6 July, 1992 (continued)

Pottery: 1.660 kg (69 sherds) Latest: LM III (?)
Range: MM III? -> LM III; mostly late
Medium-Heavy wear, amphorae and storage vessels

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells, plaster

The rubble in the fill consists of small and medium-sized rocks with a few larger ones.

At the end of the day, excavation of Pit 3:26 continues.
Excavation of Paul 3:26 continues. I am thinking of changing Paul after this pass though it will depend on what more is uncovered. At the end of this pass a small quantity of charcoal is discovered. Just in case this is a foretelling of what is coming we close Paul 3:26 and open Paul 3:28.

**PAUL: 83A/3:28**

- under 3:26, label:
  - see plan p. 74
  - Location label: N
  - Fill: Clay
  - Pottery: 5.050 kg (220 sherds) Latest: LMIII B (2)
  - Range: LMII - LMIII
  - Most Late
  - Light, Medium Early; amphorae and storage jars are well-represented

**Inventoried Objects:**

- Shells, charcoal, pumice, plaster

Charcoal continues to be discovered, especially in the NE corner.

At the end of the day, excavation of Paul 3:28 is continuing.

Simultaneously to the excavation of Trench 83A, another group of workers is excavating Trench 83B.

Excavation of Paul 2:24 continues. A large ashlar black fallen in the NW corner is removed. It was resting on earth. The excavation surface is brought down to this level and Paul 2:24 is closed.

Paul 2:27 is opened for a small strip in the NE corner which was forgotten by previous work crews.

**PAUL: 83B/2:27**

- see p. 74
- Location label: NE
- Fill: Clay
- Pottery: 0.065 kg (4 sherds) Undatable
  - Too small for meaningful comment
  - 1 crumbling lump of building material.

Additional notes:
Previously Excavated Wall

Mark points where levels measured (all measurements in A.S.L.)

Space ABCDE forms boundary of Pail

83B/2:29

Scale 1:100

7 July, 1992 (continued)

Lever this section is excavated down to the level at which Pail 2:24 was closed. Pail 2:27 is closed. Pail 2:29 is opened for entire trench area north of Wall 4.

PAIL: 83B/2:29 under 2:24 and 2:27
Levels: see p. 76; Location Label: 10; Fill: Clay
Pottery: 1.465 kg (24 sherds) undatable?

Inventoried Objects:

Also: stone samples, plaster, charcoal, shells

At the end of the day, excavation of Pail 2:29 is continuing.
Excavation of Pails 83A/3.28 and 83B/2.29 continue simultaneously.

Pail 83A/3.28 is characterized by a marked decrease in rubble and a corresponding increase in earth fill. Perhaps we ought to have changed levels for this pail? At the end of the pass the pail is closed.

PAIL 83A/3.30 under 3.28; Levels: see p. 78;
Location Level: N; Fill: rubble and clay
Pottery: 4,220 kg (276 sherds) Latest: LM III B
Joints with pails 33 and 35, 1 amphora has red stain on interior
Medium Wear. Range: MM III - LM III B
Inventoried Objects: C9557 - amphora

Also: plaster, blue plaster, charcoal, shells, burried material

Excavation proceeds with little to report except the scarcity of the rubble until we come upon a small (0.5 cm) area of burning against Wall 1. At this point some small flakes of blue plaster are also found. The pail is closed at the end of this pass.

PAIL 83A/3.32 under 3.30; Levels: see p. 78;
Location Level: N; Fill: clay and rubble
Pottery: 7,765 kg (141 sherds) Latest: LM III B
Range: LM II A - LM III B
Joints with pails 30, 32, 33, 35
At least 5 short necked amphoras with red substance
Inventoried Objects: C9569 - undecorated Finecup LM III AR

Also: blue plaster, charcoal, plaster, shells

More small flakes of blue plaster are discovered, as well as burned material (the small amount discovered is sampled).
In Pail 83B/2:29 we come upon a blackened layer of earth in the N/W corner against Wall 1. We clear the excavation surface down to this level. This pail has a great number of shells, and small deposits of rubble are also found against Wall 1. The rubble is removed and many shells are recovered. When this task is finished, a new pail is opened.

**PAIL: 83B/2:31 under 2:29; Levels: step 80; Location Label: N; Fill: Clay**

Pottery: 0.350 kg (11 sherds) Latest: LM IIIA
Medium/Heavy wear: 1 pithos rim with burning
Too small for meaningful comment.
Range: early LM IA (?) > LM IIIA

Inventoried Objects:

Also: stone sample, charcoal, pumice, shells, bone?

The blackened area appears on excavation to be confined to a small area of the N/W corner of the trench, with the southern boundary being the second large fallen ashlar.

At the end of the day excavation of Pails 83B/2:31 and 83A/3:32 is continuing.
Excavation of Pails 83B/2:31 and 83A/3:32 continues simultaneously.

The fill of 83A/3:32 is mostly dark earth with little rubble. We find a smaller pile of what appears to be medium-sized rubble against Wall 1. This we leave and clean around. Any rubble encountered now I intend to leave as a guide to possible floor levels.

Because the surface of Trench 83A space N is now roughly level we close Pail 3:32 and open 3:33.

PAIL: 83A/3:33 under pails 3:32 and 3:28,
Levels: see p. 82, Location label: N; Fill: dark earth/rubble
Pottery: 7:700 kg (204 sherds) Lm III B(?)
joins with pails 3:32, 3:35, 3:38

C.9568 - Dolichophoric Rim Fragment krater
Inventoried Objects: C.9557 - large, straight-sided cooking pot
Also: pumice, shells, plaster

What appears to be a tooth was found in the small N/W area of burning in 83B/2:31. J. O. Shaw comes to photograph Trench 83B and fallen ashlars from the NE.

Polaroid
B.W. Roll #2, #18

Pail 83B/2:34 is opened for continued excavation of Space N.

PAIL: 83B/2:34 under 83B/2:31, Levels see p. 82, Location label: N; Fill: clay
Pottery: 0.990 kg (87 sherds) Latest: Lm III B
Range: MMIII - LMIII B, mostly late
Medium Wear; many N/C thick-walled amphorae

Inventoried Objects:
Trench 83B, Space N, Walls 1 and 4 with fallen aslar, Bottom of Pail 2:31 from NE.

Polaroid:

Wall 4
Wall 1
Fallen Aslar

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Also shells, bone

At day's end excavation of Pails 83A/3:33 and 83B/2:34 continue.
Excavation of Pails 83A/3:33 and 83B/2:34 continues simultaneously.

When the pass on pail 83A/3:33 is complete the pail is closed and a new pail is opened.


Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells, plaster

In this pail we come down upon the scale of the interior North Wall (Wall 2) of gallery 3. A level of burning is a few cm below this. The plan at this point is to clean down to this level and see if we can trace the burning. At this point we also need to clean the west half of Wall 2.

In the NE corner of the pail as we remove some rubble we come upon an accumulation of pottery. We uncover some of it but leave it in the ground with some rubble. A new pail is opened for the loose pieces among the rubble.


Also: charcoal
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When this pass of Pail 83A/3:35 is completed, we measure elevations and open a new pail for space N.

**PAIL: 83A/3:38** under 83A/3:35, Levels: see p. 88; Location Label: N; Fill: dark earth/rubble; Pottery: 8.570 kg (454 sherds) Latest: LM III B

- Range: MM III → LM III; most late
- Weathering: 1 cooking pot burnt, join with 3:33; remains of 2 large vats

**Inventoried Objects:**

- Also: shells, charcoal, plaster, pumice, bone

Another large piece of pottery is encountered halfway along Wall 2. It is left in the ground to be photographed.

In Pail 83B/2:34 the fill appears to have become less clay-like. At the end of this pass we will open a new pail.

This apparent difference is found to be confined to the NW corner alone.

In the SE corner we find a very small patch of burning. Pail 83B/2:34 is closed and a new pail opened.

**PAIL: 83B/2:36** under 2:34, Levels: see p. 88; Location Label: N; Fill: clay soil with some burning; Pottery: 1.295 kg (129 sherds) Latest: LM III B (?)

- Range: MM III → LM III A2/B; only 1 sherd LM III B

**Inventoried Objects:**

- Also: pumice, shells

The rubble in the SW corner appears to be sitting on clay alone, not stone, so we remove it all.
Excavation of Pails 83A/3:38 and 83B/2:36 continue simultaneously.

There is no noticeable change in the fill in Trench 83B, but the level is reached on which a larger stone is resting. The pail is closed and a new one is opened. The stone will then be removed.

PAIL: 83B/2:39 under 83B/2:36, levels see p.90, location label: 10; Fill: clay soil with smaller pieces of rubble.

Pottery: 4.745 kg (357 sherds), latest: LM III A2


Very heavy wear

2 possible thin-walled Cypriot BS.

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster, shells, charcoal, pumice, pebbles, bone.

As the crepidoma of the eastern (exterior) face of Wall 1 becomes visible, it is noticed that instead of being followed underneath by the orthostate façade of T, two blocks extend downwards. When more has been exposed, a photograph or drawing will be provided.

This may be the final pail in Pail 83A/3:38 before the burnt layer is reached across the trench. The fill has noticeably larger amounts of small charcoal flakes mixed in the clay soil.

At one point the workmen believe we have reached a surface of use (c. +3:50), but after consulting with other trenchmasters and T. W. Shaw, it is decided that it is not. A pin-probe suggests that the floor lies c. 10 cm below the surface of excavation. Small probe trenches appear to confirm this.
Photographs are taken of the two pottery deposits in Trench 83A.

Polaroid #1 - of pottery against Wall 1, from the west, bottom of Pail 3:37 -
Roll 2, Final Frame - same
Roll 3, Frame 1 - same
Also colour.

- of pottery against Wall 2, from the south, bottom of Pail 3:38
Roll 3, Frame 2 - same
Also colour

Photographs are on p.92.

After the photographs are taken the pottery and rubble are removed and Pail 3:37 is closed.

At the day's end, excavation of Pails 83A/3:38 and 83B/2:39 continue simultaneously.
Excavation of Pails 83A/3:38 and 83B/2:39 continue simultaneously.

After some debate about whether a floor had been reached at the west end of Trench 83A, we decided to excavate a smaller area using Pail 83A/3:40. The floor is found at +3.44 mASL. Small patches of fire-reddened clay are located above.

**PAIL 83A/3:40 under 83A/3:38**

Levels: see p. 94; Location Label: NI; Fill: clay soil with small rubble.

Pottery: 11.415 kg (594 sherds) Latest: LM III B
- Mostly LM III A2-B, Medium Wear, 1 burnt amphora sherd and 1 sherd with clay base
- Joins with pails 32 and 72

Inventoried Objects: C.9583 - plain shallow small saucer

Also: copper (?), pumice, charcoal, shells, plaster, pottery with red decoration

Many small pieces of rubble are found in Trench 83A. The burning is found in an uneven surface which we will trace across the trench using the same pail.

We seem to have come down on a small area of fire-reddened soil in Trench 83B. We decide for this reason to change pails.

**PAIL 83B/2:41 under 83B/2:39**

Levels: see p. 94; Location Label: N; Fill: clay soil with larger pieces of rubble

Pottery: 2.970 kg (216 sherds) Latest: LM III B
- Range: MM IB/II - LM III B mostly late
- Medium - Very Heavy wear

Inventoried Objects: B.339 - bronze chisel (see p. 106)

Also: bronze peg, bone, shells, charcoal, plaster