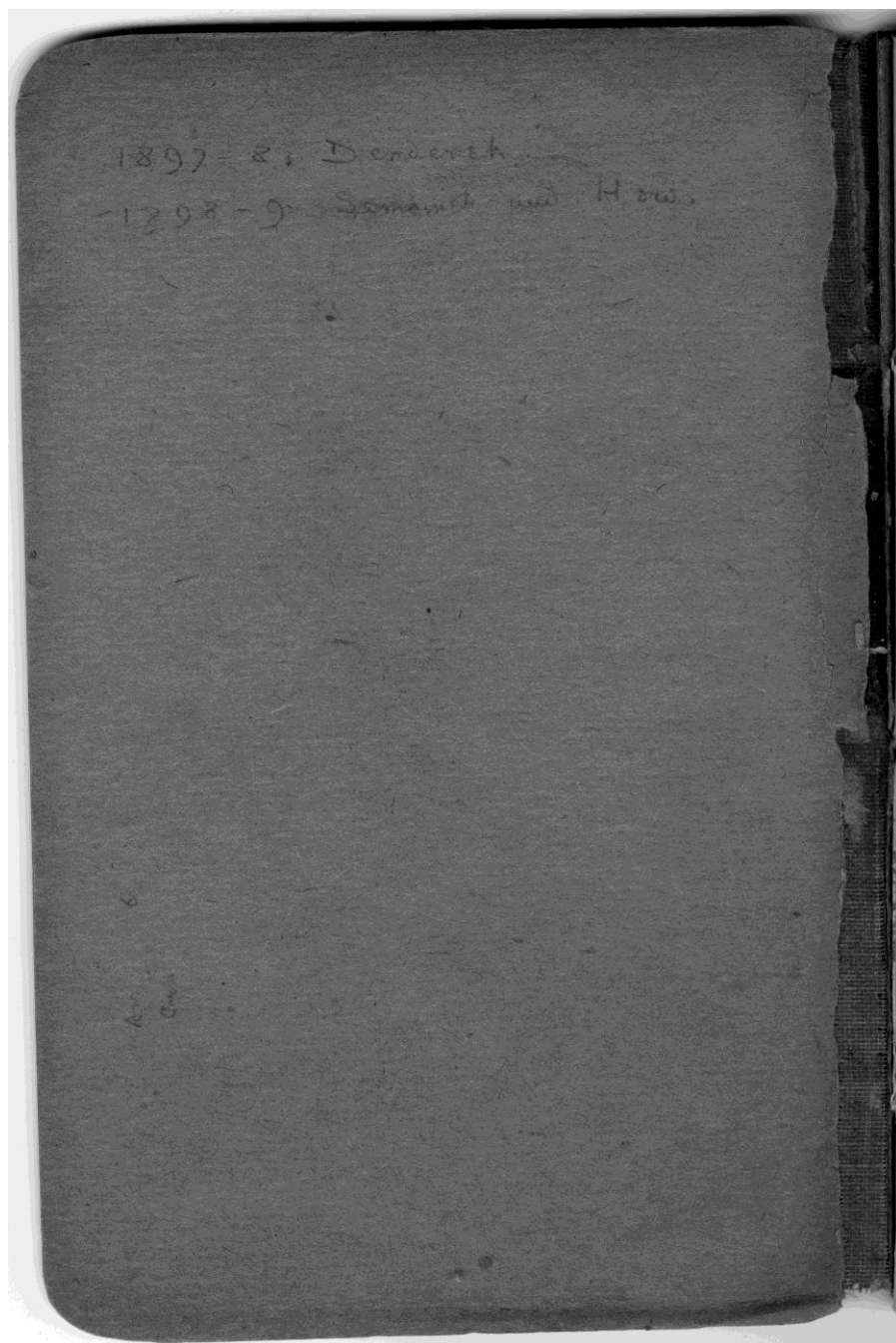
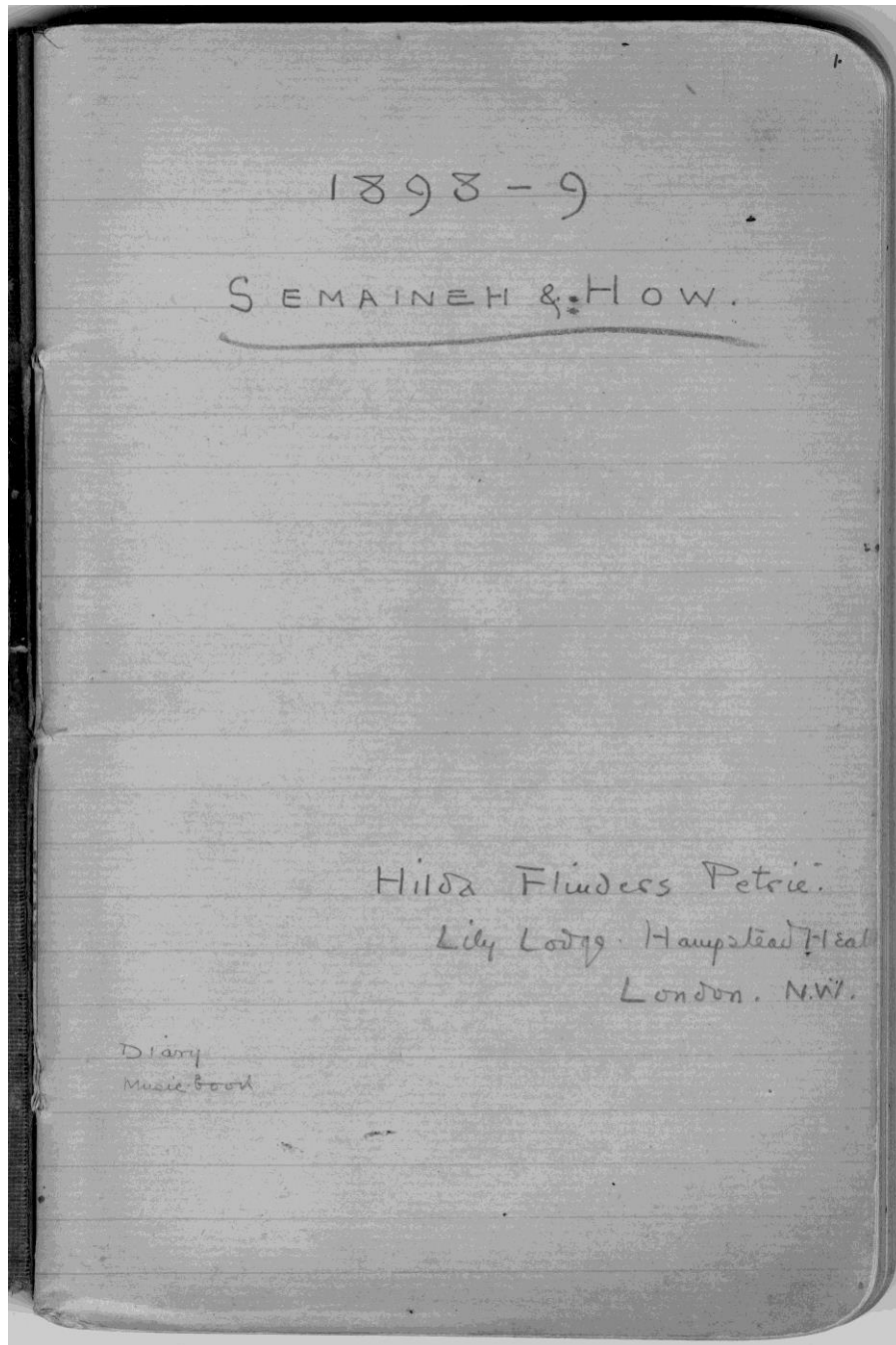


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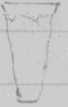
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
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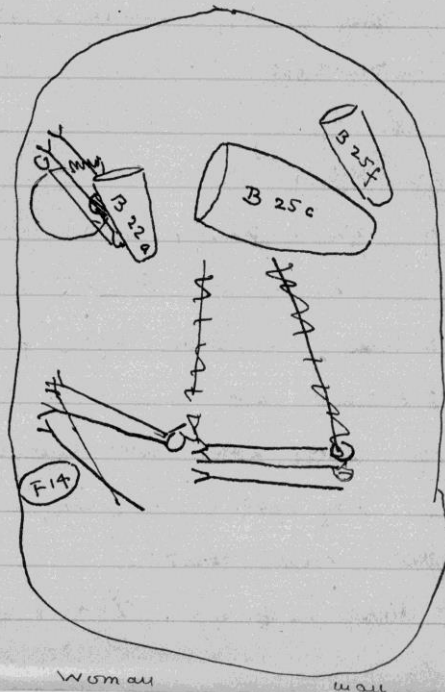
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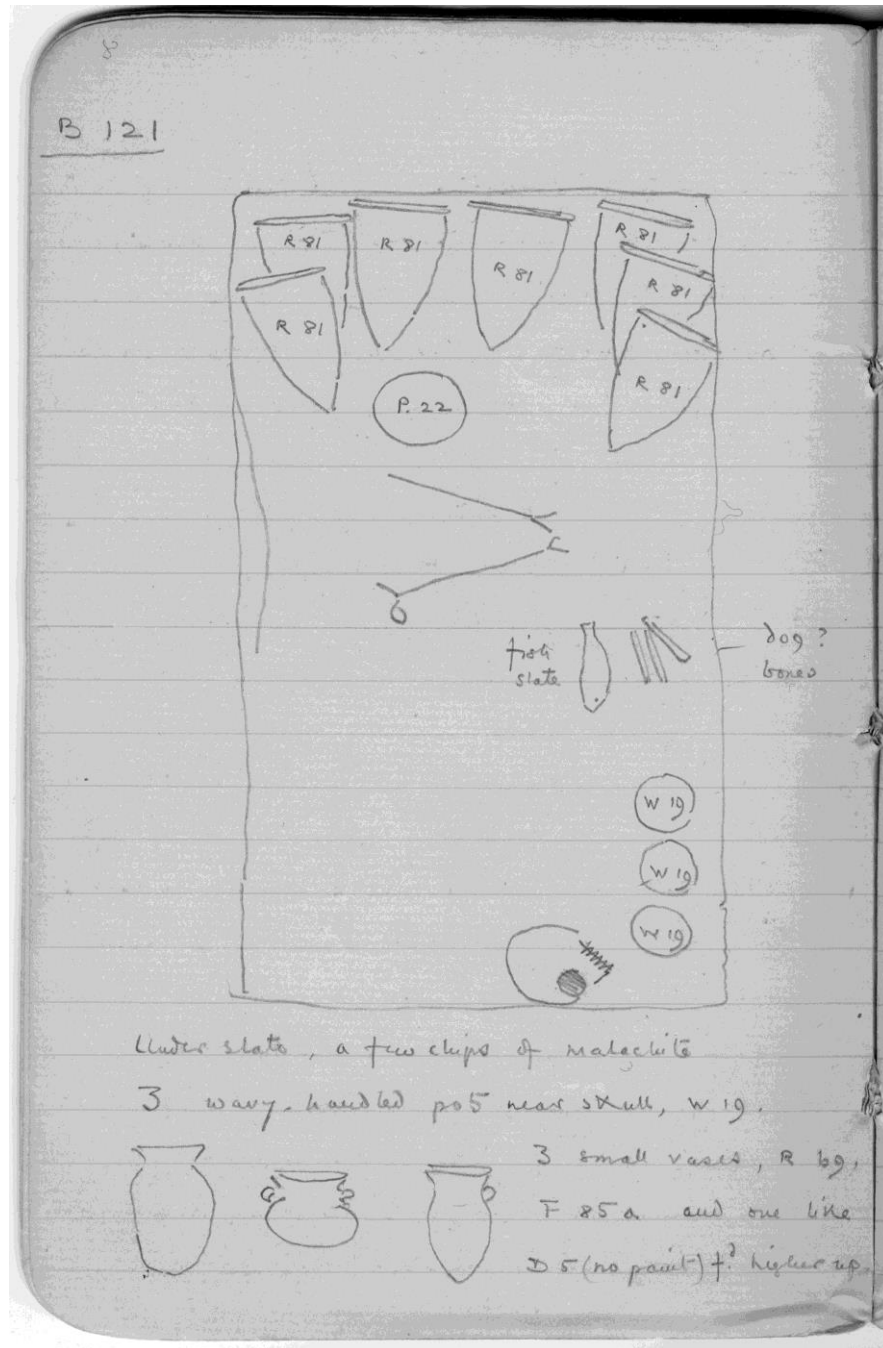
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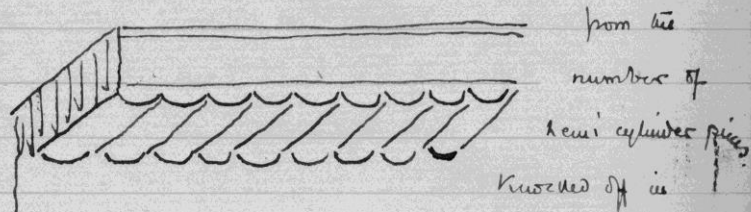
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

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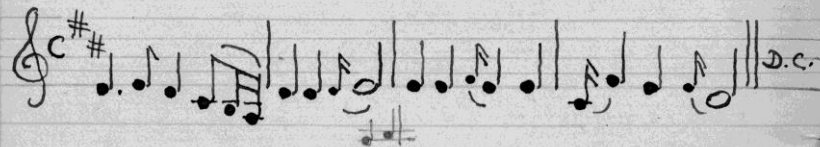
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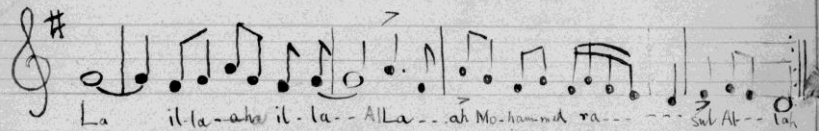
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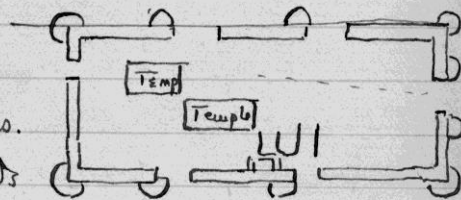
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
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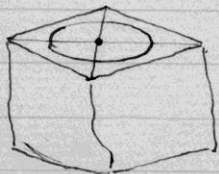
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Jan 7.

pit dug, 135 deep.
 chamber. A passage or chamber runs alongside
 this up to pedestal with fender against wall
 of temple-enclosure, wh. F. thinks may be base
 of imperial statue for Roman fort. And
 next, north, is skew brick building of an apse,
 probably apse of basilica, fine building also.

No clue to its purpose however, when dug out. But
 the finest crude brick building F. has seen. Close
 outside it were found 4 blocks for survey-marks, or
 architect's foundation-points, roughly made, intended to be
 sunk in ground, but on top of each is a circular hollow
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(Nerva's temple)

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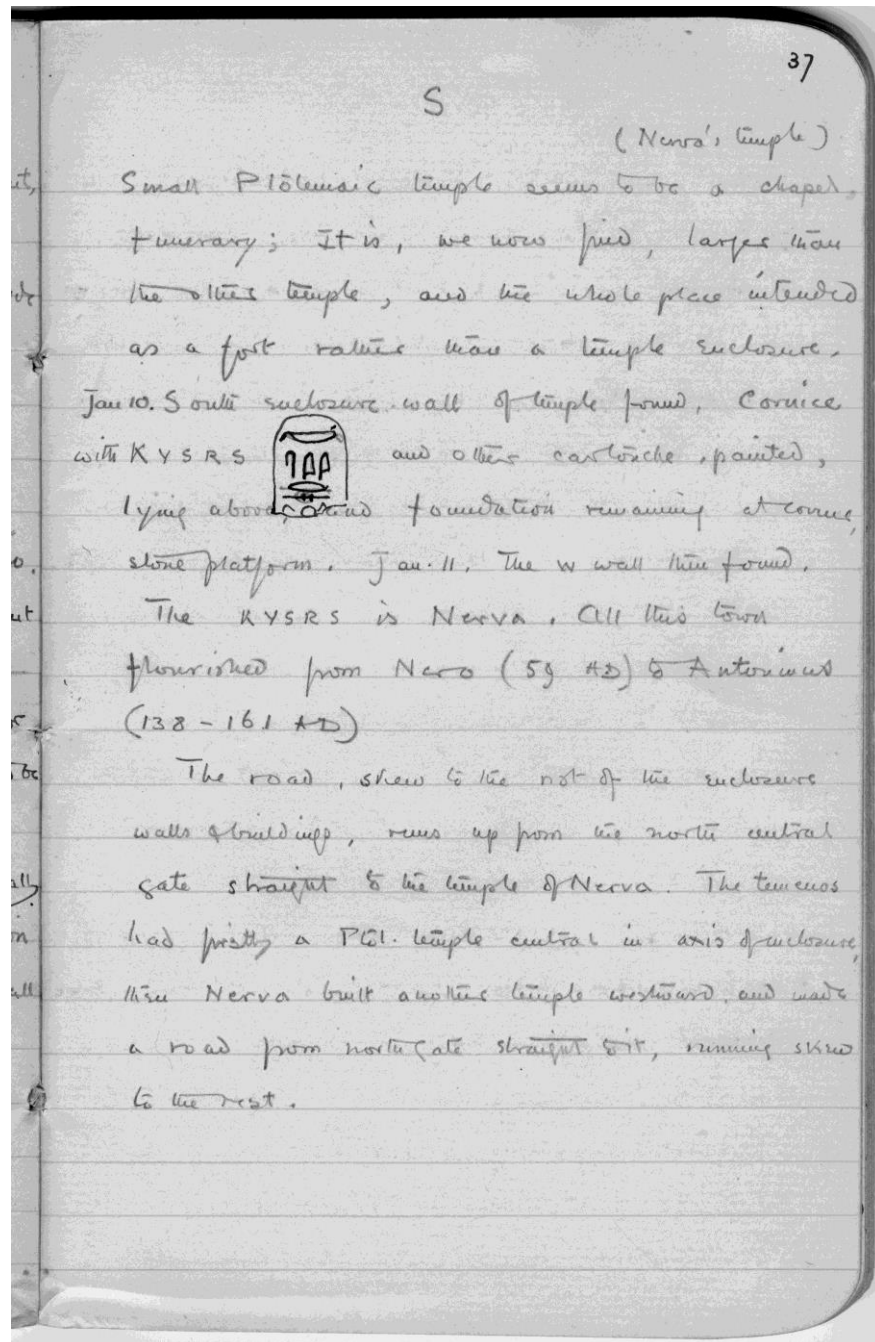
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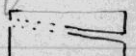
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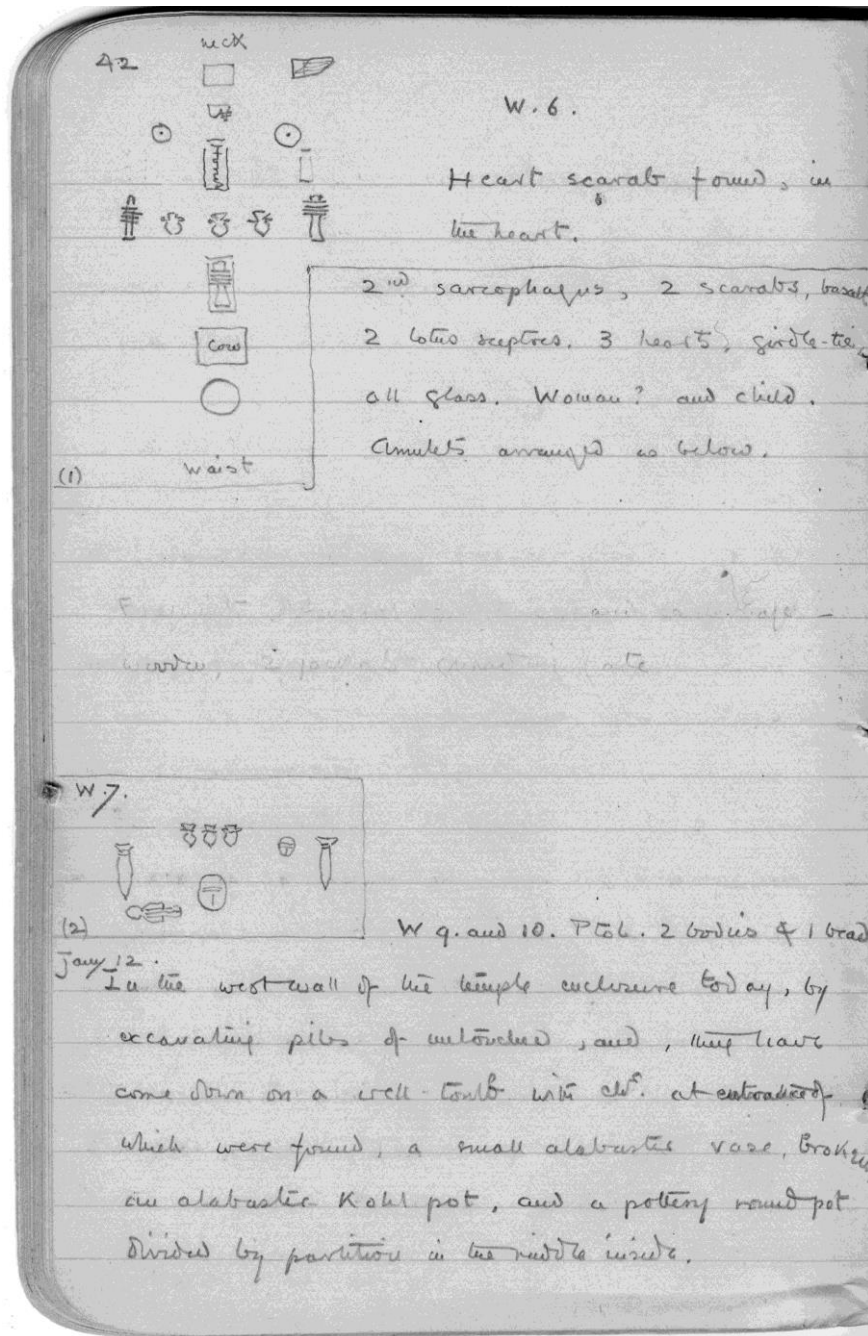
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
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




Jan^y. 16. Mon.

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

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
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

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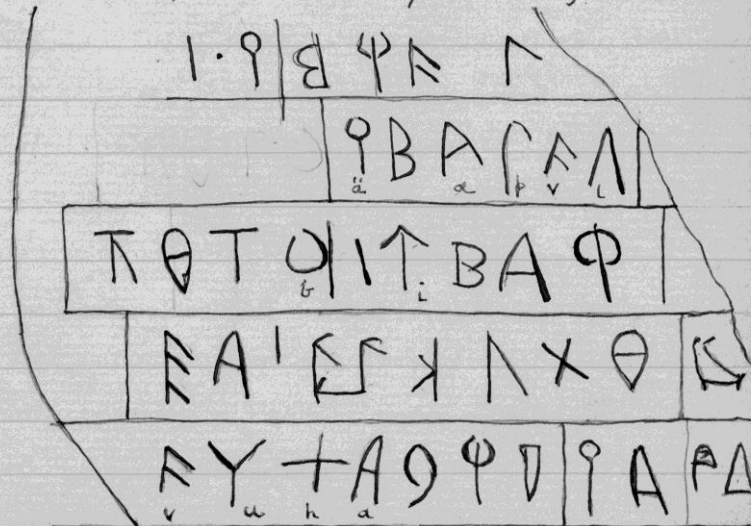
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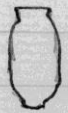


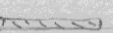
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
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
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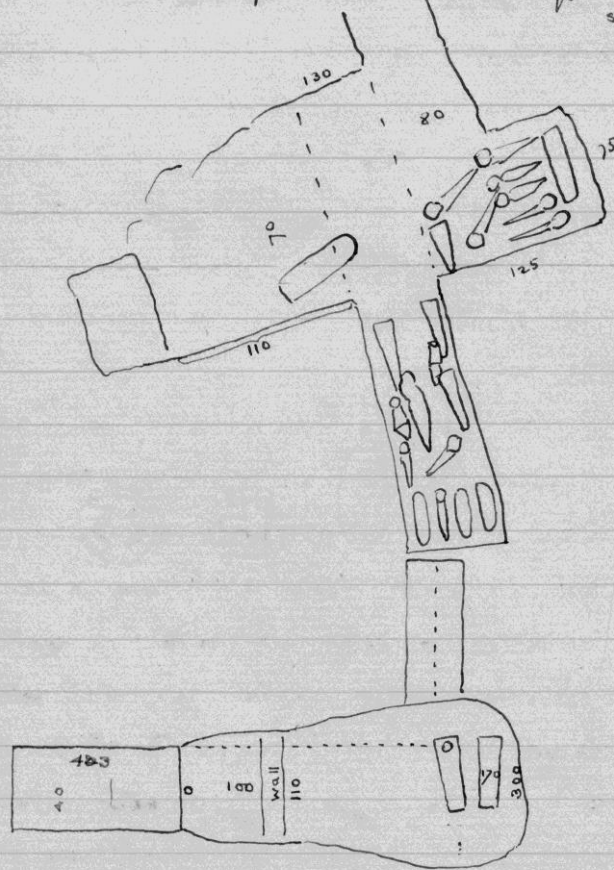
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110 - 125

40 - 40/23 - 0 - 100 - wall - 110 - 170 - 300

2 lids - 73 x 22)