

Date (dd/mm/yy): 3/6/08

EU: 08-1

SU: ~~S003~~ ~~S004~~ ^{S004}

Area: Uigla

Supervisor: Bo

Recorder: CG

Summary: SU S004 is on the east side of the rock feature (possible wall) and within (?) the plow zone.

Chronology: _____ (to be filled out by RSM or MH)

Harris matrix

Coordinates

S010 S003

N 1459

Solo ~~S003~~ ~~S004~~ S004

W 4484

E 4488

~~S003~~ Solo S006

S 1458

Soil description

Munsell (wet): 10YR 6/6

Maximum top elevation: W=55.027 E=54.986

Soil type: loamy sand

Minimum bottom elevation: W=55.016 E=54.986

Consolidation: Firm

(*Indicate elevations on SU plan)

Stoniness: 20 %

Slope: None

Dominant clast size: gravel

Features

f1. ~~S003-04~~

List all photographs of this SU (p1, p2, etc.): ~~6004~~
5003-p1, 5003-p2 (top of S003 + bottom of S003)
5004-p1, 5004-p2 (top of S004)
5004-p3, 5004-p4 (bottom of S004 + top of S006)

f2.

f3.

f4.

f5.

List all drawings of this SU (d1, d2, etc.):

S004-d1

Procedure

Dry sieve Water sieve _____ If water sieve, # of bags: _____

Finds (# of bags)

Ceramic 1 Stone _____ Bone _____ Metal _____ Organic _____ Plaster _____ Other _____

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Description: After proceeding downward for a few more centimeters, we have encountered a new, ^{softer,} ruddier stratum and we are quite confident that we have finished the plow-zone. Toward the eastern end of the trench the only things of note are a few large (c. 8 x 8 cm) ^{or 15 x 15 cm} potsherds. The large chunk of soft rock-like material continues to elude identification (either soft, poorly-consolidated sedimentary rock, mortar or even plaster). It does, however appear to sit directly above the new stratum. Because the wall feature dividing ^{SU} S004 and SU 5005 does not appear to curve at all, we are beginning to doubt that it is a part of the supposed apse. Dr. Pettegrew has ~~proposed~~ ^{suggested} that we may find another wall feature, hopefully a portion of the apse, in the eastern portion of the trench. So far, however, we have little, if any, evidence to support that hypothesis but we will pay special attention to variations in the matrix there as well. The possibility that the new stratum ^{might be} "ashy" or "baked" is intriguing but still very speculative.

It is worth noting that we are leaving the soil beneath the soft stone as a sort of footing and that it appears to be sitting largely, if not entirely, above SU 5006.