

8-5-18-5

ATE TWO EGGS, SCRAMBLED, WITH WHITE TOAST AND MARGARINE. RECEIVED A LETTER IN MORNING POST INSTRUCTING ACCESS WILL BE GRANTED TO WF BOGS FROM 08:00 TOMORROW AM. HAVE INFORMED TEAM. WILL BE ON TRAIN AT DAWN. DOING LAST CHECKS THROUGH BAGS NOW, THEN WILL MAKE DINNER. PROBABLY SOUP.

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23-5-1-18

MADE TRAIN BEFORE SUNRISE, NOW ON BOGS SETTING UP CAMP. HAD SANDWICH ON TRAIN: CHEESE AND LETTUCE ON BROWN BREAD. TEAM ALREADY MARKED OUT AREA FOR EXCAVATION. QUITE AN INCONSEQUENTIAL SAMPLE CONSIDERING SIZE OF LAND. DEPENDING ON FINDS, MAY ASK FOR EXTENSION. MULKEERAGH TAKEN ON DINNER...THINK HE'S PLANNING SOMETHING WITH CORNED BEEF.

- R

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5-12-15-19

HAD AN EARLY NIGHT FOR EARLY START. STILL DARK WHEN AWOKE. PORRIDGE FOR BREAKFAST. DIG STARTING FROM THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER TO WORK CLOCKWISE AROUND QUADRANT.

08:00

NO FINDS.

09:00

NO FINDS.

10:00

NO FINDS.

11:00

NO FINDS.

12:00

NO FINDS.

BREAD AND CHEESE FOR LUNCH. MULKEERAGH FORGOT THE BUTTER.

14:00

NO FINDS.

15:00

NO FINDS.

16:00

NO FINDS.

17:00

NO FINDS.

SUNSET AT APPROX. 17:45. TEAM HAVE GATHERED BACK AT CAMP, NOW WAITING FOR MULKEERAGH TO FINISH DINNER. HE'S SOURCED SOME SAUSAGES.

- R

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20-21-14-8

STARTED WITH PORRIDGE. DIG RESUMED AT APPROX. 07:40.

08:00

NO FINDS.

09:00

NO FINDS.

10:00

NO FINDS.

11:00

NO FINDS.

12:00

NO FINDS.

LUNCH WAS HAM SANDWICHES.

14:00

NO FINDS.

15:00

POTTERY FRAGMENT MEASURING 22 X 47 MM RECOVERED APPROX. 190 CM BELOW SURFACE. PARTIAL GLAZE REMAINS: BLACK PATTERNING ON GREY CERAMIC.

16:00

NO FINDS.

17:00

NO FINDS.

SUNSET AT APPROX. 17:45. FILING EXHIBIT A CURRENTLY TO BE SENT TO LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION. OFF NOW FOR TEA. SAW MULKEERAGH PACING AROUND WITH SOME POTATOES IN HAND...

- R

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1-16-16-25

MORE PORRIDGE FOR BREAKFAST. MULKEERAGH'S RUN OUT OF SUGAR FOR TEA. COULDN'T FINISH THE CUP WITHOUT IT. MOVING INTO THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER TODAY.

08:00

NO FINDS.

09:00

NO FINDS.

10:00

ANOTHER POTTERY FRAGMENT RECOVERED APPROX. 210 CM BELOW SURFACE.

SMALLER THAN PREVIOUS, MEASURING 15 X 29 MM, BUT THICKER. SEEMINGLY UNGLAZED. LIKELY FROM EARLIER PERIOD TO EXHIBIT A.

11:00

NO FINDS.

12:00

NO FINDS.

HAD LUNCH OF BREAD, MARGARINE, AND SOME PICKLE.

14:00

NO FINDS.

15:00

NO FINDS.

16:00

NO FINDS.

17:00

NO FINDS.

SUNSET AT APPROX. 17:50. CURRENTLY SORTING EXHIBIT B FOR ANALYSIS. MULKEERAGH'S MAKING STEW FOR DINNER. MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXCITED IF I DIDN'T KNOW OF MULKEERAGH'S TENDENCY TO OVERCOOK THINGS.

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2-21-20-19

BREAKFAST WAS PORRIDGE. DIG RESUMED AT APPROX. 07:35.

08:00

NO FINDS.

09:00

NO FINDS.

10:00

NO FINDS.

11:00

NO FINDS.

12:00

NO FINDS.

BREAD AND SOUP FOR LUNCH. NOT SURE ON THE FLAVOUR.

14:00

NO FINDS.

15:00

NO FINDS.

16:00

NO FINDS.

17:00

NO FINDS.

SUNSET AT APPROX. 17:50. UNFORTUNATELY LAST NIGHT'S STEW WAS NOT PARTICULARLY POPULAR, MEANING TONIGHT'S DINNER IS THE LEFTOVERS.

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15-13-5-8

PORRIDGE. DIG RESUMED AT APPROX. 07:45.

08:00

WHAT LOOKS TO BE A COIN RECOVERED APPROX. 90 CM BELOW SURFACE. SEVERELY TARNISHED. ANY MARKINGS UNCLEAR.

09:00

NO FINDS.

10:00

POTTERY FRAGMENT RECOVERED APPROX. 145 CM BELOW SURFACE. MEASURING 23 X 27 MM. EXTREMELY THIN. DARK GREY GLAZE WITH NO VISIBLE DECORATION.

11:00

NO FINDS.

12:00

NO FINDS.

CHEESE AND LETTUCE SANDWICHES FOR LUNCH.

13:00

NO FINDS.

14:00

NO FINDS.

15:00

NO FINDS.

16:00

SMALL BRONZE RING WITH SPIRALLING DESIGN RECOVERED AT APPROX. 230 CM BELOW SURFACE. TARNISHED BUT IN GOOD CONDITION.

17:00

NO FINDS.

BEEN A GOOD DAY FOR FINDS. BAGGING EXHIBITS C, D, AND E PRESENTLY.

MULKEERAGH IS KEEPING IT SIMPLE TONIGHT WITH EGGS.

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15-23-1-20

MORE PORRIDGE THIS MORNING. PARTICULARLY CHILLY TODAY. DIG RESUMED AT

07:40.

08:00

NO FINDS.

09:00

NO FINDS.

10:00

NO FINDS.

11:00

NO FINDS.

12:00

NO FINDS.

LUNCH WAS HAM SANDWICHES.

14:00

NO FINDS.

15:00

NO FINDS.

16:00

WHAT I WOULD DESCRIBE AS A TORC OR NECK-RING RECOVERED APPROX. 210 CM BELOW SURFACE. A BRONZE, CIRCLE, TWISTED FORM OPENING AT THE FRONT WITH SPHERICAL FINIALS ATTACHED TO THE TWO ENDS. SEEMS TO BE IN EXCEPTIONAL CONDITION.

17:00

NO FINDS.

SUNSET AT APPROX. 17:55. CURRENTLY BAGGING EXHIBIT F. TOMORROW IS LAST DAY, WILL TONIGHT BE FILING FOR A RETURN VISIT IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT A MORE EXTENSIVE EXCAVATION. DOUBT WE'LL GET THE FUNDING BUT THERE IS ALWAYS A CHANCE.

- R

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8-15-13-5

MULKEERAGH BURNT THE PORRIDGE THIS MORNING. HAD TO EAT ANYWAY AS REACHING THE END OF THE SUPPLIES. DIG RESUMED AT APPROX. 07:30.

08:00

NO FINDS.

09:00

NO FINDS.

10:00

NO FINDS.

11:00

NO FINDS.

12:00

NO FINDS.

LUNCH IS LAST OF THE CHEESE AND BREAD.

13:00

NO FINDS.

14:00

SOMETHING STRANGE RECOVERED APPROX. 260 CM BELOW SURFACE. LARGE - MEASURING 174 CM IN LENGTH - AND LEATHERY IN TEXTURE. IT IS A REDDISH, TAN COLOUR. ROPE IS TIED AROUND ITEM IN A LOOP.

15:00

NO FINDS.

16:00

NO FINDS.

17:00

NO FINDS.

WRAPPED EXHIBIT G AND PACKED UP CAMP. NOW ON TRAIN. HOPE TO RETURN TO THE BOGS SOON, DEFINITELY A UNIQUE SIGHT FOR ANALYSIS.

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