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1) Surface find from Vigles by L. Vance Watson. Enh vin shredd of platter. Grey fine ware (0 yr(7)) highly burnished. Sherd, 6.3 cms. long, with bevelled rim.

2) B 384. Bronze bit from surface next to southwestern altar, pointed out by night guard. Section of an elliptical bar, slightly bent about half way. Metal fairly sound, with areas of black corrosion.

3) Probable bull’s leg, from sand near trench 90 D. About 2 cm. long.
88A. Clearing down to the bottom of the Krouphnoma in the last pass, a long journey.

The surprise today here was that the material within the 'gap' in the LMIII wall is Hellenistic. Therefore if this had been blocks here (which some would argue) they were removed post LMIII and before or during the Hellenistic period. But why? An argument can spelt he made that the blocks with rubble was made during the Hellenistic period, perhaps to strenghten the side of the well, and that the gap was intentionally left during the LMIII period.

86F MCS. Descending down toward the I level, we find a burnt [floor] surface even with a broad wall underlying the common wall of P3/P4, which may very well be a wall of Building T, but is 1.20m. broad - any go with ?

89 C. GN. Similar to 86F. "Definition" still a few days away.

87B. A wonderful surprise here today, not wholly unanticipated but nevertheless most exciting. In a few words, we have discovered a stick of T on the south, north of the broad east-west LM I wall discovered last year. It began with the uncovering of a large (45cm) round column base in situ about 5.00m. north of the aforementioned wall and on him with the northern pier base in 90A. Great excitement in the part of the site.
The Kommos site has, again turned like a diamond to expose still another facet.
Thur it seemed that the one that 'should' have been to the east, based on the a-c gap (6.55?) and the precedent of the 62A in the north wing (9.24m on centu). As all go or so gathered around the musical spot where 'b' might appear, the pickman George Babu ta'en worked (intentionally) slowly and finally hit it, then clued enough to show the curve and a great cheer went up that was heard all the way run in 88A on the east. Saddleman and K W danced about with joy.

The immediate result is that, architecturally, Building Thas consolidated on the south with the apparent of what is now the South Stoa and, at the same, time, the southern wing of the palace/ Building To. Also, we find now built within it, an accumulation on its floor, an industrial establishment, the kiln, which parallels the grinding/spoil/metal working activities in the north stoa after I had gone out of use. We are particularly fortunate here that, unlike the situation on the north where later Minocan and Greek construction obscured the LM I stoa, here it can be completely exposed during this season and 1941, to the extent that it is preserved on the west.

916. Cleaning.

906. Through happy circumstance, the front loader arrived. It's first job, after some sand clearing, is to clear 0.4m or so from the sandy, contaminated trench which will also allow us to reach the court surface by the end of this week...
88A. Aside from dealing with the stole, the consolidation of which remains a problem, the great trench is complete. Fortunately it was completely excavated by hand. Tomorrow we will begin 88B, a sounding down to water level, which will take only a few days. It will be on line with MCS's MM soundings west of the orthostate wall.

88F. MCS. Stones continue to be removed in this somewhat disturbed level, confined on the west by erosion and Greek intrusion.

89C. GN. A hard clay floor is reached and cleaned. More defiles are needed.

87B. JSabouze. We clean around the column bases and find the pebble court on the north, but not yet the intina floor level which should be done tomorrow. On the south we clean some fallen masonry -- perhaps a dozen blocks east of the kiln. Some plain and blueish plaster is cleaned and removed. This trench should be completed tomorrow.

91B. RF. On the court of T and cleaning! This trench should be completed tomorrow.

90C. KW. Not far above the court now; a modern tin can appears: how it came to be so far down I really don't know.
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88A. The sounding begins.

88F. M.C.S. More earth out.

89C. G.N. "...I consider closing the trench until next year, when the same trenchmatics could continue.

89B. G.Sch. The court area north of the column base is cleaned; the bases themselves stand out beautifully. To the south, the floor is less cared for and worn. Most of the remains of plaster, mostly plain but some blue, and an interesting curved fragment that may be part of a small table.

91B. R.F. Court area almost cleaned, and with great care so that almost not a pebble is lost. Tomorrow complete when the bases are removed.

90C. Tomorrow we should reach the court.

For the first time in 14 years of excavation, M.C.S. and I both leave the site during working hours in order to arrange for and attend the signing of the purchase of a plot of land (850m²) part of the village of Pitsidia. Next week we will do the same in Tymbaki for the neighboring plot of land on the north. All very complex and probably not reported here in this more professional journal. The area, first pointed out by Georg Balocharis, is a pleasure with broad views of Ida and the Siva hills. We will fence it soon and plant an orchard in the northern section.
88A. Complete

88 B. Sounding, continuing down. Alternating layers of sand and clay, with some bits of ocher-painted plaster, as in MCS's sounding on the west. One may conclude that since the filling is uniform, that the phenomenon continues to the east and below the modern retaining wall to the east, that is, outside your present property line.

86F. The gallery has been much eroded, but we will learn by Saturday how much, if the LMI structure is preserved on the west, alongside the court.

89B. Just below the LMI clay floor we come upon a thick (1,00m) east-west wall that has been predicted by Giuliana Bianco on the basis of a module and an alternating north-south distance for the east-west wall. This predictability must mean that we can restore that part of the plan for the eastern wing of LMI Building T. Today, aside from a cross-wall fan to the east, the rooms (except in later phases) seem to be largely east-west spaces. On the other hand, north of P, where the LMI rooms are preserved, there are considerable n/s walls. How to explain?

87B. Cleaning complete in this quite successful trench.

91B. 8F. Cleaning of court almost complete as the buildings come down. Disturbances in the court along the north.

90 D. KW. The disturbance here is complete and no sign of the court which has been cored away, the fill and level and unmove beams.
For me, after all the hypotheses and planning, it is exciting to see the six separate trench areas beginning to coalesce into a readable architectural unit, namely the southeastern corner of the Central Court with its stor (and later kiln) and rooms bordering the court. We still must learn more about the characteristics of two of the LM I rooms on the court: tomorrow something will be learned.
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888. Completed down to ground water level.

898. MCS attempts in this confined series of nodded strata to complete the trench, will continue tomorrow (Saturday).

908. More of the court to clear. As yet there is no definition of the 19 X levels of T around from the aforementioned wall.

918/908. Rubble is cleared from the court on the north to reveal that, as originally thought, the court has been thoroughly worked along an east-west line. This line will be drawn and photographed, then will be filled in up to the original court level.

And with thanks for money for the final payment, including a 20-25% gift which more than equals the 17½% IKA payment that they would have received if we had paid the 50% IKA premium on all the salaries.
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86 F. Completed. Below the level of the 5th floor mts finds the corner of what may be an earlier room. Trench complete.

84 C. Completed down to 5th level, our original intention.

In neither case is there clear evidence for doorways or other closures into the rooms from the Central Court. Is this a tradition passed on to P?

On the other hand, the area should be investigated more carefully next year at the transition point between pascal court and covered space. A generous sounding should be made at some place that includes stoae and non-stoae area.
Stone sherd from Building 1, picked up by Alan Johnston on site
on 18 August 1993.

Stone with scroll picked up from stone heap. No context. Alan
Johnston will see to cataloguing.
Chaining and building work begins on the site with about ten workmen. During the next week various soundings will be filled in after appropriate recording. Final photography tomorrow. We are cementing various scarpas to protect them from erosion. A retaining wall is being built on the northeast linking the two walls built in 1941 and 1942, respectively. This is a rather short stretch and may finish this week.

In EBA we cement the 'hole in the wall'. Tomorrow we will deal with the sreek which will be carefully cemented and have a retaining wall built around it for protection.

In Gtisidia trench masters progress with their work, chiefly their reports. Final goals are set by the ceramic experts. Cataloguing and photography proceed apace. I write the precis for the AIA talk in Washington, also the Brief Report for 1943, a yearly summary that is useful for many purposes throughout the year. I am also in the midst of trying to arrange a scenario for the next three years of Kommos work, including limited excavation during 1944.
Complete House X  86
Chaining the E Wall  87
Gallow 3 sounding  88
Count Chaining (3.5nt) 89

Expansion to the Southwest 90

Rod
 depth:
 Gordon
 Mes.
 Kate:
 length: 33'4"

Mes will have to decide what she wants to do. The possibility in her doing 88 (above), then doing soundings in House X. Doris could do 86, then shift after the two weeks required. Gordon could do unit 3. Kate? Gordon could do south of the wall. She is good at coordination.

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5  30