thick walls. The pits are fragmentary and there is no trace of burning. There is an occasional bit of charcoal. The sherd s, the brick chunks and the charcoal are labelled under:

Pail 52
From pits in koukouras
Sherds: 50 sherds from one pitsh (med. coarse)
3 sherds from MTH11
Other: bits of charcoal; sample of dark earth chunks
In.

At the bottom of the pit is preserved the base and a bit of the walls of the pitshs set in the hole. Part of the bedrock is broken at the west side of the hole so that an opening is created. This may be accidental.
Excavation continues south of Wall 20 and west of Wall 22 with Pail 59. Rubble and stone continue with very little pottery. The blocking wall between Wall 23 and Wall 20a makes it impossible to expose the west face of Cutting Wall 22.

We limit digging west of the line of Wall 23 and the blocked space and all the way to the edge of the hill, where bedrock appears. The bedrock was cut in the shape of a large rectangular block (see sketch p.119). Removal of stone has brought us down to a darkish soil fill, the surface sloping gently down from east to west.

Pail 53 under pail 57
From 19.92 at E to 19.84 at W.
Soft darkish earth
Sherds: 300 gr. Mostly fine buff. All sherds small. Largest is 10 cm.
Other: bone, charcoal bits

There are only few stones now and rather small.
We reach bedrock and find that an irregular pit, roughly circular, was dug into it. Some 0.65m north of Wall 23 and some 0.15m from Wall 20a. In it are some small stones and some sherds, including fragment of a pit with rope pattern. The sherds go into:

Pail 54 under pail 53
Pit: soft brownish earth
Sherds: 800 gr.
Nothing closely datable
Other: bone

Wall 20a is found to sit on bedrock and so does Wall 23. Excavation N of Wall 20 is in NW section is discontinued after the excavation of the rock pit.
Trench 12A4

A new trench begins directly south of 12A3. It has the same E-W dimensions 5.48 m and 3.00 m N-S, and the north edge aligns exactly with that of trench 5B. The sand layer has eroded here and we start with a mixed layer of sand and hard sand and earth. There are bits of stones throughout.

In the east section and next to wall 6 the surface dips down forming a shallow circular cavity, which we know is the result of the pit dug here after WWII by soldiers who gathered mines along the coast and exploded them all here. The levels on the top surface appear in the sketch p. 116. The pit was here in

*Poil 55 level 1-2 (see plan, p.116)*

- Sand and hard sand
- Shards 1,350 g
- MM - LM, all small or coarse; Byz. One Byzantine sherd
- Other: Pieces from exploded mines
- Inc. C40F - Byz. Sherd

There is much shattered stone, pieces of mines, debris of stone roughly at the center of the trench along the line of wall 23

Levels of Trench 12A4 before excavation

Dashed lines: pit in which mines were exploded after WWII

Grid coordinates:

- 970.86 x 1211.12 at NE
- 970.86 x 1206.12 at SE
Excavation continues in Trench 12A4 with

Pail 56  Level 1-2
Under pail 55 sand + earth, mixed
some 0.20-0.30m. below the top of pail 55
Sherds 3,430 gr. Mixed unit MM III/LMIA in one
out bowl with ripple ware; LMIA-B; LMIA cups a bowls
other: spindle whorl
Inv. C 431: spitted clayball

What looks like a southern extension of wall 23
begins to be traced. It meets with an E-W
wall which runs some distance west and then
meets a wall going north. Thus an enclosed
space is created in the NE area of the trench.
To judge from the W. scarp this must be packed
with rubble, just like the southwest corner of
Trench 12A3. A new pail is assigned to this
compartment.

Pail 57  Level 2-3
Under pail 56 From 20.66 at e/20.50 at w.
soft brownish fill full of stone
Sherds 1660 gr. Latest date: LMIA. Mixed MM
x LMIA
Other: piece of gypsum (natural), here
Inv. C 432: MM vessels with stamped decor.

The walls are numbered as following: The
E-W wall will be 25, the N-S one
26. Rubble fill and softest earth continue
in this space. To the east, between walls
23 and 6 the remains are basically shattered
because of the explosion of the mines. Instead
Pail 56 here will be now replaced by:

Pail 58  L: 2-3 From c. 20.62 m
under p. 56
shattered material from mine explosion
sherds 940 gr. LMIA: uniform unit,
many small LMIA – only a very few MM survive.
Other carbon, bones, red patella
Inv. C 441: coarse red cauldron dish (LMIA?) C 442, 160
The area covered by this part is that east of wall 23 and south of wall 25, in the narrow space left between the latter wall and the south scarp (c. 0.70 m W.E.S.). This strip of earth slopes down towards the west, where at the very edge a ledge of bedrock has appeared.

Wall 26 turns out to be only one course and to have no face on the west side. It appears at the moment to be a retaining wall we clean wall 26 and prepare it for drawing and photography. Removal of a few small stones from west of it reveals a face and further courses on this side. Wall 54 is assigned to the strata from clearing the west face of wall 26 and around the corner, next to the west end of wall 25.

Wall 54 just above bedrock
West edge at bench
Smallest stones, brownish earth
Sherds: 590 qr. Late date MM. - Small unit
good cup, carnelian cup base, survival of Basket. ware
Other: stone object. This has proved to be a piece
Inv. C 444 cup, dark painted
x of cement. This indicates contamination on the hillside
Extensive parts of an MM pot are found at the south end of wall 26. Bedrock is visible here and as we clear an earth it is seen to slope down towards the east.

At that very corner bedrock is cut down forming a shallow circular depression, another "Stamnosphoris", comparable to two more found further south, also deep in bedrock (Trench 12 A 3). While to the west we expose bedrock to the south of wall 26 we reach a hard bedrock, brown fill and stop excavation, which can be resumed here when the level of the fill further east is taken down.

Excavation is resumed within the compartment enclosed by walls 23, 25, 26, and a new part.
Wall 6 is utterly destroyed here. We dig its sheltered debris, bits and powder, white and yellowish of crushed limestone. Wall 25 extends to the east for one large block, beyond the east of wall 23, beyond which it is lost, in the epicenter of the mine explosion. Originally it probably met with wall 6, thus creating a small compartment enclosed between walls 21 to the north, 23 and 6, west and east and wall 25 to the south. It is decided to dig this compartment and cease excavation south of it and of the western compartment now being dug with Pail 60.
Excavation in the compartment east of wall 23 begins with:

Pail 61 From 20.55m (2)
under pail 58
Brownish-white earth with shattered debris

Shards

Other: bone

In the compartment west of wall 23 the reddish-brown earth becomes finer, still brownish. We must be close to bedrock and indeed wall 25 sits on bedrock on a couple of places, on its N side. The level now is irregular: 19.76 at NE corner, 19.88 at SE corner, 19.84 at SW corner, 19.88 at NW corner, 19.70m at NW corner.

Pail 62
under pail 60
Brownish earth

Shards: 380gr. Tiny unit; later
date: M.M-A

Other: piece of plaster, bone, sample of fill from bedrock

Ino: C.445: sherds from kamase wate jar or

amphora.

Description of walls (see sketch, p. 122)

Wall 6: About 0.90m wide, no leg?

Beyond this point it continues to be south-eastern, but some 3-4 courses lower since the upper courses have been shattered by the explosion:

Total: exposed length: N-S: 4.18m.

Its facade is on the east side. On the west side barely a face.

Wall 21: It forms a rough west return to wall 6.
It is about as thick and has its facade (not very neat) on the north side. On the south side there is hardly a face. Even down to bedrock.

Wall 23: Meets wall 21 at right angles projecting slightly beyond the north face of wall 21. On the west it has a face.
Area west of wall 24 after removal of stones from near pit (see pp. 127, 129)  

Wall 6a  
East face  
West face  

Wall 23  
Sc. 1:50  

Wall 24  
Space T  

wall 23a  

Wall 20  

bedrock  

slabs  

roll 12  

Very newly built but only for a length of 0.50 m, beyond which to the south it has no face at all. Indeed it is possible that the southern section, which does not have an east face either may be an addition (wall 23a) while 23 is c. 0.50 m wide, 23a is some 0.90 m wide. Both go down to bedrock.  

Wall 25  E-W to left and right of wall 23a some 0.90 m wide with fair faces both N and S. The fill to the south is not excavated yet. To the north the wall is preserved for some 3-4 courses, and sits on bedrock which here forms a ledge.  

Wall 26 meets with wall 25 at its south end at an acute angle. Extends in a northeasterly direction for its width is some 0.60 m and it has no face at all. On its west a ledge of bedrock has been found and near its south end a circular cavity drag in the bedrock.  

12A3 East of wall 23 the shattered material continues and we decide to stop excavation here. Before moving to a new trend a few clearing operations will be undertaken. The first is the removal of the stones possibly sitting on top of a slab pavement found both east and west of wall 24 in trench 12A3. These stones have already been photographed (see p. 112). The first stone to be taken out turns out to be a queen sitting up side down. A paell is assigned here.  

Pennel 6B  3 just above slab row  
west of wall 22 under paell 53  
Shards: 180gr. Latest date LMI, but unit is too small  
Other: 3 pounds; bones  
Two.  

A pounder found in the fill. We reach bedrock.
Room J from East

Before removal of stones of wall 6a (stone 1-8)
Below, same, with wall stones removed and some of
the fallen slabs taken out.
Encircled numbers indicate walls
a, b: two of the more impressive fallen slabs
a: 0.47 x 0.80 x 0.40
b: 0.38 x 0.58 x 0.15

X work in Trench 12A1 (SB) continues
Excavation in Room J initiated in the
1976 season (= Trench 5B).

which is rather level here. Noteworthy are the
following features:

1. Two slabs near wall 27
at the south end. There may be a continuation
of the floor in the room to the east;
2. Two slabs in the SE corner, sitting on top of
another slab and a stone ? stool ? table.
See sketch, p. 126.

In the compartment west of wall 23 we
also reach bedrock, here of a very irregular
surface. The bedrock was obviously cut down
leaving ledges where the walls would be built.
There are indications of some quarrying here as
well, a couple of rectangular cuttings. One
of them against the east face of wall 26
is connected with a groove (accidental?
channel) which terminates in the deep
wide hole for a ledge key found in
connection with Trench 12A3. Whether these
cuttings are intentional is unclear.

Trench 12A1 (SB)

The next cleaning operation (and now our work
in Trenches 12A3-4 is finished) takes us to
area J, dug partially last year (Tr. SB)
partially this season (Tr. 12A1). Wall 6a
which has necessitated stopping work here
previously, because of danger of collapse will
be restored. Photographs are taken, a sketch
made, its slabs marked both on the stones
and in the pictorial record. 8 slabs are
removed and excavation starts where the
fill is highest, in the N.W. corner of the
room (see upper photograph, p. 128).

2 pails Pail 64 x 3 From c. 20.50cm/20cm
Room J. Under pail 21
Brownish earth
Shards: 1590gr. Latest date LM III B. A good
homogeneous soil, with many and large datable pieces
other: Bones, shells, stone
Idx: C 457: frags of octopus jar; C 458: Cobble frag
C 459: Burnished jar frag; C 460: Cup/Bowl Frag; C 461:
Klyix/Cup Frag; C 462: Bowl Frag; C 463: Cup Frag;
The area being dug with Pail 64 is just south of wall 17, to the NW corner of the room, where, because of the filling of the wall, the unexcavated fill is at a higher level than either east or south of it. It is an area roughly 1.00 x 1.00m with a great quantity of pottery. Large slabs have been noted in this room, fallen in a domino fashion from roughly the NW corner, so in a southeasterly direction toward the center of the room. When the level of this area is brought down to that of the area to the south and along walls 6 and 6 a new pool is used.

Viewing Pail 65 From c. 20.43 / 20.20
under pail 64
Grey to brown fill
Shards: AMDB - large consistent unit. Rhyton frags
(join with pail 67) figurines; goblets etc. Many large painted
other: shells, stone tool, bone

Inc. C508 Rhyton frags; C509 Under owls frag C510
July 15

The fill is grey to brown, the intensity of the
grey diminishing as we move away (i.e. the
N. of wall 9). Large slabs and some smaller
stone, appear in the fill. Stones now have to
be removed. They are concentrated in the northern
half of the room. One beautiful slab is 0.49 x 0.85
x 0.10m is removed; others smaller slabs follow.
The fill becomes consistently grey now throughout
the room. A new pail is assigned

Dry soil. Pail 66
From 20.30 / 20.16m
under pail 65: grey fill. Grey fill
Shards: 100.2g. Uniform AMDB; many goblets, painted
mugs, bowls; black goblet; painted large amphora. With
Other: bone, shells, stone tool, piece of purse

Inc. S60 - stone case; C515 - black goblet; C516 - bowl
C517 cooking dish; C518 Amphora (1) C519 - cup C520 - clay

There is evidence of burning on stones of lobed
the walls 9 and 6 in the southwest corner
of the room.
Dry sieving is applied. The residue is extremely sandy, soft, with no charcoal in it. In the SW corner there are what seem like ?grains, seeds.

We fill a small bag with earth containing no matter for further examination. Stabs and stones are constantly removed. A new pail introduced.

**Pail 67**
From c. 20.05 / 20.10
Under Pail 66: brownish
North section of room
Sheds: LMIII B unit. Joins n. pails 65, 66. One shed has hole (ancient rend?)
Other bones, shells
Inv.: shed from C508; sherds from C515, C521; lid in medium coarse ware; 664 qdett, C648: bowl; C699: vessel, n.
The fill in new brownish along both northern section of room, while in the SW corner it is distinctly grey. The brownish is deep with pail 67, the grey with pail 68

**Pail 68**
Under pail 66 From 20.15m
SW corner of room: grey fill
Sheds: small unit, LMIII B or a little earlier, too sparse a sample.
Other: bones, shells, charcoal
Inv.

Under the grey fill the earth turns brown again soon. A new pail is assigned to the entire room.

**2 pails**
**Pail 69**
From c. 20.05 / 20.10
Under pails 67 and 68
Brownish fill
Other: shells, bones, ?seed grains (retrieved in partial flotation)
Inv: C528 lyris fr; C529 cup frag; C530 cup frag; C531 stand g; C532 cooking vessel fr; C661; tambour
Once again the fill changes into spotted grey with some yellowish patches at level c. 20.00m.

C528: frags also from 71 + 58, 17 + 25