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## EPV 024 Cagnato Field Notes 2006

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6 February 2006

2006-24-1

Chrissa Cagnato (24)

The day started at around 7:15 - Marcelllo and Ellen briefly introduced the site, and then divided the students into their groups and assigned them each a trench. They were each given 2 trench corners. They were shown the point 0,0 on the grid, and were instructed to find their own trench points. Showed Allie how to triangulate and find other 2 trench corners.

In my group, I have Allie, Edwin, Whitney + Thomas. Charlie is helping me with them, as well as the Directors. Edwin has already excavated so he knows how things work. The other 3 were a little more nervous, but once they got started they seemed ok. The excavators started working at the trenches (2 per trench). During the break Ellen + Marcelllo explained how the sp/drop/Lot classification works and explained how to fill at the forms. Back at the trenches the students started to find some interesting things, such as ceramic and obsidian. Both Edwin + Whitney found large amounts of ceramics, with Edwin finding some orange polychrome ceramics. Allie had a rock in the centre of her trench even before beginning and caused some problems with measuring the elevation of a point. Around 12 everyone started to pack up - by that point the sun was very hot and most people were hungry and/or tired. A lot of students would have carried on though as they got pretty excited about the excavation.

7 February 2006

2001-24-2

Clarissa Cagnato (24)

After breakfast we headed to the site, and unfortunately it was already raining. The workers started building to cover the trenches + the workers/students. After the initial nervous mood of the student on their first day, today they seem more confident and quite excited to continue working - even under wet conditions! Most of my group has started Lot 02 and have recovered pieces of ceramics. Today Allie found an obsidian blade as well as smaller debitage pieces, which may indicate some kind of tool making at this point. This may make sense as well in light of the supposed household on structure. The rock in Allie's trench is an exciting find, if it sits on the plaza floor (or under it) it may prove to have been used in a specific way as it is the only large rock in the surrounding area. Whitney hit a harder layer of soil with small stones and the workers/Marcello believed it was possibly a floor. In order to understand whether there was a different soil underneath he asked Whitney to dig down 5-10cm only on half the lot to get a good cross-section. This did not reveal anything different/significant and she decided tomorrow to carry on as normal. Edwin is very confident and he is already on Lot 04. At this point he has found 2 rocks, but they do not seem to be a floor, but rather to be tumble from structure.

7 February 2006

2001-04-3

Clarissa Coyote (24)

Thomas is continuing to dig down, and has not encountered any large rocks. His trench has revealed many pieces of ceramic.

After a break under the rain, and having peritelitor we returned to work.

Supervised the work for the rest of the morning, also seeing what the other groups were doing. Spent a lot of time with Allie, she needs some more motivation, the fact that she is slightly isolated from the rest of the students is perhaps a factor. I think she is unsure of what to do, and still does not feel confident with what she is doing, hopefully this will change over time. Started to pack up around 11:50 and left the site at 12:10.

10 February 2006

2006-24-4

It's Friday and I've decided to summarize the past 3 days in the field in today's notes. It's our final half day in the field, from Monday we start full days.

Alli has opened her EU B and found ceramics & obsidian in her first 2 lots. Her aim is to continue digging down to the same lot as EU A to expose the other side of the large rock. → (BAS 50-60 cm)

Thomas has probably hit a floor, and has recovered lots of bajareque in lot 5. Then in later lots he hit a clay strata with pieces of chert, ceramics and more bajareque. From lots 07-08 he has found no artefacts and stopped at lot 08 on Friday afternoon.

Edwin has had some soil changes, he went from a light layer with inclusions to a dark layer without any inclusions. He recovered some carbon samples, but no artefacts in the past 60 cm.

Whitney reached a probable old river bed on lot 08 which consisted of clayey sand, large rocks and no ceramics. By today, she started her 12th lot, and she thinks it will be her last.

13 February 2006

2006-24-5

The day has started overcast - it seems rainy days will never end! From today onwards we are spending whole days in the field. The site is as we left it, perhaps a little more wet than before!

The students seem excited to be back at work, and to get back into the swing of things pretty quickly.

Tom and I showed a couple of students how to set up trenches, and after the initial demonstration we let them finish an entire one by themselves. Patrick + I worked on fixing points on <sup>the</sup> trench on structure 10, and then with Tom took another group of students to structure 08 and continued with trench lessons.

As for my students, Allie has opened another 2 excavation units C + D to completely clear the rock.

Thomas and Whitney are both ready to start drawing section plans of their pits. Tom and I finished working on one side of mound 08 before we ended for the day. By 3:00 we were ready to leave, and happy that the rain had finally stopped.

14 February 2006

2006-24-6

It is refreshing to start a day without rain, although the temperatures are far from high. My first task for the day was to continue (and finish) setting the trench on structure 8. Edwin is going deep into his pit, reaching 2m soon. Whitney finished her drawings of both walls and has started her final notes for her sub/lop. Thomas has been relocated at the base of structure 02 and opened his first excavation unit on his trench. Allie continues to work on her EA C and D, finding some ceramics in her first couple of lots and then less and less.

Jim tested Edwin's pit for pH levels - at the base the soil was slightly alkaline.

I helped Whitney set up her new sub/lop # 38. Edwin finished his drawings and completed his final notes too. He is ready to start setting up his trench on structure 01.

15 February 2006

2006-24-7

There is finally hope of having a hot, sunny day! Everyone is talking about the weather and how we will probably all be complaining if the heat soon enough. This morning I helped Edwin set up his trench on structure 01 as he had never laid one out before. I have been told that I'll start excavating at El Anagabal in the next couple of weeks which will allow me to carry out 4 weeks of actual excavation. Patrick will be coming out with me to help me as well as carrying out his own project.

Erland has found some obsidian from Guatemala City in a Preclassic layer which may be indicative of Preclassic occupation.

Both Thomas and Whitney are finding tobacco in their trenches. Whitney's piece of tobacco seems to have evidence of having been worked.

Gary asked for help with setting up her trench on structure 8. Ended the day by helping Allic draw a plan of her units.



17 Feb 2006

2006-24-8

It's Friday once more, and yet again I have summarised my notes from Thursday and Friday into one page!

Edwin has started digging in structure 01 and has already found lots of tumbled.

Most of the students are ready, or have moved to another trench. The test pits have prepared them with the necessary skills needed to excavate a trench.

Today we also cleaned and tidied the site, especially around the test pits and removed garbage as a representative from the

Archaeology institute came to visit the site. Today (Friday) well we actually did not excavate as we left early in the morning to go to Tela for the weekend, to visit the fort at Imoa and spend some relaxing time at the beach.

The weather seems promising - lets see how it develops.

20 February 2006

2006-24-9

Today we start our second full week in the field and its raining once more. After a lovely weekend at the beach its not easy to get back to this kind of weather! All the students have now moved to their new trenches and are looking forward I think to finding some architecture. Gory so far has found a cobbled surface leading towards structure 8, as well as a basal wall and tumbled.

Rocky today found some interesting ceramics belonging to incensarios, which indicates that structure 10 was perhaps for ritual purposes. Her pottery is mainly preclassic which is interesting as it is so close to the surface.

Edwin carries on with his excavation on str 01 and is progressing well. It seems that there may have been a circular construction in the centre on top - this needs further investigation.

Erland and Allie are not finding much insofar as architecture goes, but Erland found an obsidian prismatic blade.

The sun came out, hopefully the ground will dry up soon.

21 February 2006

2006-24-10

There are no signs of clouds or rain today - and this is perfect as I have finally opted for summer clothes!

Both Wleyda and Kate who are working on str. C are reaching a possible wall, but because we don't have the EDM yet, we cannot say for sure if the structure is one or 2 buildings.

Whitney has stumbled upon a wall, but she is unsure whether to dig another 10 cm below or to open a new excavation unit. Tom and I helped her set up another 2 EU to her trench.

The remainder of the day I supervised work on Allie's trench as she has just started finding some tumble in EU C. This has demoralised her a little as most people have already found architecture and features.

Went up to Edwin's trench and it's looking extremely interesting, especially since he has a wall and can work from that.

He is very excited and has been thinking of various possibilities on how to expand out.

22 February 2006

2006-24-11

There is no ideal<sup>!!</sup> that today we are going to have a hot sunny day - perhaps summer is really upon us. Yesterday I got sunburnt, so today will try to stay out of the sun.

Helped Whitney draw a section plan of E4 B+C to show the profile of the possible wall.

She can now start clearing the top rocks to see whether she has hit a wall in fact.

Thomas is not feeling well today, and is taking it nice and easy.

Whitney is still struggling with her identification of her wall, so Ellen got out her plans from last year and tried to see whether we were at the same distance as the one she had found a wall in her excavation. (result = still not sure)

Edwin is working on uncovering more to find the base of his wall, but so far it's been harder than expected.

Allie is still hitting tumble, hopefully tomorrow she will reach some architecture, as next week she will probably leave the field to start work on her cultural project.

23 February 2006

2006-24-12

Another sunny day in the field and the weekend is almost upon us. The days are flying by so quickly.

Marell is back from the States and has been doing the rounds to catch up on what's been going on at the site.

Rocky has just hit tumble and is trying to figure out what is tumble and how walls fall. Lou has revealed 3 well-preserved steps, but unfortunately the ones above are not as well preserved.

As the EDM has returned, Tom and I spent the rest of the day learning how it works, and setting up another 2 stations from where we can read points from. The machine is quite easy to set up, but will have to practice using the computer program. Tomorrow we will start measuring heights of all the points, should be fun!

24 February 2006

2006-24-13

The morning is cool, but it looks like the sun will come out. Today Tom and I spent the entire day working on gathering information with the help of the EDM. We managed to do most of the trenches and some test pits to.

I did not have a chance to even see what was going on in the trenches in terms of finds, as we were trying to finish before leaving, so that the students could have the nights to do data entry.

But by 3:00 pm we were short of Rocky's trench, and so we left it, with the knowledge that we'd be back at least 1 day next week.

Am looking forward to start working at El Guayabal next week!

27 February 2006

2006-24-14

As expected we are back in the field for one more day at El Cafetal. Started by doing Rocky's trench and then helped Edwin with his points. Unfortunately we messed up somewhere and so his data was wrong. I decided to redo part of the trench where the measurements were clearly off.

Patrick and I also took a couple more points from Thomas's and Whitney's trenches which they had extended.

After lunch we left for El Guayabal - after crossing the river twice we finally got there. We were met by cows and high grass. After a vigorous walk we finally reached the site - the largest mound was really impressive, even if it was covered by long grass and plants. We toured the site, and I saw my "residential" mounds as well as the possible ball courts and Late Classic structures.

We asked the workers to start clearing as much as possible, and decided that we would come out tomorrow to start working. But we had to get fencing equipment to keep out the cows from falling into our trenches and test pits.

28 February 2006

2006-24-15

Our first day out at El Guayabal and I'm very excited to start. It's drizzling, but the sun seems to want to make an appearance.

Patrick and I drive out to the site alone and we have a couple of things to take care of before we get started. The workers are busy clearing and building us a ciampa. A lot of clearing needs to be done before we can even lay out any trenches and also before we build the fences. In the meantime Patrick + I decide on a plan of excavation, where we will lay our trenches etc.

El Guayabal, site S.004 is located north west of El Cofre and is assumed to be Preclassic due to the earthen mound structures present.

The largest of these mounds is about 50m long (str 01) and about 10m in height. The other mounds are smaller and are located to the east / south-east of str 01. These smaller structures (06, 07, 08) are perhaps residential complexes note: I have numbered structures 06, 07, 08 myself, following the last numbered structure, being 05.

We have decided to gather as much information about the site, since little previous has been done (2005), and therefore the best way to



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2006-24-16

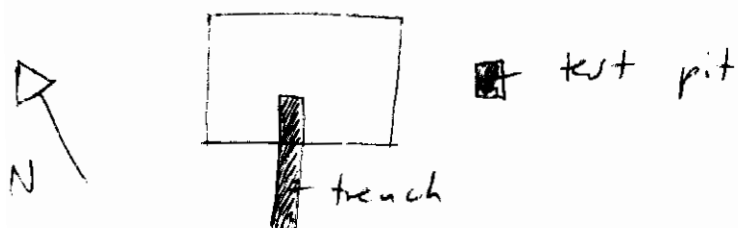
achieve this is by doing several trenches and test pits across several structures across the site.

My particular area of interest involves studying households, therefore I have chosen to look at str. 06, 07 and 08 which I believe are residential because of their size and disposition. Also, I would like to compare these residences with data gathered from El Cafetal.

Patrick will be excavating str 01, and is planning on opening a 2x2 m trench, while I would like to open axial trenches across my first structure - 06.

At the moment we have lost the datum used last year, and therefore we will have to probably set up our own grid system and then tie it in to the other grids later on.

My plan of action involves opening a trench north-south on str 06, as well as a test pit to the east of 06.



28 February 2006

2006-24-17

The trench would help to reveal the architecture of structure 06, while the test pit, as it is placed between 06 and 07, it may reveal some formal floor (relationship between these structures). 06, 07 + 08 seem to arranged in a circular manner around an open plaza to the south.

If these are residential structures, I may find some middens at the back, and therefore I am planning also to open more test pits at the back (north side of 06).

While clearing was being done, we took the time to walk around the site again and by 2:30 pm we managed to set up 2 trenches, one on str 01 (east side 2x5m) and one on str 06 (south side 1x7 m).

Left at 2:30 to go and get cabulla, plastic and other materials.

1 March 2006

2006-24-18

Day 2 in El Guayabal and in ready to start digging. The ground is wet, not sure whether it's from the rain or from the dew, either way we are getting started today! We now have fencing equipment as well as plastic and cables for the excavation units.

The workers are continuing with clearing - and hopefully we can set up a second trench along the north side of str. 01. As for my units, I can start with 4 workers, 2 in the trench, and 2 in the test pit. Eventually I can get more workers.

Marcella and Ellen came out to the site and approved of my set up for my trench, as well as suggesting that we move Patrick's east side trench a little as it wasn't coming up at a right angle.

Clearing on my str. 06 has revealed remains of a modern house, and there are a few artifacts which include shoes, soap, plastic + metal.

After lunch we started fencing the trenches + test pits, left the site at 3:00 pm.

2 March 2006

2006-24-19

D-day has finally arrived, it seems I have said this so many times before, but this time it's true, we start digging this morning! Before we get started though, we needed the false entrance to the site to be fixed. Then we divided the workers in experienced and non-experienced so that Patrick and I had an equal number of experienced workers. After all this preparation we can get started!

08:30 - have started to excavate.

Sub/0p 03/11 is the trench, while 03/12 is the hot pit



Workers

03/11 → Miguel Angel Mejilla  
Juan Angel Marmol (most experienced)

03/12 → Isain Morales > no experience  
Juan Jose Rivera  
X X X X X

2 March 2006

2006-24-20

03/11 is an axial trench which is laid out NE-SW at an angle of 20° on str. 06. It is 1m wide by 7m long.

It is intended to reveal the construction along its axial line and understand its use through test pits. The first one of these is 03/12, which is m of str. 06.

03/11/01 Have gone down 20cm in my first lot as the ground slopes quite a bit.

initial elevations:

reference corner: NW

NW: 0

SW: 25

NE: 5

SE: 20

Findings: 1 piece of obsidian, and 1 piece of ceramic (broken in half during excavation).

Will go down 10cm from now onwards.

03/12/01 Have gone down 10cm in my first lot.

NW: 0

SW: 0

reference corner: NW

NE: 0

SE: 0

Findings: 2 pieces of chert

1 piece of obsidian

1 piece of ceramic

By lunchtime have finished

NW: 20

SW: 25

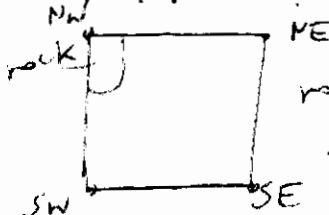
NE: 22

SE: 20

final elevations (BGS)

Findings: 1 ceramic, 1 chert

03/11/02



2 March 2006

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03/11/02 - there seems to be a change in soil colour. will let it dry and see later.

03/12/02 Finished lot 02 (no soil change)

NW: 10 SW: 10

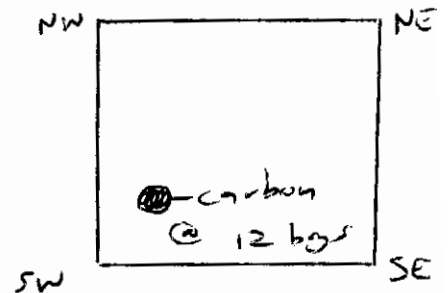
NE: 10 SE: 10

Finds: 4 obsidian (large pieces)

carbon sample

10 pieces of chert

6 ceramics



(Having trouble differentiating between some ceramic and bajoregne / pigment stones). will speak to Carrandra about getting a crash course.

03/11/03 - finished

NW: 30 SW: 30

NE: 31 SE: 30

Finds: 5 pieces of obsidian

2 chert

1 ceramics

The bottom of this lot has become more rocky - not sure what this means. Also it is much darker than previous lot (10 YR 2/2 very dark brown)

I may have hit a possible flow as there is also the presence of a rock, which I did not consider much before.

3 March 2006

2006-24-22

It's a bright morning and I'm excited to continue working, even though it's Friday and we'll have to stop for the weekend.

We are continuing excavating 03/12/03 and 03/11/04. I have been talking to Jungel about getting more workers as I would like to open 2 more test pits at the north end of str 06.

By 8:45 03/12/03 is finished.

NE: 30 SW: 30

NW: 31 SE: 32

Soil continues to be lo YR 4/4 dark yellowish brown.

Findings: 3 pieces of chert + 1 pigment stone  
8 pieces of ceramic

One of the pieces is a rim, seems to belong to a small cup/vase.



rough profile sketch.

03/11/04 - finished

NW: ~~48~~ 50 SW: ~~48~~ 51

NE: ~~48~~ 51 SE: ~~48~~ 50

Findings: 6 pieces of obsidians (3 large ones)  
Also a small piece of obsidians which looks darker so not sure whether it is obsidian (or a different type of chert?)

3 March 2006

2006-24-23

chert - 3 pieces

48 pieces of ceramic

↳ note: 1 large coarse sherd 7x5 cm  
and 1 sherd from a shallow bowl or dish.  
Soil has changed → 10 YR 3/6 dark yellowish  
brown

Will carry on another 10 cm to continue exposing  
different soil layers.

03/12/04 - finished

no change of soil.

Have found very few artifacts.

NW: 40

SW: 41

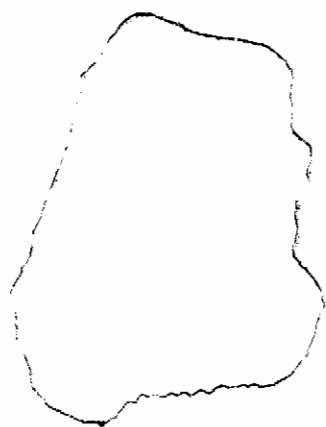
NE: 40

SE: 40

Finds: 2 chert, 1 ceramic

03/11/05 - have found a lithic tool i think  
it seems to have a serrated edge, like a  
scraper of some sort.

Not sure what material it is (chert?)



1:1

5 cm long

3 cm wide

1 cm thick



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03/11/05 finished

NW 60

SW: 60

NE 60

SE: 60

Findings: 8 pieces of ceramic

2 -br. dishes

1 chert

2 lithic tools?

bajareque

03/11/06 - have found rocks at the bottom of this pit. I have just started exposing these rocks, they are at different levels, and seem to only be in the SE corner of EU A.

It's 3:00 pm and therefore will continue with it on Monday.

6 March 2006

2006-24-25

It's a clear morning, but it seems that it might rain later on, as there are dark clouds in the distance over Cerro Azul.

The excavation units are slightly wet from last night's rain, but other than that, everything is as we left it before the weekend.

I am continuing working on 03/11/06 and 05/12/05. In 03/12/05 there are some very interesting soil changes, as towards the end of lot 05 there are soil patches of different colours - red, yellow and flecks of carbon as well.

As for 03/11/06, I had planned last Friday to stop at this lot and move on to EU B, but I am currently finding plenty of artifacts. The rocks which I believed were part of a floor are obviously not a floor, as there were only 2 rocks in the SE corner of the pit.

03/12/05 is finished. The only finds was carbon samples. Will go down an extra 10 cm to see how the soil changes.

03/11/06 - finished the lot,

NW 70 SW: 70

NE 70 SE: 70

Finds: 8 pieces of chert

1 obsidian, 45 pieces of ceramic

(4 large rims) and 1 large piece of bajareque.

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2006-24-26

Am continuing to lot 03/11/07 (BAS 70-80 cm)

2 workers have arrived to help me with the excavation. I have asked them to build a fence around my new sublot 03/13/01.

This new test pit is on the north side of structure 06. It is a 1x1 test pit about m from where I think structure 06 finishes. Marcello did suggest that perhaps the structure did extend much more than what we see now, and therefore the middens could be further away. Unfortunately the end of the property is right by the edge of my current sublot 03/13/01.

03/11/07 is finished

Have found a lot of pieces of ceramic.

Some are very large, the largest one being 10 x 8 cm and 0.5 cm thick.

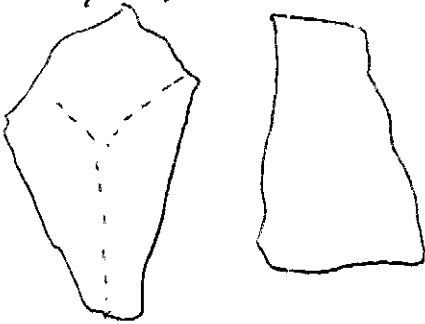
It is reddish/orange in paste. Found it at 80 BAS. A lot of obsidian + chert was associated with these pieces of ceramics.

In total have found 100 pieces of ceramic, 7 obsidian pieces (3 large ones - 2 which seem to be worked).

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03/11/07 -



1-1

obsidian tools

Also 3 pieces of chert (small).

NW: 79

SW: 80

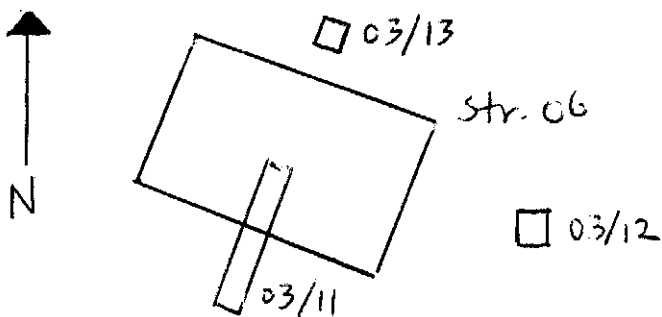
NE: 80

SE: 79

I have decided to go down a further 10cm, as I don't think I have hit a floor yet.

Am starting 03/13/01.

My datum is the NW corner.



NW: 0

NE: 0

SW: 6

SE: 0

My markers are Esteban Ramirez + Manuel

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2006-24-28

By the end of lot 03/13/01, I have found 2 pieces of ceramic, one which is definitely a modern piece of tile, and 1 piece of obsidian.

03/12/06 -

NW 60 SW 64

NE 61 SE 60

Finds 2 pieces of chert

1 ceramic

Soil has become more clayey and more yellow.

Am moving to lot 07 in 03/12.

03/13/02 ~~is finished~~ Have started this lot. So far have found 2 piece of glass (modern) and some chert + ceramic.

It's the end of the day, and it's been raining on + off. Tomorrow we will need to have compass for sure!

Have just started 03/11/08, and already we have found lots of sherds in a small area. This lot seems promising as well!

7 March 2006

2006-24-29

What a relief to see that the weather has cleared and the sun is out again (as always now that we have the tarps, we don't need them!)

I feel like I am getting into the swing of things, ~~I am continuing with~~ getting used to having 3 units at the same time. We have 4 more workers, at the moment they are working on building a new ciampa by str. 01, the others are clearing str. 03 + 05 s. Patrick can start excavating there soon.

This morning I am continuing with work on 03/11/08, 03/12/07 and 03/13/03.

I hope to open a new sub/ops at least set it up by the end of the day. This unit will be on the north side of str. 06 and will hopefully help me understand the other facade (back?) and whether there has been some modern disturbance.

03/13/02 is finished. BGS 10-20 cm.

NW: 20 SE: 20

SW: 20 NE: 20

Finds: 7 ceramics

2 pieces of modern glass

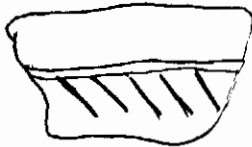
5 pieces of chert (small)

Will go down another 20 cm.

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2006-24-30

03/11/08 → have found my first piece of decorated pottery. It looks like its been decorated with a stick or a sharp object. Its quite coarse and yellowish in paste.



03/13/03 is finished

NW: 31

SW: 31

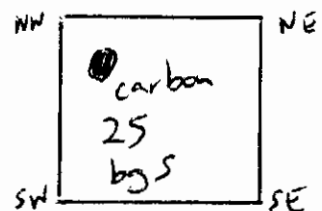
NE: 32

SE: 31

Finds: carbon, 7 chert pieces, 2 obsidian flakes  
10 ceramic sherds.

No soil change.

Going down another 10 cm.



03/12/07 is finished

NW: 70

SW: 70

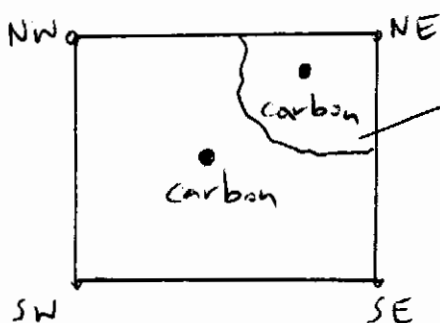
NE: 69

SE: 71

Finds: 3 pieces of ceramic, 1 piece of chert

03/11/08 - have found large amounts of carbon at 90 BGS in the centre of E4 A.

And also in the north-east corner of E4 A.



Also, many ceramics have been found in the NE corner.

This area is also ladden with chert tools + flakes.

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2006-24-31

03/13/04 is finished

NW: 42

NE: 42

SW: 43

SE: 40

Finds: 2 pieces of chert, 1 obsidian flake, 1 pink/red flake, 7 ceramics.

Clayey silt soil, no soil change.  
Going down an extra 10 cm.

03/13/05 is finished

NW: 53

NE: 51

SW: 50

SE: 49

Finds: 22 ceramics

1 dark piece of chert, 1 piece of light chert  
2 small obsidian flakes. 1 lithic tool.  
1 small white/translucent rock

03/12/08 is done!

NW: 81

NE: 80

SW: 81

SE: 82

Finds: 4 pieces of chert

Clayey sand, 10 YR 4/4 dark yellowish brown  
Going down another 10 cm.

03/11/08 is done!

NW: 91

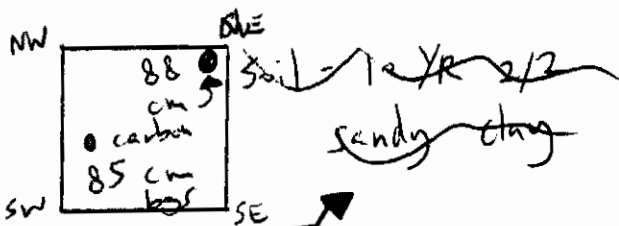
NE: 89

SW: 91

SE: 88

Finds: 2 sampler of carbon, one associated with numerous ceramics in NE corner of E4 A.

1 large piece of chert (core) 7x6x3 cm.





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2006-24-32

03/11/08 233 pieces of ceramic (a record!)  
↳ rim with decoration  
↳ base sherd 5 cm long 2 cm thick  
red/orange paste



1 small piece of bajareque  
2 small stones (pink + white) - caliche?  
8 obsidian flakes  
114 chert pieces (110 flakes + 4 possible tools)  
1 lithic tool (shiny stone)

Going down another 10 cm - hope to hit a floor soon.

By 2:00 pm, have just started 03/11/09  
Patrick has just radioed me, says he found the legs of a figurine - he thinks its tabo!  
Found it on the N side of str. 01.

03/13/06 done. The workers here are very quick, but very good at it too.  
NW: 61 NE: 60  
SW: 60 SE: 58

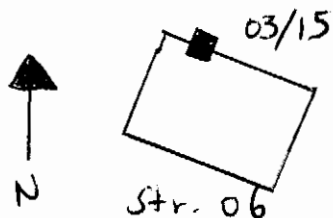
Finds: 5 obsidian flakes  
8 chert pieces

23 ceramics (incl. a base/foot of a bowl)  
7.5 YR 4/3 brown, silty clay  
Going down another 10 cm.

7 March 2006

2006-24-33

The workers have come to set a fence around a new test pit sub/lop 03/15.



It's the end of the day, and the workers have managed to fence the test pit. Tomorrow will start on that new sub/lop, and will therefore have 8 workers!

8 March 2006

2006-24-34

Another cloudless day, and its already hot + humid by 8:00 am. Im excited as Casandra promised to look at our ceramics today since I brought back a bag of over 200 sherds yesterday.

Im opening sublop 03/15 today - my workers are Angel Maria and Bonifacio.

03/15 1x1 test pit on northern side of str. 06. The test pit is on a slope as i'd like to see construction phases and also possible (modern) disturbance.

I have decided to go down 20 cm is my first lot as the slope is very large, and also from experience on 03/11, the topsoil/humus layer is thick  $\pm$  20 cm.

NW: 52                      NE: 54                       $\rightarrow$  Datum: SE  
SW: 0                        SE: 0

Also, im continuing with

- 03/11/09
- 03/12/09
- 03/13/06
- 03/15/01

8 March 2006

2006-24-35

03/13/07 is done

NW: 69 NE: 71

SW: 69 SE: 73

Finders: 4 chert pieces (incl. 1 large flake)

2 obsidian

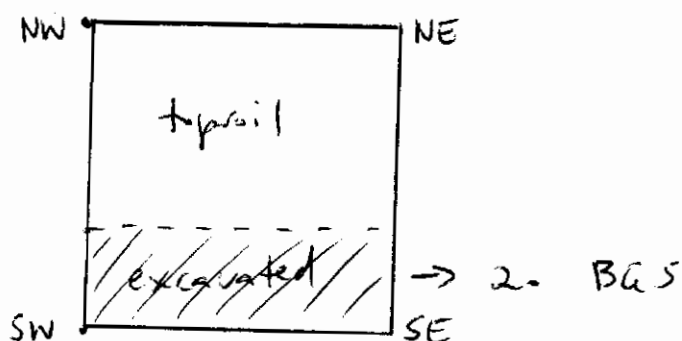
29 ceramics (2 large rimms)

1 rock with holes (reddish)

No noticeable soil change

Going down another 10 cm.

03/15/01 is done.



NW: 52

NE: 46

SW: 20

SE: 26

Clayey silt

Finders: 1 chert flake / lithic tool?

Going down another 10 cm.

8 March 2006

2006-24-36

03/11/09 is finished

NW: 101

NE: 102

SW: 100

SE: 102

Finds: 20 chert pieces incl. large flake

2 obsidian flakes

18 ceramics

bujaeqne 1 piece

7-5 YR 4/3 brown

clayey sand

03/12/09 done

NW: 93

NE: 94

SW: 93

SE: 92

Finds: 4 chert pieces

1 pigment stone

1 red/pink/orange stone

7-5 4/3 brown

clayey sand

Going down another 10 cm

03/15/02 is finished

Have found some rocks in the lot.

See photo + drawing.



8 March 2006

2006-24-37

03/15/03 I am curious about the rocks - is it possible  
tumble from the modern house? Will go down  
another 10 cm.

03/13/08 finished

NW: 80

NE: 80

SW: 80

SE: 80

7.5 4/4 brown  
sandy silt

Finds: 11 chert pieces

4 obsidian flakes

45 sherds

1 bowl base



1 piece of bajaregne

Living down

03/11/10 done

NW: 110

NE: 108

SW: 110

SE: 113

Finds: 1 obsidian flake

3 chert pieces

1 red/pink stone + 1 white travertine stone

11 sherds.

This lot has remarkably less materials than  
the previous one. Perhaps I am reaching a  
floor, or have already passed it? The trash forming  
the midden may have been deposited above the living  
surface.

8 March 2006

2006-24-38

03/15/03 done

NW: 52

NE: 46

SW: 40

SE: 33 → rock is in the way

Finds: 3 small pieces of chert

More rocks are appearing - should be revealed in next lot. Going down 10 cm.

Will reach the ground level where the NW + NE stakes are.

Marcello and Ellen came out to the site - they were pleased I guessed with the work we've done so far. They looked at my soil changes and discussed where the floors could have been.

03/15/04 finished

The rocks are much more visible now, I have decided to open an other unit east of it to see whether there's a pattern.

NW: 54

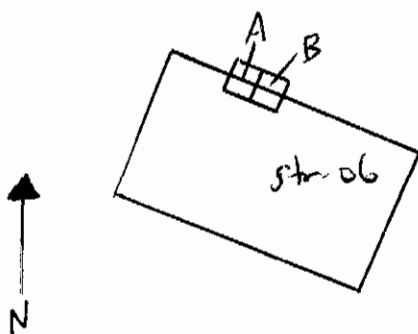
NE: 53

SW: 49

SE: 33

Finds: chert flake

1 piece of ceramic



EU B: NW: 51  
SW: 9

NE: 45  
SE: 0

Datum: SE

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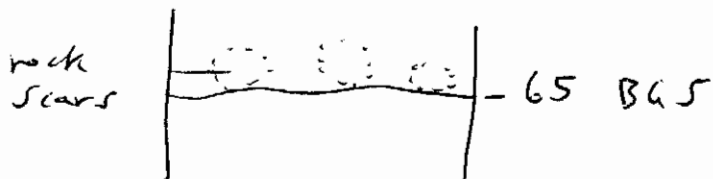
03/13/09 done

NW: 90 NE: 90

SW: 87 SE: 88

Finds: 19 chert pieces  
1 obsidian flake  
34 ceramics

Going down another 10  
65 BGS - possible floor level, below where we  
can see rock "scars" ∴ rocks would have  
rested on this level



03/11/11 done - but lot in EU A!

NW: 121 NE: 119

SW: 122 SE: 122

Finds: 3 ceramics  
4 chert (2 cores + 2 flakes)

In EU B of 03/11 have decided to go down  
as follows: (following the soil layers)

- 1) 20 cm BGS
- 2) 10 cm ~~BGS~~ = 30 cm BGS
- 3) 40 cm = 70 cm BGS

At 70 BGS we reach a yellow layer  
Below this point I found the lots with  
the most material (ceramic + lithics).



9 March 2006

2006-24-40

What a nice sunny day! Today there is lots of work to be done, including data entry!

Today I am continuing with the following:

- 03/12/10
- 03/13/10
- 03/15/05

It's almost spring break and I'd like to have no lots unfinished before tomorrow.

03/15/05 done

NW: 51                      NE: 45

SW: 20                      SE: 20

Finds: none

Soil - humus / topsoil

clayey silt              10 YR 3/3 dark brown

Going down another 10 cm.

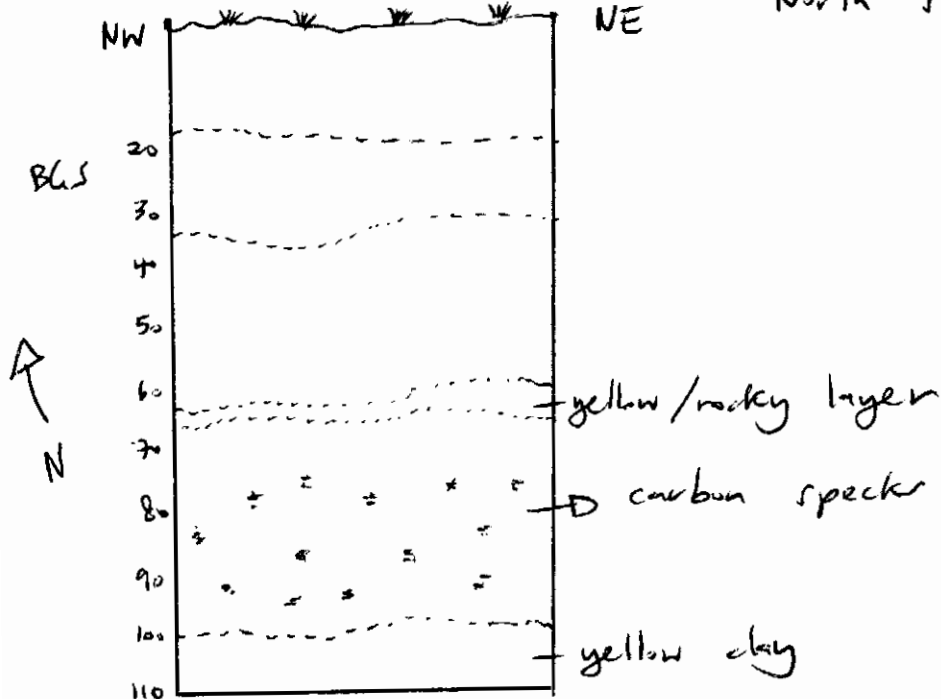
Have asked the workers to clear up the west side of str. 06 so I can set up my new subtop soon.

9 March 2006

2006-24-41

03/11 1-ts 01-11

North side



03/15/06 done EU

NW : 51 NE : 45

SW : 30 SE : 30

Findr: 4 pieces of chert

Have reached some rocks - no soil change

03/13/10 done

NW : 100 NE : 102

SW : 101 SE : 99

Findr: 5 small chert pieces

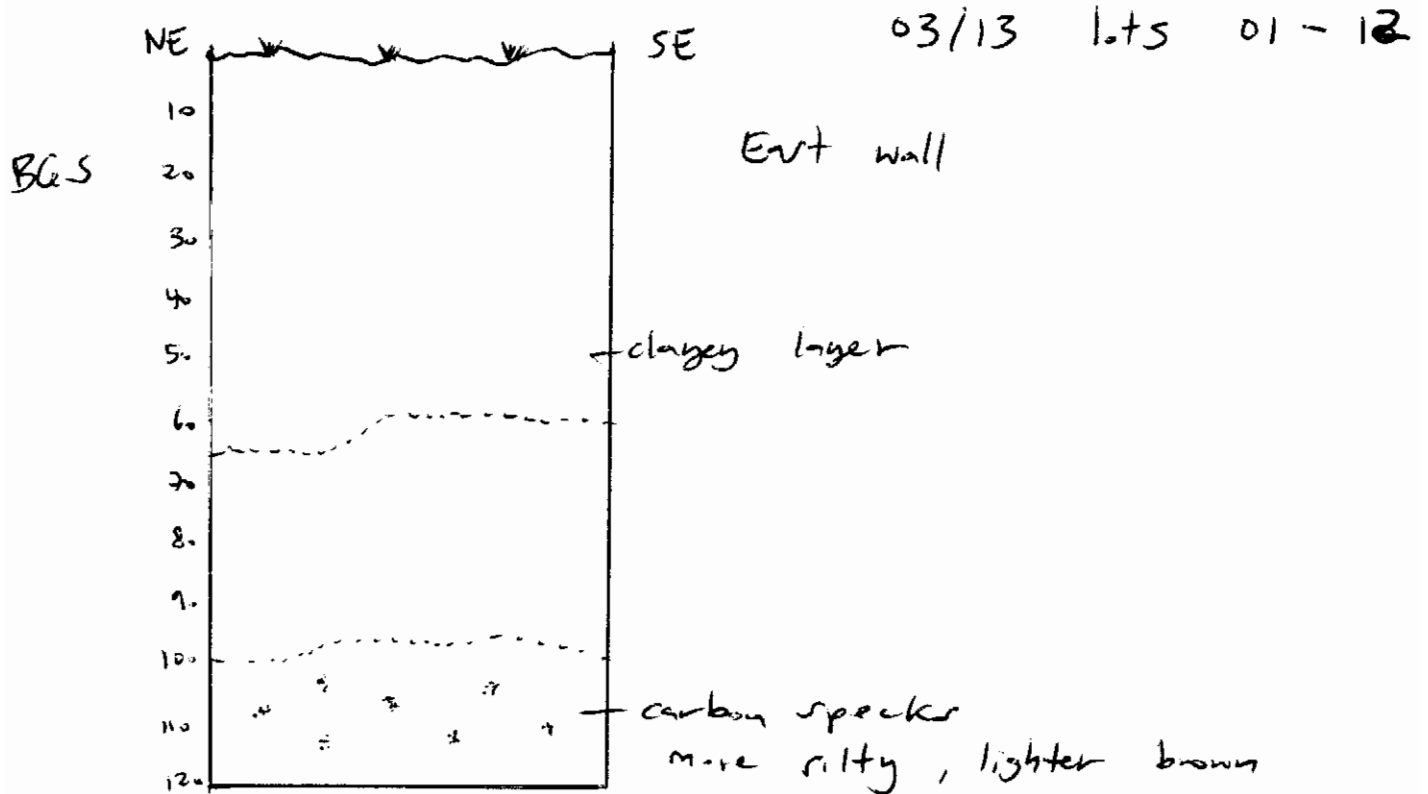
2 - bridian flakes

8 ceramics

diagram of lots - see next page

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2006-24-42



03/12/10 done

Last lot!

NW: 103

NE: 104

SW: 105

SE: 105

Finds: 5 ceramics (small + crumbly)

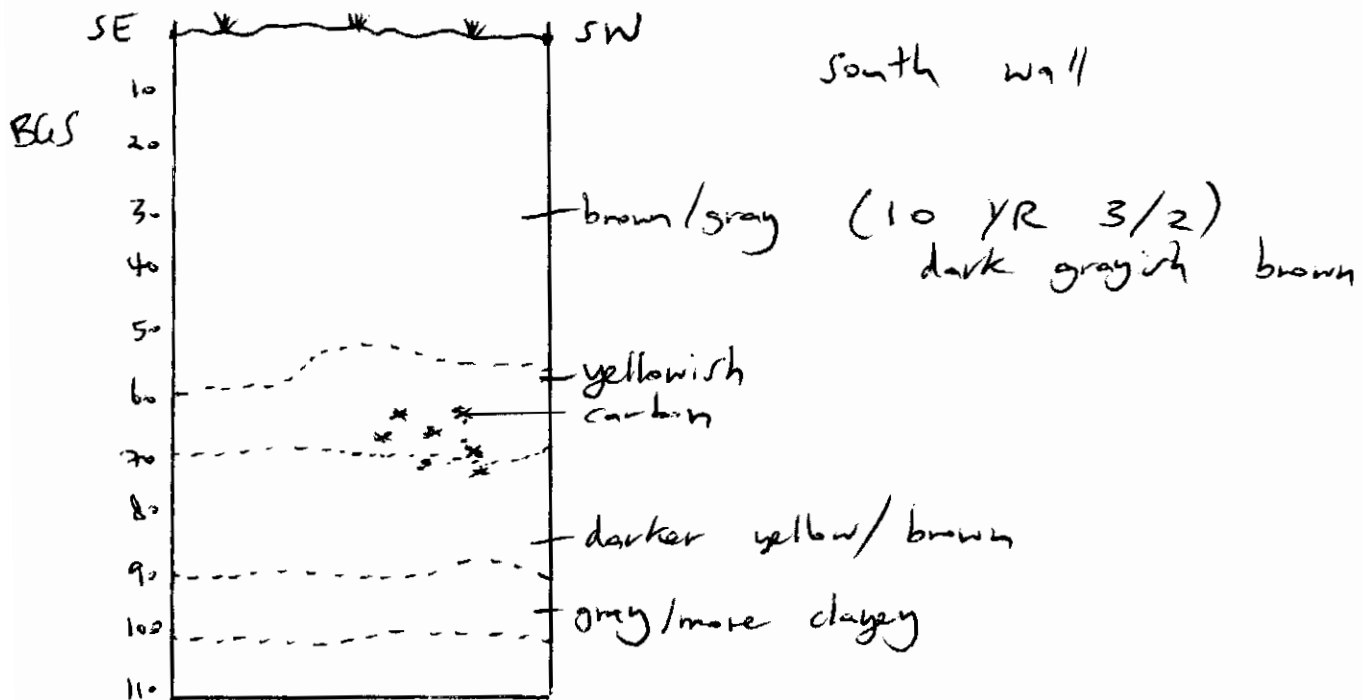
6 chert

This subloop is now finished. We now have a good stratigraphy of the area and if need be can continue further down at a later stage.

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2006-24-43

03/12 l.t.s 01-10.



03/15/07 done

Found some plastic bits in this lot.

NW: 51      WE: 45

SW: 40      SE: 39

Find: 2 plastic pieces

2 large chert cores

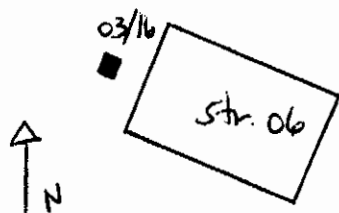
1 chert flake

Going down another 10 cm

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2006-24-44

New sublap 03/16



1 x 1 m test pit  
6 m west of str. 06

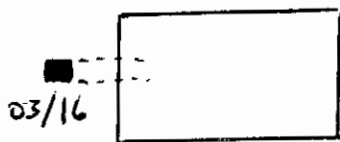
NW: 17  
SW: 13

NE: 5  
SE: 0

Datum: SE

Am going to go down 20 cm to begin with to level the surface.

The test pit has been set up so that if it is necessary we can move up towards the structure at a right angle.



03/16/01 done

NW: ~~17~~ 24 NE: ~~5~~ 21

SW: 24 SE: 22

Soil - clayey silt 10 YR 4/2 dark greyish brown

Finds: 5 obsidian flakes

26 chert

20 small stone of various colours

6 ceramics

1 pre-excavation photo

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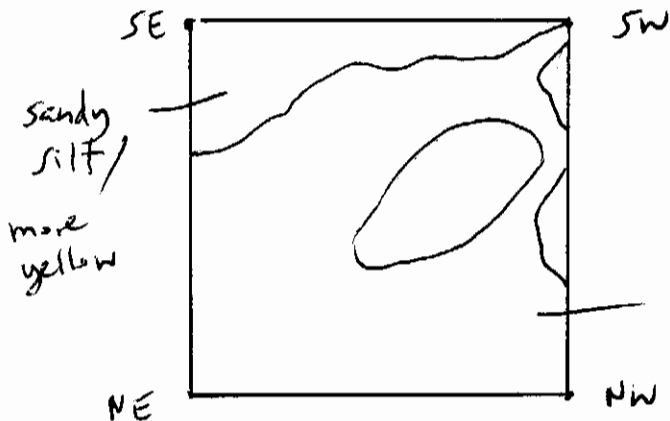
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03/15/08 done

NW: 60 NE: 52

SW: 49 SE: 50

Finds: 3 ceramics, 2 chert, 1 plastic piece

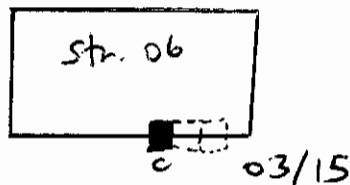


Soil change in SE corner of EU B

1 photo of EU A+B

Interesting that there's a colour change in one corner. Where there are rocks there ~~are~~ is no change.

Also, I was expecting more rocks, but it seems that they end in this area. Will open EU C, east of B to follow the rocks.



03/15/09 EU C

initial elevations

Datum: SE

NW: 46 NE: 41

SW: 7 SE: 0

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03/11/12 EU B

1 pre-excavation photo

initial elevations

NW: 5

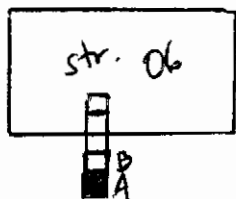
NE: 0

Datum: NE

SW: 34

SE: 31

Going down 20 cm, following soil layer in EU A.



03/13/11 done

NW: 110

NE: 109

Soil: silty sand

SW: 110

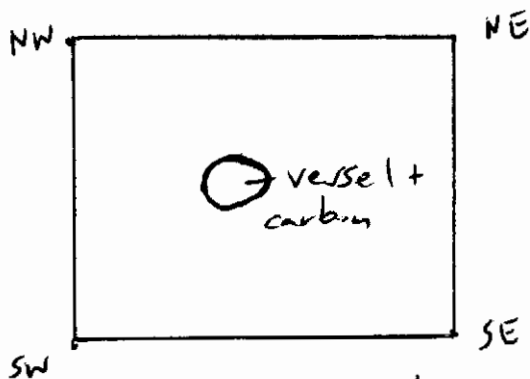
SE: 113

colour: 10 YR ~~etc~~ 4/4

Finds: 11 chert (1 large core) yellowish brown  
 4 ceramics (other than those associated with carbon)  
 23 ceramics (one vessel possibly) found with carbon.

Vessel was supposedly whole in the ground, but ~~that~~ workers took it ~~off~~ out before I could check the carbon ~~was~~ was inside the vessel.

The largest sherd was 9 x 7 x 1 cm



BGS 110

Going down another 10 cm

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03/11/12 EU B done

NW: 20

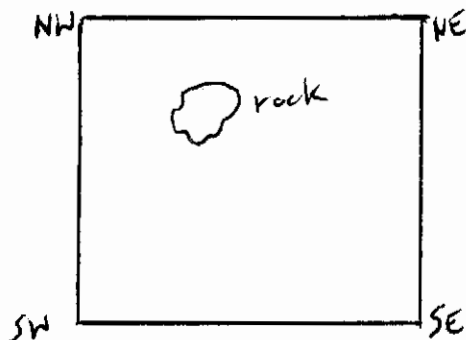
NE: 22

BS 0-20

SW: 34

SE: 31

Findr: 4 ceramics  
5 chert  
2 obsidian flakes



Going down another 10

03/15/09 EU C

NW: 46

NE: 41

SW: 21

SE: 20

Findr: 3 chert, 1 obsidian flake  
~~no soil change~~

03/16/01 done

NW: 24

NE: 21

SW: 24

SE: 22

Findr: 5 obsidian flakes (1 large one)  
26 chert

± 20 small stones, various colours.  
(white, red, orange, pink, translucent).

± ceramics

no soil change

Going down 10 cm.



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2006-24-48

03/15/10 done

NW: 46

NE: 41

SW: 30

SE: 30

Finds: 3 large chert cones

1 small chert piece

Going down another 10 cm to 40 BAS.  
clayey silt 10 YR 3/3 dark brown

10 March 2006

2006-24-49

It's Friday before spring break and everyone is excited - including me! We are going to work only half a day today until 12:00. Then in the afternoon I'll try + do some data entry.

It's a nice + cool morning, yet sunny.

I'm continuing with 03/11/13

03/13/12

03/15/11

03/16/02

→ Mouse in 03/12 - Erteban helped me to get it out!  
Very funny!

03/11/13 done

NW: 38      SE: 38

SW: 40      SE: 40

Finds: 15 ceramics

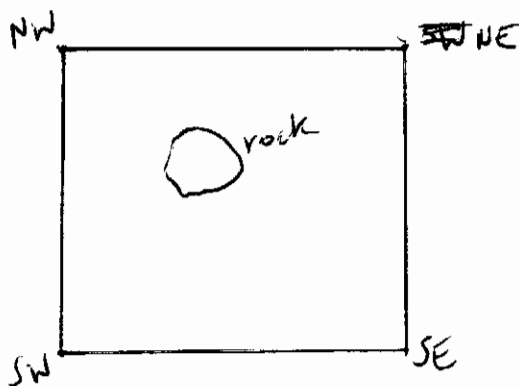
4 - bridian pieces

9 chert

1 large chert piece

Soil 10 YR 4/3 brown

Going down by soil colour, following E9 A stratigraphy.



03/16/02 done

NW: 29      NE: 30

SW: 30      SE: 30

Finds: 29 chert pieces

2 chert flakes

4 small white pebbles

3 ceramics

no soil change

10 March 2006

2006-24-50

03/15/11 done

NW: 46      NE: 41

SW: 39      SE: 40

Finds: 1 ceramic

Soil - no change seen yet.

Going down another 10cm to reach same level as EU A + B.


03/13/12 done

NW: 120      NE: 120

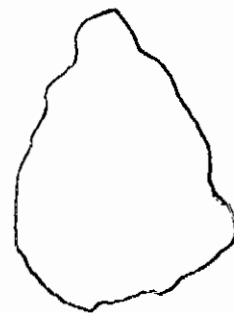
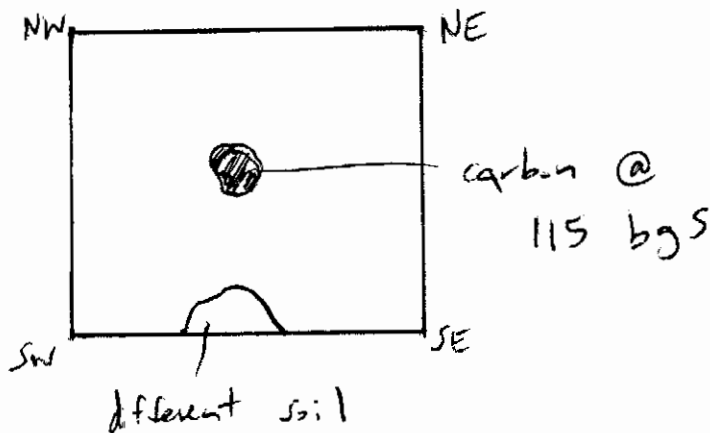
SW: 120      SE: 120

Finds: 9 ceramics (1 rim)

Carbon

6 chert (1 looks like an arrowhead )

Note: more carbon coming out from the middle when the vessel was found.



1:1 chert tool

Last lot in EU.

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03/11/14 EU B

NW: 45 NE: 45

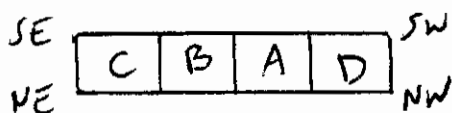
SW: 50 SE: 50

Finds - 7 chert  
3 obsidian  
20 ceramics

Soil type - clayey sand  
10 YR 4/4 dark yellowish brown

03/15/13 EU D

Have opened a new EU west of EU A



NW: 56

NE: 52

Datum: SE

SW: 11

SE: 0

Topsoil / humus

~~03/15/12 EU C~~

~~NW: 50 NE: 50~~

~~SW: 49 SE: 48~~

~~Finds: 26 jagils  
3 pieces of modern tile  
7 chert  
25 coloured rocks (various)  
20 ceramics  
10 YR 3/3 dark brown~~

10 March 2006

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03/15/12      EU C

NW: 50                      NE: 50

SW: 49                      SE: 48

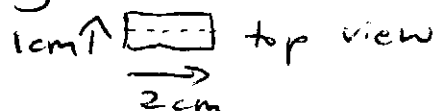
Finds: 26 snails

3 pieces of modern tile

7 chert

1 obsidian flake (a blade possibly)       $\triangle$  section

2 ceramics



03/16/03      done

NW: 40                      NE: 39

SW: 40                      SE: 40

Finds: 33 chert

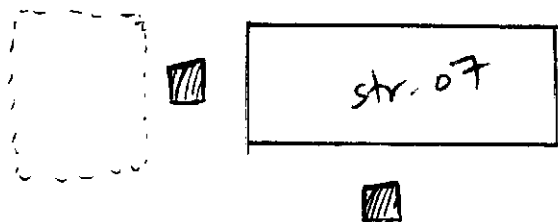
7 obsidian

25 coloured rocks (various)

20 ceramics

10 YR 3/3 dark brown

Have asked the guys to clear up on str. 07, which I would like to start excavating after spring breakers.



The str. 07 seems to be actually 2 as there is a lowering in the middle would like to see more of ~~the~~ what's going on.

10 March 2006

2006-24-53

03/15/13 E4 D done

NW: 56

NE: 52

SW: 22

SE: 22

soil - clayey silt

10 YR 3/3 dark brown

Finders: 9 chert

03/11/15 done

BGS 50-60 cm

NW: 60

NE: 55

SW: 60

SE: 57

Finders: 12 chert

1 very large core

1 huge flake (black + red)

3-bridged flaker

1 pink stone

1 shiny (mica) flat rock

1 flake of orange rock

60 ceramics (1 base + 2 rim)

will go down another lot after spring break.

20 March 2006

2006-24-54

More than a week has passed since we left - its weird to be back - feel like i never left! Had a great time and im ready to start working again. The site is as we left it. It's going to be hot, it seems that it hasn't rained for a while.

The workers are all here, and are also ready to start working.

I wanted to start opening the new subloop on str. 07, but we don't have the necessary fencing material so its going to have to wait till tomorrow. I am starting with work in 03/11/16 EU B.

Als. 03/15/14

03/16/04

03/15/14 done

NW: 56 NE: 52

SW: 40 SE: 40

Finds: 9 chert, 1 cosmic

Going down another 10 cm.

Have asked the workers to go + get the fencing material as there was nothing for them to do otherwise.

I hope to at least fence one unit in by today.

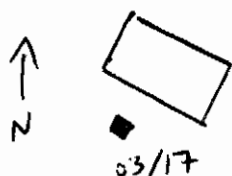
20 March 2006

2006-24-55

New sub/op 03/17

On structure 07 (east of str. 06)

South side of structure 7, test pit 1x1 m



initial elevations:

NW: 0

NE: 6

datum: NW

SW: 18

SE: 18

Goals: to understand this structure, is it the back or the front, as excavations on str. 06 have led me to believe that the front of the structure is on the north side.

Also to understand the stratigraphy + compare it to 06.

Soil type: silt

Colour: 10 YR 5/4 yellowish brown

03/15/15 done

BGS 40-50 cm

NW: 56

NE: 52

SW: 48

SE: 48

Finds: 8 ceramics (1 large rim)

11 chert, 2 obsidian, 1 thin red rock flake

Going down another 10cm because of the artifacts found in this bt are more numerous than the previous ones.



20 March 2006

2006-24-56

03/17/01 done

no soil change

NW: 12 NE: 12

SW: 18 SE: 18

Finds: 7 chert, 1 obsidian, 1 red stone  
Going down to cm

03/16/04 done

NW: 52 NE: 49

SW: 52 SE: 50

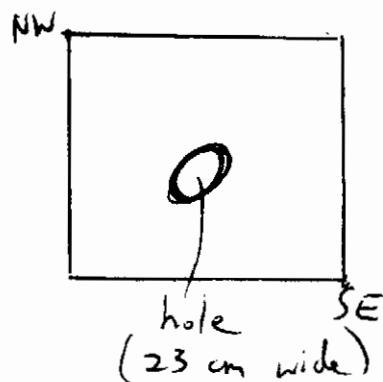
Finds: 40 chert, 3 red stones, 5 obsidian, 1 piece  
of bajareque.

03/11/16 done

NW: 79 NE: 80

SW: 78 SE: 79

Finds: 36 chert (3 large cores)  
190 ceramics, 10 obsidian (2 large)  
2 bajareque



03/15/16 done

NW: 60 NE: 59

SW: 58 SE: 60

Finds: Very large chert core 8 x 6 x 6 cm

18 chert

3 red stone flakes

2 obsidian

1 small very shiny pebble (white)  
(def. retouched)

5 ceramics

20 March 2006

2006-24-57

03/17/02 done

NW: 23 NE: 21

SW: 23 SE: 20

Finds: 13 chert, 3 obsidian, 1 ceramic

03/16/05 done

NW: 60 NE: 57

SW: 60 SE: 60

Finds: 42 chert, 1 obsidian

9 various rocks (white, reddish?)

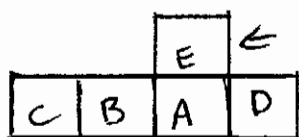
13 ceramics

Soil - 10 yr 5/4 dark yellowish brown  
clayey sand

03/15 → EU D There are no rocks in this area, only in EU A+B. Although this unit differs to other units in terms of amount of artifacts. More ceramics + stone tools than other units.

The rocks seem to have fallen off from the modern structure. But these rocks are quite below the surface and therefore this part of the structure would be overburden (in large amounts?). I'm unsure of this, but at the same time there seems to be some definite disturbance on this side of the structure.

would like to open a unit south of A.



20 March 2006

2006-24-58

03/15/17 done

NW: 70 NE: 68

SW: 71 SE: 68

Finds: 9 chert

2 obsidian, 15 ceramic

Will open E1 E tomorrow, have asked the workers to clear the area.

21 March 2006

2006-24-59

I am excited to be out this morning, before the end of the day yesterday we found a large piece of ceramic in 03/11/17 - it looked large, but also deep into the western wall.

It's a cloudless day, and I have the feeling that it's going to get hotter every day from now on. Summer is here!

I set up 03/18 which is on str. 07 on the western side of it, supposedly between the 2 possible structures or perhaps its a terrace? Also set up EU E for 03/15. Im now waiting for the barbed wire and nails from Jorge.

03/17/03 done 20-30 bgs

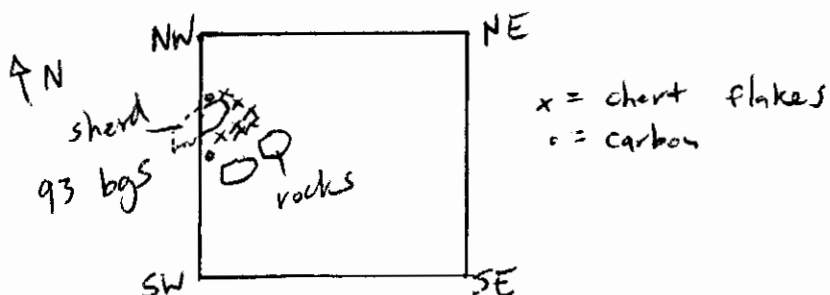
NW: 34 NE: 31

SW: 32 SE: 32

Finds: 7 chert, 5 obsidian flakes

Going down another 10

03/11/17 - Ceramic piece is larger than expected. While digging around it have found a large concentration of small chert flakes, as well as some carbon



21 March 2006

2006-24-60

03/15/18 EU E

Initial elevations

NW: 38

NE: 35

SW: 8

SE: 0

pre-excavation photo  
datum: SE corner

03/17/06 done 30-40 bgs

NW: 40

NE: 40

SW: 40

SE: 42

Finds: 7 chert

3 obsidian

3 pink/red rocks

1 bajareque

1 mano/metate stone piece (flat on one side)

Going down another 10 cm

03/16/06 done (60-70

NW: 80

NE: 75

SW: 72

SE: 73

+ carbon

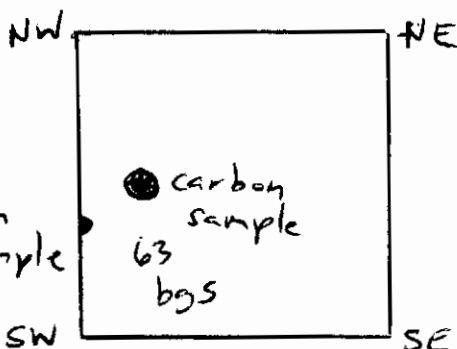
Finds: 48 chert, 2 ceramic sample

Note: The workers went a little SW

deep in this lot in some

places.

Next lot 70-80 bgs.



03/15/18 done EU E

NW: 38

NE: 35

SW: 23

SE: 20

Soil colour: 10 YR 4/4  
type:

dark  
yellowish  
brown

Finds: 13 v. small pieces of chert

3 obsidian flakes

0-20 bgs

21 March 2006

2006-24-61

Marcello + Ellen came out - they are excited about the number/type of sherds found in 03/11 (from the midden)

They suggested I open a unit west of B in order to remove the 2 large sherds which are presently in the wall. Also there may be loads more material in there.

03/11/17 done

60-90 cm

This was a really interesting lot!

NW: 93

NE: 92

SW: 90

SE: 90

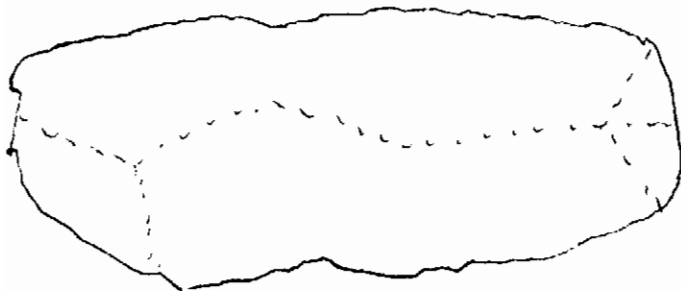
Finds: 1 mano + metate stone 10x10x4

with evidence of carbon on one side (the bottom side of the stone) Took a carbon sample. (~~158~~ cm bags)

153 ceramics (including 1 large rim, 1 handle) and 1 rim w/ red paste

66 chert (incl. a large tool 9x4x2 cm)

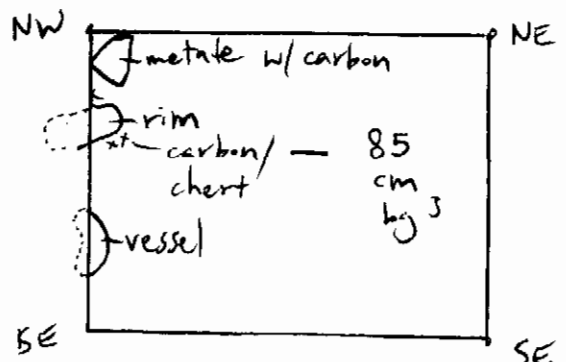
7 obsidian 1x1



profile

chert tool

BAS 60-90



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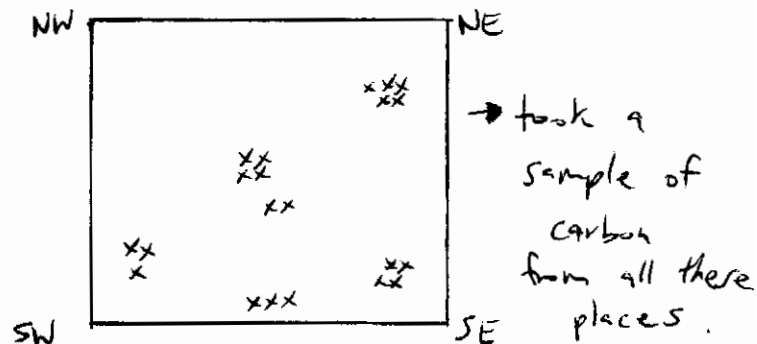
03/16/07 done

NW: 80 NE: 78

SW: 80 SE: 80

Finds: 21 chert  
1 obsidian  
4 ceramic  
carbon sample

Note lots of carbon from the bottom of this lot.



03/15/19 EU E

NW: ~~32~~ 38 NE: ~~38~~ 35

SW: 33 SE: 33

20-30 cm

Finds: 13 chert (1 large core)  
3 obsidian  
7 ceramics  
3 red stones

03/17/05 done

NW: 52 NE: 51

SW: 51 SE: 53

Finds: 7 ceramics  
10 chert

22 March 2006

2006-24-63

Wednesday already! I feel like time is flying, and there are so many things to be done. I would like to open more units, but I don't think I'll be able to. Since I have a midden, like Marcello said, have to "suck it dry", as it's not everyday we find one. 😊

This morning I am continuing with

03/11/18	
03/16/08	
03/17/06	
03/15/20	is done

03/15/20 EU E done

30-40 cm

NW: 40

NE: 37

SW: 40

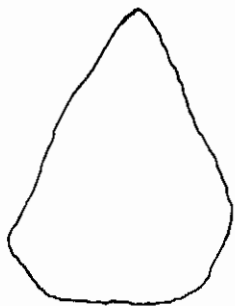
SE: 40

no visible soil change

Finds: 5 ceramics

2 chert

1 lithic tool? not sure of the material, but looks like a possible arrowhead from its shape.



1:2

going down 10 cm

\* Found a mano + metate stone near str. 08 on the surface (south side). Have to ask M + E what to do with it.



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2006-24-64

03/17/06 done

NW: 62                      NE: 60  
SW: 60                      SE: 60

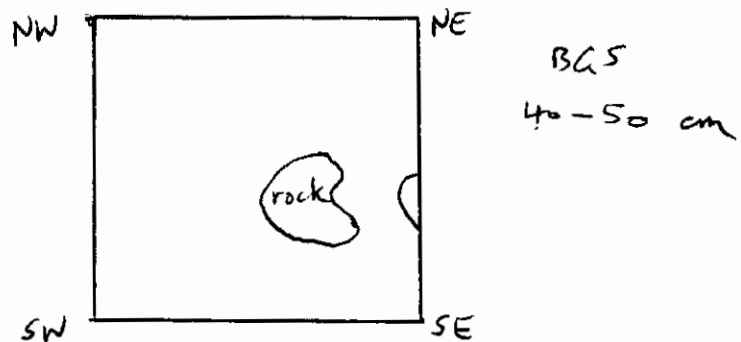
Finds: 13 chert  
2 ceramics

Possible grinding stone (smooth surface on one side)

03/15/21 done EU E

NW: 49                      NE: 49  
SW: 56                      SE: 49

Finds: 10 ceramic  
2 chert  
1 obsidian  
4 white/pink stones



03/11/18 EU B

BAS: 90-100 cm

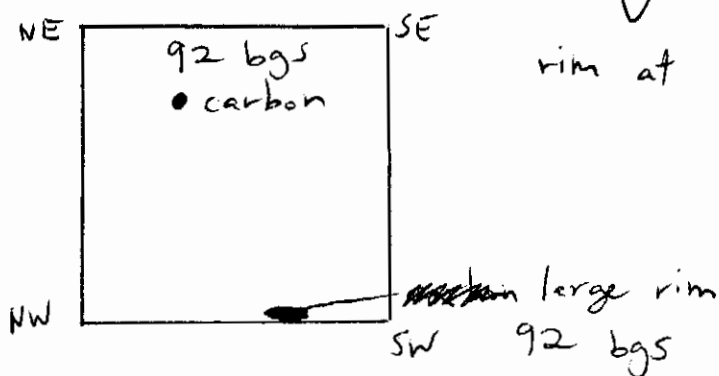
NW: 102                      NE: 100  
SW: 102                      SE: 101

Finds: 111 ceramics (incl. large rim from west wall which came out (cracked in 2 overnight b/c of moisture))  
100 chert

1 chert core (7 x 5 x 4 cm)

5 obsidian flakes

carbon sample



↓  
rim at 92 BAS

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2006-24-65

03/16/08

80-90 cm

NW: 87

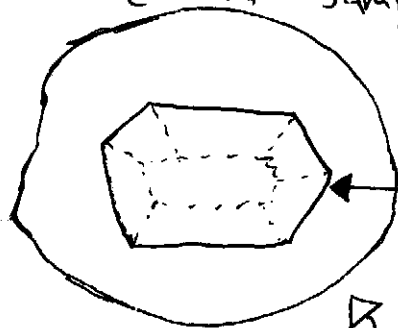
NE: 89

SW: 90

SE: 89

Finds: 8 ceramics

25 chert (small)  
carbon sample



roundish rock  
smooth bottom  
carved into it (straight lines)

1:1

5 cm long

4 cm thick

3 cm wide

1 rock/stone

There is a lot of carbon in

this lot - interesting! Will go down another 10 cm to see what's happening.

03/15/22 EU E

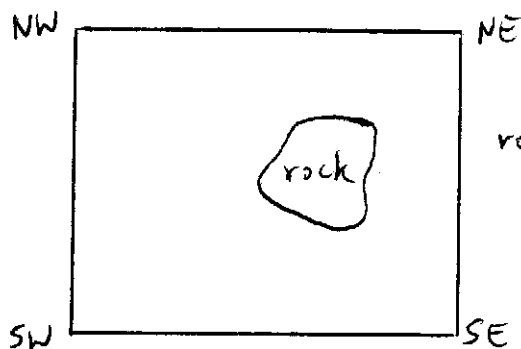
NW 59 NE 57

SW: 59 SE: 57

Finds: 11 ceramics

4 obsidian

4 chert



rock on 57 by 5 cm

Have decided to go down 20 cm in the next to reach the same level as EU A, where the rocks are on top of. Will remove the rock in EU E to do this.

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2006-24-66

03/17/07 done 60-70 BAS

NW: 73 NE: 72

SW: 71 SE: 73

Finds: 2 Ceramics  
1 large chert piece

15 chert

1 obsidian

2 rocks (1 yellow, 1 white [small])

03/17/08

NW: 80 NE: 80

SW: 80 SE: 80

Finds: 5 chert  
2 obsidian

soil:

silt

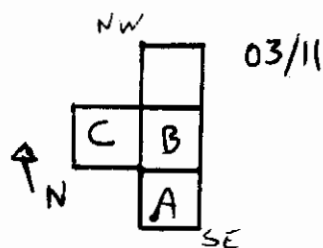
10 YR 4/4

23 March 2006

2006-24-67

Yesterday was Robert's birthday, we went out to the Rancher for drinks - don't think he'll get up this morning! I'm already starting to feel the heat by 8:00 am, not a good sign.  
I have now 4 markers on 03/11, as have just started EU C.

03/11 EUC is to the west of EU B:



First lot is 03/11/21

1 pre-excauation photo taken

initial elev: NW: 11      NE: 0  
datum: NE                  SW: 34      SE: 34

03/11/19 done EU B      100-120 cm by 5

NW 120      ME 123

SW: 122      SE: 124

Finds: 64 ceramics incl. a base/ 25 - looks like a button mustman  
1 piece of bijouregue  
36 chert pieces  
1 obsidian flake

This lot has considerably less artifacts - the same pattern occurred in EU A.

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03/15/23 EU E 60-80 bgs

NW 80 NE 70

SW 75 SE 77

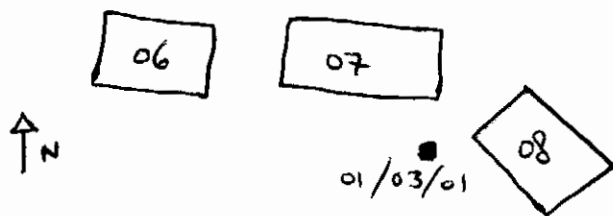
Finds: 38 ceramics

16 chert, 4 obsidian

Although this area + lot have revealed some artifacts, for now I will stop this sublot. I have moved 2 markers to 03/11 to help me with the midden. 03/15 has revealed some rocks, but no pattern, and some modern material too.

The mano + metal piece will have a surface collection number - 01/03/01  
site lot 01

Found it 3 m east of the NE corner of str. 08.



03/16/09 done 90-100 cm

NW 102 NE 99

SW 102 SE 101

Finds: 80 ceramics

21 chert, 2 obsidian

carbon samples taken X3

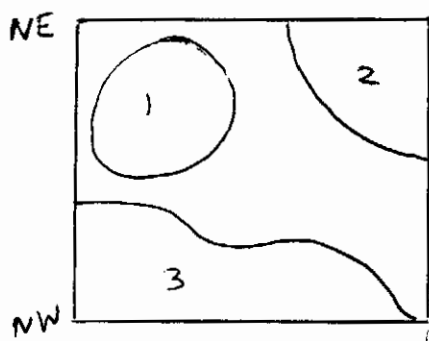
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03/16/09 (cont)

Carbon taken from 3 areas.



SE These areas had larger concentrations of carbon (although most of this lot contained carbon)

SW Sample 2 is also associated with a lot of the ceramics from this lot.

The possible posthole in this area (2) was not one. Not sure why there is so much carbon in this layer.

03/11/21 EU C

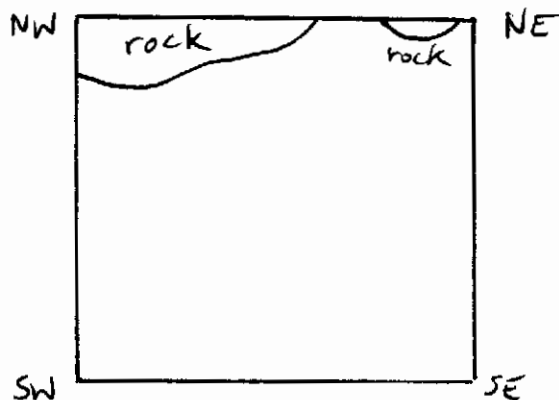
0-30 cm bgs

NW: 30 NE: 30

SW: ~~37~~ 34 SE: 30

Finds: 2 modern tile pieces  
 2 ceramics  
 6 chert  
 5 obsidian flakes

Going down



03/17/09

80-90 bgs

NW: 90 NE: 90

SW: 89 SE: 94

Finds: 2 pieces of chert

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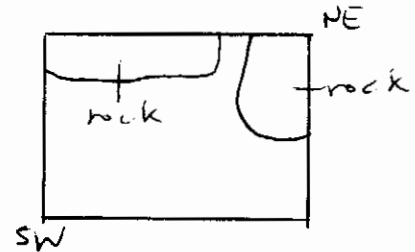
~~03/11/20~~ EU C done

~~NW:~~ NE

~~SW:~~ SE

~~Finds: 5 ceramics  
chert~~

~~This is the last lot  
in this EU.~~



03/11/20 EU C

NW: 44 NE: 43

SW: 41 SE: 44

Finds: 14 ceramics, 3 obsidian, 20 chert (inc. 1 large core)

30-40 cm

Another rock has appeared,  
and can be removed.

1 photo of this lot.

03/11/20 EU B

NW: 144 NE: 145

SW: 148 SE: 145

Finds 5 ceramics  
15 chert

This is the last lot in  
this EU.

Photo of north face of EU  
B. 120-150 bgs

Diagram of soil stratigraphy: next page

03/16/10 EU A

100-110 cm

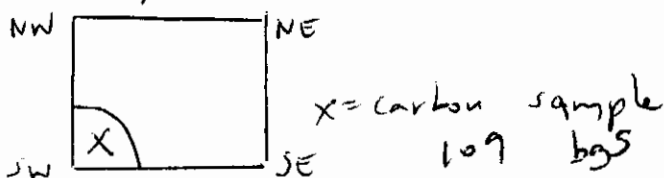
NW: 110 NE: 109

SW: 109 SE: 109

Finds: 2 chert, 1 obsidian, 9 ceramics, carbon

Soil: There is still a lot of carbon in this layer.

Carbon sample from the SW corner of the lot.



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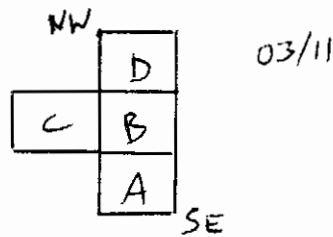
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03/11 EU D

Initial elevations

NW: 0                      NE: 0  
SW: 28                     SE: 30  
First lot - 25

( pre-excitation photo datum NE



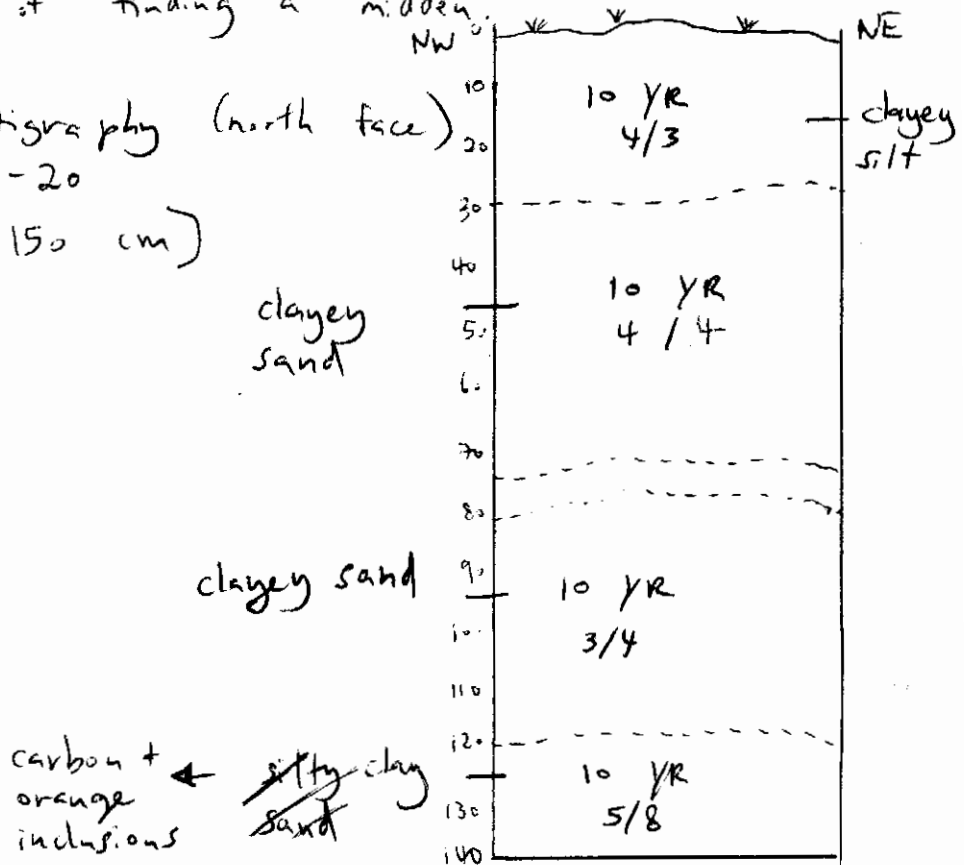
03/17/10      EU A      90-100 cm

NW: 100                  NE: 99  
SW: 100                  SE: 100

Finds: 1 piece of chert (has shiny areas + is pink + gray) (flake)

Soil - we have reached the layer of yellow clay with carbon specks in it. I am going to go down a little further, although this unit does not seem promising in terms of finding a midden!

03/11/20 - soil stratigraphy (north face)  
EU B      lots 12-20  
(0-150 cm)





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03/17/11

100-110 cm bgs

NW: 109

NE: 110

SW: 110

SE: 112

Finds: none

The finds have been fewer + fewer. I think I will stop here - and have the guys move to another sublop. I have a similar stratigraphy as 03/12, 03/13 and 03/16 here in this sublop., ~~and it seems that after the~~

03/11/23

EU C

40-70 cm

NW: 66

NE: 66

SW: 69

SE: 70

Finds: 60 ceramics

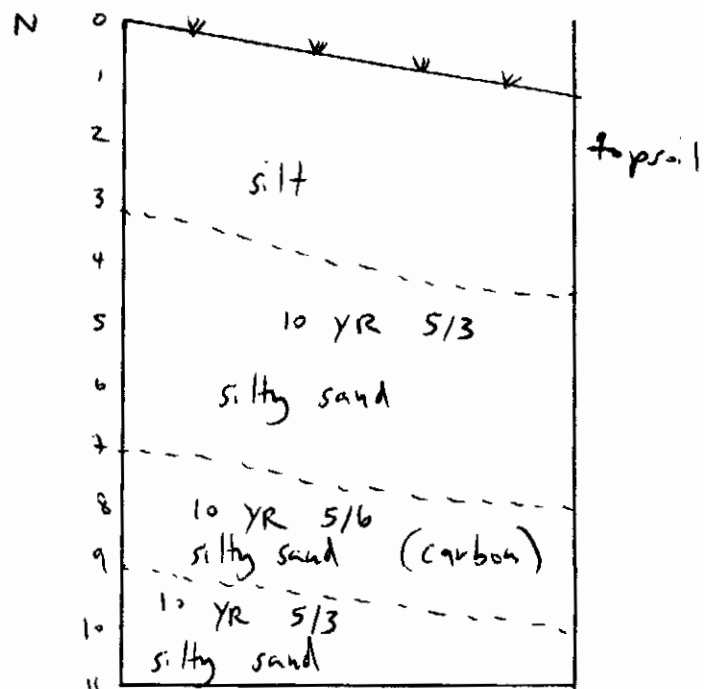
17 chert

15 obsidian (incl. 1 blade)

03/17

wall

0-110 bgs



24 March 2006

2006-24-73

It's 8:00 am and finally the rain has stopped. Since 7:00 it poured, and we thought it would never stop! But it's looking good now. The units are not too wet, if anything it makes the digging a little easier. My foot kind of hurts so I'm going to take it easy today, and hopefully it will get better soon.

I am continuing with 03/11/24

03/16/11

and finishing off

03/11/25

Yesterday M + E worked on our elevations, now we have some stations on str. 01. Today they should be coming out to get all our elevations. This would be great as we can finally do some data entry.

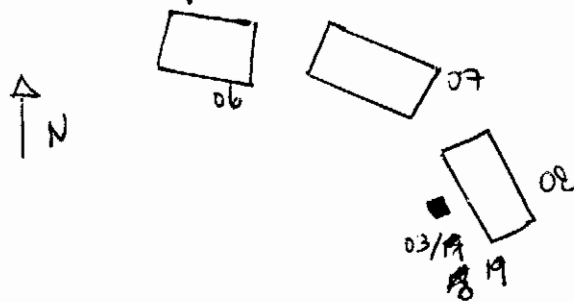
I have 2 workers building a fence, I want to start my stablep 03/19 - behind / in front str. 08.

When 03/16/ is done today, I will move them to 03/18 which is on 07.

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03/19 <sup>18</sup> new sub/op on str. 08



initial elevations

NW: 15      NE: 5

SW: 16      SE: 0

Going down to 20 cm bgs.

datum: SE

1 pre-excavation photo

03/11/25 EU D done

bgs: 0-55 cm

NW: 56      NE: 55

SW: ~~55~~ 55      SE: 55

Finds: 132 ceramics (incl. 2 bases/feet)

27 chert (incl. 1 large piece)

9 obsidian

Have set up the plastic over the units - the rain came back, and now that they are up, it has stopped once more - go figure! ☺

By 11:00 am we left the site - as it was raining too much.

03/16/11 finished

NW 120      NE 120

SW 120      SE 120

Finds: none

This is the last lot in this sub/op

2 photos - north + east walls of EU.

27 March 2006

2006-24-75

The weekend came and went, I was hoping that the sun would come out, but its still cloudy, and the soil very wet + muddy from the rainy weekend. On Friday afternoon, Marcella, Ellea, Patrick + I came out and took some points. I now have the elevations of my sub/ops 11 + 16. Maybe this afternoon they will come out to do the rest.

I am continuing with

03/11/26	EU D
03/11/24	EU C

and starting

03/18/02	
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03/18/01 done.      0-20 cm bgs

NW 18	NE 20
SW 19	SE 20

finds: none  
going down 10 cm.

03/18 new sub/op.      on str. 07  
initial elevations

NW: 12	NE: 0	datum: NE
SW: 16	SE: 12	1 pre-excavation photo

This sub/op is a 1x1 m test pit ~~on~~ to the ~~south~~ east of the building. It is meant to understand the phases (soil) as well as + see whether there were 2 buildings or just one with a possible terrace.

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03/18/01 done

NW 12 NE 11

SW 16 SE: 12

Soil: topsoil / humus  
colour: 10 YR 5/4  
0-10 bgs

Finds: none

Going down another 10 cm

03/19/02 done

NW: 29 NE: 31

SW: 29 SE: 31

Finds: 13 chert, 2 obsidian flakes,  
10 coloured stones (white, pink)

03/18/02 done

NW: 22 NE: 22

SW: 21 SE: 22

10-20 bgs

Finds: 14 chert  
3 obsidian flakes  
1 ceramic (very small)

Going down another 10 cm

03/11/26 EU D

NW: 80 NE: 80

SW: 82 SE: 82

Finds: 8 chert  
2 obsidian

122 ceramics (incl. 1 spout? (maybe a handle)  
1 base / foot  
1 sherd with decoration

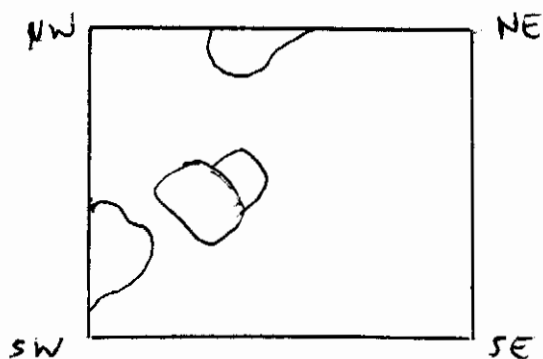
3 bajareque

BCS 55-80 cm  
Some rocks have  
appeared in this lot.  
Have taken a photo.



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03/11/26 (cont)

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55-80 cm lgs

next lot 03/11/27

03/11/24 EU C

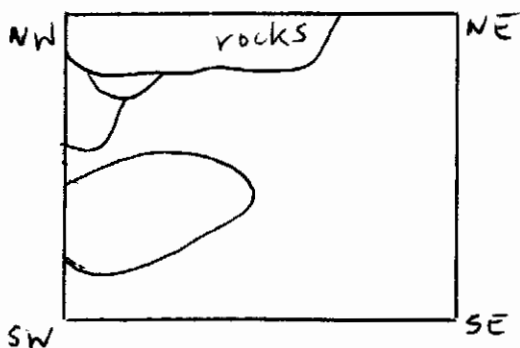
NW: 98 NE: 98

SW: 100 SE: 96

Finds: ~~185~~ chert

13 obsidian flakes

182 ceramics (incl. 1 base/foot + 1 large rim 12x5 cm)



70-100 cm lgs

next lot 03/11/28

03/19/03

NW: 40 NE: 40

SW: 40 SE: 42

Finds: 17 chert

1 obsidian

Going down another 10cm

no soil change

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03/18/03 done

NW: 31 NE: 31

SW: 30 SE: 30

no soil change

Findr: 8 chert

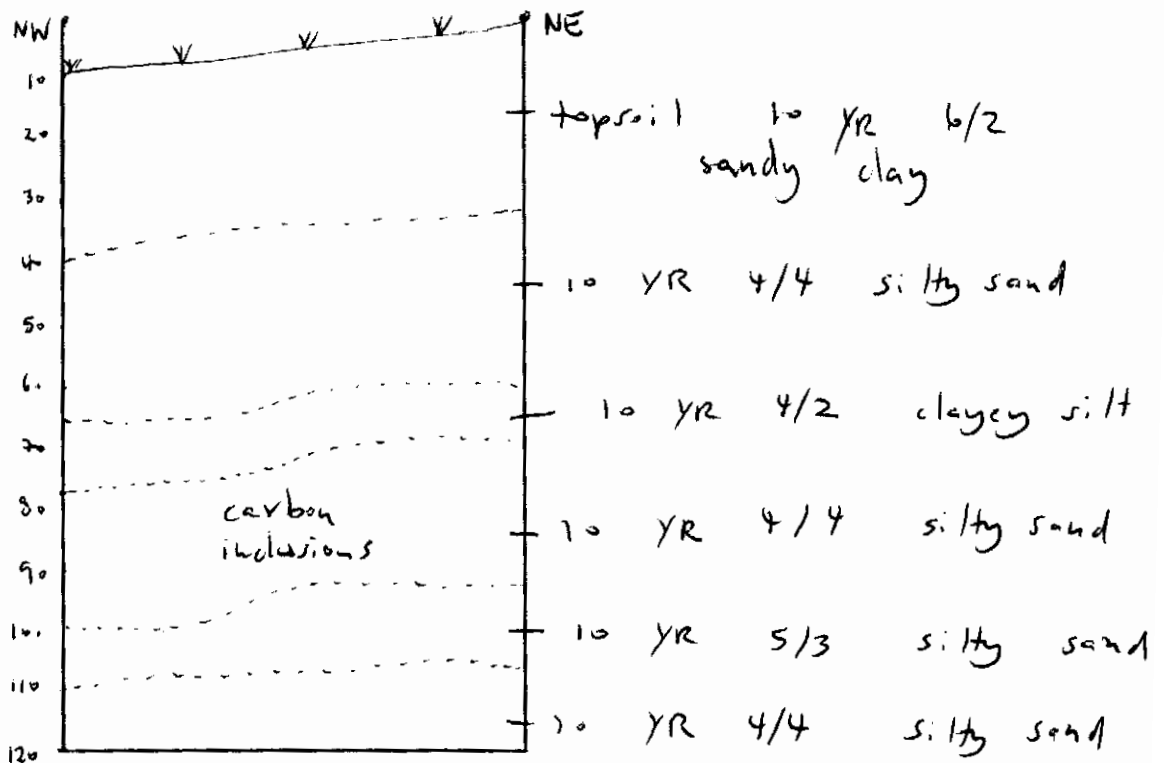
3 obs

11 ceramics

03/16

north wall

0-120 bgs



28 March 2006

2006-24-79

Tuesday morning - the weather seems to have improved, the rain has gone, and hopefully the sun will show itself more today. Rocky had to go home yesterday - im sad, <sup>and</sup> ~~but~~ i hope she comes back. This morning I have already finished 03/11/27 + 28 as well as 03/19/04. The midden (03/11) is yielding a lot of ceramics, and Carrandra said that she is finding the material quite different to Las Orquideas, another Pre-classic site.

03/19/04 40 - 50 cm

NW: 50 NE: 48  
SW: 52 SE: 54

Finds: 6 ceramics (incl. 1 large piece)  
14 chert, 3 obsidian

03/11/27 EU D

NW: 103 NE: 100  
SW: 102 SE: 102

BCS: 80-100 cm

next lot 03/11/29

Finds: 185 ceramics (incl. 1 base + large rim)  
22 chert  
5 obsidian

03/11/28 EU C

NW: 111 NE: 110  
SW: 112 SE: 111

100 - 110 cm

next lot 03/11/30

Finds: 65 ceramics  
39 chert, 1 obsidian, 1 white stone (quartz? - sharp edges)  
No more rocks have appeared.



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03/18/04

NW: 38

NE: 42

no soil change

SW: 40

SE: 41

bgs: 30-40 cm

Finds: 9 chert (incl. 1 large flake)  
4 obsidian (1 looks like a broken blade)  
6 ceramics

03/19/05

50-60 cm

NW: 58

NE: 59

SW: 64

SE: 64

Finds: 12 chert  
2 ceramics

03/19/06

bgs: 60-70 cm

NW: 70

NE: 76

SW: 70

SE: 74

Finds: 1 piece of chert

03/18/05

bgs: 40-50 cm

NW: 52

NE: 51

SW: 52

SE: 54

Finds: 5 ceramic  
3 chert  
1 obsidian

03/11/29

EU C

[Final lot in this unit]

NW: 135

NE: 140

110-140 cm bgs

SW: 138

SE: 140

Finds: 22 chert, 3 obsidian  
3 white stones, 1 red stone (clear)

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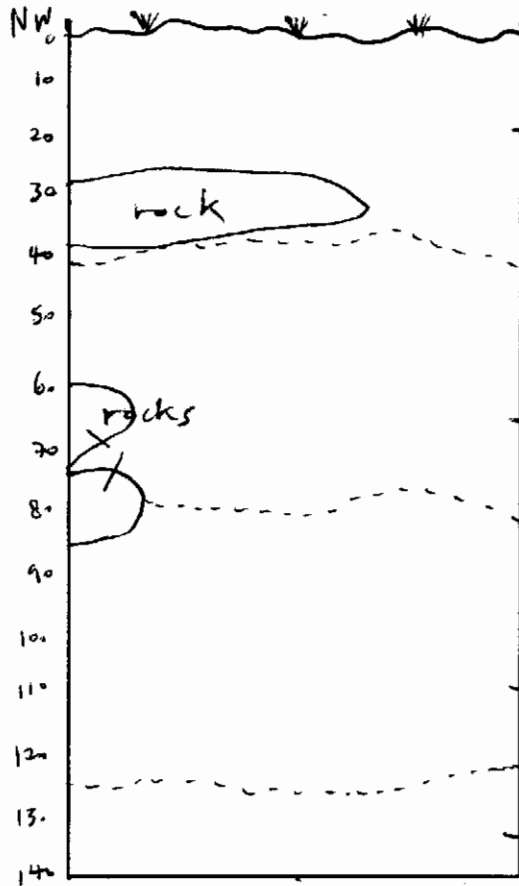
03/11/29 (cont)

55 ceramics (incl. 1 with red paste (fine))

1 mano + metate stone at 117 cmbgs (20x12x6 cm)

1 photo of north +  
1 photo of west  
faces.

03/11  
EU  
C  
Final  
North  
wall  
face



clayey silt  
10 YR 4/3 0-140 bgs.

clayey sand

10 YR 3/4

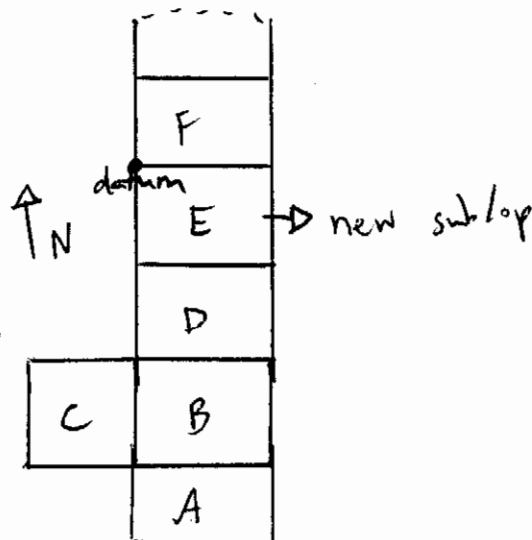
clayey sand  
with carbon + orange  
inclusions

10 YR 3/4

~~silty sand~~  
clay

10 YR 5/8

03/11/32 EU E (new unit)



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03/11/32 EU E

initial elevations

NW: 0                      NE: 3

SW: 26                     SE: 27

datum: NW

1 pre-excavation photo

03/19/07

NW: 80                      NE: 80

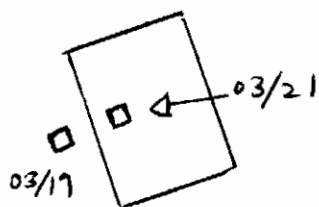
SW: 84                     SE: 84

Finds: 1 chert

Moving up (east) about 3m to a new sub/op (03/21). It will be more on the building itself, & hopefully it will prove <sup>more</sup> fruitful.

70-80 cm bgs

New sub/op 03/21 on str. 08



1x1m unit

initial elevations

NW: 21                      NE: 0

SW: 25                     SE: 10

datum: NE

03/18/06

NW: 60                      NE: 60

SW: 60                     SE: 60

Finds: 1 ceramic  
1 obsidian

→ Soil change: going into a lighter soil with orange inclusions and carbon. Starts at 54 cm bgs.

29 March 2006

2006-24-83

I cannot believe that I have few days left in the field-time is truly flying! I think that I might be able to open one more sub/lop on str. 07, as I don't want to leave anything unfinished.

It's a cloudy day, and slightly cooler than previous days.

As I write this the workers have found a ceramic figurine in 03/11 EU D!! It's probably a baby, unfortunately the head is missing, as well as one ear foot + arms. This is very exciting for me!

03/11/32 EU E 0-20 cm bgs  
NW: 19 NE: 18 topsoil - humus  
SW: 28 SE: 27

Finds: 6 obsidian, 3 chert, 3 ceramics  
3 modern tiles, 1 piece of glass, 2 nails, 1 piece of plastic + 1 bullet! (unused) next lot 03/11/33  
Also 6 small teeth, prob rodent.

03/21/01 EU A topsoil - humus  
NW: 21 NE: 20 0-20 cm bgs  
SW: 25 SE: 20

Finds: 6 chert, 1 obsidian, 1 ceramic, 2 red stones  
incl. 1 large core

29 March 2006

2006-24-84

03/21/02

NW: 30      NE: 30  
SW: 33      SE: 29

Finds: 6 chert, 1 obsidian

bgs: 20-30 cm  
no soil change

03/18/07

NW: 73      NE: 71  
SW: 73      SE: 71

Finds: 3 ceramics

60-70 cm

03/11/30

EU D

NW: 144      NE: 144  
SW: 147      SE: 150

Finds: 30 chert

bgs: 100-150 cm

1 photo of figurine

202 ceramics  
incl. figurine - sitting  
+ handle  
10 obsidian (incl. end of blade)



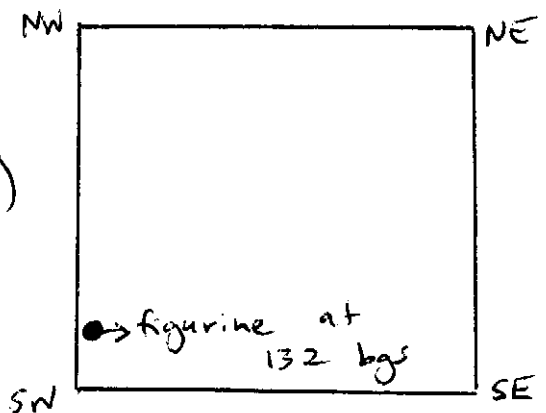
front view



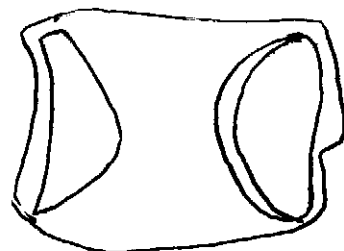
side view

4 cm long  
2 1/2 cm wide

orange/red paste  
black inside  
2 cm thick



5 cm long  
4 1/2 wide  
frnt



side view 3.5 cm thick

29 March 2006

2006-24-85

03/21/03

NW 43

NE: 40

SW: 40

SE: 40

soil:

10 YR 4/4

30-40 bgs

silty clay

Finds: 1 ceramic

25 chert, 5 obsidian

03/11/32

EU E

NW: 48

NE: 50

SW: 50

SE: 50

Finds: 60 ceramics

26 chert, 12 obsidian flakes

2 modern tiles, 2 pieces of glass

next lot 03/11/34

no soil change

10 YR 3/4

clayey silt

03/18/08

NW: 78

NE: 82

SW: 82

SE: 81

Finds: 6 ceramics

1 chert

70-80 cm

soil still yellow

with orange inclusions + carbon

03/11/31 EU D

NW: 168

NE: 168

SW: 173

SE: 172

Finds: 8 ceramics

4 chert

Final lot in EU

bgs: 150-170 cm

As usual, there are considerably less ceramics as we hit this final layer in the EU.

Will open EU F next, above E.

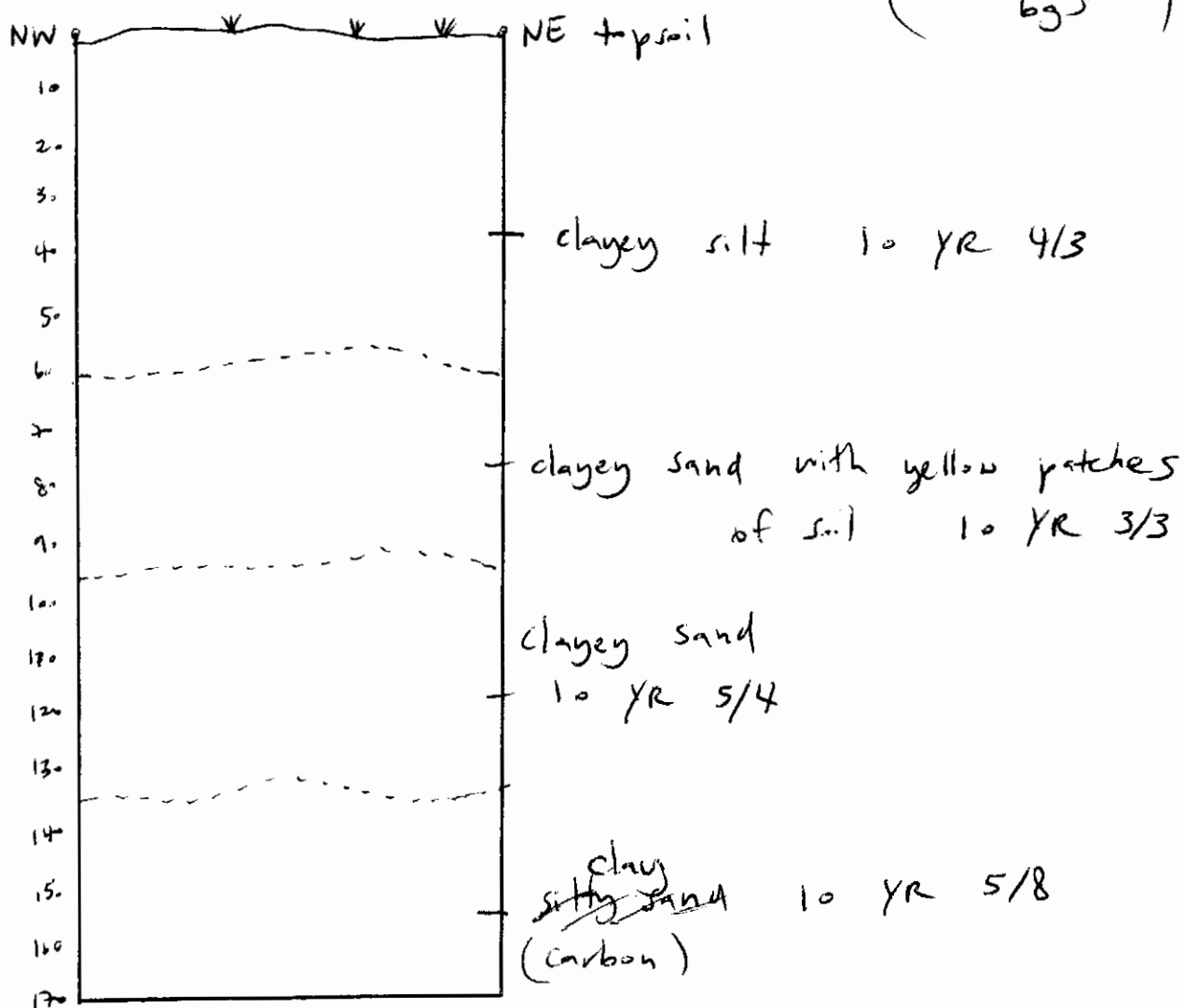
- photos of west, east + north walls

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EU D North wall

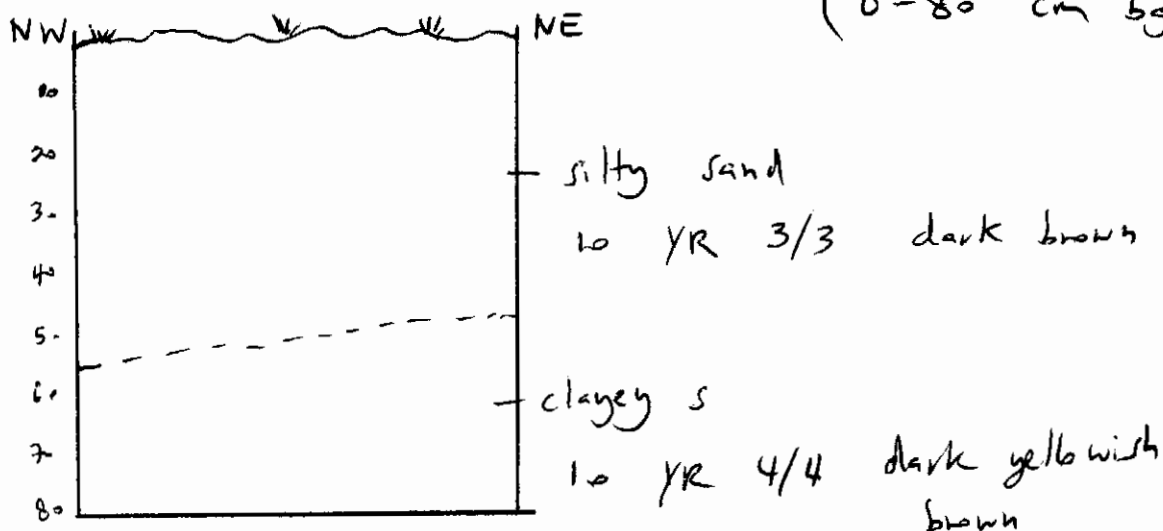
(0-170 cm  
bgs)



03/19

North Face

(0-80 cm bgs)



29 March 2006

2006-24-87

03/21/04

NW: 51            NE: 50

SW: 52            SE: 53

Finds: 5 ceramic

19 chert, 6 obsidian

BWS 40-50 cm

no soil change

03/11    EU    F    initial    lot

NW: 0            NE: 2

SW: 27            SE: 28

pre-excavation photo

03/11/35

datum: NW

[Jose + Miguel]



30 March 2006

2006-24-88

Another rainy day in Honduras! It's not too bad at the moment, just drizzling. Someone came to the site yesterday and did some "work" in 03/18 + 03/21, but didn't do much damage - the worse they did was steal the string! ☺

I am continuing with

03/11/34	EU E
03/11/35	EU F
03/18/09	
03/21/05	

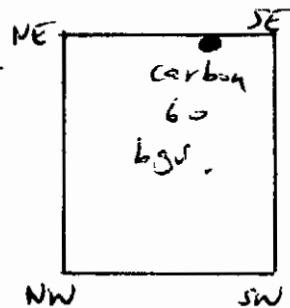
Last night worked on some elevations, and tonight will do some more to get up to date with them.

03/21/05

NW: 59      NE: 61  
SW: 60      SE: 63

Finds: 16 chert, 2 obsidian, 1 ceramic rim  
carbon sample at 60 bgs.

50-60 cm bgs  
no soil change



03/18/09

NW: 90      NE: 93  
SW: 91      SE: 92

Finds: 3 ceramics

80-90 cm bgs  
no soil change

03/11/35      EU F

NW: 30      NE: 30  
SW: 31      SE: 30

Finds: 6 tiles, metal tube, & snails  
5 ceramics, 5 chert, 2 obsidian

next lot 03/11/36  
0-30 cm bgs

30 March 2006

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03/21/06

NW: ~~69~~ 71 NE: 70

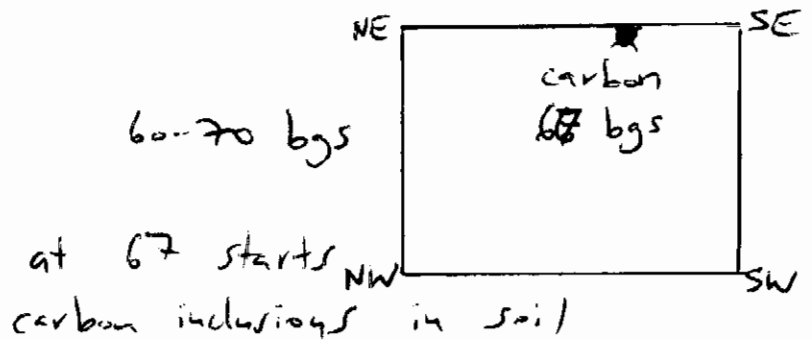
SW: 73 SE: 71

Finds: Carbon sample

8 chert

4 obsidian

2 ceramics



03/11/34      EA E

NW 75              NE: 80

SW 76              SE: 80

Finds: 156 ceramics

30 chert, 9 obsidian

Various rocks with diff colours (veins, white, yellow, pink + blue)

Have reached the yellowish layer.

50-80 cm bgs

next lot 03/11/37

The sun has finally come out! Hope it lasts. Cassandra yesterday named a couple of ceramics after people - she named one Cagnato Red! That is so cool isn't it?

03/18/10

NW: 106

NE: 104

SW: 108

SE: 105

Finds: none

note:

→ 90-110 cm bgs

no soil change

30 March 2006

2006-24-90

03/21/07

NW: 78 NE: 80

SW: 82 SE: 80

Finds: 9 chert (incl. 1 large core), 2 obsidian flakes  
6 ceramics (incl. a base) [Good sign that we are  
getting more ceramics]

03/11/36 EU F

NW: 60 NE: 62

SW: 60 SE: 63

bgs 30-60 cm

Finds: 2 large chert cores, 6 chert pieces  
29 obsidian, 11 ceramics

\* next lot 03/11/38 EU F

At around 50 bgs the  
soil changes, become  
lighter with orange  
inclusions.

03/21/08

NW: 89 NE: 88

SW: 87 SE: 87

Finds: 9 ceramics

1 bajareque

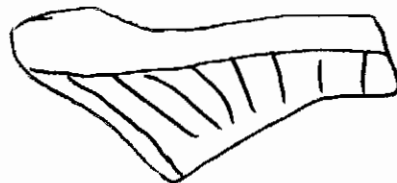
6 chert

3 obsidian

bgs: 80-90 cm

n. soil change

(incl. a rim with decorations



9 x 5 x 1  
cm

31 March 2006

2006-24-91

It's Friday and tomorrow we are going to Copan to see the ruins and also to spend the night!

Today some of the author's people, as well as Tom and Cassandra are coming out to the site.

I am continuing with 03/11/37 EU E

03/11/38 EU F

and

03/18/11

03/21/09

03/21/09

90-100 cm

NW: 99

NE: 98

SW: 100

SE: 99

Finds: 5 chert, 2 obsidian, 8 ceramics, 1 bajareque

03/18/11

bags: 110-120 cm

NW: 119

NE: 120

SW: 117

SE: 117

Finds: none

03/11/38 EU F

Bags: 60-110 cm

NW 102 NE 107

next lot 03/11/39

SW 108 SE 104

Finds: 45 ceramics

10 chert, 9 obsidian

31 March 2006

2006-24-92

03/21/10

NW: 108

NE: 108

bgs 100 - 110 cm

SW: 112

SE: 111

Finds: 32 ceramics (incl. 2 large vials)

1 chert, 1 obsidian, 4 bijouregne

1 piece of tuba - ?

03/21/11

NW: 120

NE: 115

bgs: 110 - 120 cm

SW: 120

SE: 117

Soil:

Finds: 1 very large chert core

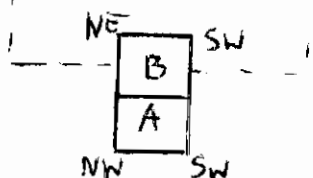
[photos of north + east faces]

4 ceramics

03/21 EU B

lot 12

str. 08



next unit move to the east of A. This hopefully will reveal more material, as A did have some large pieces, and a lot of lithics. This unit is further up the structure (08) and maybe will have more material, as well as showing the architecture.

(1 pre-excavation photo)

initial elevations

NW: 20

NE: 9

datum: SE

SW: 29

SE: 0

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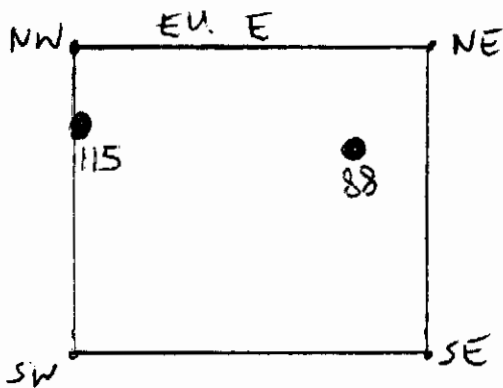
03/11/37 EU E

bgs: 80-120 cm

NW: 119 NE: 119

SW: 116 SE: 116

Buds: 274 ceramic (incl. a small foot of figurine)  
 4 bajareque 3.5 cm long  
 66 chert  
 23 obsidian (incl. 1 prismatic blade)  
 carbon sampler x2

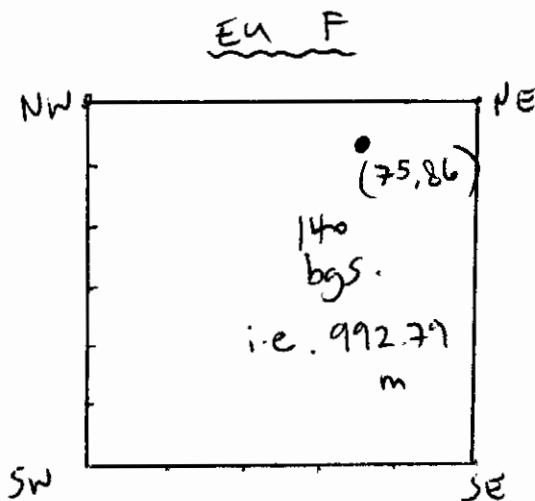


bgs 115

bgs 88

X X X

Have found a whole vessel in EU F (03/11/39)  
 140 bgs



Have taken multiple photos of the excavation + removal of this vessel.

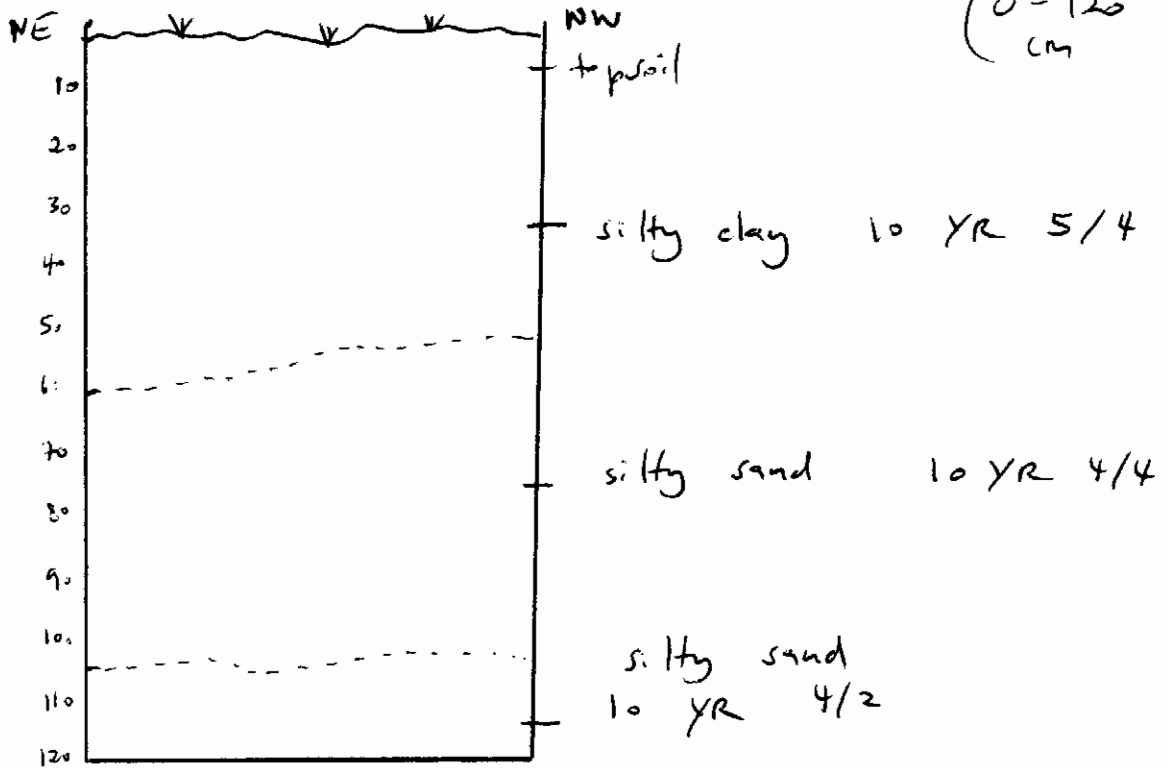
Carbon samples found around vessel were collected, as well as those inside it. Also soil inside vessel saved for flotation.

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2006-24-94

03/21 EU A East face drawing.

(0-120 bgs)  
cm



3 April 2006

2006-24-95

It's a beautiful day, the start of another week - the last one in the field! I am very excited to continue working, finding the whole vessel was really great! I have therefore decided to move Jose + Isaac to 03/11 and concentrate my efforts in this area. Today I will open EU G on 03/11 and continue with 03/11/40 EU E  
03/11/39 EU F

As for 03/21/12, it's almost finished.

03/21/12 EU B initial lot

NW: 27

NE: 28

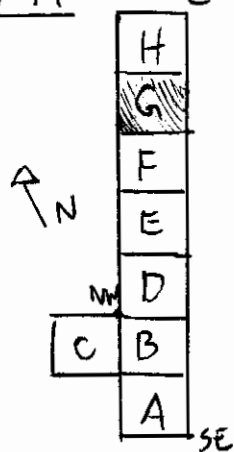
SW: 29

SE: 31

Finds: 4 ceramics, 4 chert

bgs: 0-30 cm  
topsoil, humus

03/11/41 EU G initial lot in EU



NW 0

NE: 3

SW: 30

SE: 33

datum: NW

pre-excavation photo



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03/21/13 EU B

bgs: 30-40 cm

NW: 39 NE: 40

SW: 40 SE: 41

Finds: 3 ceramics

1 obsidian flake, 14 chert, incl. 1 large core

(\*) Have found a head of a figurine (ceramic) seems complete. In 03/11/39 EU F at a depth of 122 bgs.

03/21/14 EU B

Bgs 40-50 cm

NW: 48 NE: 47

SW: 50 SE: 50

no soil change

Finds: 13 chert (incl. 1 large core)

4 ceramics, 2 obsidian

03/11/41 EU G

bgs 0-30 cm

NW: 28 NE: 27

SW: ~~27~~ 30 SE: 33

topsoil / humus

next lot 03/11/42

Finds: 1 ceramic, 4 chert (incl. 1 large core)

cat? mandible with teeth, snails, plastic, metal, battery

03/21/15 EU B

Bgs 50-60 cm

NW: 59 NE: 60

SW: 57 SE: 63

Finds: 8 ceramics (all thick + warse)

8 chert (incl. 1 large core)

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03/11/39 EU F

NW: 141 NE: 140

SW: 150 SE: 148

Finds: 263 ceramics

incl. 1 handle + 1 base

1 Figurine (ceramic head)

26 obsidian

16 chert

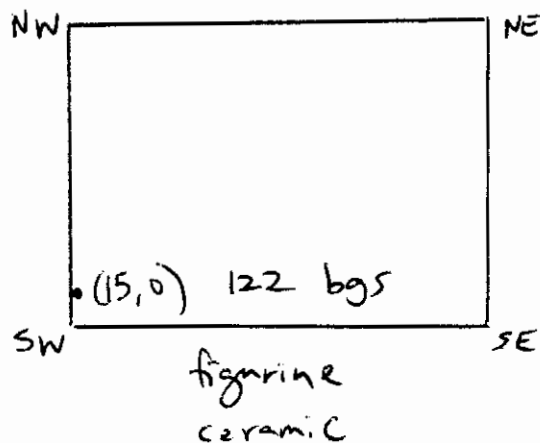
BGS: 110 - 150 cm

next lot 03/11/43

EU F

7 cm x 5.5 cm  
(3 cm thick)

EU F



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2006-24-98

03/21/16 EU B

NW 66 NE: 70

SW: 68 SE: 70

Bgs 60-70 cm  
no soil change

Finds: 2 chert, 1 obsidian, 5 ceramics

03/11/42 EU A

NW: 49 NE: 53

SW: 49 SE: 54

bgs: 30-50 cm

next lot 03/11/44

Finds: 5 chert, 24 obsidian flakes, 12 ceramics, 1 tile

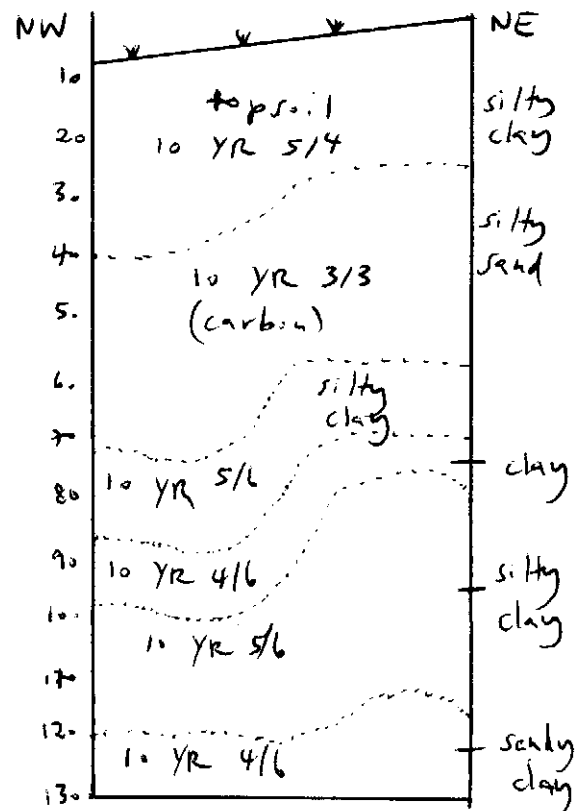
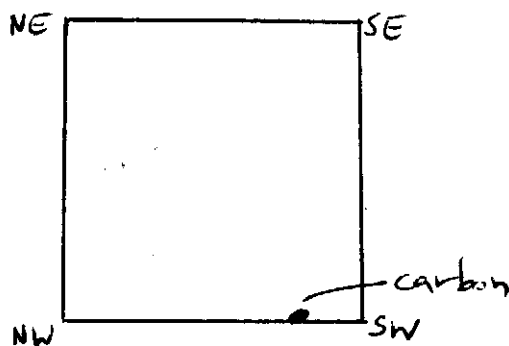
03/21/17 EU B

NW: 78 NE: 77

SW: 77 SE: 80

BGS: 70-80 cm

Finds: 13 ceramics, 4 chert, 1 obsidian  
Carbon at 80 cm bgs.



03/18/12

NW: 130 NE: 131

SW: 128 SE: 130

bgs

120-130

Finds: none

Final lot in sub/op.  
north face →

4 April 2006

2006-24-99

The sun is heating up already, and its only 7:30!  
Rocky came back last night, it was so nice to see her again, we definitely missed her.

This morning I am continuing with work in

EU E 03/11/40

EU F 03/11/43

EU G 03/11/44 and

03/21/18

Work on 03/11 is progressing well. I hope to open EU H today, as EU E is almost done. I have not gone completely down in EU E as I have hit the yellow clayey soil, which I believe is indicative of the earthen structure, that would explain why there is so little material in this layer. Therefore perhaps the trash was built on a terrace which became disused over time. EU H should also be useful to understand the stratigraphy of the actual mound better.

03/11/40 EU E

NW: 152

NE: 150

SW: 154

SE: 152

bgs: 120 - 150 cm

soil: clayey sand

Final lot in EU.

Finds: 268 ceramics

45 chert (incl. 5 large cores)

21 obsidian flakes (incl. blade)

bajareque

- soil sample taken for flotation at 148 bgs.  
(1 bag)

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03/21/18 EU B

bgs 80-90 cm

NW: 89 NE: 89  
SW: 88 SE: 90

Finds: 17 ceramics,  
7 obsidian flakes, 3 chert

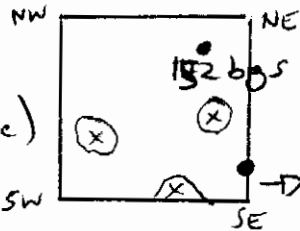
03/11/43 EU F

bgs: 150-170 cm

NW: 160 NE: 162  
SW: 164 SE: 168

soil: have hit the clayey  
yellow soil, with some

Finds: 97 ceramics (incl. large patches of loose gray  
handle, 3 rims)  $\leftarrow$   
12 chert (incl. 1  
large circular core)  
9 obsidian flakes



soil (sampler taken for  
flotation at 153 bgs)  
next lot 03/11/46  
Carbon sample at 161 cm  
+ 152  
Area in bgs.  
⊗ are those  
which have the  
different soils.

EU H 03/11/45

first lot

NW - datum

initial elevations:

NW: 993.70 NE: 993.68  
SW: 993.49 SE: 993.46

Because of this will  
go down another level  
to see if there is

03/11/44 EU G

NW: 80 NE: 83  
SW: 80 SE: 83

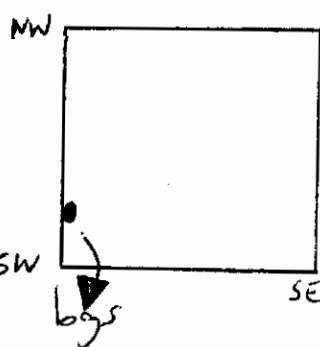
Finds: 6 obsidian flakes

10 chert, 23 ceramics

Carbon sample at 72 bgs

Bgs. 50 cm - 80 cm

next lot 03/11/47



NE material.  
next lot 03/11/46  
This should confirm  
the idea that the  
yellow soil is the  
earthen structure.

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03/11/45 EU H

NW: 18

NE: 20

SW: ~~19~~ 21

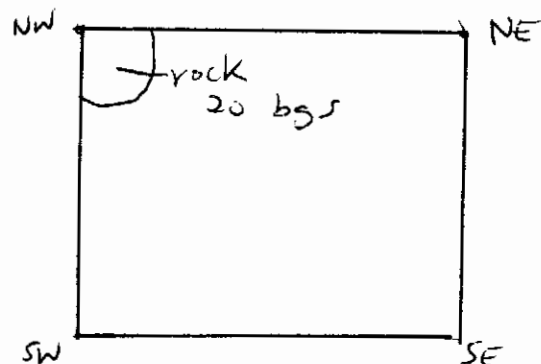
SE: ~~19~~ 24

Finds: Tiles, snails, plastic, metal nail, glass  
plastic syringe, bottle caps

1 obsidian, 6 chert

next lot 03/11/48

bgs 0-20 cm



03/11/46 EU F

NW: 175

NE: 175

SW: 180

SE: 180

Finds: 5 ceramics, 2 chert

bgs: 170-180

soil:

Final lot in this EU.

Patches of gray have disappeared. The

only ceramics found were found in these "pockets."

This confirms that there are no artifacts in this soil.

EU I - new unit 03/11/49

initial elevations datum = NW

NW: 0

NE: 2

SW: 8

SE: 14

03/21/19 EU B

NW: 122

NE: 126

SW: 123

SE: 128

Finds: 36 ceramics (nice ones)

6 chert (incl. 2 cores)

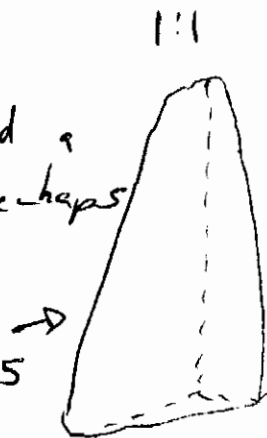
9 obsidian (incl. 2 cores + 1 point)

bgs: 90-130 cm

soil - have reached a more gray soil - perhaps

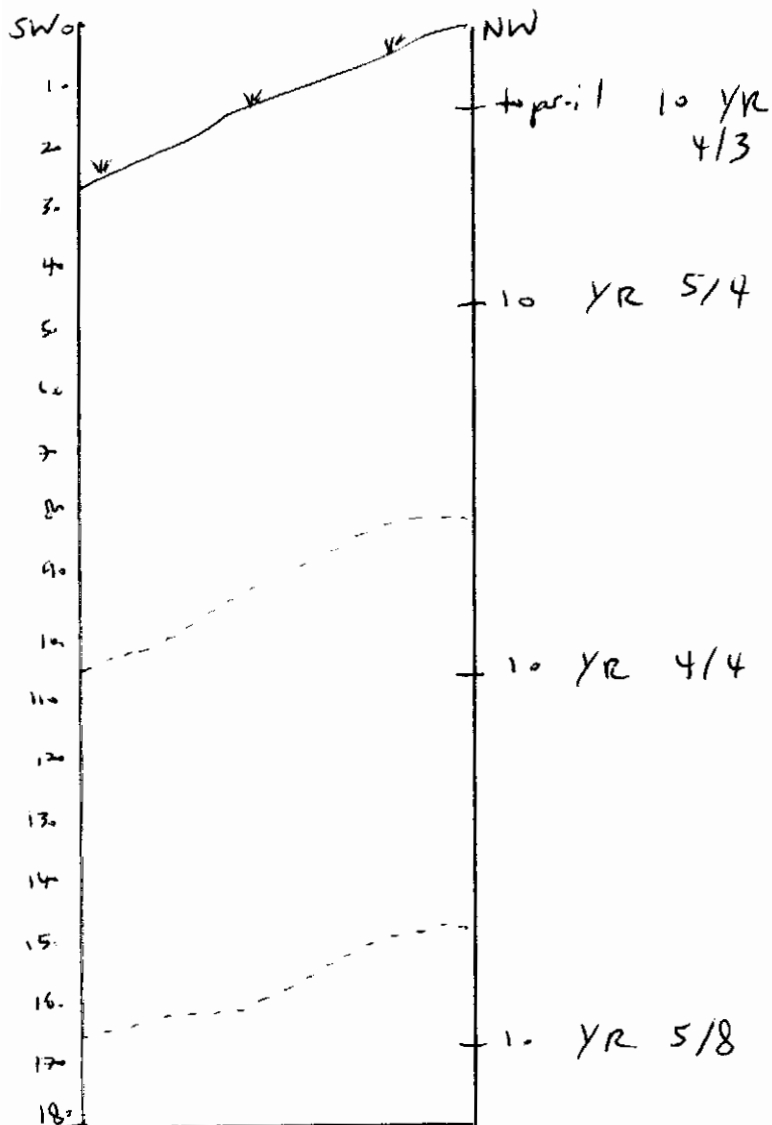
it is the earthen building?

4.5 x 2.5 x 0.5



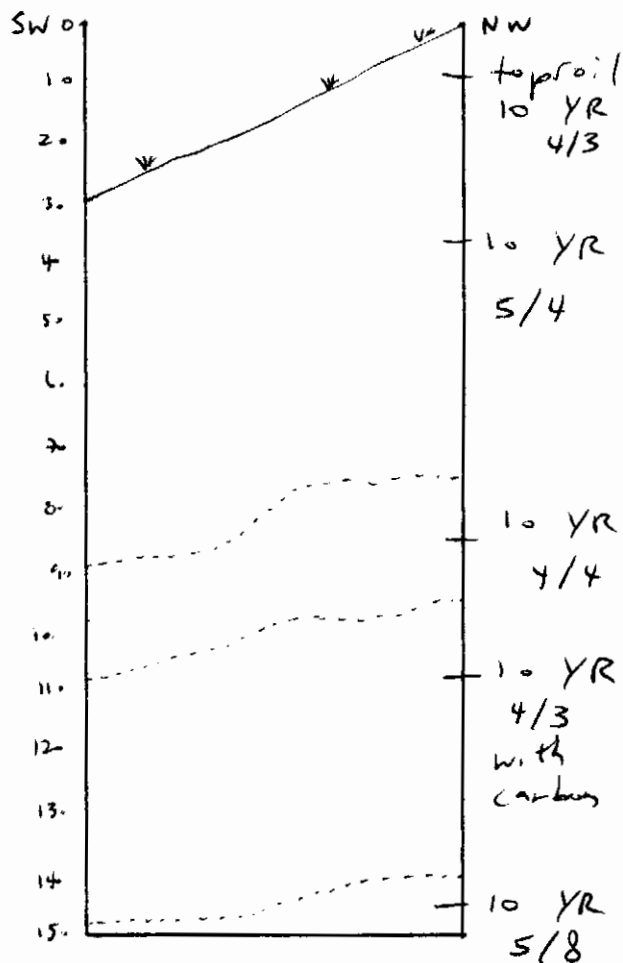
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EU F (west wall)



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EU E (west wall)



03/21/00 EU B

NW: 137 NE: 140

SW: 137 SE: 141

Finds: 7 ceramics

Have decided to open another EU above B as it seems that this soil layer is less full of material. The layers above yielded more artifacts.

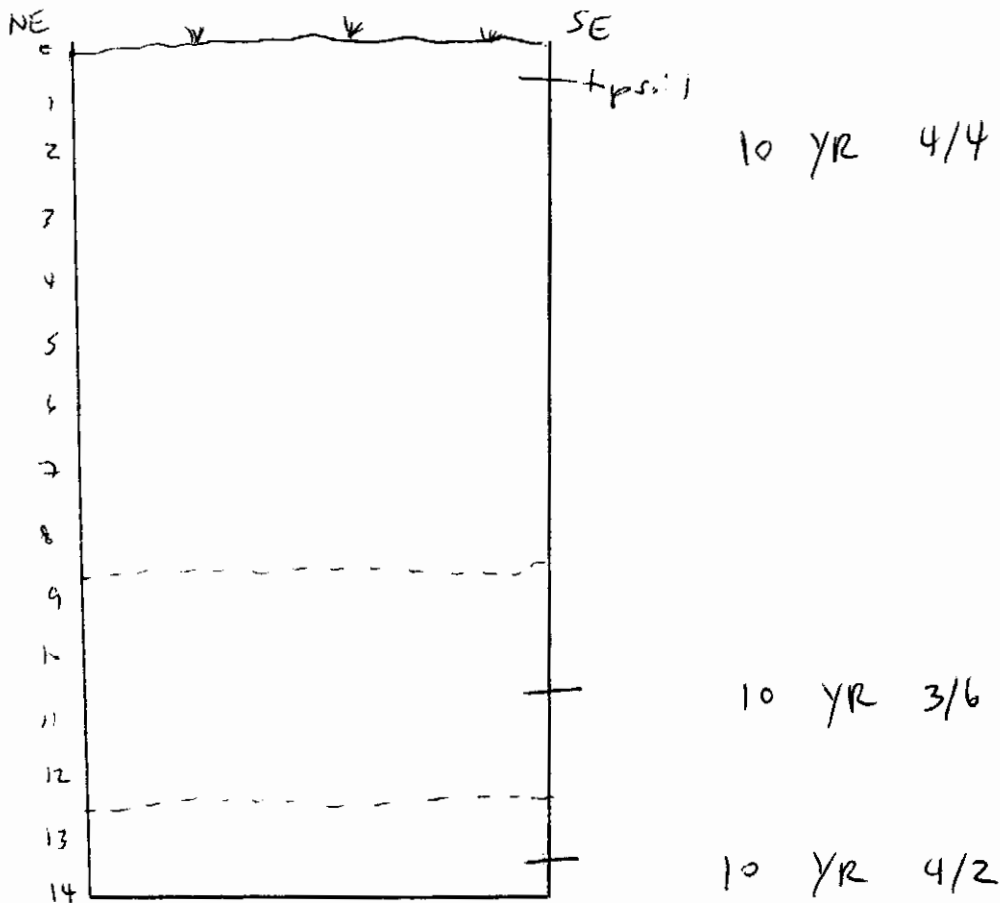
bg s: 130-140 cm

soil: into the gray soil

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03/21/ EU B east wall



EU C 03/21 initial lot 03/21/21

1 pre-excavation photo

NW: 28

NE: 11

datum: SE

SW: 19

SE: 0

03/11/49 EU I

lgs: 0-20  
cm

NW: 18

NE: 17

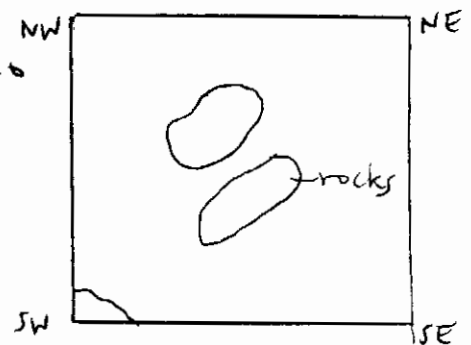
SW: 17

SE: 15

Finds: 7 cherts, 1 L. Lidian blade  
(broken)

flint, snails, metal

next lot 03/11/50





5 April 2006

2006-24-104

Wednesday morning - the day started a little cool, but its warming up nicely. Today I am continuing with 03/11/47, 03/11/48, 03/11/50 and 03/21/21 EU C

Depending on what I find in 03/21, I may join 03/19 with 03/21 (it is 2 m away).

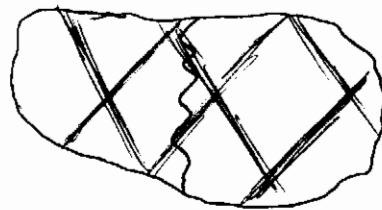
03/21/21 EU C

bgs 0-30 cm topsoil

NW: 28 NE 30

SW: 26 SE: 30

Finds: 3 ceramics incl  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$   
9 chert, 5 obsidian  
1 yellowish/beige stone, cut



decoration  
on  
ceramic

03/11/48 EU H

bgs: 20-50 cm

NW: 51 NE: 52

next lot 03/11/51

SW: 52 SE: 51

Finds: 29 ceramics, tiles, glass, plastic  
7 chert, 1 obsidian

03/11/50 EU I

bgs: 20-40 cm  
(photo of rocks)

NW: 40 NE: 22 (rock)

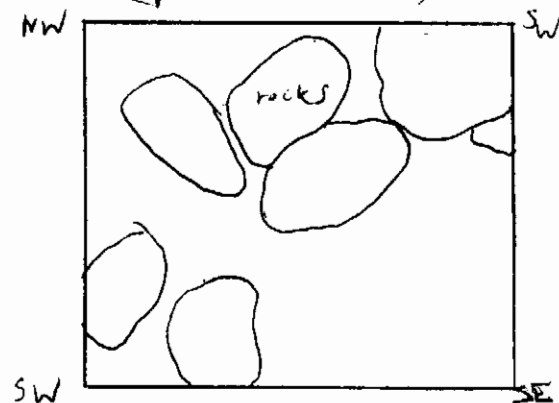
SW: 44 SE: 43

Finds: 3 chert (1 large core)  
2 obsidian

2 ceramics (incl. 1 large ring)

bagaregne

next lot 03/11/52



5 April 2006

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03/21/22 EU C

BGS 30 - 50 cm

NW 45 NE 50

SW 48 SE 50

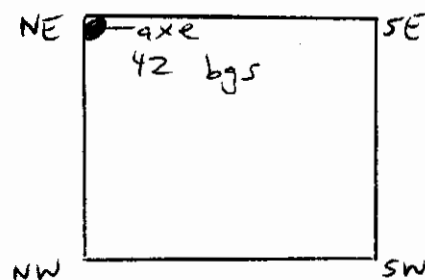
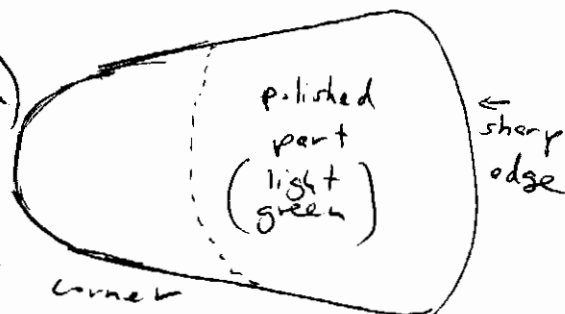
Finds: Jade axe (6x4x2 cm)

28 chert, 5 obsidian

11 ceramics

Axe found at 42 bgs in NE corner

↳ maybe serpentine  
(does scratch glass)



03/11/51 EU H

bgs 50 - 80 cm

NW: 82 NE: 80

Soil: 10 YR 3/6

SW: 81 SE: 82

Finds: 41 ceramics

10 chert, 2 obsidian

next lot 03/11/53

03/11/47 EU G

bgs: 80 - 135 cm

NW 135 NE 134

10 YR 4/4

SW 134 SE 137

Finds: 379 ceramics (incl. rims, handles, bases), bajaregme,

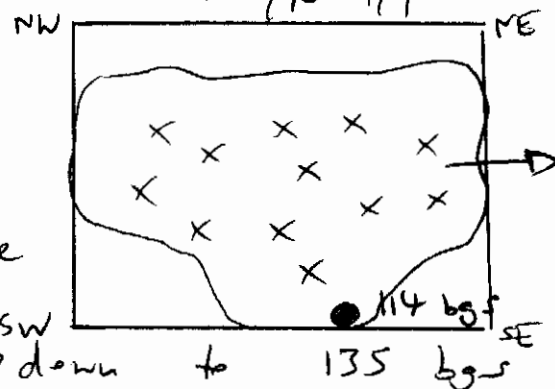
28 obsidian, 43 chert, 1 red flake

Carbon sample from 114

" " from 125 bgs

across area shown

Soil sample taken from 125 - 135 bgs



next lot 03/11/54

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03/11/47 (cont):

The ceramics in this lot were more compacted on top of each other, "bedded." This lot was also full of carbon, scattered around the ceramics. The sherds were large, but because they were so compacted, they were fragile and most broke when excavated. Carbon + soil sampler taken from this lot (from 125-135 cm bgs, which is where the ceramics + carbon started to appear in large numbers).

6 April 2006

2006-24-107

The weekend is approaching fast, and the midden is nowhere near being dry! Yesterday after finding the "bedded lot", I realised that perhaps there is much more to find. It's a beautiful, hot morning and I'm eager to get started.

03/21/23 EU C

Bgs 50 - 90 cm

NW: 89 NE: 86

SW: 87 SE: 87

Finds: 20 ceramics (incl. large rim)

5 obsidian, 18 chert

03/11/52 EU I

bgs 40 - 90 cm

NW: ~~84~~ 91 NE: 90

SW: ~~86~~ 92 SE: 95

Finds: 114 ceramics, bajareque

16 obsidian, 24 chert

03/21/24 EU C

bgs: 90 - 120 cm

NW: 115 NE: 117

SW: 115 SE: 119

Finds: 39 ceramics, incl. handle + base, bajareque,

19 chert, 5 obsidian

1 piece of toba? / chalk oval in shape

Not sure about the structure of 08, soil not yet very indicative. This should still be overburden/collapse.

6 April 2006

2006-24-108

03/21 is almost finished. In EU C, at around  
bgs, ~~the~~ we have reached moist clay which  
has no artifacts. Above that, ceramics + stones  
have been found. Perhaps this was a midden, but  
in comparison to 03/11, there is little material.

The clay at the base is either the earthy  
structure, or sterile sediment. I will clarify that once  
I can see the profile out of the 3 excavations  
units.

Because of time constraints, I will have to end the  
sub/op at this stage. I believe that it has  
been useful in revealing the architecture of this  
mound, as well as exposing some ceramics and  
lithics.

03/21/25 EU C

NW: 157

NE: 162

SW: 161

SE: 162

BGS: 120-160 cm

Last lot in sub/op + EU.

Finds: 30 ceramics (incl. a base)

also ceramics with <sup>slip</sup> ~~paste~~ i'd never seen before  
(cream colored + black inside)

7 obsidian, 5 chert, 1 red flake, 1 yellow orange  
point

6 April 2006

2006-24-109

03/11/54 EU G

NW: 167 NE: 166

SW: 167 SE: 166

Finds: 149 ceramics

1 Figurine head (see photo + drawing below) (5 x 4 x 4 cm)

23 obsidian, 15 chert

↳ incl. 1 long blade (7 x 2 x 0.5 cm)

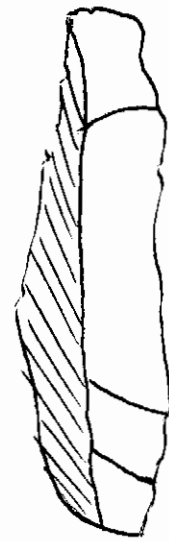
↳ incl. small blades? flakes

BGS: 135 - 170 cm

Final lot is EU G

photo of west ~~side~~ face

+ figurine + blade



blade



6 April 2006

2006-24-110

03/11/53                      EU   H

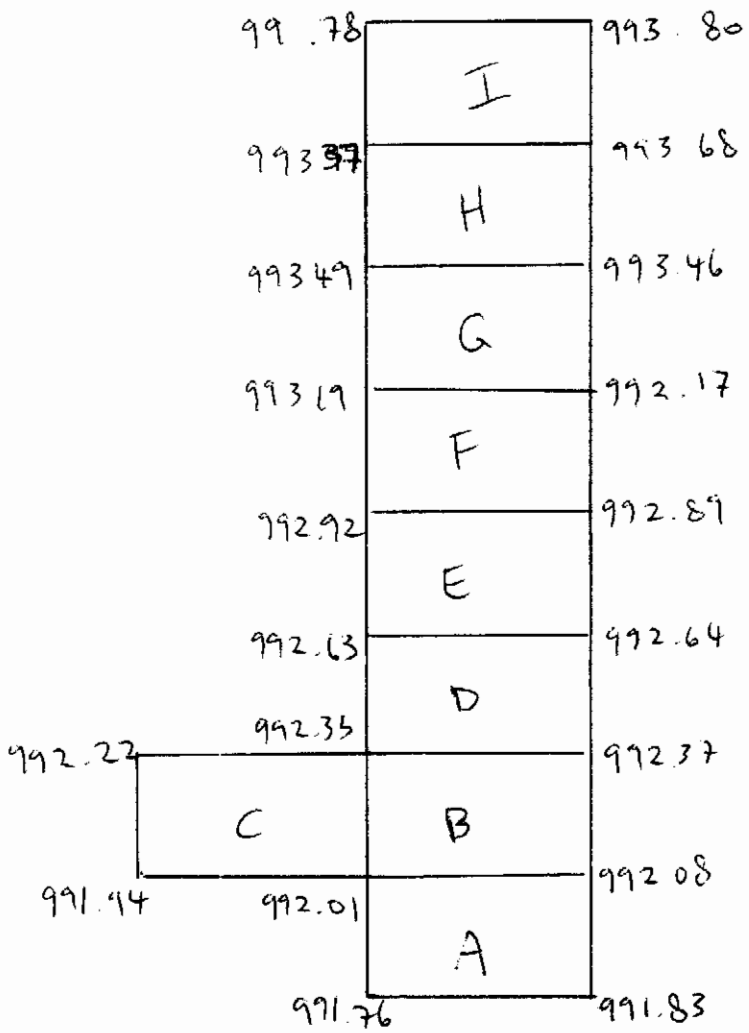
NW: 118                      NE: 116

SW: 115                      SE: 117

Finds: 131 ceramics, 28 chert, 30 obsidian

Bgs: 80-120 cm  
next lot 03/11/56

Elevations of 03/11



7 April 2006

2006-24-11P

Friday - my last day in the field. I have to do a number of things before I leave today. Thank goodness it's a nice sunny day and I should be able to get it all done by 3:00. I plan on drawing the profile sections of the excavation units, taking some shots, and also taking some elevations when Merrell + Ellen come around. I am continuing today with 2 units in ~~03/11~~ 03/11 (EU H + I). I finished 03/21 yesterday and so I can focus on just this one today.

03/11/56 EU H

NW: 152 NE: 154

SW: 153 SE: 154

Finds: 123 ceramics

37 obsidian

27 chert, incl. large core

bgs: 120 - 150 cm

Final lot in EU H

03/11/55 EU I

NW: 160 NE: 166

SW: 161 SE: 163

Finds: 50 small, fragmented sherds

9 obsidian, 30 chert, incl. large core



**FINAL NOTES**

**03/11**

This excavation is situated on the south side of structure 06, and is oriented north-east. The area excavated is 8 m long, by 1 m. Another unit was excavated to the west of EU B, a 1x1 unit. In total there are 9 excavation units in this sub/op.

The excavation units, labelled from A to I, were excavated in different manners. Units A and B were excavated in lots of 10 cm, with the exception of 20 cm in the initial lots. The rest of the units were excavated following soil changes, and therefore some lots are up to 50 cm thick.

The maximum depth reached in one unit is 180 cm below ground surface (EU F).

The aim of this excavation was to understand the architecture of the building, with the belief that this was the front part of the structure. This was inferred from the set-up of structures 06, 07 and 08, which seem to be facing the south east. The artefacts excavated in this sub/op have completely changed this belief, as the south side of the structure is in fact the back, and served as a refuse area. The material recovered from this excavation has shown that it is a late preclassic residential mound.

Three major soil layers make up this structure. The first one is a clayey silt layer, which is on average 60 cm thick, and comprises the humus layer. The colour of this layer is 10 YR 5/4 (Munsell), and in the excavation units closer to the top of the structure (G, H and I), modern material has been found. This modern material comes from the modern occupation on top of this structure. Modern remains such as roof tiles are clearly strewn on and around the mound.

The next soil layer is a clayey sand layer (10 YR 5/4) which grows thicker as one advances up the structure. This layer is clearly a midden/ refuse deposit, as clearly shown by the ceramic and lithic count. This stratum is composed of large sherds, some well preserved, as well as carbon, in particular in EU F, G and H.

The soil in this stratum has a lot of carbon, and therefore soil samples taken from this layer will hopefully reveal some interesting information.

An entire vessel was found in EU F at 122 cm bgs. Carbon was found inside the vessel, as well as a soil sample was kept from inside the vessel.

The third layer is a clay strata (10 YR 5/8), which is very compact, and hard to excavate. The ceramic count dropped in this stratum, and therefore I believe that this layer is the surface and fill of the earthen building. This layer started to appear in EU B and C, but became very visible in EU D. From EU F, tried to follow this layer and stopped the unit when this clay layer was reached.

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EU G, lot 47 was the best example of a midden, as the ceramics were bedded, in other words placed one on top of the other, and were therefore more delicate than other sherds recovered in the previous lots. Carbon was present throughout this lot, and therefore soil samples were taken for flotation.

Further work will be carried out by Patrick Dresch, as there is probably more material to be uncovered. The lateral excavation unit (C) did not uncover as much material as the trench, but perhaps lateral excavations further up the structure (for example east and west of EU F and G) may prove fruitful. Also, opening units north of I and continuing up and over the structure may reveal the stratigraphy of the building better.

### 03/12

This 1x1m test pit is located to the east of structure 06 and to the west of structure 07. Its aims were to investigate the soil stratigraphy of the area between these two structures. The maximum depth of the unit was 100 cm bgs. The excavation revealed 5 different soil layers. The first layer was composed of a clayey silt layer (and comprised the humus layer). At around 50 cm bgs the soil became more sandy and lighter (10 YR 5/8). Following this layer, at around 70 cm bgs, the soil became clayey sand, which carried on until 90 cm bgs. Between 70 and 90 cm bgs the soil changed colour, from yellow to gray. The final noticeable layer was a clayey silt layer (7.5 YR 3/4).

In terms of the material recovered, the first 50 cm had the most material, with a layer with no material (70- 90 cm bgs), followed by material once more in the next layers. The silty clay layer was a stratum which presented the most carbon.

All this evidence points to a possible surface at 70 cm bgs, with the layer below that being fill, which would explain the presence of small, fragmented ceramics.

The ceramics found in this excavation point again to a late preclassic settlement.

This excavation has shown a potential surface, but has to be compared to other units in order to fully understand the stratigraphy of the area.

### 03/13

This 1x1m test pit located on the north-east side of structure 06 aimed at investigating the stratigraphy of the area around the structure, as well as discovering a possible midden or refuse area.

In terms of the soil stratigraphy, the excavation revealed 3 major soil levels. The initial layer (which includes the humus layer) is composed of clayey silt (7.5 YR 3/4) until around 70 cm bgs. Then there is a sandy silt layer which is slightly lighter in colour (7.5 YR 4/4) until 100 cm bgs. From 100 to 120 cm bgs the soil is silty sand, and more yellowish brown in colour.

In terms of artefacts, the richest finds were in the sandy silt layer and silty sand layer. The final lot of the unit (110-120 cm bgs) revealed some carbon and sherds from a vessel. The excavation was ended here in order to focus on another area, as from the artefacts there was no reason to believe this was a midden. From the information of 03/11, this side of the structure is the front.

Further excavation in this area may have revealed more artefacts, but because of time constraints, this sub/op had to be terminated.

### 03/15

This sub/op is located on the north face of structure 06 and its aim was to investigate the architecture of the structure, as it seems that there has been some disturbance on the northern side. Another aim was to continue looking for a possible midden around this structure (this was before realising that 03/11 was a midden).

The first unit (A) revealed some rocks which appeared at 20 cm bgs. The presence of large rocks was interesting, and therefore after reaching 50 cm bgs, I decided to open a new unit to the east of A, to try and see whether there was a pattern with the rocks. The new unit did indeed uncover more rocks, but only in the eastern part of the unit. Opening a new unit to the east of B (C) did not reveal any rocks, the same with EU D, to the west of A. I decided to move up the structure, and opened a unit to the south of A, but this too did not reveal any more rocks. The conclusion which can be reached from this is that the rocks must be tumble from the modern structure. Some of these rocks were also found in the units closest to the top of structure 06 in EU H and I in sub/op 03/11.

Two soil layers could be clearly seen, the first one was a clayey silt layer (10 YR 5/4), which is the same soil as the one found in the initial levels of 03/11.

The second layer was clayey sand (10 YR 3/4). In terms of artefact count very few ceramics were found, and modern material was common, even at 30-40 cm bgs.

From the soil layers, not much can be said about whether there was a disturbance, but it confirms the presence of a modern structure on top of the structure.

### 03/16

The 1x1m test pit is located to the east of structure 06, and aimed to uncover a possible midden or refuse deposit.

The unit was excavated a maximum of 120 cm bgs. The excavation revealed a similar soil stratigraphy to 03/12 which is on the opposite side of structure 06.

One of the differences was the presence of a sandy clay layer in the first 70 cm bgs. The soil then changed to a silty sand layer 20 cm thick. The next 20 cm were composed of a clayey silt layer. The final 50 cm were composed of silty sand, the only difference was the colour of these layers.

The silty sand layer, apart from having more ceramics than other layers, also had a lot of carbon. Numerous carbon samples were taken, in particular in the SE part of the unit. At one point I thought that there was evidence of a posthole, but no carbon was found in the darker area.

By 120 cm bgs, there were no finds, and the soil was very compact and sterile; therefore the excavation was ended here.

It would be interesting to perhaps excavate to the east and/or south of this present unit to see whether there is perhaps more material in this layer closer to the structure.

A midden was therefore not uncovered in this sub/op, but carbon numerous carbon samples were taken in association with sherds, and this will hopefully help with dating.

### **03/17**

This 1x1m test pit is located to the south east of structure 07. Its aim was to discover a midden or refuse area belonging to this structure.

The maximum depth of the unit is 110 cm bgs. The soil stratigraphy shows that there are 2 types of soil in this area.

The first 60 cm bgs are composed of silt, and the rest is silty sand. From 60 cm to 80 cm bgs the soil is slightly darker than the following layers.

From 80 to 100 cm bgs the soil is darker and there is carbon present.

The final layer from 100 to 110 cm bgs is the same texture and colour as the second last layer (silty sand 10 YR 5/3).

From 70 cm bgs, when the carbon starts to appear, no ceramics were found. The first lots had a few ceramics, but nothing which indicates the presence of a midden. This unit is probably too far from the structure and therefore a new sub/op should be opened more to the north.

The material recovered is not enough to tell us whether this side of the structure is the front or the back, and therefore more work needs to be done. If we follow the pattern from 03/11, then we can hypothesise that this is indeed the back of the structure or the side (data from 03/18) and more excavations on this side as well as the on the eastern side of the structure may well reveal a midden.

### **03/18**

This 1x1m excavation unit is located on structure 07, and its main aim was to investigate the architecture of the structure as there seems to be a slight depression in the western side of the structure, which may be due to the presence of a terrace.

The possibility of a terrace would change the way the structure is oriented and the way we understand these buildings. If structures 06 and 07 are facing north, it is odd that no other structures exist more to the north. This is something which needs to be investigated in a ground survey. The way that the other structures are facing such as 08 and 09 is not yet understood.

The soil stratigraphy has revealed that structure 07 had a terrace. This can be seen in the diagrams. From 90 cm bgs the soil changed from silty clay to clay, and the artefact count went down to 0. From this level onwards no artefacts were found, and the clay became harder and more compact. Below the clay layer, a silty clay and sandy clay was to be found, with no material.

As was seen in 03/11, the earthen structure was made up of clay, and this may have been the case on this structure as well.

Overall, little material has been found in this unit, which would make sense as it would not have been an area of trash disposal. The goal of this sub/op was therefore achieved.

### 03/19

This 1x1m test pit is located to the west of structure 08 and its aim was to investigate the possibility of discovering a midden or refuse area.

The excavation unit was probably set up too far from the structure, hence the start of sub/op 03/21 which was opened on the actual structure.

The soil stratigraphy shows that there are 2 soil types, the first layer being silty sand, and around 65 cm bgs, becoming clayey sand.

I only went down 80 cm bgs in this unit, as from 60 cm bgs no materials were found, except for small quantities of chert. It seems that the clayey sand layer marks a possible surface, as no material was found when excavated into it. All the materials were found in the layers above (in the silty sand).

Overall, this area had larger number of chert compared to ceramics or obsidian.

### 03/21

This trench was started after 03/19 did not reveal anything of particular interest. This trench 1x3m going up structure 08 on the western side was aimed at understanding the architecture, as well as hoping to find another midden, and therefore understanding the orientation of the building.

The 3 excavation units showed that there are 3 different soil layers. The first layer is composed of clayey silt, followed by clayey sand, and finally a silty sand layer.

The overall pattern in this sub/op is that the artefacts have been found mainly in the clayey silt and clayey sand layers. The silty sand layer has proved to be poorer in artefacts. I have some doubts about whether this is perhaps still overburden or whether I have not yet reached the structure. Sub/op 03/19 showed that beneath the silty sand layer there is a clayey sand layer, and this layer is poor in material. Therefore I may have not reached the structure, and would have had to go down further. This sub/op was opened in the same location as the one on 03/11, but no midden was found.

Items of interest found in this sub/op include the jade/serpentine axe, as well as some large ceramic pieces, and some carbon samples were also taken.

Opening more units to the north and south of 03/21 along building may be of interest, as perhaps the midden was not located centrally at the back of the structure.

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Another possibility is that the orientation of the building is different than currently thought. Instead of facing north east it may be facing North West. This would have to be further investigated with more test pits and excavations.

**Overall observations:**

All the sub/ops excavated, except for 03/11, have been backfilled.

From the ceramics, we can say that Guayabal was a late preclassic site, and although we do not know the exact extent of the site to the north, we know that this was a large site, composed of both ceremonial and residential structures. The possibility that structures 06, 07, 08 as well as 09 and 10 belong to a separate complex should also be considered. The main overall goal of this season was to find a refuse area from a household complex, and this has been achieved through the discovery of the midden in 03/11.

The discovery of a midden has been very helpful in defining the preclassic ceramics in this area, and further work on this structure should prove fruitful.

Further surveying to the north of these structures may also be helpful to understand the overall layout and orientation of the site.

Also further excavations around the structures, in particular now that we know the orientation of the structures better may reveal more refuse deposits.

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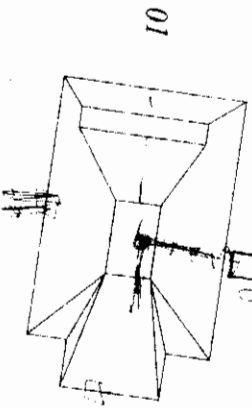
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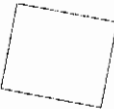
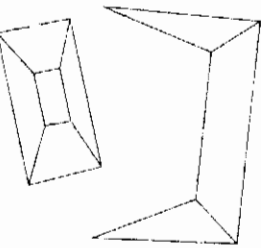
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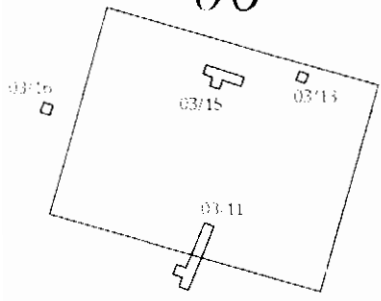


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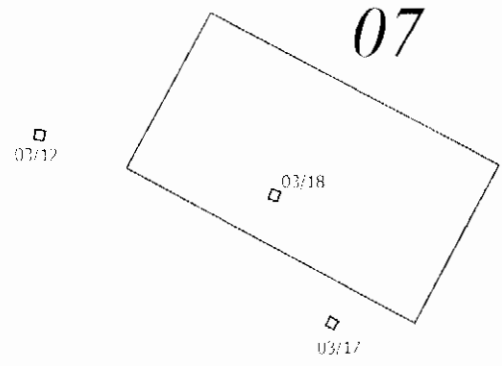
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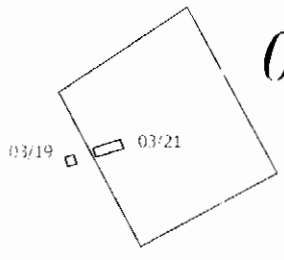
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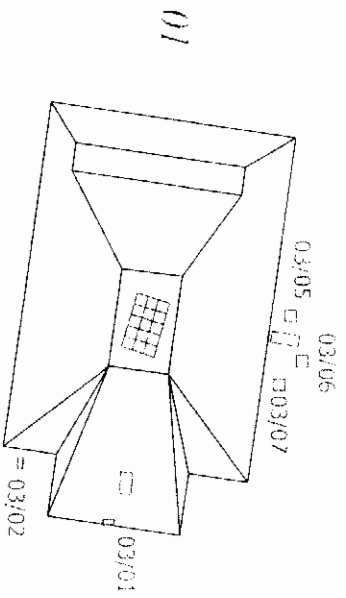
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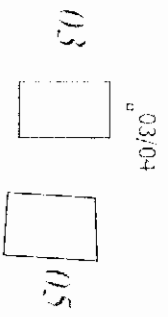
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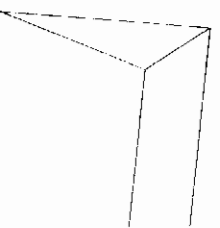
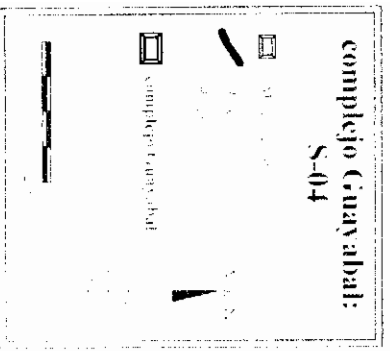
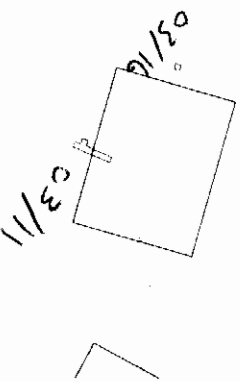
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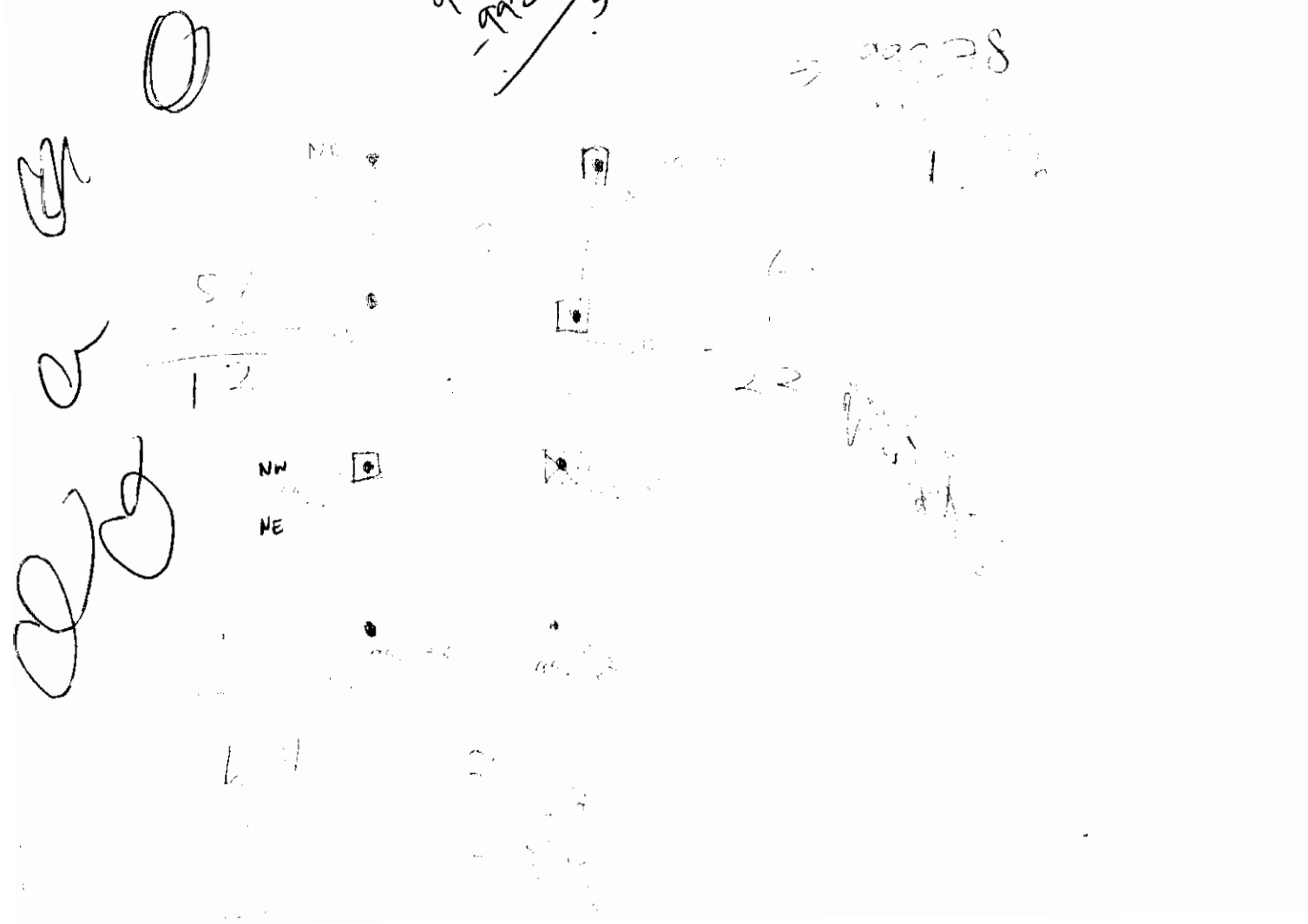
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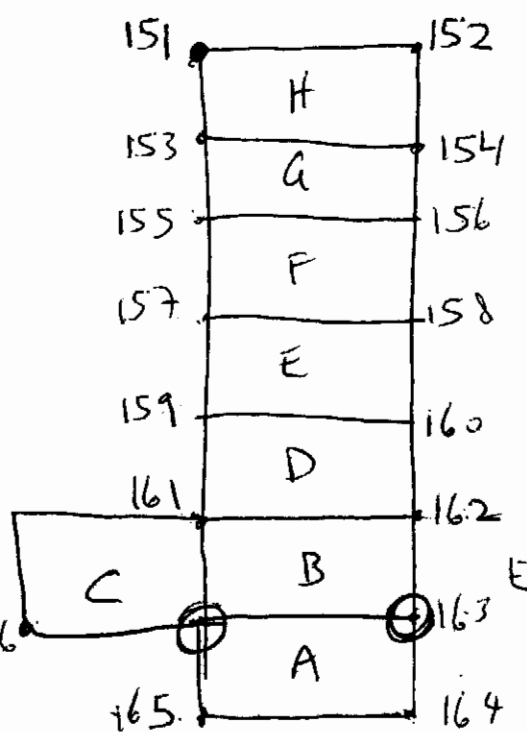
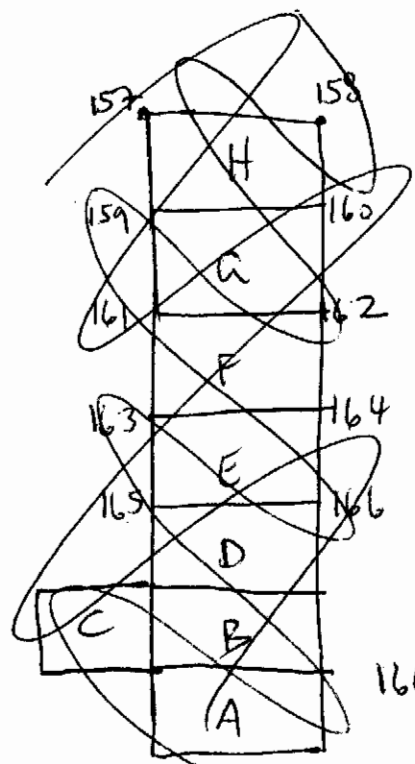
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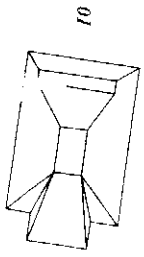
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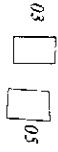
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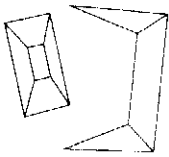
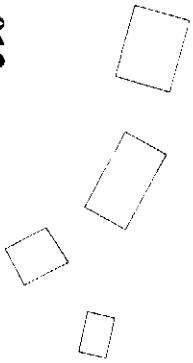




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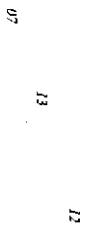
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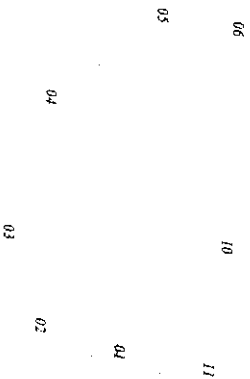


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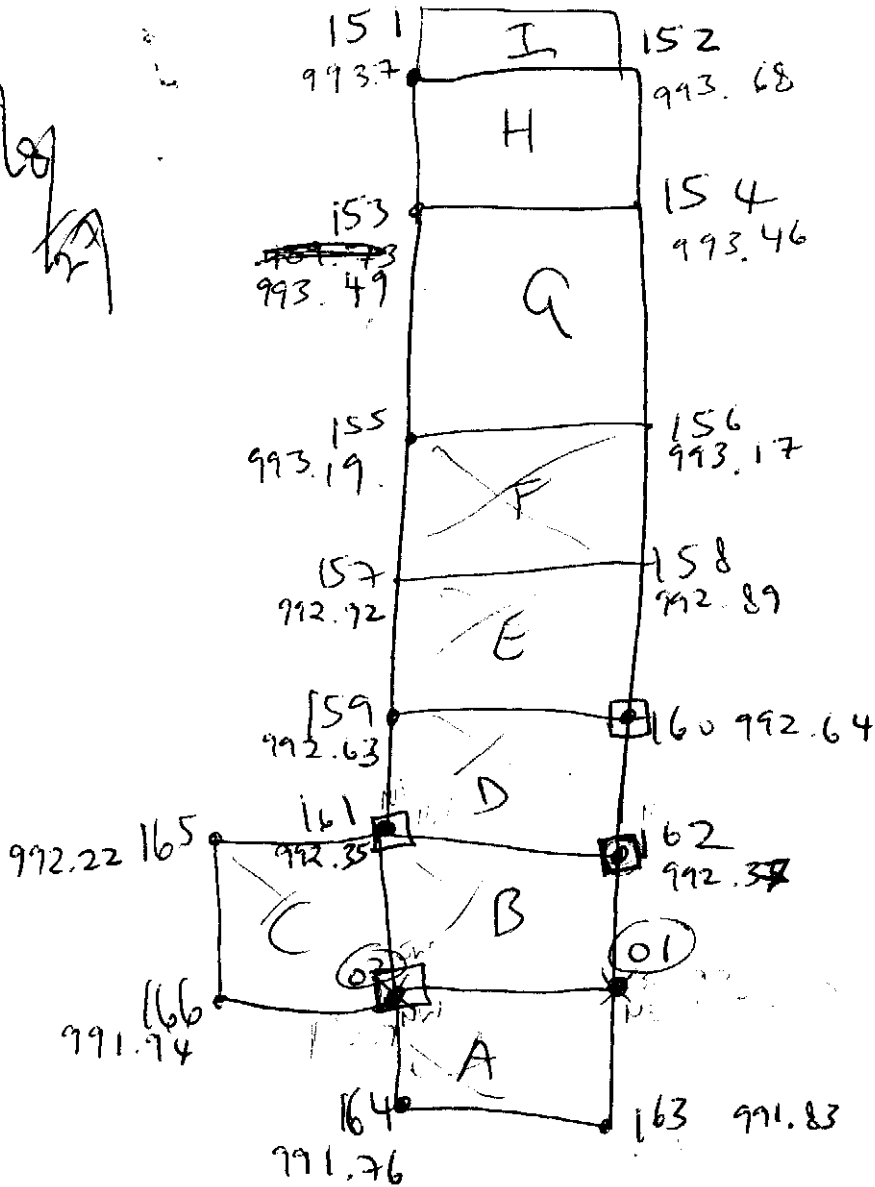
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