Excavation of Pails 83A/3.72 and 83C/3.73 continue simultaneously.

Many small chips of stone appear to be associated with the burning on the east side of Trench 83C, about 2 m from Wall 2.

Today it was decided to restrict 83C/3.73 to a small strip immediately adjacent to Trench 83A and to have the remainder of its old area excavated as 83C/3.73A. There I intend to have each few passes constitute a separate pail. The small area bounded to the north by Wall 2, to the east by Trench 83A, and to the west by fallen stones will be excavated separately.

PAIL 83C/3.73A under 83C/3.71; Levels: see p.168; Location Label: W; Fill: grey clay with pebble, charcoal, and plaster inclusions; Pottery: 2590 kg (165 sherds) Latest: LM III B


Heavy Wear: 273 sherds burnt, many transparent

Inventoryed Objects:

Also:

PAIL 83C/3.74 under 83C/3.71; Levels: see p.168; Location Label: NE; Fill: grey clay with pebble, charcoal, and plaster inclusions; Pottery: 0.300 kg (33 sherds) Latest: LM III A2/B

Range: MM III/LM I → Heavy - Very Heavy Wear, Too small for meaningful comment

Inventoryed Objects: C9654 - Fine pott. LM III B cup

Also:
When we reach the level on which a medium-sized stone is resting, we close Pail 83C/3:74.

**PAIL: 83C/3:75** under 83C/3:74; Levels: see p.170; Location Label: NE; Fill: grey clay soil with plaster inclusions, little rubble.

- Pottery: 0.365 kg (32 sherds) Latest: LM III A+ B
- Range: MM III/LM I
- Heavy wear
- Too small for meaningful comment

Invented Objects:

Also:

There appears to be very little rubble now. After 2 passes we reach the level of burning against the north wall. Wall 2. We therefore change pails.

**PAIL: 83C/3:76** under 83C/3:75; Levels: see p.170; Location Label: NE; Fill: darker brown clay soil with charcoal flake inclusions and fire-reddened earth.

- Pottery: 0.170 kg (19 sherds) Latest: LM III A+ B
- Too Small for Meaningful Comment
- 3 diagnostic pieces

Invented Objects:

Also:

After the second pass the fill changes to a lighter brown sandy soil. This corresponds to the bottom of the north wall (Wall 2) of Gallery 3 of Building P.

In Pail 83A/3:72, when we have reached the level of burning across the trench we close the pail.
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Excavation of Pails 83C/3:73A and 83C/3:76 continue simultaneously. Each is very near completion. When a small area of each is cleaned the pails will be closed, levels measured, and excavation continued.

**Pail 83C/3:77** under 83C/3:76; Levels: see p.172; Location Label: NE; Fill: darker brown clay soil with charcoal inclusions and burning and plaster. Pottery: 0.250 kg (28 sherd) Latest: LM III A2/B Range: LM I? Mostly: LM III A2/B Heavy Wear, 1 burnt-sherd Carobine jar

Inventoried Objects:

Also:

As we continue to excavate in this small pail we came down on an area immediately below the first course of Wall 2, which has a clay fill with plaster inclusions. There are also medium-sized spots of charcoal and small patches of burning. This burning seems separate from what was above. The burning does not continue down. On the second pass we seem to come down on a remain of a plaster floor. We clean off our surface of excavation and change pails.

**Pail 83C/3:79** under 83C/3:77; Levels: see p.172; Location Label: NE; Fill: clay soil, red substance inclusions, above plaster. Pottery: 0.075 kg (12 sherd) Latest: MM III/LM I Medium - Heavy Wear; Too small for meaningful comment; Nothing need postulate LM I

Inventoried Objects:

Also:

Exposed Walls
Exposed Rubble

Elevations in m ASL

83C/3:77

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**Elevations**

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We must definitely have a plaster floor with a blue paint on top. In places there is a thin layer of a reddish substance above the plaster, of which samples were taken. The floor slopes noticeably at the north wall (Wall 5) as the one to the east did. There is evidence of only 1 coat with paint. J.W. Shaw says that the plaster is of high quality, differing from the one to the east.

M.C. Shaw believes the plaster formations to have been basins.

A level of burning, 2 cm thick extends across the top of the plaster in the northeast. The floor is found to end in a straight line 1.03 m east of the west wall. As we continue excavating the small remaining strip which does not have plaster, we find the west face of the MIM stone feature of Trench 83A, Paul 3:58. This is determined to be a 2.3 m wide wall, now labelled (Wall 6).

We now clear in preparation for a photograph. Final elevations are given on p. 174.

J.W. Shaw takes photographs: (p. 176)

Polaroid: Plaster Floor and Wall 6, From SE
Roll 9, Fr: 45, same -- colour too

Pail 83C/3:73A is closed.

PAIL 83C/3:78 under 83C/3:734: levels:
see p.174; Location Label: C3; Fill: grey clay with some pebble, charcoal, and plaster inclusions.
Pottery: 2 565 b (185 sherds); Latest: LM III A2/B
Range: MM III -> Mixed; Heavy Wear; a few burnt; a number of copies of different kinds
M/C UP elongated amphoras
Invented Objects

Also:
J.W. Shaw prompted cleaning around an area of red clay. It appears to be part of a feature made of clay which was then baked. On excavation it comes more and more to look like an oven. It is either sitting on the floor or is sunk into it, and will be a useful guide for determining the floor's location.

J.W. Shaw also prompts excavation of another clay hearth/oven in Trench 83A. As he cleans it a large pithos becomes visible inside. Some of the fill is kept to be water-sieved.


Pottery: 0.450 kg (9 sherds) Latest: LM III A2/B

Heavy wear; too small for meaningful comment

Only diagnostic sherd is of sandy fabric short-necked amphora.

Inventarioed Objects:

Also:


13 August, 1992

Excavation continues for 83C/3:78 and 83A/3:80.

When the day begins it is far too dark to begin excavating immediately. While some workmen clean the surface of excavation in Trench 83C, the rest are put to work cleaning more of the north south wall of Building P.

When Trench 83C is clean, Pail 83C/3:78 is closed.

**PAIL: 83C/3:81** under 83C/3:78; Levels: see p. 178; Location: label: grey clay in patches with brown soil, with charcoal flakes, plaster, and pebble inclusions. Pottery:

Inwanted Objects:

Also:

In the north-east corner of the trench we find that the layer of burning was completely picked through. We now change to small pick and trowel. However, there is disagreement all through the trench over what surface is the floor. It is once again proving to be very difficult to find.

The fill is a grey clay (M.C. Shaw identifies this as lepis) with occasional patches of sand and darker brown soil. There are also small plaster and charcoal inclusions. The pure lepis is only in large patches, however. The burnt surface which we were tracing earlier in Trench 83A and in space E of Trench 83C seems to extend beneath it in places. On this burnt surface I have found sherds lying flat. This is why I thought it, not the lepis, to be the floor. In the second hearth/oven as well, lepis was found above fallen stones in the interior. This also suggests to me that the lepis is a secondary deposit. However, this is not at all clear. So far only 1 small sherd has been found flat upon the lepis surface. M.C. Shaw tells me, however.
that the lepis ought to be indicative of a good earthen floor. At this point I am very confused. It also seems to me that with the kind of fill with which we are working, that it is very easy to create a flat surface.

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J.W. Shaw finishes cleaning the oven/hearth in Trench 83A and photographs it. The pail is closed.

Polaroid: Tr. 83A, Pail 3.80; hearth against Wall 13, from N

Roll 9, Fr. 6-9: same + colour

Photographs are on p. 180

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A new pail is opened for cleaning the exterior of the hearth in Trench 83C.

**PAIL**: 83C/3.82 under 83C/3.73A; Levels: see p. 178; Location Label: S; Fill: dark brown soil, with lepis, great amounts of burning, ash, and rubble.

Pottery: 0.125 kg (11 shards) Latest: LM III A/1B

Heavy wear, 1 burnt sherd; Too small for meaningful comment; Identifiable fragments are from coarse fabric short-necked amphorae

Inventoried Objects:

Also:

A small spot of blue pigment is found in the fill of the hearth.

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At the same time a new pail is opened for the removal of the balke between Trench 83C and Trench 81B.
PAIL: 83C/3:83 under 83C/3:73A; Levels:
see p. 182; Location Label: W; Fill: dark brown soil
with grey clay, pebble, plaster, and charcoal inclusions.
Pottery: 0.175 kg (12 sherds) Latest: MM III A
Range: MM III → Mostly: MM III A
1 bone: small, too small for meaningful comment: mostly fine ware.

Inventoried Objects:

Also:

A pool is also opened to clean around the outside of the hearth in Trench 83C.

PAIL: 83C/3:84 under 83C/3:73A; Levels:
see p. 178; Location Label: N; Fill: grey clay with
some dark brown soil and pebble, plaster, and charcoal inclusions.
Pottery: 0.040 kg (7 sherds) Latest: MM III A
Range: MM III → Medium/Heavy wear
Nothing to closely date this pool.
Too small for meaningful comment.

Inventoried Objects:

Also:
Photographs are found p. 186

Roll 9 Frames 47-72. Some color

Relocated: Trench 83C, end of excavation, core/health of
Trench 83C. Photographs the core/health of
Trench 83C are found on p. 181.

This morning the final day of excavation, we
continue cleaning down to the grey level floor
through Trench 83C. Leware this is done the
Trench is finished for the season, and Roll 83C/381
is used. Final elevations for Trench 83A and
83C are found on p. 181.
Final Photographs
Roll 9, Fr. 32-34
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