

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF THE LINE OF THE COLCHESTER NORTHERN APPROACH ROAD. STAGE 1: TURNER ROAD TO BOXTED ROAD.

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SUMMARY

The evaluation revealed two areas of significant archaeology of the late iron age and early Roman periods, both on the southern section of the new road line between Turner Road and Mill Road.

To the west of the Colchester General Hospital a ditch dating to the early Roman period, and probably close to a settlement area of the same date, was located just below the modern topsoil.

There is a more substantial concentration of features of late iron age to early Roman date along the whole of the section of the new road passing through the grounds of Turner Village Hospital. These consist of the partly truncated remains of several ditches together with possible other smaller features, which could provisionally be interpreted as a ditched trackway leading toward a settlement site or focus situated on the northern part of this area. The archaeological features survive at a depth of about 0.7m below present ground level at the northern end of this area and about 1.0m on the central and southern parts. They are directly sealed by modern redeposited layers probably resulting from the insertion of two major drains just to the west of the evaluation trench line. These late iron age/early Roman features are important not only of themselves but form part of a larger archaeological landscape which includes the extensive Roman cremation cemetery (with about 100 known burials) and Roman road or trackway just to the south on Turner Rise.

There is no evidence for any significant archaeology on the section of the new road line between Mill Road and Boxted Road.

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INTRODUCTION

This report is concerned with the Stage 1 archaeological evaluation of the Colchester Northern Approach Road which covers the southern and middle sections from Turner Road to Boxted Road.

The Stage 1 evaluation was undertaken in two phases which conform to separate units defined by the existing road pattern. Phase 1 covers the new road line between Turner road and Mill road in the area and grounds of Colchester General Hospital, and the grounds of Turner Village Hospital. This section was completed in February 1997. Phase 2 follows the proposed road line from Mill road to Boxted road through the grounds of Severalls Hospital and was carried out in March 1997.

There are no records or archives indicating any known archaeology within the Stage 1 area, and the evaluation was effected by machine trenching on a minimum 50% sample basis, with an even distribution of trenches along the proposed road line. The total length of the new road included in the Stage 1 area is approximately 2 km over which the total length of evaluation trenching carried out was just under 1.2 km giving an approximate linear sample of 60%. The trenches were excavated to the natural sub-soil and any features revealed investigated. A careful watch was also maintained on spoil from the trenches for any archaeological material.

The Phase 1 and 2 evaluations comprise a total of eighty trenches, the majority of which proved negative in terms of archaeology, and so only those which produced significant results are presented in detail. The location and findings from all of the trenches are summarised on the main area plans and in the attached appendices.

The topography of the area of Phase 2 and the northern end of Phase 1 is relatively flat and open. However on the Phase 1 section from the area of the General Hospital southward the land begins to steadily fold into a small valley bisected by an artificially coursed and deeply cut stream.

ARCHAEOLOGY

I. Prehistoric: (notes on worked/smashed flint)

A very small number of worked/smashed flints were recovered from topsoil on the Phase 1 area. A total of six from T8 and T9 and one from T24. The flints from T8 and T9 are all of relatively crude working being either large fragments broken by quite heavy blows or cortex removal/trimming flakes. This small concentration coincides with the occurrence of a modern field drain in T8 which utilises broken and smashed flints as its main packing. It is clear that the crude nature of the working exhibited by these finds would make this drain a likely source, and it is probable that they are of modern creation rather than late neolithic or Bronze age in date. The single struck flint flake from T24 is also a cortex removal/trimming flake and is possibly prehistoric, but of itself and as an isolated find is not dateable.

No other potentially prehistoric material was found on Phase 1 or Phase 2, and there is no secure evidence of any prehistoric activity along these sections of the new road line.

II. Late iron age and early Roman:

Two areas of late iron age and early Roman activity were identified, both on the Phase 1 evaluation. One to the west of the General Hospital (plan 2) and a second in the grounds of Turner Village Hospital (plan 4).

Area covered by Plan 2:

In Trench 15 west of the main General Hospital a Roman ditch (F2) probably dating to the later 1st-early 2nd century AD was revealed. The range of finds from a small sample section comprised 300g of pottery, fragments of roof tiles, burnt bone and daub, together with small pieces of charcoal. Despite a lack of other clearly contemporary features in this area the quantity and range of finds recovered would indicate the presence of a near by settlement focus of early Roman date which remains unlocated.

The two other features, a shallow scoop or depression (F3) and a shallow slot or gully (F4), located in the same general area as F2 produced no finds and are essentially undated. However their clearer definition immediately below the topsoil would suggest that they are probably of more recent origin than the Roman ditch.

Area covered by plan 4:

A second more extensive concentration of activity dating from the late iron age to early Roman period was shown to exist along the course of the new road line between the Turner Village Hospital and Turner Road. It is clear that the archaeology along this whole area has been truncated by major excavation from the insertion of two large drains just to the west (see section III below).

At the northern end of this area in Trench 33 two ditches (F5 & F6) intersect at a right angle to each other, possibly defining part of a field system or enclosure. Both produced a significant quantity of pottery (in total 575g) dating to the late pre Roman iron age or early Roman period. A large lump of burnt flint some oyster shell fragments and a small piece of Roman tile were also recovered from F5. This material from a limited sample excavation would suggest proximity to an area of settlement. Two further ditches (F7 & F9) were found in trenches 35 and 40 to the south. The finds recovered from these consisted almost entirely of pottery fragments of the same date as F5 and F6 but both the relative quantities (125g from F7 and 65g from F9) and the average size of the sherds are smaller. A small piece of Roman tile was also found in the fill of F9. It is possible that these two ditches form part of a trackway running north-south.

In addition to these in Trench 36 the remains of a poorly defined pit (F8) contained a small quantity of fragmented pottery (10g) dating to the later iron age/early Roman period. This appeared to cut a dark gravelly feature running along the west edge of the trench which produced no finds, and of itself is undated. F8 was very poorly defined and the relationship between the two features is not secure. It is possible that the gravelly feature is of natural origin, but it could also represent the edge of deeper modern disturbance associated with the insertion of the major drains about 10m to the west.

Along the west edge of T41 at the southern end of this area were a series of irregular features (F10 F11 F12) which appear to form a consistent or regular group. A small amount of pottery fragments of probable late iron age/early Roman date were recovered from the F10, and a small piece of brick/tile which is undated. The archaeological status of these features is questionable and their dark stony fills were reminiscent of the gravelly feature in T36. It is possible they could represent late iron age/Roman activity, however it is also possible that they are modern and part of an irregular edge of deeper disturbance from the insertion of the major drains to the west.

III. Modern Factors Affecting the Archaeological Potential of the Southern Phase 1

Area:

The valley bottom and stream course of the southern Phase 1 area are closely followed by two large drains. In the area of Project Horizon (plan 3) these were measured from service covers at 4 metres deep. The drains are shown on a service map to run from Turner Road to just beyond the north boundary of Project Horizon. However surface drain covers, and drains revealed in trenches to the south of the Nurses Home would indicate that they probably extend further north than shown.

Extensive areas of modern disturbance in the trenches across the area of Plan 3 indicate that the excavation cuts for these drains could extend to an irregular edge between 10 and 15 metres west from their centre. This was directly tested by Trench 30 where the drain cut was demonstrated to be in excess of 10 metres on their west side. It should be noted that the trenches reproduced on plan 3 were progressively adjusted slightly towards the western edge of road line to skirt the edges of this extensive disturbance.

The evaluation trenches for the area of Turner Village (Plan 4) were placed 5 metres east of the north-south boundary fence partly to compensate for an expected cut extending out on the east side of the drains. The natural clay subsoil and surviving archaeology on this section of road line were found to be at a greater depth than on any other part of the Phase 1 or Phase 2 evaluation areas at between 0.7m and 1.0m deep. Modern fragments of brick and tile were also found in the layers directly sealing these levels and the remains of the archaeological features themselves are thought to be heavily truncated. The explanation for this extensive disturbance would seem to be the construction cut for the two major drains involving the scraping back of this whole area. Exploratory results from Trench 39 would indicate that this disturbance extends to some 4 - 5 metres to the east of the evaluation trench line.

IV. Stage 2 area:

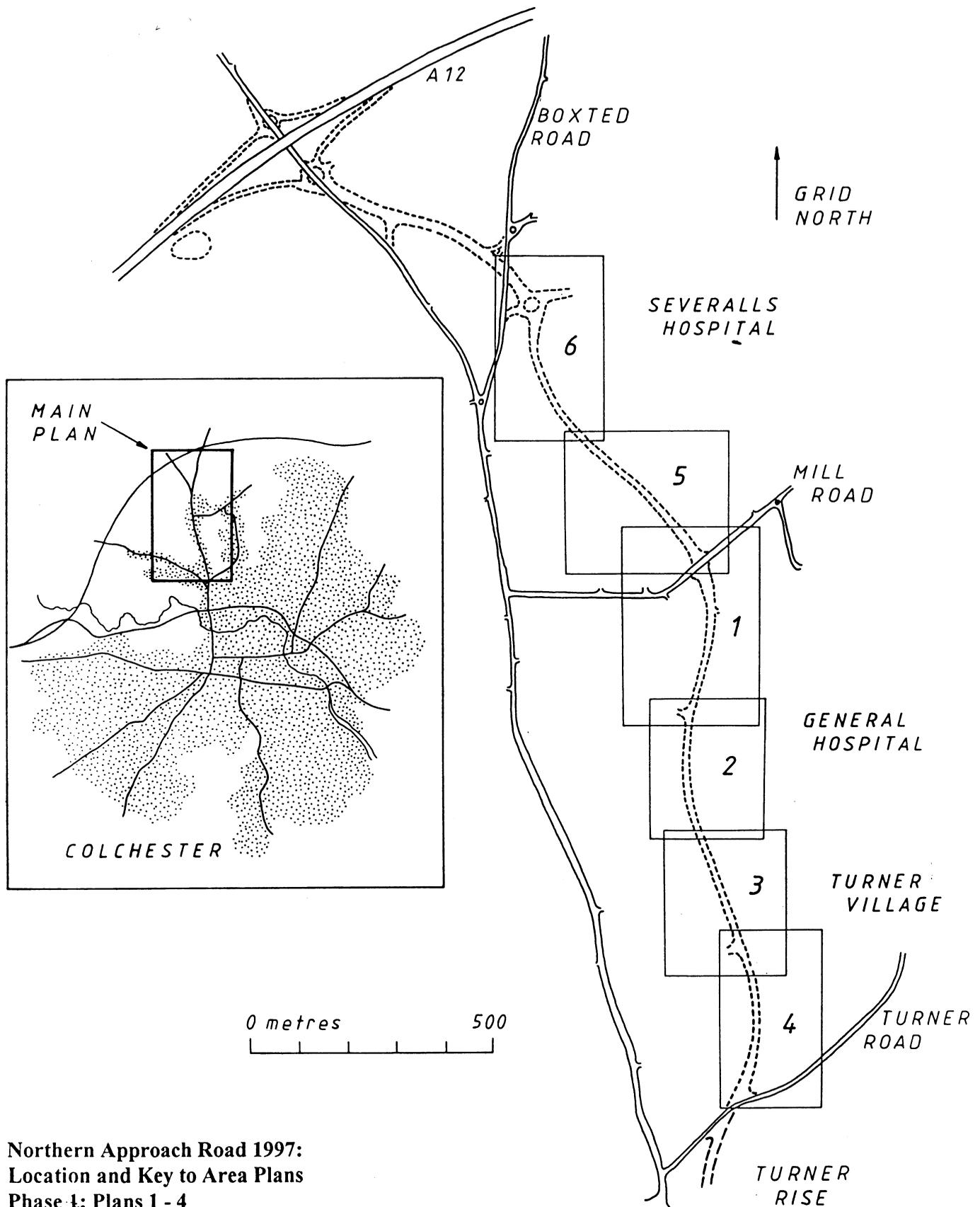
No significant archaeology was found to be present on the Stage 2 area.

Three small-medium sized fragments of Roman tile were recovered, one each from the topsoil of T58 T59 and T61. The largest fragment was approximately 8 x 4 x 3 cm and the smallest 4 x 3 x 3 cm. There were no other finds of Roman date and no features which could be associated with this material were found.

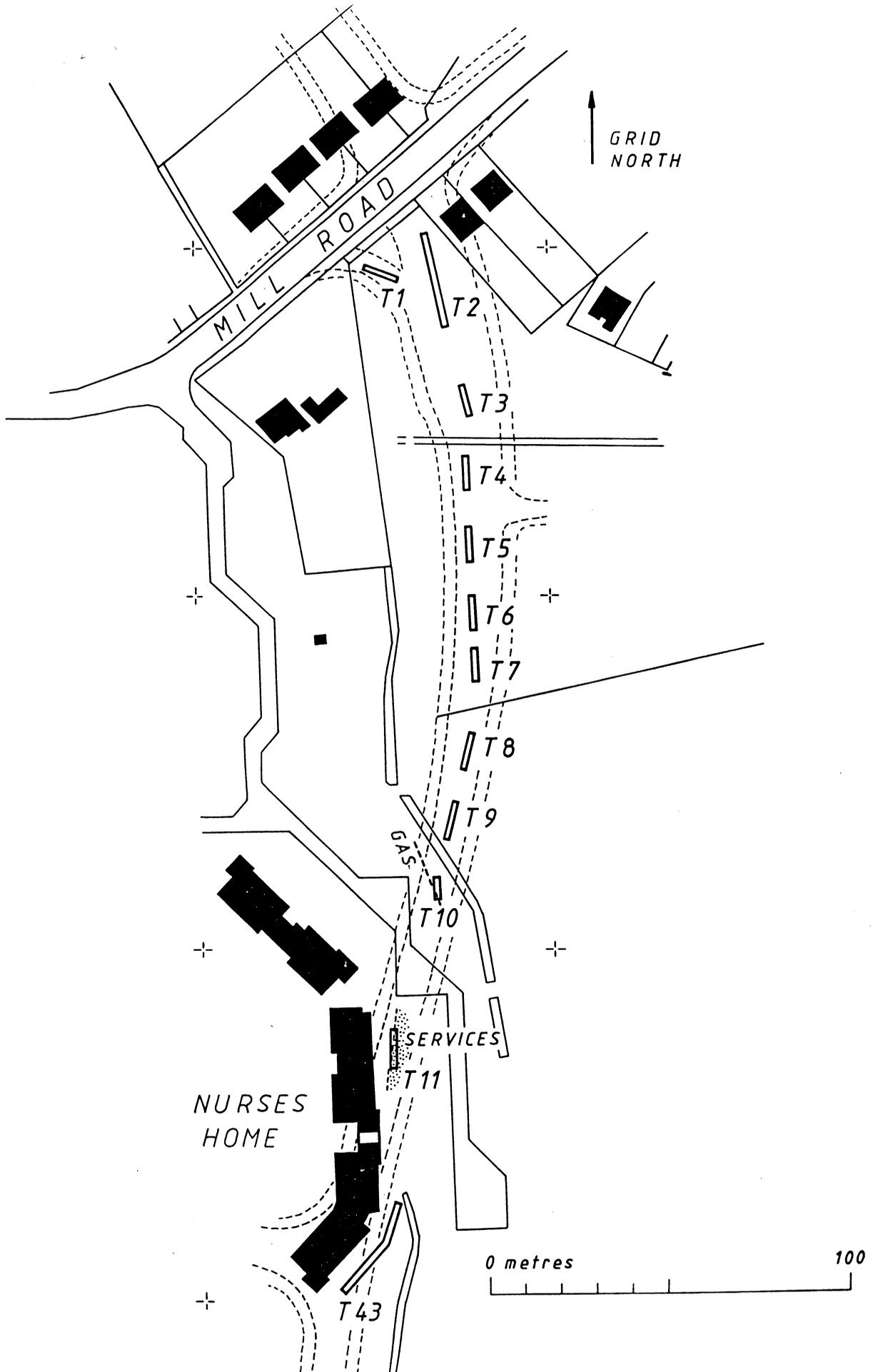
All features encountered were clearly post Medieval in date (probably 19th-20th century) or of natural origin.

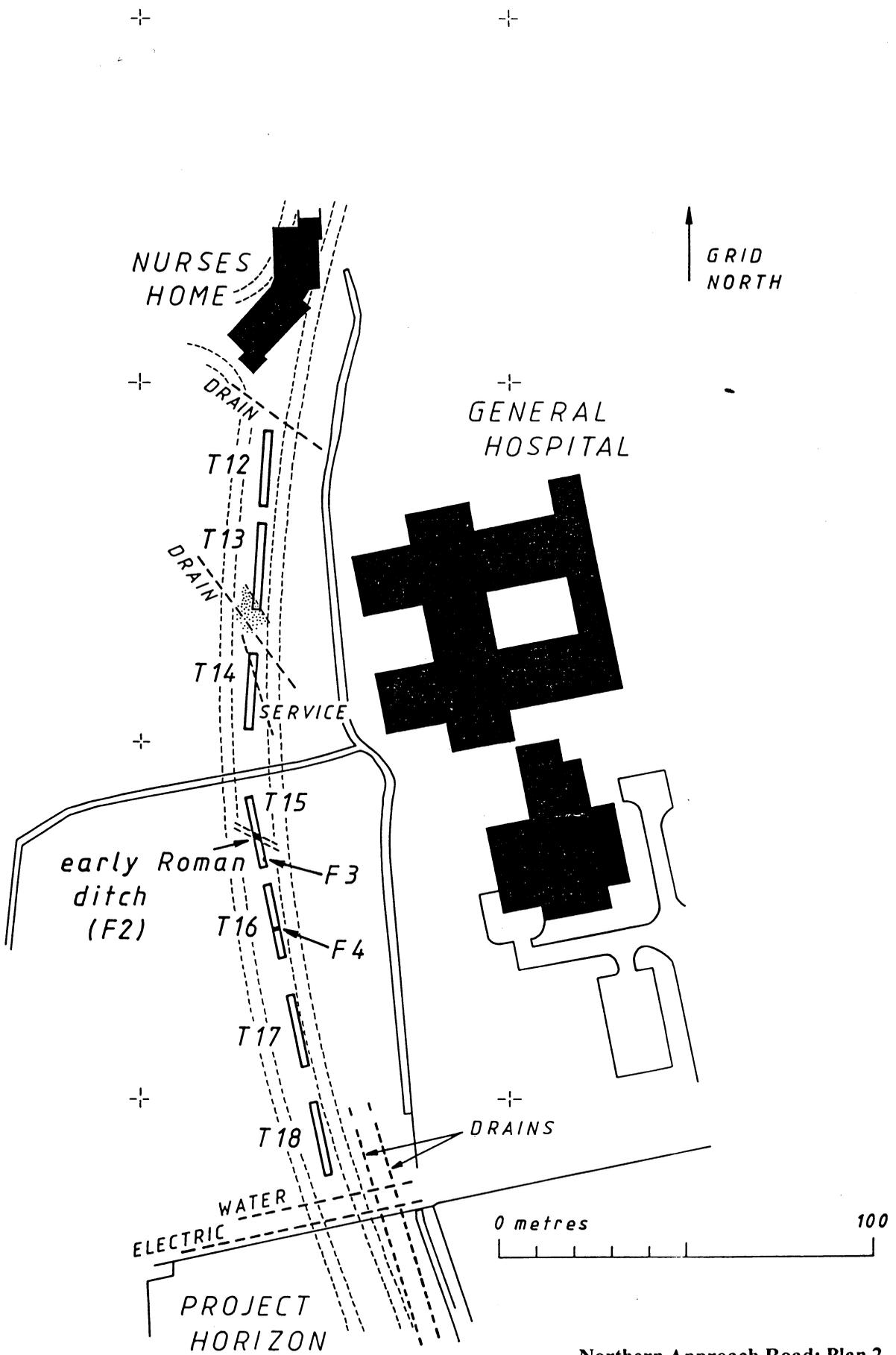
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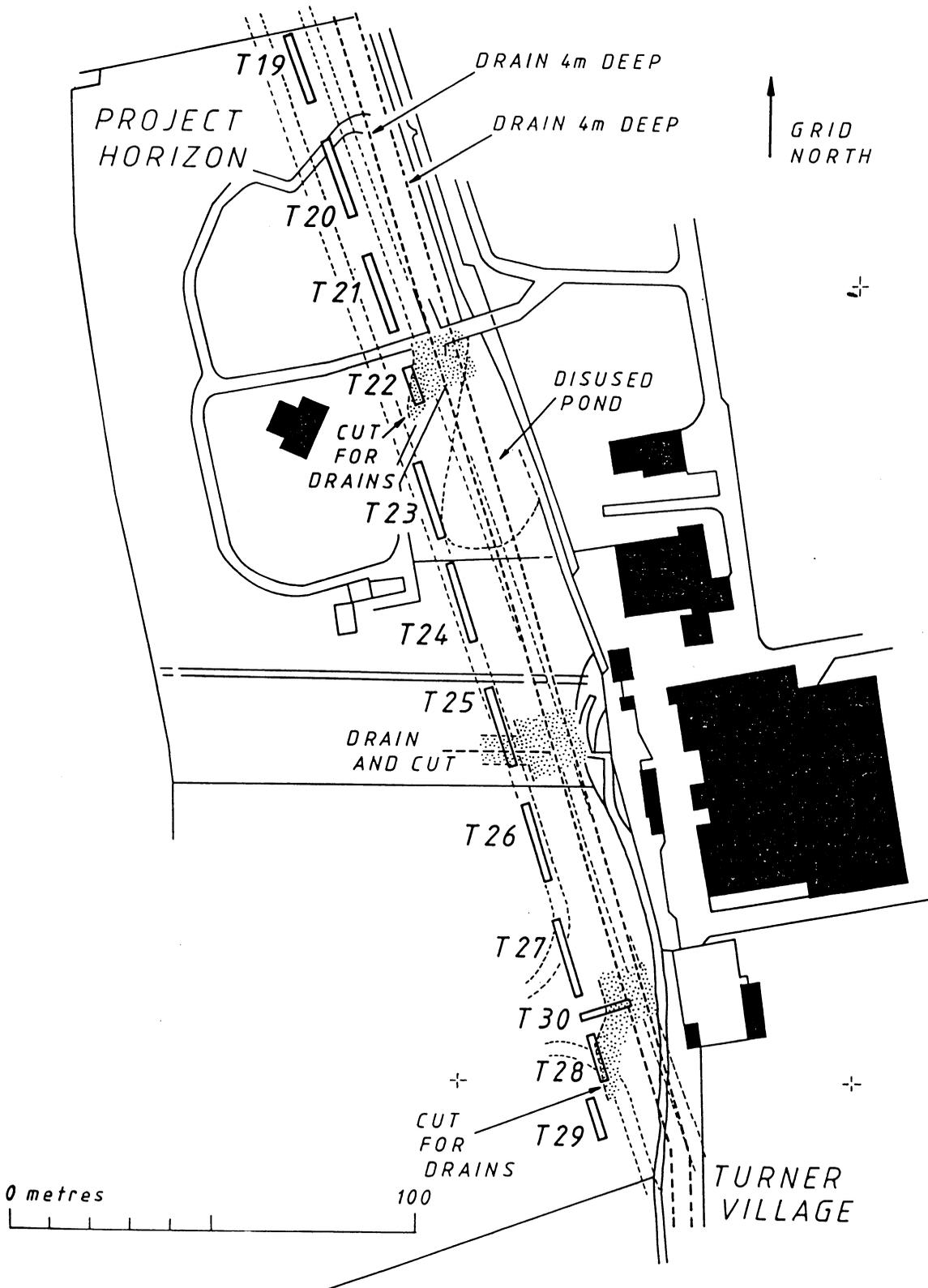


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Location and Key to Area Plans
Phase 1: Plans 1 - 4
Phase 2: Plans 5 - 6

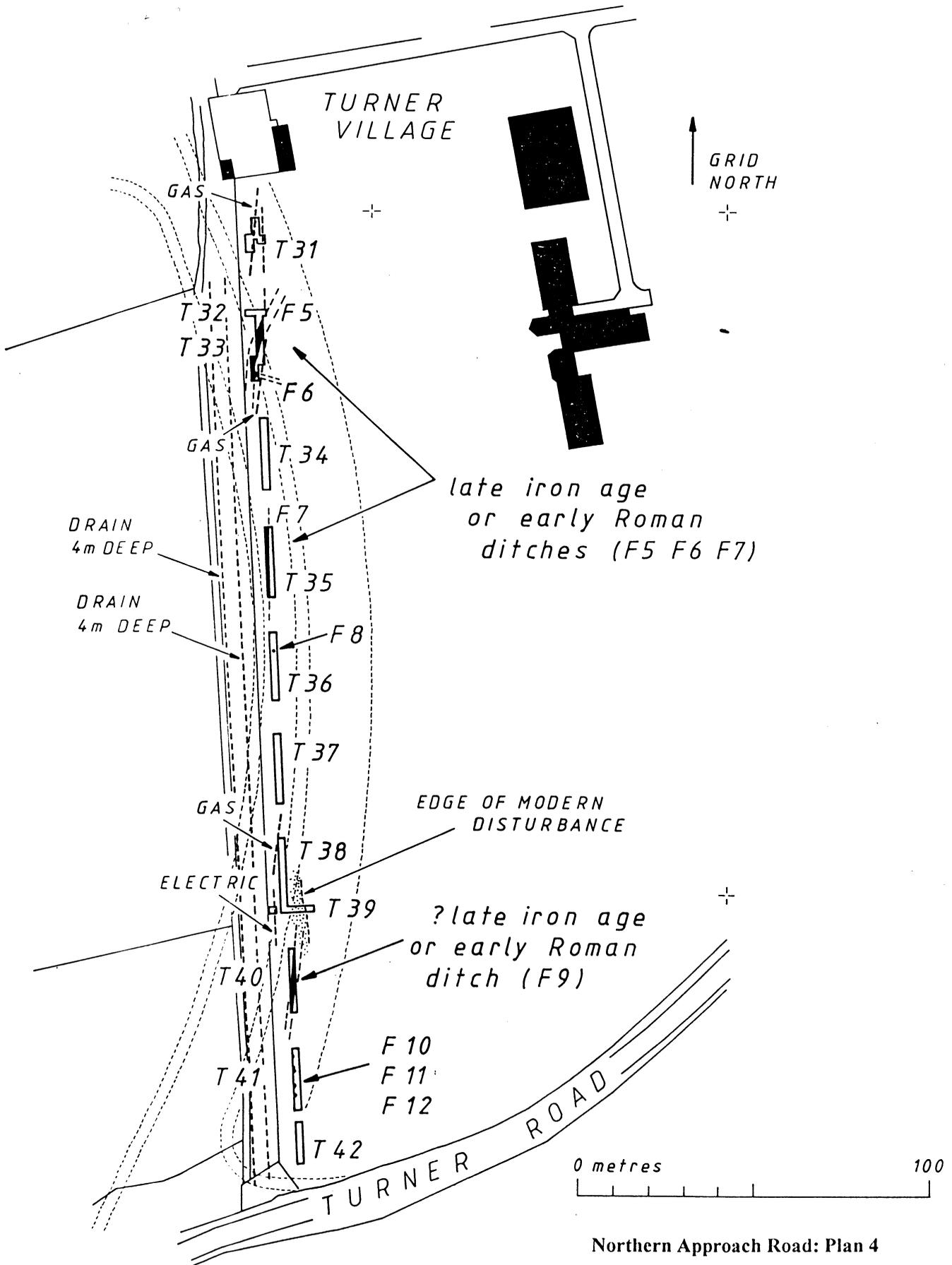


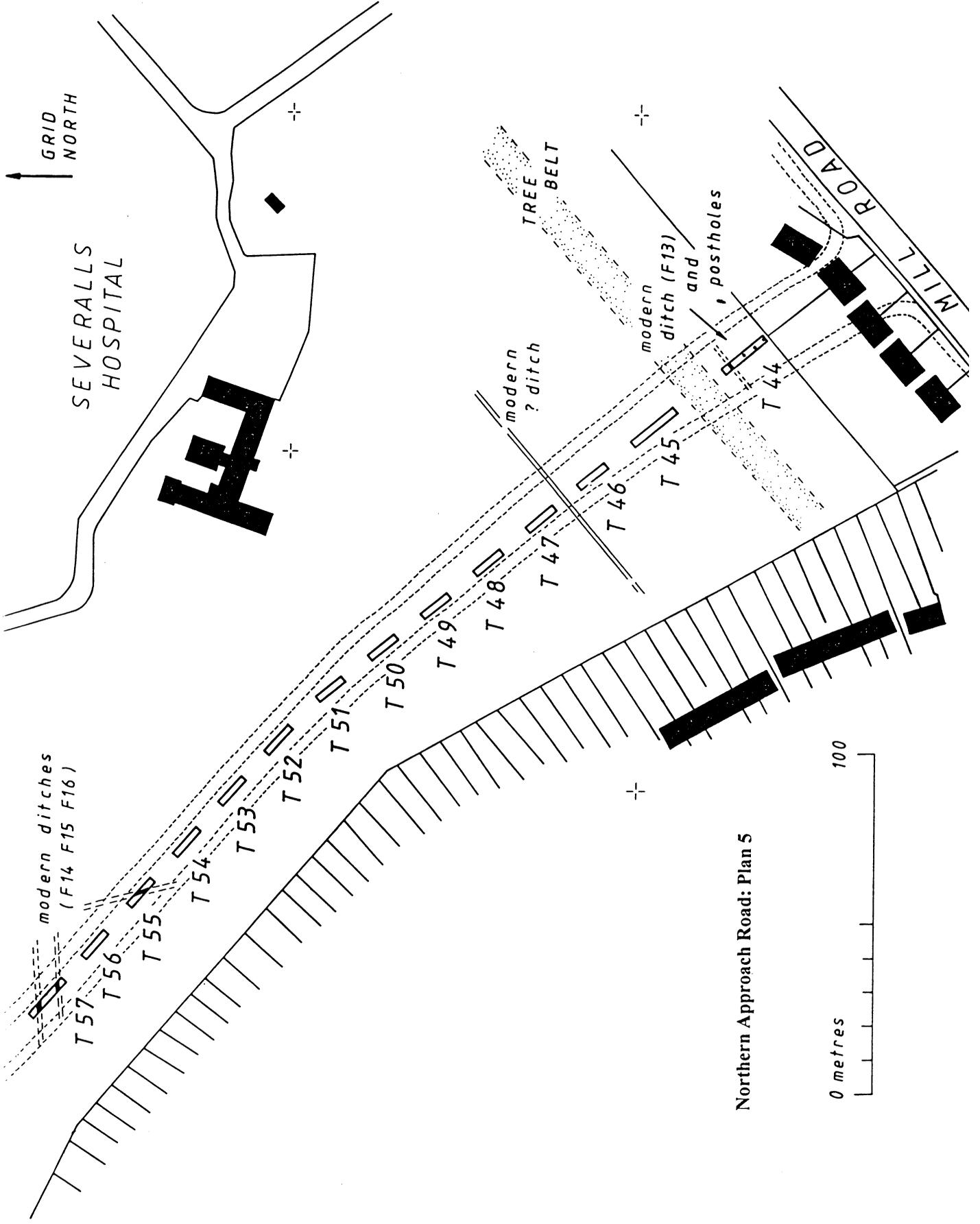


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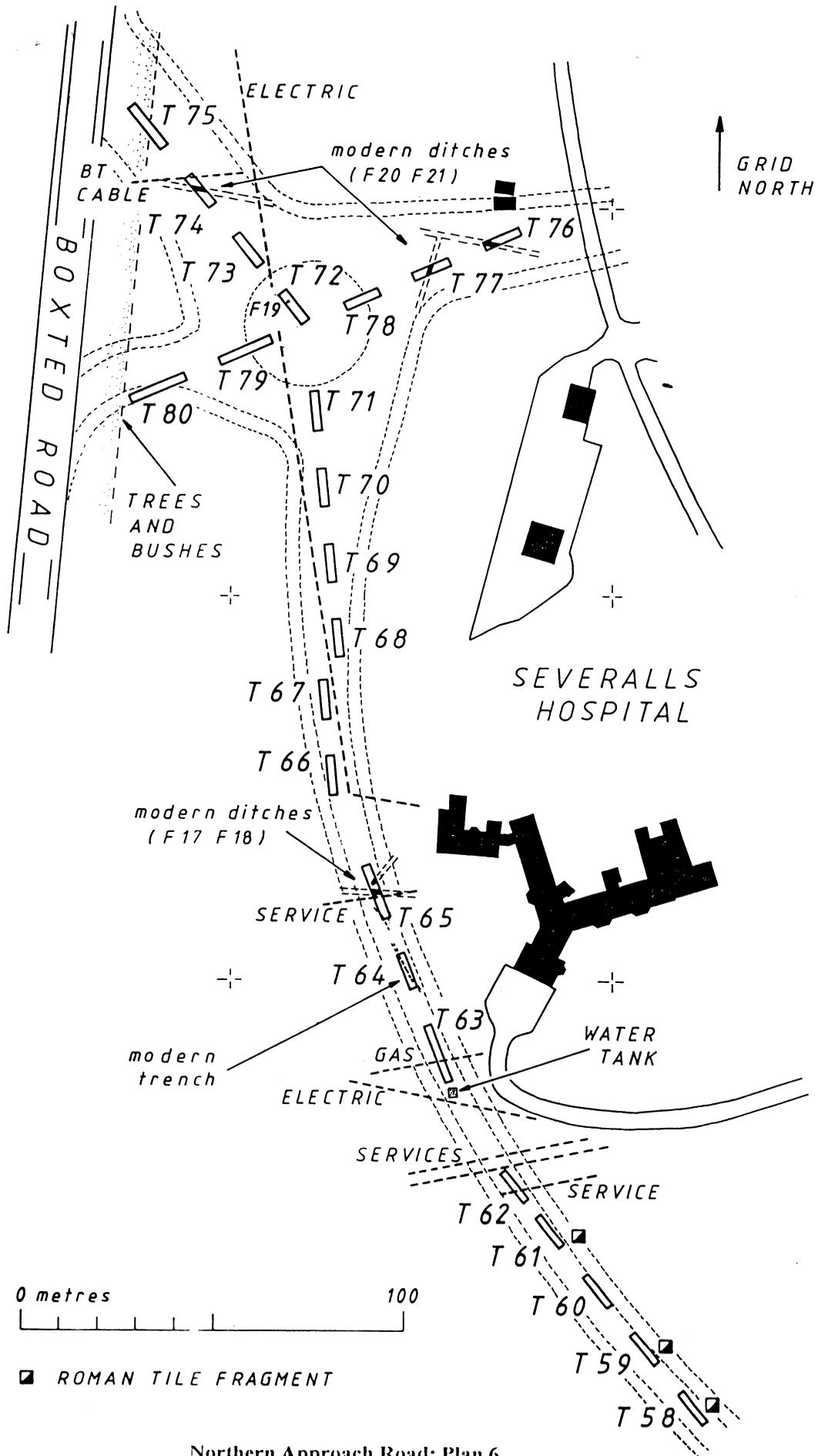
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Northern Approach Road: Plan 5

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Northern Approach Road: Plan 6

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STAGE 1

APPENDIX I

NOTES, DESCRIPTION AND FIGURES FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES

PHASE 1: Plan 2

F2: Roman ditch

T15 plan and section

Feature has poor contrast with natural immediately below ploughsoil. Northern edge established approximately. Attention first brought to this area when pottery fragments noticed whilst cleaning trench base with machine bucket.

Upper fill: compacted light brownish yellow slightly silty clay with some small stone. Finds, some Roman pottery and Roman roof tile fragments (finds No.3).

Middle (lower) fill: friable medium brownish clay silt with some small to medium stone, and firm yellowish grey silty clay. Common charcoal inclusions. The majority of the finds are from this fill (finds No.4).

Base fill: clean compact medium greyish yellow clay with some charcoal and manganese fragments.

F3: undated scoop/depression (?natural)

T15 plan and section

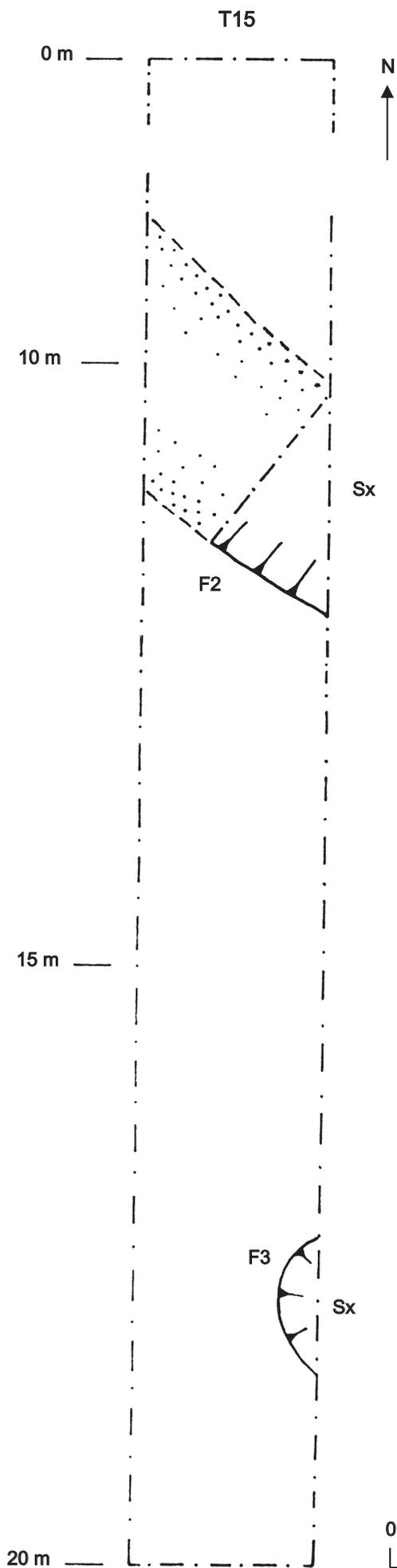
Upper fill: friable medium brown clay silt with some small stone and manganese inclusions.

Lower fill: firm light yellowish mottled clay. ?Possible overcut into natural clay.

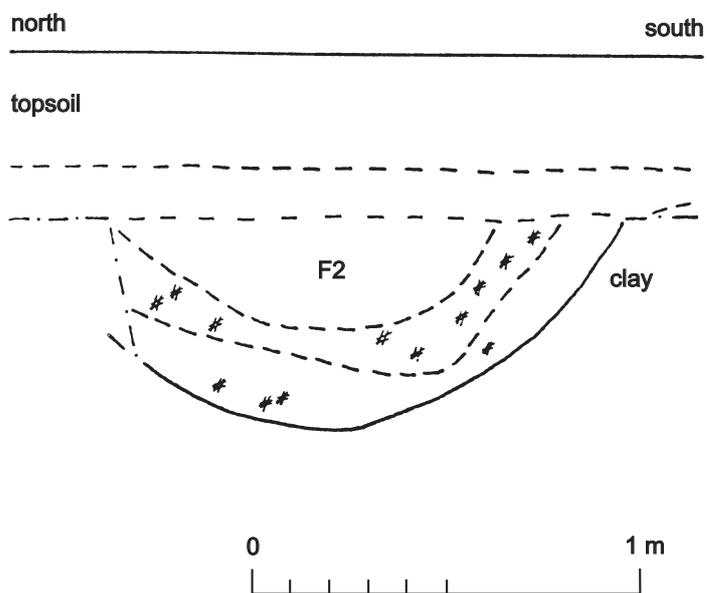
F4: undated slot/gully

T16 plan and section

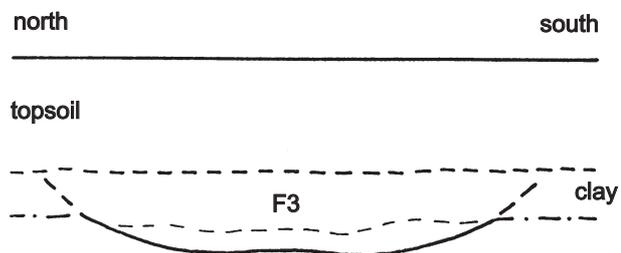
Fill: friable light brownish grey sandy silt with some small stone and ?iron pan fragments.



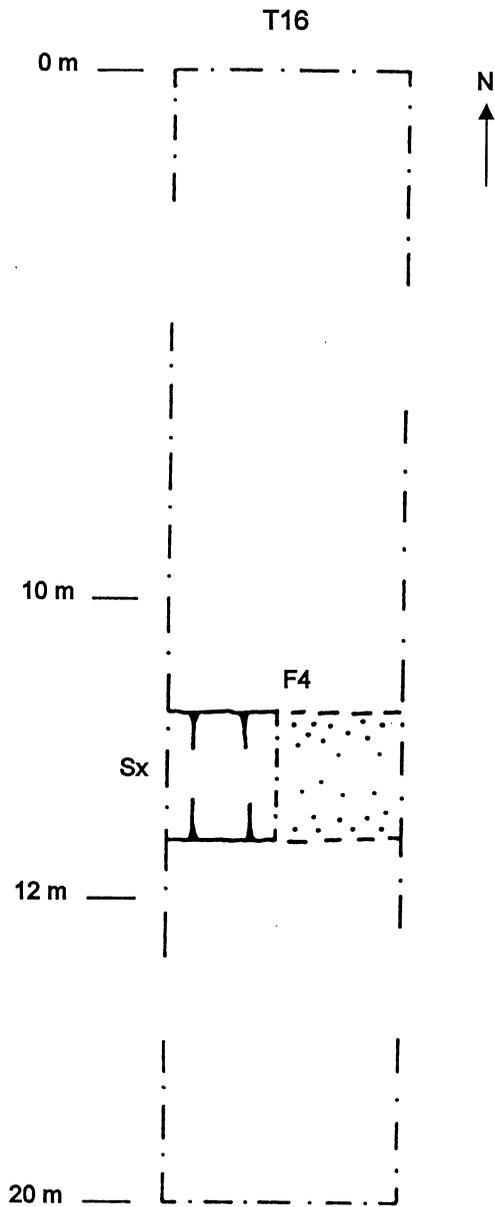
F2 section



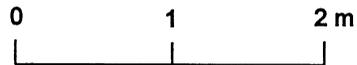
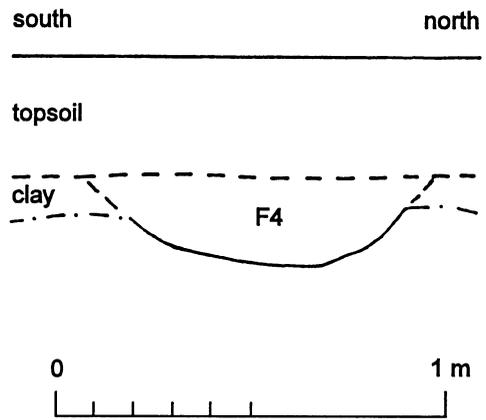
F3 section



Northern Approach Road: Trench 15 with sections F2 and F3



F4 section



PHASE 1: plan 4

F5: Late iron age/early Roman (LIA/Rom) ditch

T33 plan and section

Poor/fair general definition with surrounding natural clay. Truncated by recent disturbance.

Upper fill: light yellowish grey clay silt with charcoal flecks/fragments and some ?manganese fragments.

Lower fill: firm light yellowish brown mottled clay silt with charcoal flecks and ?manganese fragments.

?possible slight overcut.

F6: LIA/Rom ditch

T33 plan and section

Fairly clear definition. Truncated by recent disturbance.

Upper fill: light whitish brown clay silt with some charcoal and degraded pottery fragments.

Lower fill: mottled orange yellow silty clay with grey silt patches.

F7: LIA/Rom ditch

T35 plan and section

LIA/ROM ditch

Poor/fair general definition with surrounding natural clay. Truncated by recent disturbance.

Fill: compact light greyish brown clay silt with rare flecks of manganese.

F8: ?LIA/Rom ?pit

T36 plan and section

Poor general definition and very badly truncated. Edges never established with certainty. Possibly cuts patchy (grey brown silty clay and orange brown sandy clay) gravelly feature to west but no definite relationship established.

Fill: Patchy light brown sandy clay

F9: LIA/Rom ditch

T40 plan and section

Poor/fair general definition with surrounding natural clay. Truncated by recent disturbance.

Fill: Yellowish brown slightly dirty silty clay with some small to medium stone and occasional charcoal flecks. Some iron pan or manganese fragments.

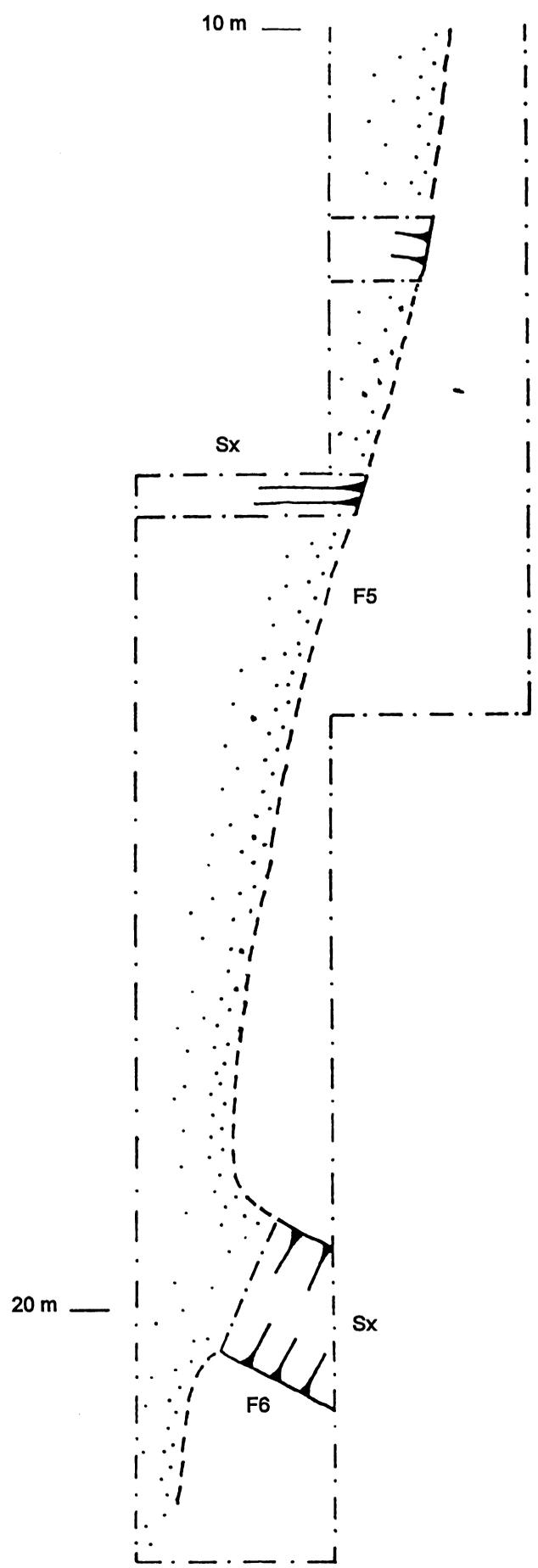
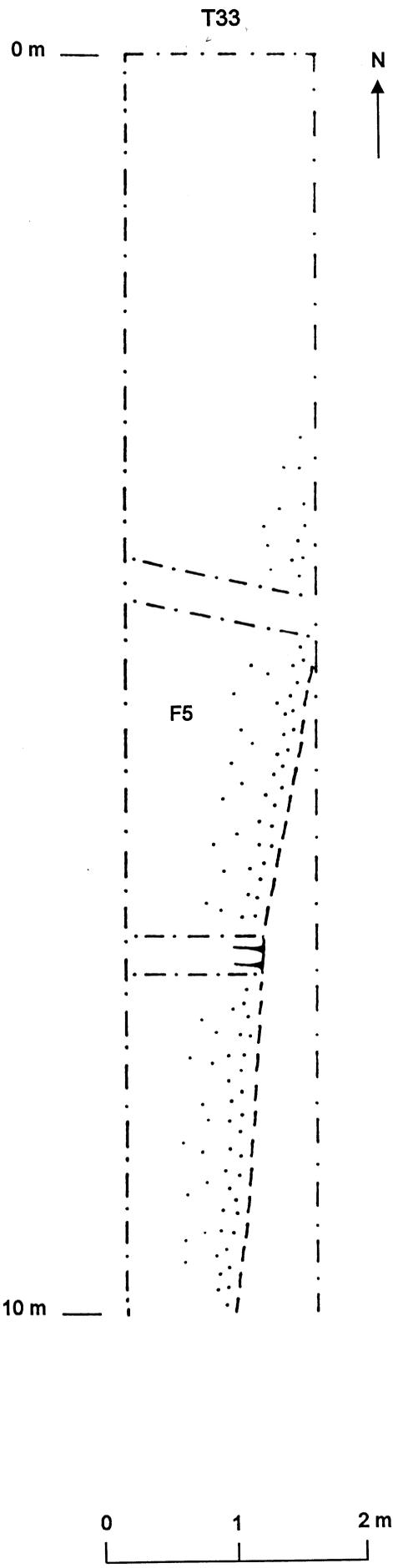
F10: ?LIA/Rom or modern disturbance

Fill: Stony mottled grey brown and yellow brown clay. Finds of LIA/Rom pottery and fragment of undated brick/tile.

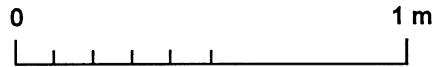
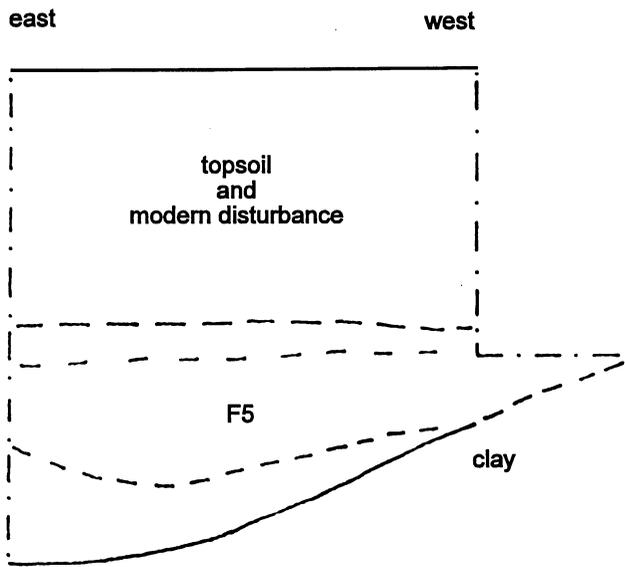
F11: As above. No finds.

F12: As Above

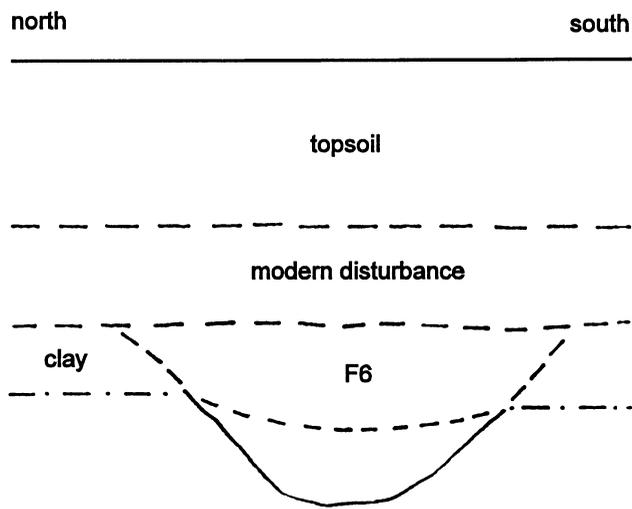
Partly excavated. No finds. Large piece of Roman tile found imbedded in clay subsoil just to east ?disturbed by machine.

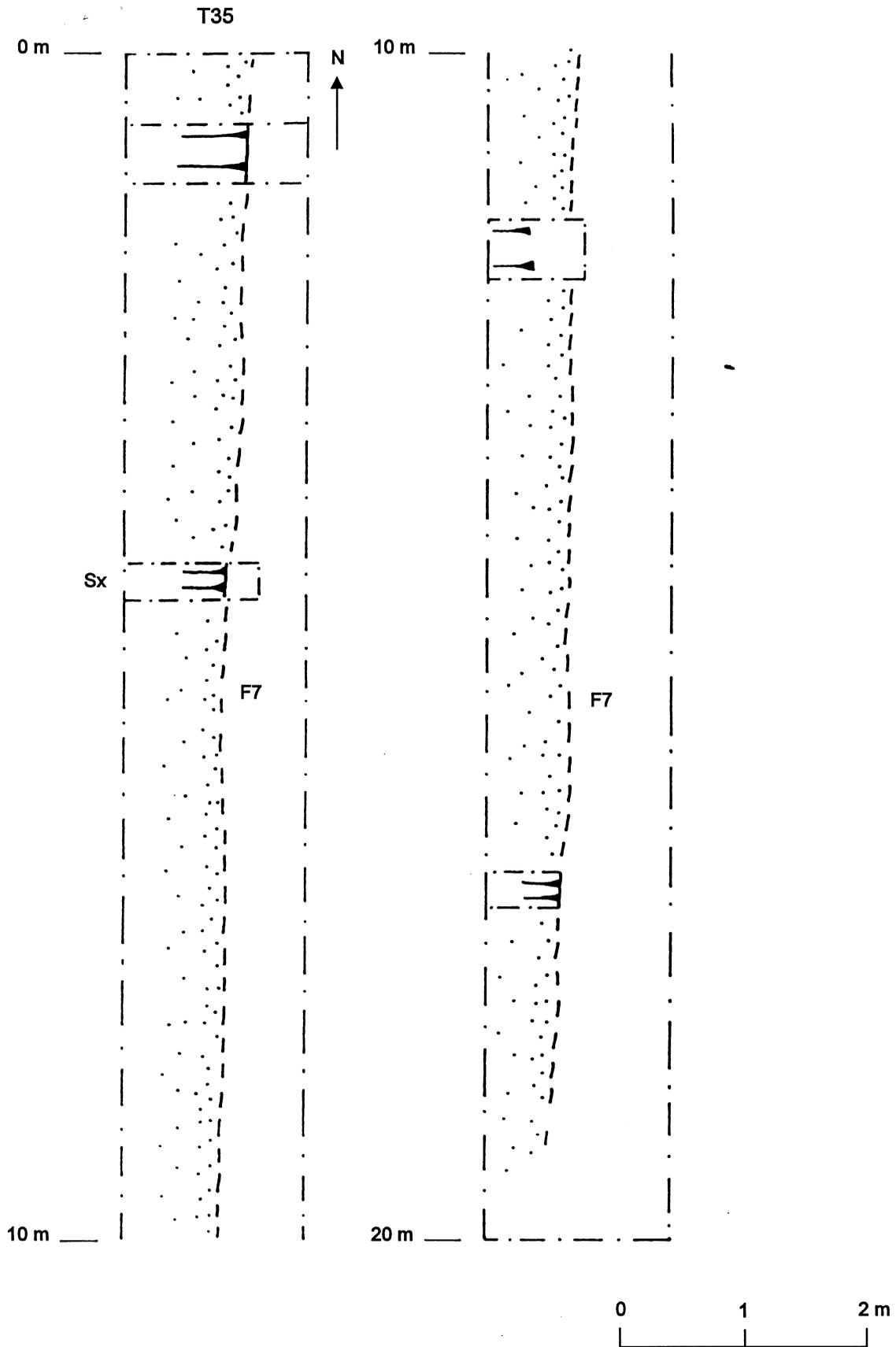


F5 section



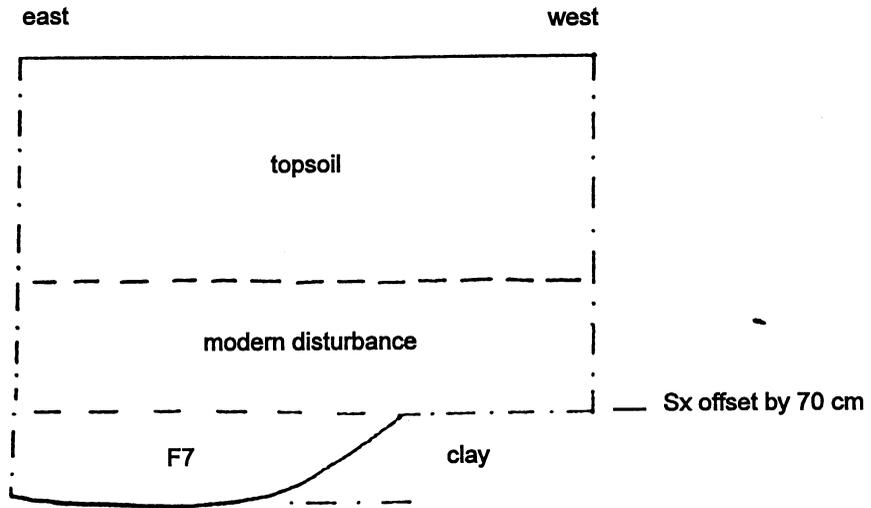
F6 section



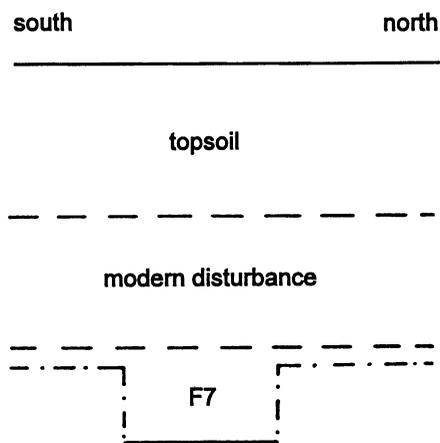


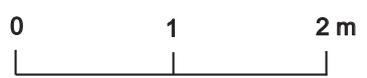
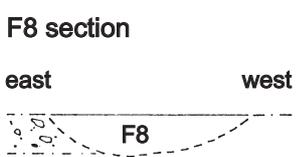
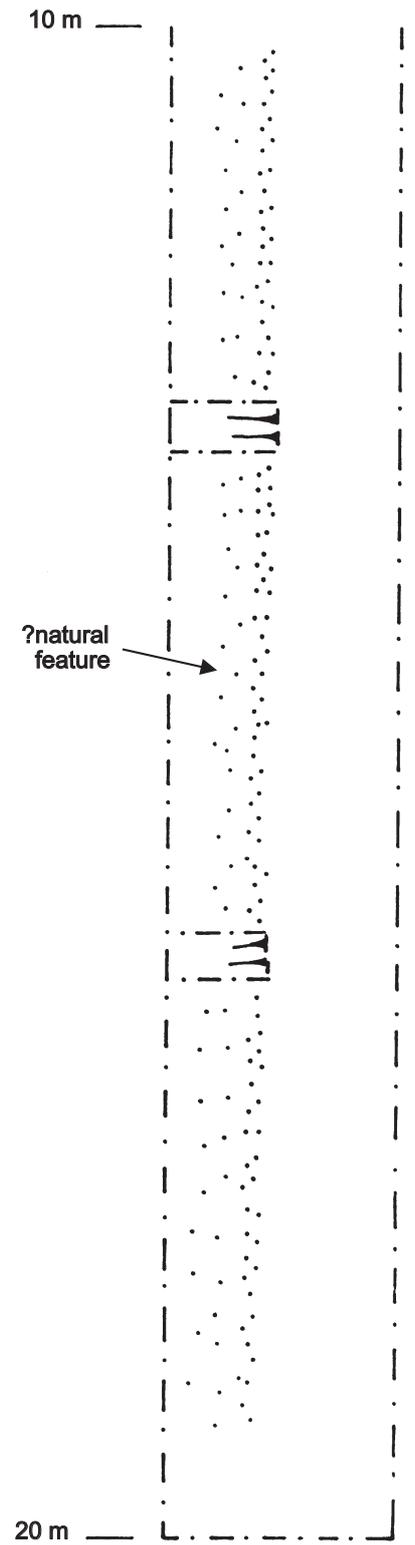
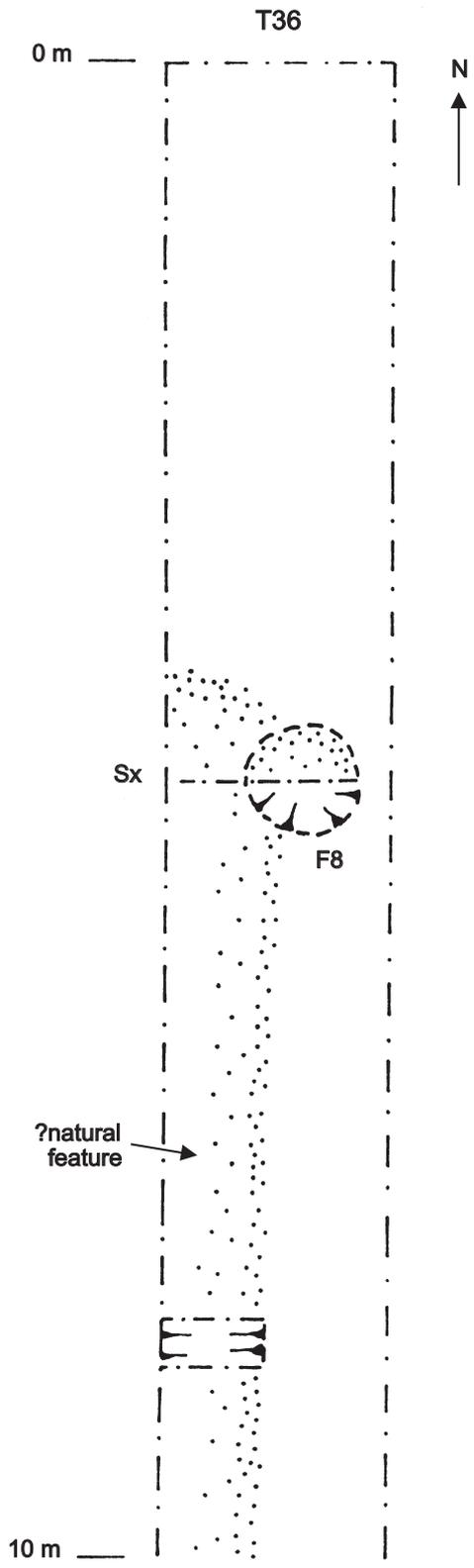
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F7 section

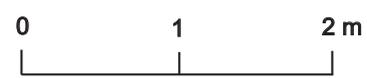
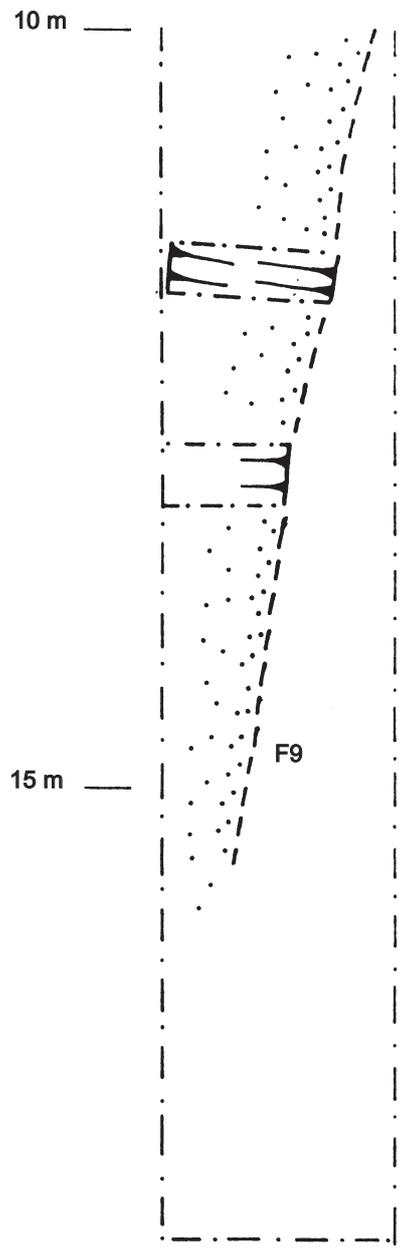
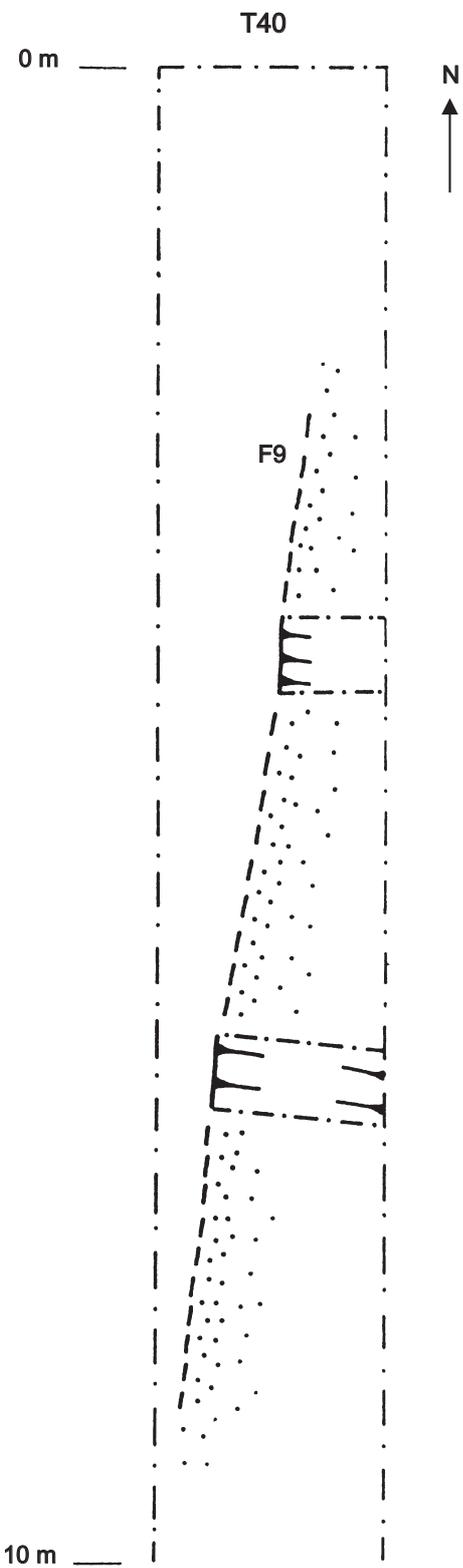


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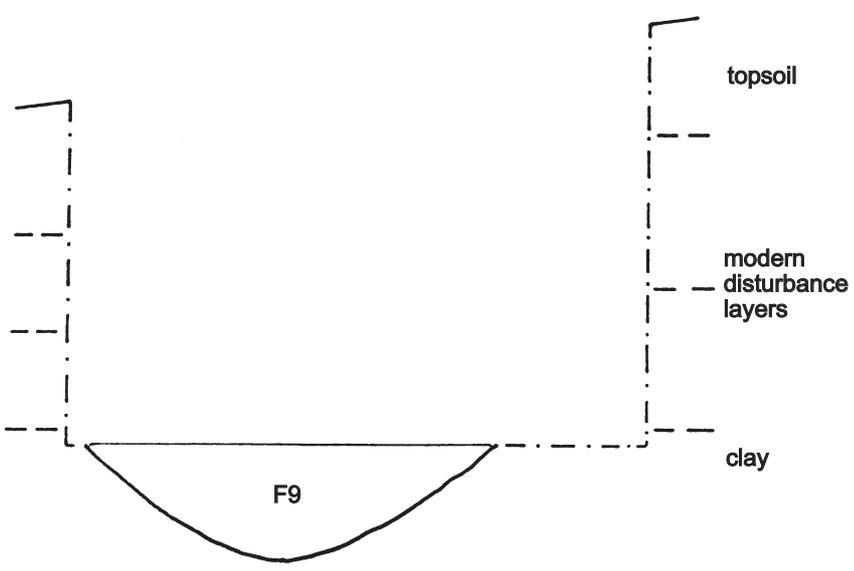
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F9 section

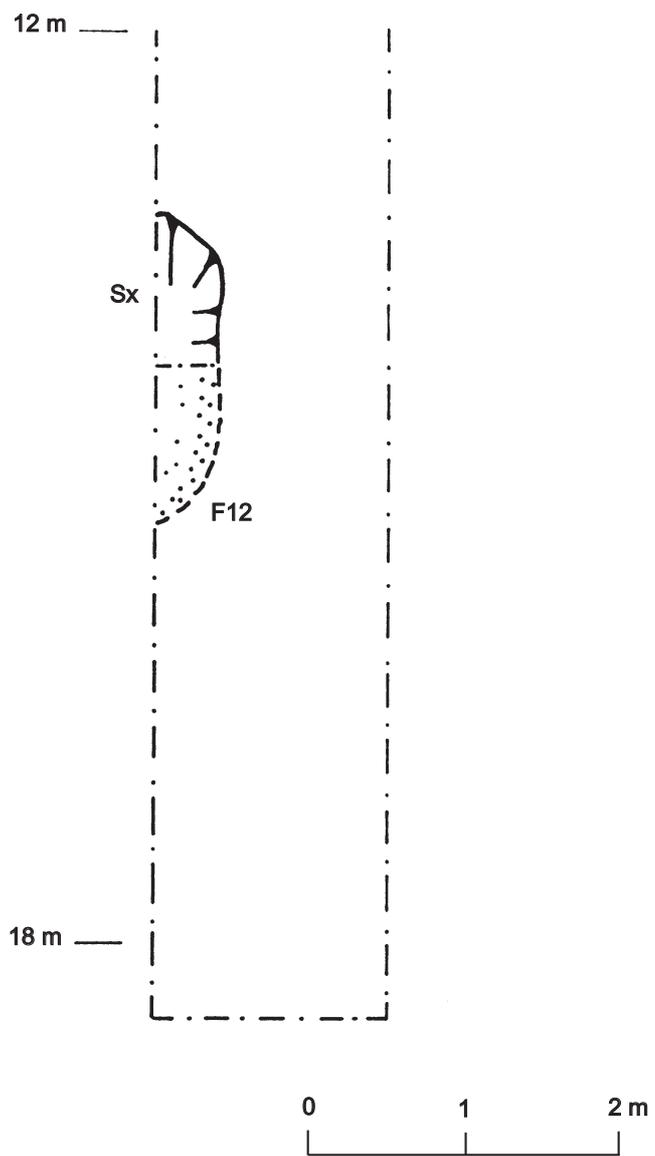
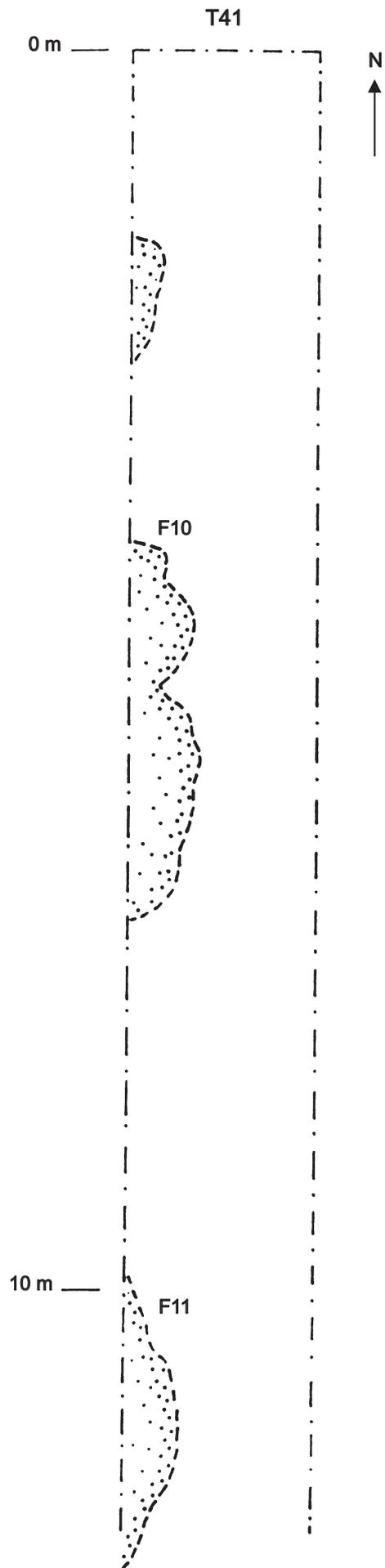
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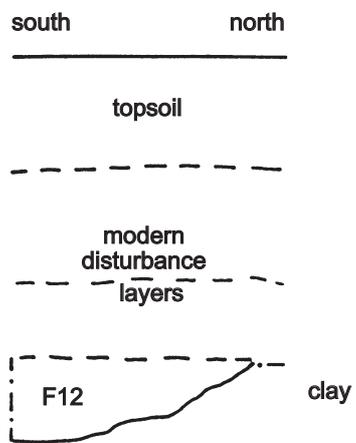


Northern Approach Road:
Trench 40 and section F9





F12 section



Northern Approach Road: Trench 41 and section F12

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APPENDIX II

FINDS RETAINED

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| T No. | Context | Find No. | Find Type | No./Wt. | Date | Comments |
|-------|---------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8 | topsoil | 1 | worked flint | 3 | ?modern/prehistoric | possibly associated with modern field drain construction |
| 9 | topsoil | 2 | worked flint | 3 | ?modern/prehistoric | possibly associated with modern field drain construction |
| 15 | F2 | 3 & 4 | pottery tile bone daub ?slag | 300g 3 3 1 1 | Early Roman Roman | prob. 1st-2nd century roof tile burnt fired/burnt fragment/lump |
| 24 | topsoil | 5 | worked flint | 1 | ?prehistoric | undated |
| 33 | F5 | 6, 7 & 8 | pottery burnt flint oyster shell tile | 450g 1 1 1 | LIA/Roman Roman | poss. late Iron age large lump fragment fragment |
| 35 | F7 | 10, 11 & 12 | pottery ?slag | 65g 5 | prehistoric | poss. late Iron age prob. late Iron age fragments |
| 36 | F8 | 13 | pottery | 10g | prehistoric | prob. late Iron age |
| 40 | F9 | 14 & 15 | pottery tile | 3g 1 | prehistoric Roman | prob. late Iron age fragment |

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|----|---------|----|-----------------------|----------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 41 | F10 | 16 | tile | 1 | ?modern | fragment ?intrusive |
| | | | pottery brick/tile | 15g 1 | prehistoric | prob. late Iron age undated fragment |
| | subsoil | 17 | tile | 1 | Roman | large fragment/piece possibly associated with F12 |

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APPENDIX III

EVALUATION TRENCHES: SUMMARY

STAGE 1: MILL ROAD TO TURNER ROAD. FEBRUARY 1997

PLAN 1: MILL ROAD TO NURSES HOME

| T No. | LENGTH m's | DEPTH m's | SUBSOIL TYPE | AT DEPTH m's | ROAD BASE m's | NOTES |
|-------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | 10 | 0.6 | clay | 0.4 - 0.5 | 0.5 - 1 | excavated deeper at N. end to confirm natural |
| 2 | 27 | 0.6 | clay | 0.4 - 0.5 | 0.5 - 1 | excavated deeper at N. end to confirm natural F1 (natural feature) |
| 3 | 10 | 0.6 | clay | 0.4 - 0.5 | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 4 | 10 | 0.6 | clay | 0.4 - 0.5 | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 5 | 10 | 0.6 | clay | 0.4 - 0.5 | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 6 | 10 | 0.6 | clay | 0.4 - 0.5 | 0.5 - 1 | feature (natural) |
| 7 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.4 - 0.5 | 0 | |
| 8 | 10 | 0.6 | clay | 0.5 - 0.6 | 0 | modern land drains and pit. 3 worked/smashed flints in topsoil prob. modern from smashed flint fill of land drain |
| 9 | 10 | 0.6 | clay | 0.5 - 0.6 | 0 | modern land drains and natural feature. 3 worked flints in topsoil poss. prehistoric |
| 10 | 6 | 0.7 | clay | 0.2 | 0 | modern disturbance at N. end. abandoned as gas pipe on same alignment |

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|----|----|-----|------|-----------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.5 | 0 | most of trench occupied by modern service cuts and disturbance |
| 43 | 28 | 0.7 | clay | 0.5 | 0.5 - 1 | |

PLAN 2: NURSES HOME TO PROJECT HORIZON

| T No. | LENGTH m's | DEPTH m's | SUBSOIL TYPE | AT DEPTH | ROAD BASE m's | NOTES |
|-------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12 | 20 | 1.0 - 0.5 | clay | 0.5 - 0.7 | 0 - 0.5 | excavated deeper at N. end land drain |
| 13 | 21 | 0.7 | sandy clay | 0.5 | 0 - 0.5 | cut for ? drain at S. end land drain several natural channel/depression features |
| 14 | 20 | 0.4 | sandy clay | 0.4 | 0 - 0.5 | cut for modern services at N. end several land drains |
| 15 | 25 | 0.4 | clay | 0.4 | 0 - 0.5 | F2 Roman ditch, quantity of material recovered indicates prob. close to settlement area. F3 undated pit |
| 16 | 20 | 0.4 | clay | 0.3 | 0 - 0.5 | F4 undated shallow liner feature |
| 17 | 20 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 | 0 - 0.5 | |
| 18 | 20 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 | 0 - 0.5 | |

PLAN 3: PROJECT HORIZON

| T No. | LENGTH m's | DEPTH m's | SUBSOIL TYPE | AT DEPTH | ROAD BASE | NOTES |
|-------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
|-------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------|

| | | m's | | m's | | | m's | | |
|----|----|-----------|------|-----------|---------|--|-----|--|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 19 | 19 | 0.8 | clay | 0.5 - 0.6 | 0 | | | | modern trench (?service) and pit. land drain |
| 20 | 10 | 0.6 | clay | 0.4 - 0.5 | 0 | | | | land drains |
| 21 | 20 | 0.4 - 0.5 | clay | 0.25 | 0 | | | | two irregular features with dark fill ?tree/root disturbance |
| 22 | 10 | 0.6 | clay | 0.4 | 0 | | | | heavy modern disturbance, cut for drains |
| 23 | 15 | 0.4 - 0.5 | clay | 0.4 - 0.5 | 0 | | | | small modern disturbance/root/tree hole |
| 24 | 20 | 0.4 - 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | | | | worked flint in topsoil, prob. prehistoric two small modern liner features and land drains |
| 25 | 20 | 0.4 | clay | 0.3 | 0.5 - 1 | | | | very large cut for modern drain |
| 26 | 20 | 0.3 | clay | 0.2 | 0 | | | | |
| 27 | 20 | 0.4 | clay | 0.2 | 0 | | | | land drain |
| 28 | 13 | 0.7 - 0.8 | clay | 0.4 | 0 | | | | heavy modern disturbance, cut for drains |
| 29 | 10 | 0.7 - 0.8 | clay | 0.4 | 0 | | | | small modern liner feature |
| 30 | 13 | 0.9 - 0.5 | clay | 0.4 | 0 | | | | excavated to locate cut for main drains modern disturbance/pit prob. bucket teeth marks and cut for drains |

PLAN 4: TURNER VILLAGE

| T No. | LENGTH m's | DEPTH m's | SUBSOIL TYPE | AT DEPTH | ROAD BASE m's | NOTES |
|-------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 31 | 14 | 0.6 - 0.7 | clay | 0.6 - 0.7 | 0 | two gas pipes. trench abandoned |

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|----|----|-----------|------|-----------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 32 | 6 | 1 - 0.5 | clay | 0.6 - 0.7 | 0 | excavated to explore services line. gas pipe at E. end |
| 33 | 22 | 0.9 | clay | 0.7 | 0 - 0.5 | F5 late iron age/early Roman ditch. significant quantity of material recovered, prob. close to settlement area F6 LIA/Roman ditch. significant quantity of material in fill modern gas pipe on east side of trench |
| 34 | 20 | 1 | clay | 0.9 | 0.5 - 1 | several modern features with gravel and cinder fills |
| 35 | 20 | 0.8 - 0.9 | clay | 0.8 - 0.9 | 0.5 - 1 | F7 LIA/early Roman ditch land drains with cinder fills |
| 36 | 20 | 0.6 - 0.8 | clay | 0.5 - 0.7 | 0.5 - 1 | F8 poss. LIA/early Roman pit/disturbance with poor definition above cuts ?liner feature with poor definition poss. ?natural or ?modern disturbance |
| 37 | 20 | 0.6 | clay | 0.4+ | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 38 | 19 | 0.8 | clay | 0.7 | 0 | modern brick built drains cut modern ?redeposited clay |
| 39 | 11 | 0.7 | clay | 0.8 | 0 | excavated to explore ?redeposited material electricity service at W. end |
| 40 | 20 | 1 | clay | 0.8 | 0 | F9 LIA/early Roman ditch |
| 41 | 20 | 0.8 - 0.9 | clay | 0.7 - 0.8 | 0 | F10 - F12 ?disturbance features. some finds indicate poss. LIA/Rom. could be modern |
| 42 | 12 | 1 | clay | 0.7 - 0.8 | 0 | excavated deeper at S. end to confirm natural |

STAGE 1: Total length of trenching 691 metres

STAGE 2: SEVERALLS HOSPITAL GROUNDS. APRIL 1997

PLAN 5: SEVERALLS HOSPITAL SOUTH

| T No. | LENGTH m's | DEPTH m's | SUBSOIL TYPE | AT DEPTH m's | ROAD BASE m's | NOTES |
|-------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 44 | 15 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 | 0.5 - 1 | F13 modern ditch and three modern post holes Coal frags. in post holes |
| 45 | 16 | 0.5 - 0.6 | clay | 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 46 | 10 | 0.5 - 0.6 | clay | 0.3 - 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | prob. modern ditch still visible as liner depression between T46 & T47 |
| 47 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 48 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 49 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | several natural features |
| 50 | 10 | 0.5 - 0.6 | clay | 0.3 - 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | natural sand filled channels and silt filled hollows |
| 51 | 10 | 0.5 - 0.6 | clay | 0.3 - 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | natural sand channel |
| 52 | 10 | 0.6 | clay | 0.3 - 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 53 | 10 | 0.6 | clay | 0.4 - 0.5 | 0.5 - 1 | two natural silt filled hollows |
| 54 | 10 | 0.5 - 0.6 | clay | 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | natural feature poss root/tree disturbance |
| 55 | 10 | 0.4 | clay | 0.3 - 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | F14 ditch late 19th-20th century |
| 56 | 10 | 0.4 - 0.5 | clay | 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | F15 F16 ?lane/trackway ditches modern Modern pottery in F15 Modern Fe. Object in F16 |

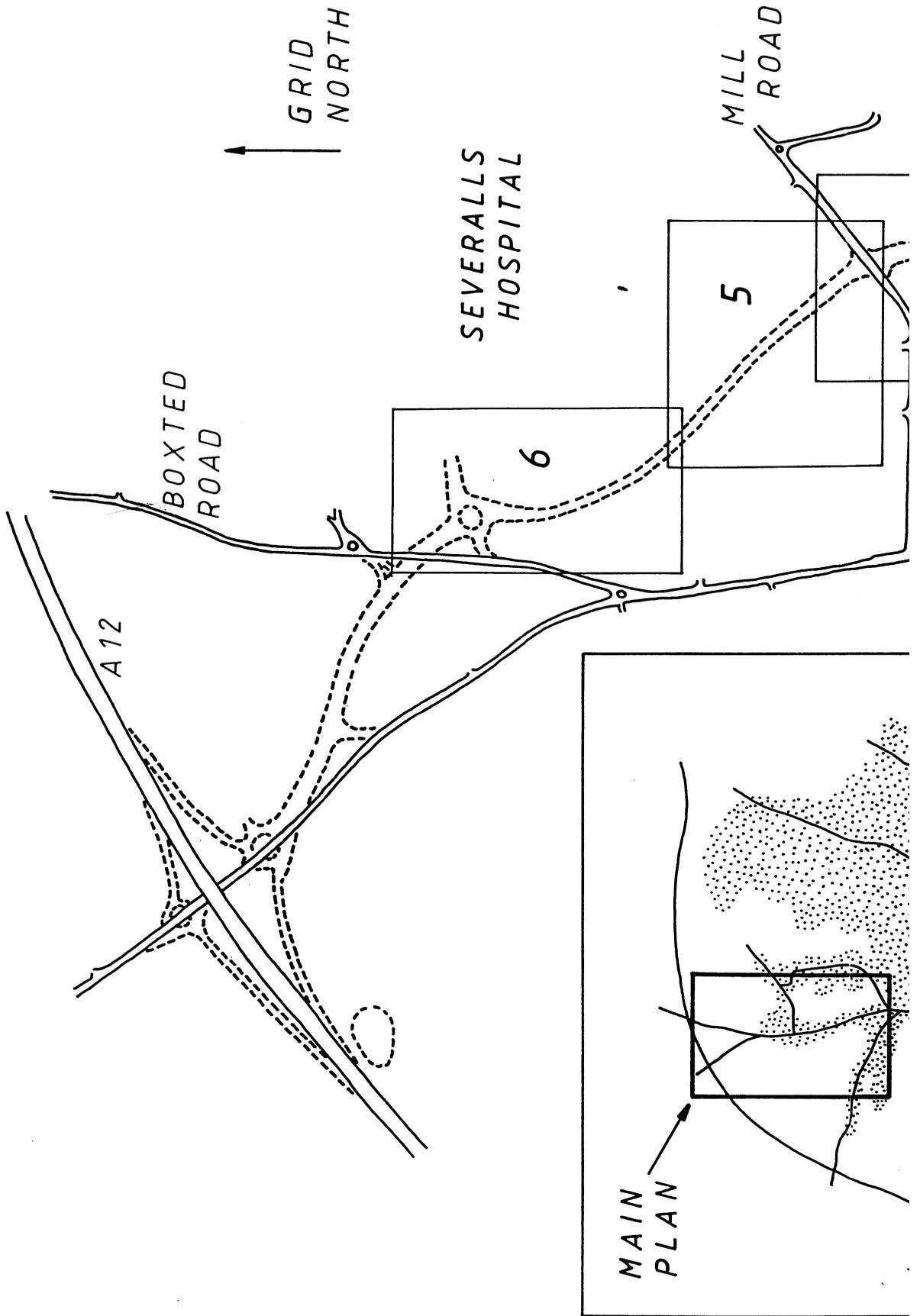
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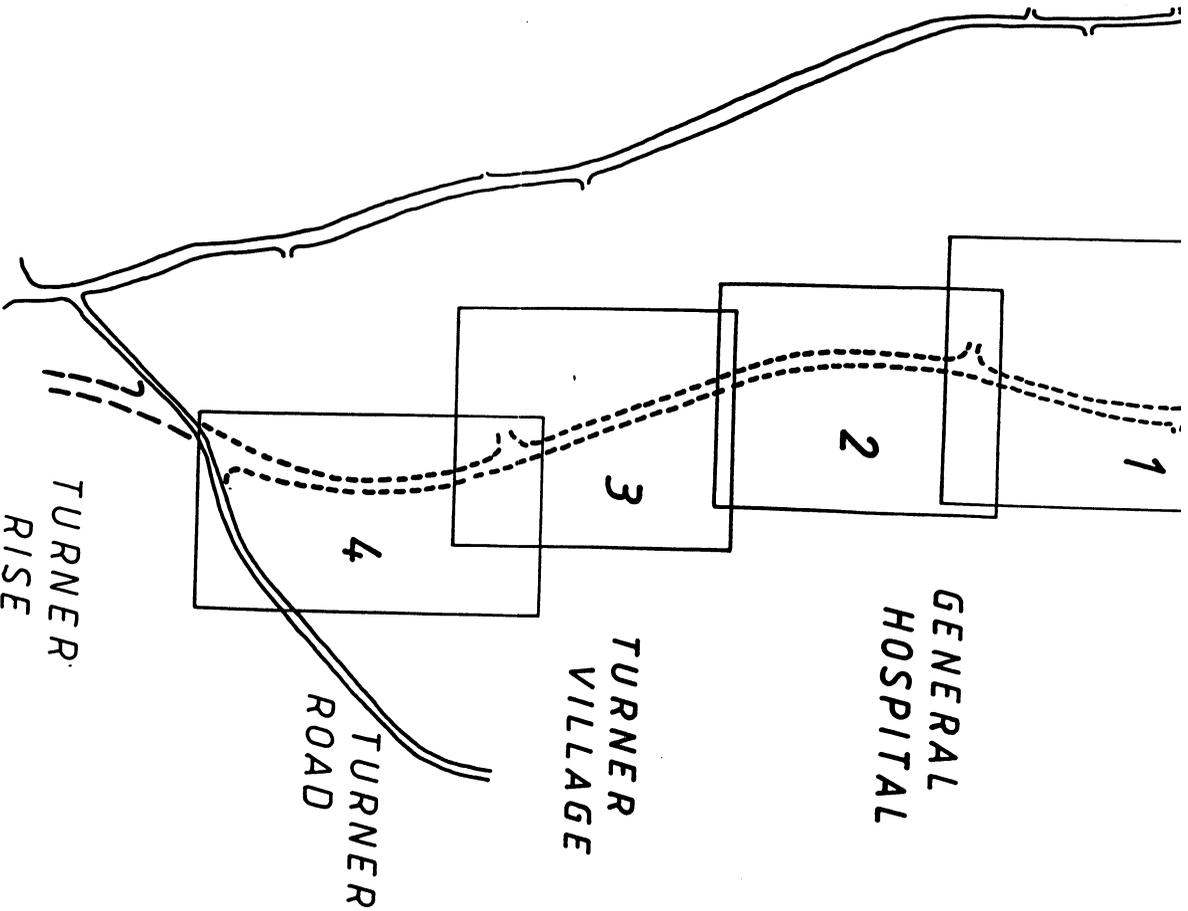
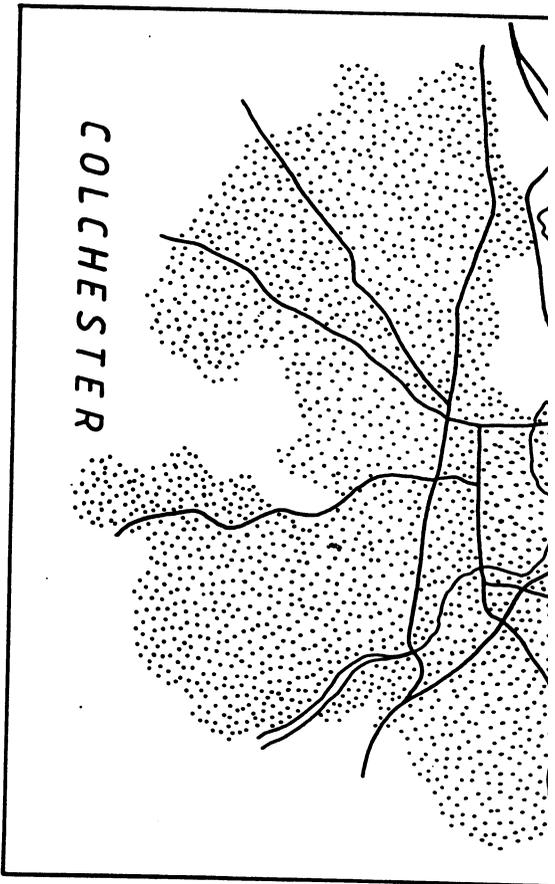
PLAN 6: SEVERALLS HOSPITAL NORTH

| T No. | LENGTH m's | DEPTH m's | SUBSOIL TYPE | AT DEPTH m's | ROAD BASE m's | NOTES |
|-------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 58 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | natural silt filled feature Roman tile frag. in topsoil |
| 59 | 10 | 0.5 - 0.6 | clay | 0.3 - 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | natural silt filled feature Roman tile frag. in topsoil |
| 60 | 10 | 0.5 - 0.6 | clay | 0.3 - 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | irregular fecture poss. root/tree disturbance |
| 61 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | natural silt filled feature Roman tile frag. in topsoil |
| 62 | 10 | 0.4 - 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | modern service trench |
| 63 | 10 | 0.5 - 0.6 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | two prob. root/tree disturbance features modern gas service |
| 64 | 10 | 0.4 - 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | modern intermittent ?machine dug feature Recent burnt wood and modern Fe. object in fill |
| 65 | 15 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | continuation of above feature F17 F18 modern ditches. modern pit, pipe trench and field drains F17 modern Fe. object in fill F18 modern brick and Fe. Obj. in fill |
| 66 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | |

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|----|----|-----------|------|------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 67 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 68 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | natural silt filled feature |
| 69 | 10 | 0.4 | clay | 0.3 | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 70 | 10 | 0.4 - 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | field drain remnants |
| 71 | 10 | 0.4 - 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 72 | 10 | 0.4 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | feature with light ?natural silt fill and fragments of ?mineralised wood (two other similar features encountered in other trenches. prob. natural |
| 73 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 74 | 10 | 0.4 | clay | 0.3 - 0.35 | 0.5 - 1 | F20 modern ditch BT cable at N. end of trench Fragments of modern land drain in F20 |
| 75 | 14 | 0.4 | clay | 0.3 | 0.5 - 1 | two shallow post-Med. slots prob. plough marks. silt filled natural liner feature and disturbance from tree/bush roots |
| 76 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | modern ditch prob. same as F20 |
| 77 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.4 | 0.5 - 1 | modern ditch F21 cuts prob. plough grooves/ slots Modern brick frags. in fill of F21 |
| 78 | 10 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 | 0.5 - 1 | |
| 79 | 15 | 0.5 | clay | 0.3 | 0.5 - 1 | tile land drain |
| 80 | 15 | 0.4 - 0.5 | clay | 0.3 | 0.5 - 1 | tile land drain |

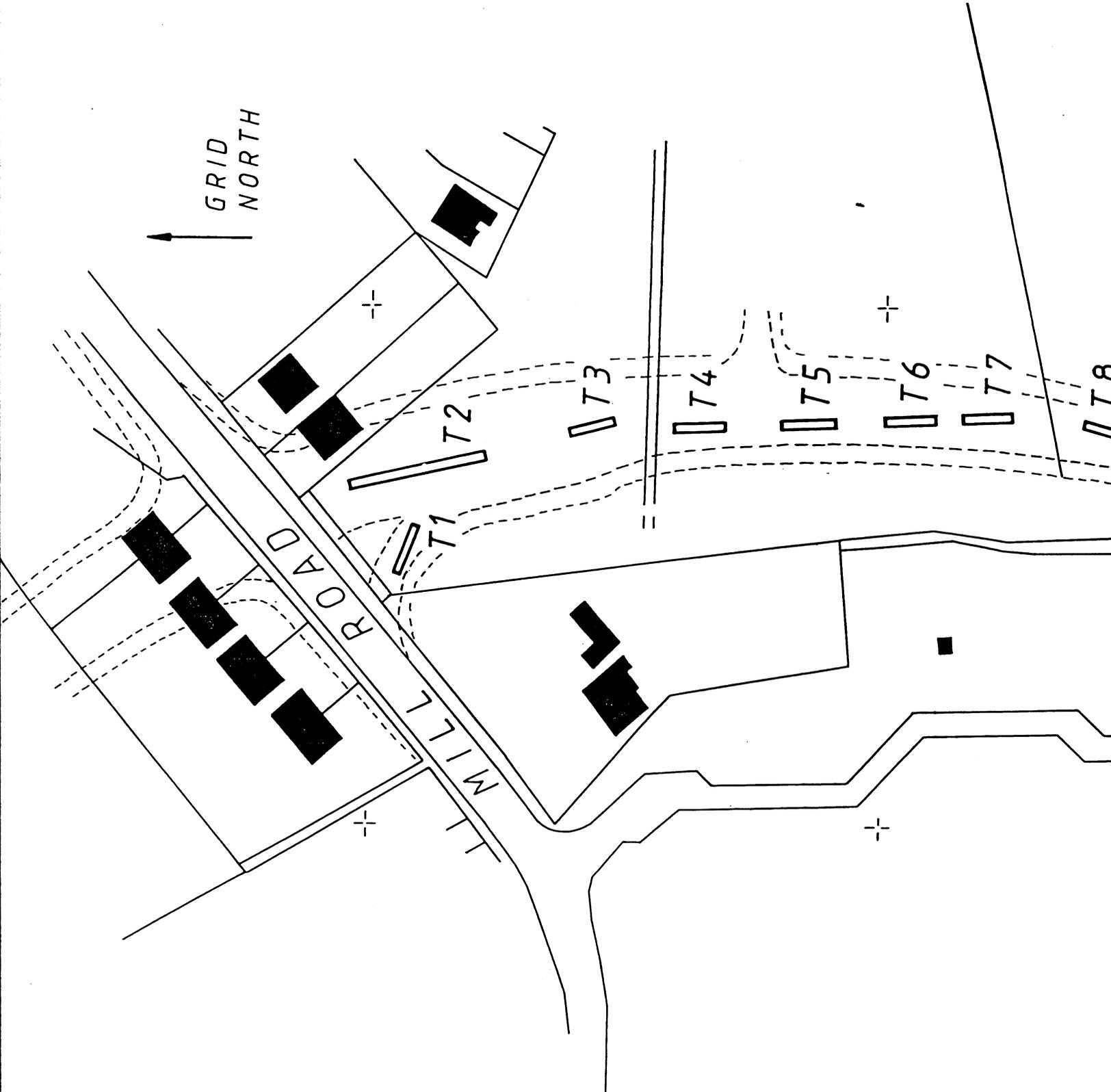
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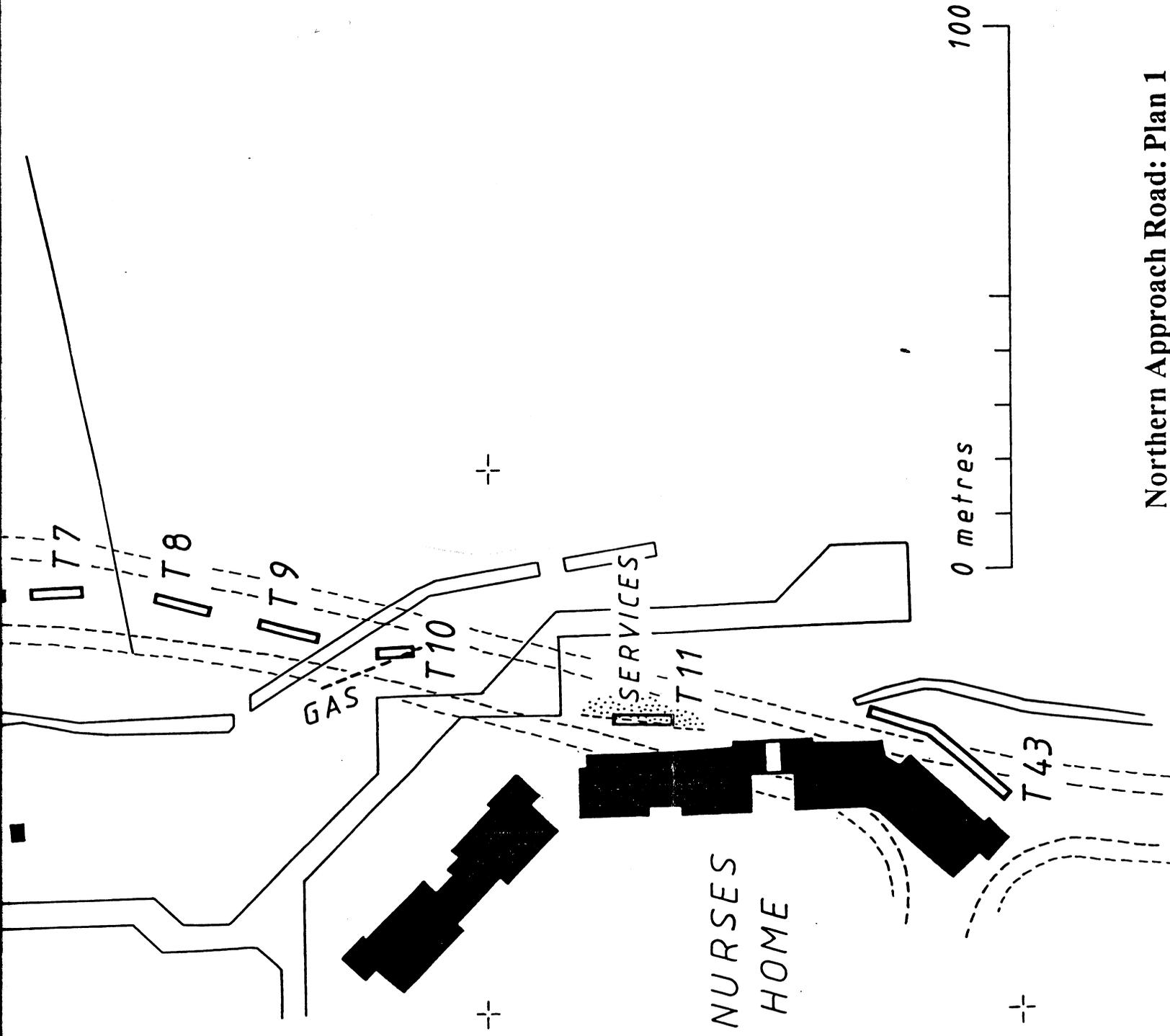




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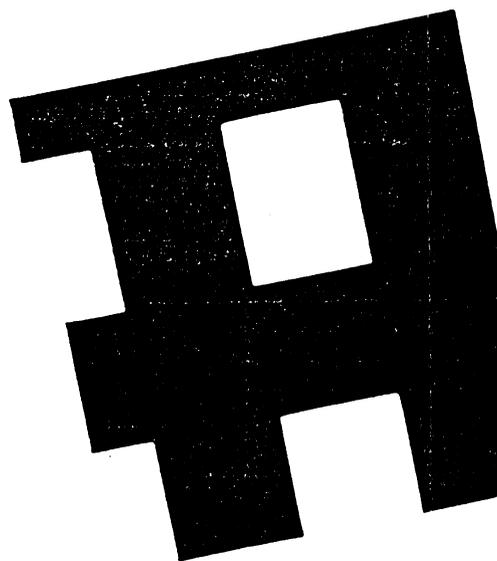


Northern Approach Road: Plan 1

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GENERAL
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HOME



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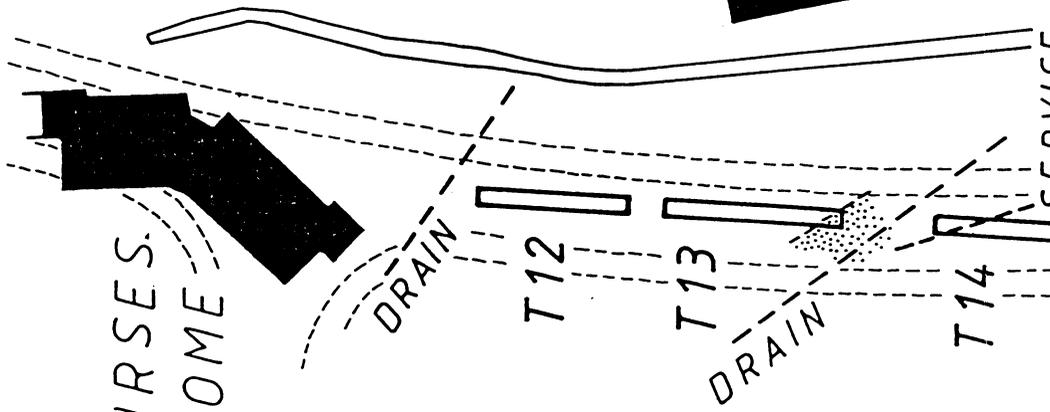
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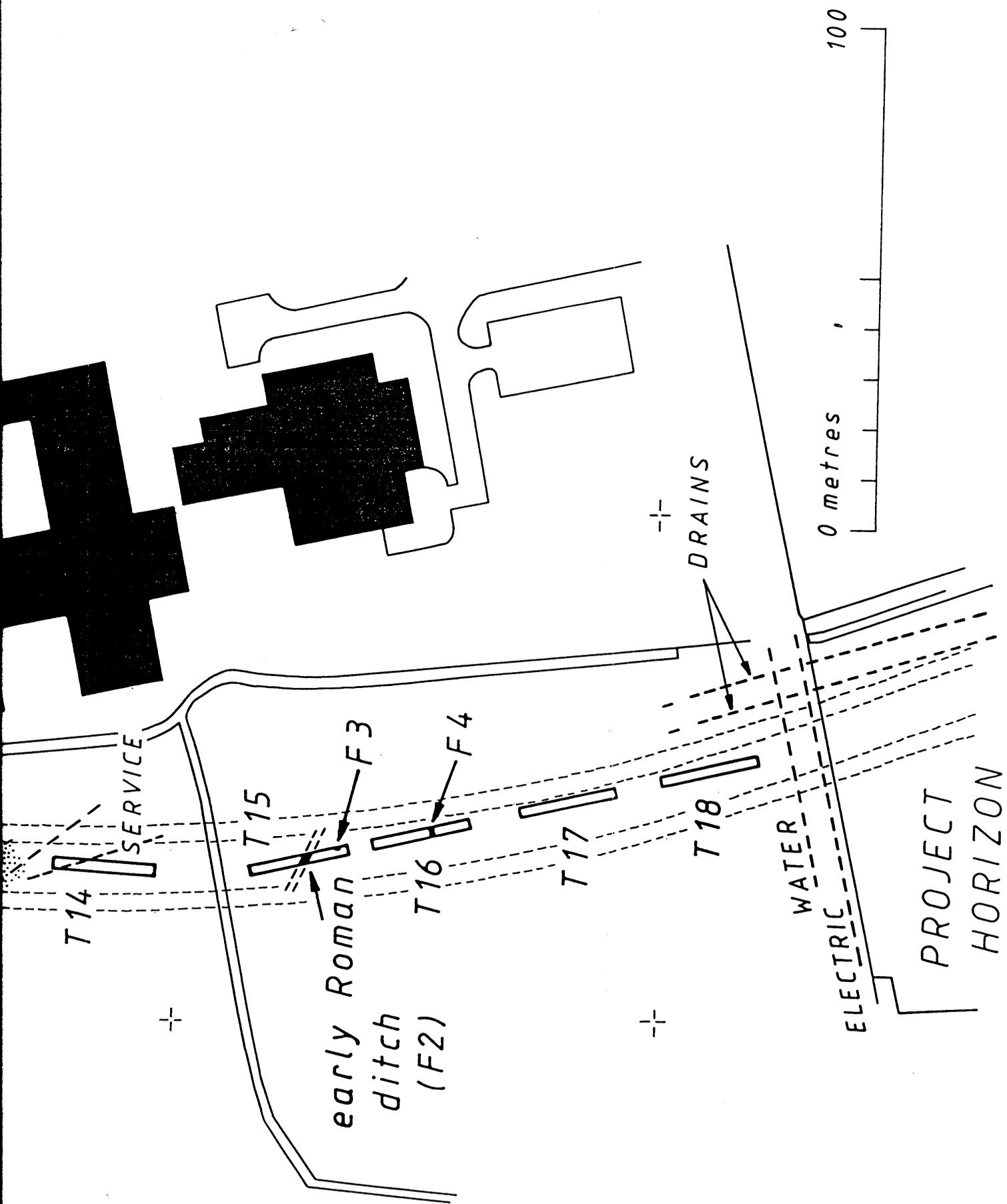
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DRAIN

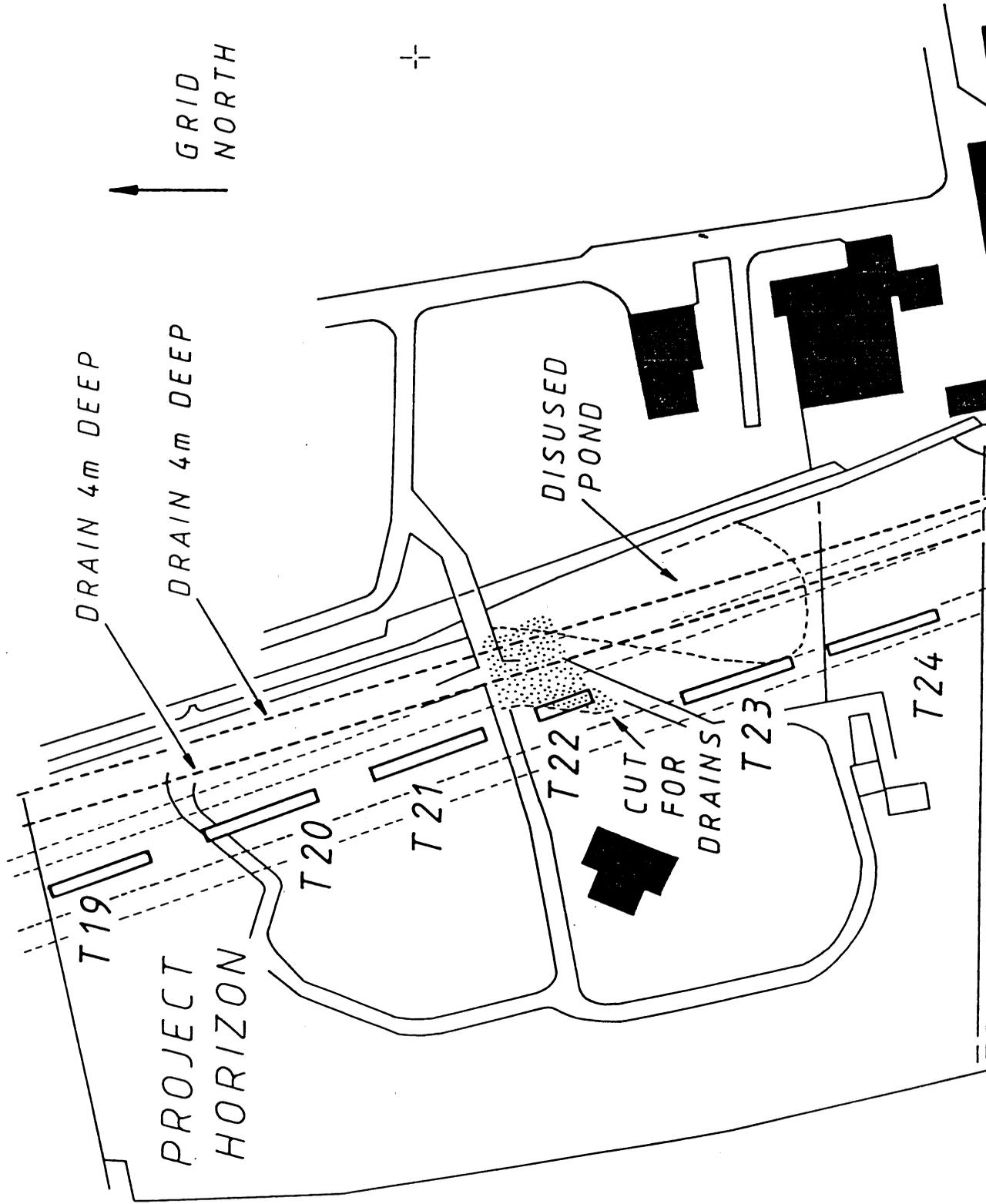
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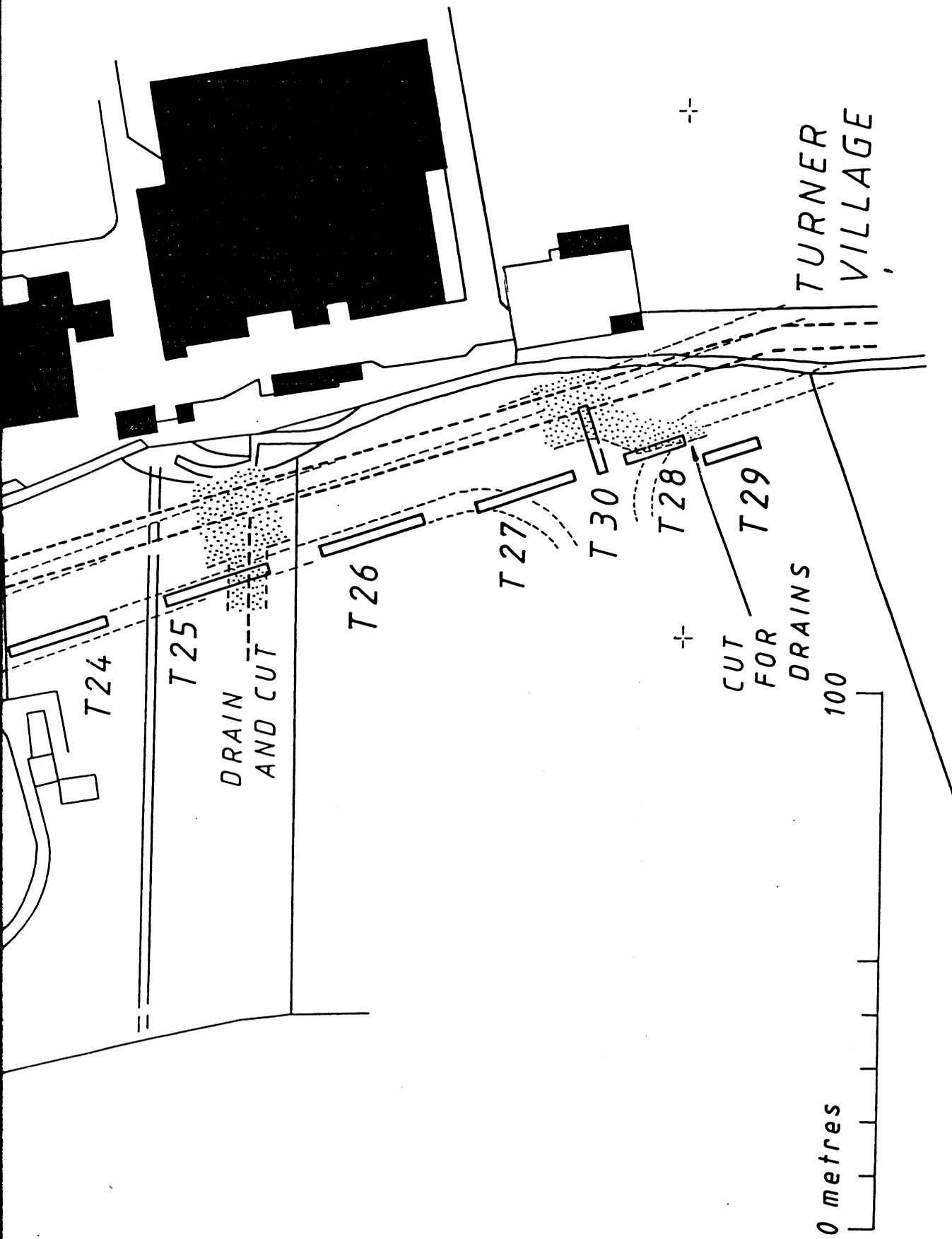
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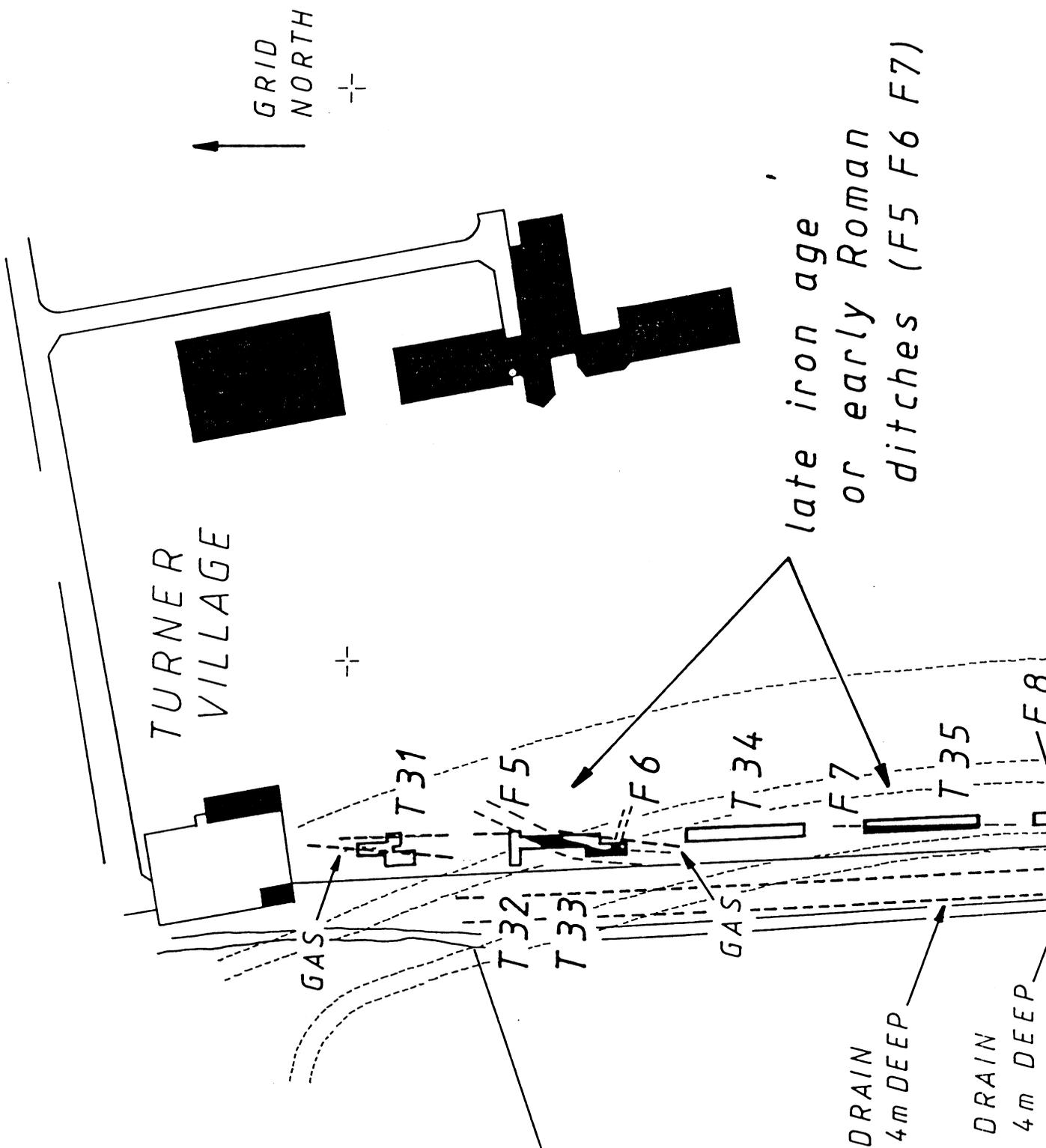


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Northern Approach Road: Plan 3



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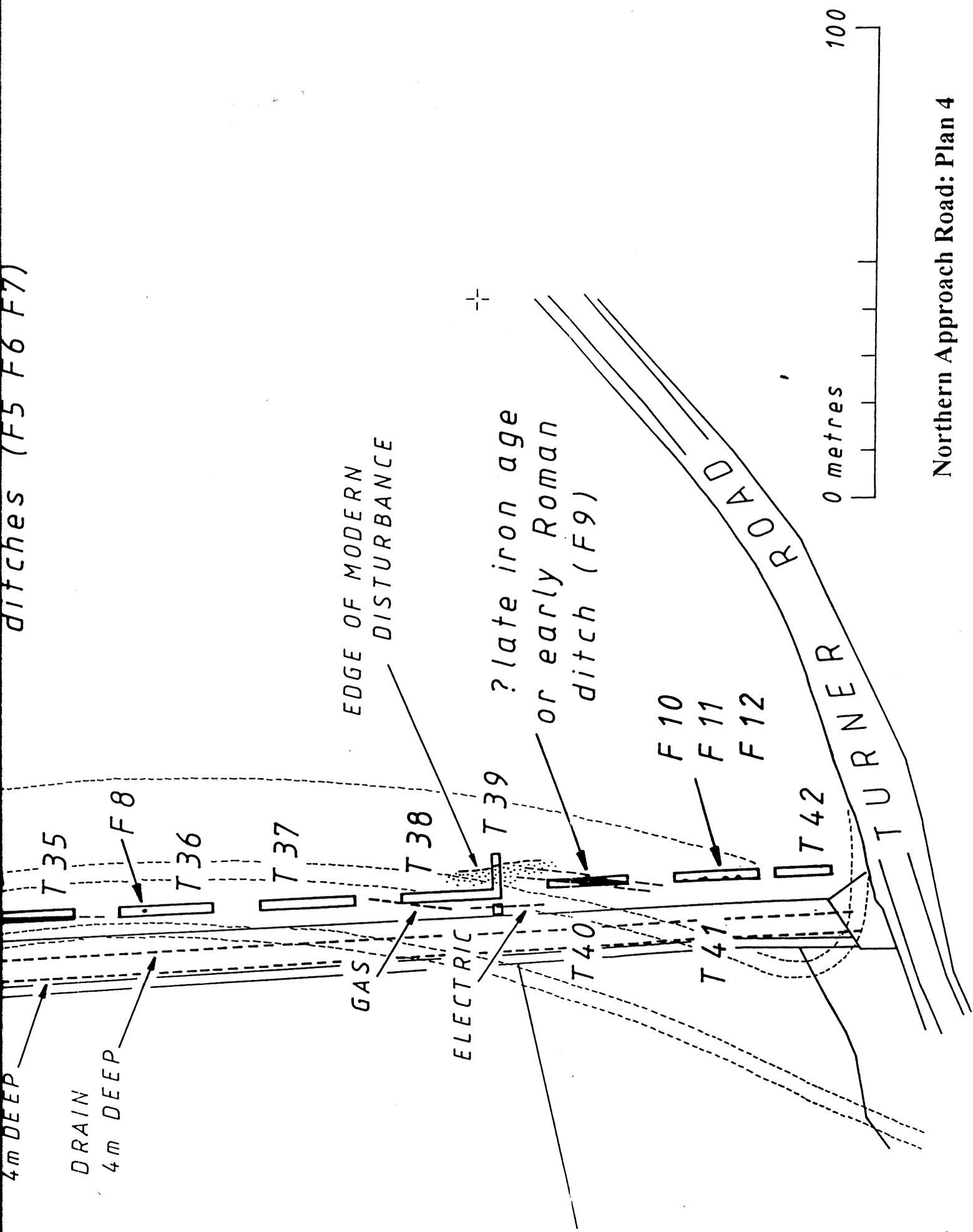
TURNER VILLAGE

late iron age
or early Roman
ditches (F5 F6 F7)

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4m DEEP

DRAIN
4m DEEP

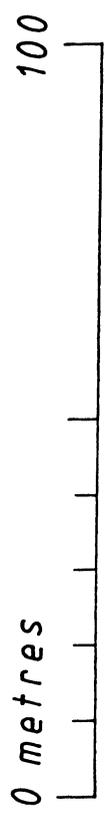
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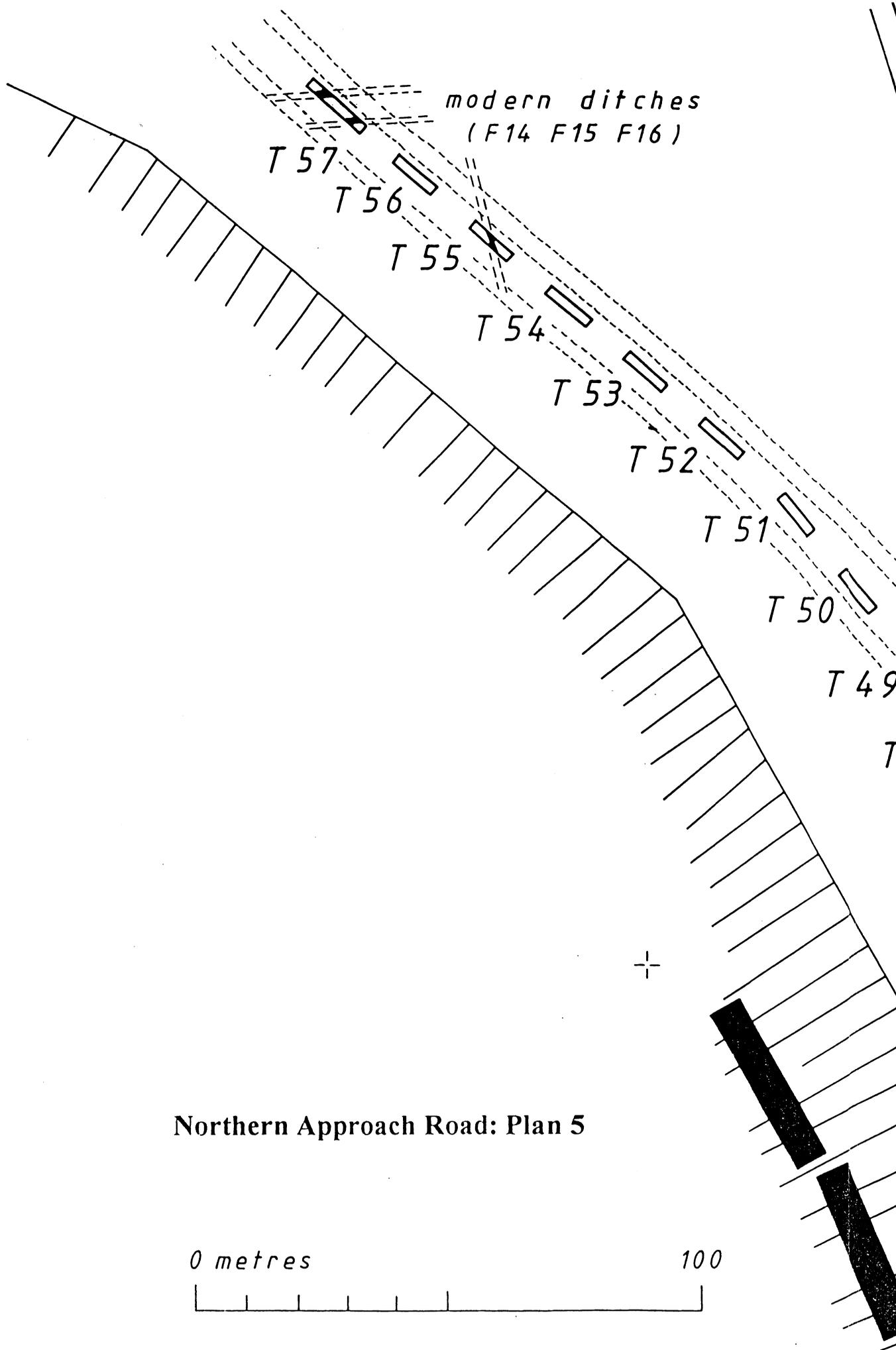
EDGE OF MODERN DISTURBANCE

?late iron age or early Roman ditch (F9)

F10
F11
F12



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modern ditches
(F14 F15 F16)

T 57

T 56

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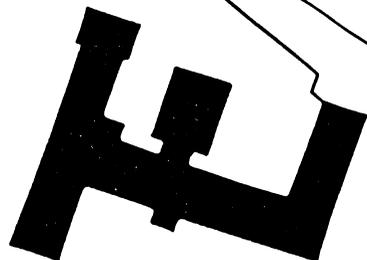
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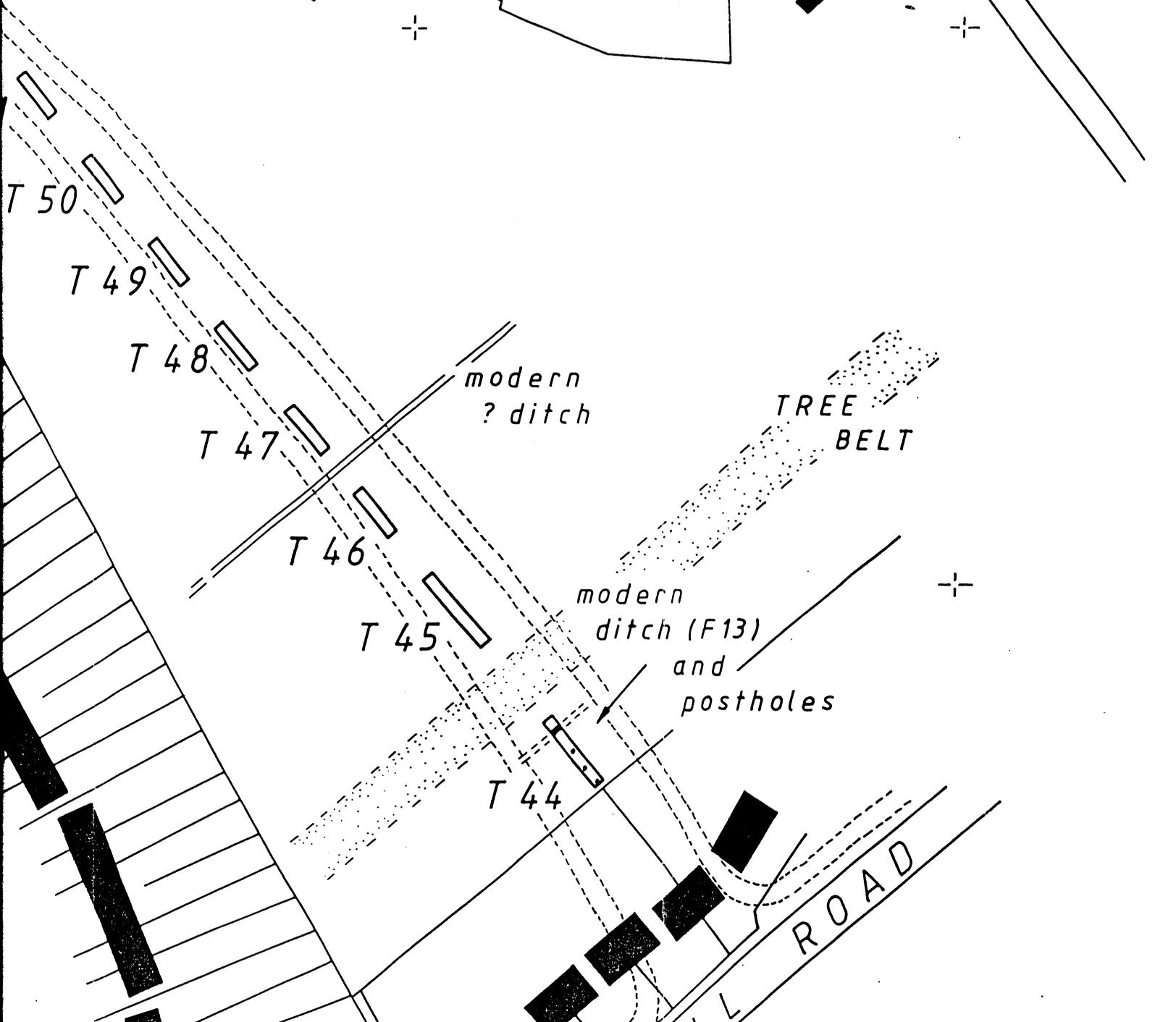
T 44

modern
? ditch

TREE
BELT

modern
ditch (F13)
and
postholes

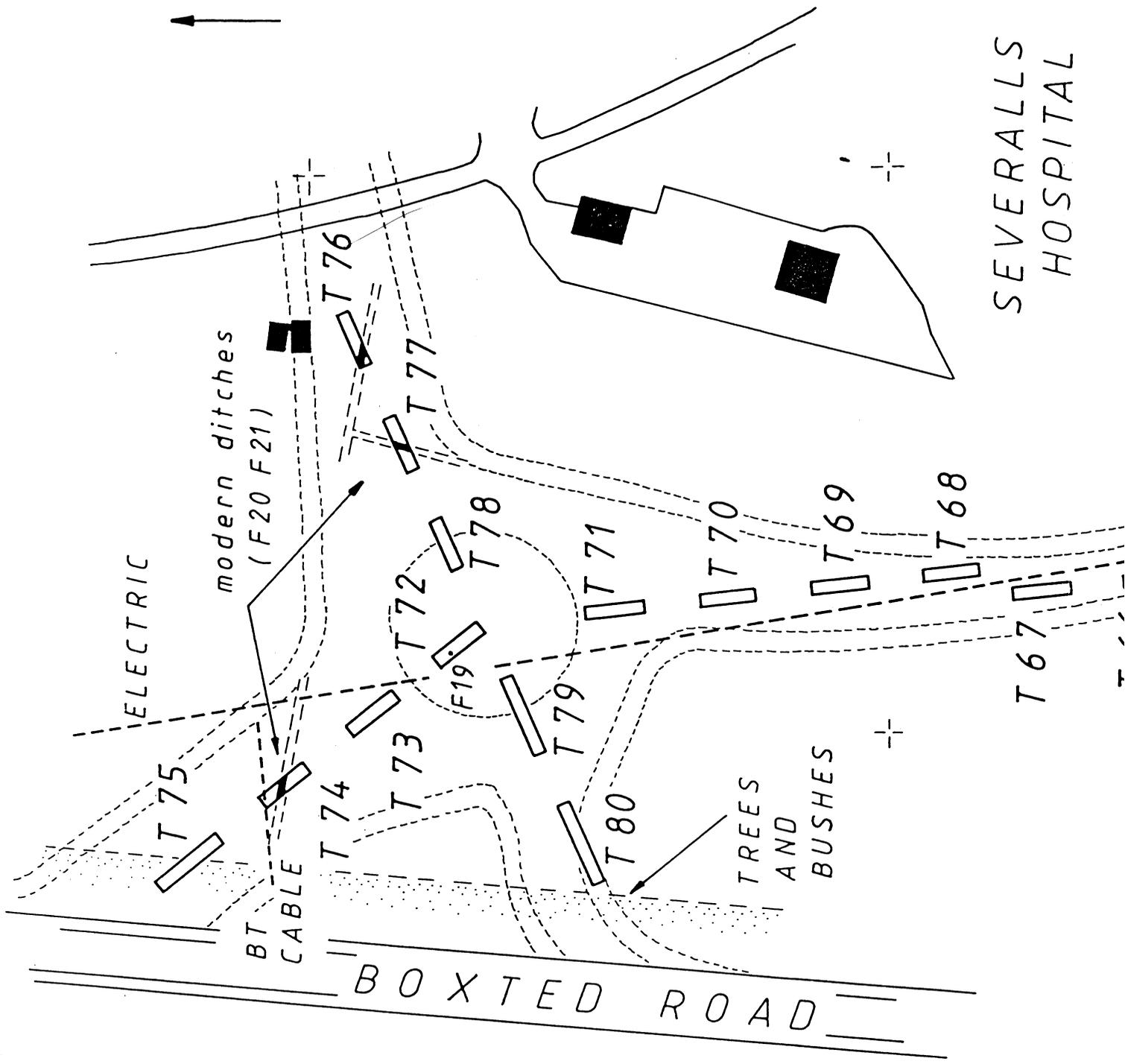
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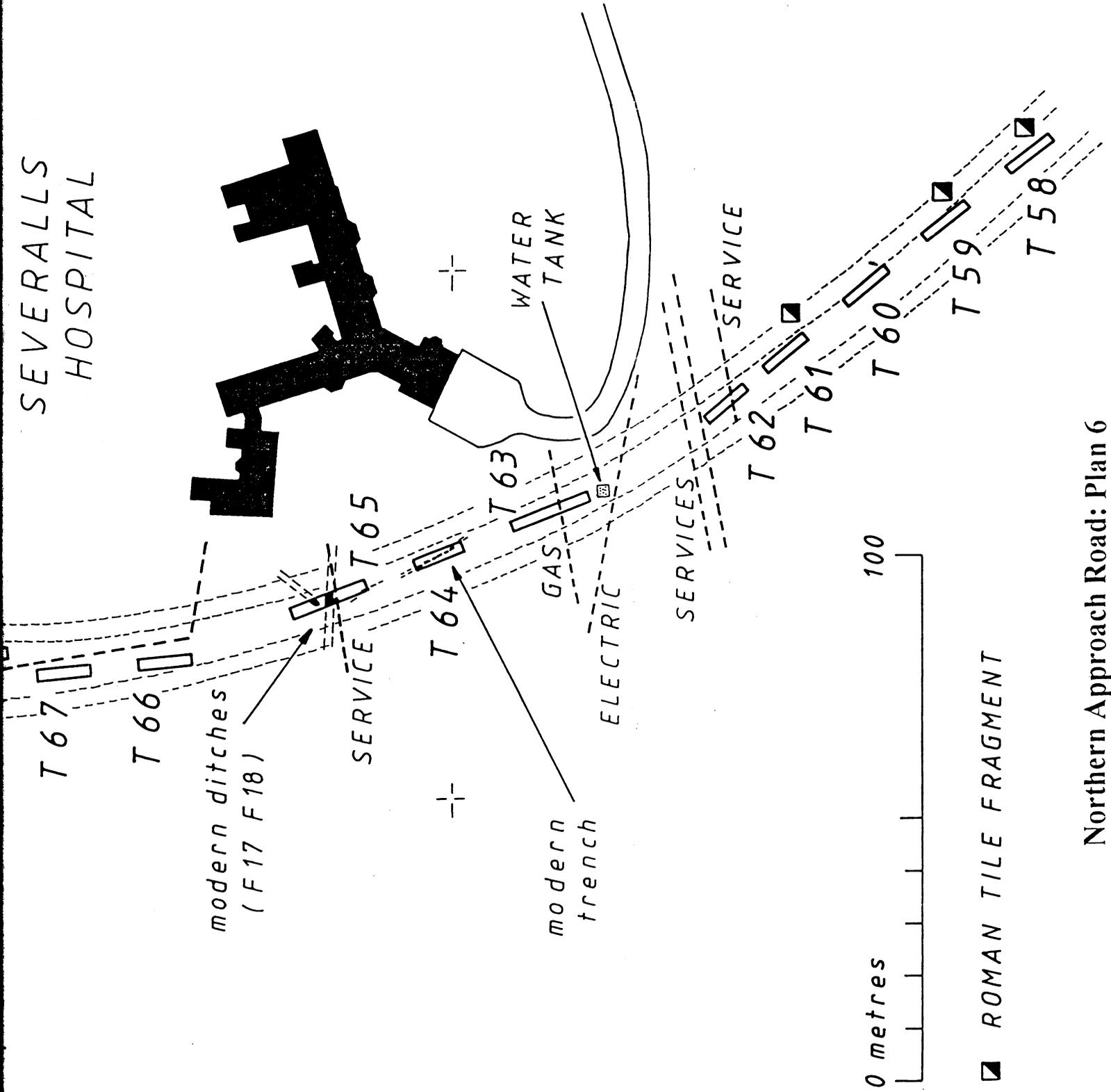
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◻ ROMAN TILE FRAGMENT

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