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**BAND POTTERY CULTURE, TRANSITIONAL PHASE BETWEEN LINEAR POTTERY (SZARKA TYPE)
AND STROKED-POTTERY CULTURES
SKOROSZOWICE, GM. STRZELIN, WOJ. WROCŁAW, SITE 1, SETTLEMENT, PIT 17**

A uni-cultural settlement, situated in the zone of a dense early-Neolithic settlement, where 21 pits were uncovered. There were also numerous traces of posts some of which were constructively linked with large habitation pits. So far it is the only settlement attesting a local evolution of the older Band Pottery culture (with linear ceramics) into the younger (with stroked ceramics).

BI-1960: 6125 ± 50 , B.P. — 4175 ± 50 BC

Charcoal from a burnt layer above the bottom of pit 17, 40 cm deep.

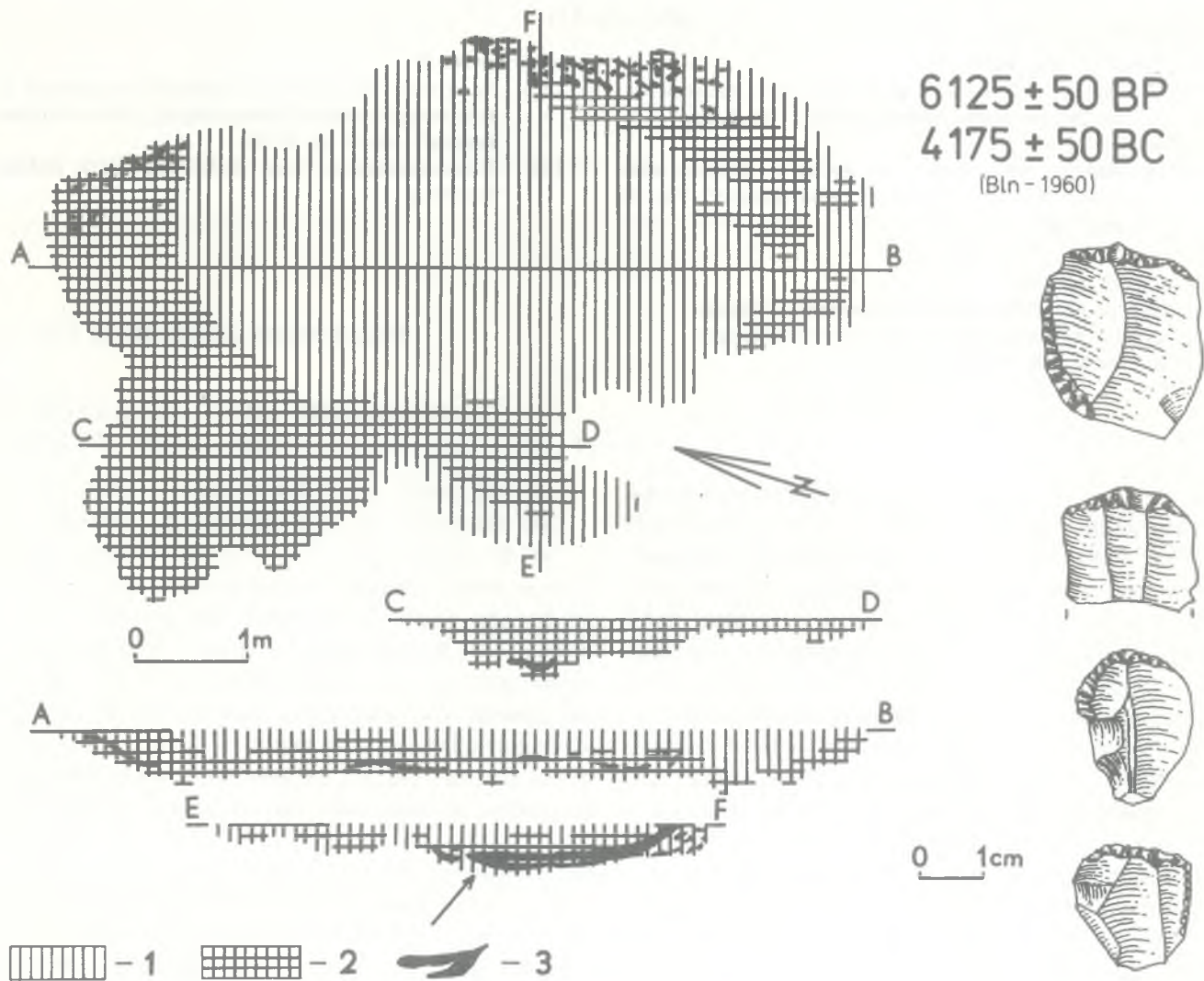
The pit (presumably a semi-dugout) is irregularly rectangular having the measurements of the roof 7.40×4.50 and the depth of 0.48 m with a slightly rippled bottom. Above the fatty, brown humus layer on the bottom, containing rich relic materials, there was found a compact scorched layer in the eastern part, patches of which were also scattered in other parts. Presumably this is a post-conflagration layer resulting from a fire which ruined the construction of the roof (streaks of burnt straw are distinctly perceptible in this layer).

The contents of Pit 17: 575 bits of thin- and thick-walled vessels. The thin-walled vessels (122 fragments), ornamented in Szarka style, strictly correspond to ceramics from Pit 4, from which — besides a predominance of ceramics with Szarka features — fragments were also extracted ornament-

ed with a double stroked line, characteristic of the Stroked Pottery culture (Wojciechowski 1981, 37, Plate IVc). There were excavated moreover, numerous flint objects (chiefly of the Cracow Jurassic flint), a fragment of an obsidian blade, bits of stone-masonry polishing plates, stone grinders, and numerous lumps of red hematite dye.

The ceramic materials obtained in the course of studies belong typologically between the inventories of the Linear Pottery culture, uncovered at Niemcza, Lower Silesia (Lodowski 1973) and at Strachów (Kulczycka-Leciejewiczowa 1977), and inventories of the early phase of the Stroked Pottery culture, uncovered at Niemcza (Kulczycka-Leciejewiczowa 1977), and at Muszkowice (Wojciechowski 1976). This is also confirmed by ^{14}C dating for sites at Niemcza and Strachów. These dates are: for settlements of the Linear Pottery culture 4220 ± 75 BC and 4260 ± 80 BC (Niemcza), and 4220 ± 80 BC (Strachów); for the settlement of the Stroked Pottery culture at Niemcza 3970 ± 80 BC (Kulczycka-Leciejewiczowa 1977). Hence, the date for the settlement at Skoroszowice is younger than the youngest date established so far in Lower Silesia for inventories of the Linear Pottery culture of the Szarka type (Strachów), and older than the date of the early stage of the Stroked Pottery culture (Niemcza).

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Skoroszowice, gm. Strzelin, woj. Wrocław, Site 1, Pit 17, Plan and cross-sections of the pit, fragments of pottery and flint implements

1 - dark brown soil, 2 - very dark soil including ashes and single pieces of charcoal, 3 - layer structured of ashes and charcoal

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