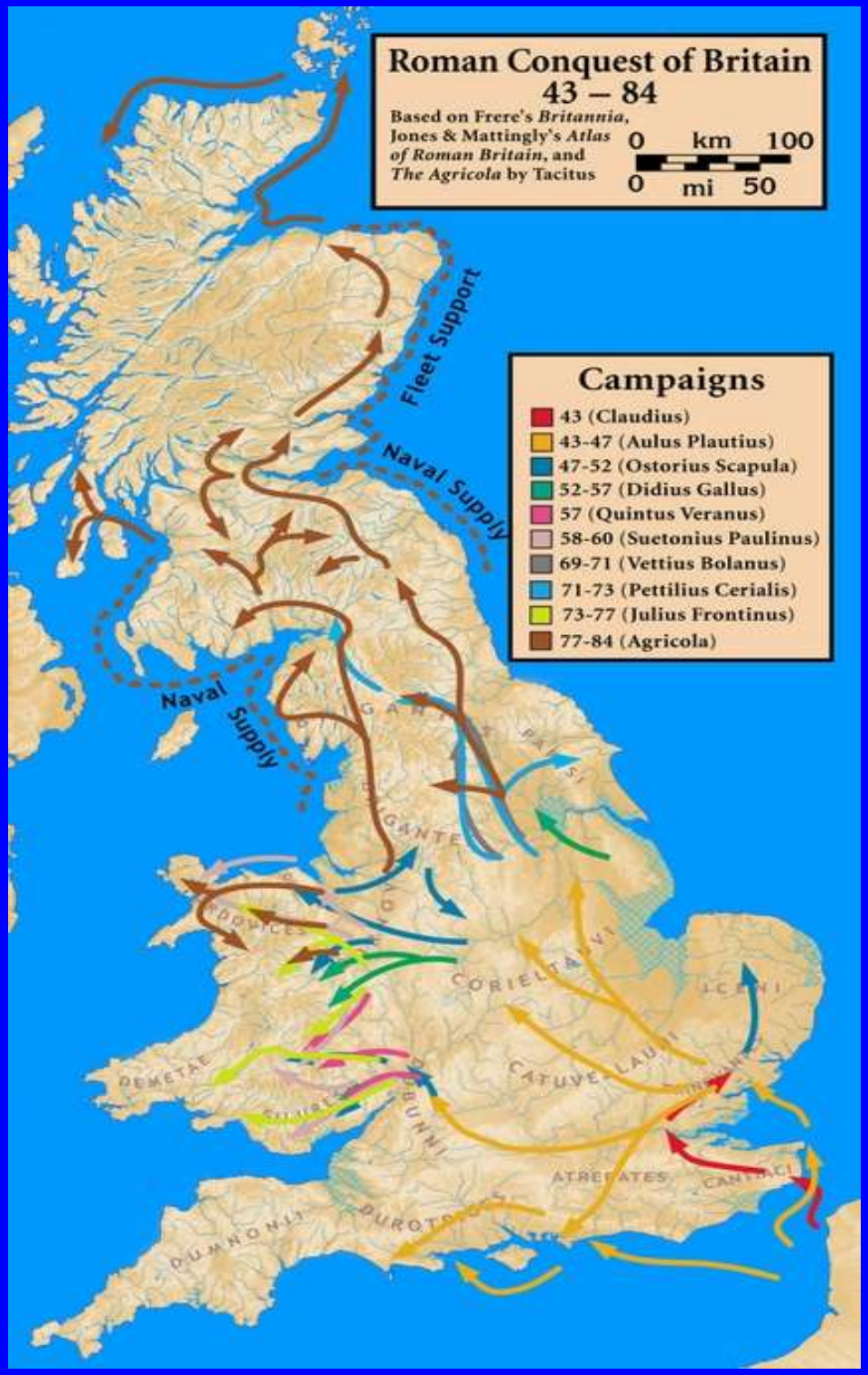
THE ANTONINE WALL

Rome's Northwest Frontier

Map of the Roman Empire AD 117


Roman Conquest of Britain
43 – 84
Based on Frere's *Britannia*, Jones & Mattingly's *Atlas of Roman Britain*, and *The Agricola* by Tacitus
0 km 100
0 mi 50
Campaigns
43 (Claudius)
43-47 (Aulus Plautius)
47-52 (Ostorius Scapula)
52-57 (Didius Gallus)
57 (Quintus Veranus)
58-60 (Suetonius Paulinus)
69-71 (Vettius Bolanus)
71-73 (Pettilius Cerialis)
73-77 (Julius Frontinus)
77-84 (Agricola)
Fleet Support
Naval Supply
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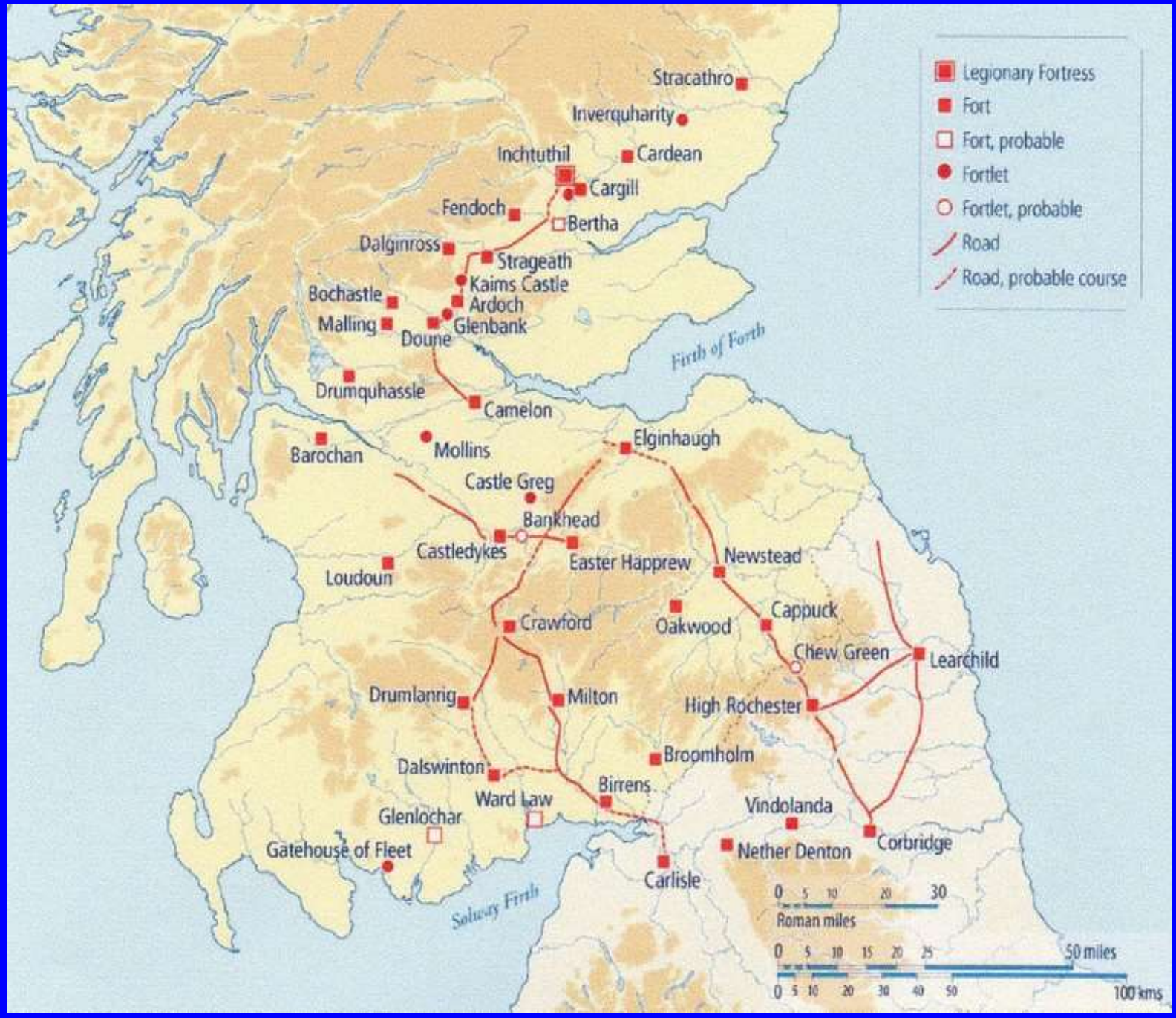
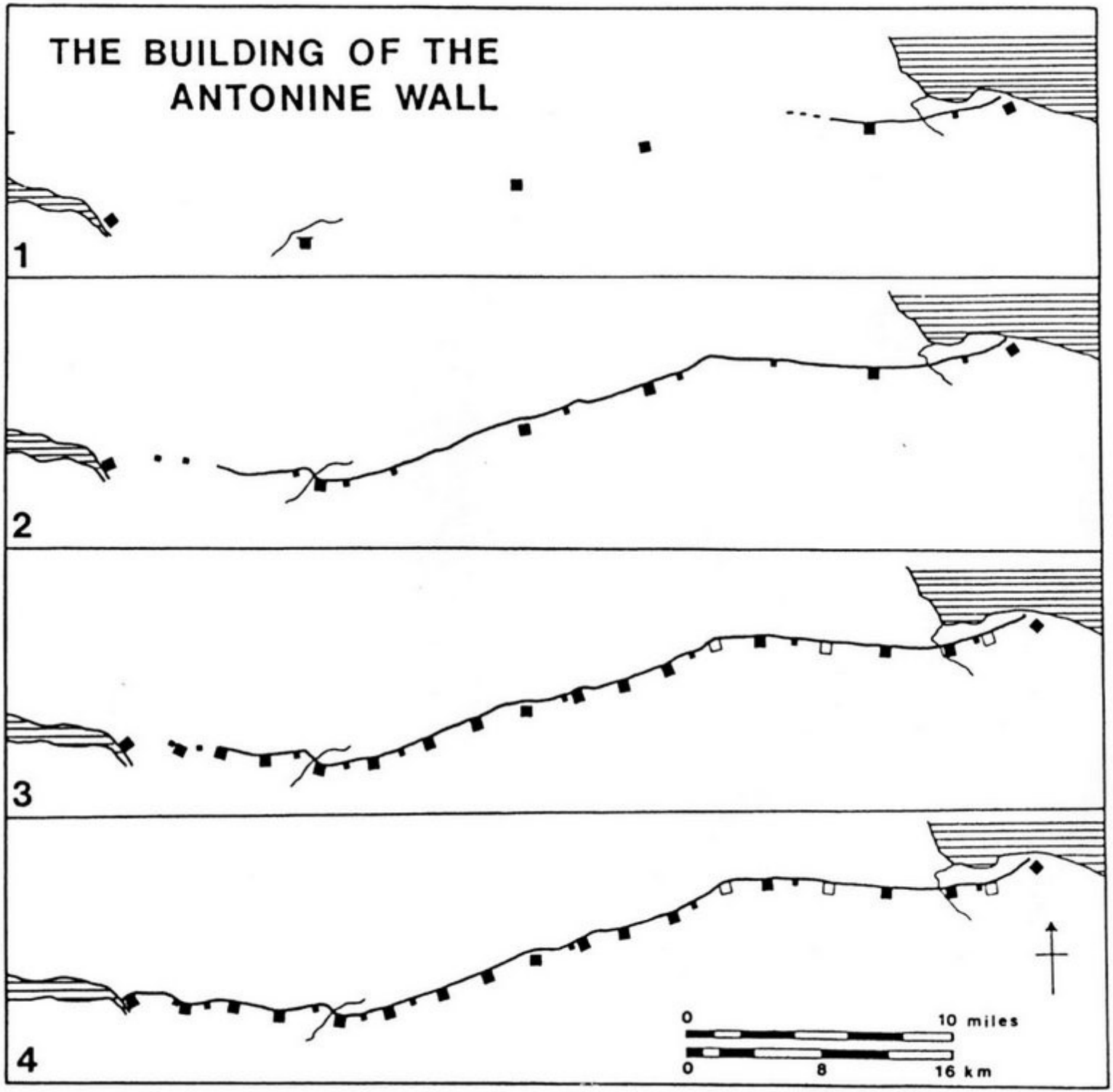


1st Century AD Forts & Fortlets

Hadrian's Wall

2nd Century AD Forts & Fortlets

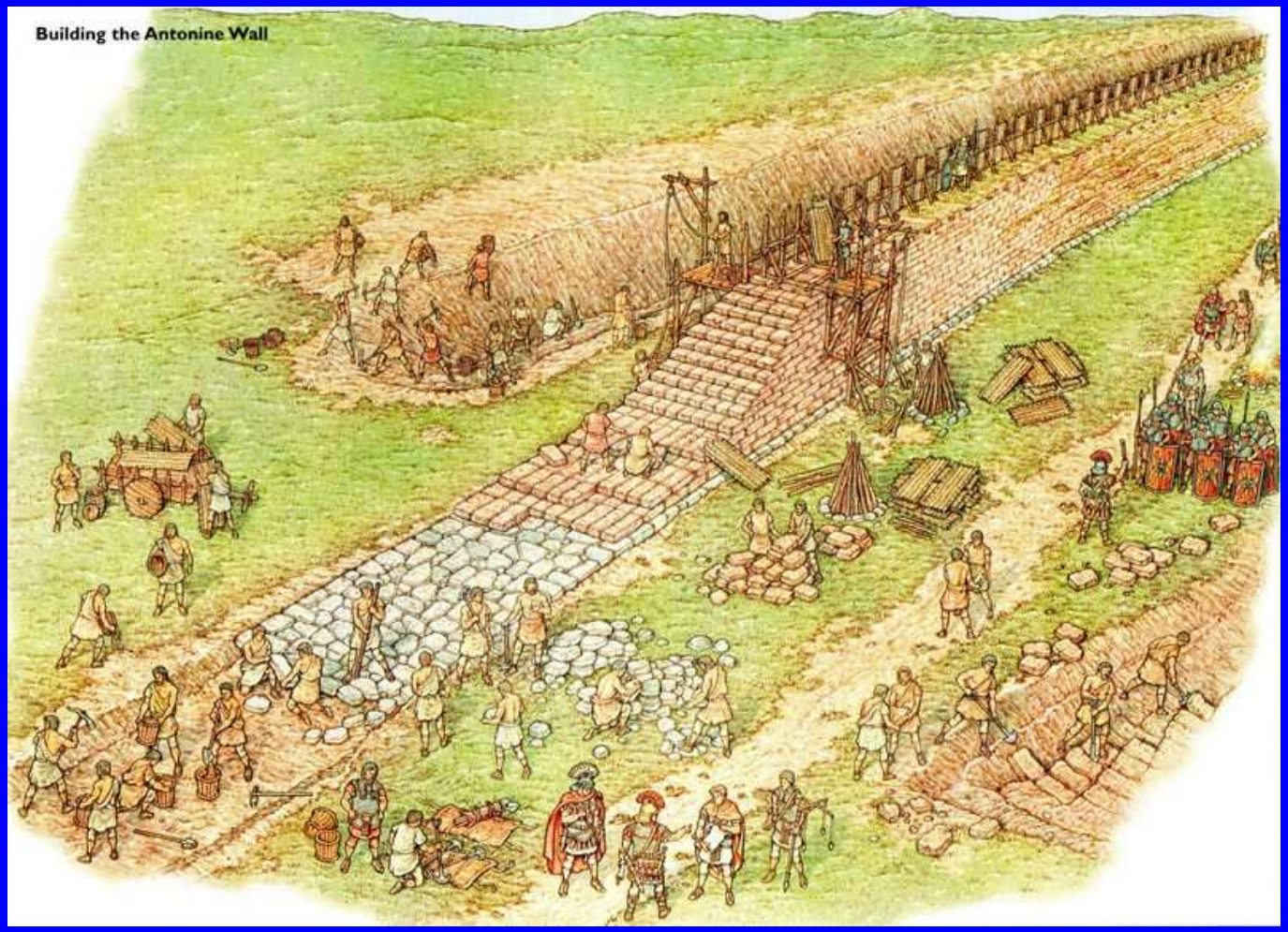
Emperor Antoninus Pius


THE BUILDING OF THE
ANTONINE WALL
1
2
3
4
0
10 miles
0
8
16 km

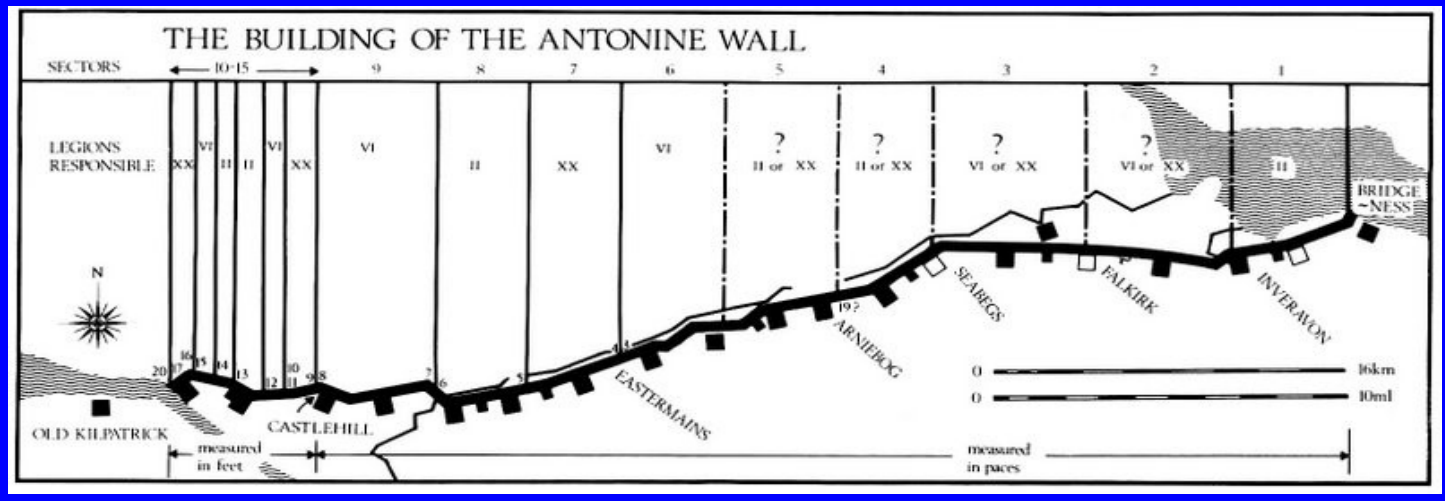
Roman Soldiers :

Auxiliary Cavalryman & Infantryman

Legionary

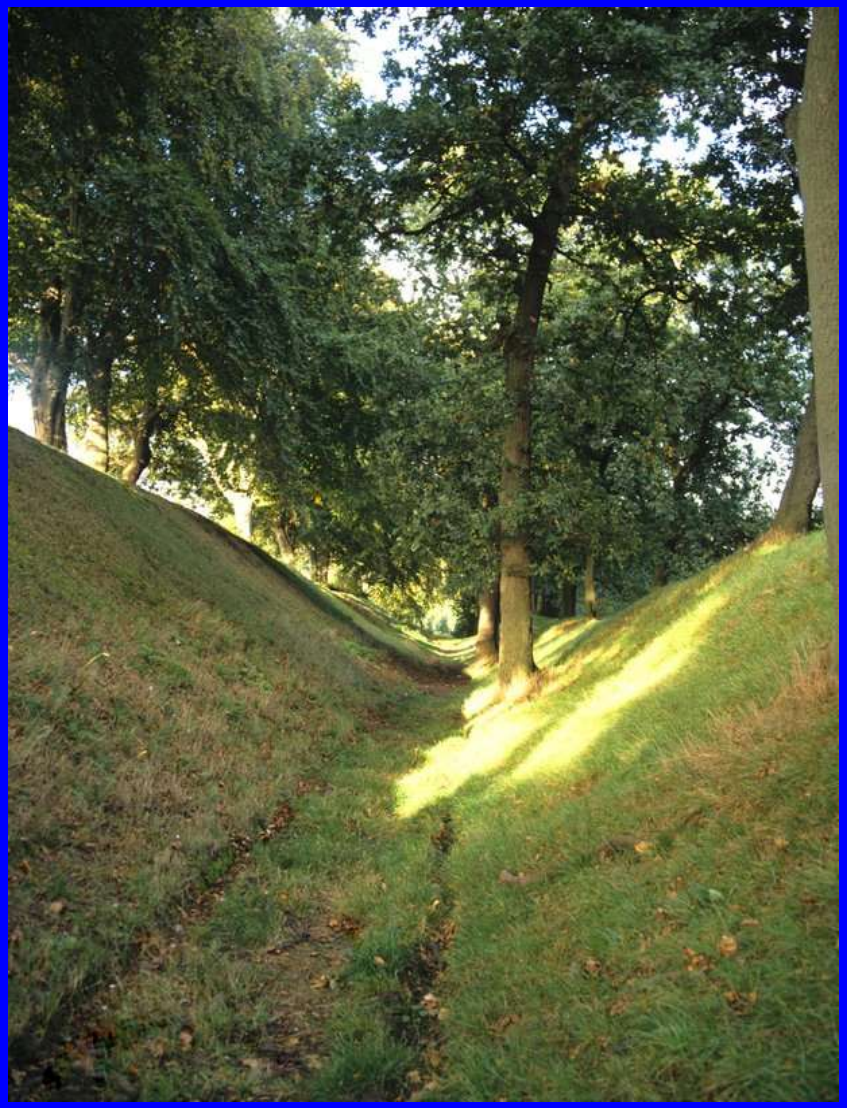


Construction of the frontier



Work sectors

Legionary soldiers ditch digging



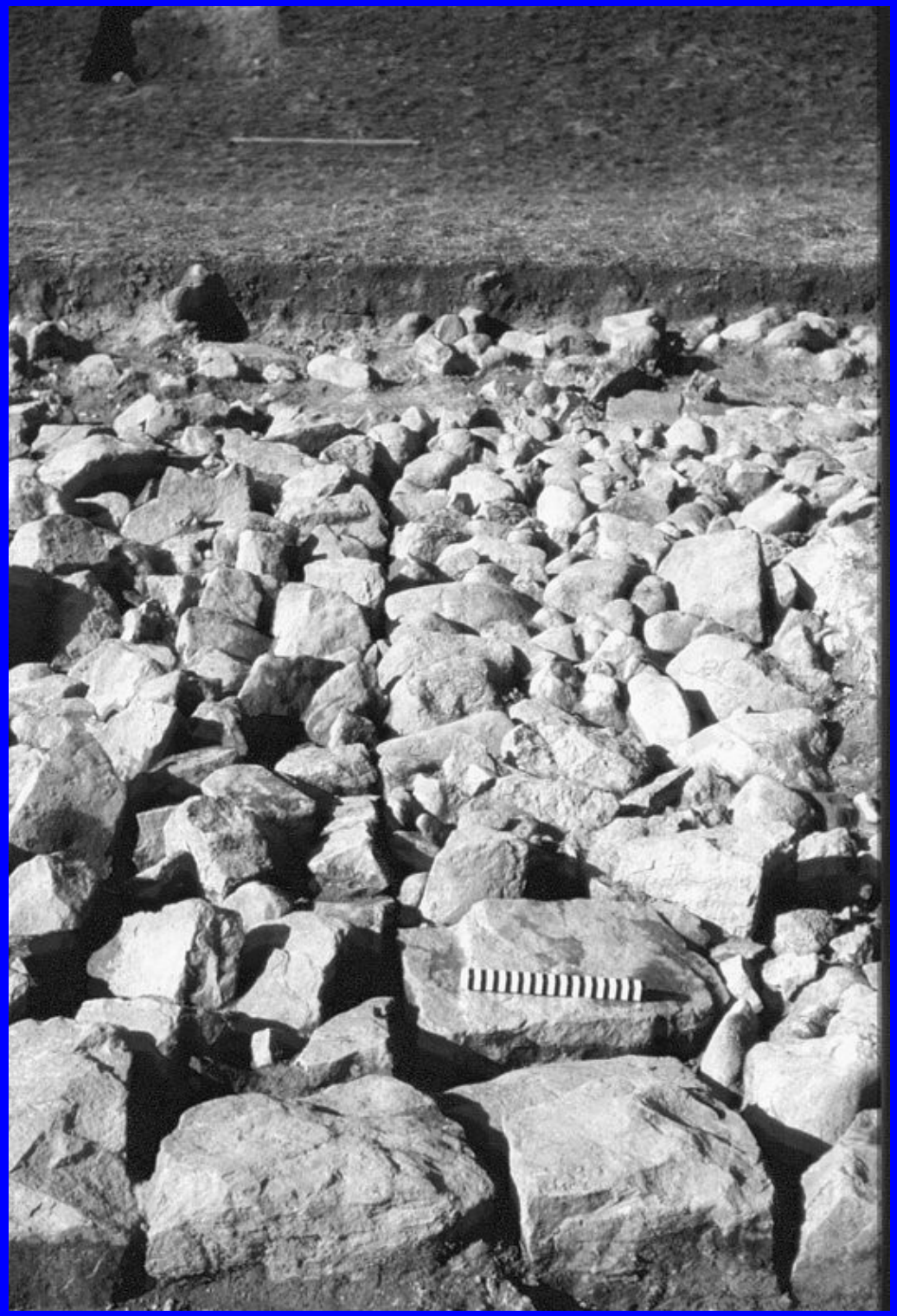
Croy Hill – Antonine Ditch

Watling Lodge – Antonine Ditch

Bishopbriggs Roundabout – Antonine Ditch

Old Kilpatrick – Antonine Wall base
1923

Bearsden Cemetery – Antonine Wall base



Cumbernauld – Garnhall
Excavation 1977 :

Antonine Wall base
showing
a change in work squad

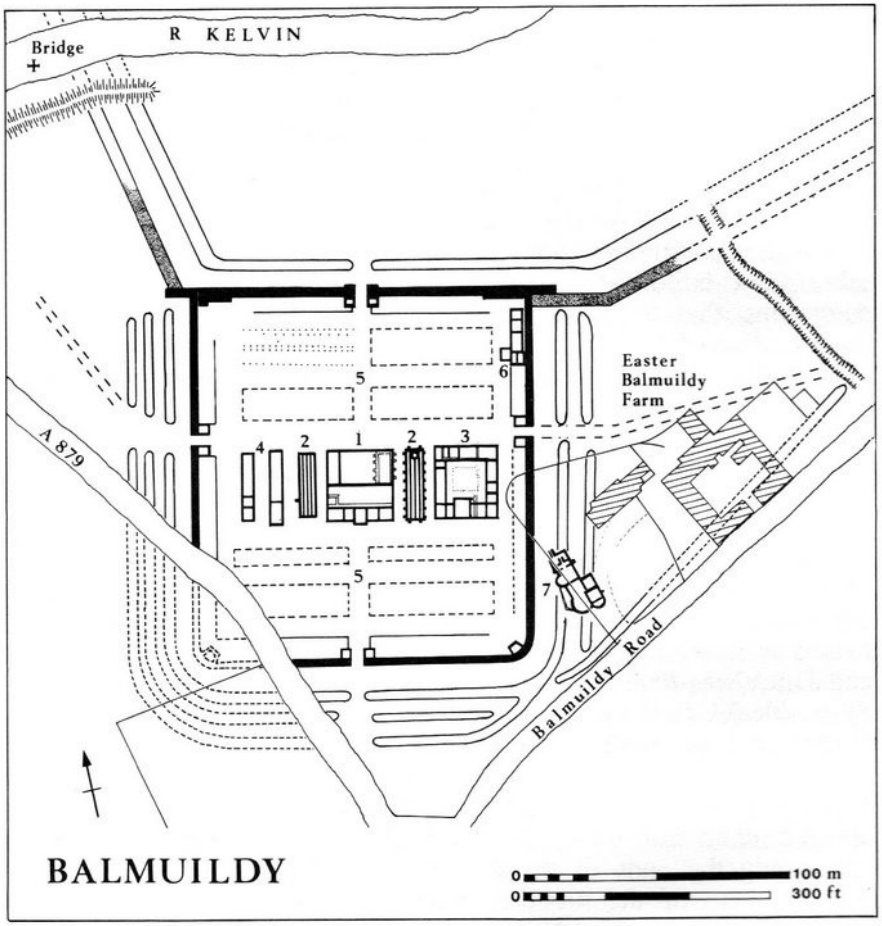
Bridgeness Distance Slab – 4,652 paces

Croy Hill – Antonine Wall

Tentfield Plantation Excavation 1959
Showing a cross section of the Antonine Wall

Seabegs Wood – Military Way

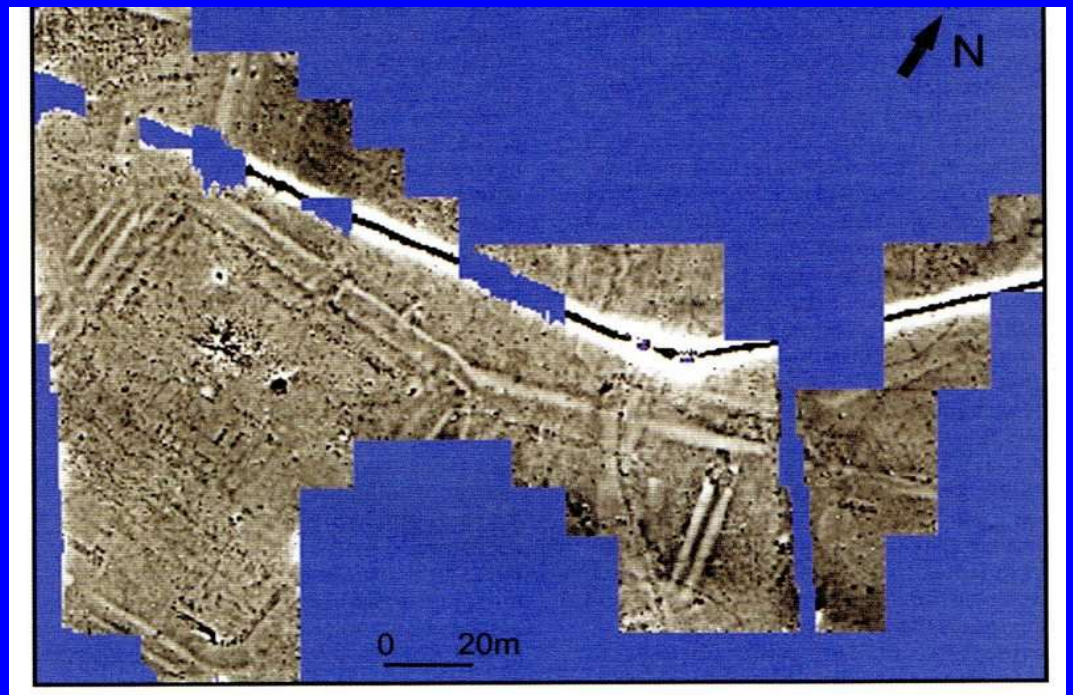
Falkirk – Callendar Park excavation 1981 showing foundations of the Military Way



Balmuildy fort (after RCAHMS). 1, headquarters; 2, granaries; 3, commanding officer's house; 4, stores; 5, barracks; 6, internal bath-house; 7, external bath-house

Balmuildy – Primary Fort

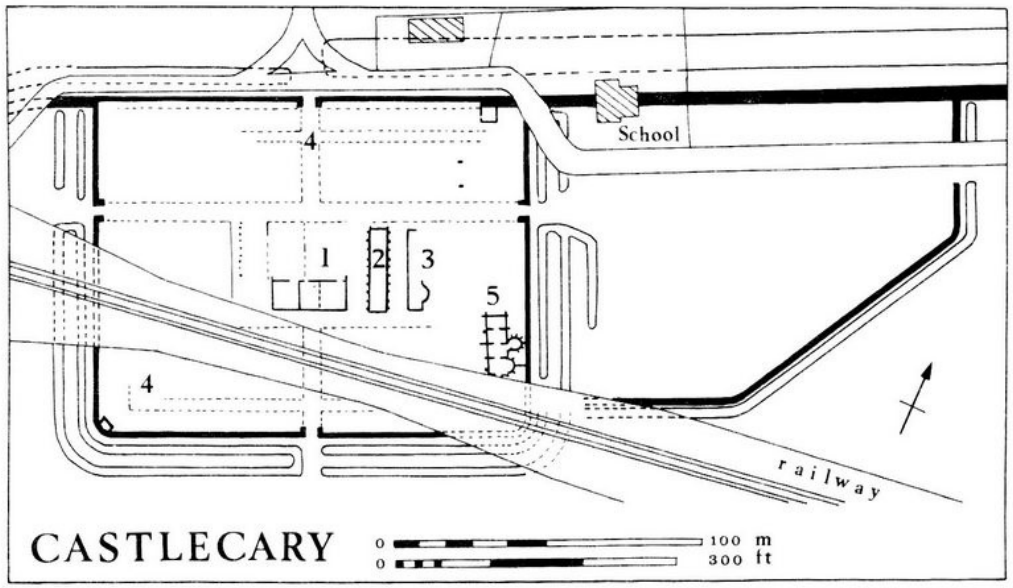
Summerston Distance Slab – 3,666 ½ paces



Balmuildy fort, the results of a geophysical (magnetometer) survey. The black-and-white strip marks the route of a modern pipeline (© Department of Archaeology, University of Glasgow, courtesy of Dr R. E. Jones).

Magnetometer survey 2005

Castlecary – Primary Fort

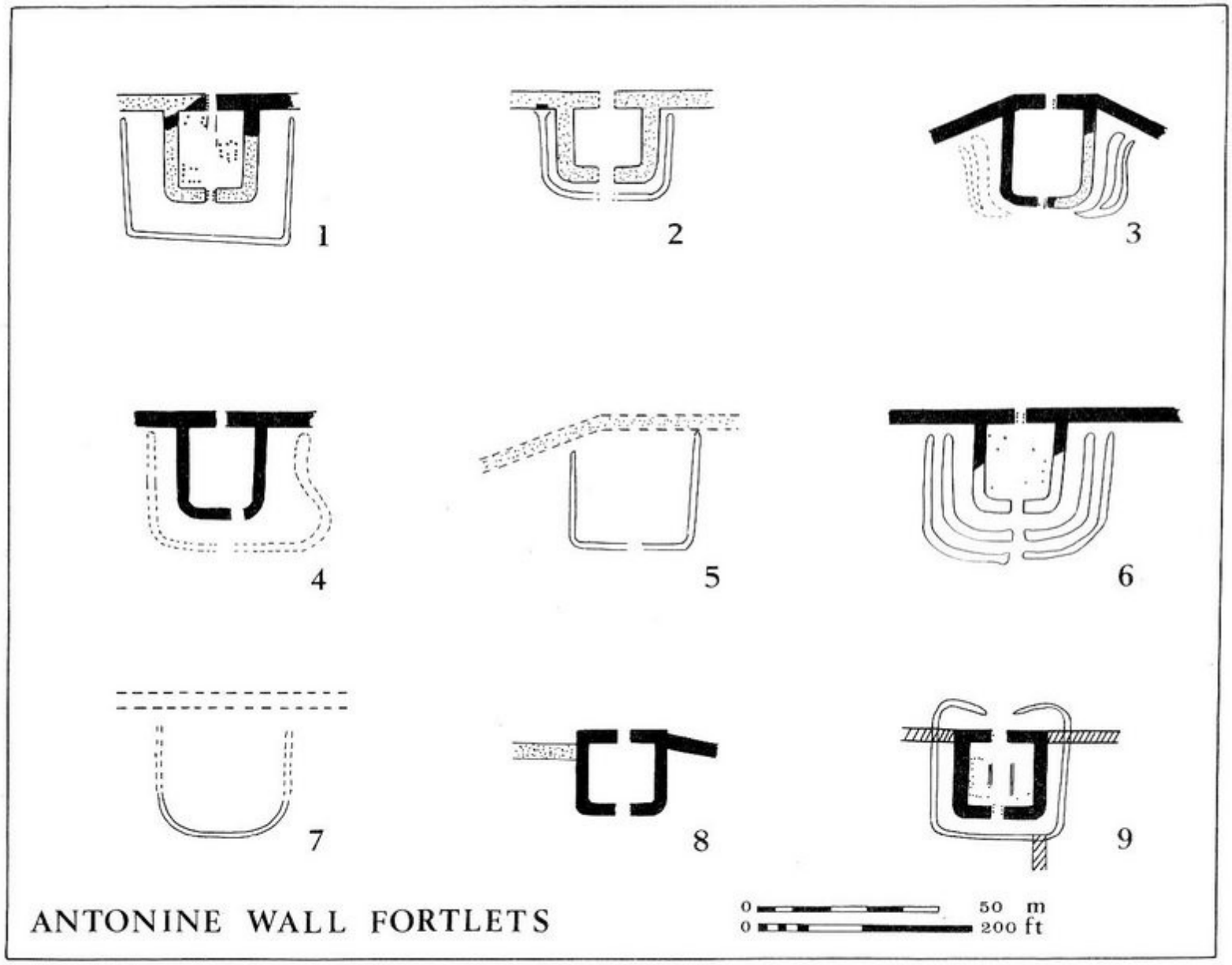


Castlecary fort (after RCAHMS). 1, headquarters; 2, granary; 3, commanding officer's house; 4, barracks; 5, bath-house

Castlecary Fort – aerial view

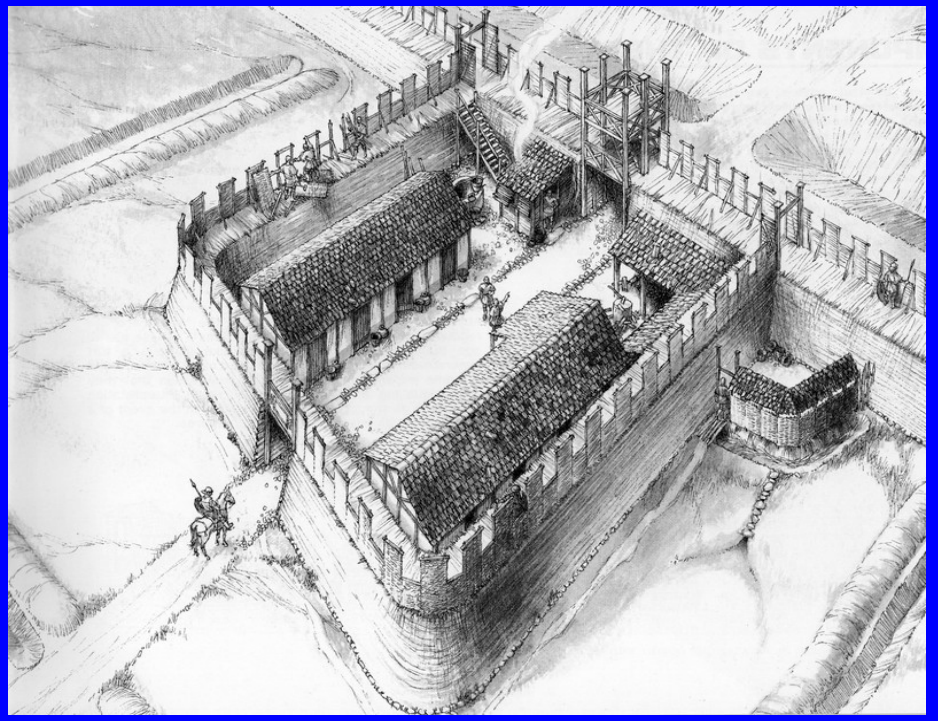
Bar Hill Fort - Model

Seabegs Wood Fortlet – aerial view



Fortlets: comparative plans. 1, Kinneil; 2, Watling Lodge; 3, Seabegs Wood; 4, Croy Hill; 5, Glasgow Bridge; 6, Wilderness Plantation; 7, Summerston; 8, Cleddans; 9, Duntocher

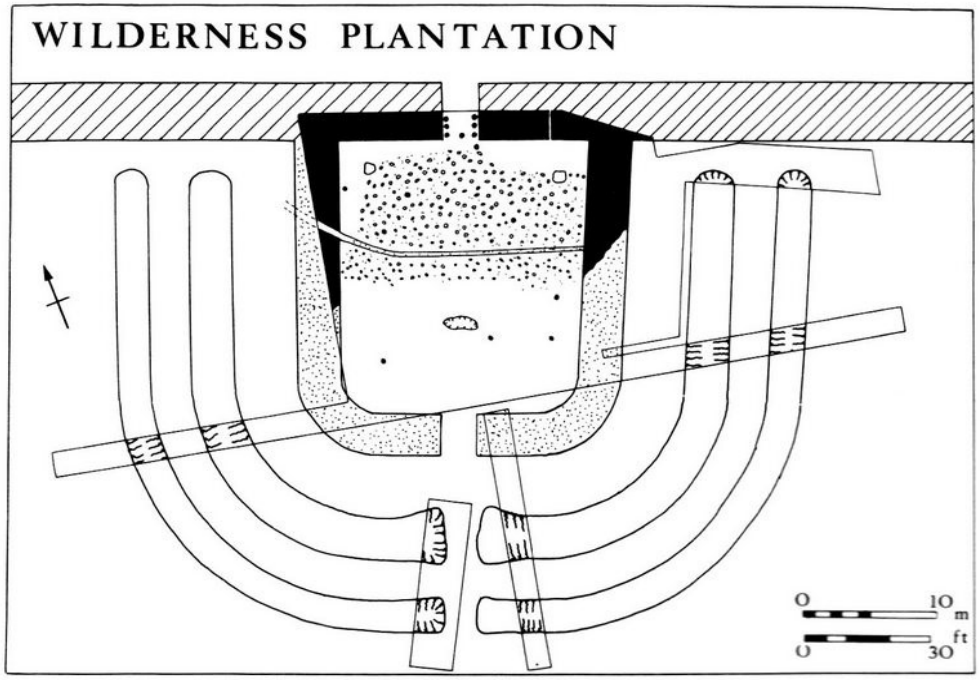
Kinneil Fortlet – aerial view



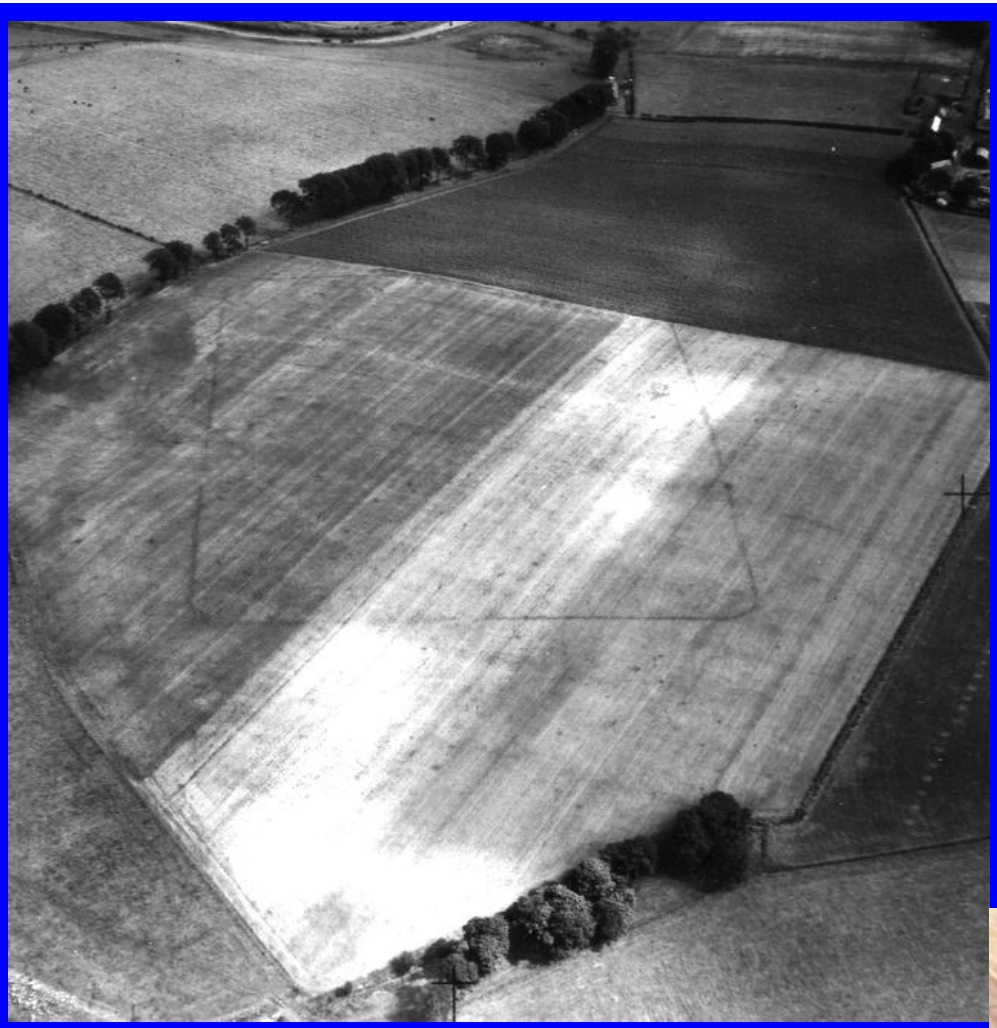
Fortlet reconstruction

Wilderness Plantation Fortlet – aerial view

Excavation – Plan 1965-66

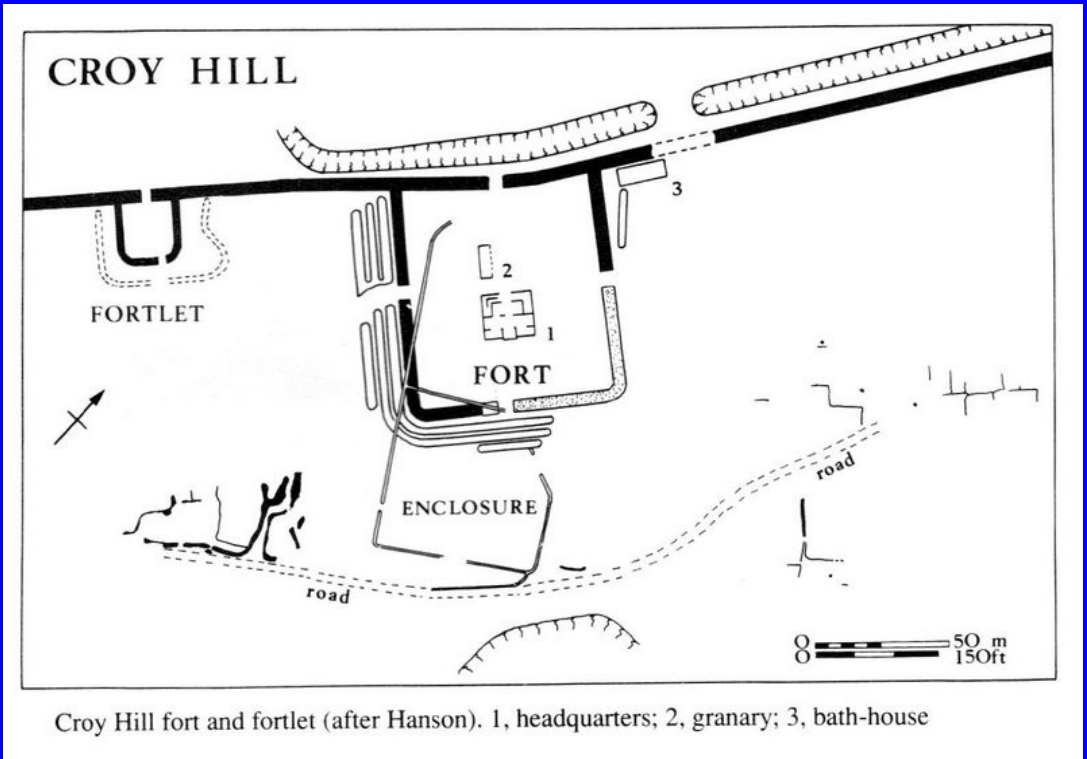


Wilderness Plantation fortlet (after Wilkes)



Buchley labour camp – aerial view

Soldiers in tented accommodation



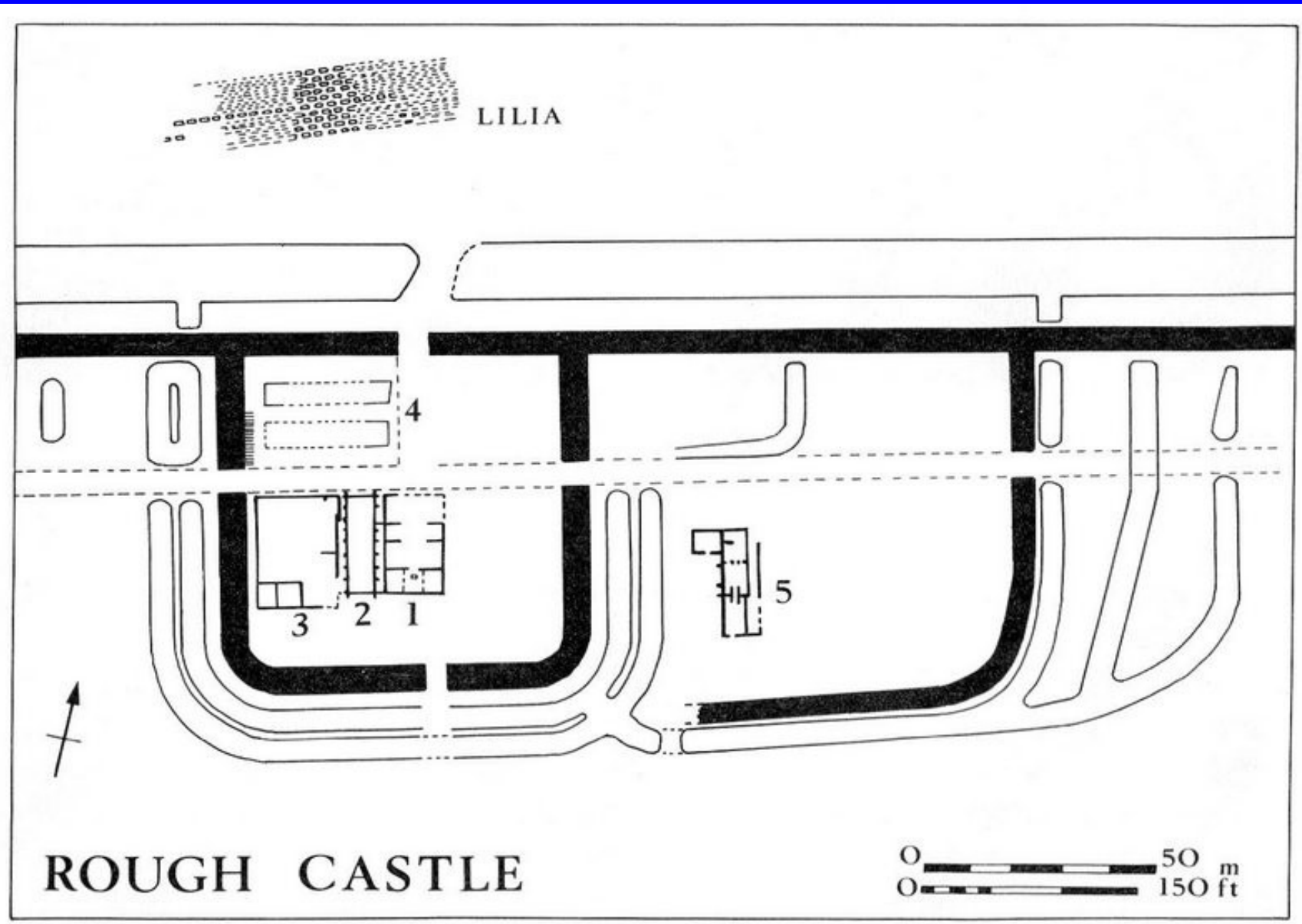
Croy Hill fort and fortlet (after Hanson). 1, headquarters; 2, granary; 3, bath-house

Croy Hill :

1. Surveyor's Camp
2. Fortlet – Primary
3. Fort - Secondary

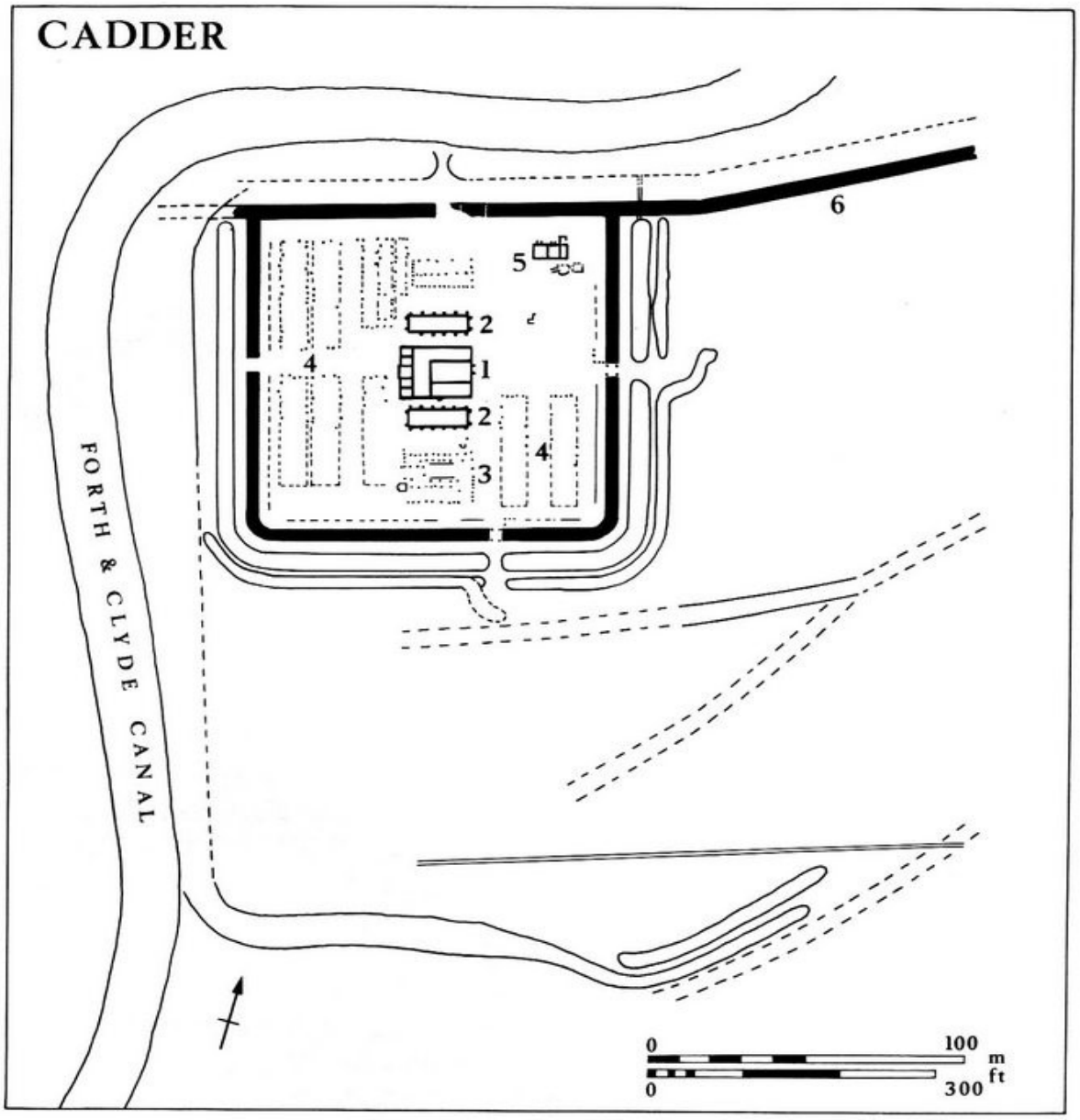
Croy Hill Fort & Fortlet – aerial view

Rough Castle Fort & Vicus – aerial view



Rough Castle fort (after MacIvor, Thomas and Breeze). 1, headquarters; 2, granary; 3, commanding officer's house; 4, barracks; 5, bath-house

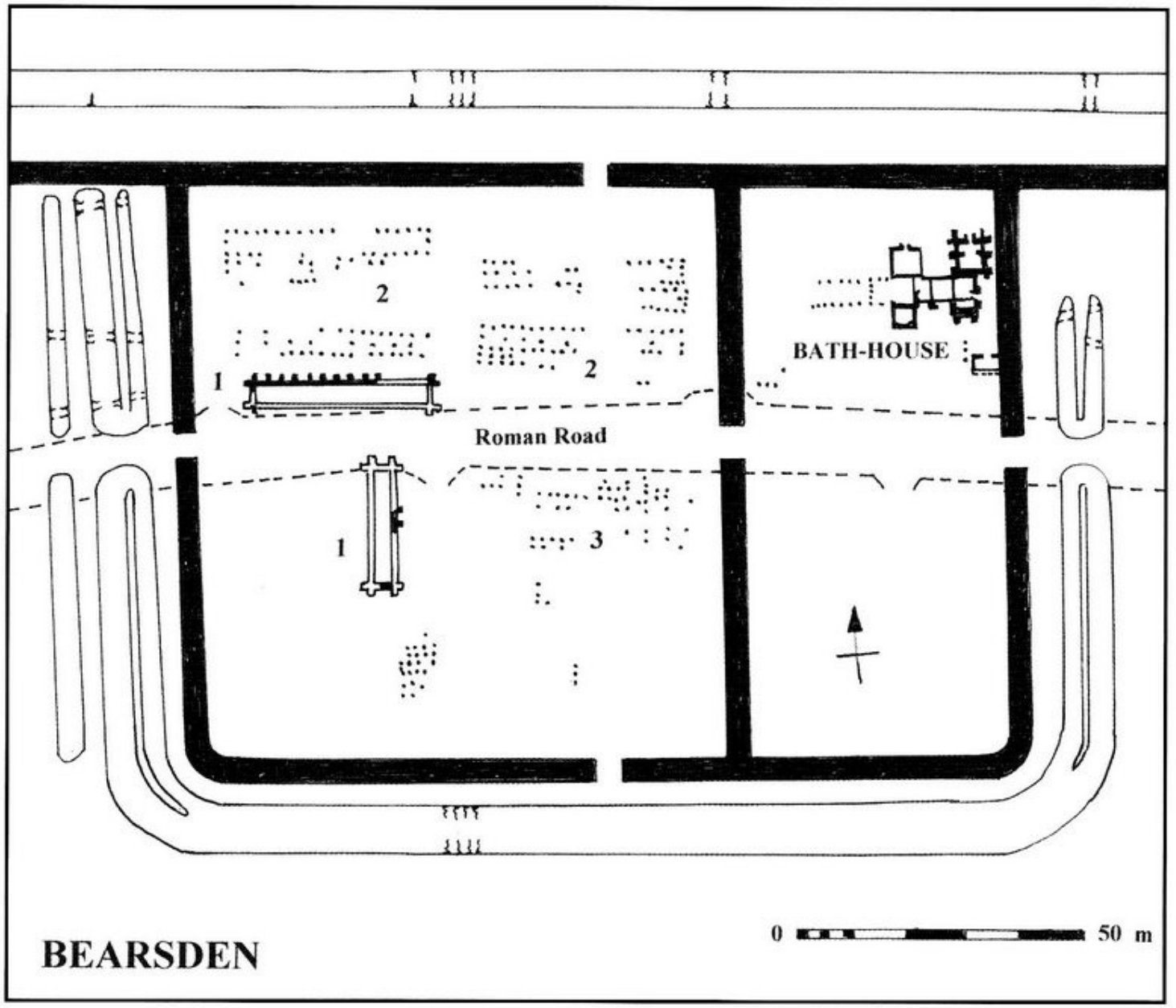
Rough Castle – Secondary Fort - Plan



Cadder fort (after RCAHMS). 1, headquarters; 2, granaries; 3, commanding officer's house; 4, barracks; 5, internal bath-house; 6, site of external bath-house

Cadder – Secondary Fort - Plan

Map showing line of the Antonine Wall & Bearsden Fort in 1755 – William Roy

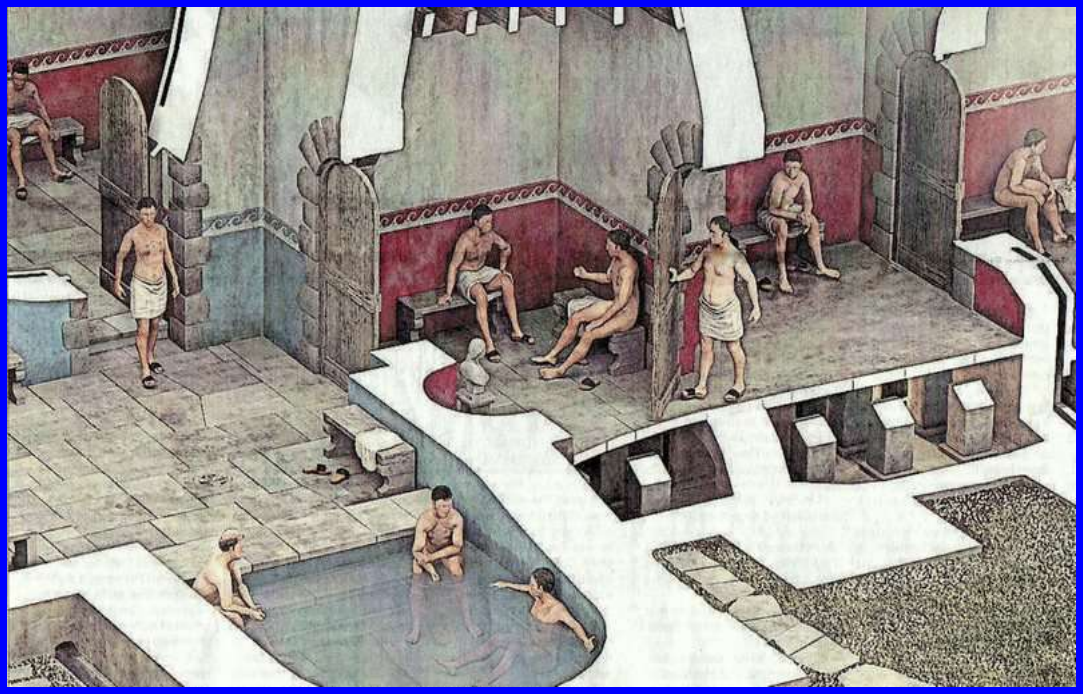


Bearsden fort (after Breeze). *1*, granaries; *2*, barracks and stores; *3*, suggested headquarters building.

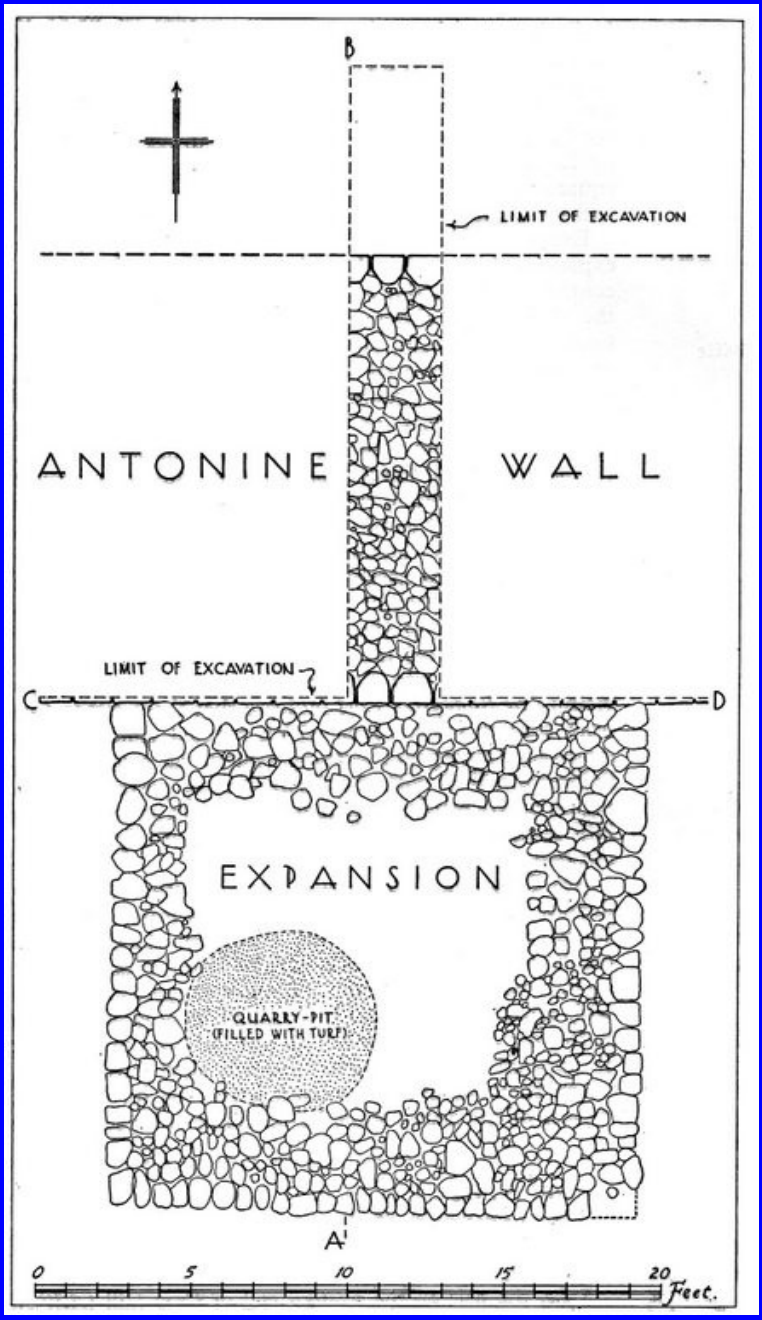
Bearsden – Secondary Fort - Plan

Bearsden Fort – Bathhouse

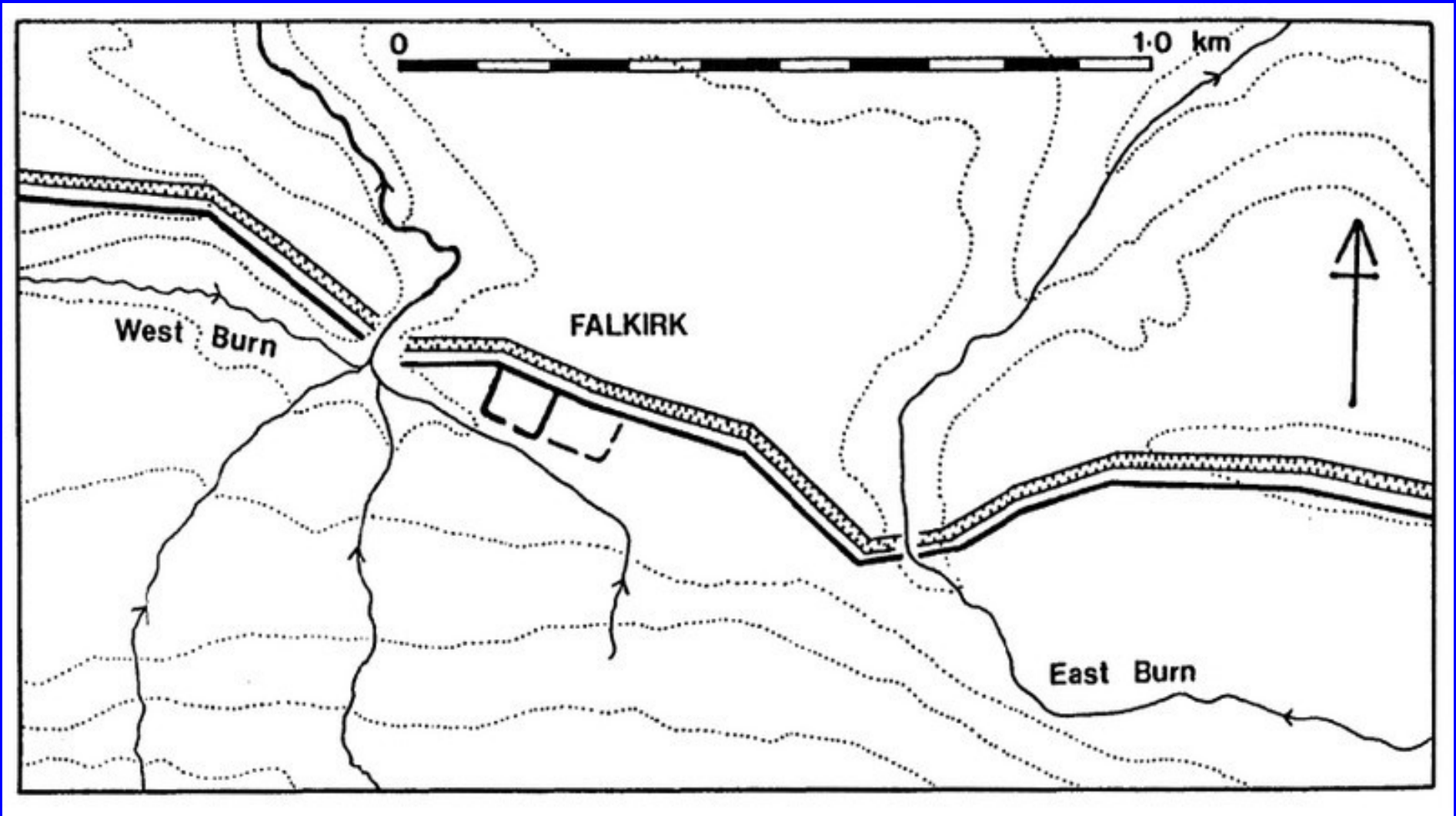
Building inscription 20th legion



Bathhouse - reconstruction



Bonnyside-east Expansion excavation 1957



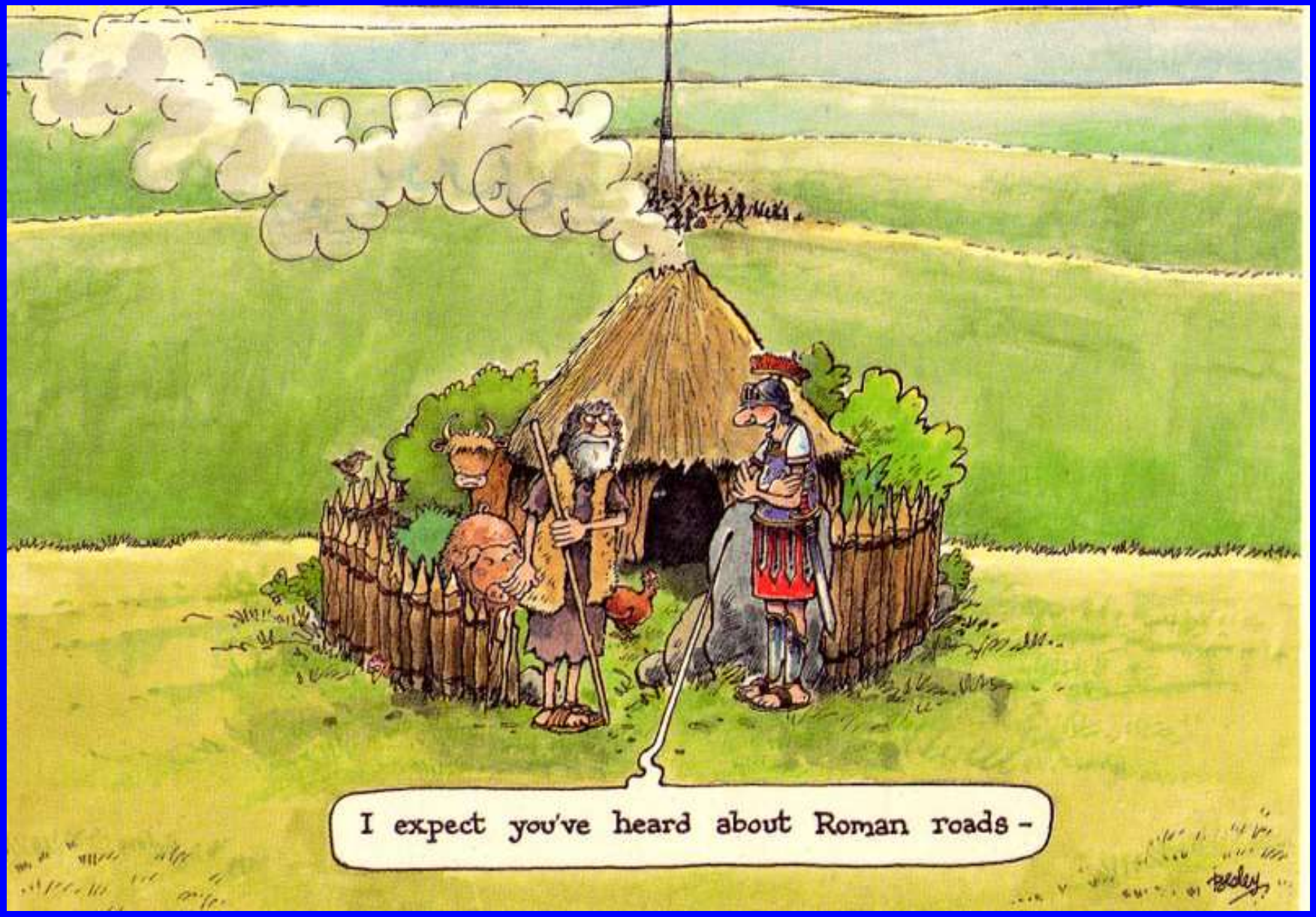
Falkirk – map showing line of the Antonine Wall and location of Mansio or Bathhouse

Falkirk – Kemper Avenue
Mansio or Bathhouse
excavation 1980

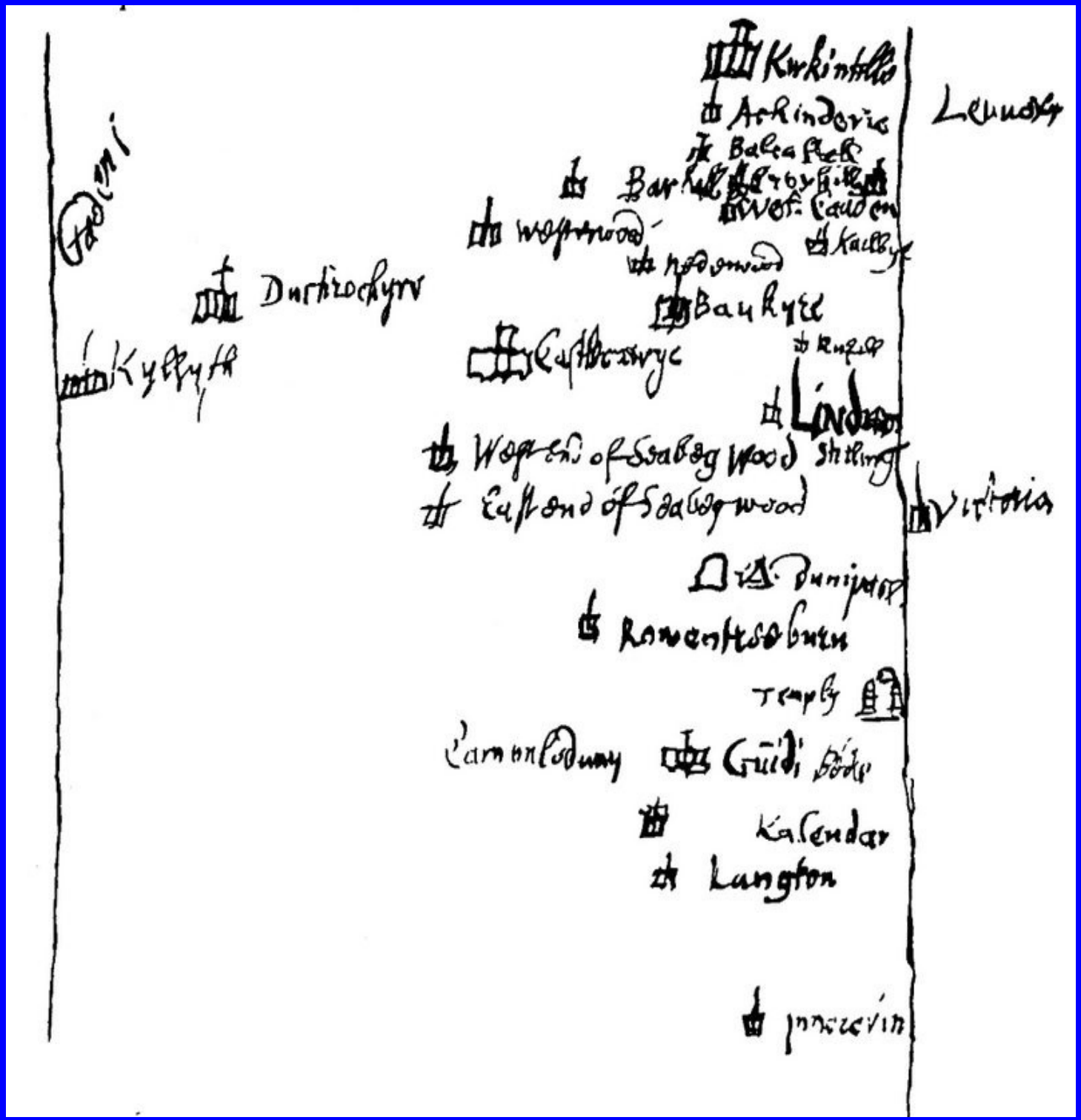
Hypocaust heating system

Native Settlement

Map of Antonine Wall – Forts & Fortlets AD 140 - 163


I expect you've heard about Roman roads -

Westerwood Fort - altar



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Based on Timothy Pont c.1600