This morning we continued excavating the sand west of wall 7 in the sounding west in Trench 14 A1. Pail 33 was retained for material from here.

A stone pail was uncovered in the NW corner of the sounding. The soil here contains earth, rather than being only sand, so a new pail is being used.

Pail 35
Under Pail: 33
Type of soil: sand mixed with earth
Depth: 5.11 - 4.82
Pottery, contents: Probably, represent an accumulation, MM/LMI/LMIII
Other: This pail comes from the soil not mentioned.

I am still looking for the east face of Wall 7. Pail 34 has been retained for material from above Wall 7, and a new Pail is being used for material east of Wall 7 and west of Wall 1.

Pail 36
Under Pail: 32
Type of soil: soft, light brown, silty soil
Depth: 4.91 - 4.72
Pottery, contents: Probably, homogenous
Other: shell, charcoal

The area in the sounding west of Wall 7 has been leveled at a depth of 4.82. The soil at this surface is no longer pure sand but a sandy silty soil. A new Pail will be used for further excavation here.
Paid #1: 37.1.3
Under Paid: 33.1.3
Type of soil: mixed sand and silt, mixed depth: 4.8 - 4.70
Pottery contents: mixed LM II, LM III and classical Hallstatt (?) (there are no good or dates on any material)
Other: sea pebbles, shell, charcoal, plaster
Inventoried:

This excavation west of wall 7 has uncovered more of the pile of stones sloping down from the NW corner of Trench 14 A1, from its highest point at 5.11 m. down to about 4.70 m. After being photographed, this pile of stones will be removed.

A new paid will be used for material from within the pile of stones, and from within the loose stones around the southern end of wall 7.

Paid #1: 38.1.3
Under Paid: 35.1.3
Type of soil: mixed sand and silt
Depth: 4.70 - 4.49
Pottery contents: worn and/or concreted mixtures, majority MM II/LM I, with some LM III
Other: sea pebbles, shell, charcoal, plaster
Inventoried:

This pile of stones should be the remains of earlier walls, over which wall 7 was built. The material in paid 36 should date wall 7, for the interior area seems to have been east of the wall. This is clear from the soil which is earth rather than sand as is the case west of wall 7, and from charcoal, domestic pottery, including a burned cooking ware sherd.
Excavation continues west of Wall 7. Under the medium sized stones of the stone pile we are uncovering smaller, loose stone in the sandy silty soil. Pail 38 retained.

After removing the stone piled against the south end of Wall 7 (Pail 38), I am changing to Pail 39 for material from the soil east of Wall 7.

Pail #6: 39
Under Pail 6: 36

Type: Soil
Depth: 4.72 - 4.64

Pottery contents: latest material LMT L151651.

Other: Soil contains sea pebbles, charcoal, plaster.

The excavation south and east of Wall 7 has uncovered blue painted plaster at a depth of 4.64. There is insufficient time to preserve and remove this plaster today; it will be covered with earth and removed tomorrow.
Continued excavation took place in Trench 14 A 1 today. While I uncover, the fragment of wall plaster east of Wall 7 by the workmen excavate west of Wall 7 in silty soil with some sand and many small stones.

Pail 38, 1, 3 has been hauled for material from this area west of the wall, and Pail 39 for material east of the walls in association with the wall plaster.

The fragments of plaster are found to lie both painted face up and painted face down. They are associated with charcoal and are found in a clayey soil which contains some sea pebbles.

A number of large fragments have now been revealed. All have either blue paint or are unpainted.

West of Wall 7 many sherds are found in the layers of silty soil, and stones at 38, 1, 3 has been extended to 4, 4 pails.

The top of a new wall, Wall 8, has been uncovered west of Wall 7 at a depth of 4. 49 m.

Like Wall 7, to which it is parallel, Wall 8 slopes from a high point in the north to a lower depth in the south. A new pail is being used for material above the wall and below its highest point and beside the top of the wall to the west.

Pail # 40

U. P. 38

type of soil: light green brown, silty soil with many stones

depth: 4. 49 - 4. 29
Paid 40, cont'd.

Pottery contents: MM, LMI, LMIII, unit represents long accumulation

Other: Plaster, gone

Inventoried:

It has been decided to leave the wall plaster east of Wall 7 in situ until next year. Samples have been taken (Pail 37) and the rest of the plaster covered with earth. As this earth may contain sherds from a different or content than the plaster, sherds from the soil just above the plaster should not be used for dating next year.

Wall 8 seems to come to an abrupt end at the same point (roughly) as Wall S7. Possibly both walls were cut by a trench or some kind of antiquity.

West of Wall 8 has now been leveled at a depth below the top of the well. There are many sherds in the surface material from below this depth of 4.29 will be put in a new pail:

Pail #: 41, L3
Under pail 40, L3

Type of soil:

Depth: 4.29

Pottery contents: Scappy, may all be 

mm III

Other: Plaster

Inventoried:

N.B. wall 8 does not end opposite Wall 7
5 August, 1977

Today is the last day of excavation for the 1977 season. I am working only in 14 A1 in the Munson level associated with Wall 8.

First we are removing stone rubble fill from between Wall 7 and the stone fill underlying Wall 7. A new pit is being used for material from here.

Pail #: 42, 1, 3
Under Pail: 40, 1, 3
Type of soil: Light brown silty
Depth: 4.64 - 4.10
Pottery contents: Small und, except for some possible L M III tepid, MM II/III material
Other: Fill is the same as Pail 40, with densely packed stones.

Inventoried:

This work east of wall 8 has uncovered a possible cross wall running to the east under wall 7.

Further excavation has shown that this is not a cross wall but a course of stones blocks parallel to the single course of wall 8 already uncovered. Wall 8 thus appears to be two courses wide.

We are now excavating west of Wall 8, removing rubble. Pail 41 has been renumbered for this material. Removal of rubble here has revealed a third course of Wall 8, this material from Pails 41 and 42 comes from above wall 7 and we are not yet excavating within a room.

Wall 7, as now revealed, measures 1.15 in width. We have the western face of Wall 8 but the eastern face is under Wall 7.
The great size of wall 8, and its location near the sea, where one would expect a slope, suggests that it may have served as a retaining wall to create a terrace.

I am now excavating west of Wall 8 (not definitively) along the face of the wall, up to the base of Trench 14 A1. A new Pail:

Pail # 43, L3
Under Pail # 41, L3
Type of soil: clayey brown soil with much rubble
Depth:
Pottery Contents: homogeneous MM III unit, no sign of LM I or MB I/II
Other: plaster, gone

I encountered, c 795, seal with applique

Excavation here has shown that the western face of Wall 8, that is, the westernmost of the three courses exposed, is to only one block deep. The course rests upon clayey soil and small stones.

The easternmost course which lies for the most part underneath wall 7 seems now to be the a monumental stairway, with the third western course serving as a retaining wall. The stones of the stairway are very worn. The slope is gradual and rising 32 cm over a distance of 1.50 m. Pail # 43 dates this stairway to the MM III period. The site is that of an MM structure being covered with rubble, over

Monumental staircase and retaining wall
Trench 14 A1, L3
Roll 25

Monumental staircase and wall 6
Tr. 14 A1 from north. Walls 1, 3, 5 and 6 clear.

which L M I structures are found (in the case wall 7) parallel the situation in Trench 9 A.

NB. The excavation of the MM ramp was continued in 1978. See NB 23, pp. 49-64.
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     1 Hel

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     1 Hel - 1
     1 Hel
     1 Hel, 2 fum
     3 Hel
     12 Hel
     24 Hel, 2
     17 Hel

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     1 Hel
     1 Hel, 2 fum
     3 Hel

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KOMMOS Marine Molluscs

14A  2:3  2 PAT
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     1 MON
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     3:38
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     191/2 PAT
     1 TUR  f