

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

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4 DISTRICT CAITHNESS		5 PARISH REAY	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS	
11 CONCORDANCE osND 05 NW 14 NMR	12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURES	13 DIMENSIONS	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS 11 HUT CIRCLES		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE	
20 LAND USE ROUGH PASTURE		21 GEOLOGY	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF GENTLE HILLSLOPE	
		26 ASPECT NE	
		27 ALTITUDE 76=107m OD	

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1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1963: 6" MAP. 2. MERCER R.: 1985: FIELD SURVEY IN N. SCOTLAND: EUP: VOL 3: Nos FOR 276-7, 283-287.	
30 GROUND PLAN NO.	31 GROUND PHOTO NO.
32 SLIDES NO.	33 HR. AP. NO.
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36 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION	
37 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY	38 SAMPLES
39 PALYNOLOGY	40 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.
41 SMALL FINDS	42 MUSEUM/LOCATION
43 OTHER	

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48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS			

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52 TEXT

"In the area centred ND 032 592 There are the remains of 13 hut circles or enclosures."  
(OSFI:RD:9.11.1964).

"This complex group of 11 hut circles form two groups. The northern group centred on ND 032 593 comprises 5 huts; 'J':ND 0314 3930; 'K':ND 0318 5931; 'M': ND 0319 5929. Four circular ranging in diameter 8.5m-4.0m; and one oval 7.5m x 6.5m. All are bounded by turf or heather covered walls, spread approx. 2.0m and 0.4m high, each with a simple entrance in the SE. The southern group centred on ND 032 589 comprises 6 widely scattered circular or slightly oval huts, ranging in internal diameters 13.5m-6.5m. (P,Q,R,T,W,Y.).

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"See continuation card for text of (2)."

52. "'Q':ND 0318 5899; 'P':ND 0330 5907; 'W':ND 0343 5893 - Scooped deeply into a dry rise-all well-defined walls spread to around 3.0m & walls 0.7m high, with entrances in SE. 'T':ND 0315 5888, published, ill-defined & obscured by bracken; details of it are unobtainable. 'Y':ND 0353 5897, the only feature noted was an amorphous footing 3.0m across. 'R':ND 0317 5896; 'S':ND 0314 5892 Circular feature; 'X':ND 0343 5895 Shieling; 'N':ND 0329 5911. Hut circle (?)."  
(OSFI:JB:23.7.1981).

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52 TEXT

"There are 9 burial cairns centred on ND 032 594, the majority exhibiting the remains of a kerb and/or cist (cists are exposed at ND 0326 5952 and ND 0332 5948). With one exception they are on average 7.0m in diameter, turf or heather-covered and 0.6m high. The exceptional cairn, prominently positioned at ND 0330 5945, is partly of bare stone, 15.0m in diameter and 1.5m high. One kerbstone survives in the E, but no cist or chamber is apparent. There is the suggestion of a shallow ditch 2.0m wide around the NE half. In the vicinity are two probable cairns similar to the smaller cairns, and four further examples adjacent to the hut circles at ND 031 592. The latter vary in size from 5.0 to 7.0m in diameter and stand 0.7m high. Except for one with a protruding possible capstone they lack any diagnostic features, yet their general appearance strongly resembles the burial cairns described above.

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Approximately 4 turf and heather-covered mounds at ND 033 592 are also similar to the cairns, but whether they are funerary or simply clearance heaps cannot be judged from ground inspection. Occasional smaller and less regular mounds occur over the whole area; they are assumed to be either field clearance or natural, although the possibility that some may contain burials cannot be ignored. The stony mounds and walling centred on ND 035 592 post-date the features described above."

(OSFI:JB:23.7.1981).

" 'A':ND 0331 5959; 'B':ND 0326 5958; 'C':ND 0333 5958; 'D':ND 0326 5952;  
'E':ND 0332 5948; 'F':ND 0330 5945; 'G':ND 0311 5929; 'H':ND 0319 5932;  
'I': ND 0322 5931. "

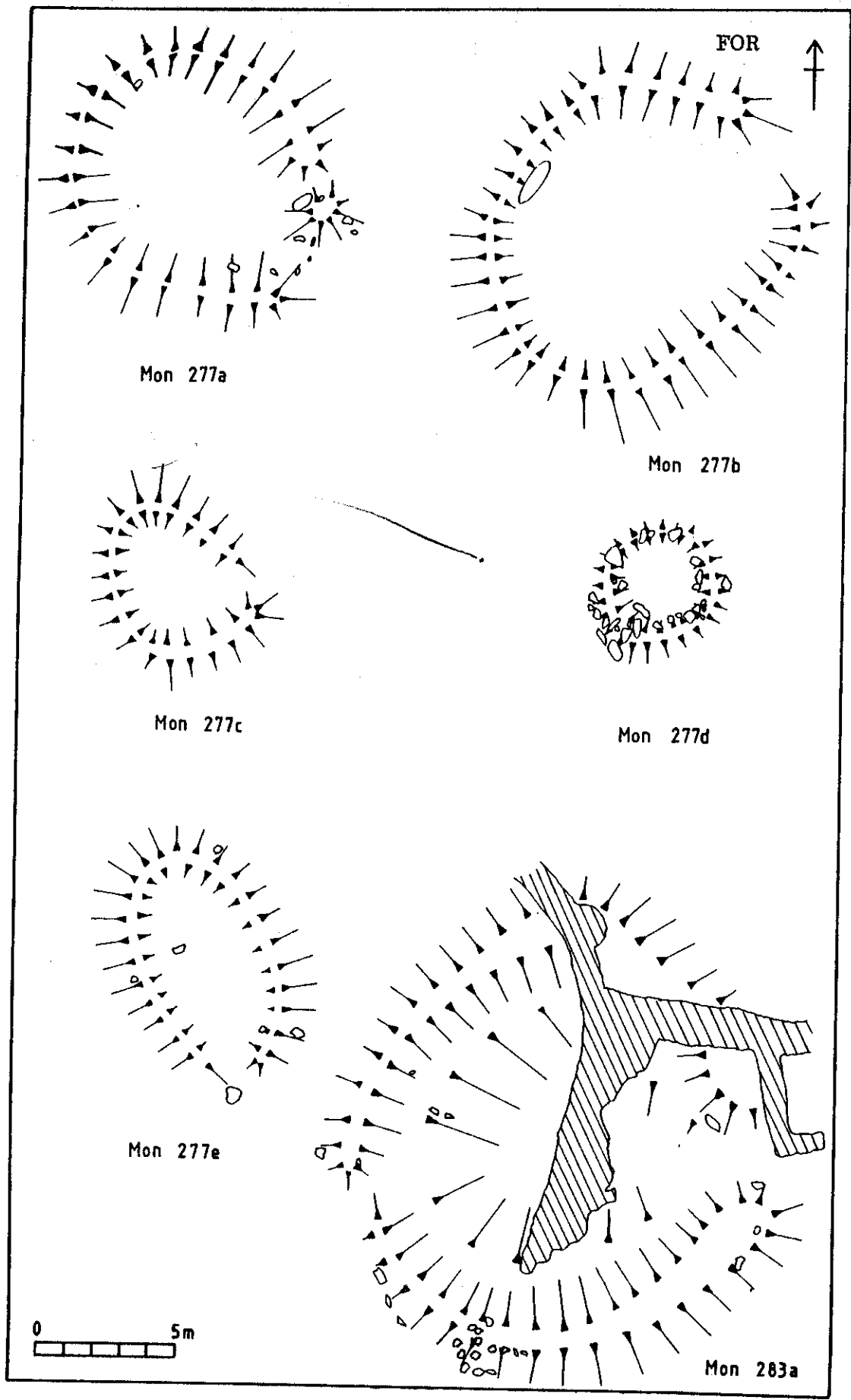


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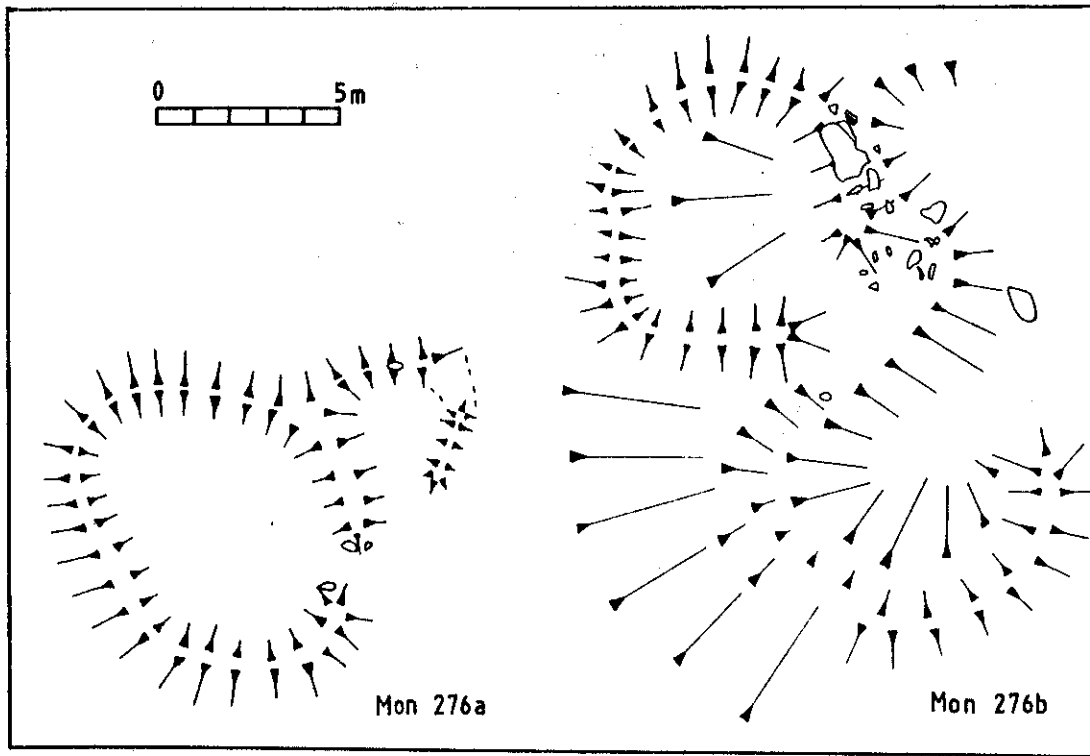


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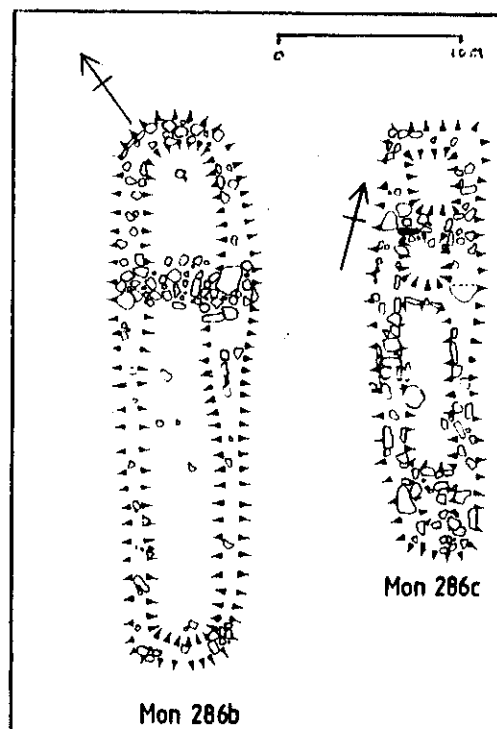


FIG 73

284a. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 18m x 17m external, 10m x 8m internal. Height: 0.70m. Subcircular grass-covered bank with a spread of 4m. The N of the 'hut-circle' has a groove 0.50m wide in the centre of the bank. There is an entrance 1m wide in the ENE part of the 'hut-circle'. Some stones and a few facing-slabs visible.

b. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 12m x 11m external, 6m x 5m internal. Height: 0.80m. Subcircular grass-covered earth and stone bank with a spread of 2m in the SW arc and 5m in the NE arc. Entrance 1m wide in the NW. Inner wall facing-slabs visible in the SW part. 140m NE of Mon. 283a and 20m S of (a).

Associated with Mons. 276, 277, 282, 283, 285, 286, and 287.

Elevation: 300' OD.

ND 033591.

(Figs. 35, 84)

285a. 'Hut-circle'. Diameter: 11m external, 5m x 6m internal. Height: 0.20m. Circular grass-covered structure with an entrance to the E. There is a wall 20m long running NW-SE between 'hut-circles' (a) and (b). (Figs. 35, 84)

b. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 14.50m x 13m external, 9.50m x 7m internal. Height: 0.20m. Subcircular grass-covered bank with some stones visible. Entrance 2m wide in the SE. Some internal facing-slabs on the E side, and also a few on the W external arc. Orientation: NW-SE. 85m E of 'hut-circle' (Mon. 284a). 115m SE of (a). (Figs. 36, 84)

Associated with Mons. 276, 277, 282, 283, 284, 286, and 287.

Elevation: 275' OD.

ND 034591.

286a. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 17.50m x 17m external, 12m x 10m internal. Circular structure with a grass-covered bank with a spread of 2m. No stones visible. No entrance visible. This is set within, and is partially overlying, a U-shaped bank measuring 22m x 14m externally, and 19m x 22m internally. The bank has a spread of 3m, and the later 'hut-circle' overlies it in the SE. (Figs. 36, 84)

b. Longhouse. Dimensions: 29.50m x 7.50m. Rectangular grass-covered structure with a wall-spread of 1.50m. There is an internal division 8m from the NE end. Orientation: NE-SW. (Figs. 73, 84)

c. Longhouse. Dimensions: 23m x 6m. Rectangular grass-covered structure with a wall-spread of 1.50m. Stone visible including an upright facing-stone in the second segment from the N. Three internal divisions 5m, 9m, and 19m from the NNW end. Orientation: NNW-SSE. (Figs. 73, 84)

d. Structure. Dimensions: 10m x 4m. Rectangular with a wall-spread of 1m. Orientation: N-S. To the N of (a). (Figs. 36, 84)

Elevation: 275' OD.

ND 034590.

287. Structure and cairns. One complete and two incomplete sides of a structure, with lengths 10m, 5.50m, and 2m (the 5.50m side being complete). Banks of earth and stone 0.30m high, and a spread of 0.40m. Orientation: E-W. Associated with six cairns 3m in diameter. Associated with Mons. 276, 277, 282, 283, 284, 285, and 286. Elevation: 275' OD. ND 036590. (Fig. 84)

276a. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 13m x 11m. Subcircular grass-covered bank with a spread of 2m. Subdivided internally with the W side 6m x 5m with an entrance to the SE. The E side is more fragmentary and is 2m x 2m internally, with a possible entrance to the SE. Orientation: NE-SW. (Figs. 33, 84)

b. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 18m x 10m. Subrectangular grass-covered bank with a spread of 2m. The internal dimensions of the N part are 5m x 5m and it has an entrance 1m wide in the SE into the other part. The S section is 6m x 6m. The gap in the outer bank of the 'hut-circle' is 6m wide. 50m N of hut (a). Orientation: NW-SE.

Associated with Mons. 277, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287.  
Elevation: 275' OD.  
ND 033596.

277a. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 12m x 11m external, 7m x 6m internal. Height: 0.30m. Subcircular grass-covered bank with few stones visible. Entrance 0.50m wide in the SE.

b. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 14m x 13m external, 9m x 7.50m internal. Height: 0.60m. Subcircular grass-covered banks with a spread of 3m. Entrance to the SE 1m wide. One internal facing slab visible. Orientation: SW-NE. 30m SE of (a).

c. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 8m x 7m external, 4m x 3.50m internal. Height: 2.50m. Subcircular grass-covered bank with a spread of 3m. Entrance to the E 0.50m wide. Orientation: NW-SE. 35m E of (a), and 160m SW of Mon. 276. All are separated from Mon. 276 by a wall. Enclosed on three sides by rectilinear walls.

d. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 5.50m x 5m external, 2.50m x 2.50m internal. Height: 0.50m. Subcircular grass-covered bank with stones visible. No entrance visible. 65m S of (b).

e. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 10.50m x 7m external, 7m x 3.70m internal. Height: 0.50m. Subcircular grass-covered earth mound. Entrance 1m wide in the SE. Some stone visible. Orientation: NW-SE. 45m S of (d). Separated from (a), (b), and (c) by a fence.

ND 033592.  
(Figs. 34, 84)

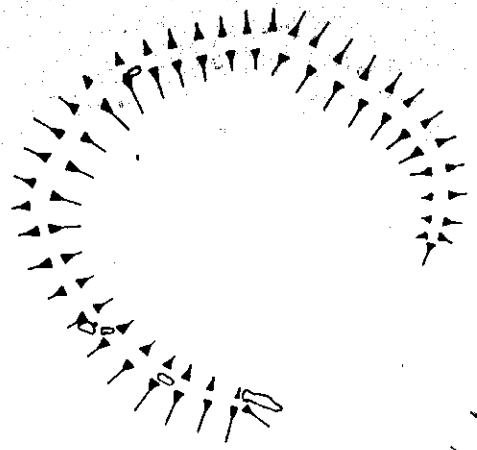
283a. 'Hut-circle'. Dimensions: 18.50m x 18m external, 11m x 10m internal. Height: 0.50m. Subcircular grass-covered bank of earth and stone with a spread of 3m. Gaps in the bank in the E and W. A sheepfold has been built over and beside this 'hut-circle'. There are stretches of walling each 15m long to the S and SW of the 'hut-circle', separating it from (b). (Figs. 34, 84)

b. 'Hut-circle'. Diameter: 11.50m external, 7.50m internal. Height: 0.50m. Grass-covered bank of earth and stone. Horseshoe-shaped with a gap 5m wide in the SE quadrant. 15m S of circle (a). A curved wall 140m long leaves 'hut-circle' (b) at its entrance and runs towards Mon. 282. (Figs. 35, 84)

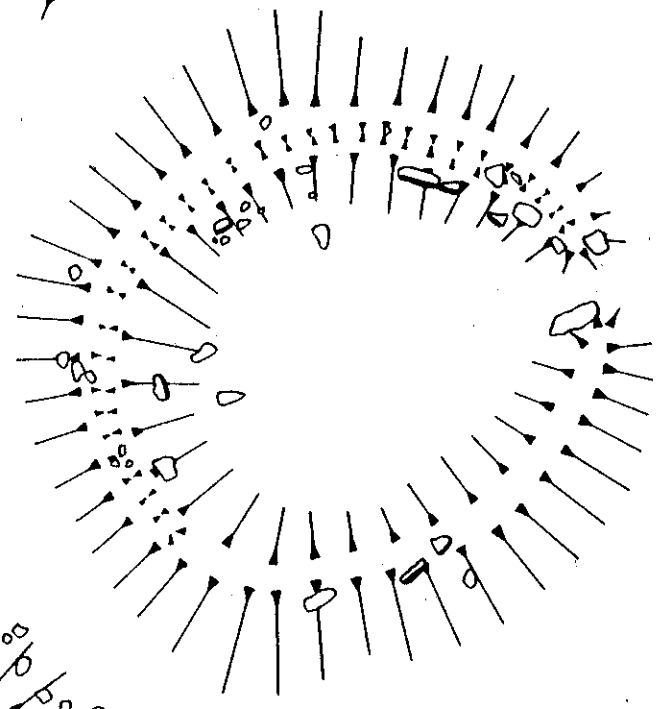
c. 'Hut-circle'. Diameter: 10m. Circular grass-covered bank with an entrance to the SE. 50m from 'hut-circle' (b). (Fig. 84)

ND 032590.

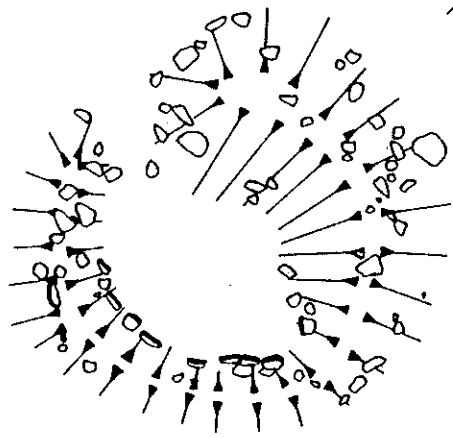




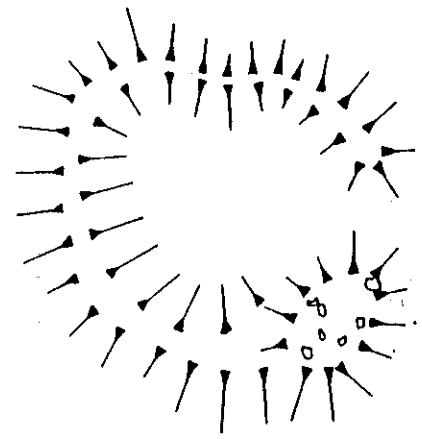
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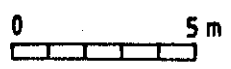
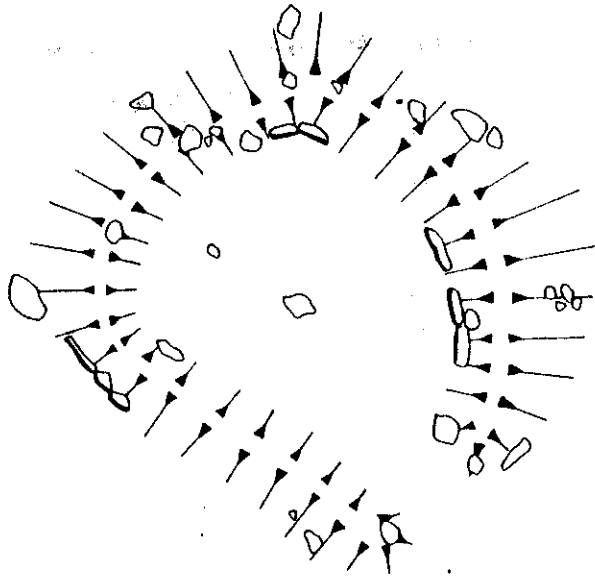
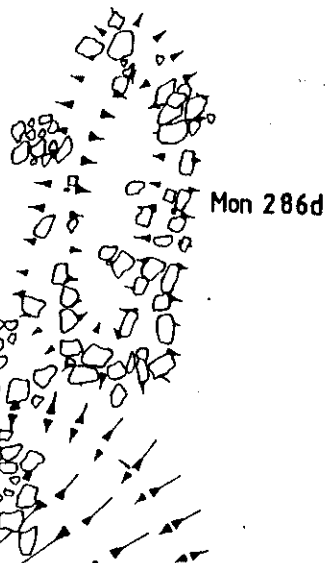


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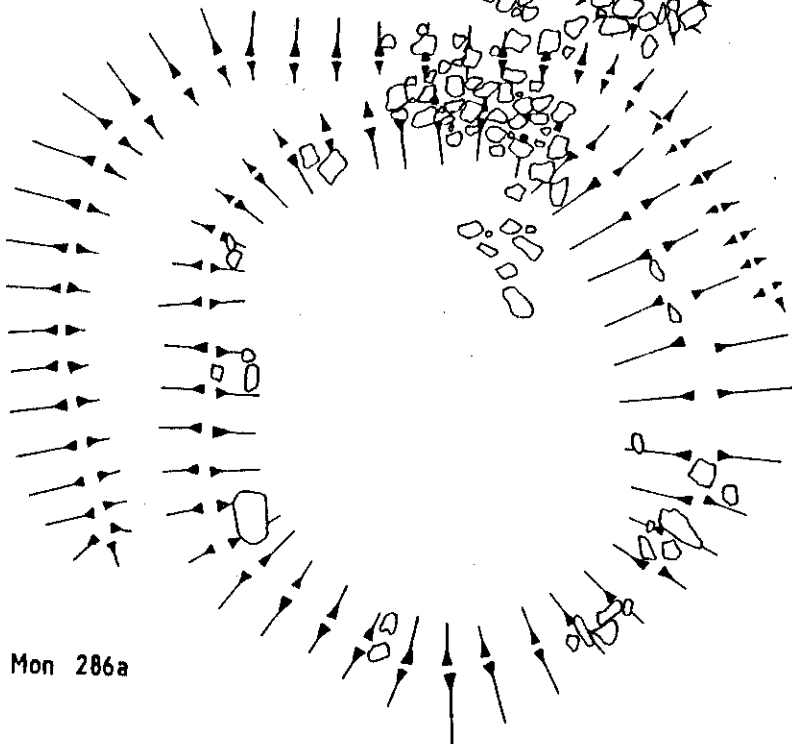
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FIG 36

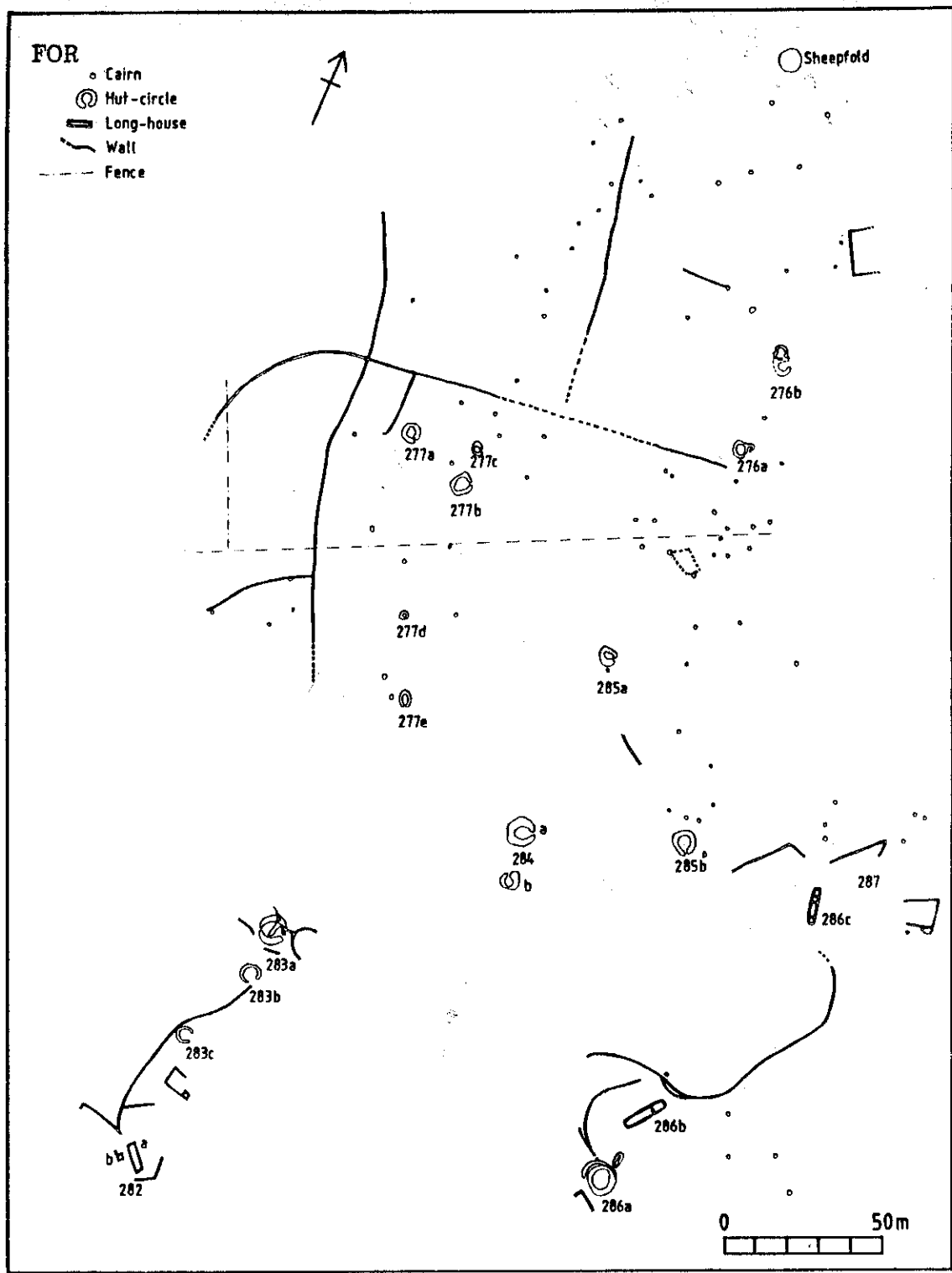


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