Room X6

Fr. 11: view of NW door after removal of block - x= "Pot 2" & Pail 103

Fr. 12
Roll 12: view of NW door. a: primary threshold; b: raised threshold; c: lamb used with new threshold b.

Roll 7, Fr. 10
North wall, NE corner of Room X6 after pails 103 and 105 (as below in polaroid)

C10258: stirrup jar

At the same level part of a cooking pot are found directly against the north wall and directly next to the NW doorway (pot two) (see locations, p. 176). We shall remove these under the label of Pail 103. Levels and photos are taken of Pail N. wall and of the NW doorway (see p. 180). A second saddle quern is found from the SE area of the room (Pail 103).

The situation is peculiar because the original floor of X6 was certainly lighter, namely before the slab installation was set, and yet the wall is built right on the slabs which look as if they belong to a turn out MM slab floor. The north wall is in a very bad state completely buckled in the NE corner. Upon removal stone d (see p. 176) proves to be a saddle quern terminus all the three pairs quern 103-106 and start taking the level down.

Pail 10:107 under pail 103

From (see p. 176) to +4.72m:
[X6]
Brown earth, stone chips, some sand
Sherds: 6, 610 kg: 542 sh. Later LM IIIA
but a mix MM - LM. Shards in good condition.
Many imports -

Other:


The bridge-spouted jar 57286: obsidian piece
The machine was set at + 7.57 m. We start taking the level down, now in the northern part of X6 only.

ROLL 7

Room X6 from north at end of excavation

Roll 7, Fr. 15
NW corner/doorway in Room X6

Roll 7, Fr. 16
View of X6 from south (north area of X9 visible in the foreground)

Crucial levels (see Fr. 13 above)

α: +4.74 m; β: +4.74 m; c (threshold); +4.72 m; d: +4.93 m at 6/5.04 m at E.

Roll 7, Fr. 15

Pail 10: 108 under part of pail 107
From +4.72 m to +4.61 m / 4.63 m
Brown earth, some sand, few sherds, sherds: 1,540 kg; 177 sh. MM II D
Fresh looking - not too broken up, but few jars others

In

We dig a pass and find an area of either the foundation of an earlier wall under the west wall of X6. We reach the base of the wall and terminate pail 108 and excavation in this room for we must have reached almost pre-habitation levels; photos are taken (see p. 182)

Pail 3–4: 109 - From +6.86 to +5.20
0.225 kg; 10 sh. LMI Ball
Tiny unit - worn sherds

Other

The blocking is made of large square blocks. They end on a stretch of earth which is 0.20 m above the threshold. This layer will be removed with

Pail 5: 110 under pail 109
From +5.20 m to +4.98 m / +5.00
0.480 kg; 54 sh. LMI
Good pres., but fragmented
Cypriot fine jup w. hard red fabric
Other: charcoal float
The threshold is revealed and it is somewhat lower than the level at which excavation stopped within the room. Directly north of the blocking is a short pile of stones set against the west wall of X3 at 15 SW corner. The threshold is at +5.01; the floor at 5.06. We removed the pile of stones. They sit on burnt soil which is at +5.14. There is charcoal here and the bottom ash are burnt.

Shards under the slabs go to 93E; Pail 10:111 Removal of pile of stones
X3 From +5.40 m to +5.12 m
Burnt fill
Shards: 0.280 kg. 17th. LMII B
C. cup x 2; M/c jar; Costa Jast type B
Other: —

In v.

To our surprise the burning continues down below the level reached in excavation in X3. We actually start finding some pebbles at the level of the threshold which may be the real floor. We shall dig a new pass in X3 where we earlier stopped excavation with pails 101 and 101a (see p. 172).

93E; Pail 6:112 under Pail's 5:101+
X3 From ca +5.11/5.05 + 5.03
Burnt mark
Shards: 0.235 kg. 27th. LM II
Other: not too worn, but few join —

In v.
The machine is set at level + 4.76 m. We have moved to the south area. In our previous Trench 93C directly west of Gallery G, after realizing that the pebbles found in X3 directly north of its threshold are part of a sloping surface that forms the floor of that room, so four 113 was terminated yesterday at the end of the day and with it all excavation in House X. I discussed various sections, plans and elevations that need to be done with G. Bianco - also reconstructed views of various sides of the house. Architectural plans were also discussed.

The return to Trench 93C is called for by the fact that a long wall has been traced in the adjacent trench to the west of Tr. 95 run by G. Nixon. The wall runs along the north side of Building T's south wall. A segment of this wall may have been one found at the SE corner, between Building T and Gallery G. Drawings show excavation or ended with Trench 34. A small rectangle had reached a deeper level ca. 2.60 m. We shall now dig this area to its west, once excavation stopped at level ca. +2.82.

93C

Pail 9: 113 Under Pail 9: 34
From a: +2.82 to +2.72 m.
Brown earth, small stones, (clay) and slabs.
Sherds: 0,610 kg. ; 6801. MMIN - 
Some fresh roots with joins
0.2 m. plaster; 0.2 m. plaster
Inv.

We remove some of the slabs noted earlier in the SW corner of Tr. 93C and find that there are more fallen stones underneath.
we terminate pit 9:113 at a kefalid level at +2.72. Under the removed stones is a semi-circle of small stones. We shall dig in it with trowels.

Pit 9:114 Under Pit 9:113

50 ft. brown earthen; a few small stone sherd: 1, 355 kg. 241 sh. Largely portable
shape (MM II B), mostly C. cups. 1 sherd may
be LM IA (1)?

Open: shells, sample of fire, coarse plaster.

For the level around we use fire:

Pit 9:115 Under Pit 9:113

10 ft. brown earthen, some small stone, some lepsi?
Sherd: 1, 856 kg. 131 sh. MM II B
Some waterworn, but otherwise fresh (1)
Other: plaster + fire, plaster (first deposit?)
Inv: C 10236 (many pieces) cooke's pot, 50 µA

The pit starts at 1.64 m. from the west end of the south wall of Gallery 6. It starts by being ca. 1.00 m. W. - E. wide but within it is another line of of stones that are built and form a smaller circle 0.60 m. W. - E. X 0.80 m. N. - S.
The pit is full of soft soil, snails, some bits of plaster (some fine & painted ochre) and lots of sherd. All appear MM.

Pit 115 had started recovering material that looked like a lepsi surface plant, it had been deliberately stripped to maintain the level through the pit. We made the extra workman now go to Gallery 6 in the sottoscala. When excavation may be pursued late in the season.
cleans any accumulated sand.

In the "pit" or "well" there is now almost pure sand and we stop pail 9:114. We replace it with pail 10:116 under pail 9:114.

93c / Pail 10:116 Under pail 9:114 / Pit
From +2.44 m to +2.24 m.

Pit in Brown earth, bits of charcoal.
Sherds: 0.660 kg., 110 sh.

Mostly cups; also kalathos, burnt fibers.

Other: bit of stone (? vase); bronze strip; plaster.

Inv: C10234: brazier, C10235: m/c cup, C10238: M/c up kalathos - All three join pail 7:114.

The walls of the pit seem to come down. Charcoal begins to appear and some flat stones. A photo is taken at this level and excavation continues with pail 10:16.

Work starts in the scot-tascale in Gallery 6
93c / Pail 15:117 Under Tr 90 A/
From ca. +2.10 to +2.92 m

Gallery sherds: 0, 0/15 (kg.); 3 sh.

Water worn sherds, but fresh.

Other: -

Inv: -

This pail is for the removal of some small sherds that sit upright on top of earth. There are only 3 sherds, and we also have some mallet that sit on earth. We shall also clean unexcavated fill from under too the wall of P of which the north face sits on earth.

In the pit we find burnt fibers, perhaps of a tree that was burned or thread. It is collected. In the pit the charcoal ends from there is a bit of brown earth and the walls of the pit end. The south side of the pit at this level is occupied by...
Gallery 6 - Sottoscala

A-D: rubble removed with Pail 117.

Levels at bottom of Pail 118 + in the westmost area as reached in Trench 90A.

X-X: north line of Wall X.

1-5: newly labelled walls.

Pail 15: 118 under Tr. 90A under Tr. 90A - [Sottoscala]

93c

Pail 15: 118 under Tr. 90A


In un.

Pail 117: exposed the north face of the early wall X, nor are they trying to define. We shall label it Wall X. This way found some 0.20m back from the line of the north face of the wall of P in the area concerned. Its location is indicated by indented line (see plan, p. 192). This wall is more visible directly west of the wall of P. Half of its thickness is concealed as it lies under the wall of T.

The pit as revealed is well built. It is semi-circular, but it ends with straight lines that may continue under the wall of T. Since the pit destroyed some of the courses of Wall X, its making postdates the use of that wall. At its deepest at the north end, the pit is 0.34m high, some 6 courses. At the south end, the wall X was allowed to stand to +2.40m and
the height of the pit is ca. 0.28 m h.

We terminate pail 117 around the pit in what gave us the impression of a very rough surface that slopes downward from S to N. The rim of the pit is roughly level with it and wall X rises 1/16 m or more, 0.15 m above it.

Excavation continues in the area of pail 115.

TRENCH 93C

Pails + levels reached

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Small stones, earth, sand, fallen stones.
Sherd: 0.820 kg. 80 sh. MM II - No joins - good preservation.
Other: plaster.

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NEW DAY

Aug. 11 1994

The machine is set at level +.79 m, work continues.
New level is marked and a new pail 118 + 119.

There is much sand in pail 119. We arbitrarily change level/pail.

93C | Pail 9: 120 under pail 119

From +2.33 m to 1.96 m.
Sandy, black earth, few sherds.
Sherd: 1.855 ks. 107 sh. MM II B mostly MM I
Other: plaster.
Joins noted with pail 121 in the field.

PS: apparently there were a couple of joins of fresh breaks in pail 121. Not clear how this got to be sitting apart in the field.
There are new developments in the southern scale where a slab pavement has been found at (level +2.73 m (bottom of pail 118)). The situation can be explained with reference to the plan on p. 192. The slabs occur between wall 4+3. The floor goes with wall 3 but goes under wall 4 which belongs to Building T. Wall 3 is destroyed at its east end and we shall dig some east and a jar store, which accumulated here with a separate pail (THE MESS WITH THIS + pail 123 due to an amended mix-up in the A pot!)

936: Pail 15:12 (see disc of Subpail 12x)
2.950 kg 197 sh. MM III. (see comment in pail 120 above, re some strange joins). Several burst sherds. Much MM II. Several O/X: plaster

Inv. P 196: pattern painted plaster "table" c 10266 M/C jar : MM II

The slab pavement stops at the west end of wall 3. quite likely, later wall 3 and the slabs were pulled out when Building T was built and walls 4 and 5 were installed.

At its east end wall 3 was destroyed when the wall of P was built. The wall of P rests directly on top of the wall. Fine MM sherds turn up in pail 121. We reach the level of the slab pavement and we realize that it does not continue south. We undermine the wall of P trying to find wall X, but there is no sign of it where one might expect it. The field is full of stone chips. We terminate the plan X1 in pail L (121).

We have one more area to explore, this is the east most area of the southern scale, beyond line EF in the plan.
In the area of pail 121 there was a bit more cleaning and some blocks of wall X became visible. So it continued here as well. Somewhat beautiful sherds turned up in the process of this probe. It is painted plastic (white + dark blue) and it may well be part of a plaster table of offerings. The piece is almost suspended underneath the wall of P to which it is attached by a thin layer of earth that covered it when the blocks of that wall were built. Underneath the table are large sherds that support it. The cleaning is done by the workmen Expeditions Lukanos and myself occasionally. E. also does the work lying on his back. Feature layers and L.U.A. are applied on the surface of the plaster which will be removed tomorrow.

**Comment on unreliability of Pails 121 + 123**

Inadvertently Pails 121 + 123 were both labelled as "Pail 121." Though the derivation of each of every sherd is not certain, some sherds with similar faunal remains can be assigned to the two different locations. Pail 121 in scutoscalca; Pail 123 west of gallery 6 (see Exc Rep).

Fr. 25

C 10217

The above is incorrect. After this was written the pottery analyst discovered the missing pail 123 in the Apothiki. The two pails 724 were a continuation of each other.

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**Aug. 12, 1991**

The machine is set at level +4.81 m Pail 15:122 is terminated at the arbitrary level:

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From ca. +3.12 m to +3.03 m
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Brown earth

Shards: 4,290 kg. 172 sh. MM III

Mostly MM II; jars w. pails 121, 124-26

Other: plaster well preserved

Inv.

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In the area of pail 120 all walls continue down and there is more and more lepis. A rough line of single sherd appears ca. 0.30 m west of the east wall. We change pail.

**Pail 10:123**

Under Pail 9:120

From +1.96 m to +1.63 m

Lepis

Shards: 0.520 kg.; 44 sh. MM IIIB all handmade, well preserved

Other - direct vessel; cutting dish

Inv.

**Pail 15:124**

Under Pail 122

In scutoscalca, eastmost area

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From c. 3.03 m to +2.95 + 2.90
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Shards: 2,690 kg. 182 sh. MM III

Some pots repr. by several sherd.

Other: plaster; scatter of hematite; burnt

Inv: C 10217: Camp w. large flake (edge rim) C 10267 C. cup; C 10268

A patch of hematite is found along with grey lepis directly south of the slabs and from the west limit of pail 124.
Directly east is what looks like an upside down brazier. The clay is almost disintegrated. The piece is drawn by G. Bianco and photographed (see p. 198). The level of the floor is +2.97. Some pieces of plaster have turned up. A small piece of haematite is kept. The brazier is removed.

We remove the "altar" from under the wall of P. We find more plaster fragments and collect prehistoric sherds under the label of Pail 15:12.

Excavation with pail 124 reveals a W-E wall which projects 47 cm from wall 4 which seems to have been built over it. The distance between this wall (now labelled H7) and the wall of P is 0.36 m. Sherds at this level of pail 124 is replaced to be filled dry with:

**Pail 16: 125 under pail 124**

From +2.95/2.90 to ca. 2.80 m.

**Brown earthenware**
- Sherds: 1,060 kg - 94.5% MM II B
- Join with pails 121, 122, 124, 126

**Omar, mussel shells**

**Inv.**
- C10265 M/C jar (pails 121, 126)
- C10269 Bull's horn

Lots of sherds and some moist piece of charcoal + crushed burnish. A last pail is used for cleaning in the area in the south scarp - equivalents to pails 121, 122, 124

**Pail 15: 126**

**Brown scale**
- Sherds: 0, 195 kg - 21 sh. MM II B
- Join with pails 121, 121a, 122, 124

**Other:** plaster 125

**Inv.**
- C10266 Long D patterned jar MM II B

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TRENCH 93C

**Gallery 6**

**East end**

- 3.13
- 3.12
- 3.16
- 3.06
- Wall of P
- Haematite

With some effort, the plastered face is removed. The process is photographed by Anne Perron, the object photographer, replacing J. W. Shaw at the site since he had the misfortune to break his leg at the excavation yesterday. For photos see p. 196 above.

Within this page we come to the end of excavation and the end of the Excavation Daybook. The index for this book will be generated through the computer and will be added to the excavation report for the trenches involved.
ADDENDUM

\[ \text{Pail 15 121 } \times \text{ Sotto scala } \]

93 in Gallery 6

0.435 kg / 17 sh. MMIB?

Joins with pails 121, 125, 126

* The label a was given by Aleqdis Van der Moortel to a second pail 121 I used in the field and which I failed to mark as a subpail in what was one of the most hectic days at the site. (J. W. Shaw absent because of broken leg; Peter Day and other visitors at the site.)

At first A&W M. thought the subpail was really my pail 123 for she could not find Pail 123. Original pottery analyses were written with this misunderstanding in mind. The analyses were re-written when Pail 123 was found soon after with other pails waiting to be processed in the osteothek.

The above may serve as an explanation of the notes on the last pages of this NB.