layer of recent accumulation (sand + earth) we start excavating using Pail 2.5. The area dug is 1.90 m x 1.90 m, and c. 0.75 m N-S.

In Area 1:

W. of wall 13 the fill remains the same: brown earth and stone debris. There are some sizable fallen stones in the angle of walls 13 and 19. We change pail and continue taking the level down with Pail 2.8 (see below).

Pail 27 (sounding)
Brown earth and stone debris
From 19.17 to 19.015
Shards: 2530 g. Latest sherd are LMI-0
Other (fragment, found at site); shells

A large piece of pumice and a small piece of a quern turn up at the top of the fill. The quern is left at the site (marked). Of pail 28:

Pail 28 (2.2 under Pail 25)
Brown earth and stone debris
From 19.325 to 18.87
Shards: 9,170 g. Latest: C15168
Other: 1 piece of bronze; shells; piece of clay
V. with impression (C1305)

In the sounding after digging a couple of strobes we change pail:

Pail 29 (sounding)
Under pail 27
Brown earth
From: 19.015 to 18.83
Shards: 1,660. Small unit: Latest sherd are LMI, probably early.
we take down the level to a little below where the floor ought to have been.
No floor was found here. Instead we reached the bottom of walls 8 and 9.
At this last stratum the earth contained stone chips, probably from the construction of the walls. It is possible that in the room the floor was higher up because certain earlier walls had to be concealed.
In the sounding we found part of two walls meeting at right angles. One, a rough one, starts from the N. face of wall 8 and 0.70m from the SW corner of the room from which it runs N. for some 0.80m and meets a W-E wall starting from the W. wall of the room and traced for some 1.20m to the E. It continues below the level we have reached. We discontinue using Paul 29.

In Space P work has been resumed. There is much black earth from just s. of the hearth and to the s. wall of the room. We slice all mud earth.
In the SW corner there are several fallen stones which we gradually remove.

Two pieces of bronze are found in the fill of post 28 near the N. section or W. face of well 13.
Photographs are taken of Room O, of the sounding in Trench 19B1/18, of the rubble accumulations, one between walls 3 and 20, one at the south end of the RN, between wall 16 and 19. G. Bianco also takes some levels in these trenches. Trench 26 is still being used in space P. As noted before there is a thick layer of black earth, starting from just s. of the hearth and extending all the way to wall 19. The fill contains little but sherdos, small stones. It is all sieved and there are hardly any bones, but we also find today a lovely rock crystal round seal with a lozenge net decoration incised on it. It is perforated. In the area of the black fill we have already dropped a little below the level of the floor of the room. No hard surface is found here but some slabs begin to appear. The sherds from just above the slabs are collected in Trench 26.

W. of wall 15 we continue excavating with Trench 28. We are digging around the tumulus of large stones, obviously wall debris from walls 13 and 19. The earth is as roistered up a brownish colour.

Investigation in space P reveals some peculiar feature. The floor found w. of wall 15 in Trench 19B in the same space does not continue all the way to the west wall of the RN (wall 13). It stops in an irregular fashion short of the wall, just s. of the hearth by some 0.35 m and by wall 19 by 1.25 m. At the SW corner of the room has been revealed a huge floor slab of the same dimension (E-W). Its N-S dimension is now concealed by a layer of bedrock earth (yellowish) which was
intentionally placed there, perhaps to prevent the cracking of the floor slab under the S. of the hearth. This layer starts some 0.75m N. of wall 19 and it continues up to the S. limit of the hearth. The floor which stops short a little distance from wall 13 here (as noted earlier) is some 0.10m above the level of the yellow surface. Thus a kind of a pit is created which may have been made intentionally for the disposal of ashes from the hearth. Indeed black earth was found within this hole, over the yellow surface and over the large floor slab all the way to the face of wall 19.

It should be noted at this point that cleaning the fill down to the floor has revealed an interesting squash block or slab located c. 130m E of wall 13 and c. 0.75 S of wall 20. Its surface is some 0.05m above the level of the floor. The 'block' is destroyed in its SE corner but definitely looks in situ. We think of the possibility for it being a base for some vertical support. Its function may become more clear as we trace more of the architectural details of this room.

We decide to stop excavation in Space P at this point, though we may come back to it later on.

Our next project is to remove the rubble which seems to have accumulated between walls B and 20 in the space we have labelled Q. Once we reach the level of the W section of Space Q we shall dig it all with a new pail. At the moment we start using...
Pail 30 (1.2 under pail 2) 12
Rubble accm. between walls 20 and 3
From 19.48/19.49 to 19.06
Shards: 2580g, latest sherd: III A2-b,
probably III b, if the one sherd was a sherd of
other: shells

In 0.

we remove the sherd and other objects
from or slightly above the floor in space 0
and we pass a labelled a, indicated
on p. 98 on the plan. Stone a x is labelled
and left at the site and so is f x. We also
collect two sherd found in the hearth
and a chunck of burnt clay from the
lining of the hearth.

Run Q is packed with fallen stone, mostly
what look like wall slabs. Since the fill
is pretty uniform we use pail 30 for
the entire room. We take the fill down
for a few layers and then continue with

Pail 31 (1.2 under pail 30)
Brown earth & stones
From 19.06 to 18.96
Shards: 2620g. Latest LM III, probably
III A2-b
Other: red substance, sample: shells

In 0.

we start re-investigating the interior of the hearth
in the N \& W corner of space P. The same hardish
fill which appears just S. of it occurs in the
interior. This fill however, peols off the clay
coating at the N. end. We remove two
stones, topa lying & peeling with the hearth
and chip off the hardest fill away from the
clay coating. The hearth is acquiring a
horse-shoe shape. Perhaps it was partially dored.

P.S. (these were actually brought to the storeroom
later on, 27 July 48, see below p. 147)
Digging in space 9 with Pail 31 we took a fill which is relatively clear of fallen stones and a little darker than higher up. We must now be quite close to the floor. We change pail.

Pail 32

Brownish earth
From 18.96 to 18.88
Shards 18.90, much survival material
Latest seems III A 2-6
Other: Shells, cobble from floor of space 9; tool? (n)
Ins. C 1376: Loop-weight; C 1377: Jar
C 1378: Red burnished shd, C 1379: goblet
W. of wall 13 we continue clearing around fallen stones with Pail 28. The intention here is to make the pattern of the tumble of stone clear and then stop excavation at this stage. Wall 19 extends all the way to the W. edge of the trench. It next to wall 13 and for a distance of some 0.70m it is fairly well preserved, rising some 0.60m (4 courses) above the level reached. Beyond this point it is preserved only for one course above the level reached. Its exact thickness is not known at present since its s. face is beyond the scarp. Its construction, although not too clear because of its bad preservation, seems, all the same to be similar to and of equal quality as that of wall 13. The latter rises some 0.50m above the level reached to the W., some 0.65m above the floor (here slab) to the E. in space P. It continues this height of preservation for some 1.65m to the N. but then loses many of the stones of its W. face.

Two pieces of what looks like muslin.
are found among the stone rubble, next to wall 13 and some 1.20m N. of wall 13 in the area dug with pail 28.

We reach the floor of space C9 and stop using pail 32. This is at about the same level as space P to the S. but not that of space M which is some 0.15m higher. No transition ("threshold, slope") was found between the two floors at the doorway, and this is puzzling. There were a number of stones at the doorway but they did not seem intentionally placed there for blocking. If the doorway had been blocked, however, that might explain a difference in floor level, with RN M continuing in use. On the floor of Space C9 there is one group of sherds only, in the SW corner. It looks like parts of a pedestal of cup. Nearby there is also a cobble which may have served as a tool.

The next project is to remove the fallen rubble between and slightly to the N. of walls 16 and 19. To the fill under one wall, we assign:

Pail 33 1.2

Earthen stone
From 19.55 to 18.90
Sherds - 340gr. Latest 2M1 - III
Very little datable
Other: bag of limpets & shells
Inv.

There are quite a few limpets found, but very few sherds. In the gap between the two walls we find a stairway leading up toward the south. Only two steps are traced, the lowest up rising c. 0.30m above
A: Trench 1982 in process of being excavated
B: pit in SE corner of Space P
C: staircase
D: slab of earlier floor, re-used
E: floor of hard-packed earth
F: squarish block in centre (roughly) of Space P. Arabic numerals: walls

A small slab with a round pivot hole was found at floor level at the NE, in the corner between the staircase and the west slabs outlining the 'pit' found recently in the SE corner of Room P.

Excavation is now essentially finished in Trench 1981. G. Bianco has made a drawing and a watercolour reproduction of the hearth, or perhaps oven, in the NW corner of Space P. Pottery or other objects still on floors will be removed once Space P and Q are photographed.

We now start a new trench which is located directly S. of Trench 1983. It is 5 x 5 m and its surface level can be seen on p. 76. The sherds from the top layer go into
Sketch 1:50m showing mainly Trench 19B1, to the W. of Line C-D, and a small section of Trench 19B to the E. (For the latter see plan p.98).

Trench 19B1 continued another c.1.20m to the west. Circled Arabic numerals indicate walls; circled caps, letters indicate space; small letters: objects; pottery on floor: m: complete champagne glass (broken); n: cobble. Doorway is between walls 19 and 16.

Pail 34: Trench 19B2: c. 1.1-2
Surface fill
From 20.20/19.84 to 19.80
Other: shells, cobble, stone tool; worked green sandstone slab
Excavation of the top layer of new trench 19B2 continues with Pail 34 which after a few penses is replaced by:

Pail 35 l. 2
under pail 34 - brown earth
From 19.80 to 19.68
Sherds: 1330 gms. Badly preserved. Latest are probably LMII, mostly MM1
Other: shells
Invo.

Now that the floor levels have been reached in both trench 19B and 19B1 several photographs are taken of views and floor 'deposits', if the latter term can be used for the occasional sherd or small groups of sherd found in some spots on the floors or the occasional cobble which may or not be a tool (cobbles are diagnosed at the storeroom in the village by H. Watkins). Such deposits can now be lifted out. Beside the photographs they are already indicated in plans and sketches (see pp. 132 and 144). The objects taken to the storeroom are:

1. Cobble (a), Space 0, from the open side of the hearth (Pail 23)
2. Fragment of a cobble (c) from the SW corner of Space O (Pail 23)
3. Sherd (A) from round enclosure of Space 0 (Pail 23)
4. Sherd (c) same as p. item 3.
5. Sherd (A) from hearth, corridor J (Pail 19)
6. Sherd (A) from cor. just S. of s. door, area J (Pail 19)
7. Cobble (c) same loc. as item 6 from s. doorsamb of doorway into Space O (Pail 19)
We decide to dig next to the large slab found in the SW corner of Space P to see if there are more slabs under the hard-packed earth floor there. The slabs from under this floor go into:

**Shreds** (m) from S.E. corner of Space G

**Cobble** (n) from S.E. corner of Space G

**Sieved:**
- Pail 36
- 6.3 under Pail 19
- From 18.60 to 18.84 m
- Earth packing - white earth + earth: brown, grey - ashy grey
- Shreds: 790 gr.
- Tiny unit: sherd, jar, cup/bowl, kylix (250 gr. - 350 gr.)
- Other: charcoal, bone, shell
- Inv.

Only one other slab (1.28 x 0.85 m) is found in the centre of Space P. It is cracked and its centre subsiding perhaps as a result of pressure put on it (a vertical support?). The squarish block noted earlier does not sit directly on the slab but on some earth and some small stones. It may belong to the later phase, that of the hard heated floor which was laid over the slabs. It is puzzling that there are only two slabs on this & earlier floor.

A further scrutiny of the doorway makes me think that it was made in the latest phase of occupation by breaking a hole into the wall. Whether this is the wall become clearer when trench 1932 to the S. is completely excavated.

The fill of the new trench (1932) is thoroughly devoid of any large or medium stone. Little stones are rare as are the sherd. Are we outdoors?
The excavator stayed at the village to work on a summary of the trenches 19B - 1981 and on the pottery. Floor pails of Trenches 181 - 183 were taken out and gone over by U. Walton, with the purpose of looking for joins and possibly refining the date of floor deposits there excavated in 1976.

The workmen were kept busy for part of the day removing sand from the west scarps of 3 trenches, to be dug to the south along the edge of the cliff and then continued work in Trench 19B2 under the supervision of L. Nixon. Pail 35 there was replaced by:

Pail 37 L. A. (under Pail 35)
From 19.68 to 19.45
Brown fell
Other: shells, stone object
In U.

A couple of stone objects began to appear in the trench.

Also under the supervision of L. Nixon the earth of Pail 36 (under the floor of Rm P) was sieved: a bone and some shells and little bits of sherd were found and brought to the storeroom in the afternoon.
Excavation continues in Trench 19B with pail 37. We are now about 0.20 m above wall 16, as preserved in Trench 19B, and above the top step of the staircase of room P. As we dig down we are reaching the top surface of rubble and stone debris found in the NW corner of Trench 21B which is directly S. of our present trench. There was rubble and soil excavated with pails 12 and under it was a layer of ashy fill excavated with pail 19.

We reach the top of some flat lying stones just south of the staircase. An occasional flat stone also appears at this level along the S. face of wall 16. At this stage we replace pail 37 with

Pail 38 1:2

Under Pail 37
Brown earth. From 19.45 to 19.41
Sherds: 5140 gr. Small worn sherds:
NM 11 - ? III b (a beaded Mycian foot) Latest LM III
Other (fragm. green light ash) shells; stone object

A spread of small stones appears in the SW corner of the trench. Along the South edge and some 1.5 m to the NW there are stone chips, thought of here the earth is practically pure, as it has been in the higher levels.

Terribly strong NW winds slow down work on the hilltop and other trenches.
All calm early this morning—a welcome change from the wind blasts of yesterday.

Excavation continues in Trench 19B2 with Trench 38. The area of stone chips becomes more distinct in that the chips become very numerous. Small stone object found in SE corner of the trench and

A photograph is taken at this point from the NE corner of the trench and the level is being taken down with

Trench 39 (under trench 38)

Brown earth

From 19.41 to 19.37/19.32

Sherd: 7170 gms. Sherds worn, late, and III b (ochreous ware). Large range of fine re-painted. Other: shells

Inv. c 1541: krater rim; c 1542: loomweight c 1543: krater rim; c 1544: 1-hand. cup; c 1576

Small, obviously loose stones are removed. Larger ones left there until we know more about the circumstances of their presence. More small stones are found scattered throughout the trench, as we dig down. The larger, block-like stones are concentrated along wall 16 and a few in the NW corner of the trench. The earth remains the same, brown & softish. We now include in our excavation the small area of unexcavated rubble debris between wall 54 of Trench 21B and our present one. Right against wall 54 we come upon a fill of a darker tone, greyish brown with small pebbles in it. We decide to resume
a small sounding in front of wall 54 to determine possible floors and the level of the wall, from the level of the change.

Pail 40 l. 3 Under Pail 39
Greyish brown earth
From 19.37 to 19.10
Shells ; 5190 gr. Latest LM IIIa (probably LM IA), most decorated one, LM IIa
Other : shells ; bones

Inv. C 1546 : LM III cup

The fill in the sounding remains the same; greyish brownish with pebbles, an occasional bit of charcoal but also with small stones (mostly sarsen) and stone chips. There is also the occasional bone.
we continue excavating the sounding with Pail 40. To the N. starting from wall 16 where there are many largeish stones, some slanted some flat, we start taking the level down. The earth here continues to be the reddish brown or it was higher up. The pail assigned is

Pail 41 1 2
Under Pail 39 - brown earth
From 19.37 to 19.31
Shards: 4770 gr. Latest sherd are LHIIIA
or B - probably LHIIA2
Other: bone, shell
In v. C1563: Dark burnished sherds

In the sounding there is a change of fill; the earth is still the same colour greyish, somewhat clayish, but is more compact and with no pebbles or limpet
A. This seems like a floor. The bottom of wall 54 is reached a little further down, by cutting into the ? "floor" packing. The cutting is made only in a small section of the sounding (50 cm. corner) and does not produce any shards at this point. Pail 40 give out of use.

The reddish-brown earth is removed with Pail 41

Our trench now includes some further areas which it made, more sense to excavate as a unit here rather than

wall in Trench 21B/21B. The S. limit on the E. side is the line of the N. ends of walls 54 and 56 (the latter still in the E. scarp) at the SW. section our trench will include a small squarish area
formed between walls 54 (the N-S section of it), 58 to the S., and 59 to the W. Wall 59 stops about 0.25 m above the level reached in the little "sand" squashy area in Trench 21B1 & 21B. Pail 25 of Trench 21B1 and Pail 19 of Trench 21B represent the fill below wall 59 and the level reached in the squashy space (see also NB.21 p. 151).

The darker earth is now beginning to be traced in the N. area of the trench. Some stones, along the E. section of wall 16 are clearly on top of the fill and one clearly fallen. Such stones are removed. Under them there are other stones lying flat. A fragment of a large saddle quern found on the SW edge of the trench (strat site) we leave a small section of the surface of fill that we found in the sounding against wall 59 as a sample, undug and start taking the level of the rest of the trench down. In the pail used:

Pail 42 1.3
Under Pail 41 - Brownish
From 19.31 to 19.26
Shards: 6680g. Latt. sherds 44, A2
One handle may be II B (?cable handle)
Other: shells, bone
Inv. C1564: Strange fabric C1642

Semi globular cup
To the N. that is directly S. of me flat lying stone, mentioned above although the fill is changed we do not have a surface. There is quite a bit of fallen rubble, mostly small irregular stones which come out in the process of digging...
In the SE corner of the squarish compartment between walls 54 and 58 are several sherds of a vessel decorated with spirals. Also there is a base of closed-shape vessel within which and outside which we find a few small artifacts. We collect these sherds separately, but still under the label of Parcel 42.

The distal surface does not seem to extend much further N. It has been traced for ca. 1.70m N. of wall 54 beyond which it blends with the brown earth associated new with great amount of rubble. It is possible that the greyish surface dips down toward the N. although this remains to be seen.

5. of wall 16 has emerged a line of E-W stone which may be a wall. We now call Parcel 42 basically for the brown earth with rubble and have the dark fill unexcavated for the time being.

The wall is ascertainned as a wall (21) It runs in an E-W direction leaving a gap which widens from 0.93 to about 1.15 m between its N. face and the S. face of wall 16. This gap is filled with flat lying stone, perhaps filling after the new wall went out of use and the new one (wall 16) was built to the N. Wall 21 may be an extension wall. It has basically the same orientation as that found in 1976 in Trench 6A (Wall 14a/b)

At this stage the wall is cleaned and the trench is prepared for photography.
The floor has been found in Trench 218. It is at about the level at which we found a floor, within the sounding against the N. face of wall 54 (of Trench 218). Having photographed the trench and knowing the level of the surface we shall try to follow it for as long as it extends to the N. For the fill above it we use partially sieved. Pail 43 x 1.3 cm under pail 42. From 19.26 to 19.19.

Sherds - see below:

Other: 2 pieces of bronze; chert blade; slate piece.

In: 5 bones; shells, 2 calcicites; 2 shells C1976: LM 1B cup; C1977: LM 1B bowl; C1978: kylix.

x see note re pail 43 on p. 169

xx unit d: N. area: shells; 2 pieces of bronze.

Pail 43: Sherds:
S. area: 31,850g. Mostly LM 1 but some LM 2. Kylix fragment is IIIA 2-B. N. area: 650g. Latest sherd is IIIA 2-B goblet base (scrap). Both areas have been lotted together.
We continue using Pail 43 for removing the fill above the "floor." Since there are groups of shards of single pots (not necessarily complete) next to wall 58 we decide to remove the fill in two layers, an upper one and a lower one. Pail 43 is used for the upper one.

Right to the N of the E corner of Wall 54 (the E-W length of it) are two stones, which, because of their direction and spacing give the impression of a slab closure. Right to the W of them is found what seems like part of cobble. It is dark, wet, clayey, red, parts of it are softer and it has one flat side. It might have served as a tool.

Two cobbles found in the squareish compartment may have served as tools. They are marked and left at the site.

The fill in the E section of the Trench is rather dark. Because of the amount of pottery we decide to dry screen the earth.

Two workmen are clearing bushes and top soil from an area E of Trenches 1B and 19B where Trench 24A will be laid out. (See NB 24)

More frags of querns & cobbles turn up in the area of the small compartment which are now collected in a pail and left at the site (labelled).

The fill changes from darkish into brownish as we move N and we