Ian Doenissijn and members of The French School visited the site and the storerooms at mid-day.

did is busy arranging for payment of rent, sand-cleaning etc. These are quite time-consuming.
6 August 1992

80 B. MCS clarifies the trench excavated to put in the southern wall of PS's gallery 1, the first time that this becomes clear. It is about 50 cm wide. We record some with photographs, as well as form 2 of House X. That will be filled in as soon as 6 B has completed his elevation and discussions.

81 B. JS's men have helped clean away the fallen stone in 83 C to the east, and now the trench borders have been reset so we resume the job of descending to the floor of Building P.

82 B. By tomorrow this trench will have ended as the floor of P is reached.

83 C. All stone has been cleared from the fallen walls save a group of large blocks and stones that are being left, temporarily, from the north wall as an example that will be studied, photographed, and removed separately.

84 A: On the east, we discover a pit in the pebble floor was used as for cooking during a still unspecified Greek period. Photographed and the pebble floor is removed. On the south, a cross wall of diagonal (E-P) wall of stones is found to have sheared at least two ovens on the south. These are small; one was made up with a pit, all the others simply of clay. There are probably more in the same sense on the west (as in the Greek monument base "Y") and running under the scarp on the east.

Preliminary and arrangements for the great wall on the east continue.
808. E-10 LM I wall of T appears to be packed in an earlier, WNW wall with plaster. The late N-S MM wall also has some plaster, so we may be coming down on an interior room.

MM walls. The fill is quite full of MM pottery, some Barbotine and some sherds of classical Kamakor.

This same room, however, could be 'Taured on to' the earlier east-west wall ('the wall') is so think it is probably a major facade wall.

81 B. A surface, presumably early Geometric, is isolated and photographed along with the n-s wall of Building Z. This trench should be finished on Tuesday, at which time I.S. will return to House X to complete a few jobs on the east.

82 B. Completed down to the topmost floor of Collation B.

82 C. This trench is directly north of 84 series and above the blocked gallery of P6. It will be begun and extended into 82 not before. It will be completed next year, during what is scheduled to be our final year of excavation at Komnos.

83 C. Cleaning continues unabated and I expect that we will have completed by mid-week, with a few flourished at the end of this week.
84 Series. Nothing new on the South. In course probably now gone beyond the point that we could expect the slab's south of the 4m wall to have continued. On the east, below the rough pebble pavement with its even rougher weather, we are within twenty centimeters of reaching the extension of the 4m I wall. This will be reached and cleared on Monday (I wish it had been today!).

Work on the great wall continues as the steel frame for the concrete base is prepared partly in Pittsford, partly on the site. The frame should be completed tomorrow then site jigs (but not digging) continue. On Monday, if all goes well, we will arrange for concrete trucks to bring the somewhat 20m³ of cement which will be poured in from the road on the east, over the fence, and through a pipe that will be lowered down the scarp.
10 August 1992

The main achievement of the day is the setting of the concrete base for the great retaining wall, some 40 metres long, against the eastern scarp. The deal was made with Beaton Messines this morning by 6B and the foreman, then the reinforcing bars were put into the foundation trench and were bound up by wire, and about 12:30 the concrete pump came with its long extendable arm that could reach out from the road and then down the 6-7 metres with a hanging rubber pipe to just above the trench. By 3:00 three and a half concrete truck full of concrete had come, with great bubbles caused by other vehicles getting stuck in the sand as they tried to bypass. Some 23 cubic metres were poured, with great help from Harold and Margaret providing the best help and 6B and Harry McKean providing control and Sissi Fosoulis with major dynamo. The slab has been wet and will be wet again by the night guard, then by us again tomorrow morning. Cost: $250,000 drachmae, or about $1800 Can, well worth the cost in order to get things right at the beginning. The wall can now be built with an inclination of 15% as soon as enough women are free. The stairs are in great piles at various points near the building site. About 20 people were involved in the various phases of the operation today.

8A. More Mm Ill in heavy stone/cobble fall. The paving people in Pitsidia are having trouble processing this very encrusted ware.

8B. Shoveling down and photograph; 20cm to 30cm?

8C. Surface. The northern wall of Pl is beginning to appear.
83 C. A fall of great blocks in chamber and photographed, and will be left as evidence. The burn floor in 83 A is relocated and GIV begins moving westward into 83 C as part of a last pass n two.

84 series. The oven tries out to be UN IV, which will help when we try to determine whether P continued to the south.

During the early afternoon the continuation of Line IV's wall begins to appear, an event I have awaited anxiously. It seems that all of the lower course will be preserved, of excellent masonry, and tomorrow we will be in a position to examine the rest of the threshold located earlier (p. 62 here).
80B. No change; still RM2. We are about a meter below the level of the board RM wall, and this is (as in the south) a change of masonry. I hope that a relatively low water level this year will allow us to get to the base of the wall, and floor of there is on. I must check the water level last year in the well next door.

81B. Soil cleaning:

82C. As above, I hope that we can, by Friday, get down to the RM III spill from the walls of P6.

83C. GN agonizes over the clearance of the upper floor level, which will be carried over into 81B next door.

84 series. The RM I wall is cleared both on top and along the south side down to where the surface begins. This surface is, clearly, the last one that built up against the wall. East of the doorway, which was a rather narrow one for T as compared with the two in Building 1, the masonry is classic RM I, triangle-style, and with a broad gap behind the ashlar that was filled with rubble. The northern face of the same part of the wall does not appear under the superposed south wall of P6, but not in the back ends of the blocks, which, instead, rubble masonry and therefore an interior. West of the doorway, the masonry is different, on the south face being closely bounded, large (rather than long and skinny) blocks. The northern face is made of large blocks, not skinny.
Conclusions on the above suggest that, on the east of the doorway, regular ashlar continued up on the south face, with rubble on the interior. On the small doorway, much weathered (was there a threshold slab, much too rather thin, set upon the present large, depressed slab?). Then, on the west, regular ashlar on the north face and perhaps orhostates on the southern face. A further conclusion is that just east of the doorway is the interior of a room and just west on the north, also, in the unit I cover? 

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either side?

One wonders why the transition is made on the south (if so), from regular ashlar to orhostates. Considering the northern and eastern facades of T, which are orhostatic in toto, here we have a difference: Why the transition which is obviously intentional?

V. V. Poja, Ph. C., and another visit from H. T._sha at the site in the morning. We discuss T and D: "both unusual." V. believes.

The bare slate, with much weathering, has not without cracking. We will begin building as soon as some of the woodmen are free.
12 August 1942

80 B. Continuing down now to below ground water level, it would appear that the sequence here is chiefly in 11 M T. i.e.

1) N, S. wall
2) N, S. wall in top of 11 M T.
3) E - W. wall traces on top 11 M T.
4) Owl entrance wall on 11 M I, Building T

Set about 83 B 11 M I A

We have not yet reached the base of the walls, but we will investigate to do so in order to determine if there is an associated floor level. If there are foundations, then there is nothing quite like them at Kommos although comparisons might be sought in the Keep at Knossos. See also 83 B below.

81 B. Toward the end of the day a very burned surface is reached much to the pleasure of J. Sabournin. This we will close and stop at.

82 B. We notice burned clay at two points along the southern wall of Gallery 3 and locate and partially excavate two small hearth areas, one of which had a large jar insert in it, rather like that discovered last week in the southern part of 84 (p. 38). More clearing removed to examine the floor level with which they are associated.

Along the northern periphery of the trench, we clean back westward on top of the broad M T wall (above, 80 B, # 2) and finally find its width 2.30 m. The west end wall known from Kommos.
In relations here are difficult to write out. 1 and 2 would seem to be LM 1, but 1 could also belong to level 3. In 1993 we must section down west of 3, below the plaster.

By noon, 8 of the LM 1 wall, we reach a potted/potted stream surface, photograph. Tomorrow we will explore the slab pavement that is immediately below. A roadway?
80 B. MM walls continue down. We are bailing out as we go along, removing mainly sand with little pottery.
A hand surface perhaps 0.2m down runs to the narrowest \& it may be bedrock but is more likely slabs. In either case we would have to rethink our view of Minoan foundations on the ground level on the south during MM.

80 A. MCS returns for a last look, and finds below the last bit a fine slab pavement with at least one large slab of reddish ochre.

81 B. Compliment photography tomorrow or Monday.
A very burned floor in the centre of the trench.

82 C. Cleaning of the upper level, down to the collapse of the upper course of P, proceeds apace and will be completed tomorrow.

83 B. The two ovens, considerably larger than those in 84, are cleared, that on the east down to the large cooking pot used to line it, that on the west down to its base since there is no pot within. The latter is especially fine looking and will be photographed tomorrow.

84 Site I. On the south, after going through one level after and then of exterior surface (AVLA pottery, three pebble layers), we find a fine enormous slab with a 12-15 face on the south which delimits what must be a road. This fine piece
Right under that of the half T.I. ovens and can't be explored this year since our time is so short. I suspect that there is a considerable drop down from here to the south and this is why we have found so little about 5 meters to the south when the trench has gone down about a meter below the 'sustaining wall.' This is an auspicious sign for the future and a good point to stop in 92 and start in 93 to explore.

All of the trenches will be completed by tomorrow, the last day of official excavation. Tomorrow the general staff photograph will be taken in the early morning in Gallery 3, looking east.
Excavation ended readily and in order. The main aims of the excavation have been carried out:

1) The cleaning of Gallery 3 of T. The most expensive of all the projects as far as manpower is concerned. The timing of the setting in of the trenchers and their size was the most difficult part. The Geometric cross-wall remains a blight but the interpretation of the cross-wall space remains valid.

2) The discovery of the extent and shape of T on the south. Although much remains to be learned, the main step remains accomplished. Only the few trees removed have suffered.

3) The cleaning of X. An trench remains to be laid out on the northeast in 1943. At the last minute (see below) the main entrance from the east is discovered.

Most of the day in great shifting people around to deal with a variety of completions. I handle, with the foreman’s help, the very difficult job of paying the workmen wages as well as the ‘bonuses’ at the end of June, 30% of the total salaries as a substitute for the IKA payment that would otherwise have doubled the salary load.

80 B. Completed with a fine small slab pavement.

81 B. Completed. Also, with a return to 81 A, we remove a rubble wall to expose a fine paved corridor that is similar to the eastern entrance to House X from the north - South road.
82C. Completed down to the top of P1's spill.

83C. Completed.

84 series. The slab rested in yesterday's result to not be block and to more likely the southern edge of a roadway rather than the top of a retaining wall as well. At 2:00, with one hour left to excavate, S. Hewitt finds blocks below a hard-packed surface, perhaps also a road or curb. Two-thousand blocks, at a lower level than the aforementioned road, signify the continuation of Minoan construction to the south and lead well in '93.
14 August 1992

Sunday open house at the apothecary. Niki Holmes orchestrated a theme-oriented series of lectures for the villagers:
- Marika Kadiannakis, who has been helping sort the sherds, in Booth 1
- Maria Manos on the wall paintings and the shrine in House X
- Gerry Sluiter on Minoan pottery, with drawings by Julie Pfuhl
- Alan Chariton on the imports from Building Q (Achaeans)
- Helen Whitakar on stone tools and implements
- Alexander Van der Beest on conical cups and pithoi
- Nina Sider on Korinos publication

At least 100 people came, if all ages, and mixed about in the courtyard, from 5:30 to 7:00. I say a few words, as does the mayor, Michailo Kotsi facis.

The next week, 16, will be spent consolidating records, completing site and object photography, finishing the many trench notes, and getting the site and storerooms ready for next season's work, when we will complete the new southwestern area, more soundings in Pit X, and finish the little that remains of House X.

Wall building begins tomorrow and will continue until it is complete.
**KOMMOS POT NOTES: 1992**

**Excavation Unit:** K92A T. 79A 2  
**Total Sherds Prior to Mending:** 44  
**Total Weight of Pottery:** 6.750 kg.

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| **TOTALS** | 44 | 750 | 5 | 6 | 2 | | |

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Too Small for Meaningful Comment?:  
Mostly?:  

**RANGE OF CLASSES AND/OR TYPES:** Too Small for Meaningful Comment?:  
Broad Mix?:  
Classes/Types Unusually Well-represented?:  
Classes/Types Underrepresented?:  
Classes/Types Absent?:  

**SHERD SIZE:** Small: [ ] Medium: [X] Large: [X]  

**GENERAL DEGREE OF WEAR:**  
Very Heavy: [ ] Medium: [X] Minimal:  
Heavy: [ ] Light:  
Burnt Shards:  

<for listing of inventoried pottery and joins with other units, see reverse>  
Several frags: 2 linear frags, 1 BG amphora bi., 1 BG cup rim and 1 BG cup base (latter with badly foliated profile in underside - should be post-7th cent. but still looks loricata. Nothing Museum; nothing obviously late Classical or later. CP includes 1 thick-walled chytra rim.>
The 'great wall'.

1. Prepare the eastern escarp -- should add if it be prepared in case there isn't time to complete the wall? Get advice from experienced locals.

2. Buy materials: steel bars for the base, cement, have source for blocks prepared (old village house), perhaps 1/2 of the wall blocks on site now.

3. Lay in base line, fill cement platform (get to lay in), cement in course? Vickland 4) gravel for mix?
Machine working 11-9 Aug 1992

18 hours + 5 = 23 hours
19 Three loads

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45 metres 2-3 spans to be respected.

Cmemo: MR: 4 finish week early?
JS: 3 finish just in time?
GN: 6 finish just in time?
LT: 3 finish week early?
SH: 6 continue to end.

Perhaps 8 men will finish early; there will not be enough time to open a new trench and complete it, but they could complete a partially excavated trench. It would be good, therefore, to plan to begin building the great wall on the east on Monday, August 10th.
Basic levels on the south:

- Block of T with cutting (ruinoids) = +3.36
- Pebble court west of corridor 3 (03) = +3.15
- Eastern, topmost floor of P 3 = +3.44-3.59
- Eastern, floor of P 4 = +3.44 418
- LM IV court of P west of P 4½ = +3.47