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EXCAVATIONS OF A WHEELHOUSE AND OTHER IRON AGE  
STRUCTURES AT SOLLAS, NORTH UIST, BY RJC ATKINSON IN

1957

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## UNPUBLISHED DRAWINGS IN THE ARCHIVE

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## CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS SITE A

Very little vertical stratigraphy was found on Site A and there are no photographs of the structures surviving (these were found after this report was written). The site was originally dug in a series of grid squares which were separately numbered to those of the main site (B). A number of early finds were numbered with these grid square numbers. A list of correspondences is given below. Initially it seems that the eastern thirds of squares A03, 23, 33 were excavated as trial trenches. Later squares A22 and 32 were opened up when structures were found. When Structure 2 was located a single sequence of context numbers was introduced, with the prefix WH/A, WA/ or A/. This has been standardised as WA/ to distinguish the numbers from those of Site B, which are prefixed by WB. Structure 2 lay within squares A21, 22, 31 and 32. Sections were drawn of the midden deposits in squares A03, A23 and A33, which lay to the north of Structure 2, and these are in the archive. The finds register, giving short descriptions of all contexts with finds, is the main source of information for Site A. The approximate position of many of these contexts is marked on the original Site A plan, allowing the sometimes confusing comments in the finds register to be clarified considerably.

The midden layers, which mainly lay to the north of the structures, were divided into six general 'layers', apparently on the basis of their general composition, and these are often noted in the finds register. The six structural phases, A-F, have some contexts associated with them, and these phases have been added to the list. As with Site B any information added to the original list is in square brackets. Abbreviations for the finds: P - pottery, B - animal bone, BB - burnt bone, WB - worked bone, S - stone, I - Iron, C - charcoal. Finds numbers of some items are given. Antechamber - is the phase E entrance with double guard cells. SE entrance - is the phase A entrance.

### Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
WA/1	A u.s.	P, WB 765	behind south cell of antechamber
WA/2	A u.s.	P	layer 2, [north of] SE entrance

WA/3	A?1	P 336	[within phase C structure] on blown? sand, within circle of stones - firm sand.
WA/4	A u.s.	P	layer 2 around [east of] antechamber
WA/5	A u.s.	P, B	"
WA/6	A u.s.	P, B	midden [north] of antechamber
WA/7	A2	P	S cell of antechamber, dark reddish midden
just above floor. Pottery from 7, 9 and 13 grouped together.			
WA/8	A u.s.	P, B	S of [phase C structure]
WA/9	A2	P, B	S cell antechamber, floor
WA/10	A2	P, B	floor above [pit 3]
WA/10a	A1	P, B	2nd floor below WA/10
WA/11	A2	P, B	layer 4, [just west of phase E entrance] in highest floor level.
WA/12	A2	sample	layer 4, in highest floor level, [just north of south wall of structure 2]
WA/13	A2	P, B	antechamber floor
WA/14	A?2	P, B	W of baulk in midden
WA/15	A2	P 390	[SE area of centre of Structure 2]
WA/16	A u.s.	B	N of antechamber between tumbled stones.
WA/17	A?2	WB	midden W of baulk
WA/18	A u.s.	P, B	[around unphased cell in the south]
WA/19	A u.s.	P, B	south of [phase B structure]
WA/20	A u.s.	P, B	[within unphased cell to south]
WA/21	A u.s.	B	[unphased wall east of Pit 5]
WA/22	A1	P, C	Phase B wall
WA/23	A u.s.	P, B	midden layer 3&5
WA/24	A u.s.	P, C, B	white sand, N end of cutting
WA/25	A u.s.	P, B	brown sand, S end
WA/26	A2	P, C, B	[between buttress and main wall] above floor
WA/27	A u.s.	P, C, B	rock midden, centre of cutting
WA/28	A u.s.	B	surface of midden, baulk A12/A22
WA/29	A2	P	sandy midden in house, in much clay on floor
WA/30	A2	P, B	"
WA/31	A2	WB 623	[around S wall of structure 2]

WA/32	A2	G 511	sandy midden on floor depth 8.75'OD
WA/33	A2	WB 630	[in buttress tumble]
WA/34	A u.s.	P	in baulk A23/A33, in midden [around phase D entrance east wall]
WA/35	A u.s.	P,C	[on wall between phase B and structure 2 wall]
WA/36	A u.s.	P	in thick dark midden [just south of phase A entrance]
WA/37	A u.s.	P, B	blown sand
WA/38	A1	P, B	in phase B wall
WA/39	A u.s.	WB 640	"
WA/40	A2	S 487	floor [just in front of unphased cell]
WA/41	A2	slag	"
WA/42	A2	P	"
WA/43	A2	P, B	midden above floor [central area]
WA/44	A2	P,B	layer 1 of filling above floor
WA/45	A2	P,B	layer 2 of filling above floor
WA/46	A2	P,B	layer 3 of filling above floor
WA/47	A u.s.	B	above wall [phase E, north] layer 1
WA/48	A u.s.	WB 612	[between phase C and A walls]
WA/49	A2	P, B	layer 1, [south cell of antechamber]
WA/50	A2	P,WB 635	"
WA/51	A u.s.	WB 613	[midden between phase C and south cell of antechamber]
WA/52	A u.s.	P,B	"
WA/53	A2	?	layer 4, just above floor, [central]
WA/54	A u.s.	P,B	blown sand over all extension areas
WA/55	A2	P, B	layer 2, [just N of Pit 5]
WA/56	A2	P	layer 3, "
WA/57	A2	P,slag	layer 4, amongst potters clay WA/66
WA/58	A2	P, B	[north cell of] antechamber, just below top floor level and in black peat layer.
WA/59	A u.s.	I 504	base of midden, [east of structures]
WA/60	A1	P	[Pit 5]
WA/61	A1	B	below floor near paving [near Pit 3]
WA/62	A1	WB 628	Pit [3] filling below paving
WA/63	A1	BB	small pit just N of WA/62

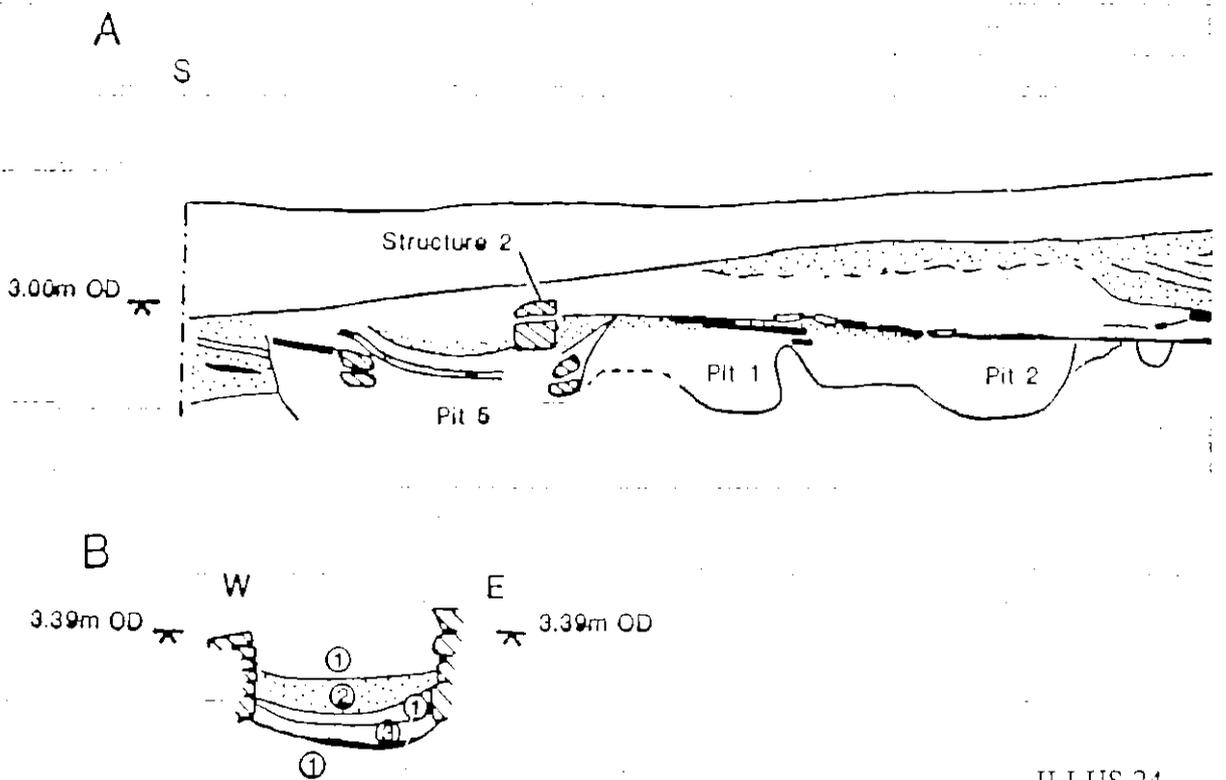
WA/64	A u.s.	P	south of structure 2
WA/65	A u.s.	P	"
WA/66	A2	clay	Potters clay, just above floor [just north of Pit 5]
WA/67	A u.s.	P	south of structure 2
WA/68	A u.s.	B	"
WA/69	A1	B hoard	[centre] below peat ash, halfway down
WA/70	A2	B hoard	[centre] in peat ash [floor]
WA/71	A2	B hoard	[centre] above peat ash
WA/72	A2	P	"
WA/73	A2	I, WB 507 620 "	
WA/74	A2	WB 643	"
WA/75	A u.s.	B	[south of phase C wall] layer 5
WA/76	A u.s.	P	"
WA/77	A1	P	[north of Pit 5, around Pit 1]
WA/78	A2	B	north of [Pit 5]
WA/79	A2	P	on paving level [above Pit 2]
WA/80	A1	B	on paving level [above Pit 3]
WA/81	A1	WB 638	on paving level [above Pit 3]
WA/82	A2	WB 631	on paving level [above Pit 2]
WA/83	A2	P	[antechamber] floor above
WA/84	A u.s.	B	blown sand layer
WA/85	?A u.s.	B	S cell [unphased] east half
WA/86	?A u.s.	B	pit, south of [unphased cell]
WA/87	A2	P	near buttress
WA/88	A2	P	south of buttress
WA/89	A u.s.	P	pit, south of [unphased cell]
WA/90	A2	B	near buttress [junction with main wall]
WA/91	A u.s.	P	pit [W of phase D entrance]
WA/92	A u.s.	B	"
WA/93	A2	WB 632	in wall [of structure 2] above Pit [5]
WA/94	A1	P	in and around Pit [5]
WA/95	A1	P	around Pit [2] paved with slabs of stone
WA/96	A1	B	"
WA/97	A1	B	in and around Pit [5]
WA/98	A2	B	6 feet NE of Pit [5]

WA/99	A2	P	[beside WA/98]
WA/100	A2	B	north cell [phase E entrance]
WA/101	A2	P	[phase D entrance] in wall
WA/102	A2	B	[phase D entrance] in wall
WA/103	A1	P	layer 5, just N of Pit [5]
WA/104	A u.s.	P, B	midden, layer 3 down to 12.5 feet OD
WA/105	A u.s.	P, B	lower midden, layers 4 and 5
WA/106	A u.s.	P, B	midden down to 9.7 feet OD
WA/107	A u.s.	P, B, I	506 midden [down to 10.9-9.8 feet OD]
WA/108	A u.s.	P, B	midden [down to 10.9-9.8 feet OD]
WA/109	A u.s.	P, B	layer 4, streaky sand
WA/110	?pre-A1	P, WB	layer 6, hard yellow sand
WA/111	A u.s.	WB	layer 4/5, thick dark midden
WA/112	A u.s.	P, B	layer 3 midden, centre
WA/113	A u.s.	P, B, C	layer 5, thick dark midden, S end
WA/114	A u.s.	P, B	midden
WA/115	A u.s.	P, B	layer 5 midden round wall

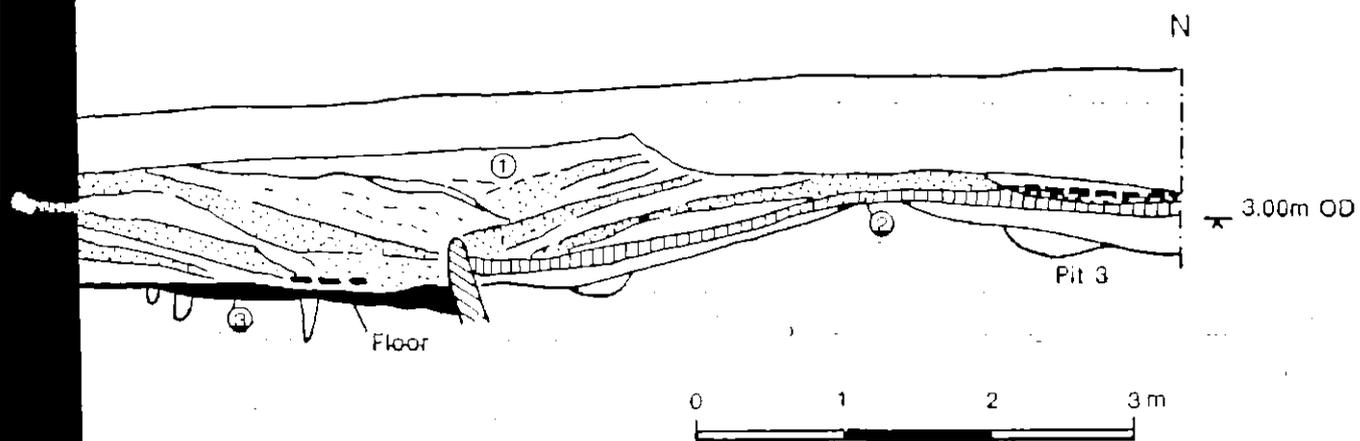
Correspondences of context numbers:

Context No.	Square No.
WA/23	A33/E1/3 (east one-third of square A33)
WA/24	A22/1 (east one-third of square A22)
WA/25	A22/2 "
WA/26	A22/3 "
WA/27	A22/4 "
WA/28	A22/4 "
WA/29	A22/5 "
WA/30	A22/6 (square A22 SW)
WA/31	A22/7 (square A22 S)
WA/32	A22/8 (square A22 S)
WA/33	A22/9 (square A22 SW)
WA/34	A23/33/8 (balk)
WA/35	A12/22/1 (balk)
WA/36	A22/10 (square A22 SW)
WA/37	A23W&/1 (square A23 W and balk)
WA/38	A22/11 (square A22 SW)
WA/39	A22/12 (square A22 SW)
WA/40	A22/13 "

WA/41	A22/14	"
WA/42	A22/15	"
WA/43	A22/16	(square A22 SW)
WA/44	A22/17	
WA/45	A22/18	
WA/46	A22/19	
WA/47	A23W&/2	
WA/48	A22/20	(square A22 E)
WA/49	A23W&/3	
WA/50	A23W&/4	
WA/51	A23W&/5	
WA/52	A23W&/6	
WA/53	A22/21	
WA/104	A23/1	(square A23 east one-third)
WA/105	A23/2	(square A23 east one-third)
WA/106	A03/1	(square A03 east one-third)
WA/107	A03/2	(square A03 east one-third)
WA/108	A03/3	(square A03 east one-third)
WA/109	A23/6	(square A23 east one-third)
WA/110	A23/7	(square A23 east one-third)
WA/111	A23/3	(square A23 east one-third)
WA/112	A23/4	(square A23 east one-third)
WA/113	A23/5	(square A23 east one-third)
WA/114	A03/4	(square A03 east one-third)
WA/115	A23/33/8	(baulk)



ILLUS 24



Site A. A. Main north-south section, looking west. 1. blown sand 2. greeny-yellow streaky clay 3. peat ash. B. Section of guard cell, Phase E. 1. midden 2. blown sand 3. peat

## CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS SITE B

The information given here is taken from the plans and sections, which sometimes have additional notes in the margins, photographs, the finds register, and the site notebook. The lists of contexts and finds is from the finds register, but the layers mentioned in this cannot always be equated with those shown on the drawings. In particular it seems that in the finds register the term 'floor' was used in the widest sense to indicate any layer with occupation material. The cells were excavated in two halves, the right-hand (clockwise half) first. Many contexts therefore have two context numbers, the second being in the left half of the cell. Only contexts which produced finds were numbered, and normally different context numbers were given to different classes of material from the same context. Comments added to the original list for clarification are in square brackets. The attributions to period are added by the author (ENC). Code for the finds column: P = pottery, B = animal bone, WB = worked bone, BB = burnt bone, S = stone, I = iron. Finds numbers are given for some objects. D = diameter.

### CELLS

#### CELL 1

Back wall 1.27m high. Side wall (1 to 2) 1.37m high. Doorway (1 to 2) 0.48m wide, blocked by secondary wall.

Floors: 2 recorded, later than pits. Section shows clay floor 2 over a layer of dirty sand which is apparently contemporary with the fill of Pit 1.

Pits: at least 3 pit phases

Pit 1: 0.76 x 0.61m, depth c.0.43m.

Pit 2: D 0.48m, depth c.0.64m.

Pit 3: D c. 0.36m

Pit 4: 0.15 x 0.30m

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Context
C1/1	B2	P	on floor
C1/2	B2	various	on floor
C1/3	B2	P, WB	floor 1

C1/4	B2	B	floor 1
C1/5	B2	P	in and below floor 1
C1/6	B2	B	in and below floor 1
C1/7	B2	P	in and below floor 1
C1/8	B1	P	floor 2
C1/9	B1	B	floor 2
C1/10	B1	P	Pit 1 in floor 2
C1/11	B1	B	Pit 1 in floor 2
C1/12	B1	B	Pit 2
C1/13	B1	B	Pit 4
C1/14	B1	B	Pit 3

#### CELL 2

Back wall 1.47m high. Side wall (2 to 3) 1.47m high. Doorway (2 to 3) 0.43m wide, recorded by Beveridge as 3ft 1in (0.94m) high and blocked, but was open with a paved base.

Floors: 3 recorded, no details.

Pits: Pit 1 large, oval 1.17 x 0.97m, depth 0.84m.

Beveridge records the presence of an aurnry near the centre of the outer wall which he described as being "6 inches (0.15m) high and 11 inches (0.28m) wide, but expanding within and recessed to a length of 31 inches (0.79m)" in this "lay a concave fragment of pottery, chipped to a roughly circular shape about 7 inches (0.18m) in diameter - as if for use as a dish - and clearly recognisable as part of a large craggan which had been ornamented with a band of raised zig-zag pattern"

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Context
C2/1	B u.s.	P	on top of back wall
C2/2	B2	P	on floor, southwest corner
C2/3	B2	various	on floor
C2/4	B2	P	floor 1
C2/5	B2	B	floor 1
C2/6	B1	P, WB	pits
C2/7	B2	P	floor 2
C2/8	B2	B	floor 2
C2/9	?B1	P	floor 3
C2/10	?B1	B	floor 3

C2/11 B1 P pits  
 C2/12 B1 B pits

*CELL 3*

This is the main entrance to the wheelhouse. Side wall (3 to 4) 1.58m high. Doorway (3 to 4) 0.46m high, blocked by secondary walling.

Floors: 1 recorded, no details.

Pits: none.

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
C3/1	B2	P, etc.	floor

*CELL 4*

Back wall 1.94m high. Side wall (4 to 5) 1.58m high. Doorway (4 to 5) 0.51m wide, paved.

Floors: 5 recorded, section shows sequence - clay floor, blown sand, peat, red clay floor, dirty sand. The bottom layer of dirty sand is cut by Pit 1.

Pits: 5, at least two phases

Pit 1: 0.92 x 0.76m, depth c.0.30m.

Pit 2: only very edge of pit - is part of Pit SE3 and Pit SW19.

Pit 3: D c.0.20m.

Pit 4: 0.23 x 0.18m.

Pit 5: elongated feature 0.94m long, 0.20m wide & 0.25m deep - clearly similar to Pits 9 and 10 in Cell 5, though connection can not be proved.

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
C4/1	B2	P	floor, east side
C4/2	B2	P, B	on floor
C4/3	B2	P, WB	floor 2
C4/4	B2	B	floor 2
C4/5	B2	P	floor 3
C4/6	B2	B	floor 3
C4/7	B2	P	floor 4
C4/8	B2	B	floor 4

C4/9	B1	BB	bottom of pit in floor 5
C4/10	B2	P	floor 2, left
C4/11	B2	B	floor 2, left
C4/12	B2	P	sand between floors 2/3, left
C4/13	B2	B	"
C4/14	B2	P	unstratified
C4/15	B2	B	sand between floors 3/4 left
C4/16	B2	P	floor 4 left & sand over peat
C4/17	B2	B	"
C4/18	B2	P	peat & sand over floor 5 left
C4/19	B2	B	"
C4/20	B2	B	floor 5
C4/21	B1	B	dirty sand below floor 5
C4/22	B2	P	second peat layer-left
C4/23	B2	B	"
C4/24	B1	BB	primary filling of pit
C4/25	B1	P	Pit 2
C4/26	B1	B	"

#### CELL 5

Back wall 1.84m high. Side wall (5 to 6) 1.63m high. Doorway (5 to 6) 0.64m wide, blocked by secondary walling.

Floors: 5 recorded, section shows sequence - grey clay over orange sand, peat, red clay, sand, grey clay, sand. Floors all later than pits.

Pits: 10, of at least three phases.

Pit 1: D 0.36m.

Pit 2: D 0.36m, depth c.0.36m.

Pit 3: 0.10 x 0.15m, depth 0.08m.

Pit 4: D 0.31m.

Pit 5: 0.67 x 0.81m.

Pit 6/7: 0.61 x 0.41m.

Pit 8: 0.74 x 0.53m.

Pit 9: elongated feature 0.53m long, 0.15m wide & 0.08m deep.

Pit 10: elongated feature 0.43m long, 0.18m wide.

Pit 11: elongated feature 0.56m long, 0.43m wide - may be a continuation of Pit 10.

Aumbry found at rear of cell: 0.90m deep, 0.80m wide, formed by blocking a former entrance passage c0.60m wide. The outermost lintel was intact but inner ones had slipped. Two stones projected from the sides towards the rear to support a stone shelf, which had slipped forwards. Filled with white blown sand with 0.15m of midden material on top. About 0.23m above the floor were two or three stone slabs in the blown sand on the west side.

Contexts

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
C5/1	B2	P	aumbry
C5/2	B2	various	aumbry floor
C5/3	B2	P, B	on floor
C5/4	B2	P, B	on floor
C5/5	B2	P	below floor 1
C5/6	B2	P	floor 2
C5/7	B2	B	floor 2
C5/8	B2	P, B	floor 3
C5/9	B2	P	floor 4
C5/10	B2	B	floor 5 (red clay)
C5/11	B1	P	pit under floor 5
C5/12	B1	B	"
C5/13	B1	P	dirty sand below floor 5
C5/14	B1	P	pit 1
C5/15	B1	BB	pit 2
C5/16	B1	B	pit 5
C5/17	B1	B	pit 4
C5/18	B1	B	pit 5
C5/19	B1	B	pit 2 light layer
C5/20	B2	P	floor 2 left
C5/21	B2	B	"
C5/22	B2	B	floor 1 left
C5/23	B2	P	"
C5/24	B2	P	floor 4 left
C5/25	B2	B	"
C5/26	B2	B	floor 3 left
C5/27	B2	B	"
C5/28	B1	P, B	pit 1 left, clay
C5/29	B1	B	pit 2 left

### CELL 6

Back wall 1.68m high. Side wall (6 to 7) 1.27m high. Doorway (6 to 7) 0.58m wide, blocked with secondary walling.

Floors: 4 recorded, no section. Beveridge records it as being paved.

Pits: 9, of at least two phases.

Pit 1: D c. 0.25m, depth 0.08m.

Pit 2: c. 0.51 x 0.28m, depth 0.20m.

Pit 3: D c. 0.36m, depth 0.31m.

Pit 4: c. 0.25 x 0.20m, depth 0.10m.

Pit 5: 0.61m (at widest) x 0.67m (at longest), depth 0.10m.

Pit 6: 0.18 x 0.15m, depth 0.18m.

Pit 7: 0.31 x 0.20, depth 0.10m.

Pit 8: 0.15 x 0.10m, depth 0.10m.

Pit 9: 0.23 x 0.10m, depth 0.13m.

Beveridge records that "there was no doorway from No. 6 to No. 7, its place being partly occupied by a rectangular bole 23 inches (0.53m) in length by 18 inches (0.46m) in height, with an inward capacity of 12 inches (0.31m).

Recessed into the curvilinear outer wall of this chamber are two other and larger boles. Of these the eastward is situated 27 inches (0.69m) above the floor, with an aperture 19 inches (0.48m) wide and 18 inches (0.46m) high, its straight sides ending in a curved back at an extreme length of 29 inches (0.74m); while within the slab-sill which forms its front base, this bole was found to dip abruptly for 6 inches (0.15m) to a clay floor covered by a layer of limpet-shells intermixed with fragments of coarse pottery. The third bole enters the boundary wall 22 inches (0.56m) to the west of that just described, at about the same level, and is placed at the extreme west end of the chamber. This aumbry was less regular in shape, with a height of 24 inches (0.61m) and a recess of 30 inches (0.76m), but bulging inwards from a width of 18 to 24 inches (0.46-0.61m) and showing a floor laid with pebbles. The inner end of chamber 6 was blocked by a thin wall with a single cap-stone." The two wall aumbries appear to be as described by Beveridge, but the other appears merely to have been the blocked doorway to Cell 7. Traces of the inner wall were found.

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
C6/1	B2	various	on floor
C6/2	B2	various	end pier 6/7 on floor by quern
C6/3	B2	P	floor 1
C6/4	B2	B	"
C6/5	B2	P	below floor 1
C6/6	B2	P	floor 2
C6/7	B2	P	floor 3
C6/8	B2	B	"
C6/9	B2	clay sample	floor 3
C6/10	B2	B	floor 2
C6/11	B2	P	floor 4
C6/12	B2	B	"
C6/13	B2	P	floor 3
C6/14	B1	B	sand below floor 4
C6/15	B1	B	" [this is pit 1]
C6/16	B2	P	floor 1 left
C6/17	B2	B	"
C6/18	B2	P	"
C6/19	B2	B	floor 2 left
C6/20	B2	P	floor 4 and pits [left]
C6/21	B2	S 486	floor 4 left
C6/22	B2	B	floor 4 and pits
C6/23	B1	B	pit 1 left
C6/24	B2	P	floor 3 left
C6/25	B2	B	"
C6/26	B1	B	pit 3
C6/27	B1	B	sand below floor 4 left

**CELL 7**

Back wall 1.32m high. Side wall (7 to 8) 0.81m high. Doorway (7 to 8) 0.74m wide.

Floors: 2 recorded, section shows sequence - clay floor, blown sand, dirty sand. The dirty sand overlies Pits 2 and 3, but fills Pit 6.

Pits: 12? of at least four phases. The numbering appears to extend as far as Pit 15, but three of these are not recorded.

Pit 1: 0.48 x 0.46m, depth 0.20m.

Pit 2/4: these two pits cannot be distinguished in section, together measure 1.07 x 1.02m, c.0.48m deep.

Pit 3: 0.71 x 0.46m.

Pit 5: not shown on plan or recorded in finds book.

Pit 6: 0.51m x 0.28m, depth c.0.25m.

Pit 7: D c.0.25m.

Pit 8: 0.36 x 0.15m.

Pit 9: D 0.51m, depth 0.10m.

Pit 10: D c.0.23m.

Pit 11: c.0.31 x 0.20m.

Pit 12: D 0.20m.

Pit 13: D c.0.36m.

Pit 14: not shown on plan or recorded in finds book.

Pit 15 not shown on plan, only recorded in finds book; ?could be Pit 5.

There was a stack of four stone pot-lids in the northwest over Pit 13.

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
C7/1	B2	P	floor 1
C7/2	B2	B	"
C7/3	B2	P	sand below floor [1]
C7/4	B2	B	"
C7/5	B1	P	floor 2
C7/6	B1	B	"
C7/7	B1	B	"
C7/8	B1	B	sand below floor 2
C7/9	B1	B	pit 1
C7/10	B1	P, WB	"
C7/11	B1	BB	pocket below floor 2
C7/12	B1	P	pit 2
C7/12a	B1	BB	pit 3
C7/13	B1	B	pit 2
C7/13a	B1	BB	pit 3

C7/14	B1	B	pit 6
C7/15	B1	B	pit 7
C7/16	B2	B	floor 1
C7/17	B2	P	"
C7/18	B2	P	blown sand over floor 2
C7/19	B2	B	"
C7/20	P1	P	floor 2
C7/21	B1	B	"
C7/22	B1	B	pit 7
C7/23	B1	P	pit 4 left
C7/24	B1	BB	"
C7/25	B1	B	2 pits by fallen pier
C7/26	B1	P	pit 2 left
C7/27	B1	B	"
C7/28	B2	P	unstratified
C7/29	B2	B	"
C7/30	B1	BB	pit 3
C7/31	B1	P	"
C7/32	B1	C 530	pit 9
C7/33	B1	B	pit 15

#### CELL 8

Back wall 0.97m high. Side wall (8 to 9) 0.92m high. Doorway (8 to 9) 0.45m wide, recorded by Beveridge as being 34 inches (0.86m) high with a floor-slab. It is shown as blocked on Atkinson's plan, but does not appear to be so in photographs therefore this may be the paving noted by Beveridge.

Floors: 1, clay over grey sand.

Pits: 13, at least four pit phases. Floor later than pits.

Pit 1: D c.0.36m, depth 0.27m.

Pit 2: D 1.32m.

Pit 3: D 0.20m.

Pit 4: 0.51 x 0.36m.

Pit 5: D 0.58m, depth c.0.31m.

Pit 6: D 0.56m, depth c.0.33m.

Pit 7: D 0.53m.

Pit 8: not marked on plan or section.

Pit 9: not marked on plan or section.

Pit 10: D 0.41m.

Pit 11: D 0.08m, depth 0.10m.

Pit 12: D 0.05m, depth 0.15m, may have been a stake-hole.

Pit 13: D c. 0.18m.

Beveridge records the cell as having "a wall 55 (1.40m) inches long across its inner end, although without any slab above."

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
C8/1	B2	various	floor
C8/2	B2	P	"
C8/3	B2	B	"
C8/4	B1	P	below floor 1
C8/5	B1	B	"
C8/6	B1	B, P	shallow pit below floor 1
C8/7	B1	B	pit 1
C8/8	B2	P, B	floor 1
C8/9	B1	P	below floor 1
C8/10	B1	B	"
C8/11	B1	P	pit 3
C8/12	B1	B, WB 639	pit 4
C8/13	B1	P, S 492	pit 2
C8/14	B1	B	pit 2
C8/15	B1	P	pit 5
C8/16	B1	B	"
C8/17	B1	B	pit 7
C8/18	B1	BB	pit 6
C8/19	B1	BB	pit 5
C8/20	B1	P	pit 2 lower layer left
C8/21	B1	B	"
C8/22	B1	P	pit 8
C/23	B1	B	pit 9
C/24	B2	WB 616	floor 1

**CELL 9**

Back wall 0.97m high. Side wall (9 to 10) 1.42m high. Doorway (9 to 10) 0.53m wide, blocked by secondary walling.

Floors: 1, sealing pits.

Pits: 22, of at least 4 pit phases.

Pit 1: relationship between two parts unclear, could be single feature though faint line on working plan may indicate 1b cuts 1a.

Pit 2: D c.0.13m.

Pit 3: D c.0.58 x 0.61m.

Pit 4: D c.0.10m.

Pit 5: 0.31 x 0.42m.

Pit 6: D c.0.23m.

Pit 7: c.0.31 x 0.23m, depth c.0.31m.

Pit 8: D 0.27m.

Pit 9: D 0.32m, depth 0.28m (from datum).

Pit 10: c.0.15 x 0.10m.

Pit 11: shallow feature 0.48 x 0.54m. A note on the plan states that this pit contained halved animal heads, but there is no record of bone from this context.

Pit 12: D c.0.13m.

Pit 13: 0.18 x 0.13m.

Pit 14: 0.18 x 0.15m.

Pit 15: D c. 0.15m.

Pit 16: D 0.43m, depth 0.15m.

Pit 17: D 0.46m, depth c.0.38m(in section).

Pit 18: pit c.0.31m in D but appears to spread in the form of a shallow scoop and stained sand.

Pit 19: D 0.33m.

Pit 20: D 0.27m.

Pit 21: elongated irregular feature described as a trench at least 1.84m long, width c.0.38m.

Pit 22: D c.0.10m.

Beveridge records it having "an inner wall and slab 44 inches (1.11m) in length". One stone was found in this position.

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
C9/1	B2	various	floor 1
C9/2	B2	P	"
C9/3	B2	B	"
C9/4	B1	P	sand below floor 1, and pits
C9/5	B1	B	"

C9/6	B1	crucible 497, 513, 527	pit 4
C9/7	B1	B laid on limpet shell	pit 1
C9/8	B1	P	pit 2
C9/9	B1	BB	"
C9/10	B1	B	pit 3
C9/11	B1	P	pit 5
C9/12	B1	B	"
C9/13	B1	P, B	pit 7
C9/14	B1	P	pit 11
C9/15	B1	B	pit 5
C9/16	B1	P 134	pit 8
C9/17	B1	B	pit 10
C9/18	B1	B	pit 8
C9/19	B1	P	pit 10
C9/20	B1	P 135	pit 12
C9/21	B1	P	pit 13
C9/22	B1	B	"
C9/23	B1	B	sand under floor
C9/24	B1	P	"
C9/25	B1	B	pit 14
C9/26	B1	B	pit 3
C9/27	B1	B	pit 9
C9/28	B1	B	sand under floor
C9/29	B1	BB	pit 16
C9/30	B1	B	pit 17
C9/31	B1	B	pit 18
C9/32	B1	B	below floors
C9/33	B1	P	"
C9/34	B1	B	pit 19
C9/35	B1	WB 754	trench 21

#### CELL 10

Back wall 1.84m high. Side wall (10 to 12) 1.32m high. Doorway (10 to 12) 0.69m wide, blocked by secondary walling.

Floors: 1, over a layer of dirty sand which also fills Pit 1.

Pits: 5, of at least 2 pit phases.

Pit 1/2 lower pit 0.71 x 0.53m, depth 0.61m, with lighter sand separated from upper pit by a stain. Upper pit 1.22 x 0.92m, depth c. 0.30m.

Pit 3: D c.0.31m, depth 0.23m.

Pit 4: c.0.15 x 0.10m, depth 0.08m.

Pit 5: c.0.41 x 0.0.25m, depth 0.20m.

Beveridge records it "having a wall and slab 55 inches (1.40m) long across its inner end". Traces of the base of this wall were found. A complete fish was found on the floor and lifted.

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
C10/1	B2	various	floor
C10/2	B2	B	"
C10/3	B2	P	"
C10/4	B2	B	"
C10/5	B1	P, B	sand under floor
C10/6	B1	P	pit [1/2] under floor 1
C10/7	B1	B	"
C10/8	B2	P, WB 621	floor left
C10/9	B2	B	"
C10/10	B1	P, WB 629	pit 1 left
C10/11	B1	B	"
C10/12	B1	B	pit 2

*CELL 12*

Back wall 1.89m high. Side wall (12 to 13) 1.42m high. Doorway (12 to 13) 0.58m wide, blocked by secondary walling.

Floors: 1, over sand which is cut by Pit 1.

Pits: 1

Pit 1: D c.1.07m, depth at least 0.36m.

There is a line of small stones at the front of the cell. A line of clay spots beneath the V-lintel was interpreted as a drip line of clay bonding in the cell roof.

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
C12/1	B2	various	floor
C12/2	B2	"	"
C12/3	B2	WB 611, S 485	floor
C12/3a	B1	P	below floor
C12/4	B2	B	floor

C12/4a	B1	B	below floor
C12/5	B1	P	plt 1
C12/6	B1	B	"
C12/7	B2	P	[unstratified]

### CELL 13

Back wall 2.19m high. Side wall (13 to 14) 1.37m high. Doorway (13 to 14) 0.46m wide, blocked by secondary walling.

Floors: 2 recorded, section shows one clay floor over blown sand. An unlabelled layer above this may be the patch of red clay mentioned in the site book.

Pits: 2 floors later than pits but Pit 1 fill appears to spread beyond the pit edges as a layer of dirty sand.

Pit 1: irregular feature 1.63 x 1.22m, depth 0.46m.

Pit 2: D c.0.31m, depth 0.46m.

Beveridge records that the inner end was "still partially closed by what seems the lower portion of an original wall, now varying from 18 to 24 inches (0.46-0.61m) in height." However, "chamber 13 must have possessed an access of some kind, and the only reasonable solution seems to be that this chamber, during its latter occupation, was reached by stepping over the low wall to which reference has just been made". This inner wall survived as described by Beveridge. The clay floor overlapped the lowest stone of this wall, showing it was an original feature (of Period B1).

### Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
C13/1	B2	WB 617	floor [1]
C13/2	B2	P	"
C13/3	B2	P	floor 2
C13/4	B2	B	floor 1
C13/5	B2	B	floor 2
C13/6	B1	B	sand below floor 2
C13/7	B1	P	pit under floor 2
C13/8	B1	B, shells	"
C13/9	B1	P 153	below floor 2
C13/10	B2	P, B	floor 2
C13/11	B1	P	plt
C13/12	B1	B	pit

#### CELL 14

Back wall 1.32m high. Side wall (14 to 1) 1.27m high. Doorway (14 to 1) 0.56m wide, blocked by secondary walling.

Floors: 2 recorded, section shows two clay layers separated by blown sand and dark material. Under these is a layer of dirty sand which fills the top of Pit 1.

Pits: 3 recorded, of two phases, but one may be part of pit 1.

Pit 1: 1.53 x 1.22m, depth 0.53m.

Pit 2: D 0.15m, depth 0.51m.

#### Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
C14/1	B2	P, B	floor
C14/2	B2	various	on floor near end of pier 14/1
C14/3	B2	P	floor
C14/4	B1	B	pit 2
C14/5	B2	B	floor 1
C14/6	B2	P	"
C14/7	B2	P	floor 2
C14/8	B2	B	"
C14/9	B1	P	pit 1
C14/10	B1	B	"
C14/11	B1	B	pit 3

#### CENTRAL AREA

The floors in the central area were stripped down to 0.15-0.20m below the top floor to reveal the pits. The top clay floor was especially apparent on the northeast and east sides. The succession of floors was therefore seen only in section. Atkinson describes them as "below the uppermost floor is a second, of dirty sand about 1 inch (25mm) thick, separated from it by a 1/2 inch (12mm) of dirty blown sand. Contains a good deal of red sticky peat ash. Both these pass over another hearth [Hearth 1] ... a layer of blown sand 1 1/2 inches (37mm) thick, dirty, runs up to but not over this hearth and below is another floor level of patchy dirty sand".

*NORTH-EAST QUADRANT*

Pits: 24, of at least four pit phases.

Pit 1: D 0.36m, depth 0.69m, is recorded as being cut from the lowest floor (Floor 3).

Pit 2: D 0.51m.

Pit 3: D 0.60m, recorded as being dug from top floor but section does not support this.

Pit 4: D 0.25m.

Pit 5: 2.10 x 1.20m.

Pit 6: = Pit NW18. 1.20 x 1.84m, depth 0.36m, sealed by floor 3.

Pit 7: D 0.38m, vessel with cremation dug into bottom of stain.

Pit 8: D 0.25m.

Pit 9: D 0.25m.

Pit 10: D 0.25m.

Pit 11: D 0.31m, shallow pit with cremation over peat ash.

Pit 12: D 0.92m.

Pit 13: D 0.18m.

Pit 14: D 0.25m.

Pit 15: D 0.18m.

Pit 16: large pit cut by Pit 5.

Pit 17: D 0.31m.

Pit 18: D 0.41m.

Pit 19: a stone-lined posthole c. 0.15m D, with a central posthole c. 0.10 D.

Pit 20: D 0.46m, filled with stone and had a stone slab over the top.

Pit 21: = Pit NW21. depth 0.92m, sealed by floor 3.

Pit 22: D 0.41m.

Pit 23: D 0.20m.

Pit 24: D 0.20m.

'Pit 37': a long trench which runs through Cell 14 under the wheelhouse wall to Cell A.

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
NE/1	B2	P	floor

NE/2	B2	B	"
NE/3	B1	BB	pit 2
NE/4	B1	P	plt 4 above bones
NE/5	B1	B	pit 4
NE/6	B1	P	pit 1
NE/7	B1	B	"
NE/8	B2	P	pit 3
NE/9	B2	B	"
NE/10	B1	P	pit 7
NE/11	B1	B	"
NE/12	B1	BB	pit 4
NE/13	B1	BB	pit 18
NE/14	B1	BB	pit 2
NE/15	B1	B	pit 11
NE/16	B1	B	pit 12
NE/17	B1	B	pit 6
NE/18	B1	B	pit 8
NE/19	B1	B	pit 13
NE/20	B1	B	pit 14
NE/21	B1	B	pit 11
NE/22	B1	B	pit 15
NE/23	B1	P 180	pit 7
NE/24	B2	B	u.s.
NE/25	B1	BB	pit 7 in urn
NE/26	B1	B	pit 10
NE/27	B1	B	pit 21
NE/28	B1	B	"
NE/29	B1	BB	pit 22
NE/30	B1	BB	pit 21
NE/31	B1	P	[plt 24]
NE/32	B1	B	"
NE/33	B1	WB 627	pit 5

#### *SOUTH-EAST QUADRANT*

Pits: 3, but one unplanned and unnumbered pit full of animal bone was excavated on the baulk between the NE and SE quadrants (seen on photographs).

Pit 1: D 0.41m. under stones

Pit 2: D 0.20m.

Pit 3: = Pit SW19 = Cell 4 Pit 2. D c. 0.90m, depth 0.36m.

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
SE/1	B2	WB 615	floor
SE/2	B2	P	"
SE/3	B2	B	"
SE/4	B2	B	unstratified
SE/5	B2	P	floor 1, general
SE/6	B2	B	"
SE/7	B1	P	pit 1
SE/8	B1	P	pit
SE/9(W/1)B2		various	well edge, floor
SE/10(W2)B2		P, B	well edge, foot of kerb, floor

#### *SOUTH-WEST QUADRANT*

Pits: 26, of at least 5 pit phases.

Pit 1: animal bone, perhaps in floor.

Pit 2: is an animal burial in the top floor.

Pit 3: animal bone, perhaps in floor.

Pit 4/11: D 0.20m.

Pit 5: 0.67 x 0.36m.

Pit 6: D 0.20m.

Pit 7: D 0.31m.

Pit 8: 0.46 x 0.90m.

Pit 9: D 0.36m.

Pit 10: D 0.15m.

Pit 12: D 0.30m.

Pit 13: D 0.41m.

Pit 14: 0.51 x 0.36m.

Pit 15: 1.84 x 1.22m, the whalebone object 655 is flanked by an upright stone.

Pit 16: 0.36 x 0.56m.

Pit 17: D 0.25m.

Pit 18: D 0.20m.

Pit 19: = Pit SE3. D 0.90m.

Pit 20: D 0.25m.

Pit 21: D 1.02m. This deep pit had two upright slabs facing each other at either end of the pit. One of these was overlain by a flat slab (cf Pit NW20).

Pit 22: D 0.15m.

Pit 23: D 0.15m.

Pit 24: D 0.20m.

Pit 25: D 0.15m.

Plt 26: D 0.20m. Plan shows quern fragment.

Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
SW/1	B2	P	floor
SW/2	B2	B	"
SW/3	B2	P	"
SW/4	B2	B	"
SW/5	B1	B	pit 5(A)
SW/6	B2	P	floor, general
SW/7	B2	B	"
SW/8	B2	WB 654	floor, south end
SW/9	B?2	B	pit 1
SW/10	B?2	B	pit 3
SW/11	B2	B	pit 2
SW/12	B1	BB	pit 5
SW/13	B1	P	pit 14
SW/14	B1	BB	"
SW/15	B1	BB	pit 4
SW/16	B1	B	pit 16
SW/17	B1	B	pit 12
SW/18	B1	P	pit 15
SW/19	B1	S	plt 15
SW/20	B1	B	"
SW/21	B1	B	plt 14 bottom w[est?]
SW/22	B1	P	plt 8
SW/23	B1	shells	"
SW/24	B1	P	plt 9
SW/25	B1	B	"
SW/26	B1	P	plt 13
SW/27	B1	B	plt 18
SW/28	B1	WB 655	plt 15
SW/29	B1	P, S	plt 21

SW/30	B1	B	plt 21
SW/31	B1	B	pit 20
SW/32	B2	B	general
SW/33	B2	P	"

*NORTH-WEST QUADRANT*

Pits: 24 pits, of at least 4 pit phases. Two pits shared with North East Quadrant.

Pit 1: D 0.25m.

Pit 2: a D 0.20m, b D 0.15m.

Pit 3: 0.31 x 0.20m.

Pit 4: D 0.41m.

Pit 5: D 0.10m

Pit 6: D 0.36m.

Pit 7: D 0.20m.

Pit 8: D 0.15m.

Pit 9: D 0.15m.

Pit 10: D 0.13m.

Pit 11: D 0.25m.

Pit 12: D 0.15m.

Pit 13: D 0.28m.

Pit 14: D 0.20m.

Pits 14/15/16: relationships uncertain, D 0.20-0.30m.

Pit 17: D 0.36m.

Pit 18: = Pit NE6.

Pit 19: D 0.51m.

Pit 20: 1.53 x 1.07m, a deep pit, containing a large upright rectangular slab c. 0.90 x 0.30 x 0.10m set against the side next to Cell 9.

Pit 21: = Pit NE21.

Pit 22: 1.22 x ?1.53m, depth 0.56m.

Pit 23: D 0.20m.

Pit 24: irregular shape, no details.

**Contexts:**

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
NW/1	B1	B	plt 2
NW/2	B1	BB	"
NW/3	B1	B	plt 3

NW/4	B2	B	below floor 1
NW/5	B2	P	"
NW/6	B1	B	pit 21 (small pit 12)
NW/7	B1	P	brown ditch [pit] 22
NW/8	B1	B	"
NW/9	B1	BB	pit 10
NW/10	B1	P	pit 5
NW/11	B2	P	floor, general
NW/12	B2	BB	"
NW/13	B1	P	pit 11
NW/14	B1	B	pit 1
NW/15	B2	P	floor
NW/16	B2	B	"
NW/17	B1	BB	pit 8
NW/18	B1	BB	pit 5
NW/19	B1	BB	pits 14/15/16
NW/20	B1	BB	brown ditch, [pit] 22
NW/21	B2	P 242	floor 1 in front of Cell 8, in front of stone lining
NW/22	B1	P, B	pit 20
NW/23	B1	B	"
NW/24	B1	P, WB 609	below floor
NW/25	B1	BB	"
NW/26	B1	BB	pit 23
NW/27	B1	BB	pit 19
NW/28	B1	BB	pit 17
NW/29	B2	P	general
NW/30	B2	B	"
NE-NW/1	B1	P	pit 21
NE-NW/1	B1	B	pit 21

#### CENTRAL AREA; CONTEXT NUMBER CORRESPONDENCES

On Site B the central area of the wheelhouse has two sets of context numbers. Originally all the central area contexts were given a running series of numbers prefixed by Q. Later these were replaced with quadrant numbers: NE, NW, SW and SE, but the old numbers appear on some finds. The correspondences are given below.

Q1	NE/1	Q2	NE/2	Q3	SW/1
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Q4	SW/2	Q36	NW/8	Q75	NE/32
Q5	NW/1	Q37	NW/9	Q76	SW/8
Q6	NE/3	Q38	NE/24	Q77	SW/9
Q7	NW/2	Q39	SE/4	Q78	SE/7
Q8	NW/3	Q40	NW/10	Q79	SE/8
Q9	NE/4	Q41	NENW/1	Q80	SW/10
Q10	NE/5	Q42	NENW/2	Q81	NW/29
Q11	NE/6	Q43	NW/11	Q82	NW/30
Q12	NE/7	Q44	NW/12	Q83	NE/33
Q13	NE/8	Q45	NW/13	Q84	SW/11
Q14	NE/9	Q46	NW/14	Q85	SW/12
Q15	NE/10	Q47	NW/15	Q86	SW/13
Q16	NE/11	Q48	NW/16	Q87	SW/14
Q17	SE/1	Q49	SW/3	Q88	SW/15
Q18	SE/2	Q50	SW/4	Q89	SW/16
Q19	NE/12	Q51	NW/17	Q90	SW/17
Q20	NE/13	Q52	NW/18	Q91	SW/18
Q21	NE/14	Q53	NE/25	Q92	SW/19
Q22	NE/15	Q54	NE/26	Q93	SW/20
Q23	SE/3	Q55/a	NW/19	Q94	SW/21
Q24	NE/16	Q56	NW/20	Q95	SW/22
Q25	NW/4	Q57	NW/21	Q96	SW/23
Q26	NW/5	Q58	SE/5	Q97	SW/24
Q27	NE/17	Q59	SE/6	Q98	SW/25
Q28	NE/18	Q60	NW/22	Q99	SW/26
Q29	NE/19	Q61	NW/23	Q100	SW/27
Q23	SE/3	Q62	NW/24	Q101	SW/28
Q24	NE/16	Q63	NW/25	Q102	SW/29
Q25	NW/4	Q64	NE/27	Q103	SW/30
Q26	NW/5	Q65	NE/28	Q104	SW/31
Q27	NE/17	Q66	NW/26	Q105	SW/32
Q28	NE/18	Q67	NW/27	Q106	SW/33
Q29	NE/19	Q68	NE/29		
Q30	NW/6	Q69	NE/30		
Q31	NE/20	Q70	NW/28		
Q32	NE/21	Q71	SW/5		
Q33	NE/22	Q72	SW/6		
Q34	NE/23	Q73	SW/7		
Q35	NW/7	Q74	NE/31		

## AREAS OUTSIDE THE WHEELHOUSE

### CELL A

Size c. 5.20 x 3.60m. Walls crudely built with rounded stones with gaps between. All interior deposits removed by Boveridge in 1906. The Cell was excavated in quadrants. Part of the south side of the exit passage had collapsed and was rebuilt by Atkinson. During excavation part of the west wall just north of the entrance collapsed, showing that the wall was built on midden material which itself filled the linear ditch which passed under the wheelhouse as trench 37 in Cell 14 and the NE quadrant

#### Contexts

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
CA/1	B u.s.	various	backfill
CA/1	B midden	P	NW quadrant, midden below floor
CA/2	B midden	B	"
CA/3	B midden	P	SE quadrant, midden
CA/4	B midden	P	"
CA/5	B midden	B	NW quadrant, midden below floor
CA/6	B midden	B	"

### CELL C

The walls are thin, formed of slabs set on edge not more than 0.45m high. It sits in a cut which extends to the surface so may be of recent origin. Its relationship to the passage walls are unclear, but may overlie it. Rough paving on the floor is set in dark sand. Almost circular D 1.07m.

#### Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
CC/1	B u.s.	B	top layer
CC/2	B u.s.	B	below rough flooring
CC/2	B u.s.	P	south of Cell C
CC/3	B u.s.	B	"
CC/4	B u.s.	P	above rough flooring

### ENTRANCE TO WHEELHOUSE

Atkinson records that "Both the passage walls are later than the wheelhouse as their bases rest at a higher level than the jambs of the wheelhouse ontrance" and "it seems there is a straight joint in masonry where the curved south wall of the courtyard meets the outer jamb of the wheelhouse door at a distinct angle". The walls of the narrowed entrance "are later than the wall to the south as its lower course rest on brown sand whereas those of the passage walls rest on a layer of blown sand above the brown sand" (see section 4).

### MIDDENS AROUND THE WHEELHOUSE

#### Contexts:

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
EE/1	B midden	P, WB	midden
EE/2	"	B	"
EE/4	"	clay	"
EE/5	B u.s.	WB	crevice of s. entrance wall
EE/6	B midden	B	sand and midden
EE/7	"	P	"
EE/8	"	B	"

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
EN/1	B midden	P	midden
EN/2	"	B	"
EN/3	"	P	"
EN/4	"	B	"
EN/5	"	P, WB	"
EN/6	"	WB	"
EN/7	"	B	"

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
ES/1	B midden	P	section
ES/2	"	P	midden
ES/3	"	B	"
ES/4	"	B	"
ES/5	"	P, B	south of Cell C

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
SC/1	B midden	P	midden
SC/2	"	P, WB	"
SC/3	"	B	"
SC/4	"	B	"
SC/5	"	P	"

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
S/1	B midden	P	top foot of midden
S/2	"	B	"
S/3	"	P, WB	midden
S/4	"	B	"
S/5	"	P	"
S/6	"	B	"

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
35/1	B u.s.	various	drift sand
35/2	B midden	P, B 498	midden, northwest quadrant
35/3	"	various	"
35/4	"	"	midden, southeast quadrant
35/5	"	"	midden, southwest quadrant

No.	Period	Finds	Contexts
61/1	?	B, P	midden, depth 14.4 feet OD.

#### *INITIAL EXCAVATION OF WHEELHOUSE*

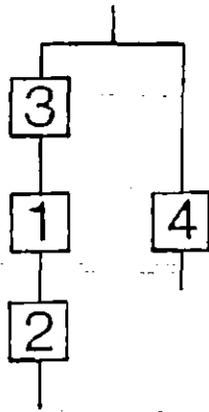
The approximate area of the wheelhouse was initially excavated in grid squares 13, 14, 22 and 23. The contexts include much of the 1906 backfill as well as some of the midden surrounding the wheelhouse

#### *Contexts:*

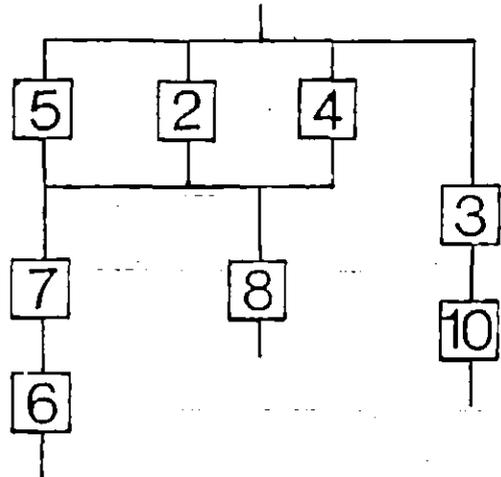
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13/1	B u.s.	various	backfill
13/2	B midden	P, B	occupation
13/3	B u.s.	WB	backfill, east side
13/4	B midden	various	midden, southeast corner
13/5	"	WB	midden
13/6	"	WB	midden

13/7	"	various	midden, southwest corner
13/8	"	various	lower midden, southwest
13/9	B u.s.	WB	Cell 5 wall filling
13/23/1	B u.s.	various	backfill, east
13/23/2	B u.s.	"	backfill, north
13/23/3	B2	"	floor
14/1	B u.s.	various	backfill
22/1	B u.s.	P 483	wheelhouse wall
23/1	B u.s.	various	backfill

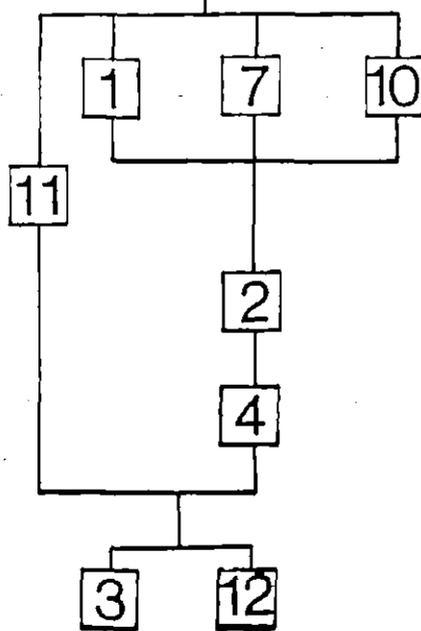
CELL 1



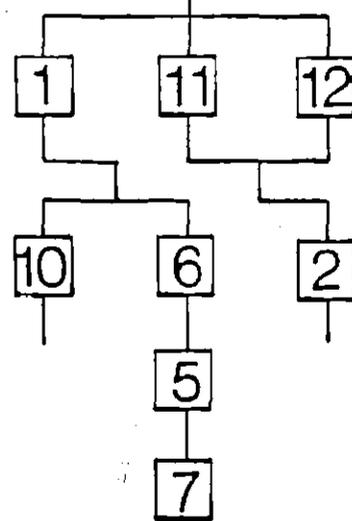
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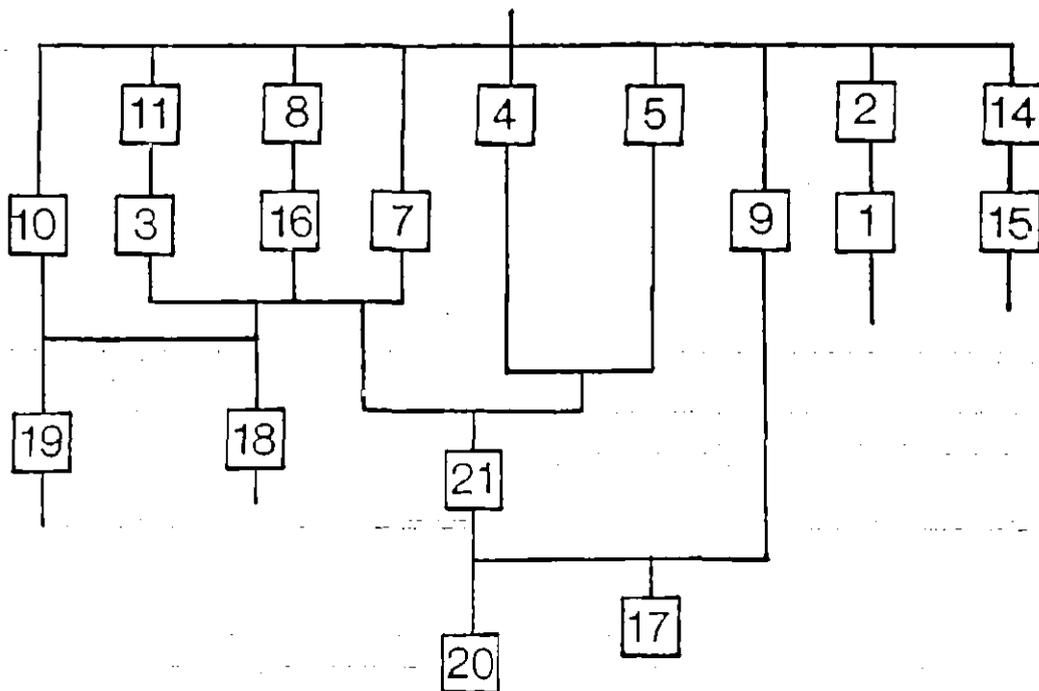


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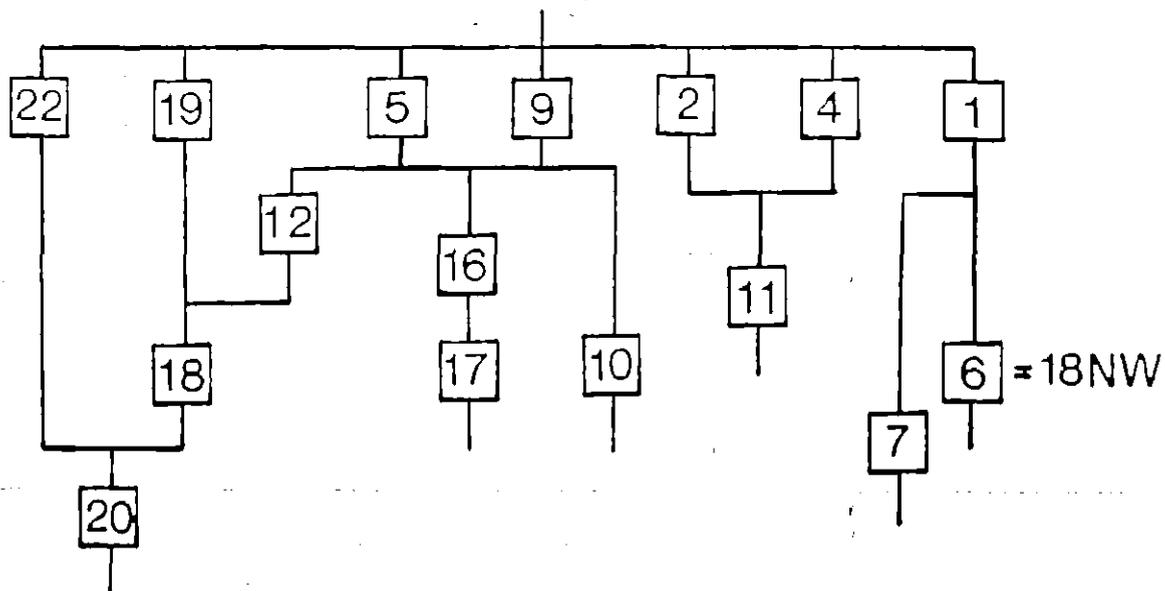


ILLUS 25 Site B wheelhouse. Matrices of plt relationships: Cells 1,5,7 and 8.

### CELL 9

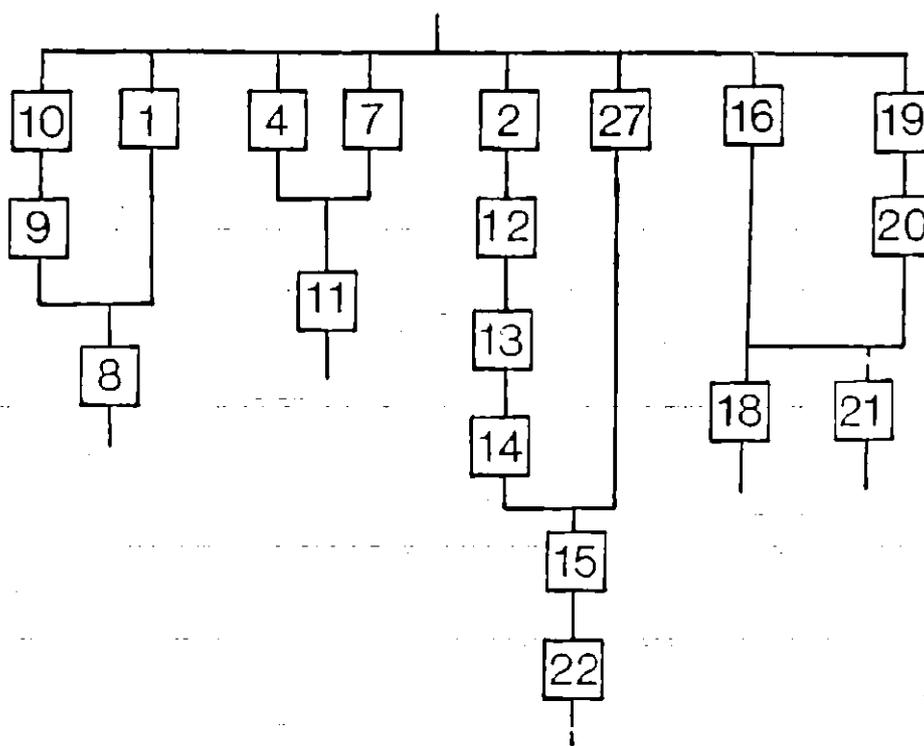


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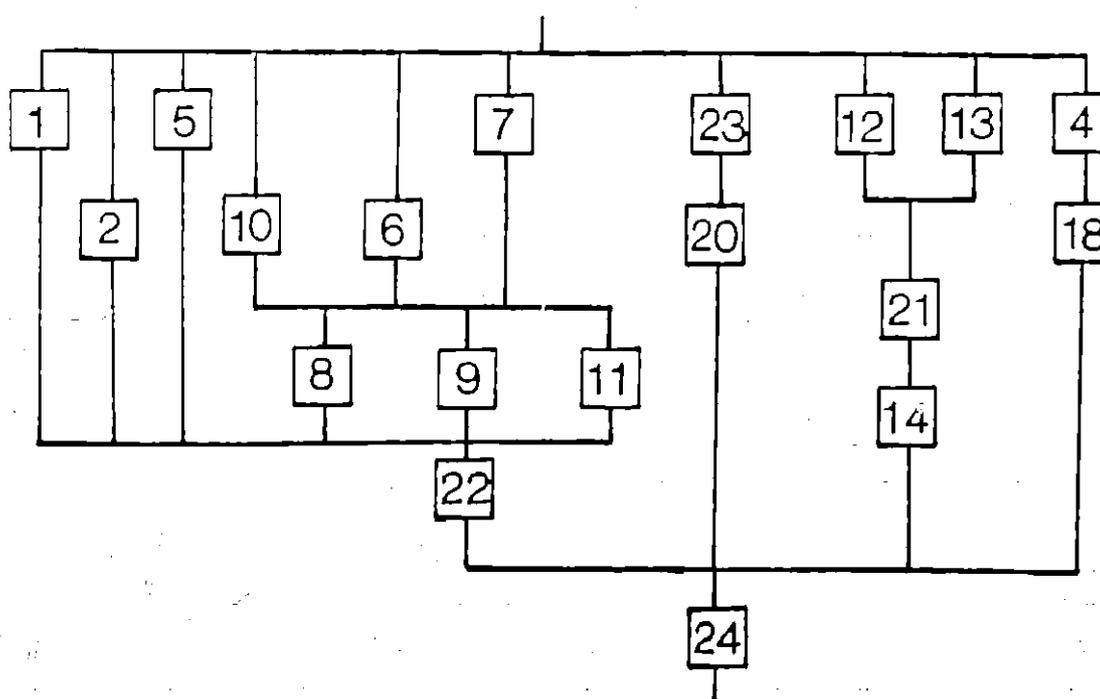


ILLUS 26 Site B wheelhouse. Matrices of plt relationships: Cell 9, NE quadrant.

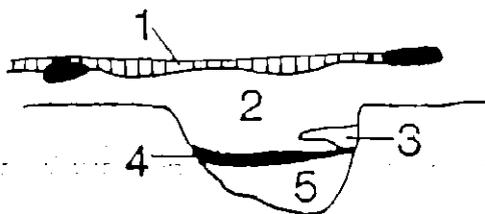
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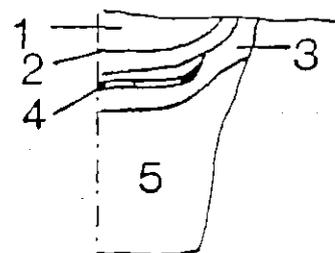
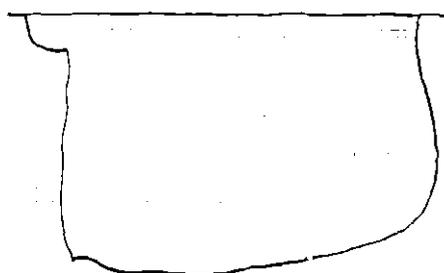
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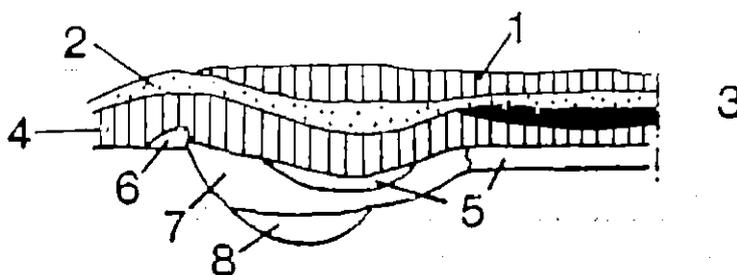
ILLUS 27 Site B wheelhouse. Matrices of plt relationships: SW quadrant, NW quadrant.



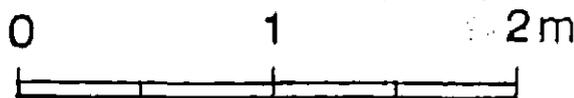
CELL 1, Pit 1: 1. floor 2. clay 2. dirty sand with black fragments  
3. animal bone 4. decayed peat 5. dirty sand.



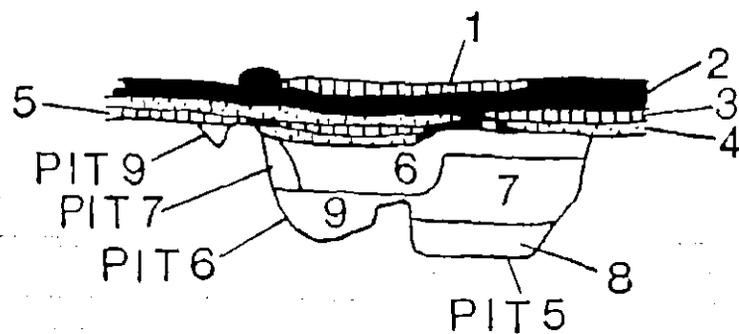
CELL 2, Pit 1: 1. dirty sand 2. stain 3. red sand 4. clean sand  
5. orange sand



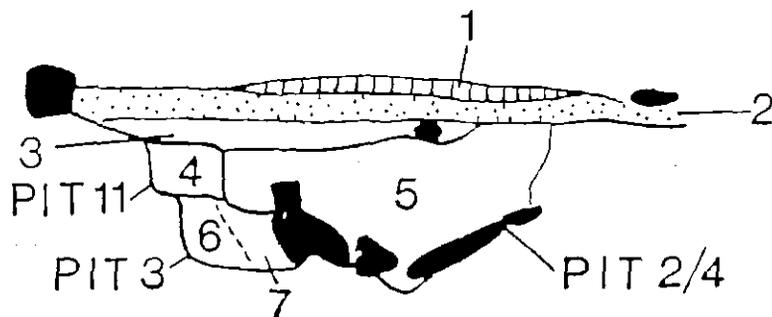
CELL 4, Pit 1: 1. clay floor 2. clean blown sand 3. peat 4. red  
clay with black smears 5. dirty sand 6. sand  
7. dark pit filling 8. burnt bone.



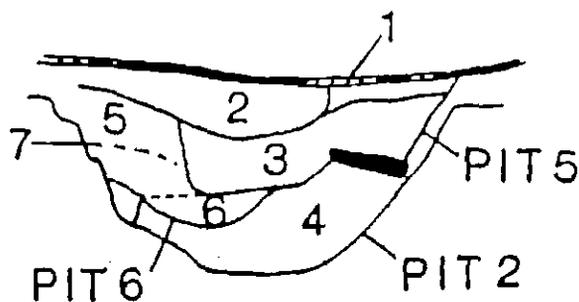
ILLUS 28 Site B wheelhouse, sections of Cells 1, 2 and 4.



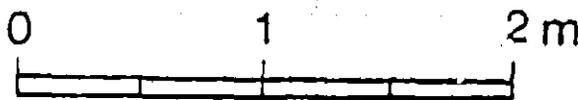
CELL 5: 1. grey clay on orange sand 2. peaty material 3. red clay  
 4. sand 5. grey clay 6. red clay with black fragments  
 7. dirty sand bones and stone 8. grey sand 9. dirty sand  
 with red and grey stains.



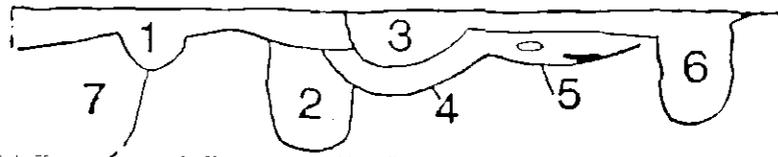
CELL 7: 1. clay floor 2. blown sand 3. dirty sand 4. black burnt  
 matter 5. dark fill on stones 6. red clay 7. burnt bone.



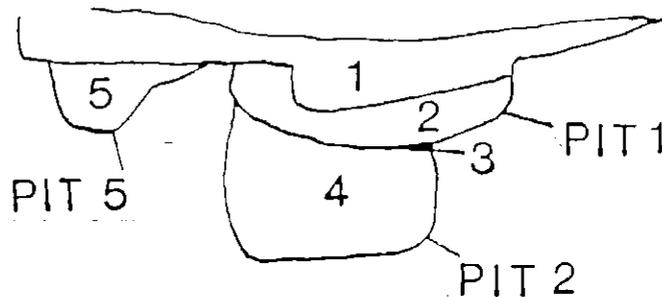
CELL 8: 1. clay floor 2. greyish sand 3. orange sand 4. light  
 sand 5. dirty sand 6. black with burnt bone 7. stain.



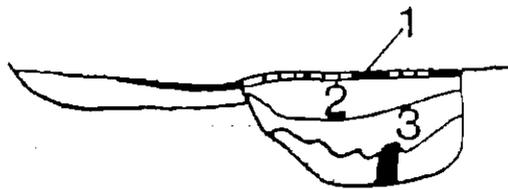
ILLUS 29 Site B wheelhouse, sections of Cells 5, 7 and 8.



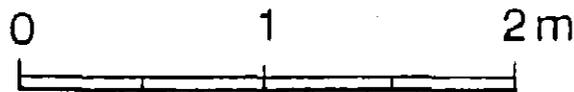
CELL 9: (section incomplete) 1. Pit 5 2. Pit 17 dark sand and clay with peat, burnt bone 3. Pit 11 dark sand with bone 4. Pit 3 dark sand with burnt bone 5. Pit 16 mixed light sand 6. Pit 7.



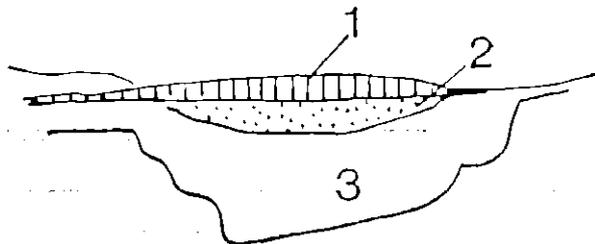
CELL 10: 1. dark and mixed sand 2. brown sand 3. stain 4. light sand with burnt matter 5. dirty sand.



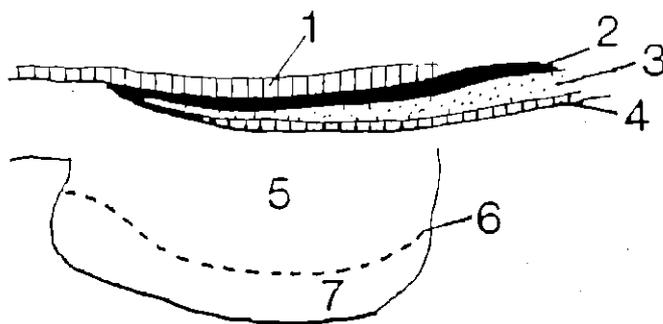
CELL 12: 1. floor 2. dirty sand 3. sand with peat.



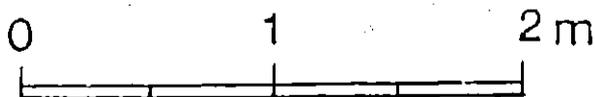
ILLUS 30 Site B wheelhouse, sections of Cells 9, 10 and 12.



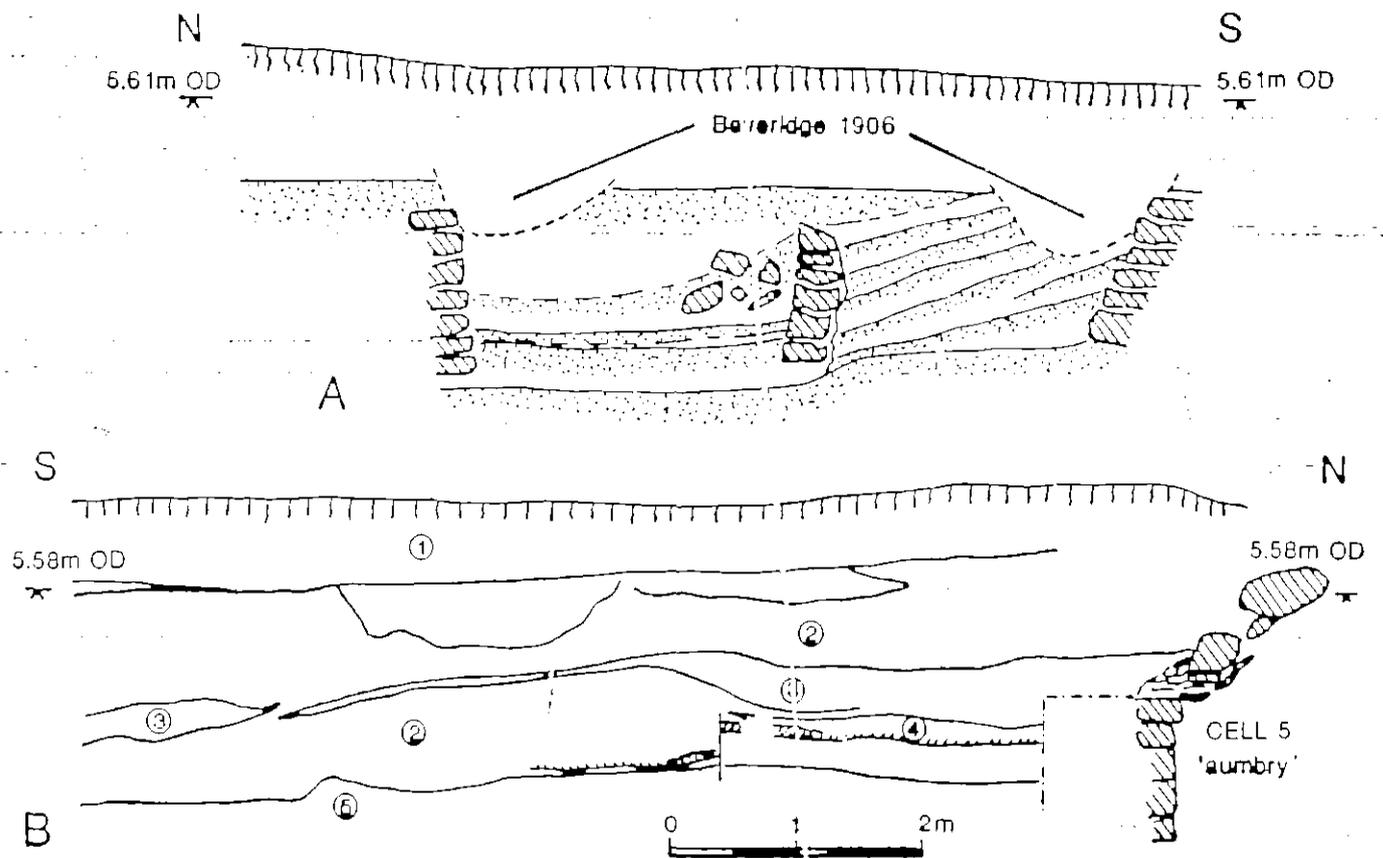
CELL 13: 1. brown clay 2. blown sand 3. dirty sand with burnt fragments.



CELL 14: 1. clay floor 2. ?dark layer 3. blown sand 4. clay floor 5. dirty sand 6. dark stain 7. cleaner sand.



ILLUS 31 Site B wheelhouse, sections of Cells 13 and 14.



ILLUS 32 Site B wheelhouse sections: A. Section 4 across entrance, showing Beveridge's 1906 excavation trenches. B. Section 6, west side of trench SC.

## SCIENTIFIC DATING

### A. Archaeomagnetic

A single large archaeomagnetic sample was taken from Hearth 2 (Period B2) in 1957 and submitted to John Belshé of Cambridge University. The original measurements were:

Declination  $4^{\circ} \pm 3W$                       Inclination  $69.75^{\circ} \pm 1N$   
Site Longitude  $7^{\circ}22'W$  Latitude  $57^{\circ}40'N$ .

Corrected for Meriden these give:  
Dec  $2.9^{\circ}W$                       Inc  $65.9^{\circ}N$

Dr A J Clark commented on the reliability of the measurement and recalibrated it using the latest information (Clark *et al* 1988). He comments:

"I have made only a small allowance for the possibility that the result is not a very good one. Although there was only one sample, its large size means that errors were probably quite well averaged out, and I have no doubt the measurement was made very carefully. I don't think they made any attempt in those days to remove viscous magnetisation, but this often makes little difference, especially in hard baked clays."

Without any further corrections this makes the calibrated date AD 100-200. However following recent work (*ibid*, 662-4) which suggests that a  $2.4^{\circ}$  correction should be added to the inclination of floor samples to allow for magnetic refraction, Clark suggests:

"as a suitably cautious interpretation:

AD 1-100 at the 68% confidence level. 100 BC- AD 150 at the 95% confidence level. Dates in calendar years".

## B. Radiocarbon Dates

Details of the samples:

- GU-2562 charcoal *Quercus* sp., 23g, small twigs less than 10mm in diameter, deliberately deposited in a pit. WB.C7/32
- GU-2563 sheep, 570g, articulated skeleton, deliberately deposited in a pit. WB.Q/89.
- GU-2564 sheep, 410g, aged 13-20 months, articulated skeleton, deliberately deposited in a pit. WB.Q10.
- GU-2565 sheep, 350g, articulated skeleton, deliberately deposited in a pit. WB.C9/20.
- GU-2566 sheep, 570g, articulated skeleton, deliberately deposited in a pit. WB.Q/90.
- GU-2589 sheep, 500g, articulated skeleton, deliberately deposited? WA/70.
- GU-2591 calf, 535g, neo-natal, articulated skeleton, on floor. WB.Q/2.
- GU-2590 calf, 510g, age 3-4 months, articulated skeleton, deliberately deposited in a pit. WB.C5/19.
- GU-2592 calf, 477g, articulated skeleton, deliberately deposited in a pit. WB.Q/22,32.

Lab no	Context No	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	BP $\pm 1\sigma$	CAL $\pm 1\sigma$	CAL $\pm 2\sigma$
GU-2562	WB.C7/32	-26.0	1880 $\pm$ 50	AD 80-130	AD 20-230
GU-2563	WB.Q/89			insufficient material	
GU-2564	WB.Q/10	-22.5	1870 $\pm$ 50	AD 70-130	AD 30-245
GU-2565	WB.C9/20	-24.5	1880 $\pm$ 50	AD 80-130	AD 20-230
GU-2566	WB.Q/90	-22.5	1670 $\pm$ 80	AD 370-390	AD 170-560
GU-2589	WA/70			insufficient collagen	
GU-2591	WB.Q/2	-25.8	2010 $\pm$ 60	100BC-AD 50	170BC-AD130
GU-2590	WB.C5/19	-27.2	1890 $\pm$ 100	AD 0-230	100BC-AD380
GU-2592	WB.Q/22,32			insufficient collagen	

## POTTERY

This catalogue numbers and describes all sherds other than plain bodysherds. Total numbers and weights are given for each general context. If no numbered entries appear it can be assumed that all the sherds are plain bodysherds. Almost all the numbered pieces are illustrated below. The entries are in the form: description, colour, dimensions, context, period. Deposits on the exterior and interior are mentioned under colour. If no sooting is mentioned none is present. The illustrations show constructional features such as coil joins beside the section for clarity. Irregular lines on the interior indicate coil joins. The only fabric variations noted are the presence of organic and hematite tempers.

Abbreviations: D - Diameter; T - Thickness; H - Height. All measurements in mm. Colours are described from outside to inside. \* denotes illustrated at a scale of 1:2 (illus 33-61).

## CATALOGUE

### SITE B

#### CELL 1

- Floor 1    72 sherds = 660g    Illus 50
- 1\*    bodysherd; wavy cordon; light brown grey; two channels above cordon; D 260. C1/1-3. B2.
- 2    fragment; spiral cordon; grey/fawn. C1/1-3. B2.
- 3/4\*    bodysherd; zig-zag cordon; dark grey sooted/light grey. C1/1-3. B2.
- 6\*    rim, everted, top of rim missing; zig-zag cordon; buff; both sides smoothed. C1/1-3. B2.
- 7\*    rim and wall of small vessel with carinated shoulder, simple inturned rim; two lines of shallow dragged asymmetric waves and random shallow dots made with blunt point; buff; well finished with both sides wet smoothed; D 100. C1/1-3. B2.
- 8\*    Basal angle, flat base; organic temper; abraded. C1/1-3; B2.

- 9 base, flat; light brown grey/buff; D 120. C1/1-3. B2.  
 10 rim, broken, everted; buff; both sides smoothed. C1/1-3. B2.  
 11/12\* bodysherds; plain raised cordon; sooted/orange; at least 16 sherds of the same vessel; D 240. C1/7. B2.

Floor 2 13 sherds = 75g

Pit 1 3 sherds = 20g

### CELL 2

On back wall of cell 6 sherds = 235g Illus 61

- 13\* rim, everted; series of incised vertical curving grooves; cordon broken off; dark grey/fawn. C2/1. B u.s.  
 14\* rim, flattened upright; row of finger impressions under rim; sooted fawn/brown-grey; D 180. C2/1. B u.s.  
 15 rim; see 14.

Floor 1 15 sherds = 160g Illus 51

- 16\* rim; damaged; slightly everted; cordon deeply incised, in some places extending onto the body of the vessel below; fawn; D 240. C2/2. B2.  
 17\* rim, simple upright; fawn. C2/4. B2.  
 18\* bodysherd; zig-zag cordon; buff with sootting. C2/4. B2

Floor 2 14 sherds = 180g Illus 51

- 19\* rim, incomplete but with internal flange; orange. C2/7. B2.  
 20\* rim, everted; fine vessel with diagonal incised line; dark grey. C2/7. B2.  
 22\* bodysherd; zig-zag cordon; sooted/orange. C2/7. B2.  
 23\* base; brown/light grey with carbon deposits; D 75mm. C2/7. B2.  
 24\* base; light brown grey, no sootting. C2/7. B2.

Floor 3 27 sherds = 250g Illus 45

- 25\* bodysherd; incised hatched arch; sooted/fawn. C2/10. B1