The excavation of Trench 63A is hereby ended.

We now begin a new trench, Trench 63B, under the southern limit of the property line. The new trench is oriented in a north-south direction, measuring 6.5 m. in length and 2.8 m. in width (see diagram, page 152). It is bordered on the north by Trenches 65A and 65A1, the contiguous width being 1.38 m. and 1.42 m. respectively.

The purpose of the new trench is to find the fourth interior wall of Building P. These interior walls have already been excavated and the building gives every indication of continuing southwards. The interval between the piers of Building P has averaged 5.7 - 5.9 metres. It is similar interval is projected for the fourth gallery of the building, the new trench should allow us to catch at least the north-west corner of the wall.

The co-ordinates of the new trench are:

NE 997.00 x 1075.46 y
NW 994.20 x 1075.46 y
SE 997.00 x 1068.96 y
SW 994.20 x 1068.96 y
We start digging in the southern half of the trench with:

**Pail 1:96**
Under the sand cleared by the front-lifter.
From level 4.36 m. (SE) - 3.51 m. (NE) to
4.18 m. (SE) - 3.67 m. (SW). See on page 156.
Soil: Accumulation of loose sand.
Pottery: 350 g., 19 sherds; Featureless, but 3
join to form an E. Corinthian alabaster with
floral decoration. To c. 600 B.C.
Other:
Inventoried: c8340 - E. Corinthian alabaster

When the loose topsoil has been removed we
change pails and continue with:

**Pail 1:97**
Under pail 1:96.
From level 4.18 m. (SE) - 3.67 m. (SW) to
3.91 m. (NE) - 3.24 m. (SW). See on page 156.
Soil: Compact sand.
Pottery: 450 g. Very scruppy. Possibly to
1st B.C. (jug base), if not, 7th c B.C.
Other: Stone tool
Inventoried:

We came upon a stratum of wall debris set in
hard earth mixed with some clay. The compacted sand
continues to descend, however, in the southern
c. 1.10 m. of the trench. It is manifestly a
'robbing's trench.' We continue to dig in this southern
section until the sand turns into a mixture of
sand and clay.
We dig lower in the robber's trench with:

Pail 2: 98
Under pail: 1: 97
From level 3.32 m. (SE) - 3.24 m. (SW) to 2.92 m.
See pages 156 and 158f.
Soil: clay mixed with sand, of a 'greyish brown' colour (Munsell 2.5Y 5/6).
To 7th c. B.C.

Other:

Inventoried:

We find a number of large stones apparently forming the end of a wall (the north-west corner is not visible in the robber's trench). They appear to be the subfoundations of the Wall of Building P for which we search. The west end of the piers is at a level of 3.07 m. This is considerably lower than the top of the large foundation block at the end of the Wall of Building P to the north in Trench 65A. But some 2.8 m. from the west end of our piers the level steps up c. 0.20 m. to the level of the aforementioned foundation block of Trench 56A whose upper surface stands at 3.28 m.

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As the robber's trench does not expose the full width of the wall we are forced to dig the stone spill back about 8 m. northwards with:

Pail 2: 99
Under pail: 1: 97
From level 3.72 m. - 3.71 m. to 2.92 m. See page 158f.
Soil: earth and clay mixture of "grayish brown" colour (Munsell 2.5 Y 5/2)


Other: petrified oyster

Inventoried:

We find the north face of the wall after peeling back the scarp a further 8 m. from the edge of the robber's trench. The wall in the middle of the trench is 1.33 m. in width. This is much greater than the width of any other wall of Building P which at their greatest thickness barely exceed 1.1 m. This width corresponds, however, to that of the orthostate wall (north) of Building T. We notice also that the construction of the wall is much more like that of an interior wall of Building T than of any wall of Building P. We clean until the north line of the wall is visible and then dig in search of the pebble court in the west in front of the pier of the wall.

The investigation in front of the wall reveals two pebble surfaces: one surface we have cut through but it is still visible in the scarp at a level of 3 m.; the other is preserved at a level of 2.92 m. Both surfaces can be traced up to the wall with no sign of a foundation trench. We conclude from this that the wall was originally a wall of Building T and not of Building P. We will investigate the rear of the wall by Building P in other parts of the trench.
We end pail 99 and decide to turn our attention to the north of the trench. Here we begin digging a strip 1.3 m. south of the north line of the trench and parallel to it. We dug here to determine the height of the floor of the fourth gallery of Block P. The height of the floors in the third gallery was:
- upper floor: 3.55 m. (E) to 3.44 m. (W)
- lower floor: 3.33 m. (E) to 3.27 m. (W)

We begin digging with:

Pail 1:100
Under no pail
From level 3.87 m. (NE) - 3.21 m. (NW) to
3.70 m. (NE) - 3.46 m. (NW).
Soil: some loose sand with more compact sand beneath.

Pottery: 300 gr. Scraps to Classical. Parts of a plate found in E6A 7/1:75 possibly also here. To 5th c. B.C.

Other:
Inventoried:

We change pails when we reach earth.
We dig below pail 100 with:

Pail 2:101
Under pail 1:100
From level 3.70 m. (NE) - 3.46 m. (NW)
   to 3.35 m. - 3.23 m. (NW)
Soil: hard earth with clay admixture of 'light yellowish brown' color (Munsell 2.5Y 6/4)
Pottery: 850 gr. As above. To 5th c. B.C.

Other: pumice
Inventoried: C8388 - Ball's leg
As we dig we annex the small strip of earth between the northern limit of the trench and the south face of Wall 2 in 659 and 659.1. We will also call this wall 'Wall 2'. The annex extends the dimensions of Trench 63B by a further 0.65 m. in the east and 0.16 m. in the west.

Wall 101 is terminated upon a surface of burnt earth, sandy earth and clay.

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Work continues with:

Wall 2:102

Under wall 2:102

From level 3.35 m. - 3.23 m. (W) to 3.24 m. (E) - 3.14 m. (W). See pages 160, 162.

Soil: hard sandy earth of light brownish grey colour (Munsell 2.5 Y 6/2).

Pottery: 1,350 Fr. Fr. of a classical?

Other:

Inventorised: c8389 - household basin

We dig with wall 102 until we reach a layer of pure loose sand. The sand is only found in the southern part of the sounding. In the north of the trench, earth is found up to 0.85 m. to the south of Wall 2. The sand probably represents an erosion gully. We dig out the sand with:

Wall 2:103

Under wall 2:102

From level 3.24 m. (E) - 3.14 m. (W) to 3.13 m. (E) - 2.98 m. (W). See page 162.

Soil: sand
Pottery: 580 yr. As above. Mostly transport amphora and a few scraps of 7th C. B.C. cups. To 5th C. B.C. ?

Other: pumice
Inventoried:

When the sand is removed we dig on with:

Pail 2: 104
Under pails 102, 103
From level 3.24 m. (N.E.) - 2.98 m. (W) to 2.84 m. (N.E. 2 NW) - 2.79 m. See pages 162, 164.
Soil: sandy earth of dark greyish brown colour (Russell 3.5 1/4) with rubble and stone chips and some signs of burning.
Pottery: c. 1030 yr. More of amphora and 7th C. B.C. scraps. To 5th C. B.C. ?

Other: bronze
Inventoried:

A few small stone chips and a single pebble mark a harder surface which can be traced in a small margin of a few centimetres south of Wall 2.
This surface is at 2.92 m., the same level as the lower court found in the south of the trench in front of Wall 1 (see page 164).

A bit lower down we find a thin layer of clay. We dig down to this surface throughout the area of the sounding and end pail 104.

We now dig a narrow strip of .83 m. parallel to the west line, in the north west corner of the trench.

Pail 2: 105
Under pail 2: 104
From level 2.84 m. (N.E. 2 NW) - 2.79 m. to 2.71 m. (N.W.) - 2.59 m.
Soil: Dark grayish brown soil with some stone chips.

Pottery: c. 340 g. Scraps. 9 sherds. To Early Iron Age.

Other:
Inventario:

We find a surface extending 6 m. south of Wall 2 that disappears as we dig further to the south. The surface stands at 2.71 m. There are a few pebbles but not many. The surface is lower than the bottom of Wall 2 which we find at a level of 2.83 m. A few centimeters below this koukouras (bedrock) appears. We leave a small marker to the new surface in the wall north west of the trench and dig down to the koukouras elsewhere in the area of pit 105. The koukouras layer drops sharply at a distance of 2.83 m. south of Wall 2. This we take to be due to erosion. We end pit 105 without trouble to uncover the koukouras beyond this point.

Trench 63B is hereby ended.

We now begin a new trench, Trench 63B1. Trench 63B1 is a rectangle located adjacent to the eastern line of Trench 63B. Its southwest corner is located 3 m. north of the southeast corner of Trench 63B. Trench 63B1 then follows the eastern line of Trench 63B for 1.7 m. before turning eastwards for 1.5 m. The purpose of the trench is to find the line of the wall of Building P (enclosing the fourth section to the south) on top of the wall of Building T uncovered in Trench 63B.
The co-ordinates of the new trench are:

- NE: 998.5x 1070.96 y
- NW: 997x 1070.96 y
- SE: 998.5x 1069.26 y
- SW: 997x 1069.26 y

We begin digging the topsand with:

Plan 1: 106
Under no peril
From level 4.46 m. (SE) to 4.06 m. (NW) to 3.81 m. (C). See page 170.

Soil: compact sand
Pottery: c. 550 BC. Fezimale scrap to Pmr. BC or Classical.

Other:
Inventoried:

The line of the north face of a wall appears. It is considerably further south than the line of Wall 1 found in Trench 63B (see page 158), but follows a line consistent with that of the higher part of Wall 1 (see block marked △ on diagram, page 158). We take this as clear evidence of the re-use of the foundations of the wall of Building T by the builders of Building P. Soon after this discovery, the soil changed from sand to earth. Plan 106 was therefore replaced by:
Pail 2: 107
Under pail 1: 106
From level 3.81 m. to 3.46 m.

Soil: of olive colour (Munsell 5Y 4/3)
Pottery: 28 sherds

Other:
Inventoried:

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When we have defined the limits of the Wall in Trench 63B1 (see on page 155), we clean and terminate our operations in the area. We then photograph:

- with Polaroid, Trenches 63B and 63B1, Wall 1 from the west (see on page )

- with Polaroid, Trench 63B, Wall 2 from the southwest (see on page )

- with Roll 15, fr. 19, 29, Trench 63B and 63B1 below pails 114 and 107 from west

- with Roll 15, fr. 20, 21, Trench 63B, below pails 104, 105 from southwest

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We now move to a new trench, Trench 63C. The area of the present investigation is located in a narrow strip north of the south wall of Building T in Trenches 57A and 57A1 (see on page 194). To the east the limit of our activity is Wall 6 in Trench 57A1, to the south Wall 1 of Trenches 57A and 57A1, to the west the mound between
Trenches 56A and 57A, and to the north the bank of unexcavated earth under the sand-cleaning operations of Trench 29.

We begin by removing sand and excavated earth that has accumulated since the digging of Trenches 57A and 57A1 in 1984. This is done with:

Pail 1: 10 l
From level 3.42 m. (E) - 3.24 m. to 3.42 m. (E) - 3.24 m. See on page 176.
Soil: excavated earth and sand accumulation.
Pottery: 62 gr. 7 featureless sherds,
1 Hellenic, others possibly so, but some are definitely Iron Age.
Other:
Inventoried:

When we have reached the floor other excavation stopped in 1984, we change pails and dig with:

Pail 6: 10 l (level numbers conform to those of Trench 57)
From level 3.42 m. (E) - 3.24 m. to 3.38 m. (E) - 3.18 m. (W)
Soil: 'light olive grey' soil (Honsell 54 6/2) with much decomposed plaster and charcoal
Pottery: 130 gr. Hellenic scraps and one BG cup sherd. To 850/750 C. B.C.

Other: charcoal, plaster, plaster with burnt face, plaster with red pigment.
A new surface is found a few centimeters below the old one in the east part of the trench. There is some sand between the surfaces. But the levels are the same in the centre of the trench. It seems to be a matter of floor levelling and resurfacing. At the new surface there is a change of pails:

Pail 6: 110
Under pail 6: 109
From level 3.38 m. (E) - 3.18 m. (W) to
3.31 m. - 3.18 m.
Soil: 'olive' coloured soil (Munsell
5 Y 5/3) with much decomposed
plaster.
Hollowing: Rinsed. Some bits still look
possibly I.A. PPB to check.

Other: fine blue-grey plaster with
burning on one side (cf. Trench
57A, pail 26 and Trench 57A1,
pail 81)

Inventoried:

After 0.1 m. in the east we reach house bases.
The house bases have fallen plaster upon it, including
some of the blue-grey plaster associated with
burning (cf. Trench 57A, pail 26 and Trench
57A1, pail 81). As we move 1.4 m. westwards,
however, we find that the house bases layer
is virtually at the level of the surface exposed
by the previous pail. Here again it seems to
be a question of levelling and resurfacing rather
than a new floor.
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