Dark earth & some rubble
Sheds: scrappy—"21st C.B.C.
Other: bones, charcoal
Inv: B230; bronze pin

A complete, unwroten bronze pin is
found as soon as we start,
rear the centre of the trench.
There is quite a lot of rubble in
the E. part of the trench. The upright
blocks are burnt.

At the end of the day pair it
goes out of use. We must be
pretty close now to the court
surface level, although this surface
may not be as defined here as
it was near the temple.

In the Apothecary I check Tr. 428
and find that the first court surface
associated with Temple C was
one sloping down from N—S, its
N. end being at level 5.60 m.
The present southern limit, as located
under pair 7 in the SW corner of
the being 5.60 m. Under that
surface were the working chips
used in the construction of Temple C.
we replace pail 10 by pail 11 for
in same area and the same fill
(see sketch p.18).

Pail 3:11 - under pail 10
From 5.92 to (N)5.89
Sherds: Scrappy. To 1st c. B.C. join w. pail
Other: bones, charcoal, miniat. vessel
Inv.

The fill is now actually different.
The burning has finished and the earth is brown with just a few small stones. After a layer we stop
using pail 11. We turn now to
the W. section of the trench. We shall try to trace the court surface.
The pail assigned to the first layer
of earth on the surface is.

Pail 3:12 under pail 7 + 11
Earth
From 5.87 to 5.87/5.64
Sherds: Scrappy. To 2nd c. B.C.
Other: bones; bronze piece: B233, junior
Inv.

The burnt stone found in the NE
corner of the trench was found to
sit on earth and was removed.
Removed were also the stones found
in the center of the trench near the
S. scarp.

The surface is more traceable
in the W. section of the trench. Here there are more
pebbles, the earth is more compact and there are tiny stone chips.
In the E area the earth is soft and there are hardly any pebbles. The same situation was encountered in Tr 42 A last year.

We finally reach a tentative surface on the E, as well (yellowish, compact earth) and stop using pail 12. The levels of this courtyard surface are noted on p. 26. We photograph the trench.

We decide to tear down the surface but we shall do it in two sections. We shall start with the I-S. section where the exact surface has been located. We shall dig the E. area separately later:

Pail 3-4:13 W. area of Trench
Under pail 12: Earth & stone chips
From (see p.26) to 5.76 / 5.81 / 5.64
Sherd’s: 2,400gr. very scrappy. Date 1st 1/4 of 4th C. B.C.
Other: bone, charcoal, bronze piece
Inv. B236: nail

The area excavated is 2.20 m W. E-W. Its E. line is 2.70 m away from the W. Bench. Large quantities of stone chips. We leave a marker of the courtyard surface 0.20 m wide to the W. of the N. Bench.

Near the slab we found earlier in the NW corner of the trench (see p.18) we find what looks like a second surface, right under the slab upper one removed in pail 13. It is yellowish, with bits of shells, white earth, bits of stone. We leave the surface untouched and start a new pail to succeed pail 13. We start at the
south part of the trench where the fill still contains softish earth & stone chips

Pail 4 : 1.4 under pail 13 5.64/5.62
From 5.705m to (see sketch p.30)
Earth & stone chips
Sheets : 1800gss. 1st 1/4 of 4th c. B.C.

Other : bones, whetstone, bronze
Inv. B 240. br. needle frag also in
pail 16

There are now masses of stone chips and chunks concentrated at the N. part of the trench. They may be connected w. a building to the north preceding B.B "B."
The so-called surface next to the block at the N.W. corner of the trench turns out to be the top of this plenale stone chip level. The block sits at top and turns out to be a slab c. 0.12m thick. It is slightly rounded along the S. side and unworked.
We start by photographing the trench to show the accumulation of the stone chips. We also take levels. We shall follow the chips with:

Pail 4:15 - under pail 14
Earth & stone chips - Pit
From 5.72 to 5.30
Sherds: 2,480 grs. Joints to 16. to 6th c. B.C. + Minoan
Other: plaster bit
Inv. C 6035: 6th c. cap frag.

Sherds are very few here. We remove the stone chips. An irregular pit emerges continuing to the N. to the W. under the scarp. Within the trench it has a diameter ca. 1.75. The pit is about 0.40m deep (c. 5.72 at top 5.30 m at bottom). We photograph the pit.

Now we shall start excavating the surrounding earth. Starting level are shown on p. 30. We assign here

Pail 4:16 [2 pails]
Brown earth
From 5.64 at 5.66 m to 5.54 m.
Sherds: 4,250 grs. mixed - join to 15 4th - 3rd c. B.C.
Other: bones, shells, charcoal, bronze, bronze tools
Inv. Frag of C 6035
13240: needle frag - also in pail 14.

It is almost pure earth, hardly any stone, though quite a few sherd. After a layer we replace pail 16
by:

Pail 4:17 under pail 16
From 5.54 m to 5.38 / 5.31
Earth and some small stones
Sherds, clay to 16 (6036 - 7th-6th c.
+ much Minoan)
Others: shells, sherds, pumice, bones
Inv.

There is an accumulation of rubble
at the N. scarp. Towards the bottom
of the trench there are more stones (small
ones) than in trench 16. Also as
in 16, there is an occasional round
cobble, egg size.

Excavation: 2 compartments
defined by small upright stones, +
slabs appear 0.40 - 0.60 m N. of
the S. scarp. The W. one is
ca. 0.58 m N-S, 0.68 m E-W, interior
dimension. The E. side of the E.
compartment has not appeared yet. There
is some only fill here, near the scarp
of the E. unexcavated section of the
trench, which we do not want to remove
yet. Further N. a flat block
appears, its orientation different
from that of the compartments. We
discontinue trench 17 and prepare the
new trench for photography. (see p. 32)

We decide to start by digging
the W. compartment. We use

Pail 8: 16 under pail 17
From 5.38 to 5.29
Brown earth
Cup base "to" the late ?
Other: shells, bones, shell
Inv.

We keep the earth for water sieving
There are hardly any sherds. We
Read a weathered surface, perhaps "ashy," and stop using pail 18.

We now shift to the next compartment which we dig with.

Pail 5
Under pail 17
From 5.38m to 5.17m
Earth & sand
Shells: 7593, very scrappy - To 744 B.C.
Other: bone, shell, charcoal
In u.

The fill here is quite sandy - hardly any shells. We reach the bottom, where there is, each w., some darkish patches. We shall have to revert to the w. pit, where the level reached is higher than in the e. one.

We turn to the E. half of the trench where we had stopped excavating earlier with pail 12.

Pail 3-4: 20 and pail 12
Earth and small stones, dark patches
From 5.87 to 5.76m
Shells: 2,906 gns (contaminated) at least 17 Clas-Hell. Not scrappy in Age
Other: bones; Ashy fill for water sieving
In u. S1505: stone lid

The soil contains quite a few stones and patches of burning. A sizeable such patch (occupying an area c. 0.30 m in diam. on the w. edge c. 0.5m N of the s. scarp) level at 5.92`) of v. dark soil, may mark a fire connected w. cooking. Soil is collected for water sieving.
measured drawing of two compartments. Levels in interior those reached w. pails 18 and 19.

Outer dimensions: 1.52 E-W; 0.80 N-S
Sizes of individual stones, in cm.

1 26 x 11
2 33 x 9
3 21 x 8
4 32 x 14; h: 22
5 19 x 8
6 10 x 12
7 15 x 8
8 23 x 10
9 32 x 12
10 25 x 10
11 20 x 10
12 25 x 10; h: 19
13 30 x 8; h: 17

we continue digging w. pail 20 as the soil remains the same. We take levels of the two compartments. Since the ground surrounding them is very uneven it is not obvious just a surface. Until we dig further down we shall not know whether these compartments were interred or were little chasm closings.

A stone lid (0.055m. thick) is found at the N. edge of the trench, near a sloping stone slab which has just appeared. There seems to be less stone now and we start using:

Pail 4:21 under pail 20
From each
From 5.76 to 5.58
Sherds 3,850 grs. To 6th c. B.C.?? and late 7th.
Other: shells, bones, charcoal, little dish

The fill remains the same but we change pail. We try to match pails with the W. half of the trench. This will correspond to pail 17.

Pail 4:22 under pail 21
Brown earth & stone
From 5.58 to 5.44 m.
Sherds: 6,800 grs. Lots of Iron Age, but possibly 6th c. B.C. Quite a bit Minoan
Other: bones, orange/purple substance, pumice, shelly
Inv. C6032: loanweight, piece of iron
C6038-6040

There is an accumulation of stone debris at the N. edge of the trench on the way in the W. half. Little egg-sized cobbles turn up.
Also 2 large chunks of pumice. Then some bits of orange & purple clay-like matter, of the type which has been found in the past in 7th C. levels around the temple (c. 546 BC).

We are now just above the level reached in the W. half. We shall remove this last layer with:

Pail 4:23 under pail 22
From 5.44m for see sketch p. 38

E.g. 5 stone sherds 300-400 yrs. Scrappy -> to 7th C. B.C.
Much modern admixture

Other: piece of iron; piece of bronze, bone, shells
In v. 3:23:7: rivet

The fill continues as above, we are now essentially at the level reached in the W. section of the trench.

Note: The above should have been about half as wide, since pail 23 was used in the east section of the trench.

Correction: MCS Oct 1982
Roll 2, Fr. 32
Trench at level of double hearth
From East
Also in colour

View of Trench from E

A: double hearth
B: possible wall: top 5.41
C: pile of rubble removed w. pail 24

we continue using pail 23. We clean the area directly E. of the E. compartment and find that the earth here is red, burnt with some ash. It is possible that we are dealing with hearths. We are readying this level for photography (see p. 40).

We proceed with excavation in two areas: 1) inside the E. compartment, where excavation had stopped earlier at an ashy level 2) removal of stone debris at the N. scarp of the trench.

Pail 5: 24 - under pail 18
Ashy earth (kept for water viewing)
From 5.285 to 5.18 m
Sheets: 400 g. Undatable
Other: Ashy fill from hearth from W. Screeing

In W.

we shall continue here till we reach the bottom of the upright slabs, as in the E. compartment. The burning in fact inside the W. section and outside the E. one suggest that we have here two hearths, or a double hearth.

Pail 4: 25
Removal of rubble
Max. top: 5.665; max. bott. 5.41
Sheets: 2,900 g. Scrapping - seems all
Other: minor, much worn. MN?

In W.

we shall now take the level down in the entire trench.

Pail 4: 26 - under pail 23
From (see p. 38, sketch) to c. 5.29
Brown earth & stones