With this panel we dug down to just below the level of the floor outside the hearth. At this level the soil changes to grey clay. The entire area at the bottom of the hearth clearly shows burning (into of Caffaro red + black patches. (Photo p. 46)

Photos are taken of the interior of the hearth.

After these photos we continued to dig a little deeper in the S.E. corner of the interior of the hearth. Under the burned surface we found many small stone chips, stones, and ashes (not horizontal). This seems to be similar to the packing found under the floor by the S.E. bench (p. 41 f.).

We will take a photo of this tomorrow morning. A sketch is given on page 44.

(An architectural description of Building A begins on page 69.)
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We begin a sounding today west of building A in the area excavated last season as 14 A1. The purpose of this sounding (relevance is to determine the width of the MM ramp found last season). (plan p. 44)

We begin by removing the southern most stone of the LM ramp. (sketch p. 48) The sherds found in this stone paving are put in

[23 A1] Pail 26 L 3
under TR 14 A1 Pail 39
Arm depth of 4.98

pail brown
pottery MH II - III (small unit)
other
unmentioned.

After removing the stones we begin a red pass

[23 A1] Pail 27 L 3
under 14 A1 pail 39 + 26 (23 A1)
pail brown
pottery latest = MH III - LM II A
other (plaster, carbon)
unmentioned.
Arm depth 80
This pool reveals many fragments of painted (blue) plaster found last year (NB 14 p69) and left over the winter. The plaster is removed. It appears to have been thrown here as part of the fill. Many pieces have blue paint and some may be yellow.

After a ca. 10m pass we change levels.

23 A1 P12 28 L3
Under 27 L3
from depth of 4.65
2012 brown
pottery MIII + 1 ?late spiral
other carbon, plaster unburnt.

One complete Conical Cup. The base of a possibly complete jug have turned up.

We change levels and travel to dig closer to the rubble of the MM “Ramp.”

23 A1 P12 29 L3
Under 28 L3
from depth 4.57
2012 brown
Pottery latest = MIII
Other A plaster, bones unsearched.
This brings us down to the slope pavement at the top of the ramp. The total width of the ramp is 1.90 m (see p. 63).

Today we will bring up a pack of sherds found in the process of clearing ground in front of Building B. They are being assigned a pack number.

[23A] Pack 30 LI
under — depth —
pottery mixed unit, latest phyla are 1st B.C. or perhaps a little later. other —
unearthed: 0/1638 lamp (later than 2nd B.C).

We begin a new trench today south of ZA and east of the well. In this area (photograph p. 54) we plan to excavate down to the rim occupation level and clean off the probable south extension of the ramp, or street wall to the west.

This trench is 23 B.
The trench was laid out by J. Bianco. Photos were taken before excavation.

The first layer is mostly hard sand and stones. In last season the surface sand was removed by the top loader (WB 8). The level at which we began excavating is Level 2. The first panel is confined to the west 1/2 of the trench.

**23 B**

- **Phase 1.2**
  - Under
  - From depth of soil hard dry brown stone
  - Pottery latest = LM III A
  - Other: unrecorded

After a 5 cm pass we change panels.

**23 B**

- **Phase 2.2**
  - Under: Phase 1.2
  - From depth of soil hard dry brown stone
  - Pottery probably LM IIIB
  - Other: plastic
  - Unrecorded

This panel is bringing us down onto the tops of the well/7well.
23B Tops of walls + fallen stones before removal.
Rol 116

Work continues on 23B, begun yesterday.

After completing the second pass we changed pails.

23B Pail 3 4 3
under 2 L2
from depth of 10.26

Pail Brown
pottery LMI2A 2 13
other

uninventario, C 164/5 cup/bowl

This pail is confined to the south 1/2 of the trench, at the same time we began another pail for the north 1/2 where several lines of stones, possibly walls, are beginning to turn up

Pail 4 4 3
under 2 L2
from depth of 10.26

Pail Brown
pottery latest = LMI2A earlier
other

uninventario

Wall 1 is becoming clearer. Many stones have fallen from the south face.
The level of the top of the wall is 10.26.
The earth (Psalms 3:4) is very soft and filled with stones.
We return to 23A1. The Minoan ramp trench to dig west of the MM ramp. We want to see how deep the bedrock is in this area.

[23A1]
Paul 31 x 3
under —
from depth of 1.03
and brown
pottery, latest date to be MMIII
other
unidentified.

In 23B we change pails south of wall #1 to thinner stone and dig deeper. Photos are taken before the removal of stones. A wall(?), is appearing in the south part of the trench at an angle to walls 1+2

[23B]
Paul 5 x 3
under 3 x 3
from depth of 0.31
and soft dark brown
pottery, latest = LMIIIA2-B
other — bone, shells
unidentified. C1639 stored
for ref.

In 23A1 we will also dig a small patch of earth left along the west side of the
Addition 23A1: There is a small layer of sand below the 2nd pavement and stone bedrock visible in the W. side of the ramp — noted by J. Gifford.

WM ramp to make sure that we have determined the true width of the ramp. A new plan is begun for this.

[23A1] Paul 32 1 3
Under 29 1 3
From depth of pink brown mudbank, pottery HMB-52, other -
unrecorded.

With these 2 rails in 23A1 we come to bedrock on both sides of the ramp. The east border of the ramp is still a little obscure. A line of stones along the east side of the trench may be a retaining wall for the ramp, thus marking the boundary of the ramp. This makes the ramp 2.65 wide. However, there is a gap between this line of stones and the paving stones to the west. If the paving stones mark the edge of the ramp, then the ramp is 1.90 wide. I think the former boundary (the line of stones) is the correct one. It tends to match the construction on the west side, though at a slightly higher level. This finishes 23A1. Addition p. 62
Back in 23B: We find another wall (wall 4) along the east side of the W. 42. To complicate things further, we change plans arbitrarily to excavate deeper in space A.

23B Plate 6 l. 3
under 6 l. 3
firm depth of 9.16
pale soft dark brown
many stones
pottery litter = LM III.2
other shell, bronze
unmentionable C 16 40 would
C 16 41 Anyhow

There may be a wall now going roughly N-S along the west side of the trench. We change plans again in space A.

20B Plate 7 l. 3
under 6 l. 3
firm depth of 9.16
pale brown, harder
pottery litter = LM III.2-3
other bone, slag, orange, carbon
unmentionable. C 16 41 another

There may be, of all things, a semi-circular construction in the NW corner of space A, built against wall 1. Yet it was built, it cut through the line of the west N-S wall (#5).
Outside the round space, we have come down onto a stone slab in one place, near the round wall. We have not dug so deep in the rest of Space A. As we change piles to dig down to the level of the slab, this may be some sort of debris. (It proved not to be)

Paul 9 2-3
under 7 1-3
from depth of 9.30
and brown
pottery p. 96
other bones, shell, NBC
unearthed: pl 19

Inside Space A we change piles to dig a little deeper

Paul 9 2-3
under 8 1-3
from depth of 9.30
and brown soft
pottery MMDIII + LIV III B
other bone, shell, NBC
unearthed: C1720 group
C1721 deep bowl; C1722 ? crucible; C1723 mould.
With this pile we find the top of a tripod next to wall 3.

In pile 7, 8, 9 we have found parts of an unusual

Pottery note 23B/3: 3:
50 sherds. There are
many rare shapes (why?)
mottled in LIV III A 2 B. An
odd rim frag (? kalathos),
unearthed.
C1649 orange fabric
C1650 ? cup
C1651 cup bowl
C1652 laye
C1653 goblet
C1654 thermo chrome cup
C1655 ? crucible
C1656 mould.
pot. It is handmade and has been squared on the inside. I don't know what its profile will look like. It is painted on the inside. We have also found bits of bronze and clay. Are these related to the unusual vessel?

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING A. SKETCH PLAN p. 36.
A sketch of the building block, p. 68.

Dimensions of walls:
West: L. 5.60 (preserved)
W. 1.54
h. 1.97 above bench
Courses 6
ht. of Courses 10 - .30

North: L. 9.09
W. 1.54 (1.06 = long stone)
h. 1.74
Courses 4
height of Courses ca. 1.18
(for construction of this wall, see pages 19 and 20)

Dimensions of Robbers Trenches (approximate)
East: L. 10.00
W. ca. .80 (varies)
South L. ca 1.200 revealed w. 1.65

S.W. L. W.

Dimensions of benches:

North L. 7.93 (int.)
w. 1.85
h. 0.46

South L. 7.90 interior
w. 1.84
h. 0.32

Southeast L. 1.42
w. ca. 0.84
h. ca. 0.40

Northeast L. 1.65
w. 0.90
h. 1.32

West L. 5.00 (interior)
w. 0.64
h. 0.42

(N.B. The west bench is considerably narrower than the other benches. It is also made of rougher stones. Was it added to the other benches?)

Dimensions of bench
L. 2.35
w. 1.42
h. 0.20
Roll 27

23B We prepare the W\% for photos. We will also begin the E\%.

Paid 10\% under — depth —
still hard sand
pottery EM (not clearly datable)
other unrecorded.

After a ca 5cm pass we
change prayers E\%

Paid 11\% 1.3
under 10\% 2
from depth of soil brown
pottery other? clay?
unrecorded.

We change prayers again after
another pass.

Paid 12\% 1.3
under 11\% 1.3
from depth of 10.336
pottery EM clay
other mould frags.
inventoried C 1935 mould

This should bring us to
the level of the tops of
the walls.
The strange "shards" noted yesterday in connection with the clay are probably moulds for making tools (chisels, axes, or, more likely, adzes). Let p. (p. 67-69) there may also be some crucible frags.

Inside space A we remove some of the stones from possibly wall 5 that have only earth under them. We then change tools to dig deeper.

Paul 13:13
under 9.43
from depth of 9.116
Pool: 6 Drum, darker-drag #1
pottery LN III A 1 cup frags.
1 LM III A-B frag.
stone, carbon, shell remains
other bones, skull sample for S. Giddens
unmentioned

"Wall 5" proves not to be a wall.
Furthermore, wall 3 seems to die out at the west. Here there are only small, rough stones not laid in courses. The only possible wall end to wall 5, 4 courses of stones ending in a line, points in the other direction (east).
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Inside Space A we began a pail for removing some stones from the SW corner of the trench (a cleaning operation.

Paul 14 L 3
Under various 3-13
from depth of various
soil brown (stones)
pottery LM III A2-B
other
unmentioned

In the east we we arbitrarily change piles

Paul 15 L 3
under 12 L 3
from depth of 10.24-46
(slope)
soil brown
pottery LM III B looted
other shell, stone vase frag (lid?)
unmentioned

In the W 1/2 (Space A) we changed piles to excavate down to the floor (or at least down to the bottom of the tripod.

Paul 16 L 3
under 13 L 3
from depth of 9.09
soil brown
pottery LM III A2-B
other as 76
unmentioned: E 1736 cooking
This brings us down to the floor, much of which is burned.
(We dug a little deeper on the north.)

In the E' 1/2, pad 15 brought us down onto some large, apparently fallen stones. These are photographed and removed.

A new pad is begun in the E' 1/2.

Pad 17 L 3
under 15 L 3
from depth of: 9.97
soil: brown
pottery: much coarseware, lentil = LM III b.
other:
unmentionable: C 1739.

We find the corner of wall 1+4.

In the W' 1/2 we begin a new pad for the narrow space between walls 1+2. We remove some fallen stones from here.

Pad 18 L 3
under 4 L 3
from depth of: 10.00
soil: soft brown
pottery: mostly LM IA 1+2
other:
unmentionable: C 1740, monochrome,
C 1741, loomweight;
In the W1, we change levels in the area between walls 1+2.

Paul 19 13
Under 18 13
From depth of 992
Soil brown, small stones
Pottery LH III A1
Other shells, bone
Inventoried: C1742

We change levels again here
After completing this pass

Paul 20 23
Under 19 13
From depth of
Soil dark brown
Pottery latest = LH III A1 (?)
Other shells
Inventoried:

TRIPod = C 1736
Between wall 1 + 2 we begin a new fill.

Pail 21 L3
Under 20 L3
From depth of 9.74
Pail dark brown soft pottery; latest = IMPB
Other clay; bone
Inventoried: C1719 stand

We also began a new fill on the E side.

Pail 22 L3
Under 17 L3
From depth of 9.82
Pottery: Mostly LIMABC, but some other: shell
Inventoried:

Another pale is begun for the space between walls 1 + 2.
The fill continues to be the same.

Pail 23 L3
Under 21 L3
From depth of 9.64
Pail dark brown pottery; half in the LIMABC other: none
Inventoried: C1719 stand
After completing this pass we change plans again.

Pail 24 L3
Under 23 L3
Layer depth at 600
Pottery Mostly U1. Some L1 IV
Other bone, shell
Unsearched.

Pails 24 +22 bring us to a surface.
As suspected, 3 doors between walls 1+2 seem to be a blocking wall. They were placed on 2 steps that connect the level of pail 24 with the level of pail 22 (plan p 82). Wall 2 pottery to be (probably) a retaining wall. In the west part of the trench the wall's bottom is at the level of the pail 24 surface (ca. 9.37). It steps up by the two steps, so that the bottom of the east part of the walls at the level of the bottom of pail 22 (ca. 9.82). In other words, the level of the eastern surface is about 50 cm higher than the western (between walls 1+2). The floor level of space A is still lower, ca. 8.94.
We decide to extend the area to be excavated to the west. The new area is 5m x 3m, making the total area of 23 B 5m x 8m. This is to excavate a portion of the street. Before beginning on the west extension, several walls are visible.

The first wall is:

25 L 3
Under —
from depth of 10.73
soil: hard sand
pottery: LIII A 2-8
other
unidentified: e1744 gebst bau

With this wall we find a wall running diagonally from NW to SE. This will be called wall 5. We begin 2 new walls. The first is for the SW side of the wall.

Wall 26 L 3
under 25 L 3
from depth of 9.90
soil
pottery: not closely detectable
other
unidentified: