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The finds, interim reports, and detailed specialist reports will be lodged in the Axbridge Museum.

## SITE AND GEOLOGY

### C. RICHARDS

The cave is situated in the Carboniferous limestone on the northern flank of the Bleadon anticline. The rock is a dense crystalline sandy, current bedded limestone of the Tournaisian stage of the Carboniferous Limestone series. It appears to be the lower fraction of a formerly subterranean chamber, whose general character indicates a solutional origin and development, likely to have taken place during an interglacial phase beneath a Pleistocene water table. The chamber was breached by cavern breakdown and hillside retreat, which occurred before its use by man.

## THE EXCAVATION

The excavation was confined to the north-facing entrance and overhang to the cave, and the first 7 ft. of the tunnel, Fig. 2. Only 15 ft. of this entrance rift was completely excavated, the remaining 5 ft. to Level 12 only. The scree slope was not excavated.

About 10 ft. from the back of the overhang was the apex of a mound situated just to the north of the overhang. This mound (Fig. 2 profile) sloped back into the cave entrance and more steeply northwards to the scree slope.