

to the east of room B was a raised hearth, consisting of a foundation of river gravel about 1ft. thick on which was a pavement of flat stones showing traces of fire, embedded in clay. This hearth filled the angle formed by the junction of the wall between rooms B and G with the remains of a much ruined wall running east and west. Immediately surrounding this to the south and east was found a large deposit of blackened ashes and charcoal. Elsewhere, so far as it was examined (i.e., for about 10ft. south and east of the hearth) a considerable thickness of mixed clay was found beneath the accumulated rubbish as in rooms G and E.

South of room G was a room (or rooms) only examined sufficiently to establish the existence of the wall faces at the points indicated; it was filled with a large accumulation of stones and earth. The east wall, after running for some 50ft., ended in a broken face; the western one extended for some 15ft. further and then returned to the west, in a line with the south wall of the western range for about 56ft., when it ended in a broken face 12ft. short of the south-east corner of the western range.

The trial excavation to the south of this point disclosed the remains of walls shown on the plan; the purpose of these and their relation to the other buildings can only be ascertained by a further excavation.

THE AREA NORTH OF THE EASTERN RANGE

The cutting of trial trenches through the mass of debris covering the north end of the Eastern Range revealed a series of drains and hearths. The drain (if such it be) at the east end of room D was followed for a further 12ft. north from the room. At 7ft. it cut another V-shaped drain about 3ft. wide and 1ft. 6in. deep; this, at the junction, contained about 9in. of charcoal and ashes, among which were small pieces of lead and fragments of pottery; it ran parallel to the north wall of room B and shallowed at a distance of 6ft. to the west, growing deeper again as it was followed for another 10ft.; it was clearly cut through ground that had already been disturbed, as bordering it on the north for the first six inches of its length was a patch of fine gravel 1in. deep, set in an inch of yellow clay and beaten hard. Below this upper 2in. were another 2in. of burnt matter, ashes, and whitish clay, 1½in. of whitish clay alone, then 3½in. of burnt matter and clay, and yellow clay containing stones of an unascertained depth.

Immediately to the west of the patch of gravel was what appeared to be a hearth of red hard clay, roughly circular and about 3ft. in diameter. This red clay was from 6 to 7in. deep at the centre and tailed off regularly at the