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93E Pail 6: 63 under Pail 61
From (see p. 116) to (see p. 120)
Brown earth and rubble
Sherds: 2, 845 kg. 161 sh. LMIIIB
mole 4 - worn unit, but not
too broken up
Other: plaster
Inv. C10112: cc ; C10113 - C10116: polychrome
55 cups ; C10144: pithos: cup.
We also terminate Pail 62. It appears
that the area at the north end of that
pail has much more pottery than that
to the south (south of block c in plan p. 116 bottom). We shall dig this
first.

93E Pail 5: 64 under Pail 62 (E) From (p. 120) to (see p. 120) wall 18
Brown earth and rubble
Sherds: 210 sh. 4.115 kg. LMIIIA1
but almost pure LM II
Other: shells; bone; charcoal
Inv. C10108: Palace style jar w.
maire style handle - Argonaut
Tentacles ; C10088: Loopweight
we dig down a couple of frames
and terminate Pail 69. We now
carried excavation to the south
with

93E Pail 5: 65 under Pail 62 (E) From (p. 120) to (see p. 120) wall 18
Rabbits + brown earth
Sherds: 2, 150 kg. 167 sh. LMIIA1
mostly LMIIA1
Other: bones
Inv. C10117 up cc. B 394: bronze rod
Wall 21 seems to end at the 'surface'
at which Pail 63 started.
The machine is set at level + 7.94 m. Pails 64 and 65 continue for a while and are then arbitrarily discontinued. It has become apparent that wall 19 sits on the underlying rubble form on both east and west of it and its height cannot be determined. Only the top layer of stones remains in part that of a course. There are now faces either side after that, so we decide to remove this wall.

Pail 5:66 Removal of Wall 19

Sherds: 1, 595 Kg.; 93 sher. LMIIA1
mostly LMIIA
Other: Inu.

A. number of interesting features have emerged in the digging of the last 3 pails, as will be described below. In the meantime, all three pails have been terminated and one workman returns to the south-east corner of the trench where excavation of rubble and soft earth were removed with pail 64. Photos are taken (see pp. 122 + 124).

Pail 5:67 Under Pail 5:64

From (see p. 120) to
Soft earth rubble
Sherds: 1, 7.90 Kg. 383 sh. Not too fragmental or broken up - several joins LM IIIA but also III B (up klyix +
Other: bones, shells cups, bowls
Inv.: C1022. Five jcp (LM II);
C10125 klyix; C10126 klyix
Knossian ?.
Observations after Pails 63-66 (see illus. p. 120.

West area: Here the bottoms of ( + 122)
all three walls in the south area have been
reached. Of these wall 20 is the earliest.
It's base from W - E (that is as followed
in the east area as well) is at +5.85 →
5.75m. Walls 19 and 21 may be contemporay.
Wall 21 ends at one spot at +6.14 whereas
the south end of wall 19 was reached along
its west face at +6.04m.

Wall 19: Use of Pail 66 helped define
its character more. This pail removed
some small stones at the north end of
this wall and cleaned the sides, west & East
The pail was terminated when a large
boulder, definitely part of the wall was
found at its north end along its east
face. The wall does not really have
an east face. Its better face was built
where it would be visible on the west.
This is clearly a retaining wall built
against a huge dump of rubble & extensive
pottery found also in Trench 87A in 1993.
The dump or destruction debris continued
down to the floor of the room with
the pillars at the NE end of the house.

The high level at which wall 20 finishes
makes it questionable that it was part of
the original house, but this question can be
better answered when we dig south
of it later on.

In the west area there are some slatish
slabs (see drawing, p. 120). They could
be either a structure or the top of an
underlying earlier wall.
A new pail is now assigned to dig
south of pail 67. This pail (68) deals
with an area where the fill is firm, but
none is not a real difference

93E Pail 6:68 under Pail 6:65 (E. area)
Brown earth or rubble
From (see p. 120) to (see p. 126)
Sherd/s: 0.765 kg.; 88 sh. LM IIIA1
Mostly LM II; broken & fragmented. Few
joints
Other
Inv. C10185: flake (join w. pail 71-74)

A new workman is assigned to the area
west of Well 19.

93E Pail 6:69 under Pail 6:63 (west
From (see p. 120) to (p. 120) area
Brown earth with levels, 3 burnt patches
Sherds: 0.565 kg.; 42 sh. MM IIIB

Other
Inv.

The level machine has been borrowed by
G. Bianco. It is returned + set of
+ 7.58m

A pail is assigned to the investigation
of the area with the slabs, at the south
end of the western space (see plan,
p. 120).

93E Pail 6:70 under Pail 6:63
From ca. +6.08 m to (see p. 120+126)
Claylike fill.
Sherds: 1.3 kg.; 49 sh. LM II–III?
skewed shards of certain pots

Other : -
Pail 6:70 (cont'd)

Inw.

The slabs are found to sit on each other. They are removed along with small, rough stones, some of them. A clay-like fill appears, dark in place. Also, a number of large sherds, including the upside down base of a large vessel (μίνως?) are found, lying flat. Just in case we have a surface we terminate pail 70.

North of the locus found under the removed slabs there is more lapis with dark patches. It runs up to a stratum of rubble that continues beyond the north scarp. Pail 69 is being used to clean and define this stratum.

In the east compartment there are many small stones between walls 20 and 18. Some go under the wall 20. Wall 18 is tidy. It continues down. There are fewer sherds and the fill there is more compact than further north (pail 67). The change may signify preparation for the construction of wall 20. The fill here is more compact, because a solid foundation was needed for the wall.

In the area of pail 69 we clean the sherds and the surface and terminate the pail. As it is late in the day photography will be done tomorrow. We assign to new pails in the east area.
Pail 6: 71 (north part of area E, of 4935)
Under Pail 67 (wall 19)
From (see p. 126) to
Soft fill + rubble
Sherds: 4, 420 kg; 211 sh; LM III
Rather worn but not too broken up.
Loots piece in rest of the dump
Other: bone, unworked piece of schist
Inv. C 10185: LM II - III A1 pillar
C 10186: Palace Style jar

Pail 6: 72 (south part of area E, of 4938)
Under Pail 68 (wall 19)
From (see p. 126) to
Brown, relatively compacted fill + small sherd
Sherds: 4, 930 kg; 266 sh; LM IIIA1; join w. pail 74 + 67
Other: bone
Inv. C 10125: kylix w/ dotted scale
Join pail 87, 74

The northern part of this area (Pail 71) keeps producing masses of beautiful decorated pottery - certainly a dump. The southern area was prepared for the building of wall 20.
The machine is set at level +7.83m. Excavation continues east of Wall 19 with pails 71+72.

One of the workmen backfills the sandy soil along the columns of the stela (air temp 93°C).

Photos are taken of the wet area after pails 69+70 (see plan, p. 126 + photos p. 132).

We dig for a while in the east area and we arbitrarily terminate the two pails. The horrid Wall 19 still continues, don't we now shift west of Wall 19.

93E/Pail 6:73 under pails 70+69 clay-like earth + some chips woodshun. From (see p. 126) to (see p. 126)
Sherds: 3,365  Kg: 75  SH: LM01A-B
Other: pot a) pot b) (see p. 132)
Inv: 5 2276: stone vessel frag (see p. 132)

The strategy is to remove the clay-like, reddish fill and define the nature of the rubble, presently concentrated at the north end (see plan p. 126).

We have two surprises. One is that, after all, Wall 20 did not end where we thought earlier, but continues down. That definitely makes it one of the earlier, if not the primary north facade of the house. We shall have to investigate later whether the east extension of Wall 20 continues down below where we thought earlier in the area east of Wall 20. Perhaps the

Space west of Wall 19 after Pail 69+70
View from north.

Pail 6:73 cont'd for p. 133
Pot a: C10187: pit ho's bone with x x dec.
Pot b: was variety of shards.

4,075g: 9 sherds MM III

The above weight and # of sherds, added to pail 73 (p. 130)

In general pail 6:73: i) pots: fire
j) p: red-brown fabric
wall leans out extensively in its upper course.

The other surprise is that the pithos base may not be the only part of the vase preserved. Excavation around the base shows that at least part of the body is preserved. Perhaps it is complete, and resting on a floor!

The place is right now for two workmen and one of them got back to the northern part of the East area.

93E/Pail 6.74 under Pail 71
Ewm (see p. 126) to ca. +5.42m

N8
x3

Soft earth & rubble
Sheets: 3, 745-kg. 508 sh., LM III A1
join w. pail 71, 67, 72
Other: bones, charcoal

1175. C 10125: kylix w. dotted scale pattern; C 10185. P risks LM - III A1

A mix-up: the workmen of the West area accidentally put some sherds of Pail 73 into Pail 69 (even though the latter had been past another). It means that the upper level contained some sherds of the lower - unfortunately we remove the pithos base. It is 0.93 m for wall 20 and partially within the scarp. We call it pot a. Only part of the lower body was preserved.

A pail is assigned to the south part of the East area.

93E/Pail 6.75 under Pail 7-2
Ewm (see p. 126) to
Brown earth & small stones
Shell s. 1,375 lb. 112 st. LMMAD
Not too fragmented - mostly LMA

Other: bones

Pail 75 reveals the base of well 18
Under it are small stones jutting out, and underneath there is a large slab that projects north and west from the well and serves as its foundation. Pail 75 may be fill under the floor of wall 18
The floor may be that of the hop of the pail: 5 s. 5. 45 m.

There is a segment of the possible flow shill under. We shall dig it separately to try to get an uninterrupted fill to date well 18.

Pail 6: 75 a. under Pail 72
Brown fill - for 5. 5 s. 5. 22
Sherds: 0. 280 kg. 31 sh. LMA-III?

We leave a small area at the rear of the pail as a marker of the possible floor 5 days the rear with Pail 75 a. We find a large slab and also a large stone that go into a level that precedes the house. We terminate Pail 75 a. We try to see if wall 20 penetrate deeper, as we suspected today. We clean earth at the back and its face is revealed. It meets at right angle with wall 18 but it does not bond. There are some three courses revealed and they...
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sit on top of the large slab which served as their foundation. However, there seems to have been a destruction for the blocks at the corner are slanted out of their W-E line of orientation. Perhaps there was an earthquake. It looks as if at this time the retaining wall 19 was built. Also the upper courses of wall 18 were also re-built but with the same type of small rectangular blocks. At this time the space east of wall 18 went out of use along with the room with the pillars — probably in LM II.

One mystery remains: No kind of surface was found in the north sector of the area E of wall 19. There is only one small flat slab at a short distance from wall 18. Beyond rough stone continue under the level reached, one that is at the level of the slab. Wall 19 also dips down and it is possible that any floor that may have existed was destroyed when the wall was built. We shall continue digging here to investigate the matter.

Pail 6: 76 under Pail 6: 74 from +5.42 m to 5.25 m rubble + each. 93E

Sherds: 1.190 kg. 77 sherds.
latest: LM III A1 - joins w. pails 68, 71
74 (flask C1085) or pail 93 m
Poor X6! Not too worn, but quite broken up — Much M MM EB II!

Inu. C1085 LM III III A1 flake
Omer. shell, bones.

In the last area we find two walls among the rubble noted earlier (see plan p. 126). They reach...
at right angles. At a distance of wall 20 of 55 cm and 20 cm from wall 19 an upside cup was found and collected separately as just (b) Its level is at +5.80 m.

Here we are clearly reaching levels that precede the construction of House X. The new walls labelled 22 and 23 are probably related to an MM room found west of these in Trench 74A and backfilled.
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The level machine is set at +7.82 m levels are taken in the two areas excavated yesterday on + 5 of the wall (19). Excavation in the north area of the east area continues with pail 6: 76. The floor/surface is clearly destroyed here. It also appears that wall 19 was built over rubble from the MM ruins of building underneath. Pail 76 must be disturbed but it clearly is of a level that is lower than the surface, as determined architecturally (stone, g walls etc.).

We return to the west area.

BE | Pail 7: 77 Under pail 7: 73
Fm- (see p. 126) to (see p. 138)
Brown, relatively compact earth
Sherds: 0, 915 kg, 93 SH, MM III
Heavily worn, but not too fragmented
most: MM II
Omr: plaster
Inv. 52277: saddle quern

A piece of of plaster appears (fallen). Its upper surface is visible. It is fairly thin. Its dimensions are 12 x 11 cm and d is 0.40 m for wall 23 and 1.15 m for wall 20. We remove it. It appears to be fallen or discarded wall plaster.

We terminate Pail 76 at an arbitrary level, since we are now under any possible exterior surface used with the room with the pillars. From the presence of rubble under wall 19 we must assume that such rubble was from MM ruins and was not removed in the area north of the north facade of House X.
Small saddle quern (Pail 77).

Top view          View from side

10 cm. Quern slightly broken on left narrow side. It is 0.33 x 0.17 and 0.06 m. thick.

Perhaps some was removed directly north of the pillar room and a small courtyard created. To really understand the situation we would have to dig north of the pillar room beyond the area exposed in Trench 87A.

Quite a bit of rubble is now turning up in Pail 77 near wall 20. This continues down but its way of construction looks different. Among the rubble is a small saddle quern found 0.40 from wall 20 and 0.77 from wall 19 (see sketch, p. 144). It is removed and tagged.

We arbitrarily terminate Pail 77. We shall continue with:

93 E/Pail 77-78 Under Pail 77
From (see p. 138) to (see p. 144)
Brown, sticky earth, a few small sherd; Sherd; 0.790 kg., 58 sh.; MM II (?)
Worn and badly fragmented

Other, plaster, shell, Inu.

Strangely, it seems as if the base of wall 22 has been reached (at +3.59)
To judge by some small stone pieces stick out from under it. Wall 23 on the other hand continues down, as does Wall 20.

A thin slab has emerged. It stands vertical against wall 20 and it still penetrates the fill.

We decide to collect sherd s from the south area with Pail 78. This is because of the presence of more small sherd s.
Pail 7:79 (add info. to general pail, p. 147). 1, 235 kg, 95 sh. MMIII - good condition mostly MMIII
Inv. C 10145 SS cup
C 10146 UP cup.

93E/Pail 7:78a under pail 77
From C (see p. 138) to (see p. 144)
Brown, sticky fill, some slabs
Shards: 6.8 kg, 66 sh. LMA I (?) mostly MMIII - quite worn by AM III
not too fragmented
Other: bone, charcoal, plaster
Inv. C 10104 bone weight
C 10195 SS cup
Some charcoal is found in the SW area of Pail 78a. A sample is collected.

Bits of wall plaster (softish fabric) occur. There are bits of lumps as well. Perhaps we have material for a collapsed ceiling/roof.

We stop Pails 78 + 78a and continue
with one pail since these are stones everywhere now.

93E/Pail 7:79 (2 pails)
From (see p. 144) to +5.10m
Brown, sticky fill and some slabs/blocks
146 Shards: 1,885 kg, 86 sh. MMIII
mostly MMII/II join w. pail 61+63
Other: plaster, bone
Inv. C 10144: polych. straight-sided cup
Fallen slabs occur here - more as we go down and we remove them. It turns out that wall 22 continues down as well as walls 20 and 23, despite an earlier wrong impression.

Since the floor of the MM room west of this was at +4.90m, we are getting close - no sign of complete pots, however.
The machine is set at +7.74 m. We continue digging the west area with Pail 7:79. We must be about 15 cm above the floor, if it is at the same level (ca. +9.90 m) as the 14M room found to the west. We reach the base y well 20 and terminate the pail.

As the other walls 22-23 we shall take the level further down.

93E/ Pail B: 80 under Pail 7:79
From ca. 5.10 m to +4.98 m.
Brown, sticky earth + small stones
Sherds: 2, 475 kg. 197 sh. MMIIIB
Not too fragmented - good and. + MMIIIB
Other
Ins.: C10179 MMIA cc; C10180
straight side ary; C10181 MMII-III cup

We find two new walls with a different orientation. The W-E wall is now called wall 24, the one that corners with it; wall 25, we terminate pail 18:80 and start a new one.

93E/ Pail 9:81. under Pail 8:80
From ca. +4.98 m to (see p. 148)
Brown earth
Sherds: 0, 830 kg. 55 sh. MMIIIB.
Large m/c bowls
Other: shell
Ins.: 

Another surprise: after one pass we find another line of stones alongside walls 24 + 257 but at a lower level. We either have benches or the pit and west facing the two respective walls preserved in a lower course.