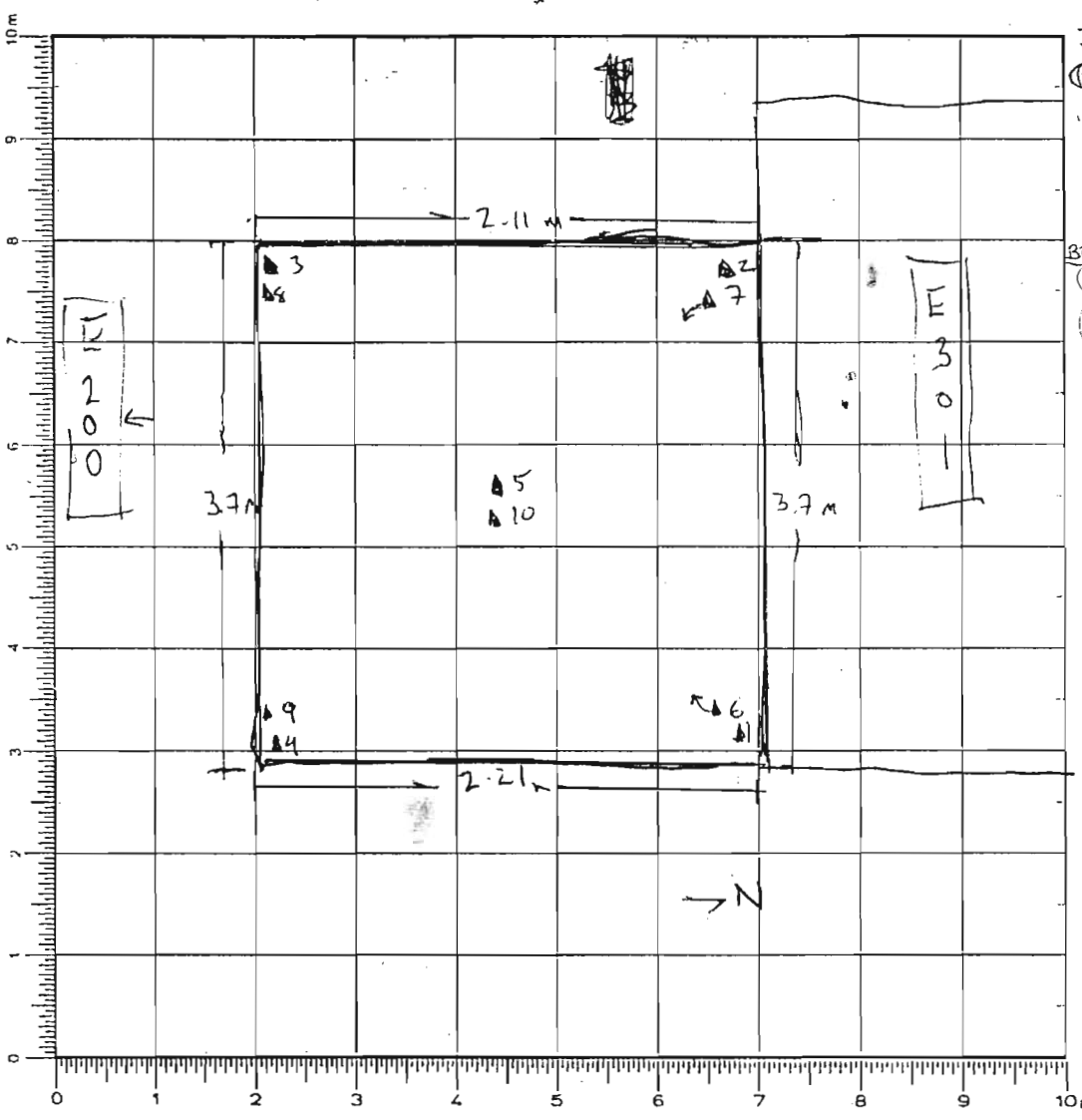
1 Jun 05: Took over trench after lunch - removal of topsoil continues: Matrix is loose and easily broken, reddish brown soil. Little pottery found (E301.2). Surface slopes upward from east to west. No significant finds.



Year 05 Trench/Locus E301 EXT Excavator DWM

Elevations
Benchmark used: P7
Reading on Benchmark: 343.29
H.I.: 0.556 = 343.996

TOP
1 - 1.185 342.611
2 - 0.595 343.201
3 - 0.610 343.186
4 - 1.175 342.621
5 - 0.891 342.905
BOTTOM
6 - 1.230 342.566
7 - 0.900 342.996
8 - 0.795 343.001
9 - 1.248 342.550
10 - 1.095 342.701



SKETCH 1:75 N ↑

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 2 JUN 05 Locus above: N/A

Locus parameters: ~2.11 m x 3.7 m rectangular trench

Verbal description: Extension of trench E300 to the south towards E200. Trench is on the plateau of the north acropolis - it has a flat surface which slopes gently towards the west. The western border of E301 Ext has been contracted from the plan of E301 due to encroachment of the rock scarp.

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

Year_____ Trench/Locus _____ Excavator_____

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
E301.3	0.31	18	A
E301.4	0.05	3	LA.A

OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number

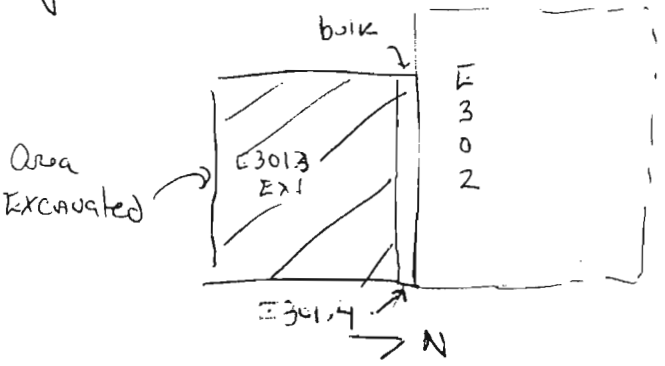
ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
E301.3	4(1+1/4)					

Year '05 Trench/Locus E301 Ext Excavator DCM

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

2 JUN 05: Extension opened to the south of E301 towards the junction of E200. The pottery deposit in the south of E302 runs southward beyond the bulk; the extension is necessary to clearly delineate what is happening at the surface of E302 and if there is any relationship between E300 & E200. The matrix is similar to E301 - a red-brown soil that separates easily which slopes upward from east to west, probably reflecting the slope of the bedrock beneath. A little coarseware was found along with some animal bone, but nothing significant (E301 Ext. 1). A small bulk was left lining the northern part of the trench in order to allow for the drawing of the southern pottery deposit of E302.



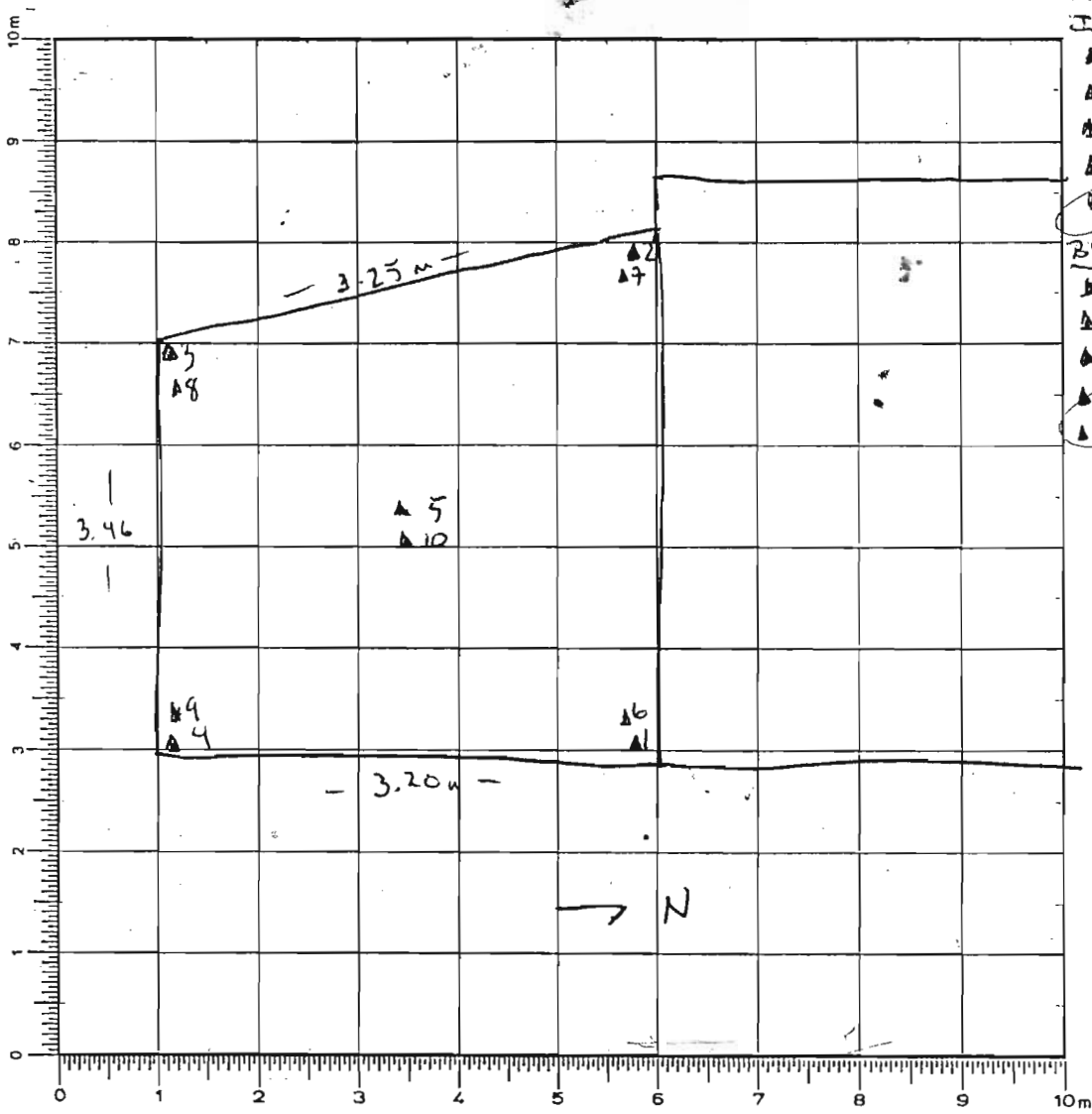
3 JUN 05: Removal of the bulk separating E302 from E301 Ext, measuring only ± 15 cm in width. A few sherds of pottery found but nothing else.

Year '05 Trench/Locus E301 Ext Excavator DWM
South #2

Elevations
Benchmark used: R7
Reading on Benchmark: 343.24
H.I.: .754 344.004

Top
▲1 - 1.468 342.536
▲2 - 1.051 342.953
▲3 - 1.250 342.754
▲4 - 1.462 342.542
▲5 - 1.327 342.677

Bottom
▲6 - 1.578 342.426
▲7 - 1.177 342.827
▲8 - 1.355 342.[illegible]
▲9 - 1.595 342.40[illegible]
▲10 - 1.429 342.5[illegible]



SKETCH 1:75 N ↑

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 3 JUN 05 Locus above: N/A

Locus parameters: 4 sided trench measuring ≈ 3.5m x 3.2 m in length

Verbal description: Extension of trench E300 south towards E200. Trench is on the plateau of the north acropolis - it has a flat surface that slopes gently towards the west. The western border of the trench follows the line of the rock scarp above.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):
- 3 JUN 05: Topsoil

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Year_____ Trench/Locus _____ Excavator_____

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
E301, 05	1.88kg	56	Hell, A, EIA

OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number

ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)

Year '05 Trench/Locus E301 Ext #2 Excavator Dunn

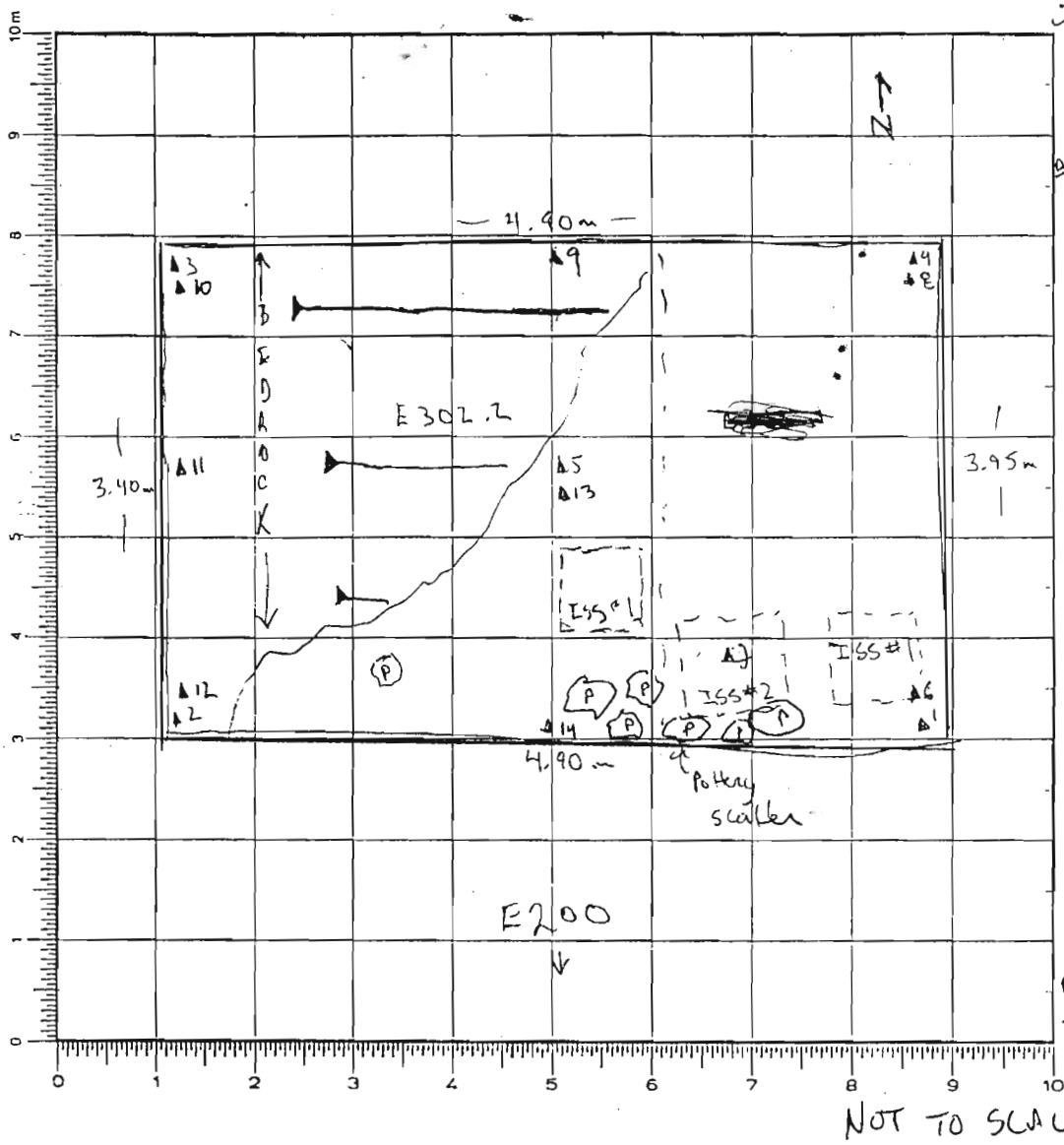
DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

3 Jun 05: Further extension of E300 towards the south - only a balk seperates E300 from E200 now. Excavation proceeds from north to south - soil is same red-brown matrix that is easily known throughout the plateau. Some pottery sherds are found but nothing significant. (E301.5)

Year 05 Trench/Locus E302 Excavator Dwm

Elevations
Benchmark used: R7
Reading on 343.274
Benchmark:
H.I.: 0.615 343.889

Top
▲1 - 1.446 342.443
▲2 - 0.761 343.094
▲3 - .865 342.990
▲4 - 1.491 342.364
▲5 - 1.126 342.730
Bottom
▲6 - 1.502 342.353
▲7 - 1.395 342.460
H I - 0.556 343.396
▲8 - 1.490 342.306
▲9 - 1.255 342.541
▲10 - 0.846 342.950
▲11 - 0.846 342.950
▲12 - 0.712 343.084
▲13 - 1.270 342.526
▲14 - 1.209 342.587



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 1 Jun 05 Locus above: E301

Locus parameters: 3.4 x 4.9 m Rectangular trench

Verbal description: Trench on north hill on far North plateau, furthest north of three trenches on plateau. Flat surface that slopes upward from east to west. Western boundary is large bedrock outcropping. New locus since we are excavating below topsoil.

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

2 June 05: Bedrock and clay, along with pottery deposit in south suggest a possible floor surface

Year_____ Trench/Locus _____ Excavator_____

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
E302.1	1.4kgs	110	large handle. LA, A, LMIIIC
E302.2	0.3kg	59	LA, A, EIA

OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number

ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
E302.1	1 ; 1¼"				2-	Inkasing #1, #2
E302.2	1-1¼"					

Year 05 Trench/Locus E302 Excavator DWM

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

1 June 05: Started with a 10 cm pass below topsoil in SE corner of trench. Manolis O. started excavation using large pick but quickly encountered pottery immediately below surface so he switched to the small pick. Matrix is loose, reddish brown soil not significantly different from E301. Substantial pottery deposit discovered in southwest corner of trench (E302.1): Pithos (?) body sherd decorated with guilloche pattern; large handle potentially belonging to pithos; neck(?) of large vessel immediately to east of pithos; fragment of large vessel immediately to west of pithos with interior exposed; could all be from same vessel (?). Fragment with interior exposed had darker material within and around it - this soil collected for intensive survey (ISS #2); soil in and around matrix surrounding sherds collected for intensive survey (ISS#1). Large amount of coarsewares found in area; ~~soil sieved~~ also bone; From sieve, one bone fragment and some small pottery sherds collected.

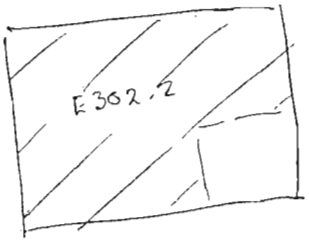


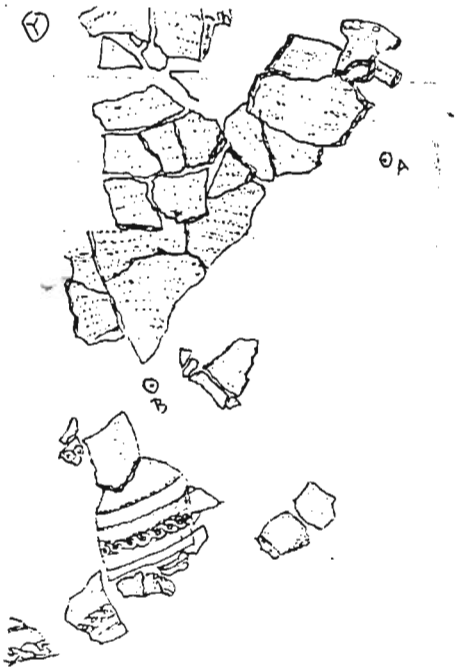
2 June 05: Excavation proceeds moving north and west. Bedrock surface appears below loose soil that has a red-brown matrix in the northeastern of the trench. The bedrock is a soft, fragmented gray/blue shale that breaks easily upon impact. The soil cover over the bedrock gradually decreases as excavation proceeds west. No significant finds in northern sector of trench. Pottery deposit discovered in E302.1 in the southern sector of trench seems isolated except for the deposition of ceramic fragments (E302.2) of a bowl in S-W sector of trench. As soil is removed from western sector of trench it appears we are digging into the rock scarp above. After second pass in E302 it seems the western portion of the trench is bedrock while the eastern portion is

Year 05 Trench/Locus E302 Excavator DW

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]: (cont.) 2 JUN 05

is a conglomeration of clay and small rocks laid shallowly over the sloping bedrock. Pottery deposition in south-center of trench, bedrock in the west and clay in the east suggests a floor surface or ceiling (?) Excavation will be extended into the south to follow the pottery deposit





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AX 185
BY 266

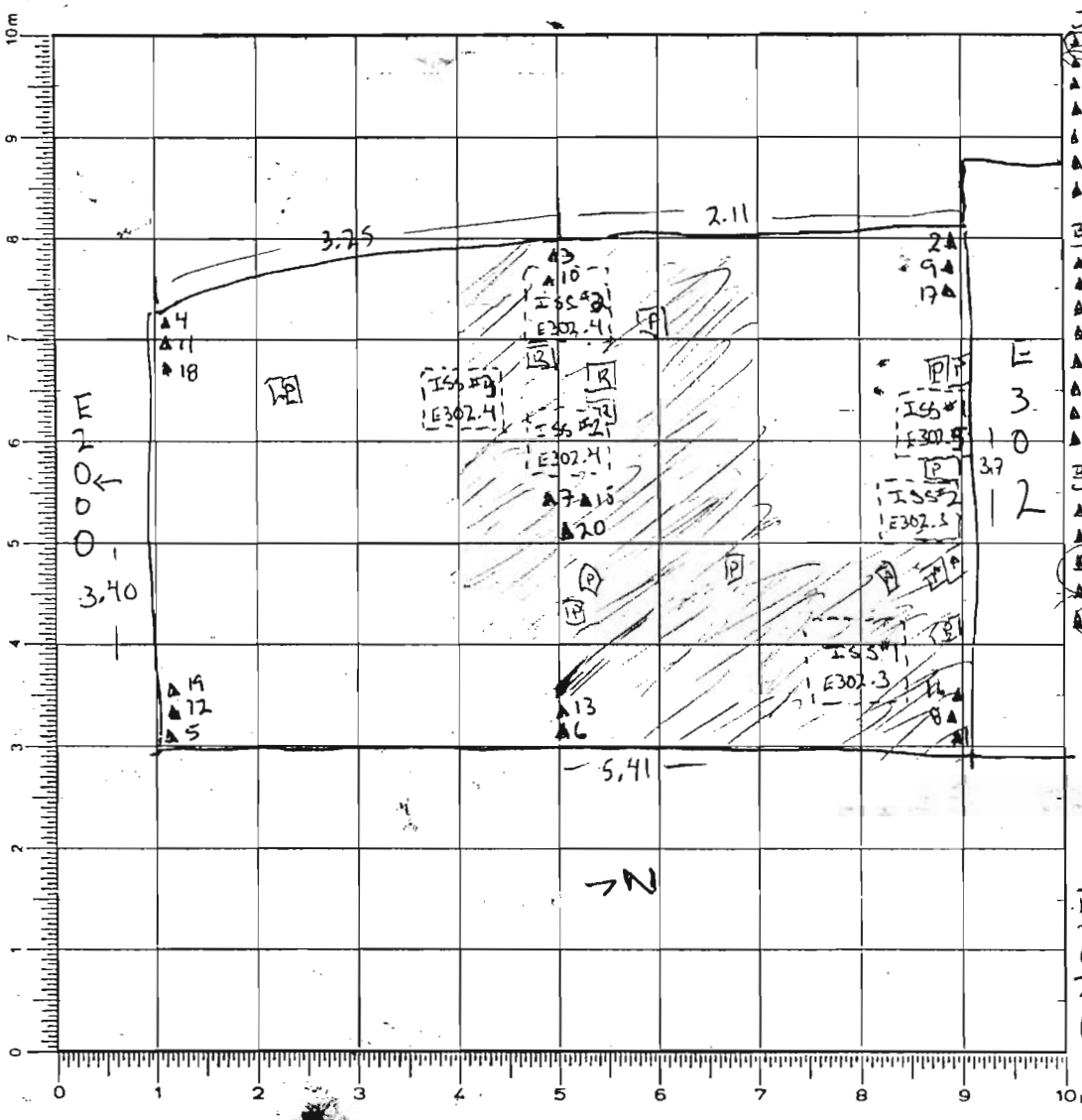
AY 135
BY 216

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Year '05 Trench/Locus E302 Ext. Excavator Dan

Elevations
Benchmark used: R7
Reading on Benchmark: 343.24
H.I.: 0.764 = 344.004



Top
#1 - 1.530 342.474
#2 - 1.160 342.844
#3 - 1.177 342.827
#4 - 1.355 342.649
#5 - 1.595 342.409
#6 - 1.576 342.428
#7 - 1.429 342.575

Bottom E302.3
#8 = 1.585 342.419
#9 - 1.242 342.762
#10 - 1.202 342.742
#11 - 1.420 342.584
#12 - 1.634 342.37
#13 - 1.600 342.404
#14 - 1.510 342.494
#15 - 1.410 342.594

Bottom E302.4 (H.I. 0.5[illegible])
#16 - 1.435 342.395
#17 - 1.155 342.675
#18 1.318 342.512
#19 1.477 342.353
#20 - 1.356 342.474

▨ - Carbon debris
R - Rock
ISS - Intensive Soil Sample
P - Pottery Sherds

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10m SKETCH 1:75 N ↑

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 3 Jun 05 Locus above: E301 Ext

Locus parameters: ≈ 3.5 × ≈ 5.5 m trench

Verbal description: Roughly rectangular trench that lies on flat plateau of north acropolis. This is the first pass after the removal of approximately 10 cm of topsoil. The surface of the trench slopes gradually from east to west, in the direction of the rock scarp which borders the trench on the west.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):
3 Jun 05: Difficult to say - Carbon debris and pottery scatter suggests we are coming upon the floor of an interior structure.

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Year 05 Trench/Locus E302 Ext Excavator DWM

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
E302.3	5.89	356	Early 5th, LA, A
E302.4	1.485	190	LA, A, LM III C
[redacted]			
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[redacted]			[redacted]
[redacted]			[redacted]
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OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
4	[redacted]	[redacted]			

ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
E302.3	1 @ 1¼"	✓			1-STD; 2-Intensive	
E302.4	1 @ 1¼"	✓			3-Intensive	
[redacted]					1-Intensive	
[redacted]					1-Intensive	
[redacted]					1-Intensive	

Year 05 Trench/Locus E306 Ext Excavator Dan

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

3 Jun 05: Excavation proceeds from north to south, starting in the northeastern sector. The soil in the N-E sector of the trench has some pottery sherds and rocks embedded in the surface - Manolis D. suggests the may the destruction debris of a ceiling collapse. As excavation proceeds in a S-W direction, a piece of pottery (E302.3) displaying the same guilloche pattern of the pithos(?) sherds found in E302.1 ~~is found~~. Other sherds are found in the mid-section area, along with a potentially intact lekythos - it's condition cannot be determined until another pass is made. The matrix itself is the same red-brown soil found in other areas of E300 but there is evidence of burnt material spread out in and around the pottery debris field. Two intensive soil samples are taken in the areas of highest concentration. As excavation proceeds westward to the rock scarp, soil is intermixed with a fine reddish/burgundy matrix. Morén (Ephoria) suggests it is deposition of erosion from above. This soil is included in ISS#2. As excavation of locus proceeds southward, finds decrease; some pottery and bone but no specific concentration, as at the northeastern portion of the trench. An interesting development towards the western edge of the trench as excavation proceeds south is the appearance of three stones one shelf above, seemingly in line with the bedrock scarp on the western edge of trench E 200; the other two are more towards the center of the trench, but may share an E-W alignment. Manolis D. thinks any building stone used in the north acropolis was used as the eastern wall for terracing the area in later times - since these stones only appear on the bottom surface

Year '05 Trench/Locus E302 Ext Excavator Dan

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

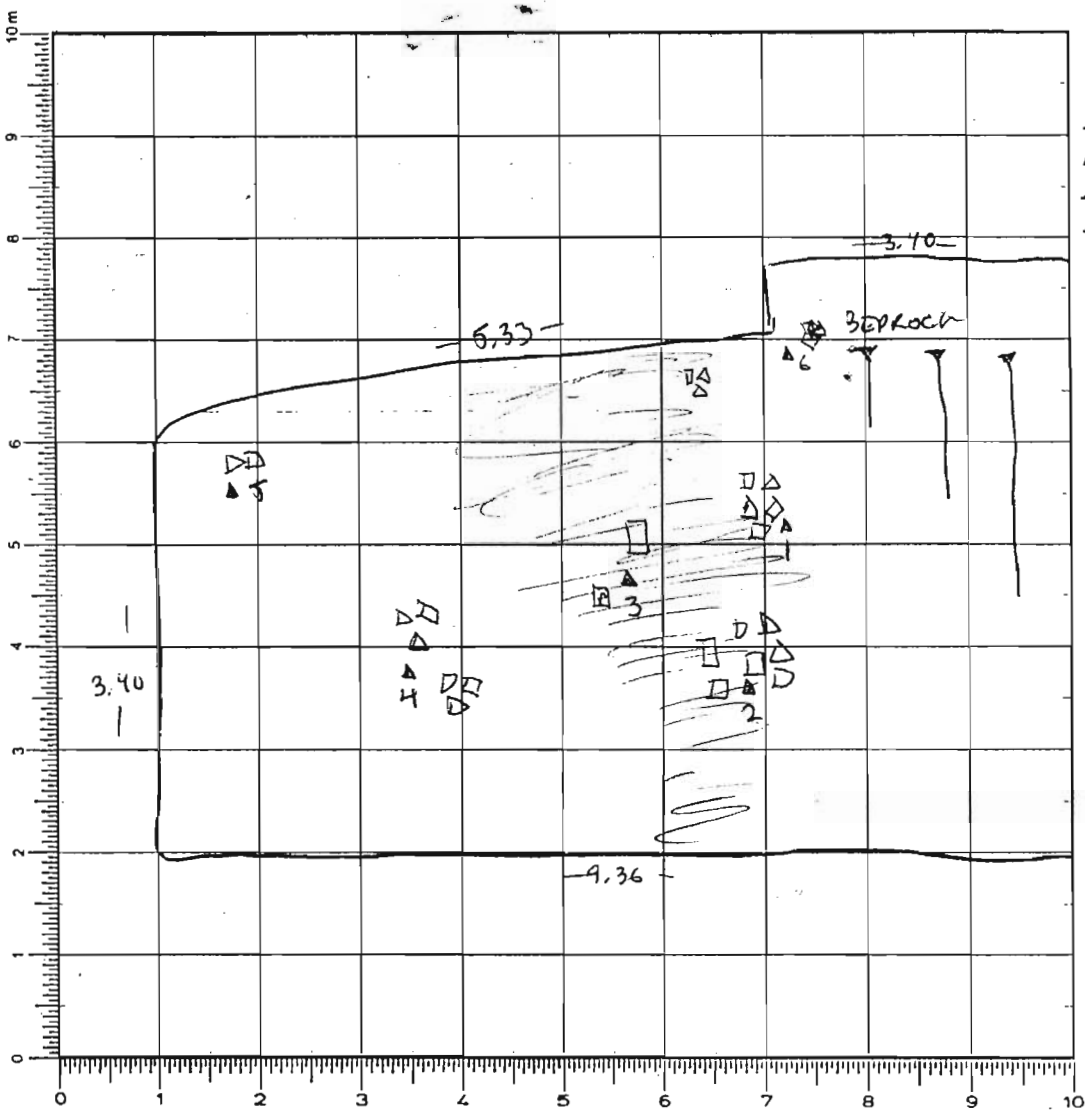
of the trench, any interpretation of their use is speculative. Another two passes can help to define their function, if any

6 Jun 05: Started another shallow pass over E302 Ext - only ≈ 2-4 cm thick, in order to better rough out pottery scatter and western part of trench. Cardium lobata found in west-center of trench and stones that could potentially be remnants of wall. ISS #1 taken to east of western stone, ISS #2 taken to west of same stone, ISS #3 taken to south. Some pumice, along with the sherds of a cooking bowl(?) whose base could be rejoined on site, were found in west-center sector. Excavation proceeds along the western half of trench in order to level it off. Some small rounded pieces of pumice are found, along with some bone and pottery sherds. Shale becomes mixed in with soil as excavation proceeds towards S-W corner of trench, suggesting bedrock not far below. Thick coarseware - probably remnants of a pithos - are found on the surface of the locus in the south-western corner at approximately the same level as other pottery scatters. The pottery scatters throughout the trench could suggest a floor surface, but the matrix we're digging into does not necessarily suggest a floor - it is not demonstrably clay. Clean and sweep to prepare for photo & drawing of locus and pottery scatter.

Year '05 Trench/Locus E302 + Ext Excavator Dum

Elevations
Benchmark used: R7
Reading on Benchmark: 343.24
H.I.: 0.600

	Top
A1 - 1.390	342.45
A2 - 1.420	342.42
A3 - 1.460	342.38
A4 - 1.380	342.46
A5 - 1.390	342.45
A6 - 1.080	342.70



SKETCH 1:75 N ↑

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 7 Jun 05 Locus above: E301 + Ext

Locus parameters: Approximately 9 × 4 m trench

Verbal description: Roughly rectangular trench located on plateau of north acropolis. Ground slopes from east to west gradually as plateau approaches bedrock. Matrix is red-brown soil that becomes more mixed with shale as trench approaches bedrock

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):
8 June 05- Floor surface covered with pottery scatter and destruction debris

Year_____ Trench/Locus _____ Excavator_____

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
E302.5	0.005	2	A?.
E302.6			
E302.7	32.8	106	A
E302.8	9.85	34	Archaic
E302.9	6.625	61	LA
E302.10	1.32	20	A, LMIIIC
E302.11	1.78	105	LA, LG. EO.
E302.12			Cooking Vessel
E302.13	7.155	758	LA, O?, LMIIIC
E302.14	2.07	123	LA, A, LO?, O, Rect
E302.15	0.055	5	LA?, A, O
~~E302.16~~			

OBJECTS

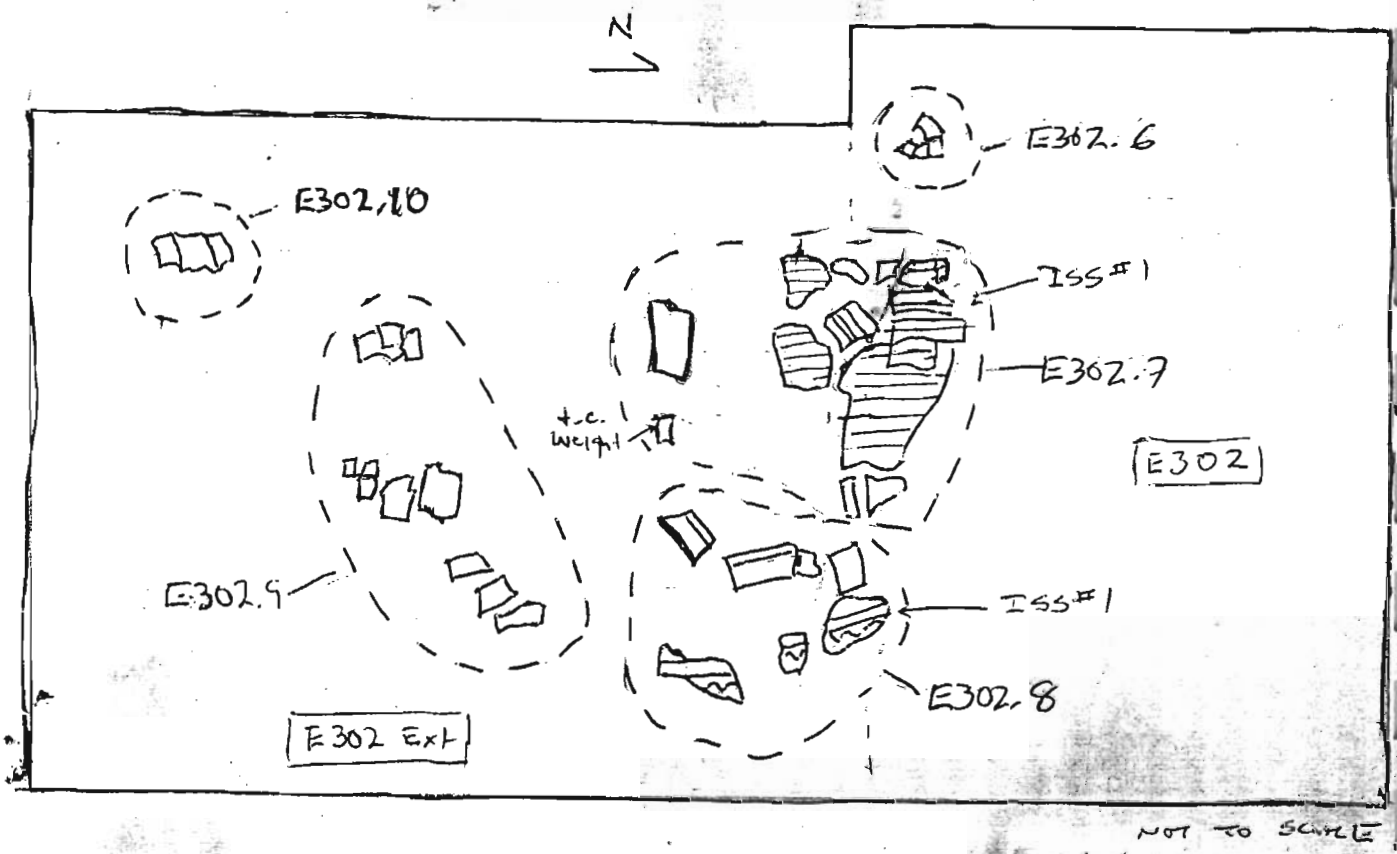
Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	E302.7	Terracotta cut			
1	E302.13	Stone Tool			
1	E302.14	Bead (?)			

ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
E302.5					1-Int	
E302.7					1-Int	
E302.8					1-Int	
E302.11	1-STD, 1-¼					
E302.13	1-STD, 1-¼			1	1-STD 5-Int	
E302.14	1-STD, 1-¼			1	1-STD	
E302.15	1-STD, 1-¼					

Year 05 Trench/Locus E302 + Ext Excavator Dan

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



NOT TO SCALE

7 JUN 05: Final drawing in and around trench for plate. Some digging to better expose pithos scatter - some sherds found and included in E302.5. Soil sample taken in and around pithos scatter before removal included in an Intensive soil sample ISS#1 (E302.5). Pottery scatter removed in a series of five pails, as per instructions of F.D: E302.6; E302.7, E302.8, E302.9 and E302.10 (see sketch above). When removing scatter in area of E302.7, sherds of thin-walled, grey ~~[illegible]~~ colored ceramics found beneath in a matrix with extensive evidence of burn debris. An intensive soil sample is taken in this area ISS#1 (E302.7). Thin walled ware and matrix mixed with carbon debris are also found upon removal of sherds in E302.8. Another soil sample is taken after removal of

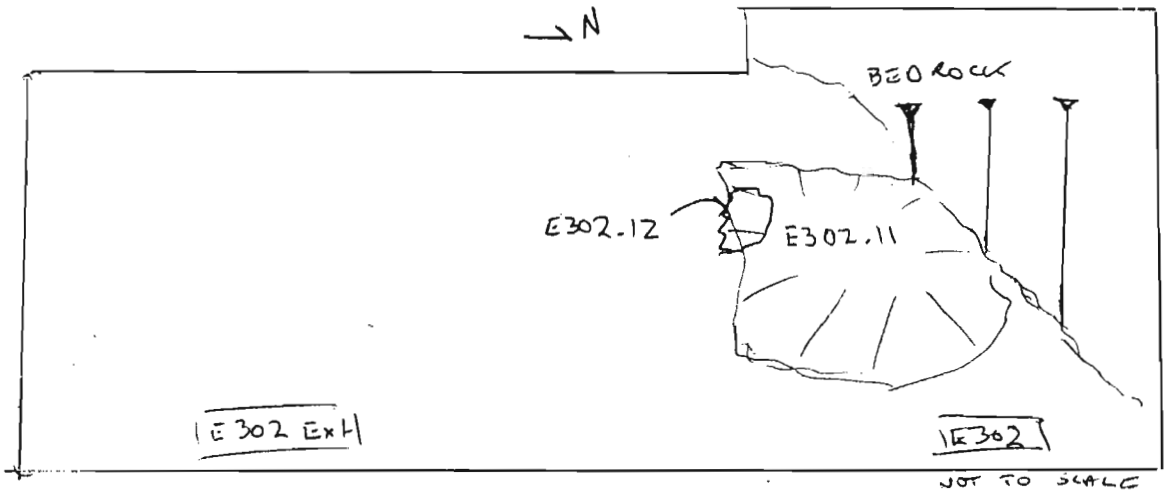
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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

7 June 05 (cont):

sherds: ISS#1 E302.8. Any sherds recovered during removal of scatters are collected in a new pail: E302.11. Removal of sherds proceeds southwards.

Coarseware appears below pottery sherds removed in E302.9 but it is too deep to be removed until the next pass. Once all pottery is removed from floor, a new pass is started moving N-S.



Surface uneven in northern part of trench due to removal of pottery scatter, soil for survey, and sherds below pithos and hydria scatter. Sherds recovered placed in E302.11. Approximately 4cm below surface of new pass, a yellowish clayey surface appears. F.D. & DCH think this is the floor surface. A thin-walled, gray fabric cooking vessel is found nearly intact and assigned a separate pail E302.12. Excavation ceases for day.

Significant finds include the pottery and ceramics found in and below E302.7 & E302.8. The scatter

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7 June 05 cont:
of pithoi sherds in E302.7 seem to suggest a collapse from east to west, on top of this walled cooking ware found beneath the pithoi sherds in E302.11. This collapse is accompanied by burning - hence the carbon debris found all around. Also found in E302.7 is a terracotta weight - probably a 7th-6th c. artifact (F.O. & DCH). In E302.8, the sequence of collapse isn't as clear as that in E302.7. The vessels on this surface lie with the exterior exposed sometimes, other times the interior (see Architect's drawing within). They lie within and above the carbonized matrix evident throughout the center of the bench, and they lie above fragments of thin-walled ware that they most likely crushed upon collapse. Their disposition before is difficult to ascertain. In both E302.7 & E302.9, a greyish-clay is intermixed with the pottery debris. This clay could perhaps be the roofing clay intermixed with destruction debris over the floor. If it is the floor identified in the latest pass below E302.11, this material evidence would be consistent with the destruction of an interior structure.

8 June 05:

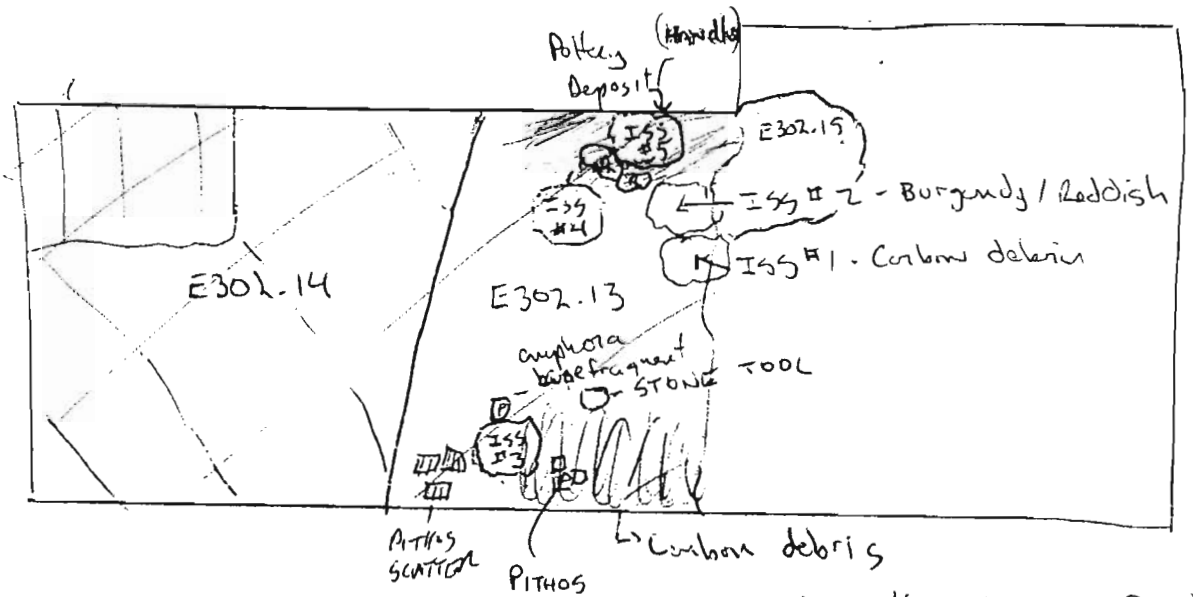
Digging proceeds from north to south in an even line. In the area of E302.12, an intensive soil sample is taken to include carbon debris. Issue! There is also an abundance of fine ware sherds in this area. All new pottery found becomes part

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of pail E302.13. Some bone fragments are also found in vicinity.



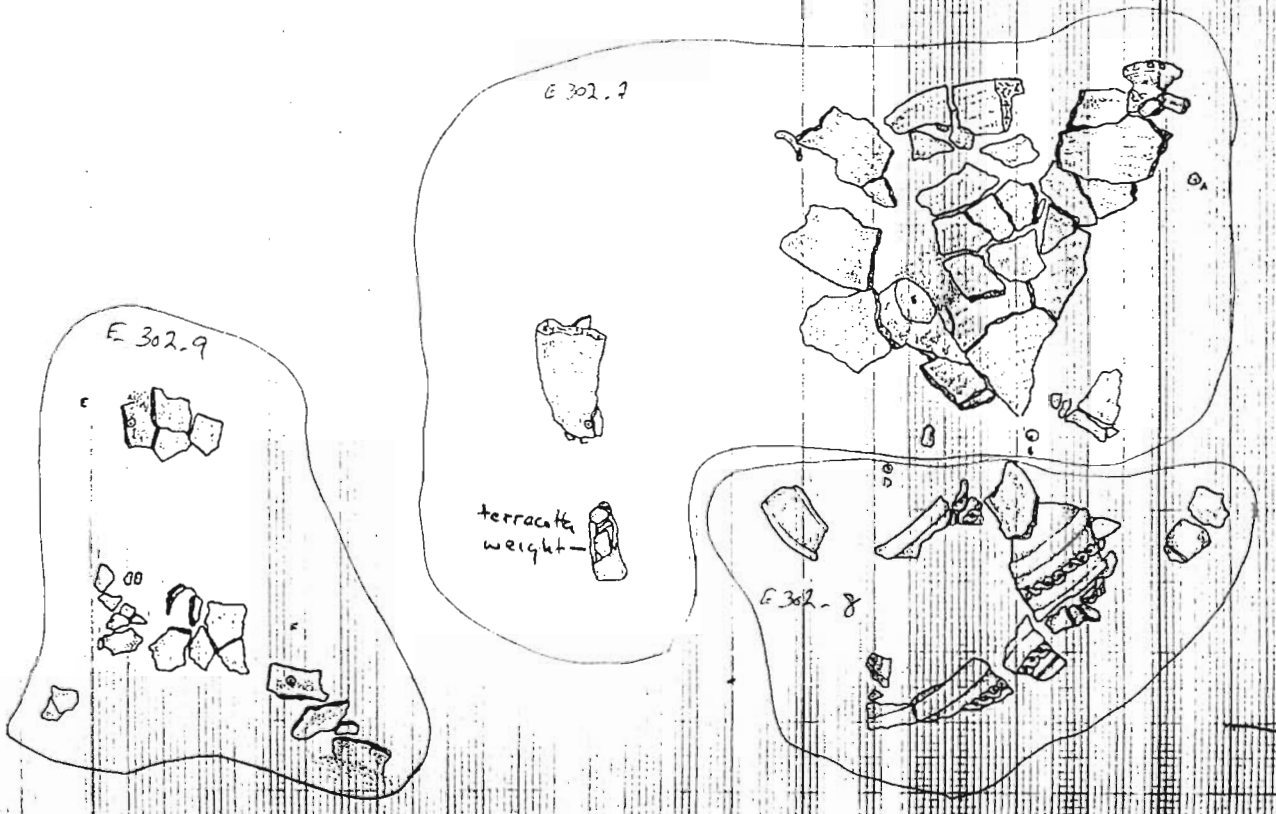
Reddish soil deposit is found ~~east~~ west of ISS#1 and included as ISS#2. Fine ware also found in vicinity. At far east of trench carbon debris is found, along with pottery and bone fragments. A round stone is found, Manolis D. believes it was used for grinding - included as object #1. Carbon debris in area collected for ISS#3. Further along on eastern side of trench a pithos scatter is excavated, a rim sherd is visible, along with interior of body sherds. Manolis D. thinks the scatter continues under the eastern bulk. Direction of collapse can't be determined. It may be the same pithos as that recovered in E302.9 - similar decoration is seen. As digging moves over to the western edge of the trench, more carbon debris is found in and around fine ware sherds. Two ISS's are taken

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in vicinity. In the area of ISS*5, there is a large amount of carbon debris within the two stones exposed during earlier passes. The two stones are arranged in a hemispherical pattern and there are a large number of small stones on the floor adjacent. Manolis D. thinks this could be the one side of a hearth. Excavation of the western balk is necessary to determine if this is a hearth. A large amount of pottery sherds are found in E302.13 so it is necessary to begin a new pail: E302.14. The number of finds as excavation proceeds southward decreases markedly. The matrix also changes - the soil is looser and intermixed with shale, taking on a yellowish color. It is much easier to dig through and excavation proceeds more rapidly. Excavation ~~ceased~~ in E302.14 ceases temporarily to investigate the potential hearth in E302.13; a cleaning of the area north of the hearth results in the finding of some bone & pottery sherds - these are placed into a new pail: E302.15. Excavation returns to southern part of trench - E302.14. Pottery scatter in E302.13 is mapped/drawn. Entire pass is not included

E 302

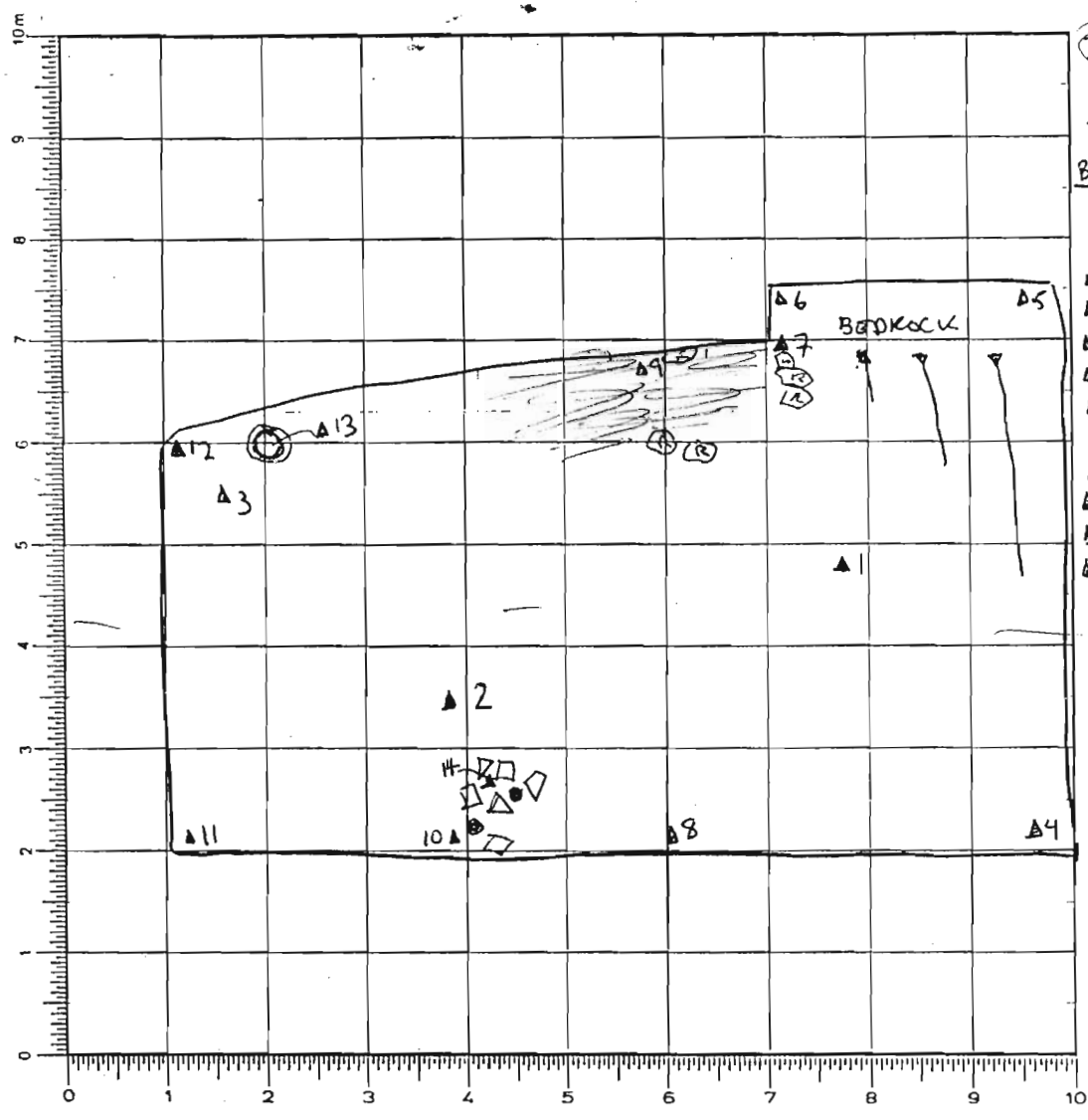


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Elevations
Benchmark used: R7
Reading on Benchmark: 343.42
H.I.: 0.600

Top
▲1 - 1.390 - 342.45
▲2 - 1.380 - 342.46
▲3 - 1.370 - 342.45

Bottom
H.I. 1.520 : 341.94
▲4 - 2.475 347.465
▲5 - 1.810 343.13
▲6 - 1.765 343.17
▲7 - 2.112 342.82
▲8 - 2.430 342.
▲9 - 2.275 342.
▲10 - 2.425 342.
▲11 - 2.461 342.
▲12 - 2.252 342.
▲13 - 2.227 342.
▲14 - 2.355 347.



SKETCH 1:75 N ↑

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 9 Jun 05 Locus above: E301 + Ext

Locus parameters: Approximately 9 x 4 m Trench

Verbal description: Roughly rectangular trench located on plateau of north acropolis. Grand slopes from east to west gradually as plateau approaches bedrock

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

10 June 05 - Likely floor surface of structure involved in some domestic industry

Year_____ Trench/Locus _____ Excavator_____

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
E302.16	0.285	20	6TH C
E302.17			Pumice
E302.18	17.85	164	A
E302.20	2.64	1	Pithos body, EIA?

OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	E302.18	Stone Tool			
2	E302.18	Stone Tool			

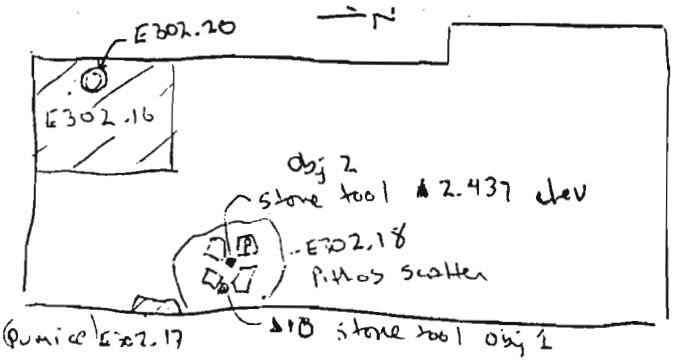
ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
E302.16	1-¼"			1		
E302.18	1-STD				1-I.P	
					↓	

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

9 JUNE 05: Final pass in S.W corner of trench.

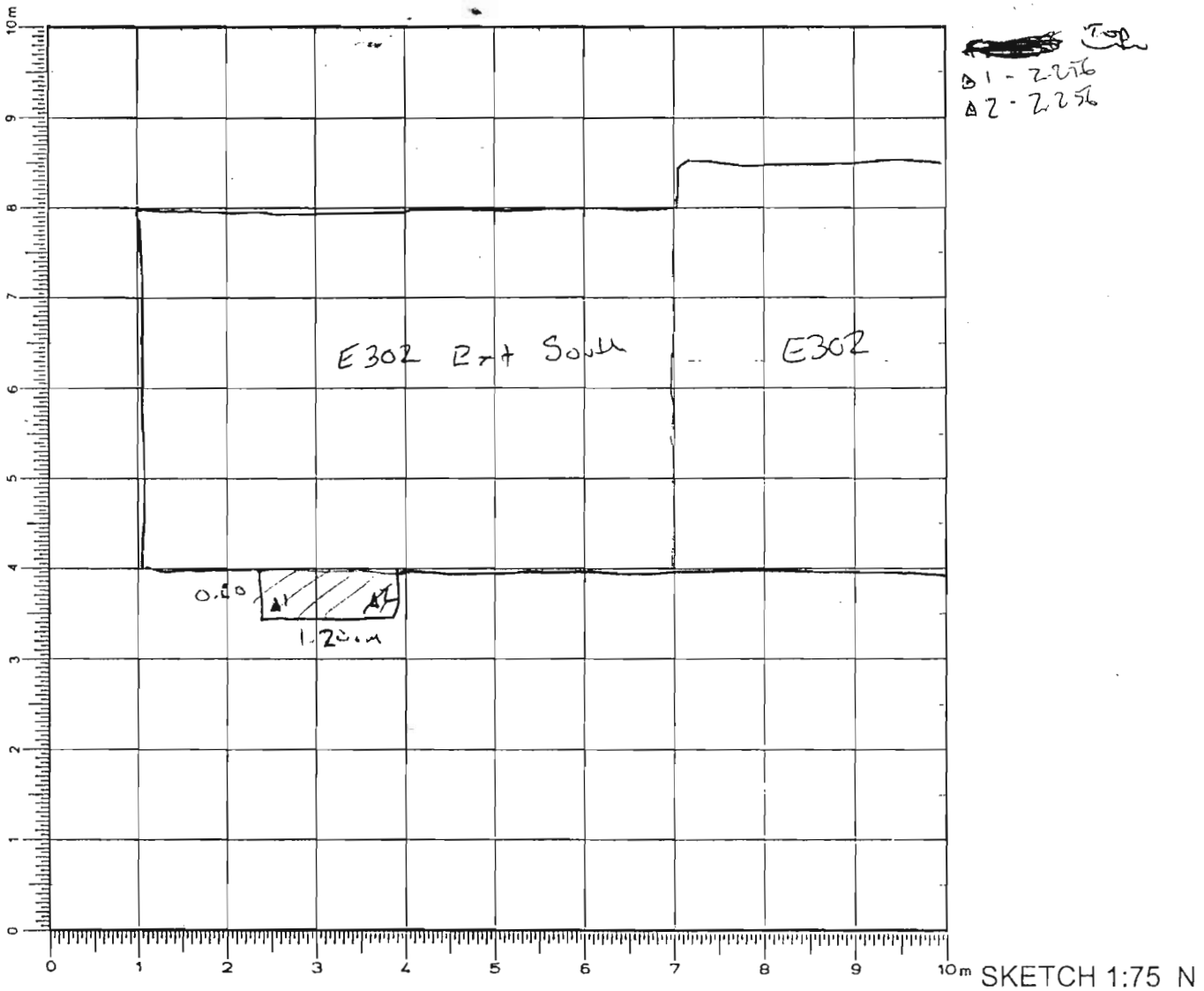


New pail is E302.16. Shallow pass taken over SW corner of trench. A round pithos base is uncovered (D= 25 cm) and given its own pail number (E302.20). The matrix in E302.16 is intermixed with the yellow shale of the adjacent bedrock but is not difficult to excavate. Since the pithos fragment is lying horizontaly flat on the surface, this is likely indicative of the floor. Its elevation is slightly above the pithos scatter in the east of the trench uncovered in this pass, but not markedly so. After excavation in E302.16 is complete, the pithos scatter is removed - this is assigned its own pale: E302.18; it has 2 separate bags: one for fine ware recovered with and under the pithoi fragments, and the pithoi fragments themselves. Two rounded stones are recovered under the pithoi during extraction and submitted as tools. Two large pieces of pumice come out of the eastern balk and assigned their own pale E302.17. One intensive soil sample is taken beneath the pithos fragments.

Year 05 Trench/Locus E301 Ext Excavator _____

East

Elevations
Benchmark used: B7-
Reading on Benchmark: 342.24
H.I.: 1.526



SKETCH 1:75 N ↑

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 9 June 05 Locus above: N/A

Locus parameters: 0.6 × 1.2 m extension trench

Verbal description: Small rectangular trench to east of E300. The ground is flat.

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

Top soil

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Year_____ Trench/Locus _____ Excavator_____

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
C301, 6	.425	17	A. Limit

OBJECTS

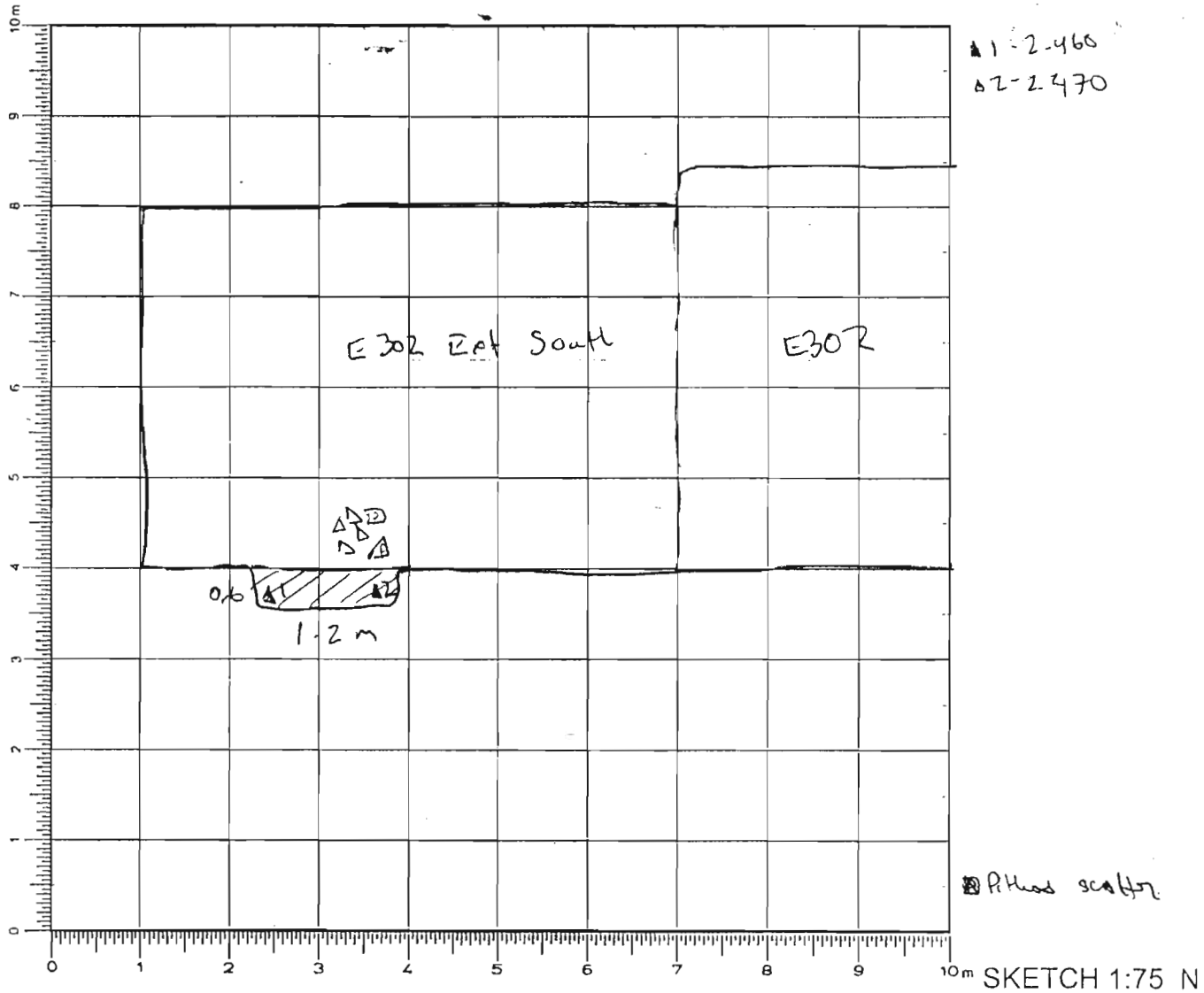
Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	301.6	Iron			

ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)

Year 05 Trench/Locus E302 Ext East Excavator

Elevations
Benchmark used: R7
Reading on Benchmark: 342.24
H.I.: 1-526



SKETCH 1:75 N ↑

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 9 June 05 Locus above: E301 Ext East

Locus parameters: 0.6 x 1.2 m extension trench

Verbal description: Small rectangular trench. The ground is flat.

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

Pithos scatter does not extend to the east

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Year_____ Trench/Locus _____ Excavator_____

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
E302.19	0.05	15	LA.A.LG.EO

OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number

ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

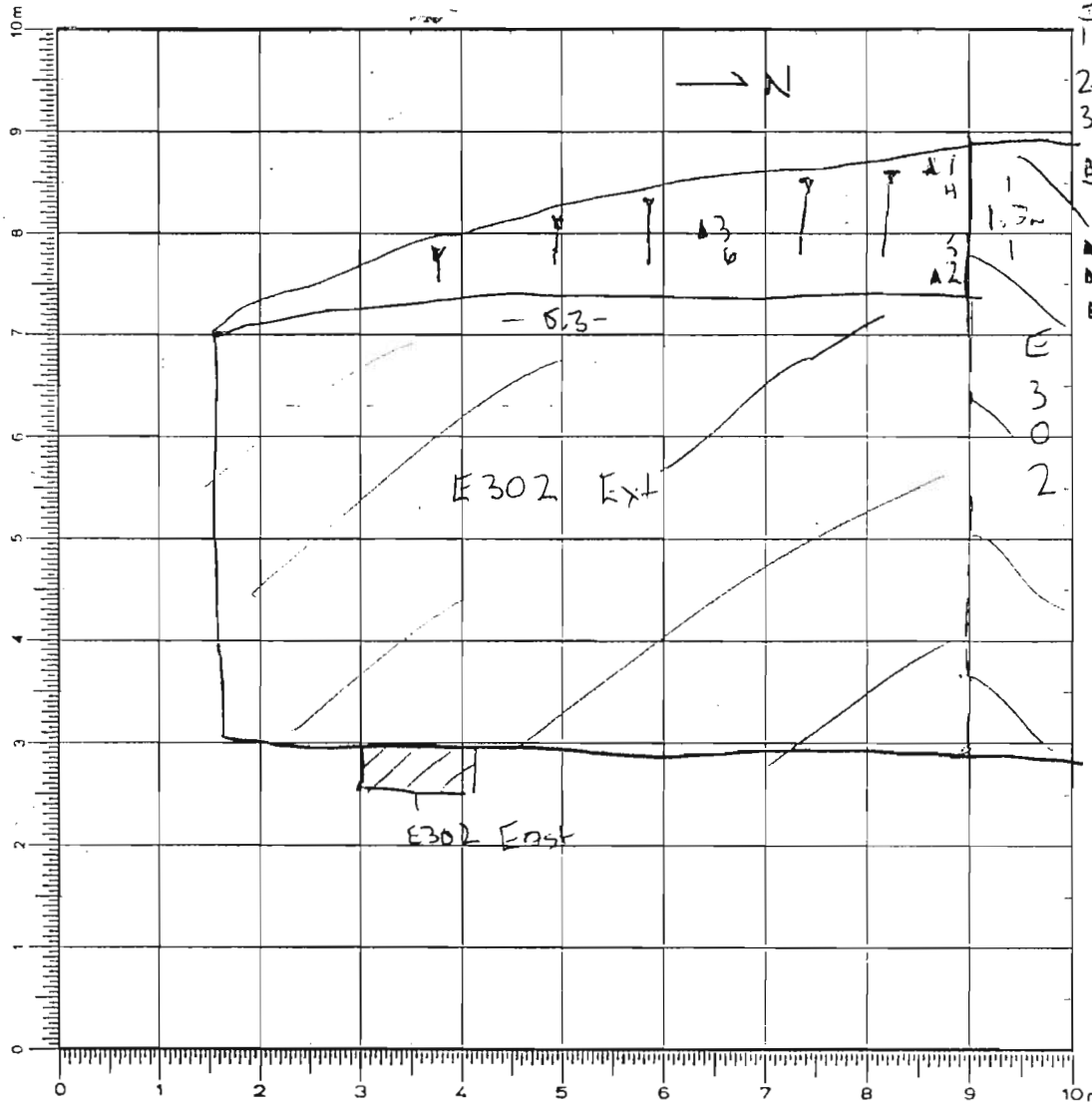
Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
E302.19	1-1/4"					

Year '05 Trench/Locus E301 Ext west Excavator Dunn

Elevations
Benchmark used: R7
Reading on Benchmark: 343.24
H.I.: 1.526

Top
1 ▲ 1.670 343.096
2 ▲ 1.777 342.989
3 ▲ 1.635 343.131

Bottom
H.I: 1.410
▲4 1.611 - 343.039
▲5 1.862 - 342.788
▲6 1.740 - 342.91



SKETCH 1:75 N ↑

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 9 June 05 Locus above: n/a

Locus parameters: 5.3 x 1.3 m tringlar trench

Verbal description: This trench is on the far west of the north acropolis plateau. It slopes precipitously from the rock scarp above.

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

Topsoil / Erosion / Shale / Schist

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Year_____ Trench/Locus _____ Excavator_____

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
E 301.7			

OBJECTS

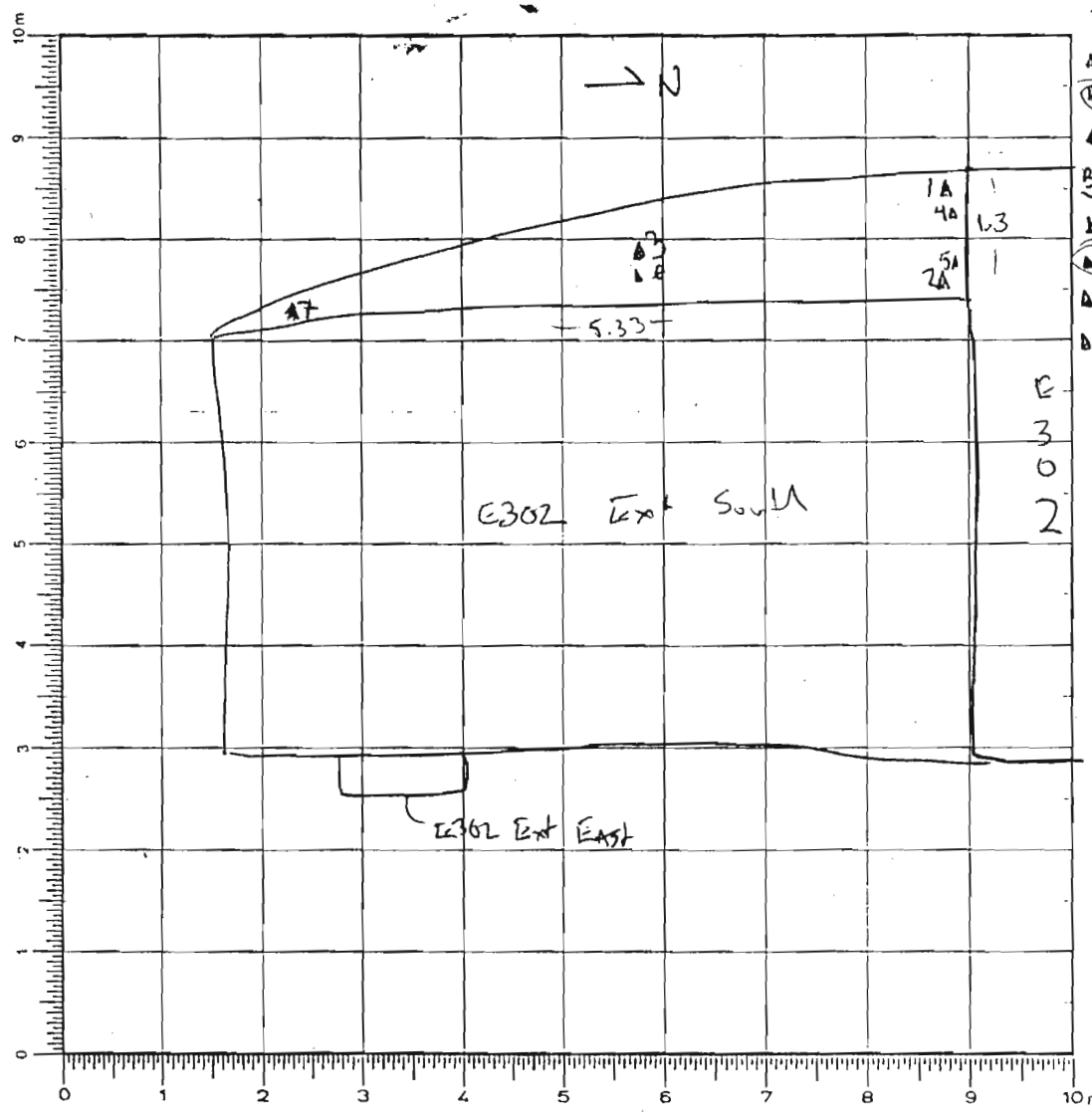
Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number

ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)

Year '05 Trench/Locus E302 Ext Excavator Dw m
West

Elevations
Benchmark used: R7
Reading on Benchmark: 343.24
H.I.: ~~1.336~~ 1.410
TOP
A1 - 1.611 - 343.059
A2 - 1.682 - 342.788
A3 - 1.740 - 342.910
Bottom H.I. 1.250
A4 - 1.342 - 342.950
A5 1.930 - 342.560
A6 - ~~1.940~~ 2.00 - 342.49
A7 - 1.950 - 342.540



SKETCH 1:75 N ↑

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 9 Jun 05 Locus above: E302 Ext West

Locus parameters: 5.33 x 1.3 m triangular trench

Verbal description: Sloped surface running west to east off rock scarp above.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): 10 Jun 05,

Horizontal surface on eastern edge of E302 Ext West could be wall bedding

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Year_____ Trench/Locus _____ Excavator_____

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
~~E302.21~~			~~[illegible]~~
E302.21	0.325	39	Early 5th. LA
E302.22	0.452	4	A
E302.23	0.215	19	LA; A
E302.24	1.715	56	LA, A, LG
E302.25	1.998	97	LA, A, O
E302.26	0.102	4	A

OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number

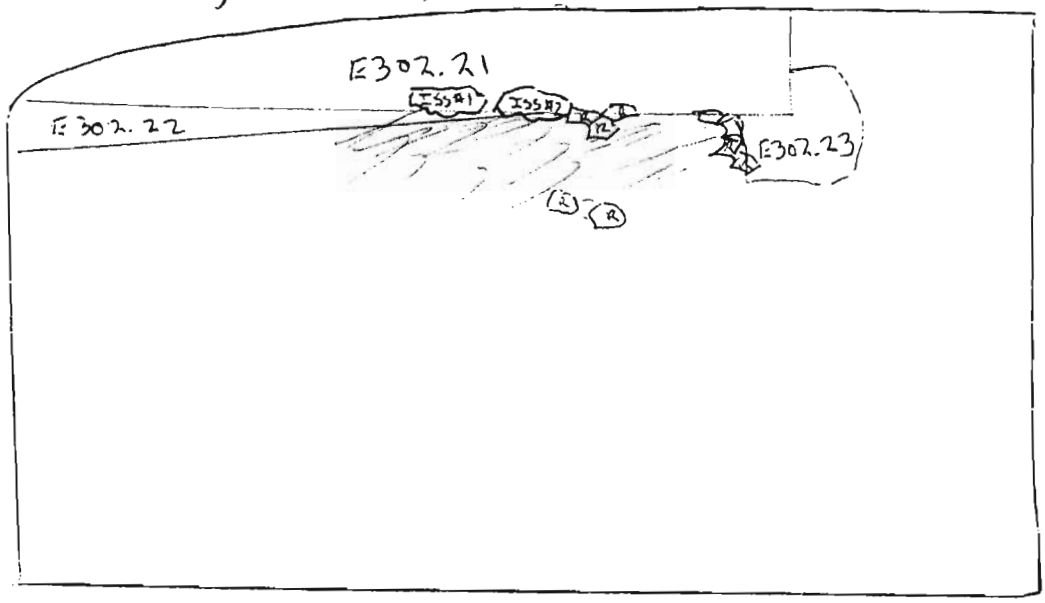
ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
E302.21	1.1				2-Int	
E302.22	1.1/4				~~[illegible]~~	
E302.23	1 1/4					
E302.24	1.1/4				2-Int	
E302.25	1.1/4	✓			2-Int	

Year '05 Trench/Locus E302 Ext West Excavator Dunn

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

9 June 05: Extension of E302 Ext to the west directly into the rock scarp above. Soil is mixed with rock - slate and schist, which is reddish, possibly from burning (OCH). Some pottery sherds are found in Southern sector, and there is some evidence of burning. The matrix runs into the bedrock scarp fairly quickly, only about 20 cm at the southern edge of trench and about 50 cm in the middle. The floor seems to be a little lower than that identified in E302 Ext South. so we return to the SW corner of this trench (E302 Ext South) and do a shallow pass to find any continuity. This opens a new pail - E302.22. A large pithos fragment is found Excavation now proceeds to the north of the potential hearth - this is given the pail E302.23. Some fine-ware

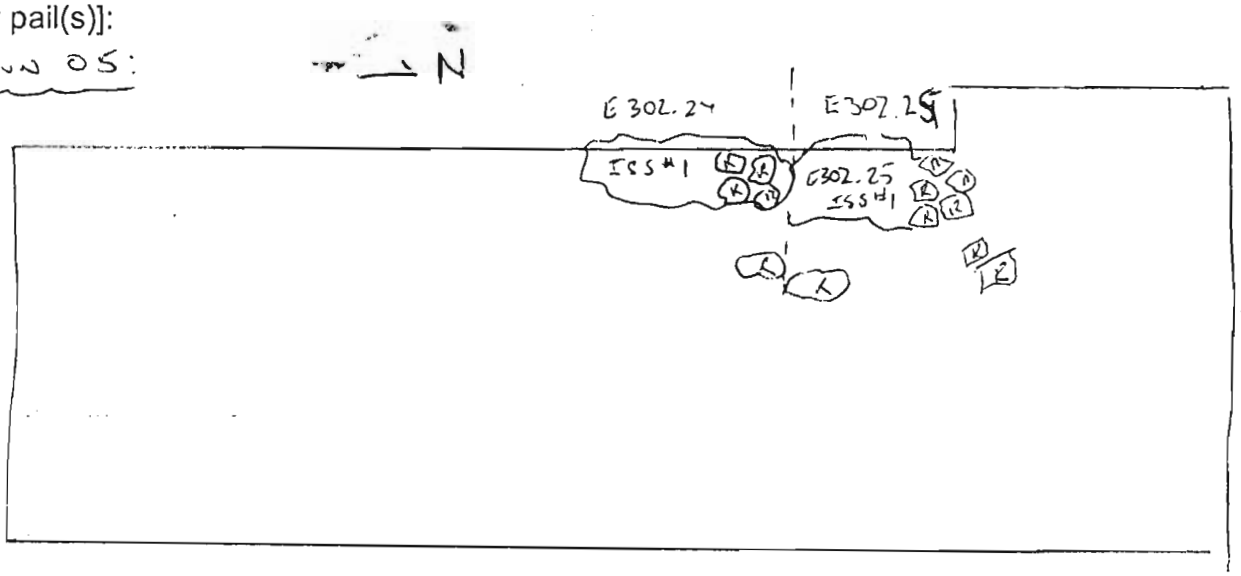


pottery fragments are found but nothing significant. This area is intermixed with bedrock and excavation is through yellowish shale

Year 05 Trench/Locus E302 & Ext West Excavator DWM

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

10 Jun 05:



Excavation proceeds into western edge of trench next to rock scarp. The area around the 'hearth' was excavated in sections:- E302.23 defined the northern border, E302.24 the southern border, and E302.25 the area bounded by stones. While digging into E302.24, a high concentration of carbon debris is noticed along with the fact that the stones bordering the southern edge of the hearth are not at all set, but only a jumble their position probably the result of some collapse to the east - they are intermixed with carbon debris and pottery fragments. In E302.25, there is also a high concentration of carbon debris, but not as high as that in E302.24. Two intrusive soil samples are taken for each pail. Pottery fragments are found in each - the most significant being a pithos rim fragment on the floor of E302.25. A dark grey fabric is popular in sherd fragments. As digging proceeds, it seems a horizontal surface appears to mark the floor of the eastern edge of the extension trench - it is a fairly steep drop off the bedrock scarp, in the area of E302.24 and

Year '05 Trench/Locus E302 Ext W+l Excavator Dun

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

10 Jun 05 cont:

E302.25. This intrusion into the scarp could have been to establish a wall bedding for the western wall of the structure built here. The stones orignally identified as part of hearth are more likely the result of wall tumble

E302.26 - removal of two stones in trench. Ten sherds recovered