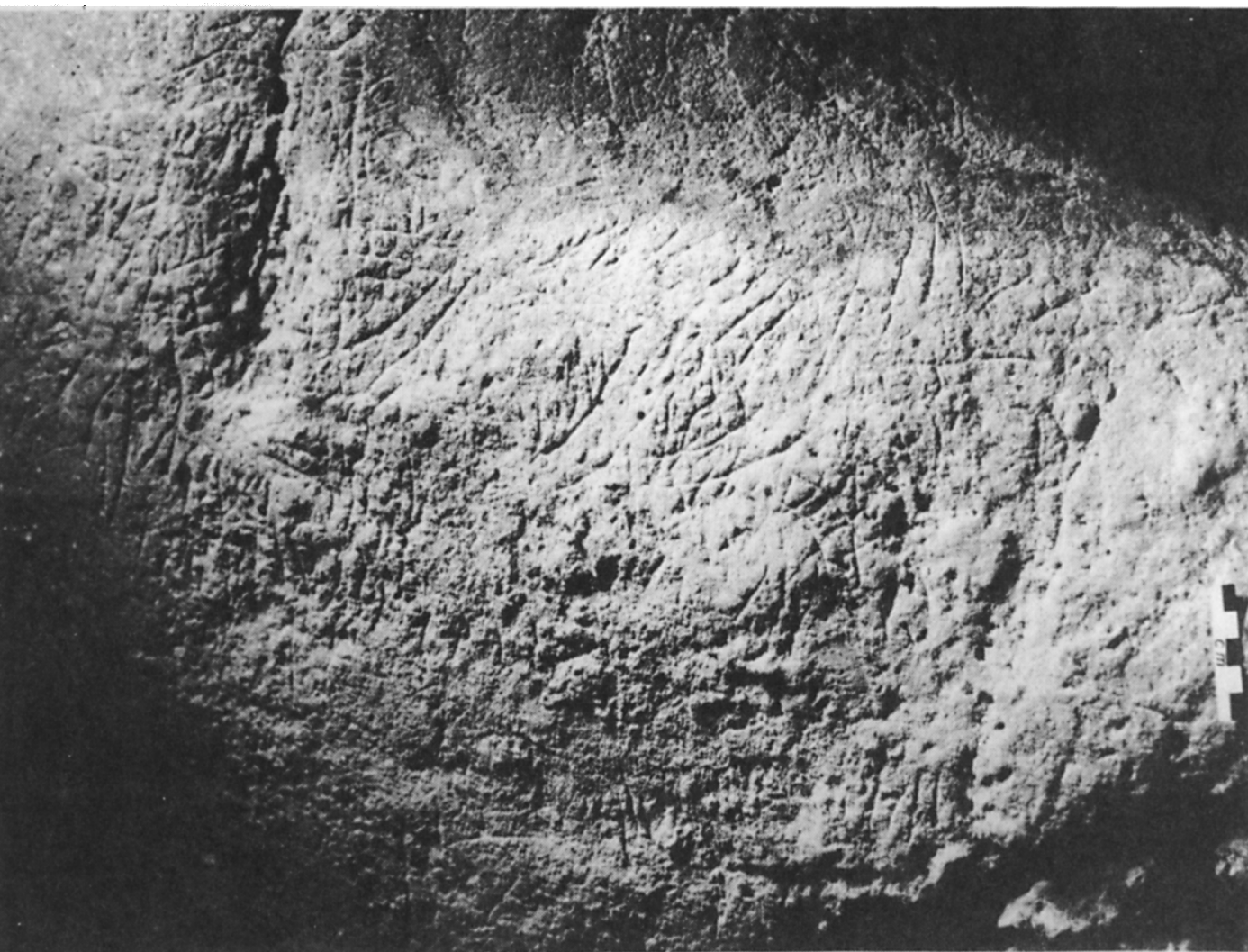


# CAVE SCRATCHES



In many caves throughout the South-east of South Australia, one finds assemblages of linear markings on the walls. At various times, they have been considered as being of either Aboriginal or animal origin.

However, examining their distribution within caves makes either of these hypotheses extremely unlikely, even though each may well be a valid explanation of superficially similar markings at other sites.

Any serious suggestion as to their possible origin will be more than welcome - write it on a bit of paper and send it to Elery Hamilton-Smith or Kevin Mott.

Also, in the tradition of the best British humour (Frank Muir et al.) we sought the most improbable explanation for the marks. However, all the suggestions were so likely to have occurred that we reversed our selection and chose the suggestion of Janeen Grimes as the most probable.

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Hordes of large hairy cavers, in batches  
leave nits on the floor and they hatch.  
Although its not nice, to speak about lice,  
well, when a cave itches, it scratches.