Trench MF3 narrative

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Introduction

Trench MF3 was located on the south-western part of the field, close to the hedgerow boundary with the adjacent property to the west. It was a rectangular trench measuring 10 x 15 metres, oriented northwest to southeast. The trench was opened and excavated during the 2001 field season. It investigated two distinct features visible from the geophysical survey: a small, sub-circular enclosure and part of a well-defined linear ditch (part of a large 'L-shaped' ditch that extended considerably beyond Trench 3). Trench 3 captured the intersection of these two features.

The stratigraphic relationships and preliminary assessment of recovered pottery suggests three main phases of activity in the trench:

- Middle Bronze Age: The large V-shaped linear ditch was initially cut during the Middle Bronze Age, dated by an almost complete MBA bucket urn in the lower fill.

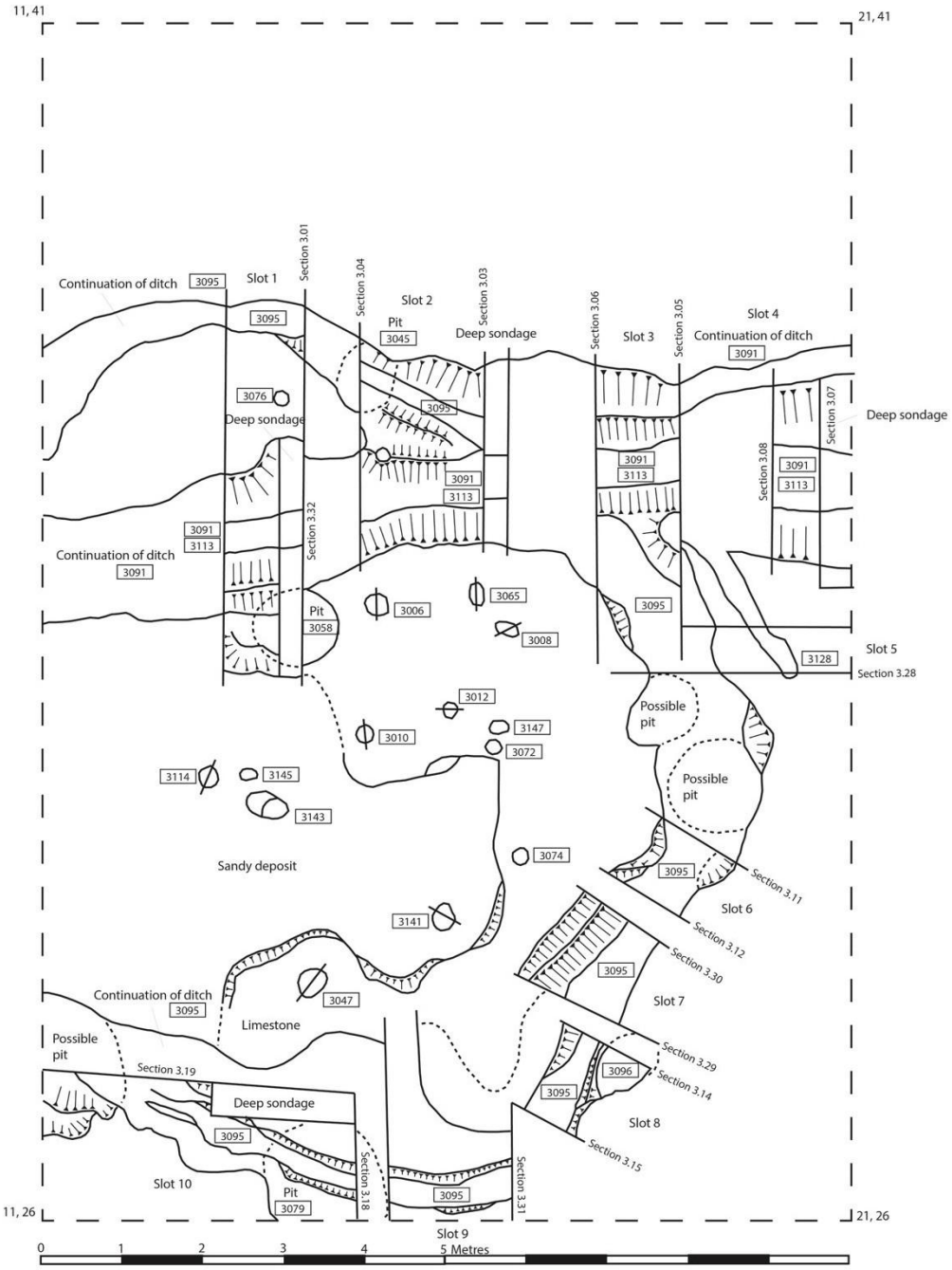
- Iron Age: A significant amount of Iron Age ceramics was recovered from layers and fills in the trench with up to seven possible circular pits, possibly of IA origin.

- Romano-British Period: The large V-shaped ditch was most likely re-cut during the Romano-British period, evidenced by Roman pottery recovered just above the MBA fills. The semi-circular enclosure, initially thought to have been Iron Age, might also date to the RB period, based on RB pottery recovered from a number of secure fills (albeit mixed with prehistoric pottery).

Within the circular enclosure, but not stratigraphically related, are several postholes. They suggest timber structures. However, it was not possible to identify a clear and articulated outline of any distinct structure. A limited amount of EIA pottery was recovered from the fill of several postholes. Dating is not conclusive.

A total of 1,168 pottery sherds were recovered in Trench MF3. The ceramic assemblage included 626 (54%) sherds of prehistoric pottery and 542 (46%) sherds of Roman pottery. A total of 191 fragments of animal bone were found that could be assessed.

SPECIES	No. of BONES	%	
Cattle	76	39.7	40%
Sheep/goat	68	35.6	36%
Pig	31	16.2	16%
Horse	7	3.6	4%
Dog	2	1.0	1%
Bird	1	0.5	0.50%
Large Mammal	1	0.5	0.50%
Medium Mammal	4	2.1	2%
Small Mammal	1	0.5	0.50%
Total	191		



Trench MF3

BRONZE AGE PHASE

Summary: The earliest evidence of activity was found in the bottom layers of the large 'L'-shaped enclosure ditch. This ditch, initially thought to be Romano-British, consisted of two distinct phases, the earlier of which was dated by an almost complete Middle Bronze Age bucket urn found broken and lain, seemingly deliberately, on the lowest fill of the ditch. The Bronze Age ditch was excavated in four slots [Slots 1 – 4 on trench plan], therefore the cut and fills were assigned different context numbers in each slot. The Bronze Age Cut has been identified as Cut [3113] on the plan but identified as [3115]; [3119], [3112] and [3108] in their respective Slots. In some trenches the Cut contains one Fill, in others it contains two Fills. The

fills generally look like surrounding natural sediment mixed with small fragments of limestone gravel. This feature only showed up clearly in section and would most likely have been missed entirely during excavation if not for the discovery of the Bronze Age urn found in Fill (3082).

Note: all section drawings are at the end of this narrative.

SLOT 1 (Section 3.32)
Bronze Age Ditch Cut [3112]
Description: The Bronze Age ditch profile is approximately V-shaped, a little over a metre deep, cutting through about 0.5m of limestone bedrock before entering into fine sand.

Fill (3059)
Description: The only fill of the Bronze Age ditch in this slot. The fill consists of compact greyish sand, with *c.* 40% limestone gravel inclusions. Fill is similar to the natural sand cut by the ditch.
Pottery: None
Animal Bone: None

SLOT 2 (Sections 3.03 and 3.04)
Bronze Age Ditch Cut [3115]

Second Fill (3040)
Description: The uppermost Fill of the ditch, which is largely truncated by the Romano-British cut [3046]. The fill consists of loose, lightly grey silty sand, with a poorly sorted mix of small, angular limestone gravel (approximately 40% of matrix).
Pottery: None
Animal Bone: None

First Fill (3106)
Description: The bottom fill within this excavated section. The fill consists of friable, mid-brownish grey sand. Less than 5% limestone gravel inclusions, very similar to the natural sand that the ditch cuts into.
Pottery: 1 sherd of prehistoric pottery.
Animal Bone: None

SLOT 3 (Sections 3.05 and 3.06)
Bronze Age Ditch Cut [3113]

Second Fill (3082)
Description: Second fill of the Bronze Age cut. The fill consists of loose, lightly yellowish-brown sandy loam, mixed with approximately 10% limestone gravel inclusions. The remains of an almost complete Bronze Age bucket urn were recovered from the bottom of this unit, suggesting it was lain down on top of the lower Fill (3114). The urn was located in a cohesive pile, suggesting it was either deliberately smashed in place, or buried whole and subsequently broken.
Pottery: 274 sherds of prehistoric pottery.
Animal Bone: Two fragments of animal bone (1 cattle, 1 large mammal).

First Fill (3114)
Description: Bottom fill of the Bronze age cut. The fill consists of loose, light greyish brown sand with minimal inclusions. The sediment is very similar to the natural sand underlying the thin shelf of limestone that the ditch cuts through. The Bronze Age bucket urn was placed on top of this Fill.
Pottery: None
Animal Bone: None

SLOT 4 (Sections 3.07 and 3.08)
Bronze Age Ditch Cut [3108]

Second Fill (3067)
Description: The second fill of the Bronze Age ditch. The fill consists of compact, greyish sandy clay, containing *c.* 30% limestone gravel inclusions.
Pottery: None
Animal Bone: None.

First Fill (3107)
Description: First fill of the Bronze Age ditch. The fill consists of loose, brownish-grey sand with a small amount of small limestone fragment inclusions. The sediment is very similar to the natural sand that the ditch is cut through. Possible that first layer was rapidly infilled with sand from the side of the cut.
Pottery: None
Animal Bone: None

IRON AGE PHASE

Summary: The second phase of activity consists of a roughly circular arrangement of small pits that were largely truncated by the smaller enclosure ditch of the next phase [including pits 3079, 3096, 3045]. While it was not possible to excavate any completely, the fills that survived contained moderate quantities of ceramics, faunal remains, and small finds. The presence of Iron Age pottery in some of the pit fills leads suggests that these are Iron Age features with some of the upper fills/layers also containing some Romano-British pottery.

CUTS:
Pit [3045] Section 3.04
Description: Small, semi-circular cut with concave sides, approximately 32cm deep. Possible pit. The cut seems to cut into the fills of the semi-circular enclosure ditch, though the context sheet indicates that the enclosure might have cut through the pit fill [3044]. The pit contains one Fill (3025). The bulk of the ceramics recovered from this pit are Middle Iron Age. Several sherds of Romano-British pottery were recovered from the pit, making dating uncertain. Not clear if the Romano-British pottery was securely within the deposit, and thus dating the feature, or recovered from the upper level of the fill at the interface with the above layer.

Fill (3025)
Description: The only fill of the pit. The fill consists of friable, dark brown clayish silt, with c. 10% poorly sorted angular limestone inclusions and some charcoal flakes. Matrix suggests that the pit was filled with a deliberate deposit, as there are no indications of silt or weathered infill.
Pottery: 34 pieces of Middle Iron Age pottery. 5 pieces of Roman pottery.

Animal Bone: 3 fragments of cattle bone; 2 fragments of pig bone; 1 fragment of sheep/goat bone.

Pit [3096] Section 3.14
Description: Cut of a circular pit approximately 70cm wide and 80cm deep. The cut contains two fills (3094) & (3060). The fills are cut by the semi-circular enclosure [3095]. The lower fill contains Iron Age pottery, suggesting an Iron Age date for this feature.

Second Fill (3060)
Description: Small pocket of friable, dark brown sandy loam with charcoal and gravel inclusions. The deposit seems to be suspended within the matrix of (3094).
Pottery: 5 pieces of Iron Age pottery.
Animal Bone: None.

First Fill (3094)
Description: The main fill of the pit. Loose grey and yellowish sandy loam.
Pottery: None
Animal Bone: None

Pit [3079] Section 3.18
Description: Possible cut of a pit.

Main Fills (3122) & (3123)
Description: Either the fills of a pit or a layer cut by the semi-circular enclosure ditch [3088]. These numbers represent the same context. Loose, light brown sand with no inclusions.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: None

Pit [3084] Section 3.11
Description: Possible cut that is largely truncated by the semi-circular enclosure ditch [3078]. No fill was recorded for this cut.

Pit [3058] Section 3.32
Description: Cut of a possible shallow pit, 1.06cm wide and .32cm deep. The cut has two fills (3030) and (3016).

Second Fill (3016)
Description: Possible second fill of an ambiguous feature (possible pit). Moderately compacted, reddish-brown sandy silt containing *c.* 15% limestone gravel inclusions. Fill is approximately 10cm thick.
Pottery: None
Animal Bone: None

First Fill (3030)
Description: Possible first fill of an ambiguous feature (possible pit). Compact, reddish and black sandy silt, with *c*. 20% limestone gravel inclusions. The fill is approximately 25cm thick.
Pottery: 1 sherd of Iron Age pottery.
Animal Bone: None

Pit [3089] Section 3.19
Description: The cut of a shallow pit *c.* 25cm deep and *c.* 40cm wide. It contains one fill (3100) and is cut by the semi-circular enclosure ditch [3088].

Fill (3100)
Description: Single fill of a shallow pit, approximately 25cm deep. Friable, dark brown sandy loam with less than 5% small limestone gravel inclusions.
Pottery: None
Animal Bone: None

ROMANO-BRITISH PHASE

Summary: Almost half the pottery recovered in Trench 3 dates to the Romano-British Period. There are two main features in the trench that seem to date to this period: the upper fills of the large V-shaped linear ditch and the semi-circular enclosure ditch. The circular enclosure ditch varies in dimension and shape, but was mainly flat bottomed, rather narrow and steep-sided, cut no deeper than 0.8m into the subsoil. A number of sections were excavated through the ditch, showing that there were between two and four main fills. The fills contained pottery, faunal remains, and small finds. This feature was initially thought to be Iron Age, but some Romano British pottery was recovered from secure fills.

ROMANO-BRITISH LINEAR DITCH

SLOT 1

Romano-British Cut of 'V'-shaped Linear Ditch [3004] Section 3.32
Description: Romano-British recut of the large linear ditch. Contains 3 main fills (3005, 3031, and 3038).

Third Fill/Layer (3005)
Description: Uppermost fill of the ditch cut. Possible that this is a thin layer at the interface of the ditch fills and the topsoil. Consists of compact, greyish brown sandy silt with *c.* 20% limestone gravel inclusions.
Pottery: 6 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 35 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 4 fragments cattle bone; 6 fragments sheep/goat bone; and 1 fragment pig bone.

Second Fill (3031)
Description: Main upper fill of the ditch. Consists of friable, dark greyish brown sandy loam with small amount of limestone gravel inclusions. Similar to the underlying fill (3038).
Pottery: 3 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 3 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 1 fragment sheep/goat bone.

First Fill (3038)
Description: Bottom fill of the Romano-British re-cut of the large linear ditch. Consists of friable reddish sandy silt with less than 10% inclusions of small limestone pebbles.

Pottery: 2 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 3 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 2 fragments sheep/goat bone; 1 fragment cattle bone; 1 fragment dog bone.

SLOT 2

Romano-British Cut of V-shaped Linear Ditch [3046] Section 3.03 and Section 3.04
Description: Large linear ditch/ partial rectangular enclosure. It is likely that this phase of the ditch was a later (Romano-British) recut of the Middle Bronze Age ditch (at least for the segment that is present within Trench 3). The cut contains three main fills (3034, 3035, and 3039), with a small pocket of sediment along the North side of the section (3116).

Fourth Fill (3034)
Description: Upper fill of the ditch. Possible that this fill was the result of an accumulation of material that filled in the top of the feature as the lower fills subsided. It consists of loose mid greyish-brown clay-sit with *c.* 10% poorly sorted small limestone inclusions.
Pottery: 5 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: None.

Third Fill (3035)
Description: The upper of the two main fills of the ditch. Consists of friable, mid reddish-brown silty clay with *c.* 10% limestone gravel inclusions.
Pottery: 3 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 5 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: None.

Second Fill (3039)
Description: Main bottom fill of the Roman recut of the ditch. Consists of friable mid reddish-brown silty clay with *c.* 10% poorly sorted limestone gravel.
Pottery: 2 sherds of Iron Age pottery.
Animal Bone: 5 fragments of cattle bone.

First Fill (3116)
Description: Small pocket of sediment on the north side of the section.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: None.

SLOT 3

Romano-British Cut of 'V'-shaped Linear Ditch [3091] Section 3.05 and Section 3.06
Third Fill (3049)
Description: Upper fill of the ditch. Most likely a wider layer that covered the main fills of the ditch. Consists of compact mid reddish-brown sandy loam with *c.* 5% limestone gravel inclusions.
Pottery: 6 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 18 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: None.

Second Fill (3056)
Description: The uppermost of the two main fills of the ditch. Consists of friable dark reddish-brown sandy loam, with *c.* 5% limestone pebble inclusions.
Pottery: 3 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 3 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 1 fragment sheet/goat bone and 1 fragment cattle bone.

First Fill (3057)
Description: Bottom fill of the Romano British recut of the large enclosure ditch. Consists of friable, mid yellowish-brown sandy loam with *c.* 15% limestone gravel inclusions. This deposit lies over the deposit containing an almost complete middle Bronze Age bucket urn.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: None.

SLOT 4

Romano-British Cut of V-shaped Linear Ditch [3068] Section 3.07 and Section 3.08
Description: Cut of large linear ditch. Most likely a Romano-British recut of an earlier Bronze Age ditch. The cut contains two main fills (3037 and 3055), which seem to be covered by a thin layer (3024) which extends across the feature and immediate surrounding area.

Layer (3024)
Description: Thin layer that could either be top fill of the ditch or, more likely, an interface between the ditch fill and the topsoil. Consists of lightly compacted greyish brown sandy silt, with *c*. 10% limestone gravel inclusions.
Pottery: 1 sherd of Iron Age pottery, 10 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 3 fragments cattle bone and 1 fragment sheep/goat bone.

Second Fill (3037)
Description: Upper fill of the Romano-British recut of the large linear ditch. Consists of compact, dark brown sandy loam with *c.* 10% limestone gravel inclusions.
Pottery: 34 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: None

First Fill (3055)
Description: Bottom fill of the Romano-British recut of the ditch. Consists of compact mid orange-brown sandy loam, with *c.* 20% limestone gravel inclusions.
Pottery: 1 sherd of Iron Age pottery. 5 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: None.

ROMANO-BRITISH SEMI-CIRCULAR ENCLOSURE DITCH

SLOT 1

Semi-Circular Enclosure Ditch [3002] Section 3.01
Description: Cut of semi-circular enclosure ditch. This section has almost vertical sides, cut through limestone into underlying natural sand, with a flat bottom. The cut has three main fills, which are topped with a layer that extends across part of the trench.

Layer (3003)
Description: Possibly a fill of the pit, but more likely a layer that covered the top of the filled pit. Consists of compact, dark greyish brown sandy loam, with a small amount of limestone flake inclusions. The mixture of Iron Age and Roman pottery suggests that this is either a post Iron Age layer containing residual material, or the upper fill of the pit was disturbed during the Roman period.
Pottery: 12 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 7 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: Contains 5 fragments of sheep/goat bone; 4 fragments of pig bone, and 3 fragments of cattle bone.

Third Fill (3026)
Description: Most likely the upper fill of the pit. Consists of friable, mid-brown sandy loam, with small amounts of limestone flake inclusions. This deposit – especially when compared with the composition of the two lower fills – is possibly an intentional infilling (based upon material culture and mixed matrix of sediment).
Pottery: 38 sherds Middle Iron Age pottery.
Animal Bone: 2 fragments of sheep/goat and 2 fragments of cattle.

Second Fill (3032)
Description: Second fill of a pit. It covers the southern half of the pit. It consists of friable, dark brown sandy silt, with almost no inclusions.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: 2 fragments of pig bone and 1 fragment of sheep/goat bone.

First Fill (3033)
Description: Bottom fill of the pit. Consists of friable brown sandy silt, with *c.* 20% limestone gravel inclusions. Possibly result of natural infilling.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: 1 fragment of sheep/goat bone.

SLOT 2
Semi-Circular Enclosure Ditch [3044] Section 3.04
Description: Cut of the semi-circular enclosure ditch. Curved sides, with a rounded bottom. The cut contains three fills (3042, 3043, & 3069). The feature possibly cuts through an early pit [3045], but the relationship is hard to determine in section. The inclusion of several sherds of Roman pottery in the lower fills suggest that this was a Romano-British feature containing some residual Iron Age pottery.

Third Fill (3042)
Description: Loose, mid-reddish brown silty loam. Contains *c.* 5% limestone gravel inclusions, with flakes of charcoal.
Pottery: 5 sherds of Iron Age pottery and 1 sherd Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 4 fragments of cattle bone; 2 fragments sheep/goat bone, and 1 fragment of possible horse bone.

Second Fill (3043)
Description: Loose, mid-greyish black silty clay, with very small amount of limestone flake inclusions. The fill was truncated by a later cut [3045].
Pottery: 1 sherd Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: None.

First Fill (3069)
Description: Thin deposit of loose, light grey sandy loam with *c*. 15% small limestone inclusions. Possible weathering from the top and sides of the pit right after it was dug.
Pottery: None
Animal Bone: None

SLOTS 3 & 5
Semi-Circular Enclosure Ditch [3092] Section 3.28 and 3.05

Description: Cut of semi-circular enclosure ditch. It is bisected by Section 3.28, whereas Section 3.05 cuts through the centre of the cut and fills. The cut contains two main fills (3063 and 3080), which show up in both Sections. Section 3.05 also contains a deposit between these two fills (3066), which does not show up in Section 3.28. The Cut is suspected to be Iron Age, but none of the fills in this section contain any pottery.

Second Fill (3063)
Description: The uppermost fill of the cut. Consists of friable, mid-brownish sandy loam with mixed matrix of limestone gravel inclusions.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: 1 fragment of cattle bone and 1 fragment of sheep/cattle bone.

First Fill (3080)
Description: Layer of friable, fine light reddish-brown sandy loam, with some large stone inclusions, at the bottom of the pit. Possible natural infill.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: None

SLOT 6
Semi-Circular Enclosure Ditch [3078] (same as [3095]): Section 3.11 and Section 3.12
Description: Cut of the semi-circular enclosure ditch. The cut is not uniform in dimensions, but in this section has sloped sides and a rounded bottom. The cut has three main fills that show up in both section drawings (3022, 3027, and 3081). There are small pockets of material identified as unique contexts in Section 3.11 (3083) and in Section 3.12 (3036).

Fifth Fill (3022)
Description: Uppermost fill of the semi-circular enclosure ditch. Not clear if it is a fill of a layer at the interface of the main fill of the cut (3027) and the overlaying soil. The unit consists of friable, mid to darkish brown sandy loam with *c.* 30% small limestone gravel inclusions.
Pottery: 3 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 3 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: None.

Fourth Fill (3036)
Description: Small pocket of sediment mixed with mid-sized limestone blocks in upper NW part of Section 3.12.
Pottery: 1 sherd of Iron Age pottery.
Animal Bone: None.

Third Fill (3027)
Description: Middle deposit of the semi-circular enclosure ditch. Consists of friable mid to dark brown sandy loam, with *c*. 25% limestone gravel inclusions and flecks of charcoal. No indications of weathering and mixed matrix of material suggest rapid (possibly intention) infilling.
Pottery: 9 sherds of Iron Age pottery and 1 sherd Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 1 fragment pig bone.

Second Fill (3083)
Description: Small pocket of sediment on the NE side of Section 3.11. Consists of loose, mid to dark brown sandy loam with at least 50% limestone gravel inclusions. It

is possible that this deposit represents slip of debris from the top of the feature shortly after the cut was made.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: None.

First Fill (3081)
Description: Bottom fill of the semi-circular enclosure ditch. Consists of friable, mid to light reddish-brown sandy loam with a small quantity of limestone flake inclusions. The bottom of this unit is similar to the underlying natural sand, but the presence of several fragments of animal bone near the bottom of the deposit verify it is a fill.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: 1 fragment sheep/goat bone and 1 fragment of large mammal bone.

SLOT 7
Semi-Circular Enclosure Ditch [3134] Section 3.29 and Section 3.30
Description: Cut of the semi-circular enclosure ditch. Steep sides with rounded bottom. Cuts through limestone into underlying natural sand. Contains three main fills.

Third Fill (3103)
Description: Upper fill of the ditch. Consists of friable mid-brown loam with a small amount of limestone pebble inclusions. Matrix suggests that this was a slow infill, rather than an intentional deposit.
Pottery: 4 sherds prehistoric pottery. 6 sherds of Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 4 fragments of cattle bone and 3 fragments of sheep/goat bone.

Second Fill (3125)
Description: Second fill of the ditch. Consists of compact, mid-brown loam with *c.* 15% stone inclusions.
Pottery: 3 sherds prehistoric pottery.
Animal Bone: None.

First Fill (3131)
Description: Bottom fill of the ditch cut. Consists of friable, brownish-yellow sandy, with *c*. 5% gravel inclusions. Some flecks of charcoal. Matrix suggests that this fill was mainly natural sand from the sides of the cut that slumped into the cut, possibly soon after it was dug.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: None.

SLOT 8
Semi-Circular Enclosure Ditch [3095] Section 3.14 and Section 3.15
Description: Cut of semi-circular enclosure ditch, with sloped sides and a rounded bottom approximately 60cm deep. The two sections contain different stratigraphy, with Section 3.14 more complex and cutting through a pit [3096]. The presence of Roman pottery in the lower fills of the ditch suggest this was a Romano British feature, and the Iron Age pottery is residual.

Third Fill (3023) - Section 3.14
Description: Top fill of the semi-circular enclosure ditch. Consists of friable dark brown sandy loam with some small limestone inclusions. The deposit dips in the center and

seems to represent the silting of a gully left by the subsidence of the lower layers of ditch fill.
Pottery: 3 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 25 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 3 fragments sheep/goat bone; 1 fragment pig bone; and 2 fragments possible horse bone.

Second Fill (3028)
Description: Second fill of the ditch consisting of friable mid-brown silty loam with more than 50% limestone gravel inclusions. Possible that this was the original top fill of the ditch that subsided.
Pottery: 2 sherds of Iron Age pottery.
Animal Bone: None

First Fill (3098)
Description: Friable dark brown silty loam, rich with charcoal and other organic inclusions. Possible that this deposit was a patch of 3041 mixed with deposit 3060 in the pit [3096] which the enclosure cut through.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: None.

Second Fill (3029) - Section 3.15
Description: Friable, fine silt. Most likely the same unit as (3028). This upper fill of the ditch is possibly fill that accumulated as the lower fills of the ditch subsided.
Pottery: 13 sherds of Iron Age pottery, 21 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 6 fragments of sheep/goat; 2 fragments cattle bone; 2 fragments pig bone; 1 fragment horse bone.

First Fill (3041)
Description: Bottom fill of the enclosure ditch. Consists of friable dark brown sandy loam, with about 30% gravel inclusions.
Pottery: 33 sherds of late Early/Middle Iron Age pottery and 8 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 2 fragments of cattle bone; 1 fragment pig bone; 1 fragment sheep/goat bone; and 1 fragment large mammal bone.

SLOT 9
Semi-Circular Enclosure Ditch [3133] Section 3.31
Description: Cut of the semi-circular enclosure ditch. It is almost a metre wide and over half a metre deep. It has generally straight sides and a flat bottom. It contains five to six fills, and has the most complex stratigraphy of any slot excavated through the enclosure. The presence of some Roman pottery in lower fills suggests the enclosure is a Romano British feature that contains residual Iron Age pottery.

Layer (3102)
Description: Thin layer at the top of the cut. Most likely a wider mixed cultural layer that covers the feature and parts of the surrounding area, rather than a distinct fill unique to this feature.
Pottery: 18 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 22 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 7 fragments of sheep/goat bone; 7 fragments of cattle bone; 3 fragments of pig bone; 1 fragment of dog bone, and 1 fragment of bone from an undetermined medium sized mammal.

Fifth Fill (3124)
Description: One of the main upper fills of the ditch. It is in one half of the section. It consists of compact, mid-brownish silty loam with *c*. 20% sandstone pebble inclusions. Most likely an intentional fill that was dumped in from the right side of the Section.
Pottery: 16 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 4 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 1 fragment of cattle bone; 2 fragments of sheep/goat bone; 3 fragments of pig bone; and one fragment of bone from an undetermined large mammal.

Fourth Fill (3140)
Description: One of the main upper fills of the ditch. It consists of friable, greyish brown loam with *c*. 40% sandstone inclusions. It seems to have been dumped into the cut from the left side of the section.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: None.

Third Fill (3132)
Description: Flat deposit near the bottom of the cut. Consists of friable dark greyish brown loam, with *c.* 25% sandstone pebble inclusions and flecks of charcoal.
Pottery: 2 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 1 sherd Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 1 fragment of pig bone and 1 fragment of cattle bone.

Second Fill (3118)
Description: Small pocket of sandy material in the lower left corner of the cut (as seen in Section 3.31).
Pottery: 8 sherds of Iron Age pottery. 2 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 2 fragments cattle bone and 1 fragment pig bone.

First Fill (3105)
Description: Bottom fill of ditch cut, or possible fill of a small cut [3135] that was truncated by the semi-circular enclosure ditch.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: None.

SLOT 10
Semi-Circular Enclosure Ditch [3088] Section 3.18
Description: Cut of semi-circular enclosure ditch, with sloped sides and rounded bottom. The feature cuts into several cultural layers (3122 and 3123). Pottery from the bottom fill suggests an Iron Age date.

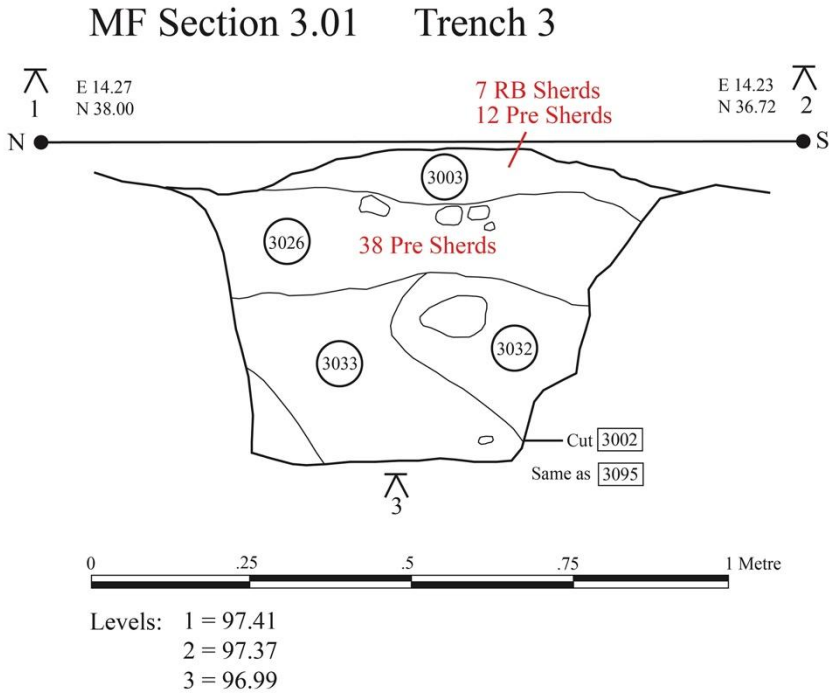
Second Fill (3121)
Description: Upper fill of the semi-circular enclosure ditch. This fill was only recognized in section, and so possible that artefacts associated with this context were attributed to adjacent units. Consists of mid-compact, dark brown sandy loam with *c*. 20% limestone gravel inclusions.
Pottery: None.
Animal Bone: None

First Fill (3086)
Description: Bottom fill of the semi-circular enclosure ditch. Consists of loose, mid-brown sandy loam with small limestone inclusions and charcoal flakes.
Pottery: 3 sherds of Iron Age pottery.
Animal Bone: 2 fragment of pig bone; 1 fragment of cattle bone.

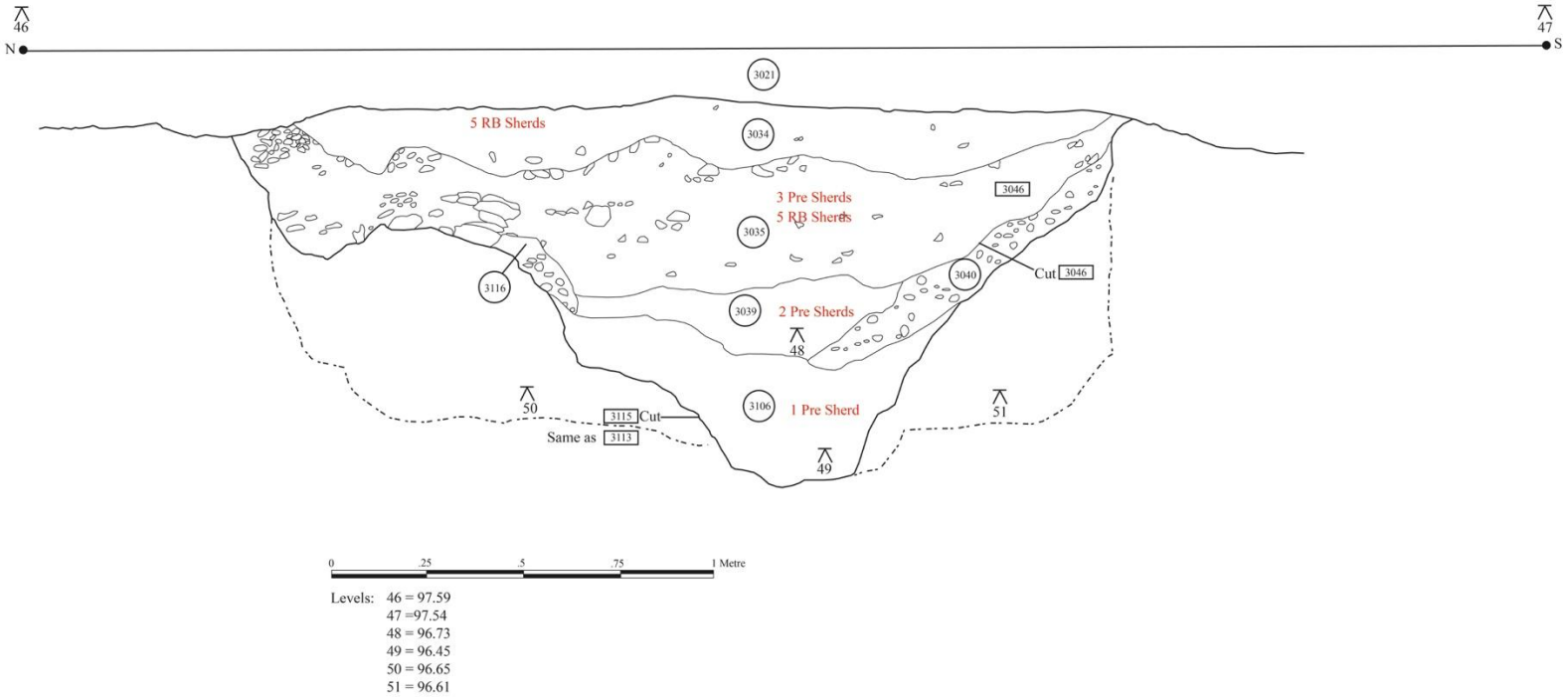
Semi-Circular Enclosure Ditch [3088] Section 3.19
Description: Shallow cut, possibly part of the semi-circular enclosure ditch. The stratigraphic relationships within this section are not clear. The cut seems to contain one main fill (3061). Possibly an Iron Age feature, but not clear if the two sherds of Roman pottery associated with the main fill were recovered near the top of the fill, and therefore could be disturbed, or if they are from within the fill, suggesting a Romano British date with residual Iron Age pottery.

Fill (3061)
Description: The primary fill of the gully/ditch cut. Consists of friable, dark brown sandy loam, with *c.* 25% small to mid-sized limestone inclusions.
Pottery: 15 sherds of Middle Iron Age pottery. 2 sherds Roman pottery.
Animal Bone: 2 fragments of sheep/goat bone and 1 fragment of cattle bone.

FIGURES

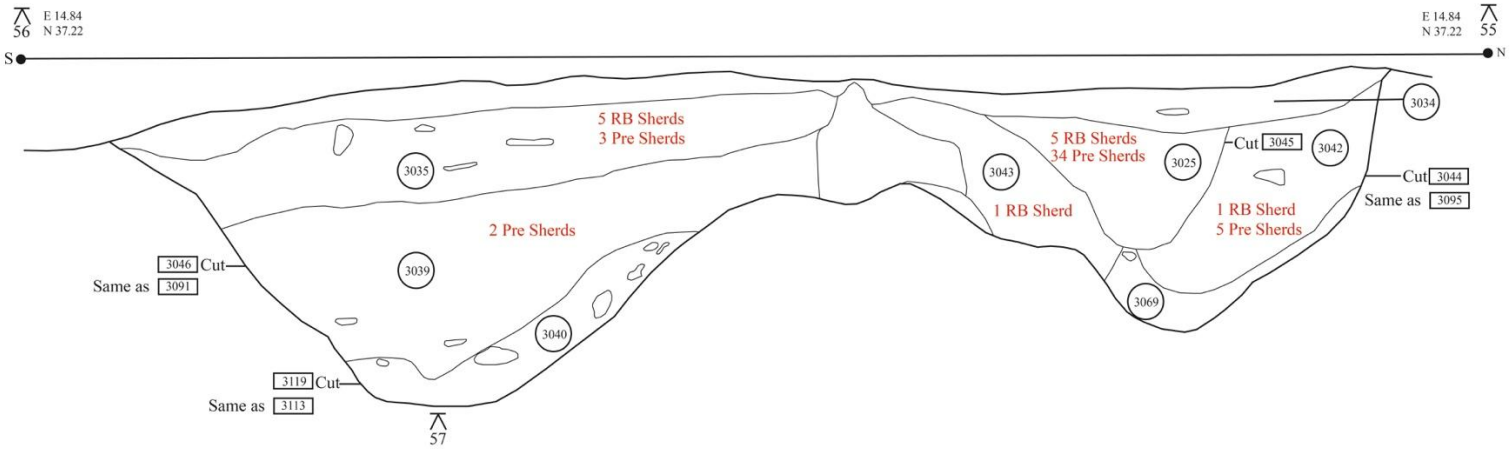


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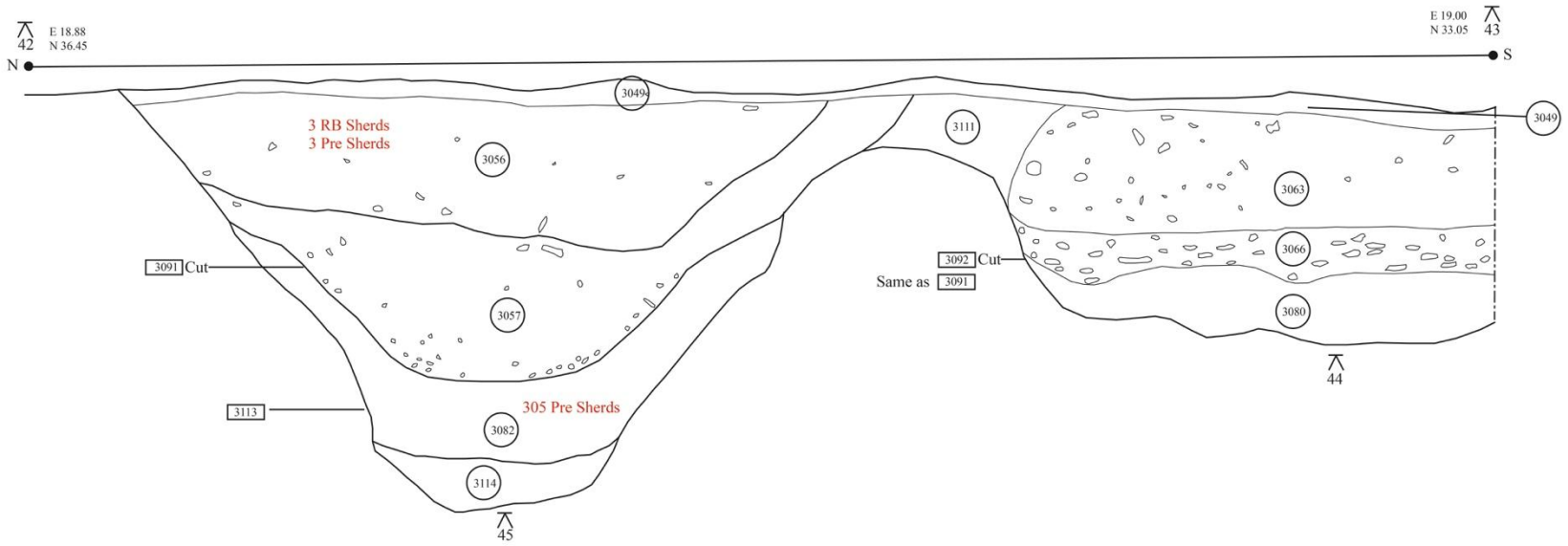
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MF 01 Section 3.04 Trench 3



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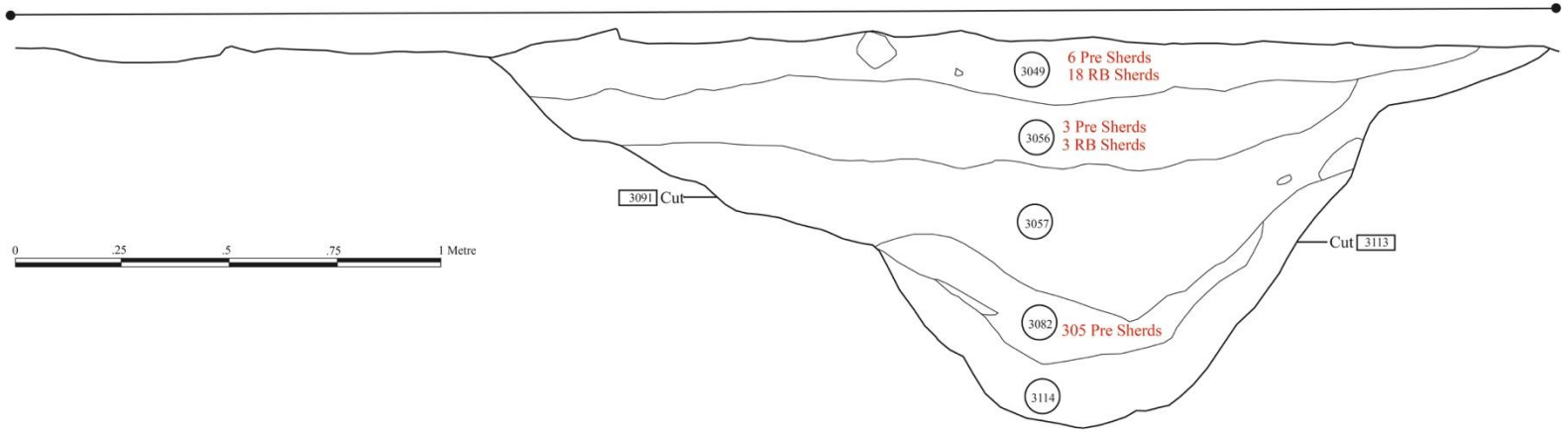
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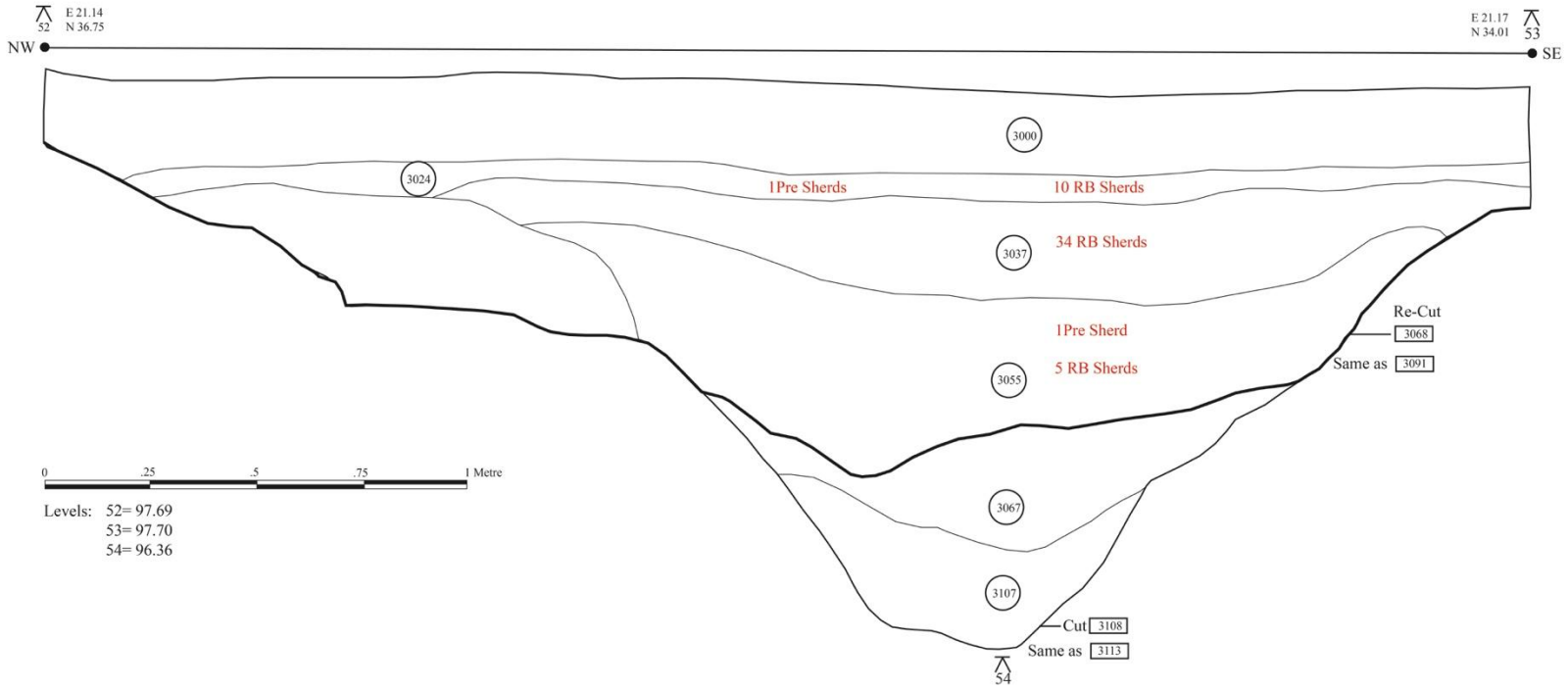
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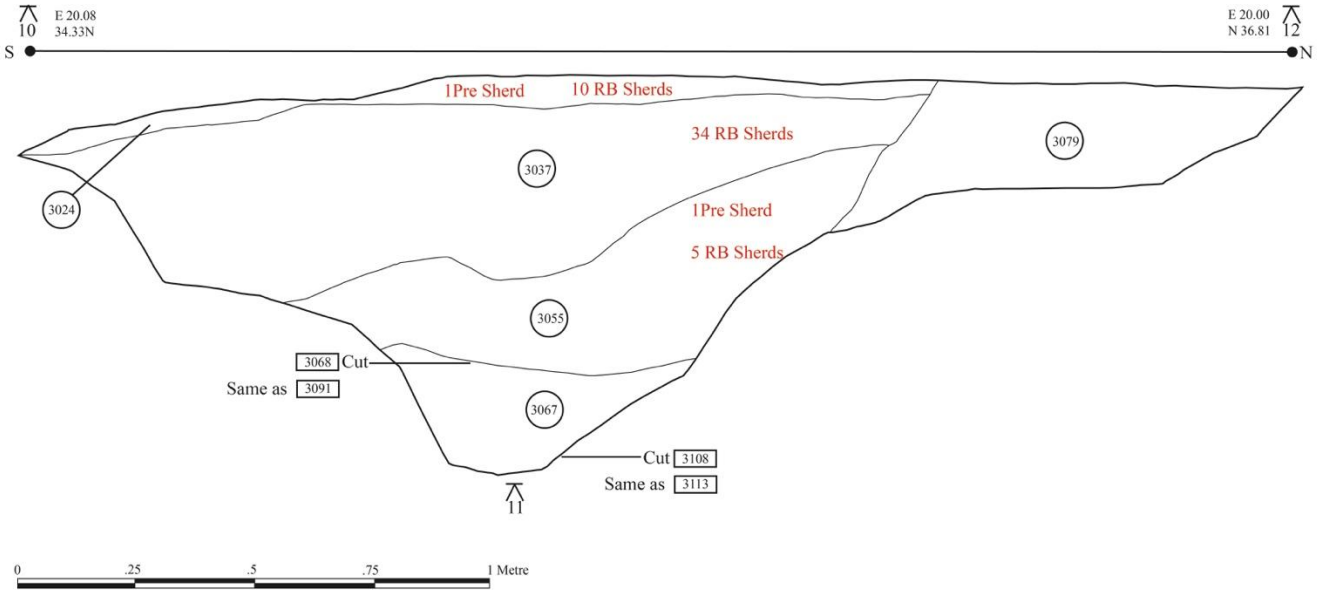


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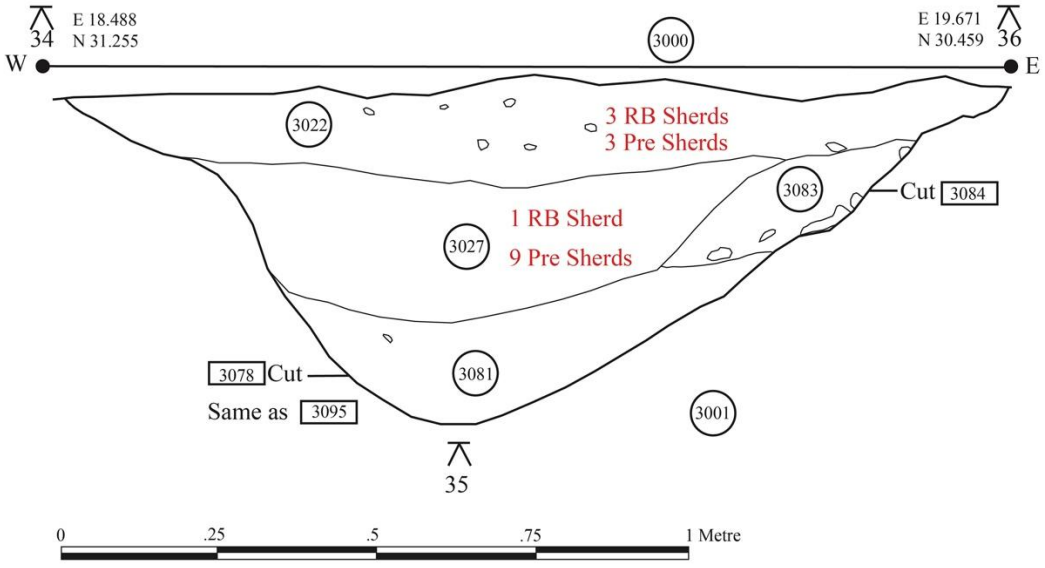
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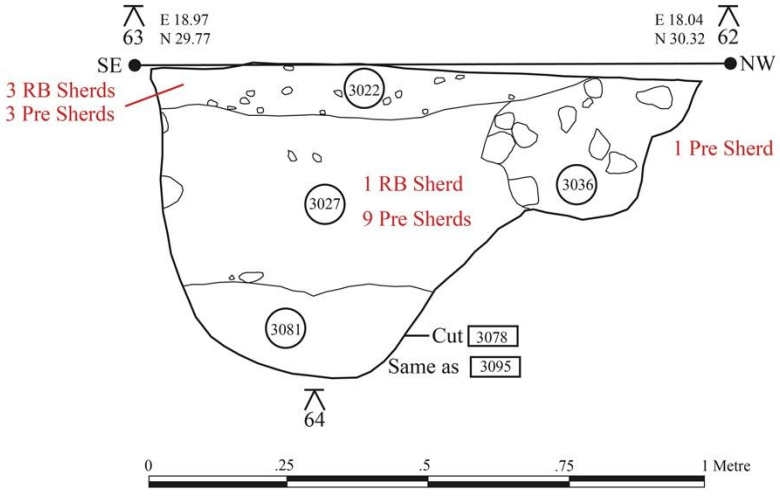
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MF Section 3.11 Trench 3



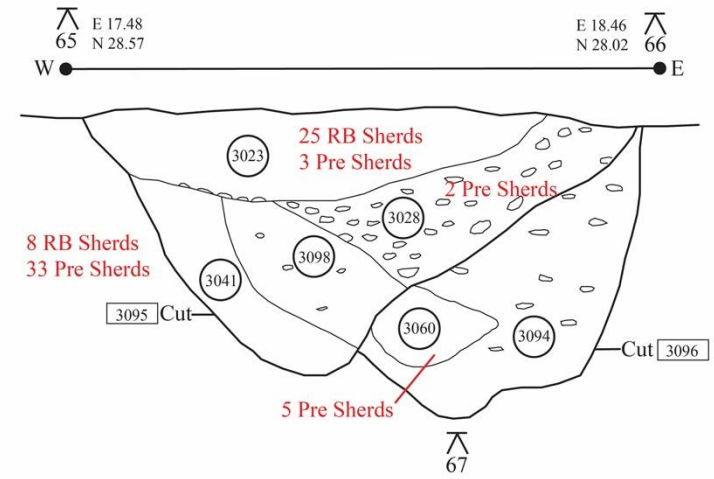
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MF Section 3.12 Trench 3



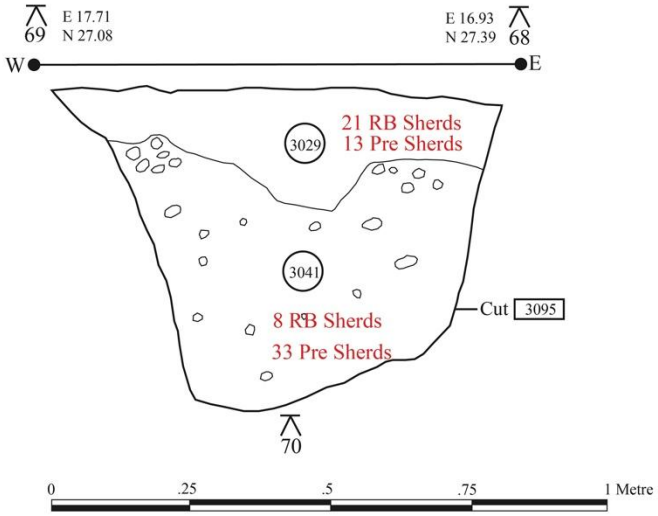
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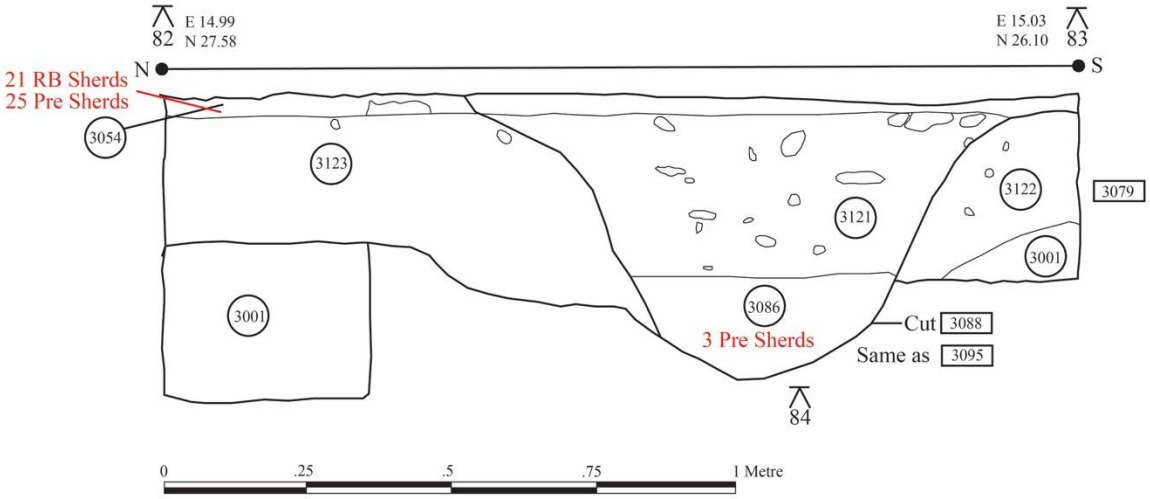
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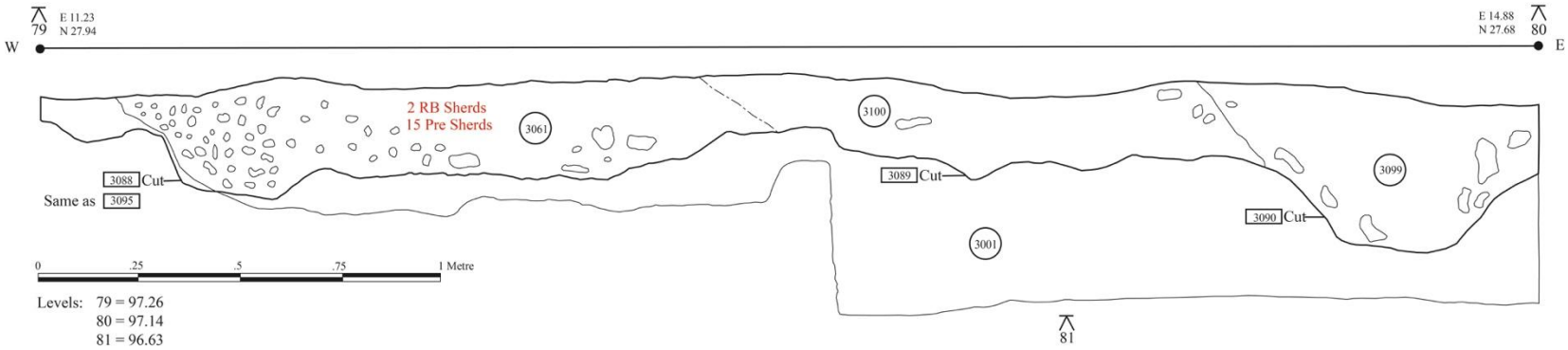
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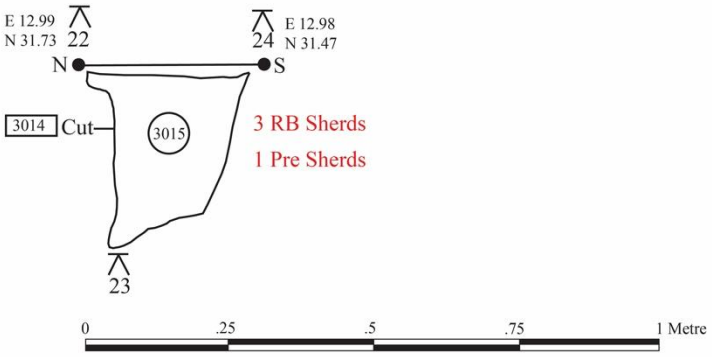


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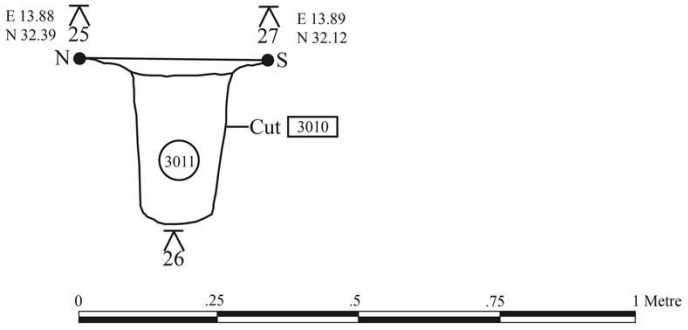


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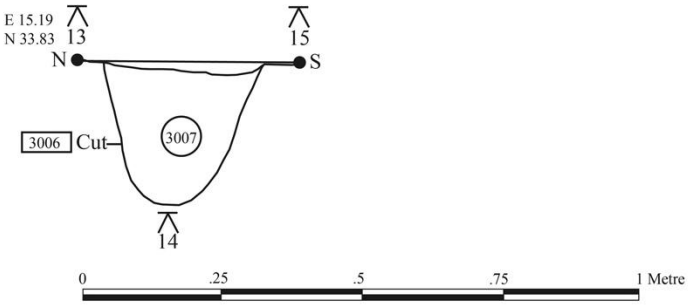
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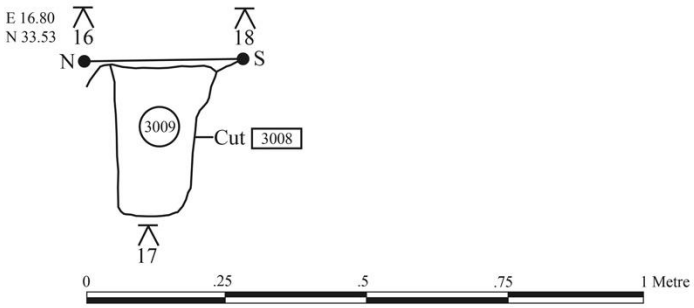
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MF Section 3.22 Trench 3



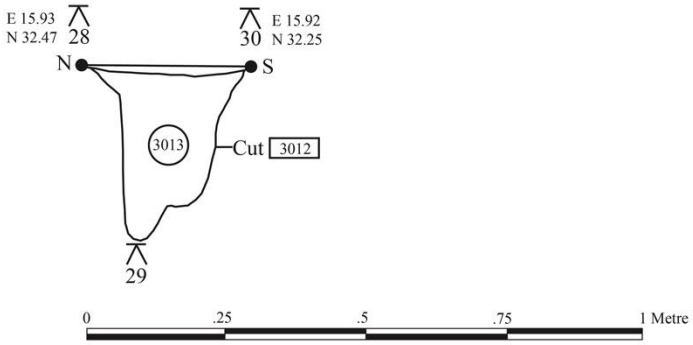
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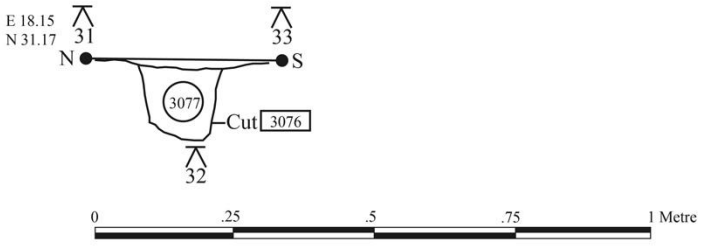
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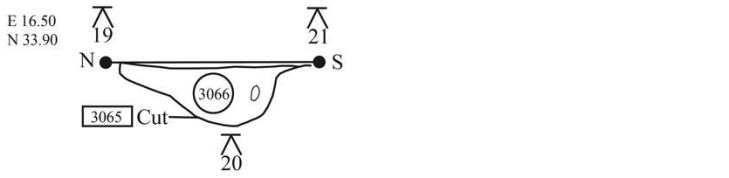
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MF Section 3.25 Trench 3



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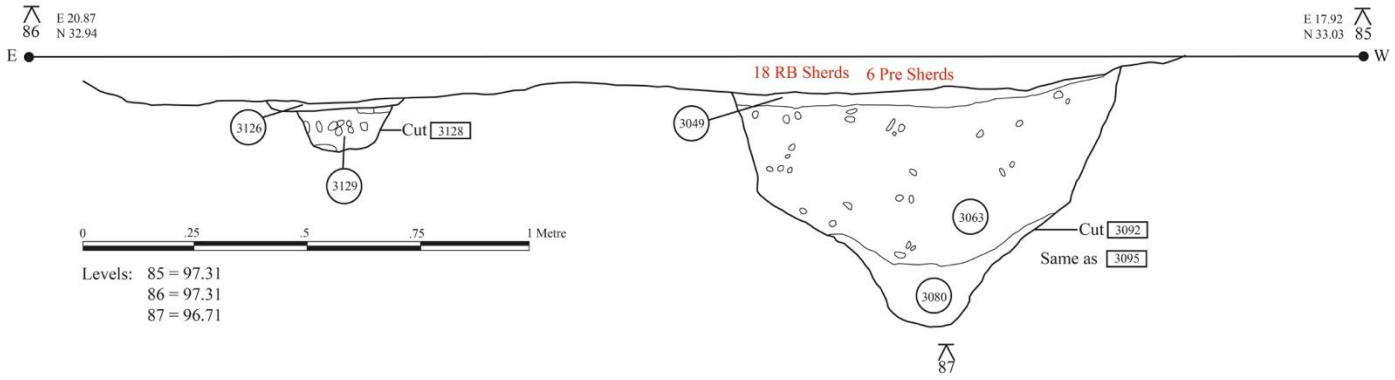
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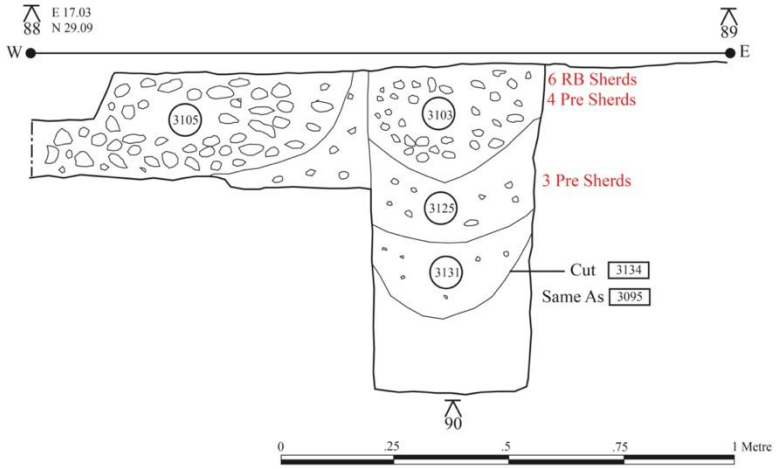


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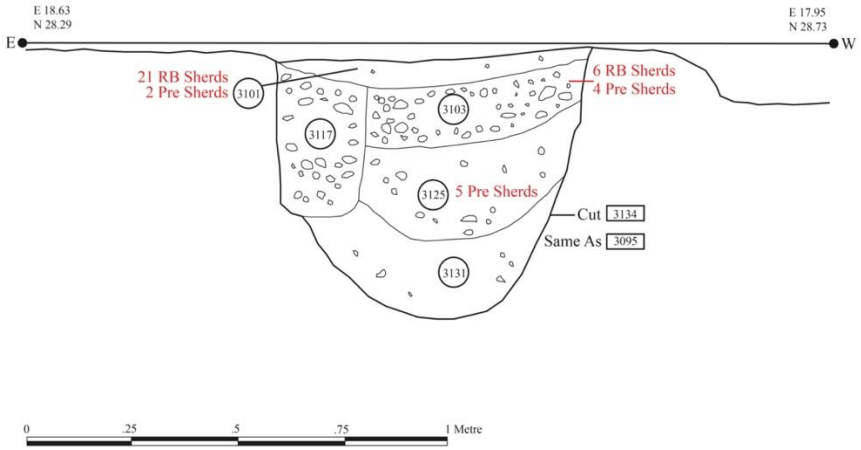


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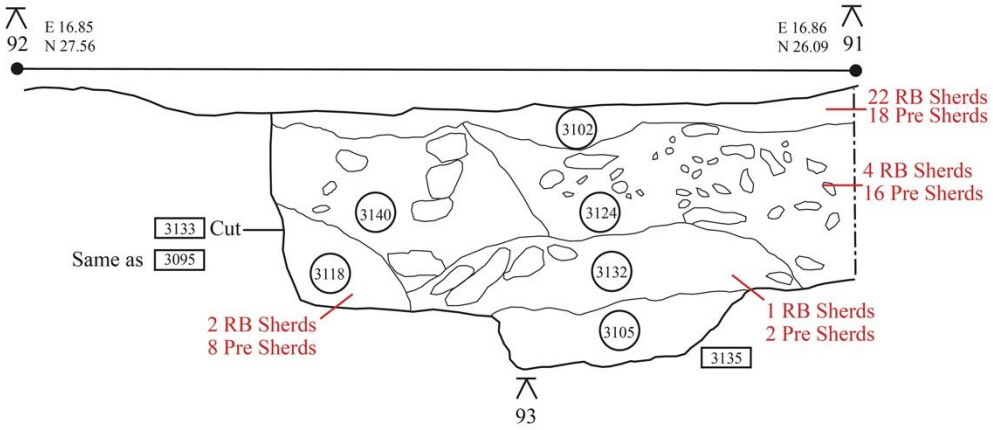


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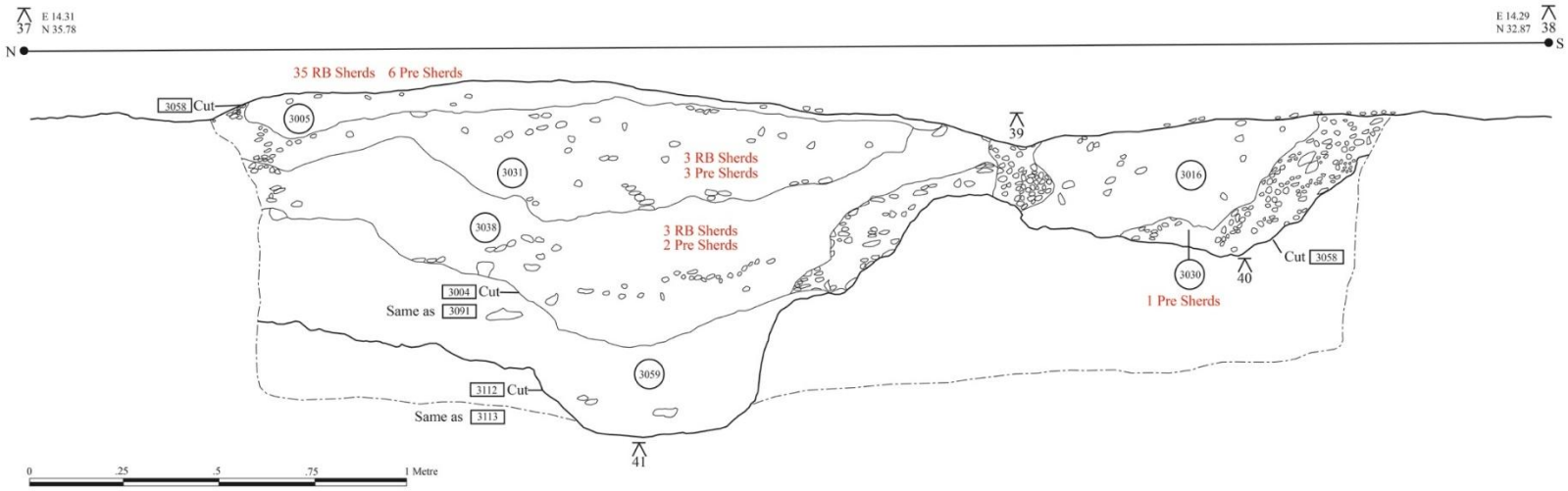


MF Section 3.31 Trench 3



Levels: 91 = 97.30
92 = 97.34
93 = 96.76

MF 01 Section 3.32 Trench 3



Levels: 37 = 97.52
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39 = 97.23
40 = 96.95
41 = 96.39