As we follow some new blocks that appear in the south of the trench we find a piece of Egyptian blue in the area under 5:47 and a bit to the south of the fragments found in that pail.

We dig pail 53 until we find four more enormous blocks in addition to and east of the block found in pail 51. Three of the blocks are aligned in the south and appear to be part of the 750 B.C. retaining wall found in Trench 56. We will call the wall 'Wall 2'.

After defining the legs of the five blocks of Wall 2, we change pails and dig with Pail 5:54, but before beginning this pail we leave a sanitary margin around the wall to the north.

Pail 5:54
Under pails 5:53 and 5:52

From level 4.08 m. - 4.01 m. to 3.93 m. - 3.72 m. See on pages 84, 90, 94.

Soil: stone chips of medium size in soil of 'dark greyish-brown' colour (2.5Y 4/2).

Pottery: 1,000 g. 5 pieces Phoenician amphora and several LPG Bell Shaped undecorated fragments of large vessels. 3 LPG late 8th B.C.

Other: charcoal; Egyptian blue (c.f. 5:53); rotten faience; a bronze figurine of a man, bone, shell

Inventoryed: 8306 - bronze figurine (see page 92)
Last night Giuliana Bianco, the site architect, determined the theoretical dimensions of Trench 63A according to the grid plan. The dimensions used so far (see page 8) are the actual dimensions representing erosion of the scarp. Other discrepancies are applicable (to a limited degree) to uncertainty about the exact location of the corners of the trench as they meet Wall 6. In future all diagrams will represent the theoretical dimensions.

We end pail 54 and clean down to the rocks in the north and east with pail 55.

Pail 5:55
From level: superficial cleaning on rock spill

Pottery: 1,250 gr. Scrappy LPG material. One piece of a Phoenician amphora. To LPG 1940 B.C.

Other: pumice, bone

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In the area under pail 54 there is an area that contains burnt earth. We dig it out with:

Pail 5:56
Under pail 5:54
From level 3.94 m. to 3.71 m. (see diagram, page 98).

Soil: small and medium-sized stone chips in black soil (5x2.5/1 on soil chart).

Pottery: 400 gr. PG scraps. To LPG 1940 B.C.
While cleaning with Pail 55 we find a small east-west wall which we assume to be the retaining wall holding back the higher ground level to the north of Building P (see page 96). We will call this wall 'Wall 3'.

After digging out the black earth with Pail 56 we dig the area that remains stoneless (except for the small margin north of Wall 2) with:

Pail 5:57
Under Pails 5:56, 5:54
From level 3.96 m. to 3.71 m. to 3.87 m. - 3.70 m.
See pages 94, 98, 100.

Soil: stones and large stone chippings in soil of 'very dark greyish brown' colour (Munsell 2.5Y 3/2).

Pottery: 1,050 gr. Join with Pail 55. To P6, 5100 B.C.

Other: Egyptian blue, red plaster, white plaster, bone

Inventoried:

We dig Pail 57 down until we find sand throughout the trench. At this point a pail is assigned to the removal of the margin of south arbitrarily left to the north of Wall 2.
Pail 5:58
Under pail: 5:53 and 5:57

From level 4.01 m. - 3.81 m. to 3.81 m. - 3.72 m.
See pages 90, 100.

Soil: indistinguishable from pails 54, 57

Pottery: 1,300 gr. Scrappy LRC.

Other: Egyptian blue, iron blade, bone, pennies

Inventoried: Mi 173 - iron blade, C8117 - Phoenician amphora

We end pail 58 when we reach a layer of sand which marks the surface upon which Wall 2 rests. We dig the sand wherever we are not obstructed by stones in the eastern half of the trench with:

Pail 5:59
Under pail 57, 58
From level 3.81 m. - 3.70 m. to 3.70 m. - 3.44 m.
See pages 100, 102.

Soil: loose streaked sand of 'dark greyish brown colour' (2.5 Y 4/2 on Munsell chart)

Pottery: 1,300 gr. c. 50 sherd. Mixed Iron Age and Minoan. Small scrappy bits.

Other: 1 cobble, plaster, bone

We dig through the sand and find the line of Wall 3 going into the centre of the trench. A little further down we begin to find a bit of soil mixed with the sand and beach pebbles.
We dig down with 57 until we are on top of a pebble surface.

A separate pail is designated for two wedges of earth between the large blocks to the north of Wall 2 (see diagram, page 102). One of the wedges stands between the end of Wall 1 and the large fallen block immediately to the west of the wall. The other wedge stands between the fallen block and the large block which sticks out to the north of Wall 2. We dig the wedges with:

Pail 5:60
Under pails 5:57 and 5:58.
From level 3.29 m. (eastern wedge) and 3.96 m. (western wedge) to 3.86 m. (eastern wedge) and 3.74 m. (western wedge).

Soil: dense rubble and brown earth.

Pottery: c. 650 B.C. Some African scraps but mostly
Per. 2 Str. of C3344. Bull figure of Temple A, 2nd
Floor period. To 976 B.C.

Other: bone, nutshell

Inventoried: C8148 - Attic cup fragment.

Pail 57: Meanwhile we clean a bit between the end of Wall 1 and Wall 2. It becomes clear that this is part of a rough return for the 11th century retaining wall. We will call this return 'Wall 4.' Wall 4 (see diagram on page 100) is just over a metre long (1.05 m.) and includes in its
hills: construction the eastern block of Wall 2. In pail 60 we
dig a few slabs below and west of Wall 2, which we will have to wait to investigate further. A block of Wall 2 sits upon this slab but it is considerably lower than the bottom of the wall as it can be seen further west.
We reduce a mound of earth in front of Wall 3 stretching 2.04 m. to the west of Wall 4 (see diagram on page 102) with:

Pail 5:61
Under pail 5:59
From level 3.84 m. - 3.64 m. to 3.66 m. - 3.57 m.
Soil: 'dark greyish brown' soil (Munsell 2.5Y 4/2) with small wall blocks and much small stone rubble and stone chips.

Pottery: c. 25 sherds. Mostly coarse ware. 3 Canaanite amphora sherds. Shiny jar sherd present.
Inventoried: 217 III.

Other:

Inventoried: C8144 - 3 Canaanite amphora sherds.

To the west of the westernmost block of Wall 2, between this block and the scoop we dig down another wedge of earth with:

Pail 5:62
Under pails 5:51 and 5:58
From level 3.75 m. to 3.42 m. (see page 104)
Soil: 'very dark greyish brown' soil (Munsell 2.5Y 3/2) with stone and chips
Pottery: c. 70 sh., 3 sherds. 2 are from C6162, a hand cracker from Floor 2 of Temple A. One of these sherds mending in antiquity. 9th B.C.
Other: bone,

Inventoried:
The pebble surface we have come upon is a very rough one. In the area of pail 61 it is very much interrupted by rocks from below. This is the surface upon which the large fallen block (probably from the end of Wall 1) sits.

We photograph the eastern half of the trench from inside the trench in the northwest with Roll 8, frames 17-24. We also take cotton shots and a polaroid. See on page 106, 108. We then photograph from the southwest with Roll 8, frames 25-26. See on page 108.

After photographing we begin digging in two different areas. We dig under the pebble surface with:

Pail 6:63 (note change of level)
Under pails 59, 61, 62
From level 3.66 m. - 3.44 m. to 3.43 (c)
- 3.38 (see on pages 102, 104).
Soil: beach pebbles, large stones, small stone chips in soil of 'light olive brown colons' (Munsell 2.5 Y 5/4).

Pottery: ca. 150-200 shds. Mixed CR, FB and FB. Mostly common ware: cooking pots, jars, conical cups, kylikes. Many frs. of Canaanite m. LIIII A.

Other: white coarse plaster, prunier, bone

Inventoried: I 47 - Canaanite handle with inscribed mark; C 8154 - Cypriot base ring jug, LIIII A1.
In the western half of the trench we begin following the loose sand and rubble layer which had been already partially excavated by paill 47 in this area. We dig with:

Paill 5:64
Under paill 25, 26, 49
From level 4.32 m. (SW) - 3.98 m. to 3.98 m.
(NW) - 3.81 m. (C). See pages 50, 82, 104.
Soil; loose sand filled with small rubble.

Pottery: 15,300 yr. Sahi PC paill 1.
6143, 6147, 6152. Some of c3344 Temple A, Floor
2. Bull figure. Bell skyphoi, jars, bell kraters
Other: imprints, bone, 2 cobbles, a ceramic
ball, a bronze ball, charcoal, a fair
quantity of plaster, bronze

C8161 - closed vessel; c8162 - Epirus krater
C8171 - inventioned; b308 - bronze bull figure
pair of horns
b311 - bronze strip; c8160 - bull's tail?; c8166 -
c8168 - lid
Bell Krater; c8163 - Attic Imported Amphora
C8169 - hydria
C8170 - wheel
C8168 - cup/wood
C8243 - bell krater

In paill 63 we find a surface about 0.15 m.
bellow the rough pebble surface. It is characterized
by gray clay, pebbles and patches of very
black burnt earth just below the clay.
Wall 3 rests upon this surface. We take it
to be the 1st court surface and leave off
digging the eastern half of the trench, turning
our attention to the west and continuing with
paill 64.

In paill 64 we collect some charcoal from the
area under paill 26 while digging up the stones under
the burnt paill. Further near a bronze ball emerges,
possibly a companion to the human figure found in
paill 54. The bronze ball was found at a level of
3.81 m. a little lower than the human figure. At
the same level and just a little further east (see dig in)
We find a large fragment of a ceramic ball and a small piece of bronze just north of the ball. We arbitrarily stop pail 64 and begin digging to the south of this pail. There is still sand at the level where we stop but the fill contains a large number of tiny blue beach pebbles.

The trench in the west is now near the level of a strip of earth formerly excavated at different times by Trenches 34A1 and 51A. This strip is quite narrow to the east of the eastern wall of Room 13 in Building N (c. 8 m. in the north) and widens slightly as it drops in level sharply south of Building N (see diagram on page 110). This strip is presently used as a ramp for the removal of earth from Trenches 65A and 62D. We propose to annex this strip by removing an accumulation of previously dug earth from the top with:

Pail 1: 65
Under pail 1: earth accumulation above bottom of pails 29 and 32.
From level 4.06 (W) to 3.95 (W) - 3.31 (S) in Trench 51A (see on page 110)
Soil: previously excavated earth accumulation.

Pottery: 1,450 gr. ca. 40 sherds. Almost all coarse ware (70). Mixed mosaic (Ephraim jollet) with Iron Age sherds (one of which is an E. Greek import, miscellaneous clay).

Other:
Inventoryed: C8172 - bell krater, 970 B.C.

The digging to the south of pail 64 is undertaken with:

Pail 5: 66
Under pail 4:25 and marginally 5:26
From level 409 m. (c) - 3.98 to 3.96 m. (c) - 3.90. See diagrams on pages 50 and 70.

Soil: half earth, half sand of 'olive' colour
(Russell 5Y 4/3)

Pottery: c. 2000 yr. Solid PG to LPG.

Other: a bronze handle, some flat bronze pieces, 1 cobble

Inventory: B312 bronze handle
B313 - bronze sheet / vessel fr.
C813 - Ball Krate, LPG.

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We find a larger flat fragment of bronze, perhaps part of the vessel to which the figures were attached. A handle, perhaps of the same vessel, was found not far away while testing the soil yesterday (see diagram on page 110). These fragments are found at a level of 3.93 m. Several other small flat bronze bits are found close to the larger one mentioned above.

When we come upon a layer of very dark earth, we end pit 66. We find that the earth is now the same as in the southwest and, therefore, units of the trench with:

Pit 5:67
Under pits 5:66, 5:64, 5:26
From level 4.09 m. (SW) + 3.90 m. to

Soil: hard rubble-filled earth with large stones and stone chips. The soil is of a 'dark greyish brown' colour (2.5Y 4/2)

Pottery: 10,400 yr. Good LPG deposit. To LPG/PGB 9th c. BC
Other: seven cobbles, bronze bits

Inventoried: 88-07-3 Bell Krater; C8172 - 80 - hydria rim; C8181 - Bell Krater LP4; C8182 - imported Skyphos; part of C6147 (join 63A/5.64); C8183 - cup (2); C8243 - ch. pails C8154 - jug (also 68); C8155 - basin; C8156 - basin

While digging pail 67 we find a few more bronze bits at the western edge of the trench (excluding the cover) 2.72m. north of the southwest corner.

We find a surface of burnt earth, and small stone chips above sand throughout the southwest quarter and end pail 67.

The area below pail 67 is excavated with:

Pail 5:68
Under pail 5:67
From level 3.89m (c.) - 3.82m. to 3.81m. (c.) - 3.70m. See pages 12.

Soil: sand of very dark grayish brown color under soil of the same color with stone chips

Pottery: 6,500 gr. Solid P6 to L6P (?). Several fragments of Phoenician amphorae.

Other: bronze statuette, 2 cobbles, pumice, bone, shell, Egyptian blue (cf. pails 5:58, 5:57, 5:54 etc.)

Inventoried: B309 - bronze bull figurine; C6147 - part of bell of Bell Krater; C8190 - Phoenician Amphorae; C8192 - jug with head protome; C8193 - bell figurine; C8194 - Bell Krater (joints in pails 64 and 54); C8243 (cf. 5:64, 5:67)

We find a fragment of Egyptian blue beside the south scarp of 63A, 1.07m. east of the western edge.
(excluding Annex). Paul 68 also yields another bronze figurine of a quadruped (cf. pail 5:64).

The horns are freshly broken off the head. We piece the earth in the wheelbarrow and find one Preliminary inspection and probability suggest that it is a bull. It was found at a level of 3.77 m. (see diagram on page 112 for findspot).

We dig down pail 68 until we have pure subsoil everywhere in the western half of 63A with the exception of a small area in the northwest (area of pail 5:70, see on page 112) where we found heavy lighter earth and an area just west of this in the Annex where there is gray clay. In the area with the lighter-colored earth we dig with:

Pail 5:70
Under pails 5:26 and 1:65
From level 4.06 m. to 3.44 m. - 3.39 m.

Soil: harder earth of 'light brownish grey' color (Macmillan 2.5 Y6/2) with pockets of beach pebbles.

Pottery: ca. 150 sherds. Almost all coarse (TB)
ware with very few FB pieces. Very few diagnostic levels.
A red-painted kylix sherd (LM IIIA 1). Date: LM IIIA 2.
A2 (part of a champagne cup base). Join pail 72.
Other: charcoal, plaster

Inventoryed:
C 8201 - kylix sherd, LM IIIA 1-2
C 8202 - Canaanite (?) fabric, body sherd

We end 5:70 when we reach the sand layer.

The entire western half of 63A, except in the north and southeast where we are obstructed by stones (and excluding the stone and clay disturbance in the Annex beside the eastern wall of Building N) is
new dig with:

**Pail 5:69**

Under pails 5:68, 5:70, 5:71, 5:64

From level 3.81 m. (c) and 3.75 m. (c1) - 3.44 m. to 3.51 m. (c) - 3.40 m. (c2 in Annex). See diagrams on pages 107, 112, 116.

Soil: sand with some small stones. The sand is of a 'dark greyish brown' colour (Hussell 2.5 Y 4/2).

Pottery: Mixed Minoan and PG.

Other: prenica, bone, shell, plaster

Inventoried: C8197 - ball's leg

While still digging pail 5:69 we find that the sand layer runs underneath the scatter of rocks in the southwest corner of the trench. We remove the rocks with:

**Pail 5:71**

Under pails 5:67, 1:65

From level 4.12 m. to 3.77 m. - 3.65 m.

Soil: small and medium sized stones on top of sand layer.

Pottery: c. 1800 BC. Scrappy PG. 5 fragments of a Phoenician Amphora. To 9th c. BC.

Other: 4 rubble, one of which lies beside a small stone marker and may be associated, a worked stone (what stone?), bone
In fill 331 we find a large fragment adhering to the wall. From it we get the following:

1. Iron stone slabs (c. 200), hard, not found, usually turned a page 3.95 m. (c. u.)
2. Iron platform (c. 200), heavy, well formed. Plate 17
3. Iron nail (c. 15), not found, usually turned a page 3.35 m. (c. u.)
4. Iron nails (c. 15), not found, usually turned a page 3.0 m. (c. u.)
5. Iron nails (c. 15), not found, usually turned a page 3.65 m. (c. u.)
6. Iron nails (c. 15), not found, usually turned a page 3.15 m. (c. u.)
7. Iron nails (c. 15), not found, usually turned a page 4.0 m. (c. u.)
8. Iron nails (c. 15), not found, usually turned a page 3.75 m. (c. u.)
9. Iron nails (c. 15), not found, usually turned a page 4.0 m. (c. u.)
10. Iron nails (c. 15), not found, usually turned a page 3.5 m. (c. u.)
11. Iron nails (c. 15), not found, usually turned a page 3.0 m. (c. u.)

The whole was cleaned in the course of the work. The total is 307.85.
just southeast of the south wall of Building N which is still lower than the rest of the trench. A new bucket is assigned to the removal of the earth down to the clay, pebble and burnt earth surface upon which Wall 3 rests (ct. p. 6.65).

We find the lower 4.11 m surface with:

**Pail 6:73 (note level change)**

- Under pails 5:69, 5:72
- From level 3.47 m (50) - 3.40 m to 3.41 m (51) - 3.30 m (5sw). See page 116.

**Soil**: Small stones and stone chips in sandy soil of dark grayish brown clays (Hassell 2.5 Y 4/2).

**Pottery**: c. 75 sherds. All small square, mixed coarse and fine. Lab test date: L24 III 1:2 (Kylix, champagne cup).

**Other**:

**Inventoried**:

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When we have found the chips, clay, pebble and burnt earth we end pail 6:73. We begin removing some of the stone packing behind Wall 3 in the far north of the trench. The immediate purpose is to help provide an easier route for the removal of earth from Trench 620. Eventually the bucket will be removed throughout the trench north of Wall 3. This operation is begun and will proceed with:

**Pail 6:74**

- Under pails 5:72, 5:70, 5:64, 5:57, 5:54, 5:52, 5:45