We've decided that this is tumble that relates to the other tumble in the trench.

To understand this we are opening a new pit and excavating in a concentrated area. This will allow us to understand how these stones relate to the wall and the floor we are in search of.

5:58
level: U 3.56
soil: moist/soft brown with lots of rubble
pottery: LM III A2/8
other: bone, shell (1)

As we excavate towards the wall we find a patch of burning and a hardpacked surface, such as we found on the floor of P - this must be the floor - so we begin to extend East to see if the floor follows the wall.

The floor does follow the wall and extends towards the center before ending at the area of the removed rubble.

Possibly the floor was destroyed by the tumbling of the blocks in the center - in any case it is NOT true at the same level in the center.
Important facts of TR82B:

Basically, TR82B has been a mirror image of TR82A. The exceptions are the excavation of N/S wall S, which was built at 1/3.92 and is preserved to 1/4.86. This goes with geometric wall 2P, which was constructed at 1/3.94 and is preserved in TR82B to an approximate height of 1/4.83.

The three geometric surfaces found in TR82A were also found in TR82B (except the final exterior occupation that was accidentally dug through - this was there based on the limpet concentration and black soil found at the appropriate level).

The other exception to the continuity between TR82A and 82B is found with the non-existence of the floor of P throughout TR82B. Luckily, we found it along the walls at the expected level, and are thus able to determine that it did exist where we thought it should - only is now partially destroyed.

We will continue to excavate the floor tomorrow - hopefully without any new surprises.
As 5:58 was used to locate the floor along the South part of the trench, we will use it as the level above the floor of P in the entire trench.

We clean to 5:58 throughout the entire trench. Although we believe that we have found the floor of P along walls 1 and 3, the plenum of rubble that goes below the floor indicates that either the floor in the center was destroyed, or we must go deeper to locate the bottom of the stones which could very well be on a floor. Therefore, we decide to remove several of the blocks and level the trench with the Kazma to the level of the tumble. We continue with the same pail as we expect to find the floor under the stones in any case - there are practically no sherds. Actually - we change our mind and decide to open a new pail for this level beneath the expected floor, after all.

6:59
level: 43.54
soil: soft brown, large tumble
pottery: LBA I IA A1 B1
other: —
As we remove the tumulus, the soil underneath is evened out along the walls, but still forms something of a cavern in the center. Once all the stones are gone, we will take levels and examine this.

As we clear away more soil, it becomes evident that there may be some kind of a pit along wall 5. This will be watched.

Actually - false alarm - no pit, just a slight depression in the center of the trench. With the rubble removed and the soil evened out, this level looks as though it could perhaps be a floor!

We've decided that this level is the possible upper floor of P. For this reason, we will stop here, have a photo, and then move to our next trench.

One note about wall 3. It seems to be on top of packed earth at this level. Apparently, in TR83A the north wall of Gallery 3 ended at 3.45 - so it couldn't be surprising if the same scenario existed with the south wall.

Photo: Roll 4 Fr. 6

N.B. Further cleaning exposed burnt patches throughout the floor area. We are on the floor!
TR82B - Final Shot

E ↑

TR82B -
Final levels see p. 152

With the completion of TR82B, Geometric House Z and other surfaces of Building P (this area) are fully excavated.

Please see Final Report TR82A/B for description and interpretation of this area of Kommos.

NB. on phasing:
Complete match with TR82A - for quick reference see pages 109 - 111 for phasing guide and description.
We began TR82C on August 10. The purpose of this trench, located between the north and south walls of the sixth gallery of Building P, is to clean away the c. 10cm of accumulation on top of the walls to make further excavation next season far easier.

The earth here is VERY hard, as the front loader has been removing soil from this area all season.

We begin with 1:00.

The grid numbers of TR82C are:

- NW: 996.97x, 1065.08y
- NE: 1002.55x, 1065.08y
- SW: 996.47x, 1060.64y
- SE: 1002.55x, 1060.64y

1:00

Soil: sandy - very hard
Level: + 4.35 - + 4.62
Pottery: c. 400
Other: -- carbon, pumice

We begin clearing in 10 cm spits.

N.B This gallery of Building P is smaller than the other three by ± 1 metre.
The wall that was exposed yesterday along the north baulk was partially excavated (western end) in 84E as Wall 3. For purposes of simplicity we will refer to it as Wall 3 of TR 82E, not to be confused with wall 3 of 82A/B.

We will level out this pass and then change pails.

1:61

Soil: Very hard, sandy, minor rubble
Level: See p. 156
Pottery: C 7?
Other:

NB: See 84E area A for a description of the corresponding levels that go with Wall 1. The south wall of Gallery 6. We will be excavating to the same level as was reached there—complete correspondence is expected.

We excavate moving N from the South Baulk.

We do not finish the second pass, will finish tomorrow.

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We continue with 1:61 until more or less level in trench. As rubble similar to that of 84E is exposed we decide to change pail to excavate to the rubble level.
Soil: Very hard-packed, sandy
level: y 3.97 - 4.01
pottery: C
other: Shell, Vessel, etc

TO NOTE:
There have been so far VERY few
shards in this trench as well
as no organic contamination.

As we near the level of termi-
nation, we encounter a very
small partially complete vessel
(seemingly Greek). This will be
catalogued at the Apothecary.

As we are as low as we want
to be (see bottom sketch for final
levels) we will now clean the
trench and prepare a one page
summary for next year's excavator.

N.B. After cleaning the interior of
the trench it looks as though
we may have some scattered
parchments of burning. This does not
characterize the entire level as a
"burnt layer" but does indicate
that 1) no stones could be on
a layer of serious burning
2) this area held the
small outdoor camping fires that
have been recognized around
the site, dating from the 7th c.

Photo: Roll 9, Frame 22, 23
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