We begin digging in Trench 57A after an interval of 7 days.

TRENCH 57A

Pail 6:73
Under pail 6:58
From level 4.19 m. (W) / 3.98 m. (E)
To 3.88 m. (E) / 3.72 m. (W). See pp. 142, 164.

Type of soil: dark brown sandy soil with chips, stones and blocks.

Pottery: Mostly medium sized coarse ware and only a few fine pieces mainly belonging to conical cups. Not very diagnostic.

Date: PM IV - LMT (conical cups).

Other: plaster

Inventoried.

We photograph the Western section of the North face of Wall 2 (Roll 10, fr. 5). See p. 164. This part of the Wall is unstable (part has already been removed). After the photograph we remove the unstable sections.

In the central section of the area covered by pail 73 we find a N-S crosswall (Wall 6). See sketch p. 166. We find the rest of the North face of Wall 2 in the West. See p. 166. After one pass with pail 73 we began to dig West of the crosswall (Wall 6) with:

Pail 6:75
Under pail 73
From level 3.88 m. (E) / 3.72 m. (W) to 3.67 m. (E) / 3.38 m. (W). See pp. 164, 170.
Type of soil: same as 73 but moister.

Pottery: Medium to small sized coarse and fine shards. Paint from a pithos. 8 SS handles.
   Date: LM I - LM II (jug, cup)

Other:

Inventoried: C7629 - Conical cup - LM III
            C7630 - Miniature jug, base LM II

TRENCH 57A2

We remove the bank to the north and begin digging with a new pail: SEE p. 169

Pail 4:74
Under pail 4:72
* From level 4.79 m. (SW) to 4.66 m. (NE) to 4.47 m. (NE)
   4.35 m. (SE)
Type of soil: light brown earth with stone chips and wall blocks

Pottery: Medium sized coarse and fine
   Ware: Date: LM III - LM II. Jars with Tr. 58 A / 5.7 (Fool. of C7507 on 796)
   Other: tool, plaster, bone, shell

Inventoried: C7628 - Bowl/cup - LM II

While cleaning the southern face of wall 4, we find white plaster adhering to the wall. On the north face of the wall in Trench 58A pink plaster was found.

The line of wall 5 now clearly emerges.
A pail number is assigned to the shreds in the balk between Trench 57A2 and Trench 58A whose removal is mentioned on page 167:

Pail 3/4: 79
Under no pails (from balk to North, removed earlier at level of bottom of 3:64. SEE p. 181)
From level 5.46 m (W) / 5.47 m. (E) to 4.86 m.
Type of soil: SEE under pails 65 - 72

Pottery: * Small/medium coarse and fine
Date: HM III - LM III A

Other:
Inventoried: C 7643 - Closed vessel - LM III A
C 7644 - ledge rim cup - LM III A
C 7590 - straight rim cup/bowl - LM III A2
TRENCH 57A2

When we are well below the tops of Walls 4 and 5 we change pails and begin to dig to the west of Wall 5. While digging in the southern section of the trench, however, we immediately find an east-west wall (Wall 7). See p. 162. This east-west wall divides the building contained within the trench into two rooms. The northern room will be called Room A, the southern room, Room B.

As soon as we become aware of Wall 7 we decide to dig the rooms separately and restrict the pails to the area south of Wall 7. Note on Room A, see p. 177.

Pail 5: 76
Under pail 4: 74
From level 4.36 m. (W) / 4.35 m. (E) to 4.07 m. (E) / 3.88 m. (W)

Type of soil: compact darker brown sandy soil chocked with large wall blocks

Pottery: Course medium sized. Fine small. Some joins. HM III - 274 I

Other: plaster

Inventoried:

We follow the line of Wall 6 from Trench 57A1 under the west scarp of Trench 57B2 and find the line of a doorway just beyond the southwest corner of 57A2. See p. 162, 166. Room B, the room entered by this doorway, is bordered by Walls 2, 5, 6, 7. Half of Room B is in Trench 57A2, the other half in Trench 57A1.

When the floor of Room B, straddling the 2 trenches, is roughly level, we begin digging to the north of Wall 7...
TRENCH 57A2:
Elevations: Bottom of pail 77

(Room A) with:

Pail 5: 57
Under pail 4: 74
From level 4.45m. (E) / 4.38m. (W) to 3.89m. (E) / 3.80m. (E)
Type of soil: hard dry light brown earth with great quantities of decomposed plaster and large wall blocks
Other: plaster

Inventoried:

TRENCH 57A1

We renew digging to the West of Wall G with:

Pail 6: 78
Under pail 6: 75
From level 3.67m. (E) / 3.38m. (W) to 3.42m. (E) / 3.33m. (W)
Type of soil: dark brown sandy soil with small stones and decomposed plaster.
Pottery: Medium-sized coarse and fine ware.
Date: MM III (conical cups, fragments)
TRENCH 57A2

We arbitrarily end pail 77 and renew digging
in the same area to the North of Wall 7 and
East of Wall 5 with:

Pail 5:80
Under pail 5:77
From level 3.89 m. (E) to 3.73 m. (W)/
3.68 m. (E) . SEE pp. 172, 176.
Type of soil: dark brown dry sandy earth with
lots of decomposed plaster.

Pottery: coarse and fine. Some straight-sided
cup for one of which is painted with
horizontal bands. Date: 1414. III

Other: plaster

Inventoried:

After one pass we find a hard surface. We
begin to probe Wall 5 just to the East of pail
80 and find that a doorway has been concealed
by the thick tangle of rocks. Wall 5 thus
continues no further North than the line of
Wall 7. Room A then is no room at all but
part of an East-West corridor. SEE SKETCH p.162.

We dig on Eastwards through the doorway
just far enough to find that Wall 7 does not
continue East beyond the line of Wall 5. We
do this digging with:

Pail 5:82
Under pail 4:74
From level 4.47 m. to 3.68 m. SEE pp. 170, 176.
Type of soil: like pail 77
Pottery: ca. 20 shards. Small/medium coarse and fine. Only one diagnostic shard with spiral decoration. Later or earlier.

Other:

Inventoried:

At this level in Trench 58A a pottery deposit was found (3.72 m, 3.53 m, in space W; pail 5:36). When we have reached the hard surface throughout the area North of Wall 7 which is included in pails 80 and 82 (we do not dig East of the turn of Wall 7 due to the press of time), we continue with:

Pail 5:83
Under pails 70, 82
From level 3.73 m (E) / 3.68 m (W) to 3.54 m (W) / 3.53 (E)
Type of soil: hard, dark, moist soil


Other:

Inventoried:

After one more pass we come down upon a clay surface. There are some scattered black beach pebbles. We send pail 83 at this surface. Cf. Trench 58A, pail 5:37 (pottery deposit) and pail 5:31.

Because of the pressure of time we now restrict the digging to the narrow strip North of Wall 7 which follows the lines of the doorway in Wall 4. See p. 178. We dig with:
Roll 10, fr. 36
Rear view of M.C.S., G. Bianco
and Siphos' fainalakhs
Also bottom of Pail 64: Exposed
base of kalathos

Roll 10, fr. 37
Bottom of pail 64: Exposed
base of kalathos. August 11,
2 p.m., 1984

TRENCH 57A1

3.33m. 3.36m. 3.42m.

1:100

Pail 6: 84
Under pail 5: 83
From level 3.54 m. to 3.31 m.
Type of soil: moist clay and earth

Pottery: 12 pieces. All coarse ware
(TB). Date MM III / LM IA
(See kalathos under "Inventario")

Other:
Inventario: 67649 - a complete kalathos
MM III / LM IA

Just before the end of the working day
we came upon a fully preserved
kalathos. The last act of the 1984 season
is the removal of this kalathos. While the
pot is being removed we photograph (Roll 10,
frs. 36-37 and colour. See p. 180).

Beneath the pot we find the LM IA
burnt floor found in Trench 58A (pails 44, 45).
The burnt floor is only a few centimetres below
us. We take the floor deposit without having
reached the floor. In Trench 58A the LM IA
floor level beneath the burning ranged from 3.34 m.-3.21 m.

TRENCH 57A1

We find the floor of building T, North of
Wall 2. It has some patches of fallen plaster
as in Trench 57A (pails 26, pps. 76-79), but
here the floor is much harder. When we reach
the floor we end pail 78 and begin
digging to the East of Wall 6 in Room B
(cfr. pp. 162, 166).
ROOM B (TRENCHES 57A1 & 57A2)

We begin digging in Room B (see p. 171) with:

Pail 6: 81
Under pails 73 and 76
From level 4.07 m. (NE) / 3.79 m. (SW) to

Type of soil: same as 78

Pottery: Medium-sized coarse and fine
Shells: Several conical cup-based, tripod
legs, one spool from 88.3. Date
HM III - LM II.

Other: plaster, bone, fine blue plaster, fine
red plaster, fine black and red plasters,
charcoal, a shed with adhering decomposed bronzes

Inventoryed: C7645 - Conical cup - HM III (complete)
C7646 - Conical cup - HM III - LM II
C7647 - SS cup - HM III

We find a number of coloured plasters. In
particular, the blue plaster is the same as that
found in Trench 57A, except that it has not the
film of soil or charcoal found on most of the
blue plasters in that trench (cf. pail 26, pp. 87ff.).

We are forced to abandon excavation of Room B
as the last working day ends as we are just a
few centimetres above the floor associated with
the building of Wall 6 (as a brief probe
indicates).
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