Today we begin by continuing our pass with Pail 44, trying to uncover our surface. T W Shaw comes over and expresses concern as to whether we shall be able to reach the court by the end of the week. To compound this potential problem, our wheelbarrow man, Vasilis, has not shown up, so I must perform his duty.

As we move westward without our pass, the presence of our surface becomes less certain, though it still remains a possibility.

When we complete the pass, we take levels 2 close the pail. Kate Wash's workers then come over while the front loader is working around her trench. We open a new pail for each team, one (45) in the SE and one (46) in the NW:

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Under Pail: K93A/918/3:44
Levels: 3:21 – 3:25 top
       3:05 – 3:17 bottom
Location: SE corner of trench, See pg. 120.
Type of Fill: earthe sand mixture, 1 higher concentration of earth than above; 1 many stones
Pottery: 273 pcs, weight 5.970 kg; many severe wear; MNOB/II, LBA
Other: plaster, conical cup, 2 lumps BM

Inventoried Pottery: C9988 LOD 4C7 simple
Inventoried Material: 11 C9989 dipped UC
D Inventory Pottery from 3:46

C8948 Fine Lent cup (in tin in 51)
C8949 Fine WC
C8950 Fine WC
C8951 Fine WC

Under Pail 5 K93A/918/3:46
Levels +3.18 → +3.27 top
+3.08 → +3.24 bottom
Location in northern half of trench, see pg. 120.
Type of Fill: mixture of earth, sand, higher concentration of earth than above. Two more stones.
Pottery: 684 sherds, 10.275 kg, burnished art; mostly LIMI A, B, M, LIMII A+B.  27 in post LIMI A; LIMII A includes weavers, pot from kiln. All sherds heavy, worn, very early sherds.
Other: plaster, stone, iron, plaster, impure earth, bone.

Inventoryed Pottery: see pg. 122, red-earth
Inventoryed Material: —

As we are digging in the NW, we notice an abundance of pebbles and plaster, as well as sherds lying flat. This suggests the presence of a surface, which we shall attempt to define.

For the SW corner a new Pail is opened in the hope that a surface can be located here, for it seems to end about midway through the trench.

K93A/918/3:47

Under Pail 5 K93A/918/3:47
Levels +3.25 → +3.30 top
+3.13 → +3.19 bottom
Location SW corner of trench, see pg. 120.
Type of Fill: same mixture of earth, sand, many stones.
Pottery: 89 pcs, weight 19.60 kg, mmr 10 to 11, nothing later than kiln 1878; two burnished.
Other: plaster, lumps of building material.
As we are digging in this area, we come across a collection of pebbles which may or may not be a floor. Attempts at defining the floor are ambiguous, as the pebbles, although numerous, do not all lie on a level surface. J.W. Shaw suggests that they may be kick up from the central court, which probably lies 40 cm below. When this pass has reached the same northern extent as Pill 45, the Pill is closed, and we continue with Pill 46 as we move north.
Today we begin by continuing to move north with pit 46 toward the NE corner. Again, our wheelbarrow man has not shown up, so we are all sharing duties.

As we move north, east of our supposed surface, we come across a small patch of burning, which is removed. Another small one is uncovered in the west, but again removed as it is very small, not on a level plain.

The soil in the NW is different from elsewhere in the pass, as there is one section with much earth, & to the north, one with more sand. However, little pottery is associated with these hills, and they are excavated with the same Ru.

A series of levels is taken of our surface, and it is removed. This area that around it is packed with pottery and small stones, as well as numerous plaster chunks. We also find two pieces of flat plaster layered on a chunk of earth. These are shown to M.C. Shaw, and kept in a separate pit to preserve them. A chunk of plaster with a flute-like impression is also bagged separately.

When the pass is complete, measurements are taken and the Ru is closed.

We now turn to the south bank, for which we open a new Ru.

K93A/928/3:48

Under Ru: K93A/918/2:33
Levels: $+3.64 \rightarrow +3.71$ top
$+3.15 \rightarrow +3.21$ bottom

Location: southern baulk, see pg. 128

Type of Fill: mixture of sand & earth, as elsewhere.

Pottery: 61 pcs, weight 1.35 kg; mostly Mmia, MMII thru 7, Mm-huy wear

Other: plaster, plaster impression, shell, hematite

Inventoried Pottery: —
Inventoried Material: —

The baulk is quickly removed with the help of J.W. Shaw, and after measurements are taken, the Pail is closed. We then begin two northward sweeps, one along the east zone to the west, for which we open two new pails:

Under Pail: K93A/91B/3:49

Levels: $+3.05 \rightarrow +3.24$ top
$+2.99 \rightarrow +3.07$ bottom

Location: eastern half of trench, see pg. 128

Type of Fill: mixture of earth & sand, with plaster chunks, pebbles & many stones

Pottery: 63 pcs, weight 1.075 kg; Mm-huy wear; MMII thru CT for Class

Other: plaster

Inventoried Pottery: —
Inventoried Material: —
Under Pail: K93A/91B/3 46+47
Levels: +3.71 to +3.74 top
+3.07 to +3.14 bottom
Location: Western half of trench, see pg. 128.
Type of Fill: mixture of sand and earth, ©
plaster chunks, pebbles, others
Pottery: 131 pcs, weight 1740 kg;
mix of MIII & LMIII+3, gray ware;
Other: marble, pumice, carbon, burnt
soil, plaster, red earth, ptd plaster

As we are moving northward with
Pail 49, we come across a pebble
surface which must be the court for
which we've been looking. A similar
surface is found just beside the
northern column in trench B7B.
With the help of McShaw it is
decided to first take off most of
the overlying surface with our
Pail, and open a new pail for the
fill right on top of the court. We
therefore continue with our
Pail.
We complete our pass with Pail 49
and take measurements before it is
closed. We begin our next sweep
under this with a new Pail in
order to expose the surface of the
court.

Under Pail: K93A/91B/3 51
Levels: +2.99 - +3.07 top
+2.93 - +3.00 bottom.

Location: eastern half of trench, see pg. 132.

Type of Fill: earth, soft & brown, mixed with a bit of sand.


Other: bone, plaster.

Inventoried Pottery: C8938 fine lose tea.
Inventoried Material: C8948 fine handmade (ann in 1976).

The day ends as we are clearing the court.
Today we begin by continuing with Pail 51, to expose the court, as well as Pail 49, to bring the western half closer to the court. We hope to complete our trench today.

When our two passes are nearing completion, it is noticed that the workers are mixing pottery between the two pails. At this point these two pails are closed, and two new ones are opened to complete the passes.

K93A/918/3:52

Under Pail: K93A/918/3:46
Levels: +3.11 → +3.12 top
+3.05 → +3.17 bottom
Location: NW corner of trench, see pg. 130
Type of Fill: mixture of earth + sand, with plaster chunks, pebbles + stones
Pottery: 11 pcs, weight 0.430kg; buff + ware; too small for meaningful comment; latest prob CT.
Other:
Inventoryed Pottery:
Inventoryed Material:

K93A/918/5:53

Under Pail: K93A/918/3:46
Levels: +3.12 → +3.14 top
+2.86 → +3.18 bottom
Location: NE corner of trench above court, see pg. 132
Type of Fill: mixture of sand + earth + pebbles, plaster chunks + stones, chips.
Pottery: 75 pcs, weight 2.240 kg; indistinct incised ware: LIM IIA 28 with CS 17; miniatures only amph.
Other: shell, charcoal, red earth.

Inventoryed Pottery: =
Inventoryed Material: =

Pail 52 is completed and, after measurements have been taken, it is closed. A new Pail is opened to reveal the western half of the court.

K93A/91B/3:54

Under Pail: K93A/91B/3:50+52.
Levels: +3.07 - +3.17 top
+2.98 - +3.01 bottom

Location: western half of trench, see 132.

Type of Fill: brown earth mixed with little sand + some small stones + pebbles

Pottery: 60 pcs, weight 0.130 kg; medium incised ware; mostly LIM IIIA 1 B 280 C 203 1 CS 17.
Other: carbon, plaster, shell, plaster facing, pasted plaster, plaster = impressed

Inventoryed Pottery: =
Inventoryed Material: =

Meanwhile, Pail 53 begins to reveal rubble lying on the surface of the court. This rubble will be cleared using the same pail.
Today we begin by removing the southern balk of which borders 87B, since there is not enough light to do the delicate work over the court. This task is quickly completed with the help of Josee’s team of workers.

We then turn to clearing the rest of the court with Pails 54 and 53. It is apparent that the court dips to the north, perhaps under the rubble which seems to have fallen from the east.

J.W. Shaw suggests we open a new pail for excavating the northern part of the court, as there seems to be much disturbance there. Pail 54 is then closed, and a new Pail is opened.

**K93A/91B/3:55**

Under Pail: K93A/91B/3:52
Levels: +3.05 to +3.07 bottom +2.92 to +2.99 top
Location: northern part of trench at western end, see pg. 132.
Type of Fill: mixture of earth, sand, and pebbles, small stones
Pottery: 54 pcs, 0.755 kg mount wear; L.M.D A2B amph with cr/2 material
Other: shell

Inventoryed Pottery: -
Inventoryed Material: -

When we have completed a few passes, and still have not found the court, we turn to the southern balk of 91D which borders our trench to the north. This is quickly brought