We shall start another pail for the earth and we shall leave any largeish stones in the south edge undug. Fill with chips in that area will be removed with pail 25.

Pail 2:26 (E. section of trench)
Under pail 25 13cm each
From 5.73N/5.78S to 5.57E/5.69W
Sheds: 620 grs. Scrappy to 2nd c.B.C.

Other—
Inv. C7088—Bucket freq.

The separation between the two fills is not clear-cut and the pails not perfectly separated. We soon terminaise pail 25. Where rubble and chips are very compact, at the south edge, will remain temporarily unexcavated. We are now almost at the level where excavation stopped at the west part of the trench. The fill of pail 26 has very few sherd, and practically no stones of any size.
Rubbé along south edge, from E.

July 4

We continue with pail 26. Today we have four workmen (instead of five usual three) and one begins to remove earth from around the stones and chips. We are trying to define the W-E wall which has appeared along the south edge. For this and for the eventual removal of the stones we assign:

Pail 2: 27 - East Section (stone section)
Under pail 25, equivalent to pail 26.
From (plan, p. 58) to c. 5.57 / 5.57m.
Sherds: 4,100 gr. B.G. cup and tasseled aryballos, c. 6th c. B.C. Also 3rd B.C.
Other: shell, collection of pebbles, frag of mortar.
Inv.: 51591: frag. of mortar; 57090: (Bull's egg) lamp fr.; 57092: 3rd c. B.G. cup ban; 57093: (Bull's egg)

We are now at the same level as where we stopped with pail 21 (see plan, p. 54). We remove the line of stones at the NW end of the trench in the west section, we assign:

Pail 2: 28 - West Section (stone removal)
From c. 5.80 to 5.57m.
Same as pail 21: Brown Earth
Sherds: 450 grs. Scrappy, 1 B.G. base 2d c. B.C.
Other: bone, charcoal.
Inv.: 

A large piece of charcoal is found under the largeish stone at the south end of the accumulation. Also some bone. We reach the nearby level and stop using 28.

The rubble along the entire south edge of the trench is photographed. All stones will be removed still using pail 27 (or more of the west, east sections together). Another workman...
starts taking down the level in the rest of the entire trench, a huge area.
Entire trench

From 5.576/5.67E to 5.63E/5.55 W
Brown earth, stone,
Sherds: 2,600 yrs. Classical to 4th c. Lots of
Attic scraps - To c. 350 B.C.
Objects: 2 stone tools; boxes, pumice, bone, white substance
In v. C7063 wall's leg; C6338, striped bowl, goe,
with C6338. Also C7098-99 jug (same);
C7100. 5th c. Hydra Rim

We find out that the wall at the south edge of the east section of the trench bottoms out after one course. The stone chips and rubble are lower and may have been deposited at the time of its construction and of other buildings in this area. The platform must be seen as a feature of the space partially defined by this wall (see p. 58, plan).

Quite a few sherds, especially B.C. cup bases turn up in pail 29, particularly in the northwest corner. What looks like a burnt area is reached at about the center of the trench but it soon runs out.

The wall is followed further east in the SE corner of the trench. It has a rough south face. Basically also one course except that here and there there is a further row of stones as if it was built on two different levels with the north face higher up. It looks like a rough retaining wall.

A medium-size (like a small pebble) rounded piece of pumice and a roundish stone (possibly a tool?) are found in the fill in the SE corner and right next to the wall.
We continue with pails 27 (removal of stones along the south edge) and 29.

A bull’s leg in terracotta appears under stones some 2.00 m. east of the west scarp. Also in cleaning the SW corner of the trench a stretch of wall, 1.85 m W-E, emerges in the midst and under the rubble accumulation. That corner is still full of stones (small ones) which continue further down. In their midst is found a collection of small flat pebbles right in front of the wall and 1.15 m from the W. scarp. It may be that they were used in a game, what locally is "kasketta". Their level is at 5.5.5 at the top. This is also the level of the burnt surface (36 pebbles).

A second rough roundish stone is found near the wall in the southeast section of the trench. Also a fragmentary mortar and some 100 m N of the wall a fragment of a goema.

It seems that the walls located along the south edge may not be a continue one wall. We shall label the one in the east area wall 1 and that in the west 2.

Pail 30 will cover the west section (5.50 m E-W) of the trench as it proved rather difficult to dig at once.
Roll 3, Fr. 11.
pebbles in SW corner
of Trench 56A1.
From N.

The entire trench.
The pebbles are photographed and
collected (36). They were found in the
midden of rubble which seems to continue
further down, be dug up to the rubble
with pail 30. There are several sherds
near the pile and along the west
scarp.

More small flat pebbles are found
in the midst of the rubble. The
"collection" then may not represent a
deliberate one. It may have ended
up here from elsewhere along with the
rest of the debris. Black Glaze
Cups, bases, and other highly sided sherds
continue to be found. Also bones.
Some larger stones begin to appear.

Pail 2:30 (see p. 69 above) Pottery
2 pails 6,700 gms.
All looks good except for the base of a B.G.
Fairly scratchy. To 4th c. B.C.
C 7094-97: Karenko Cup.
C 7101: Hydra
Rim 5th c. B.C.
C 7102: basin 5½ - 6½
C 7103: Basin 5½ - 6½ c.
C 7109: bowl 5½ to 4½ c. B.C.
we continue with pail 30 in the west section. Some 2-3 courses of wall 2 have been exposed, but its complete length is not known yet. The shrew of rubble to its north extends at maximum c. 1.20m. Beyond are a few flat slabs. At least some of the rubble and the slabs rest on a level where we shall terminate pail 30, although there is no clear surface. We make a drawing (p.72) and take levels.

we shift again to the east section 5E1

Pail 2:31 under pails 27+29, equiv. to pail 30 [east section]

Fmm 5.55m to 5.50m

Sherds 1,850 g. Scraps. To 2nd c. BC

86 cups & base of Attic skyphos.

Other: Terrac. Bull's head: C7065

1nu.

Small stone, rubble appears north of wall 1. In the SE corner (0.92m W of the corner and 0.66m to the north of the south limit of the trench) we find the head of the medium sized terracotta bull. This is the first of this size to be found at Kommos. Sheds are fewer here than in the area of pail 30.
We continue with pail 31 which we finish shortly. The strew of rubble in front of wall 1 (see plan, p. 74) is seen to set on earth. Wall 1 itself is triangulated, drawn, photographed and levels are taken. It has been traced for some 9.30 m and it continues within the east scarp. Its west end is not the original one, but rather the result of robbing or destruction. As noted earlier, the north face sits on rubble and chips we found earlier. The south side which is very rough steps down but is also one course deep. The width is 0.75 m at the west end, 0.65 m in the center, 0.85 m at the east limit. The wall is removed.

Pail 2:32 Removal of wall 1 (56A1)
From 5.95 to 6.60/5.55 (new wall)
Stone and bone each
Shells 2,200 yrs. Scraps to 2nd ¼ of 4th C.E.
Other: bones

X See p. 74 C7110 - Bull's leg C7111: bull's leg,
C7112: bull's leg.
Again we begin to take out the rubble along the south edge of the west section of the trench. Wall 2 there was followed for only a short distance and its east extension may lie under the rubble (see p. 72)

Pail 2:33 Removal of rubble (56A1 w. section)
Earth + rubble
From c. 5.60 m to 5.40 m
Shells: 4,000 yrs. Mixed scraps C. 4.000 yrs.
Tile and large cooking pot in 1st bucket*
Other C 7110 + 7111: bull's legs
X C7112 - Bull's leg, C7113: Medusa bowl
In v: C7114 early 4th C. Jug base, C7130: Hadra base
p. 74 would date this to 4th C. B.C.
Roll 3, Fr. 25
wall 2 from NE

Two fragments of bull's legs are found near each other c. 3.10 m. away from the west scarp and just north of the line of wall 2 in the area of pile 33. There are stones along that line but no proper north face. The last likely stone to belong to the wall are removed.

What looks like a bull's leg is found in the area of pile 32 near where a bull's head was found on Friday.

It becomes apparent that after a stretch of c. 2.20 from the west scarp wall 2 is very roughly built as seen on p. 76. The total length is 5.80 m. Pail 33, it is now decided will be used for the removal of the rough section of the wall. This is photographed and fully recorded.

Under the removed wall a new and better constructed wall emerges. We clean its top and terminate pile 32. Just north of this wall and c. 0.50 away from the east scarp another terracotta bull's leg is found (level c. 5.50 m).

To our surprise, an earlier wall seems to emerge below the "retaining wall" in the west area of the trench.
we continue to dismantle the poor section of wall 2. Under the top stones are small stones, like large chips. There were found under the removed wall 1 as well.

North of wall 1: we start a new pail (2 pails) rubble along s. slope.

Pail 3: 34 [sections of Tr. 56A1]

Under pail 30: Brown earth + rubble

From 5.43 N/5.50 E to 5.21 E/5.25 N

Shards: 6610 gr. Mainly Classical, with one eimot cylinder jug of Late 3rd/Early 2nd c. B.C.: C 7131. To early 2nd or later c. B.C. or later.

Other pottery: charcoal

Inv. C 7132: lamp of Kret. kantharos; C 7133: Bull's leg with handle; C 7106-7107: bull's legs

Pail 34 is used for removing the rubble (pp. 72 plan and p. 72 photo) north of wall 1. This pail is used as we dig to the north.

Pail 34 will be used for only one pass. Rubble and small stone turn up but seem to finish at this level.

It turns out that the rubble near wall 2 continues further down. This suggests a slope down from north to south. We continue removing the rubble but stop digging the earth to its north. In the rubble there are numerous sherds, also a large leg of a terracotta bull located 4.25 m from the SW corner and 0.60 m to the north of the south scarp. Fragments of large vessels turn up in the SW corner.

Wall 2 continues clean but with a rougher construction. It is possible that the rubble remains were under its floor. The most likely level for the latter is that of the bottom of pail 30 (see p. 76). Some 5 flat pebbles round 0.05-0.055 m in diameter turned up in the fill. We keep one as a sample. Also some charcoal...
in the SW comer just north of the wall.

A second, smaller bull's leg is found in the rubble along the face of wall 2 and 30 cm from the W. scarp. The fill along the wall is full of small stone chips, perhaps associated with its construction. They and rubble clear away from a possible surface.

North of the rubble where stones peter out we shall dig with another pair, 35, which should be equivalent to pair 34.

Pail 3:35 (west section, north part 56A1)
Under pail 30, brown earth with a few shreds
From 5.43 w/5.50 e to see plan p. 80
Shreds: 4,050 g. Mixed 5th/4th c. Scrape.
Dolos w. pail 30. No later than mid 4th c. B.C.
Other bones, pumice, shell
Inw.

Here there are a few stones, but no chips, quite a few flat sherdos and bones. There is an occasional bone. Sherdos are numerous.

A new bull's leg is found in the area of pail 35, 2.65 m W. of the S. scarp and 0.70 m from the west one, in the first pail.

A definite surface is being reached. We are guided by red sherdos and jebbles. The latter are not the tiny ones we find in Minoan levels. They average 0.03-0.035 cm. They are black and off-white ones. Wall 2 does not seem to have a south face. It looks now as if it is the very same wall as the course we removed above it. The better built W. wall which we did not dismantle is preserved for some 4 courses like wall 1, it is built of small stone, and has a fairly straight north face. Wall 2 is fully recorded (p. 80) and a section will be removed tomorrow.
be dismantled the "retaining" wall 2, leaving the well built west section of it undug (1.10 m). Under its stones is a whole stratum of large stone chips, probably put there to act as a base for the wall. The sherds go into:

Pail 3.36 (56A1, wall 2)  
From (plan, p. 80) to (plan, p. 82)  
Earth (soft) and large stone chips  
Sherds: 1100 g. Classical/Hellenic probably as late as 1st c. B.C.

Other  
Ino

A shallow foundation trench seems to have been dug for wall 2. This would explain why the ground sloped down considerably next to it and sloped up towards the north. Pails 34 and 35 have led us to a presumably earlier surface. The levels of which can be seen in p. 80. The last large stone of the wall, as preserved c. 5.35 m from the west scarp is a thick slab (0.65 x 0.35, 0.35 m thick) set on edge. The face turned north is roughly carved and suggests that this block may have served as a gourna, before it was set in the wall. Right to its south the stone chips continue down as if there was a pit or a deep and abrupt dip of the ground. The soil here is slightly darker than further west. The "gourna" is discarded. The "pit" is followed some 0.60 m south of the scarp but continues further south. Both here and all along the removed wall we reach a surface similar to that reached to the north.
of pails 34 + 35. All three pails are terminated. The next level:

Pail 4:37 under pails 34, 35, 36
From (p. 80) to 5.29 m. 5.31 NE
Brown earth with some small stones,
Sherds 610 gms. Scraps Clean. => Hell. hydra
No close date possible
Other bone
Inv.

After a pan the fill changes. We shift to

Pail 4:38 under pail 37
Sandy earth. From 5.29 m. 5.31 NE - 5.15
Sherds: 780 gms. 5th c. See special pottery report
Other lur-pet
Inv. C7246. Kinnmus Cup.
The fill is sandy earth with hardly any
sherd, or stone,

Pails 37 and 38 left the strip under
the removed wall untrucked, since the
level was lower there.

x by P. Callaghan
We continue digging sandy earth with pail 38. In the SW corner, right north of the preserved section of wall 2, there is still hard packed earth with some small stone, and stone chips. Several frags of what seems to be a 7th c. cup turned up as well as other shards. Here are one:

Pail 4: 39 (Tr. 56A1, W. section)
Under pail 34. Hard-packed earth + stone chips
From 5.21 m to 5.03 m
Shards: c. 950 gps. To 5th c. B.C.

Other C7257: coarse ware bowl; punctate
Inv. C7134: Profile of 5th c. B.C. B.C. cup: 500-675

After a couple of paves we reach the bottom of earth in the area of pail 39.
In the rest of the W. section the sand layer begins to clear away from a surface with burning. One workerman in set to trace the slowly, and the rest (3 more today) start digging in the east section last excavated with pail 31:

Pail 3: 40 (56A1 east section)
Under pail 31
From 5.50 m to 5.94 (and 5.37 in NE corner)
Shards: 3,800 gps. Deposit seems 1st quarter
of 5th c. Pail of C7246x
Other: bone, shells
Inv.: C7252, C7253-7; join to C7258x

We ran into a variety of fills: stone chips and some rubble along wall 1, petering out towards the north, some sandy earth in the NE area.
Near the wall there is an occasional pebble. These fills are hard to separate.

* [See special report by P. Callaghan]
We continue with pails 38 and 40. The latter is used for the area along wall 1 where some mellow and stone chips extend c. 1.2m beyond its north face. There is also a strip of stone chips, but much fewer than along the wall, along the east scarp. Sheds from these two areas go in pail 40. Elsewhere there is brown earth. Some 3 indistinct sherds are found here and are discarded.

In the E. section pail 38 is terminated at a level with some lepis in the central section. Elsewhere there is earth and also some stone chips which must represent a new layer, connected w. construction in Temple C. We stop excavation here. See p. 86, plan.

Pail 40 is now replaced with pail 41. This is roughly equivalent to pail 37 in the east section (see plan, p. 88).

Pail 4: 41 (56A1 E. section)
Under pails 31 and 40 (Sandy earth)
Sherds: 1300+ sq. Scrappy, but apparently all 5th c.
Other piece of iron
Inv: 67261 - 62

The fill becomes sandy earth. It now appears that the stone chips found in the NE area (see plan, p. 88) may be part of a stratum sloping down to south and west. Some stones were found here and there in the west section of the trench where we stopped with pail 38. Three pieces of p. iron are found just north of the west end of wall 1.

* * * See special ceramic report by P. Callaghan.
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We continue with profile 41 in the east section and we are reaching a stratum of stone chips. This was encountered in Trench 52A (poles 7-9) and 53A (poles 19, 46, 57), where it sloped down from N to S and from E to W.

The baulk left between the trench and 57A is the east, now rising ca. 0.60-0.70m above the level reached. It is ca. 0.50m wide.


Other

Invo. C7288: Terr. bull's leg

Pail 42 has no stratigraphic value. With pail 41 we have reached stone chips in the NE corner sloping down to south. In the south area next to wall 1 the earth fill continues further down. We terminate pail 41 which is equivalent to pails 37 and 38 in the west section. Levels are taken. Parts of a small bull are found in the baulk, 0.30m N of wall 1 and at level 5.54m.

Description of walls:

Wall 1: traced for a length of c. 4.50m and continuing into the east scarp, preserved 1-2 courses with small blocks which vary in height. The wall was built on a slighter slope rising to the east from 5.34m to 5.45m at the W and E ends. Width 0.57m at W. and c. 0.70m at E.

When the reach was built against it the south face is set back to the north.