of the wall and change paill

56A: Paill 5:13 South area (SE sounding)
Under paill 12
Clayey fill with small pebble, chips, lepis
From 3.75 m to 3.62/E. 3.54 m
Sherds: 320 g. 33 shdr. Some pavement?
All thin - Undatable
Other: Plaster, Piece of bronze B2174
Inv.

Structure B from NE.
(a): Thick upright slab, 0.50m h.; max. w.
0.37m; 0.15m thick. Tapering upwards,
fairly even w. face, fairly flat inner,
east face. Level at top: 4.26
(b): Slanted slab, 0.10m thick; 0.18m E-W.
fairly smooth on all sides; broken.
Top. Level at top: 4.04
(c): South slab, 0.40m. max. w. > 0.30 m
max. w.; > 0.05 max. thickness;
0.02-0.03 thickness at top.
Triangular top. Level at top: 4.18 m.

The soil is beginning to change.
It has grey lepis, an occasional small
pebble and is more clayey. The chips
end and we get to some kind of
surface or layer which is quite
grey. We leave a sample, 0.30 m
wide beyond the east scarp and
change to:

56R: Paill 5:14 South area (SE sounding)
Under paill 13 (same point).
From 3.68 m to 3.62/E. 3.54 m
Lepis, small stone, small pebble
Sherds: 740 g. 50 sherds. All thin sherd.
Mostly MMIV. - AMIA. All worn, scrappy.
Other -
Inv.

Sherds are few as before, but there
are small stones. After about a
pass we start finding a pavement
of small flat stones set within
the schist bedding and with occasional
small pebbles in the interstices. Also
after a gap filled with earth there
is a wall running exactly under
the higher wall.

P.S. T.W.S. Enamelled structures A + B today
Pail 14 is used for clearing down to the lower (pavement) of small flat stones south of the Areta wall.
There are level with a wall which starts after a gap 0.10 to 0.14 m below the upper "Areta" wall. The stones are small and set within lapis. They may not be part of a pavement, as we thought at first. We stop excavation in this area small space.

Attention is turned to the North section which, including the area down to the rear line of the south face of the wall will be excavated with:

56K
Pail 4:15 north section
Under pails 7 and 10
Brown earth with many small stone
From 3.78 m to 3.65/3.79 E
Sherds: 1180 grs. 70 sherds. Small, scarpary
Latest HMI (cups)
Other: Plaster; charcoal
In u

Under the large stone, the fill is packed with rough small stones and the earth is soft.

Measurements of levels are taken at various points. The square block of the "Areta wall" is at 3.75 at its base, with the next block to its west 0.07 m higher (at 3.82). The lower wall is more or less even in level at its top (at 3.62-3.63 m). Like the upper wall, the stone pavement also rises towards the west from 3.54 to 3.62 (0.08 m). The two may have been used together at some
Roll 1, Fr. 31
Trench 56A at level of pool 15
(bottom) from E (also above)

Roll 1, Fr. 32
SE sounding
from SE.

Roll 1, Frs. 33 and 34
of Roll 1:
Minoan wall
from W. and NW

point. Also the top of this pavement
is level with the top of the lower
wall but the inclinations are different.
The stone fill seems to come to an
end and at the same level appears
a lower wall course of the "outer wall"
continuing into the west scarp. The
total length is now 5.26 m. This
lower course is narrower than the
higher course represented by the "anta"
block and the two blocks to the east.
The top course c. 0.95 m wide,
the lower c. 0.65 m. This lower
course in turn should sit on a
still lower one, jutting out flush
with the lines of the north and
south faces of the uppermost course.
Thus a gap is created c. 0.30 m
deep and c. 0.20 m varying from 0.10 m
to 0.18 m in height. The wall
found yesterday at the bottom of
pool 14 represents this lowest course.
We discontinue pool 15 at this level
and photograph this interesting
feature of construction which is
visible here only because the stone
of the higher course were robbed.
This construction is paralleled by
the so-called wall I/Bldg. P excavated
in 1980 in the Trench 36B, south of
the present one. Photographs are taken.

In the area of pool 15 we come upon
a stratum of lepis with signs of
burning: reddish earth and
charcoal. We try to see if it is
a floor. Its top level started above
the gap of the W. face of the wall
and, if a floor/surface, it must
be a secondary one. We replace
Minoan ("anta") wall at level of bottom of pail 15. From E.

Pail 15 with

56A / Pail 5:16  NE section (sounding)
Under pail 15
Below ledge surface w. burning
From 3.79/3.71 to 3.55 m.
Shards: 1870 gr. ca. 150 sherds. Mixed
course + fine. Latest LM II A:2 to B. Several LM II A
Other: Plaster, charcoal. Sample of burnt - LM II A

The surface is irregular. Next to the wall it rises to level 3.79 m to cover some stones, part of debris, presumably.
Ca. 1.00 m. North of the westernmost preserved stone of the upper course of the Minoan ("anta") wall is a high concentration of charcoal with red earth around it. We try to define the extent and shape of the burnt area. Pail 16 is used for digging a limited area N. of the wall, 2.36 m E-W, starting from the east scarp. It will be interesting to find out whether the ?stone pent. found to the south yesterday represents an exterior surface cistern. It will not the area to the north is part of a room. It appears now that the so-called upper & lower Minoan walls with lighter i-between are one wall. Dating its construction could have interesting repercussions for in the case of I Tr. 36 B the corresponding wall was thought to have been built in MM II/III I. If so the assortment of building blocks may imply some pretty monumental construction in MM.
The fill is practically devoid of shelves, but there are small and small-medium rough stones. All this must be within the tepi's floor.

The burnt area noted above, continues under the north scarp and is roughly 0.80 - 0.90m wide. We collect a substantial sample for water-sieving.

We make a probe along the face of the wall and we find the lower course, projecting ca. 0.195m beyond the narrower course which is above it and below the upper blocks. This projection served as a ledge on which the beam rested.
we continue with pail 16 for the 'lepis' stratum. After a pass we begin to find scattered rough stones and pockets of earth. We may be reaching the end of the lepis. MMII sherds both turned up. The lepis covered the ledge of the wall on which the horizontal wooden beam rested. Immediately west of the 'anta' block is a gap in the ancheta filled with earth. This may have been the space occupied by a vertical beam. There are bits of charcoal in a small area (0.15 m diam) about 0.30 m beyond the wall.

The stone debris (about 3 medium and 4 small, incut stones stick up from the level) reached with the fill still being predominantly lepis. We arbitrarily change pail.

56A Pail 5:17, northeast sounding under pail 16 - lepis, stone
From 3.55 m. to 3.41 m.
Sherds: 1500 qrs. 135 sherds. Mostly coarse, worn. MMII - LMA sherds.

Other Inv.

There is a patch of charcoal near the SW corner of the sounding and we collect it for water sieving. There are also a few pebbles. We are getting more and more earth mixed with the lepis. With one more pass we reach a definite surface made of reddish/brownish clay like material with burning and charcoal. Its level is at 3.41. Photographs are taken and sample of the red surface.
we start with pail 18. We remove a thin pan and find a more intensely burnt layer underneath. It is part of the same surface and slopes down gently towards the north.

56.

Pail 6:18 (NE sounding)
under pail 17

From 3.41 m. to 3.405/3.35 m. N.
Sherds: 210 qrs., 265 schs. Tiny bits. One ledge
rim sherd = LBA I. Not closely datable.
Other: large sample of burnt earth for C14
Inv. analysis:
Black and red burnt earth.

There hardly any sherds and the ones found are tiny. We are collecting a bag of charcoaly fill for analysis.

It seems that burnt layer slopes down towards the north from c. 3.40
next to the wall to 3.35 m. near the north scarp. Under the burning appears a new layer stratum, probably the actual floor. There are occasional stone chips on it and hardly any sherds. The most intense burning is right next to the wall directly N of where there may have been a vertical wooden beam (see x x on plan, p. 42 above). occupying an area 0.65 E-W and 0.70m. N-S. Some of the soil here is burnt (light brown) yellowish.

We abandon the trench at this level in order to photograph the burnt layer.
when there is enough sun, since there is shade from the trees in the area of unremoved sand to the east.

We shift to the north where our new trench will be 56A1. Its surface levels after the removal of sand (level 1) was removed can be seen in the plan, p. 46. The trench has immense dimensions, 10.77 E-W 5.00m N-S. It will divided in two and we shall start with the west half (5.50 m E-W). There is some earth with some sand and stones at the top.

4 pails

West section

Tr. 56A1 1/2 (sand, earth, small stones)

Surface (see p.46) to

- Sherd: 7, 380 grs. (2 first pails) 1st B.C. Cooking
- Sherd: 1, 680 grs. (2 first pails) Historic
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We find an accumulation of shattered burnt bone next to the S. scarp and at 3.45m from the SW corner. We collected a sample. They may be the result of cleaning antiquities from probably altar M, the altar closest one.

The surface is hard, as usual in this area. Small piece of roof-tiles turn up and we keep them apart.

- Bull's leg C7009; C7006 Potster frag (1st c. B.C.) C7007; later Hell. Pt. Bowl C7008; Pyx 18; C7011 Ungoent; C7012; lamp.

# For sherds of 3rd & 4th pails 19 see p. 48
Pail 19 (see p. 47)
3rd + 4th pails: 5.750 m³
C7011 - Unguentarium
C7012 - Lamp
C6996 - Piece of the lekane
part of C3014 (rest in 34 A/1:15;
3rd - 2nd B.C. types.
Some classical & earlier Hellenistic
Earliest (?) Men. part 1st + 2nd pails 19.

June 27
Work continues in 56 A1 with pail 19.
We are now in the 3rd pail of
that number for sherds are
numerous, even though many are
unrecoverable since the almost
cement - hard layer comes out
in large chunks. Within such
a chunk we found an unguentarium
complete but with the neck broken.
A complete lamp is found
and in the second pass an
accumulation of bones along
the west scarp and c. 2.30
from the SW corner. A fourth
sub-pail (#19) is being used.
The fill becomes softer and the
sand is essentially gone. We
change to

Pail 2: 20 (W. section of 56 A1)
Under pail 19: 5th, earth + stone
From 5.78 m to 5.70 m.
Sheards: 1200 pieces. V. scrappy - 4th-5th, B.C.
Probably all Late Cretan. Early Hell 4th-3rd C
Other: pumice, 1 shell, specular hematite,
Few bones,
Inc. C7021: clay object (to HBW).
June 28

We continue in Tr. 56A1 with pail 20.

The fill is softer with fewer small stones.

Along the south scarp there are small and medium-sized stones which may be at the top of a flimsy retaining wall already exposed in Tr. 51A west of here. Occasional bones are found throughout the trench.

After a couple of paces we replace pail 20.

Pail 2:21 (west section of 56A1)

Oster pail 20

Brown earth, some rubble

From 3.70m to see plan p. 54.

Shards: 1,175 g. All B.C. cup bases 26% of all.

To 3.50 B.C.

Other: Charcoal, bones.

Inu.

There is now almost pure each softish brown and hardly any sherd.

I return with one workman to

Trench 56A. The burnt floor (reached with pail 18) is photographed.

The burnt accumulation is collected in the bag which we started filling with the charcoal, fill earlier on (still pail 18). We assign a new pail for the first layer below the lepis floor (pail 22). This must be considered a transitional pail with sherd on and below within the surface.
NE sounding at level of burnt surface (bottom of pail 18) from west.

Pail 6:22 NE sounding 56A
Under pail 18 Lepis layer + burnt earth
Fm 3.10m 5/335 N to 3.28 m
Sherds: 250 grs. 55.845; Tiny bits. Latest datable: 241 I Tortoise shell ripple
Other: cobble, plaster, burnt earth
In use.
we continue digging with pails 21 (in 56A1) and 22 (in the sounding).

In pail 22 we excavate the latos floor. We seem to be getting onto a new surface only one thin pass down. The fill is burnt, reddish brown with pieces and bits of charcoal and of plaster, tiny bits of stone, occasional small pebbles. We collect a sample of earth with much charcoal for water-sieving. Sherds (few) are tiny. A small cobbles may be a tool. A small tortoise shell painted sherd is found. There are hardly any datable sherds.

we assign pail 23 to the next stratum

**Pail 7: 23 NE Sounding (56A) **
Under pail 6: 22 - soft; brown; earth; charcoal; bits of plaster

From 3.28 m to 3.13/3.19 m.
Sherds: 2,000 g. 170 obs.; Mostly LMI. One possibly LM II C 7034.
Other cobbles, plaster; red floor sample; charcoal
Inc. C 7034: L CII sherd.

The fill of pail 23 is now softer, with a few small stones, some charcoal; larger sherds (mostly coarse) and frags. of plaster.

In Trench 56A1 we come down on what may be a surface with a small patch of charcoal. We terminate pail 21. This is also the level at which accumulation of stones (a N-S line at the NW and a W-E one along the south scarp) seem to end.

(see plan, p.54). Erin Campbell June
of the trench masters, is unable to continue work in her trench because of a precipitation of sand in it. She takes over work in Trench 56A1 temporarily. Excavation shifts to the top level of the east sector where there is earth with some sand. We use

Pail 1-2:24 (56A1 E. section)
For surface levels: p. 46 to (see p. 58)

Shards: 9,130 g. Class. to 1st c. B.C. Some shards from Krater CG996. Badly worn.
Other ?clay pieces

Inv. CG996 (krater)

In the sounding we reach the bottom of the wall and at about the same level a surface with patches of terracotta red colour (Munsell hue 5R 5/6 - 4/6 red) which does not run all the way to the wall, over it and especially near the wall are found many small stone chips. It looks as if this was a floor preceding the wall. The bottom blocks were set on small rough stones which must have been for bevelling.
We continue excavating the top level in Tr. 56A1 with pail 24. A rough squarish structure made of small stones appears c. 1.55m from the east scarp and c. 3.80m from the north one. It is 0.80m N-S to 0.57m E-W. A stone is missing from its SW corner. We shall dig down to the level on which it was built. It may be a little platform for more flat stones in its interior as well.

Levels are taken in Tr. 56A and an elevation drawing of the north facade of the wall in the NE sounding is begun.

Few workmen are present at the site today because of a wedding gathering in the village last night. Work proceeds slowly also because of a fierce wind which bombards us with sand on such a hot day.

Pieces of what looks like clay are found in the SW corner and collected in a bag.
July 3

We reach the bottom of the "platform" in 56A1 and terminate pit 24. Stone have also appeared along the south edge of the trench. They seem like a continuation of those in the west part of the trench. Levels are taken and the platform drawn and photographed. (see pp. 58-60)

We continue with:

Pail 2: 25 East section of trench under pail 24. From east, 3.8° to 5.73°.

- Compact brown earth chips 5.78°
- Shards: 4th c. to 2nd c. B.C. worn and not much cortex.
- Other -
- Inc.

The platform is removed. There were no signs of burning or ash. A W-E wall is being defined along the south edge of the trench. Along the east edge we have been leaving a strip ca. 0.80 m wide to prevent our contaminating the adjacent trench. The bulk top

The fill turns out to be one of large stone chips. It probably corresponds to Tr. 57A/2-2, where chips were found also. As we dig we find that they gradually peter out towards the north and the west. The highest concentration is along the south edge. The small stones ground along the south scarp in the west section may be part of the same phenomenon.