in ii rectangular building, which may also be connected with this establishment.

230 J.M. A series of walls appear clearly. In the one space (3m by 5m) of this 2 1/2-12x4 trench 6-14. Finds remain of bronze working and, further down, at least one pot in situ on the floor. Only the top of the pot is presently visible, but it appears to be the type with tripod feet and may be an encrusted similar to that found by BS in the large 12m building to the north. The eastern 1/2 of the trench will be opened up shortly.

A most successful trip for the entire staff yesterday from Matala, via carques, to Timoni next to Preveli. Some 25 people, including the foreman George Beladaki and Theodoris Kadiannakis. Much laughter, swimming, good spirits all around.
David Reese leaves, having left a note.

24A: M15. Lower levels reached, but the only structural change is an entrance to the S with a threshold slab into the southern room, which should be of unusually large size. No dating information yet; we are not sure whether we have located a N/S road/lane on the eastern edge of the trench.

21B NW. Discontinued.
21B1 NW. Also B2. Numerous irregular rooms are now located, to be sketched by Ted tomorrow. The chronological rel. will be a complex one. Also the id. of the E/W wall on the north may not be as suggested earlier here (p. 73).

22 A2) Date? The relationships shown were cut before excavation terminated on Friday. In the final clearing of a W wall on bedrock were found a fine marble, mortared bed, miniatures, a mirror, and a miniature canopic jar. The largest complete stone vessel found yet at K. Dar al-Arab are from E11/411, 21B NW, etc. Similar to that I found not far away but at an upper level in 1976.

23A NW. Rough t.c. fragments turned out, apparently to be molds for bronze cauldrons, for tools! Others are found today.

C'andr I trace general views of the upper and
central hillside areas. For the first time it occurs to me that a wonderful platform for photography would be from the scoop of the front loader that was coming down to clear the stone and fill from the excavation area. This elevated us spectacularly some 20' higher than the ground and the effect, now that the areas are widening out, is startling.

The excavation area is almost wat now; a few more days of clearing by the machine, especially in the SW ¼, will also be major investments to prevent further sand accumulation and also to prepare an area for sounding in 1979. This sounding, which will be part of House Hellenistic Building A, may tell us something about the shoreline buildings in the BA—but then it is not clear now where the shoreline actually was then.
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24A M15. Floor and passage (?) on the west. Somewhat inconclusive since the floor may in reality be in an outside area. One more sounding necessary.

21B1 RN. These rooms located on the west. These should all be cleared in the next day or two.

22A2 In progress—walls of uncertain date appearing. Shoddy construction.

23A II2. The single tripod cooking pot is removed intact from the floor of the room. The bottom of the legs had been broken off in antiquity. Despite the shoddy construction of the walls they are quite well preserved. In III: 70 signs of the earlier levels yet.
24A. N/S passage seems assured, and it has a number of surfaces. This may indeed be the road that we have been searching for as the eastern limit of excavation. At x at the last moment we found what appears to be a threshold. Further last minute excavation tomorrow.

To履行 matter, a pile of pottery in M11's upper levels (at y), found with burnt earth, about and upon which I assume to be fallen stones. Turns out to be a splendidly decorated late Geometric amphora, perhaps representing a burial and certainly being an oldest example of any geometric pottery from the N. Hill.

21B. NW. A flight of steps leads down into one of the western rooms. There is no doubt now that there was a passageway between buildings E/W in MIII, with MCI's steps leading up to them way.

22A. Completed.

22A. Much burned material at one point, with a splendid bird's nest type stone bowl with 1/3 preserved recovered in the field.

23A. Progress on the last reveals a flat surface related to the MIII building to the east. Further west cleaning shows a mass of walls that will hopefully be cleared tomorrow.

Heads in birecs to report on the course pot stolen from the site in early spring.
22A2. Discontinued, with the trench perhaps 1/3 completed. At this point, with the trench down about 0.5m, we have reached the top of a wall on the southeast which is probably (although not necessarily) of MM date. There is also a superficial wall (? in the centre of the trench, N/S. This will probably be removed in 1979, and the trench will be much further along in the result. I am understandably reluctant to leave an area which already is beginning to be of some interest — another large fragment of stone bowl was found today.

24 A M/F. Multiple road surfaces are exposed in a small sounding made in the 'entrance' on the east. Absolutely no doubt now that we are dealing with a roadway. To find this road was the basic aim of the trench: this will serve as our eastern boundary on the hilltop. In 1979 the remainder of the section will be excavated — we will also make soundings into the deeper LM and MM levels. The stumps of the MM road surfaces are most interesting and may produce valuable information on pottery.

John Gifford and Danis Cotjee leave today.

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21B1 DN. Further clearing along the western scarp — 1m III rooms no doubt. A few more hours and the entire area will be cleared — a significant achievement.

23A 3M. Clarification of walls and removal of much rubble reveal a simpler plan than we were originally led to expect. Although it is not yet sure, it may be that the Rampa Dal Mare partially excavated in 76(F7 along the western scarp may pass right through the trench and below a superficial late wall. If so, we can indicate its continuation below unexcavated areas. There is also an excellent chance that it may align with the 2M/4M roads found in Trench 14A1 to the south. Then it would truly be the Rampa Dal Mare, a title which we originally gave to it almost when the first worn limestone slab was discovered.

I complete the overall views of the site by taking photographs from the scarp of the front loader elevated on high above the Greek complex, looking west at about 2:00 PM.

Final complete payday is completed. One of the four trenches is closed down; the other three will be completed on Monday.

Much sand is removed from the western scarp and piled along the washes by the top loader. An unexploded antivehicle mine is found in the sand by the foreman — it is hidden in a bush now. We have perhaps been fortunate so far.
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The past few days have been spent ordering materials on the site, mainly cleaning up and making sure that the photographic record is complete. I have also completed and distributed the "Brief Report" of excavation activities for this year, which is my annual general summary ready at the end of the season before the majority of the staff begins to leave.

This will form a preliminary report prior to the excavation report which will not be ready until December or so. The site is now cleared and relatively clean, the workers have generally been paid (the mason is still working), and Giuliano Bianco is in the process of the hard work which must take place for the measurements and preliminary drawings to place place. The photographer is working as hard as before trying to complete the hundreds of photographs necessary for the catalogue cards and publication. Cataloguing proceeds apace with the good work of Mary Dabney and Jim Leight, both of whom will be returning this year. For the meantime the reports are slowly being prepared by the trenchmasters — an enormous undertaking that must be completed in a relatively short period of time.

Eighteen trenches have been excavated (Jass, LN 5, JM 5, M(C 4) in comparison with some 23 in 1977 and 16 in 1976. We made a shorter season this year than last we have really made progress in our ability to excavate neatly and speedily, I think.

We also have continued with the
themes of close town/excavation relationships. Aside from daily contact on the site with the workmen (in the Kaffeneion, too), we have had a quite successful open house for the entire town (over 100 attended) and have produced with MCS’s help, a four-page illustrated description of the site and what its significance seems to be, of which over 150 copies have been distributed.

In my opinion the staff this year was really superb.
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