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Using Evan's (1961) terminology, this rim is of the Nett Lake Cord and Punctate type. The third rim is broken close to the lip; exterior decoration consists of oblique right to left cord-wrapped stick impressions over fabric surface treatment. Lip decoration consists of chevron cord-wrapped stick impressions; the interior is plain. The rim is 1.2 cm thick at the lip and 0.7 cm thick one cm below the lip. The rim profile (Figures 25b; 26c) is reminiscent of Selkirk vessels.

Five neck sherds, all probably from Blackduck vessels, were found. Two possess linear punctates over cording and are 0.5 cm and 0.9 cm thick, respectively (mean 0.7 cm). One neck is corded with super-imposed linear punctates and is 0.5 cm thick, one is corded and is 0.7 cm thick, and the fifth neck sherd is 0.6 cm thick and is decorated with three rows of horizontal cord-wrapped stick impressions above a row of shallow punctates above cording.

Nine corded shoulder sherds were recovered at EgK1-2. Mean thickness is 0.5 cm with a range of 0.3 cm to 0.6 cm.

Two hundred sixty-seven body sherds were counted. There are 154 corded body sherds with a mean thickness of 0.4 cm (S = 0.1 cm, range 0.2 - 0.7 cm). Fifty-five fabric sherds have a mean thickness of 0.4 cm (S = 0.1 cm, range 0.2 - 0.6 cm). There are 58 unanalysable body sherds. One unusual fabric body sherd (Figure 26d) is impressed with woven twisted cord.

Fauna Faunal recoveries totalled 66. The 33 pieces of burnt bone weighed 47.4 g and 33 unburnt bone fragments weighed 27.9 g. Fish bone from the uppermost levels is considered to be recent; most other recoveries are not identifiable to species.

✓ Historic Seven glass seed beads (three red, two navy blue, one black, and one aqua), one fairly recent "Copenhagen" snuff tin lid, and one centre-fire .22 calibre short shell were found on the surface and in preliminary test pits.

Spatial Analysis Floor plans showing artifact distribution were studied to determine whether any features were definable at EgK1-2. Two adjacent excavation units were chosen (XU 1 & 3); unit 2 was not included in the spatial analysis because it was three metres away. Two features were recognized, both extending through several levels (Figure 29).

Feature 1 (Figures 27 and 29) is an oval area of cobbles ranging in size from 6 cm to 18 cm in diameter. Total area of the feature is approximately 0.35 m². The rock concentration extended from level III through level VII (6-18 cm). A black organic soil stain was associated with the feature, extending in a roughly V-shaped pattern through the oval area of cobbles. A reddish stain underlay the feature in sterile sand subsoil. Some root disturbance was evident. The feature, defined by both the stain and the area of rocks, contained Blackduck and Selkirk ceramics, flakes, a point base, scrapers, red ochre, and a small amount of burnt bone. Its profile is shown in Figure 27.