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**COMMENTS:**

(C86073/VA2102B) Student Field Notes on Bc 52 and Bc 53 (July 28-August 16, 1941);  
Sketched Profile and Plan.

**CITATION:**

Wallace, Keith  
1941 Field Notes on Excavation of Bc 52 and Bc 53. Chaco Archive No. C86073 , NPS Chaco  
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776 Bush

San Francisco.

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Field Notes

1941

Chaco Canyon

(Be 52 out of - Be 52, Be 53, and Be 56

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Field Notes

*where is this?*

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Chaco Canyon, B.C 52

July 28. Assigned area in front of Room 46, Bc 52, excavated during field session 1940

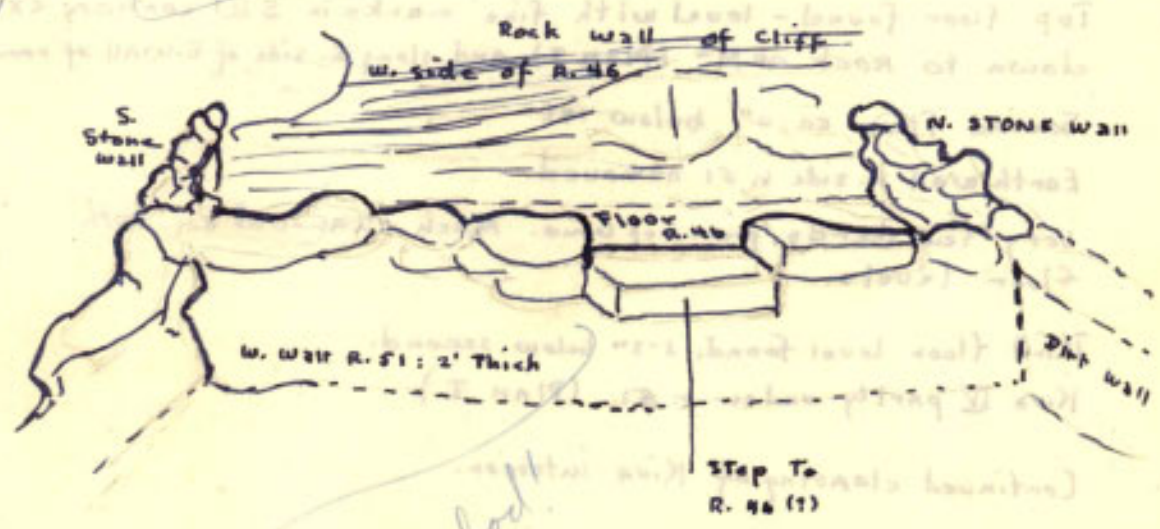
Two trenches E-W 14'6"; 3' wide; 2' deep to approximately 1940 level. Center removed same level. Designated as Bc 52, R. 51.

Wall on so. side. Possible curbing wall on so. end of E. wall. Wall thickness between 46 + 51 left at 2'. 5' S. of so. wall large stone (21" x 12" x 4" [max.]) 8" below wall level of room 46 - possible entrance to r. 46 (?) no other indication of entrance.

Bulk sacks:

1. Pottery: numerous sherds - white, black line; coarse looking pieces; single example red pottery, black line.
2. Bone: several examples small animals' vertebrae, ribs, etc. (birds).
3. Wood: only very small fragments - frequent occurrence of charcoal (and burned stone).
4. Stone: large stone 8'6" E. of w. wall, 3' into room (hangle with so. wall). (From cliff?)

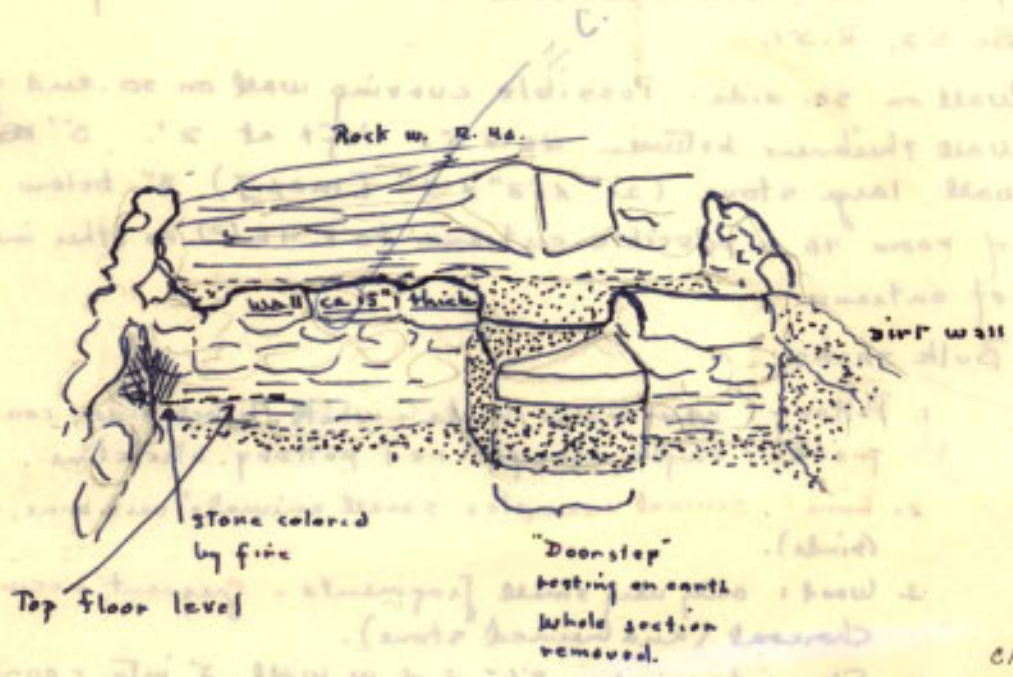
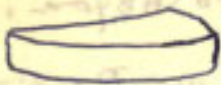
*Good one; would better with this later.*



*not good!*

July 29.

Thickness of w. wall ca. 15". "Doorstep" found to be shaped:  
Rusted on earth. Stone floor so. side, extending  
10'6" from w. wall ca. 3"-4" below previous  
surface. Stones in s.w. corner colored by fire - much  
charcoal. No artifacts.



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July 30.

Top floor found - level with fire marks in SW corner; extends  
down to rock at M<sup>2</sup> (PLAN I), and along E. side of E. wall of room 45.  
Second floor ca. 4" below 1st.  
Earth wall N. side n 51 removed.  
Very few sherds, pieces of bone. Much charcoal on both  
floor levels.

July 31.

Third floor level found, 2-3" below second.  
Kiva IV partly under n. 51. (PLAN I).

August 1.

Continued clearing of Kiva interior.

July 30-31.

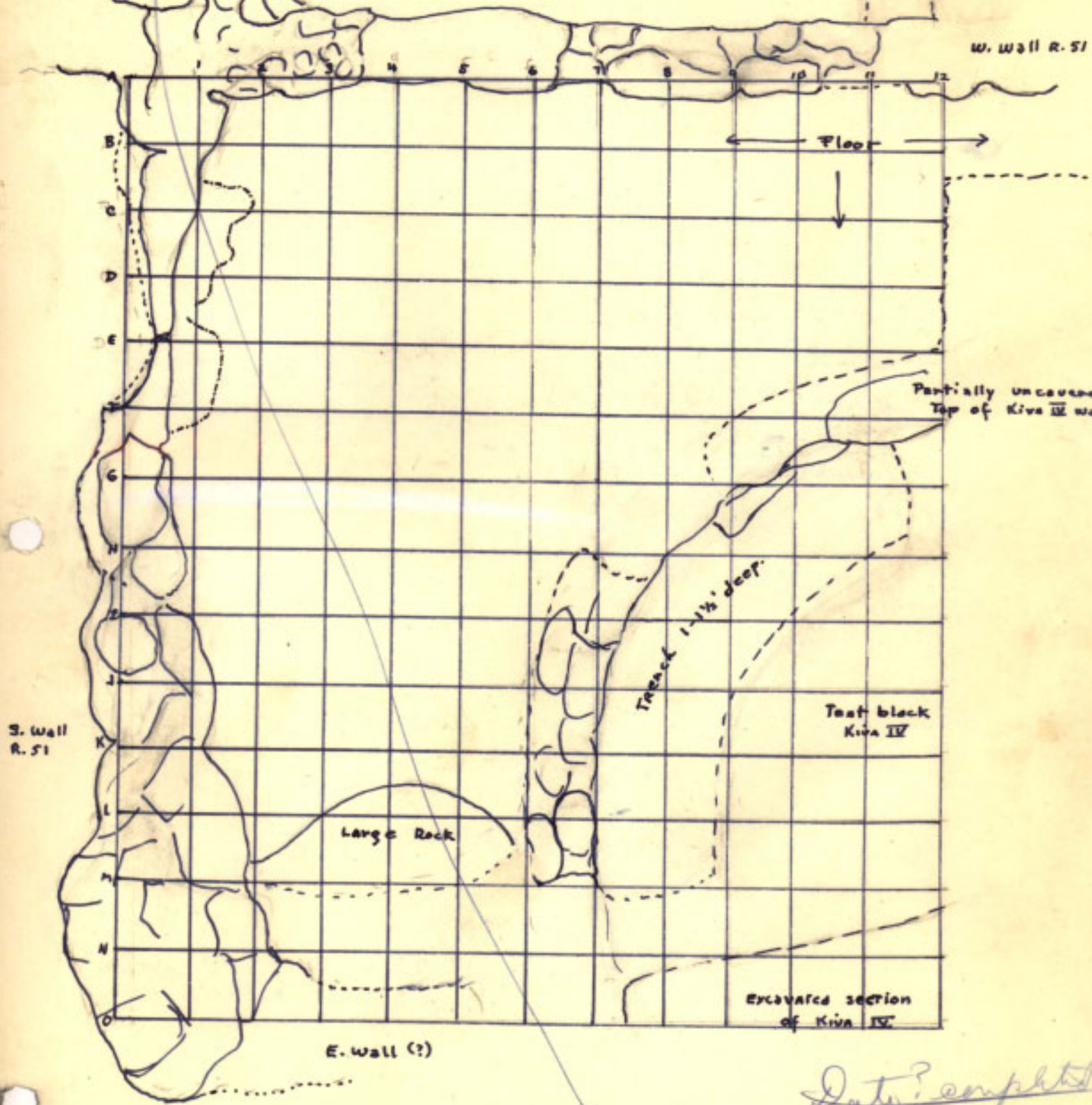
S. wall R. 46

N. wall R. 46

R. 46.

W. wall R. 51

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S. wall R. 51

Partially uncovered Top of Kiva III wall

Trench 1-1 1/2' deep

Test block Kiva IV

Large Rock

Excavated section of Kiva IV

E. wall (?)

1 sq. = 1 ft. sq.

*Date? complete*  
*at Brown*  
*Survey*

Plan I

R. 46

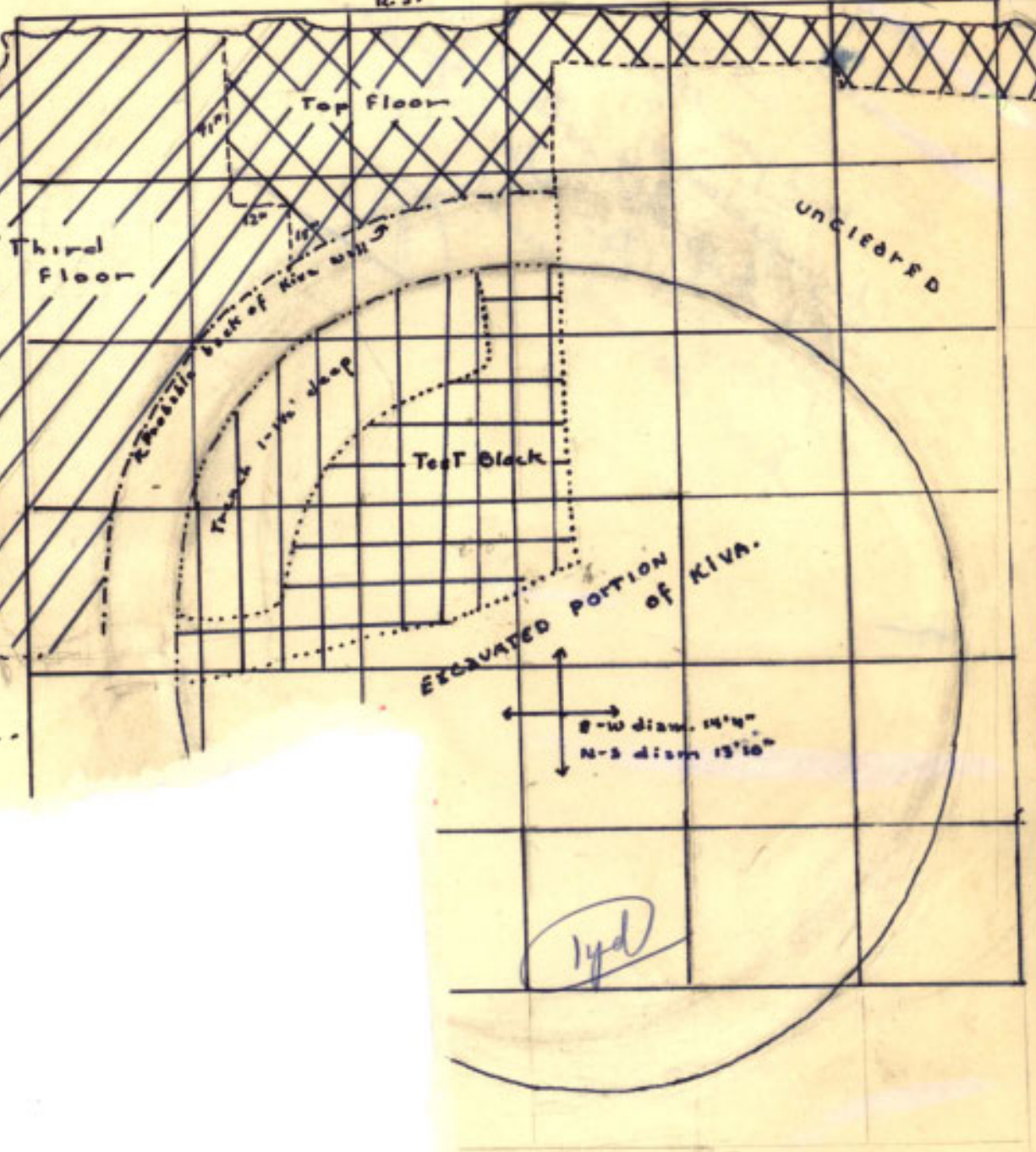
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KIVA III

W. Wall  
R. 51

S. Wall  
R. 51



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August 12.

N-S trench, 36" (approx.) E. of w. wall. Trench 2' wide; depth from 2" on S. side to 3'9" (48" S. of n. wall) where Mulloy started to dig to China.

Many large conical sherds (some 5"-6" long), also burnt sandstone, charcoal and several animal bone (deer-?). Main concentration 36"-50" S. of n. wall, beginning 2" below surface and going down 18". Small sherds: Chaco conical; Gallup B/W; Escavada. Pieces of ceiling adobe.

Must dig to ditch  
you start

Aug. 13.

Entire trench deepened 2 feet and widened to 2 1/2' (6" more toward w. wall). On so. end 14" below surface stones projecting along side of wall 3'4" E. of west wall to w. wall. Trench also extended along S. wall to w. wall (2' wide; 2 1/2' deep).

Various evidences 1'-1 1/2' of intentional fill: diagonal layers. Pieces of ceiling adobe.

Finds: nada.

Aug. 14.

Lab.

Aug. 15.

A little prairie named Bill Webb widened the ditch to w. wall (Depth: 1 1/2 - 2') over Aug. 14. Small sherds: Chaco Conical, Gallup B/W. and small bones.

Secondary trench dug along E. wall ca. 3' wide and ca. 3'4" deep. Finds: nada.

First trench (N-S, along w. wall) deepened to 3 1/2'. Finds: nada.

Aug. 16. Area between two trenches excavated to depth of 3 1/2'. Finds: nada.

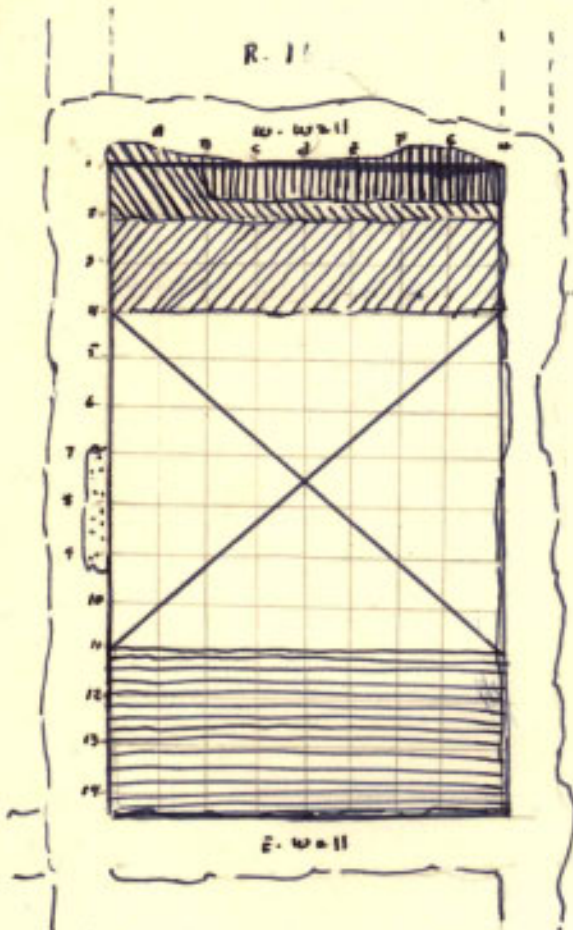
Aug. 16

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Bc 53

*(Red handwritten mark)*

Excavation of floor of Room 6.



-  Aug. 12
-  Aug. 13
-  Aug. 14 (Bill Webb)
-  Aug. 15
-  Aug. 16.

Entire room excavated to depth of 5'6".