

10. SHORT CIST, AUCHINTEEK, PERTHSHIRE.

On 14th December 1951 a short cist was uncovered by operations in a sandpit 270 yards south-east of the farmhouse of Auchinteeck (fig. 12) (Perthshire, CXXV S.W.: Kilmadock Parish: NN/756017). The cist was constructed of sandstone slabs with a single cover-stone and no bottom, and contained the very fragmentary

remains of a crouched skeleton embedded in sand. The cist measured internally 2 feet 8 inches in length, 1 foot 10 inches in breadth and 1 foot 5 inches in depth, and the top of the cover-stone was at a depth of 2 feet below the surface of the ground. There were no relics.

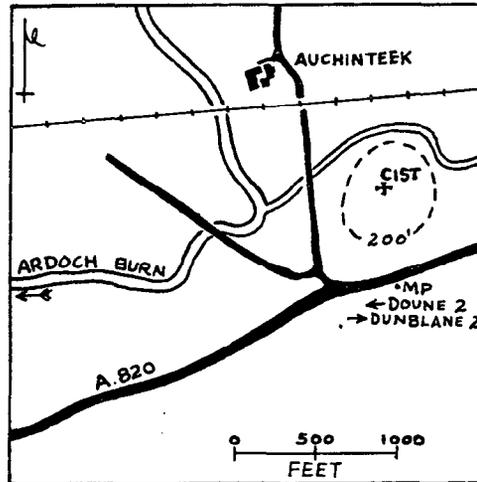


Fig. 12.

The foreman in charge of the pit, Mr S. Robertson, described the destruction some days previously of a ring of shallow pits which had been located about 30 yards west of the cist at a depth of about 1 foot 6 inches below the surface of the ground. Mr Robertson said that there had been six pits, spaced fairly regularly on the circumference of a circle 18 feet in diameter; the pits were shallow, about 1 foot 6 inches in diameter at the top, and were lined with small flat stones.

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