Today work began in the south area, facing the
surface of darkened soil and burnt patches. The
dark soil is confined to the rectangular area
between 3 walls, but the localized patches of
darkened or discoloured earth and charcoal
continue further west. The surface is also
marked by small pebbles, stone chips and many
small sherds. Pail 2:44 ends at this surface
and pail 2:46 begins. For drawing, see p.96.

PAIL 2:46
UNDER PAIL 2:44
LEVELS NW +4.06 NE +4.12 SE +4.13 SW +4.08
 butt +3.89 +4.12 +4.11 +3.97

LOCATION East 1/2 South
FILL clay soil, small stones and chips, some rubble
POTTERY 353 sherds, weight 7,710 lbs

Date戮: 3rd c. BC (2 sherds), primarily Mycenaean
Archaic - "Lebanon", amphora, hydria
Mycenaean - peliky + pithos, semi-pine ware, conical
and champeau cups, decorated "WMIT = LMIII-B"

OBJECTS shell
INVENTORIED
JOINS with C92.74

In the west area of the trench, digging proceeds around
the ashlar blocks fallen into the area. There is no trace of
the surface found in the south sector extending here,
though it may be further down. Late in the
morning, the front-end loader arrives and removes
10 blocks from this area, clearing the section
for freer digging. The west is levelled and pail
2:39 is Finished. Pail 2:47 is begun. The
digging has revealed some rubble aligned almost
N-S just inside the west baulk of the trench.
This rubble lines up with the tail end of a large
ashlar block embedded in that baulk. It is
perhaps part of a cross-wall within gallery P1.
However, it does not extend right across that
gallery since nothing of this sort was found in
trench 67A1. The wall would extend just west of the back of the staircase. Further digging will determine if the stones have foundations or are mere rubble. Certainly they but all wall 3 closely.

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Fill light brown clay soil, sand near staircase wall. Some

POTTERY 356 sherds, weight 7.750 lbs

Date: latest Classical, some Archaic, mostly mixed Minoan.

Classical: by cup, kot, hydria, pithos, wine basin
Archaic: amphora
Minoan: cooking, pithos, ware, conical cups, stemmed sublet

LM III: pithos, bowls, cups

OBJECTS bone, shell, plaster.
INVENTORIED —
Today, several areas of the trench are worked on simultaneously. The top of wall 3 is cleared but no pail is necessary because no sherds are found. Some of the small rubble atop the wall is removed since it is loose and was not original construction. See p. 100 for a plan of the wall with levels.

The south area of the trench was dug with the small pick and trowel as the layer of dark-brown earth was traced as it slopes down towards the west. This surface was found to run underneath the patches of burning along the western boundary of this area (illustrated on p. 96), although those patches were quite substantial and deep (up to c. 10 cm). The layer that was peeled off in pail 2:46 was rich in sherds, charcoal, chipped stone and smoothed sea stones (palm-sized).

In the west area, we are digging down to the upper floor of Building P - recorded at +3.64. Today, we reached approximately +3.75 in the west area and have still not found the dark-brown surface from the south area. If that floor’s slope is extended west, it should be the surface recorded as P’s upper floor. Pail 2:47 is levelled off now in preparation for tomorrow and digging down to the floor and sieving the soil. In addition, the sand near the staircase wall - which is drifted in over an area already excavated in trench 67 A1 - is completely removed, down to soil at the base. Pail 2:48 is used for removal of the sand. See p. 102.

The north section is also worked on as G. Bianco draws a profile of the staircase and its wall from the north. As part of her cleaning, she discovered a second paving beneath step 8 of that staircase. Immediately below step 8 there are several flat slabs which line up with the eastern edge of the N-S road upon which Building P was built. Now, separated by clay
Fill, a second layer of slab stones - better preserved and with the same eastern border - has been found. This corresponds to the earlier road surface mentioned in the trench report for 62E. The pail used for cleaning the stairs is 1:45 and it is split into 3 subpails. Pail 1:45A is used generally for sherds throughout the stairwell. Pail 1:45B contains sherds from the outer surface of Fill between the two slab layers. Because this layer is near the edge of the road and the rubble from later renovations, it may be a contamination and intrusive. Pail 1:45C contains sherds from deeper in between the two slab surfaces - it may be possible to use these sherds to date the construction of the second slab road by providing a terminus post quem. The layer of clay between the two slab floors is slightly discoloured for approximately 3 cm in depth immediately above the lower surface - as if from burning, and there is some charcoal.

**Pail 1:45A**

- **Under Pail**: not applicable
- **Levels**: 
- **Location**: East 1/2 North
- **Fill**: cleaning staircase
- **Pottery**: 50 sherds, weight 1.260 kgs
  - Date: latest is Hellenistic, a little Minoan (well worn)
  - Classical: lebes - hydria, amphora, glazed step handles - amphora possibly Stein, Samos, micaceous
  - Minoan: 1 pot, brown, conical cup, printed cup, fragments of clay nodules

**Objects**

**Inventoried**

**Pail 1:45B**

- **Under Pail**: not applicable
- **Levels**: top +3.20 bottom +3.07
- **Location**: East 1/2 north
- **Fill**: clay soil
- **Pottery**: 6 sherds, weight 0.015 kgs
  - Date: latest date: MM
  - Also MM milch - men - pot base and lip rim of conical cup - heavily worn.

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**Staircase Wall with Steps and Slab Pavements**

*From North*

detail after drawing by G. Bianco

**Scale 1:20**
Trench 7bc  pail 1:45c
C9399 amphora in situ before removal from SW
Roll 10, Fr 30.

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PAIL 1:45C
UNDER PAIL not applicable
LEVELS top +3.20 bottom +3.07
LOCATION East 1/2 north
FILL clay soil
POTTERY 8 sherds, weight 0.030 kgs.
- Date: Latest is 19th – few diagnostic sherds – most are body sherds
- ware varied from light to heavy.

OBJECTS —
INVENTORIED —

PAIL 1:45D
UNDER PAIL not applicable
LEVELS —
LOCATION East 1/2 north
FILL – clearing well – amphora sherd jammed in beside large ashlar block, NE corner
POTTERY 10 sherds, weight 1.310 kgs
- 9 ‘girdle sherds of late Hellenistic amphora neck and shoulder
- grey conical cup fragment

OBJECTS —
INVENTORIED C9399 amphora
see picture p. 104 – BW Roll 10, Fr 29-30.
Today, work is concentrated upon the west area of the trench. Pail 2:47 is finished off by levelling it roughly at a surface slightly above the floor expected to appear at +3.64. Then pail 2:49 is begun. This pail is divided into 2 subpails, A and B, for finds picked up in the trench itself or at the sieve.

Immediately when the earth is dug up, the surface appears. This is marked by patches of burned and darkened clay. In addition, there are areas of reddened clay, bits of charcoal, some sea pebbles, stone chips and small rubble. The surface slopes down towards the NW corner of the trench and probably connects to the burnt and darkened surface in the south area.

**Pail 2:49 A**

**Sieving**

**Under Pail 2:47**

LEVELS top NW +3.66 NE +3.68 SE +3.89 SW +3.80

bott +3.63 +3.68 +3.83 +3.80

LOCATION west ¼

Fill light brown clay, some small stones

POTTERY 389 sherds, weight 1.770 kgs

Date - overwhelmingly minor - most Luni, some 7th century

Archaic - big cup rim

Minor - ring - handleless + conical cup

- Lm predominates - cooking/wear, semi-fine ware, conical cups, stem of phal, cups, bowls, beaker spouted jar handle

- size of sherds is small, some burnt

OBJECTS shell, plaster, charcoal

INVENTORIED —

On this surface, there were small amounts of a bright aquamarine blue pigment - not attached to any plaster. This was found in 200 patches on the surface - near the border with the south area and in the NW quadrant. The level in the centre of the trench was roughly +3.65 to +3.70. Similar pigment was found in trench 77A at a floor level of +3.40.
A small sounding is made in the burnt surface north of wall 3 along the wall face immediately in front of a wooden beam hole in the masonry. A cause of stone upon which the beam would have rested is found 10 cm down. There is also some diagnostic pottery. The sounding is refilled, to be excavated in sequence.

A second sounding is made in the NW corner of the trench. This reveals a small patch of hard grey clay at level +3.46. This closely corresponds to the pebble floor at +3.48 recorded in trench 67A1 and is probably the same surface.

A third, larger sounding is located along the south face of the staircase wall. This is begun because it is noticed that there is a dramatic change in fill along a sharp E-W line roughly 0.60 m south of the staircase wall facade. Immediately beside the wall there is sand yet there is a distinct clay layer further away. This is complicated by the fact that on top of the sand (at +3.66) there is burnt clay in a thin layer.
Fri Aug 9

Today, the objective of work is to peel off the surface of burning layer by layer down to a level slightly above the floor of P located at +3.60 just south of the staircase wall beside the cutting. The earth is sieved for finds since this may contain debris from the destruction by fire of the Minoan phase of the building.

Because the burning surface slopes, the pails increase in size and expand westwards as the level goes down. The first pail (3.51) covers only the south end of the trench but henceforth, the distinctions of west and south will be discarded and the location will be throughout gallery P1. Pail 3.51 has two subpails - A is for sieved material while B is for trench finds.

**PAIL 3.51 A**
- Sieved

**UNDER PAIL 2.46**

**LEVELS topo NW +3.89 NE +4.12 SE +4.11 SW +3.97**

**bot +3.78 +4.06 +3.97 +3.86**

**LOCATION East 1/2 South**

**FILL** blackened earth, some rubble

**PORE** 522 sherds, weight 3,500 lbs

Date: latest is **LMI III B**, pre **LMI A** material is rare.

- Lekites, cups, lipless rims - but few diagnostic sherds
- Heavily worn, signs of secondary burning

**OBJECTS** shell, plaster, charcoal, bronze

**INVENTORIED**

**PAIL 3.51 B**
- Trench finds

**UNDER PAIL 2.46**

**LEVELS same as pail 3.51 A**

**LOCATION** East 1/2 South

**FILL** blackened earth, some rubble

**over top pottery**
Pail 3:51B cont

POTTERY 179 sherds, weight 4.635 kgs

Date: latest is LM III B (majority of content)
- cups, bowl x 2, mostly storage vessels, some table wares
- some LATE
- many sherds are burnt.

OBJECTS blue pigment

INVENTORIED C9277 - LM III B amphoroid beaker, coarse, decorated with octopus.

The next layer of burning to be peeled off is recorded in pails 3:52A and B. This extends over more of the trench leaving only the western 2.5 m un-dug. (All of these walls exclude the area of the cutting south of the staircase and leave a 30 cm apron south of wall 2's rubble back to exclude intrusive sherds).

**PAIL 3:52A**

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LOCATION P1 gallery

FILL medium brown clay - blackened in east, patches of colour

POTTERY 486 sherds, weight 4.390 kgs

Date: latest's LM III B (fine up champagne cup foot) but most is LM III A-B not clearly datable because of size.

- Much cooking pottery almost ever represented.
- Many sherds show signs of secondary burning (burnt destruction horizon for building P)

OBJECTS charcoal, lime, plaster

INVENTORIED C9388 fine decorated cup, LM III B
C9389 fine mono painted cup, LM III B

COINS with pail 52B for both catalogued items.

**PAIL 3:52 B**

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LOCATION P1 gallery

FILL medium brown clay - blackened in extreme east, also red patches, some small sherds.

POTTERY 389 sherds, weight 6.000 kgs.

Date - pure LM III B. Representative unit of functional categories of vessels, many show signs of secondary burning.
OBJECTS, plaster, shell

INVENTORYED C9390 Fine linear shallow cup, LUNI B
C9391 CP conical bowl

Other, for C9389 and C9390 in Pail 52A.

The soil in pails 3.52A and B has much charcoal
and many patches of discoloured earth (red, black).

The outer area worked on today is the cutting
south of the wall of the staircase. This area
is isolated with its own pail since it may include
intrusive sherd. The cutting is a distinct
line in the clay fill which runs E-W in a straight
line anywhere from 50 to 70 cm south of the wall.
It is easily distinguished since the clay is darkened
above because the black soil ends abruptly at
the line. However, the sequence chronologically
is confused since darkened patches also appear on
the soil of the cutting. However, above and
below this surface, the cutting is filled with sand.
Photographs are taken: Roll 9 Fr 29;
also colur (A) and polaroid - see opposite page.

Pails 2:50 and 2:54 are used for finds in the trench and at the sieve respectively.
The digging is in part exploratory since neither
the eastern nor the western extent of the cutting
is known. The intent is to dig down where it is
known to be sand fill and to follow where the
sand extends under the clay surface.

PAIL 2:50
TRENCH FINDS
UNDER PAIL 2:47

LEVELS top NW +3.63 NE +3.66
bot +3.44 +3.43

LOCATION cutting south of staircase wall
FILL sand

 POTTERY 56 sherds, weight 0.645kgs

Date: mostly Archaic (one part 7th cent.), some Minoan.
Grain: amphora, cup, pyx, bowl, cup, flat bowl, sherd, sherd, sherd,
Archaic - bg. cup, kylix, amphora, beaked ware,
miscellaneous amphora - Samian, "ginger" type
- many recently burnt.

OBJECTS

INVENTORYED —
Pail 2:54
Sifting
Under Pail 2:47
Levels – same as pail 2:50
Location – cutting south of staircase wall
Fill – sand
Pottery – 2 shreds, weight 0.350 kgs
Date: Minoan and Archaic – (more Archaic urns)
Archaic – beaked hydria, big pieces – pot, cup frags.
– miscellaneous bowl or plate with added white wash or
glaze
Minoan – cooking and semi-fine pithos ware, spouted jars, b.g.,
and plain conical cups
Objects – shell, bone, plaster

Inventoryed –

Pail 3:54C
Under Pail 3:51
Levels – same as 3:52A
Location – Pi gallery
Fill – red brown clay, darkened & discoloured patches
Pottery – 108 shreds, weight 4.615 kgs
Date: latest LMIIIa2-B – a fine, UP champagne cup but
– mostly large, medium-coarse storage vessels, some
fine table ware
– many sherds with signs of secondary burning
(Object layer)

Objects – blue pigment, charcoal
Inventoryed –