Trench 48A is 3.88 m. It is built of irregularly shaped blocks and is still somewhat irregular in width but at its widest point at the east end it is 6.50 m. wide.

Walls 84 and 10 on the south, wall 83 on the east, wall 80 on the north, and Trench 15A on the west define a space we designate as Space K. It is too early to be certain, but this does not seem to be a room of the MMIII House of Trenches 91A and 91A.

No character seems rather like a passage way. The "double walls" (i.e. 83-75, 10-84) would seem to indicate at least two phases within this structure.

Space K becomes too crowded for four workmen so two are sent to begin clearing the surface levels in the eastern portion of Trench 48A.

Pail 8 (level 1)

Water: sand cleared away in previous years. Present depth: N 11.13 to 11.92

Soil: hard packed sandy brown soil with stone rubble

Pottery: c. 1,500 gr. Early: Hellenistic (just neck handle)

Scrap: Coarse mixture

Other: Shell, bone

Inventoried.

We finish Pail 7 and clean up the handle and base levels (see p. 23). It looks like we may have about 95 cm. of Middle, right down to the Floor 45A.
Five blocks aligned just west of wall 83 and parallel to wall 83 seem to lie only a small stone pile (see photo on p. 24 and sketch plan on p. 22). We remove them before proceeding deeper in Space K.

Pail 9: (level 2)
under pail 3
From depth of 10.09 to 10.42
Type of soil: pile of stones with sandy brown soil
Pottery: very little; 12 small sherds c. 50gr.
3 fragments of black MM II-III cores

Other: inventories:

The largest stone at the north end of the alignment measures 34 x 25 x 21 cm.

12 VIII 1982 view from NW showing pile of stones removed as pail 9, wall 84 and fallen slab

K 82/2:26 12 VIII 82 view from NW of pile of stones in Tr. 48A west of wall 83, removed as pail 9.
We continue clearing the surface levels on the south part of the trench with pail 8 and at the same time continue work in Space K. With a new pail...
Typed soil: hard-packed gray-green clay with stones
Pottery: 800gr; scantly fragments of Cypriot tablet to LMII (Middle Minoan fragments)
Other: stone tools
Inventoried:

Still more of the same - we change pans and make another pass in Space K (see p. 26)

Paid 12 (Level 2)
Under paid 11
From depth of: 9.8 to 9.9
Type of soil: hard-packed gray-green clay with stones
Pottery: ca. 1000gr
YM IIIa - b several black cup fragments with white paint, one fragment fired and white stripes
Other: stone tools
Inventoried:

In the eastern section of the trench we finish our first pass, take levels, and then begin another pass with a new pan.

Paid 13 (Level 1)
Under Paid 8
From depth of: N 10.83 to 11.13
From depth of: S 9.85 to 10.06
Red soil: Sandy brown soil with stone rubble
Pottery: mixed rubble, mostly LM I-IP with Hellenaic amphora handle, large lump of coarse ware and pithos c. 2,850 gr.

Other: shell, stone

Inventoried:
We continue to dig through the clay and stone in Space K, with paid 12 and through the surface layers in the eastern part of the trench with paid 13.

Space K continues to be filled with hard-packed clay and stone rubble which we are slowly making our way through. We finished paid 12 and changed paid for another face (page).

Paid no 14 (level 2)
Under paid 12
Ground depth: 9.6 to 9.8
Type of soil: Hard-packed grey-green clay with stone rubble
Pottery: 3,380 BC MM II-III (2 fragments) (one fragment Kamares ware MM cooking dish)

Others: stone tool fragments

Inventoried.

On the north of Space K it looks like wall 11 terminates in a little projection to the south which could be paid 24 a day away. It is made of well squared blocks which correspond to the planning of wall 11 to the west. To the east we have exposed the southern face of wall 80. This is much less carefully constructed of basically unshaped stone. The wall had a pronounced cant towards the south and may have been weakened by the postulated MM II earthquake. To the east wall 83 is made of carefully laid courses but of small, basically unshaped stone blocks. To the south wall 84 looks more and more like junk. In the trench it was only one or two courses and...
then rest on earth with stone rubble. To the east the lower "courses" of the wall also look like fallen rubble. Wall 10 is mostly made of masonry comparable to that wall 10 with shaped blocks set in courses.

In the eastern section of the trench we have come down on a layer which is mostly sand, but mixed with some earth and stones. We change pails for the new layer.

Paid 15 (level 1)
Under paid 13
From depth: S 10.57 - 10.73
Type of Soil: Sand with some earth and stone rubble
Pottery: c.1,150 gr.
Mixed Greek and Late Minoan

Other: shell

Inventoried:

In Space K we are still in tumbled stones and hard packed clay when we finish our pass. We change pails and make another pass.

Paid 16 (level 2)
Under paid 14
From depth: 9.52 - 9.73
Type of Soil: Stony tumble and hard packed grey-green clay
K82/4:11 16 VIII 82 View of NE corner of Space K, Tr. 48A from South after pail 16 showing pithos fragments in rubble. Pithos C6048

K82/4:12 16 VIII 82 View of Space K, Tr. 48A from South after pail 16, showing pithos fragments in rubble. Pithos C6048

Pottery: MM
c. 1,780 BC

Other:

Inventoried:

We continue to find fallen slabs but Joe Shaw says it would be more obvious if it were a ceiling collapse.
We are getting almost no pottery from the sand layer at all. In Pail 15 approaching the west end of the pass, we suddenly come upon a patch of pottery and bones - just to the east of where such a concentration was found in Pail 2 (see p. 10) and Pail 5. We change tracks.

Pail No. 17 (Level 2)
Under Pail No. 13
From depth of
N 10.88 - 10.83
S 10.55 - 10.62
Type of soil: sandy brown soil, very hard packed
Pottery: LM III
C. 5,020 B.C.

Other: stone, bone, shell
Inventoried:

In Space K in Pail 16 we clean down to a mass of fallen slabs. Just to the west of Wall 83, about midway along the wall's length, we come across a pit smashed by the fallen stone. We have a fit of the impulse and handle a large cave fragment. We sweep up and have photographs taken before we go down further.

In the northwest corner of the trench, between walls 10 and 11, west of the southern projection from Wall 80, we do not have the scatter of stones which covers the east of Space K. Possibly this stone scatter...
NB: Pit 3 turned out to be the niple of CG045

Represent the collapse of wall 80 on the Middle Minoan earthquake. Walls 11 and 10 being more carefully made did not collapse. Hence this little area in the NW of the trench is free of stones. We remove the hard-packed clay in this area with a separate pail.

Pail 18 (Level 3) - Middle Minoan Floor
Under pail no. 16 from depth of: 9.32 - 9.61
Type of soil: Hard-packed grey-green clay

Pottery: MM III - Ramasses ware

c. 1.000 gr.

Other: shell, stone, carbon

Inventoried:

In the remainder of Space K we use another pail and start removing the fallen stones.

Pail 19 (Level 3)
Under pail no. 16 from depth of: 9.37 to 9.52
Type of soil: Fallen stone slabs with hard packed grey-green clay

Pottery: MM III c. 5, 100 gr.

Other: stone, shell

Inventoried:

CG044 tripod cooking pot
CG046 globular jar
CG046 bridge-spouted jar
CG047 " " " "
CG083 " " " command cup
CG049 pithos
In the eastern section of the trench, the sand layer seems to go deeper in the southern portion of the trench, so we dig this out with a new pail.

Pail 20 (level 1)
Under pails 15 and 20
From depth: 8 10.33 - 10.97
Type of soil: Sand and brown earth
Still hard packed
Pottery: LM c. 3,740 gc
Other: stone, shell
Inventoryed.

We soon seem to come to the end of the sand layer which looks like it is on top of some stone rubble. We change pails and start a new pass across the eastern end of the trench.

Pail 21 (level 1)
Under pails 15 and 20
From depth: 10.53 - 10.8
Type of soil: Sandy brown earth
Pottery: LM c. 3,740 gc
Other: stone, shell
Inventoryed.

It was probably the collapse of wall 70, seen here with a pronounced banter that smashed pithos C.6048 and covered the floor with stone rubble.