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Examination of Pails 83C/2:59 and 83C/2:61 continue simultaneously.

In Trench 83C, Space S, we come down on a small area of burning in the SE corner. We change pails: Wall 3 is now visible.

**PAIL 83C/2:63** under pail 83C/2:59;
- Levels: see p. 144; Location Label: S; Fill: sandy clay with small-medium sized rubble; some burning
- Pottery: 3.360 kg (153 sherds) Latest: 7th c.
- Range: L1-1, C7 Mostly: 7th c (?)
- Heavy - Very heavy wear; some burnt
- Very good mix

**Exposed Walls**

Also: shells, iron

At the end of the pass in Space N, we also come down on a level of burning. Again we change pails.

**PAIL 83C/2:64** under Pail 83C/2:61; Levels: see p. 144; Location Label: N; Fill: sandy clay with patches of sand and large rounded pebbles
- Pottery: 2.840 kg (99 sherds) Latest: Middle Geometric
- Range: P6, M6, C5C(?); Too small; not meaningful comment; Heavy wear; some burnt
- Lesbian Amphora: inexplicable; Geometric

**Inventoried Objects:**
- C9697 - Lesbian amphora

**Also:** bone, pumice, shells

While excavation proceeds in Trench 83C, one workman begins to excavate the enclosure in the SE corner of Trench 83A.
31 July, 1992 (continued)

In the hearth we remove the stone from the centre and with the small pick lower the surface of excavation. After a bit of clay we come upon a layer of burning with charcoal. A new pail is opened for finds within the hearth.

**PAIL: 83A/3:62** under pail 83A/3:56

- Levels: see p. 146; Location Label: SE; Fill: Clay with stone
- Pottery: No pottery recovered

**Inventoried Objects:**

**Also:**

This construction does appear to be an oven (albeit there is no roof) with perhaps a ledge at the back on which to rest pots, and a place for the coals in front. The surrounding rocks would act as reflectors. Below the surface of clay, we begin to see the outlines in charcoal of two logs.
Excavation of Pails 83C/2:63 and 83C/2:64 continue simultaneously.

Also one workman continues tracing plaster-floor in sounding in Space N, Trench 83A. A large strip of thin copper is discovered in situ. J.W. Shaw takes photographs.

Polaroid: Tr. 83A, bottom of Pail 83A/3:62, hearth with outline of legs, from W
Roll 6, Fr. 14-15: same, + colour

Polaroid: Tr. 83A, Space N, bottom of Pail 83A/3:57, stone chips and copper strip, from SE
Roll 6, Fr. 16: same
Roll 6, Fr. 17: same, close up of bronze strip, in situ + colour.

Photographs are found p. 150.
Copper strip is to be catalogued as found and photographed in situ.

Pail 83A/3:57 is closed after the stones are photographed. We then continue excavating down to the plaster with Pail 83A/3:58. For elevations see p. 148.

As we continue clear, we find what appears to be a channel in the plaster floor. However, upon consultation with J.W. Shaw, it appears to have been created by us, and is therefore filled in.

What appears to be the remains of an earlier wall, in line with similar walls discovered in Galleries I and Z of Building P is uncovered.

Precious measurements will be made tomorrow.

Trench 83C is now divided along the N/S axis to make it easier for two teams to excavate.
3 August, 1992 (continued)

PAIL  83C/2:65 under pails 83C/2:63 and 83C/2:64; Levels: see p.145; Location Label: W;
Fill: sandy clay with rubble
Pottery: 2.110 kg (87 sherds) Latest: 8th c.
Range: LM ?  ; broad mix, but cooking ware underrepresented; most have heavy wear
Possibility Phoenician jar sherd.
Inventoried Objects:
Also: shells, bone

PAIL  83C/2:66 under pails 83C/2:63 and 83C/2:64; Levels: see p.145; Location Label: E;
Fill: sandy clay with rubble
Pottery: 3.865 kg (155 sherds) Latest: 8th c.
Range: LM, M6; Too small and small for meaningful comment; Heavy - Very Heavy wear
Possibility fig. of C9609 and amphora of E1267
Inventoried Objects: C9756 - M6 -26 amphora or hydria
Also: shells, charcoal, plaster

As excavation continues, rubble is not being removed, but is being cleaned for a photograph.
Excavation of Pools 83C/2.6m, 83C/2.6m, and 83A/3.5m continue simultaneously.

In Trench 83C we continue cleaning around the rock fall to see how the stones fell. It is clear that we should be able to estimate from the rubble a minimum height for the walls.

At +4.13 m ASL in 83C/2.6m we come upon a patch of pebbles and sand in the SW corner. J.W. Shaw identifies this as the disintegrated remains of bedrock.

By the end of the day 2/3 of Trench 83C is cleaned.

The fill in 83A/3.5m is hard packed brown earth with a great deal of plaster and some pebbles. J.W. Shaw believes the plaster to have fallen from the walls of T when it was leveled for the building of Building P.

As we remove some of the plaster-covered fill from the trench we notice that many of the pieces have surfaces. However, the orientation (random) proves that they are randomly fallen. Some are on top of others.

Some large pieces extend even under Wall 5, which appears to be possibly 2 wall running on the same east/west wall rather than 1 across the trench.

When the space is cleared we find that the possible other wall discovered yesterday extends all the way to the west baulk for an incredible 2.30 m, which sounds too thick for a wall. Perhaps we have a platform, or a road. It extends to the north under Wall 5, which has the appearance of a MM wall. That would give this feature a very early date.

J.W. Shaw photographs the space.

Polaroid: Trench 83A, Pool 3.5m, Road/Wall/Platform from SE

Roll 6, Frames 22-23: same + colour

Photographs are on p. 152.
Excavation continued today in Trench 83C. In Space E, Pail 2:06, we continued to clean the top of the rubble fall. When it is completely cleaned, I.O. Shalesh will photograph the trenches. (The back to the west with Trench 81C was removed.)

Polaroid: Trenches 83A, 83C, 81B, from E, rubble fall at bottom of Pails 2:05 and 2:06

Roll 7, Fr. 1-5 - same from E, + colour
Fr. 6 - same from SE
Fr. 7 - same from NE
Fr. 8-9 - same from N

Polaroids: same, from N

All photographs are found on pp. 154 and 152.

As can be seen in the photographs, the rubble consisted mainly of flat stones which landed on their narrow edge, preserving their relationships within courses. Larger ashlars were located against the North wall, Wall 2. The stones were slanted with the top edge towards the north. Approximately 1.5 m from the south Wall, Wall 3, other stones were resting horizontally on top of others, and immediately against Wall 3 the stones were jumbled. This could have been the result of at least two collapses: either a wall taller than the span of the gallery collapsed from the north and when it hit Wall 3 resulted in tumble there, or a small part of Wall 3 may have collapsed on top of Wall 2's collapse.

By measuring the height of each course that is preserved in the rubble, a minimum height for Wall 2 can be suggested. Calculations are given on page 157.

There appears to be approximately 46 m² of rubble, a space 6 m x 7 m. It is noticed that the collapse begins abruptly at a close in Wall 2 and appears to end at one. The surviving section of Wall 2 between is one course lower than elsewhere.
A new pail is opened for the removal of the rubble.

**PAIL 83C/3:67** under 83C/2:66 and 83C/2:66; Levels: see p. 156; Location Label: Entire Fill: large and medium rubble with dark brown sandy clay Fill.

Pottery: 0.995 kg (62 sherds) Latest: 8th/7th c.

Range: MM III-IV (?), LM III, 7th c: Thoroughly mixed Heavy - Very Heavy Wear Mixed and scrappy

Inventoried Objects:

Also: bone, shells

A stone quern is found on the west border of Ta. 83C, 2.6 m from the interior of Wall 3. It was reused in the construction of P's wall, and therefore dates earlier.
Excavation of Pail 3:67 continues in Trench 83C.

With the help of Josée Salazarin and her workers, the rubble from Wall 2, which was standing on edge, is quickly removed. Some traces of charcoal were discovered between the courses close to Wall 2.

The queen found yesterday is examined by J.C. Shaw and determined to be natural. It is therefore discarded.

When the rubble, standing on edge, is removed except for a small grouping near ashlar near Wall 2, new poils are opened.

PAIL: 83C/3:68 under 83C/3:67; Levels: see p. 158: Location Label: E; Fill: dark-brown sandy clay soil with small-medium rubble and stone chips.

Pottery: 1.565 kg (105 sherds) Latest: 9th/8th C.

Range: Thoroughly mixed; Heavy - Very Heavy Wear

Some MNI N/A, MIII, LM III A2/B, 9th/8th C.

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells

PAIL: 83C/3:69 under 83C/3:67; Levels: see p. 158; Location Label: W; Fill: dark-brown sandy clay soil with small-medium rubble and stone chips.

Pottery: 1.595 kg (89 sherds) Latest: LM III A2/B


Some short-necked amphora body sherds

Inventoried Objects:

Also:

The poils are opened to begin to excavate beneath the layer of stones which were standing on edge.
The rubble now being cleared in both pails (83C/3.68 and 83C/3.69) is perhaps rubble from the collapse of Wall 3, the south wall of the gallery. There is no evidence from the remaining intact portion of the wall that it fell in the same fashion as did Wall 2 (the lower height of the surviving span of Wall 2 where the rubble fell when compared to the rest of the wall gives further evidence of the special nature of its collapse). Further, the rubble is not standing on edge as was that above, which strongly suggests that it was not from Wall 2. The collapse of the walls may have been roughly contemporaneous, but if the bottom rubble is from Wall 3, its collapse must have been prior.

When we come down on a layer of grey clay soil we open new pails.

**PAIL 83C/3.70** under 83C/3.69; levels see p. 160; Location Label: W; Fill: dark brown sandy clay with some pebbles, over grey clay.

Pottery: 0.235 kg (18 sherds) Latest, Iron Age

Very Heavy Wear; Too small for meaningful comment, not enough to indicate date in general terms.

**Inventoried Objects:**

Also: shells

**PAIL 83C/3.71** under 83C/3.68; levels see p. 160; Location Label: E; Fill: dark brown sandy clay with some pebbles, over grey clay.

Pottery: 0.525 kg (63 sherds) Latest: LM III A2/8

Range: LM I - Mostly: LM III A2/8

Heavy Wear, Broad Mix

**Inventoried Objects:**

Also: plaster
Excavation of Pails 83C/3:70 and 83C/3:71 continues simultaneously.

We spend the first few hours removing the baulks and cleaning down to the surface of a differing fill. After this is done the three fallen ashlar separated from the main group will be removed. The new surface is of a grey, compacted clay, with inclusions of pebbles (on the surface) and flakes of charcoal. There are also small white streaks which may be plaster. The browner, less tacky, lower-clay content fill above could easily have come from the walls. In the photographs of the fallen walls (p. 154) it is possible to see the amount of earth between stones. The grey-clay fill below could easily represent accumulation before the collapse of the walls, with the pebbles either coming up from the original floor, or from the wall packing. The lack of a flat, even partially even surface, and the amount of rubble in the fill, suggest that the clay is not a floor. Perhaps, the lack of significant finds, or it suggests that it was not a surface of use.

Because of the amount of sun the exposed surface received over the weekend it is not easy today to separate the fills. I fear that in Space E we have cleared below the surface of this clay layer and not to its top as we did in Space W.

In the earth fill of Wall 3, pebbles and shell are visible, which may account for their presence above the clay surface.

A small area of what appears to be fire-reddened clay appears under a stone in Space W. This suggests that the burning of Trench 83A will continue below Trench 83C.

J.W. Shaw photographs the remaining rock fall against Wall 2.

Polaroid: Trench 83C, bottom of Pails 3:70 and 3:71. Rock fall against wall 2, from SW
10 August, 1992 (continued)

Roll B, Fr. 577 same, from SE + colour
Fr. 796-10 same, from S + colour
Fr. 789 same, from S
Fr. 7/12 same, from S

All photographs are on p. 162.

For other photographs of surface see Trench B
Notebook p. 166.

The three large lone ashlars are removed.

A new pail is opened for a small 2m long space in Trench 83A. This will be carefully excavated 0.5m either we find the floor or we see there is a continuation of the level of burning beneath the rubble of the wall. The fill itself is now sun-dried at the top but appears to be a grey clay soil with small charcoal flake inclusions.

PAIL: 83A/3.72 under 83A/3.55, Levels 1 =
see p. 164; Location: B; Fill: grey clay soil with small rubble and small flakes of charcoal,
Pottery: 1.245 kg (63 sherds) Latest: LMM III A2/B
Range: MM III / LMM I > Mostly: LMM III A/B
Heavy - Very Heavy Wear
M/C UP unusually well-represented

Inventoried Objects:

Also:

At day's end we open a pail to do the same
for Trench 83C.
PAIL 83C/3:73 under 83C/3:71. Levels:
see p.166. Location Label: ent. Fill: grey clay, with pebble, charcoal, and plaster inclusions.
Pottery: 3,230 kg (75 sherds) Latest: LM III Az/B
Range: MM IB/II - Mostly Late
Heavy - Very Heavy (As) Numerous Burnt M/C UP, Transport vessels also numerous

Inventoried Objects:

Also:

1 lumps of building material with a finished/flattened face.