TRENCH 89B

Pail 89B/5:80

13 July, 1993 (continued)

With this pail no pottery or other material was recovered. We therefore keep the pail open but change its location. It is now used for cleaning rubble off Wall 8. See plan p. 88.

A new pail is opened to finish excavating in Space 4, around the large stone "base".

PAIL 89B/5:70; Under Pail 89B/5:55
Level: see plan p. 88; Location Label: Space 4
Fill: brown earth with plaster inclusions
Pottery: 0.055 kg (28 sherds) Latest Date: LM III A
A pure "LM III A" unit
Too small for meaningful comment

Inventoryed Objects: Bronze - B 374

Also: shells

With this pail our initial excavation of Trench 89B is completed. However, G. Bianco has now measured off the exact limits of our trench to bring it to the edge of Trench 65A2. This gives us a further 2m to the west to excavate. A new pail is opened to clean the surface of excavation there.

PAIL 89B/1:71; Surface Cleaning
Levels: see plan p. 90; Location Label: W
Fill: sun-dried and hardened brown earth
Pottery: 0.240 kg (19 sherds) Latest Date: LM III A/B
All LM III A/B; many medieval CP SW
"joins in Pail 72"

Inventoryed Objects:

Also: plaster

Again we notice that close to the south wall of P3 (Wall 6), the fill is soft; then as we move...
TRENCH 89B

Pail 89B/5:81

13 July, 1993 (continued)

north it is hard; then it is softer again. We now know that the hardness is due to the stones of Wall B and possible rubble alongside it that are beneath the surface of excavation.

One of the workmen is now cleaning the bases of the trench. It may be possible to see some detail, such as the lenses of burning across the trench.

A new pail is opened as soon as the initial layer of fill is removed. At the surface there is a small area of burning in the area marked.

**PAIL: 89B/5:72**
Order Pail: 89B/1:71
Levels: see plan p.92; Location Label: W
Fill: brown earth
Pottery: 0.330 kg (26 sherds) Latest Date: LMIII B
Pure LM III A3/B
SNA Fabric
"Joins" with 89B/1:71
Inventoried Objects:

Also: Blue pigment

With this pail we reach the top of a large flat stone in the SW corner (location marked p.94). We change pails to continue.

**PAIL: 89B/5:73**
Order Pail: 89B/5:72
Levels: see plan p.94; Location Label: W
Fill: brown earth
Pottery: 0.485 kg (38 sherds) Latest Date: LMIII A3/B
Pure in date; many also coarse UP SNA
Heavy - Very Heavy wear
Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells

When we reach the base of this large stone which is lying flat, we change pails.
Photographs, Roll 4

From W,
Finished Excavation

Fr. 6-8 - Fr. NW, T. 89B,
Finished excavation, E/W wall of T

Fr. 9,
Pebble floor, from S

13 July, 1993 (continued)

PAIL: 89B/5:74; Under Pail: 89B/5:73
Levels: see plan p. 96; Location Label: W
Fill: brown earth, some small stones, plaster
inclusions
Pottery: 0.210 kg (36 sherds) Latest Date: LM III A/B
Almost pure in date
Several SNA 6.5

Inventoried Objects: C 9793 - Cypro-White wheel-made
jar 1 neck sherd
Also: shells, plaster

After the first pass the difference in the
hardness of the fill in certain places becomes
more pronounced. The pail is therefore closed
and the trench divided in 3 along the east-west axis.

A new pail is opened to clear the first 1.5m
from Wall 6

PAIL: 89B/5:75; Under Pail: 89B/5:74
Levels: see plan p. 96; Location Label: SW
Fill: brown earth, some small stones, pebbles, plaster
Pottery: 0.495 kg (49 sherds) Latest Date: LM III A,
Range: MM III; mostly LM III A
No SNA; 1 Egyptian b/s, 1 Canaanite b/s
numerous sherds with red staining

Inventoried Objects:
Also: red substance (nephrite), shells, plaster

Small patches of burning were on the surface of
this pail as marked on the plan. Whereas near the
top of Wall B the pail is closed. In this pail
were recovered some pottery which seems to
have a red substance contained on the interior.
This is bagged separately for analysis.
A new pail is opened for the next strip, until
1m from the north hand.
Photographs, Roll 4

Fr. 10, 11. Plaster floor with 4 layers, channel with partition from 5

Fr. 12-14. Plaster lip against Wall 8, from 10

13 July, 1993 (continued).

PAIL: 898/5: 76; Under Pail: 898/5: 79
Levels: see plan p. 98; Location Label: 0
Fill: Brown earth, pebbles
Pottery: 0.075 kg (9 sherds); Latest Date: Minoan
Too small for meaningful comment
Nothing closely datable
An apparent western fragment

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells
Excavation of Pail 89B/5:76 continued. When we reach the top of what appears to be a north-south "partition" wall, the pail is closed.

A new pail is opened for the final metre of the trench.

**PAIL: 89B/5:77**
Under Pail: 89B/5:74;
Levels: see plan p. 98; Location Label: NW
Fill: brown earth with a few small stones
Pottery: 0.050 kg (9 sherds) Latest Date: MMIII/IN.

Too small for meaningful context
Only 1 sherd closely datable.

Inventoried Objects:

Also: Shells.

With the first pass we uncover a very small patch of burning. This is marked on the plan p. 100. At this point the pail is closed. A subpail was opened for this area. (see p. 114)

Two new pails are opened, one to clear the top of Wall 8, the second to clear to the plaster floor in Space 5 (for the new space designations see plan p. 100).

**PAIL: 89B/5:78**
Under Pail: 89B/5:75
Levels: see plan p. 102; Location Label: SW; Fill: brown earth, small stones, plaster inclusions, sand
Pottery: 0.300 kg (27 sherds) Latest Date: MMIII/LM I
Range: MMIB/II, mixed in period
Nothing need be as late as LM I

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster, shells.
14 July, 1993 (continued)

PAIL: 89B/5:77, Under Pail: 89B/5:77
Levels: see plan p. 98; Location Label: N5
Fill: brown earth with a few small stones, burning
Pottery: 0.260 kg (25 sherds) Latest Date: LM III A (1)
Range: MM III/LM I → LM II-III A
No CP
Little is closely datable
Inventoried Objects:

Also: —

PAIL: 89B/5:79, Under Pails: 89B/5:76, 89B/5:75
Levels: see plan p. 102; Location Label: Space 5
Fill: brown earth, pebbles, plaster inclusions
Pottery: 0.355 kg (42 sherds) Latest Date: LM III
Too small for meaningful comment
2 CC up rims of LM III - nothing closely datable
Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells, plaster

Before we reach the plaster floor we come to an area of burning at the NW end of the trench with stones lying flat on top. At this point we measure elevations and change pails.

PAIL: 89B/5:80, Under Pail: 89B/5:79
Levels: see plan p. 104; Location Label: Space 5
Fill: brown earth, burning, pebbles, plaster inclusions
Pottery: 0.165 kg (34 sherds) Latest Date: LM III A2/B (?)
Range: MM III → mixed in date
Too small for meaningful comment
1 Fine VP champagne cup foot is possibly LM III A2 B
Inventoried Objects:

Also: bronze, shell, bone

The pebble surface with burning is found to stretch completely across the surface of excavation at an elevation of +3.15 m ASL. It appears to go right up to the east-west "partition" wall, but not all the way to Call 8. Although there are pebbles there, there is no burning and the fill above does not flake off as it does elsewhere.

We stop at this level and open a new pail to clean the small unexcavated areas of Spaces 4 and 6.
14 July, 1993 (continued)

PAIL 89B/5:81, under Pail 89B/5:75,
89B/5:76 > 89B/5:771, Levels: see plan p. 105
Location label: (D) Fill: brown earth, some
burning, pebble and plaster inclusions.
Pottery: 0.555 kg (79 sherds) Latest Date: LM III

Range: MM II/II; mostly late
Very little that is diagnostic, nothing
clearly datable
Inventoried Objects: B373 - Bronze

Also: bronze, shell

Very small amounts of the red hematite substance
have been discovered.

With this pail excavation of TRENCH 89B
comes to an end.

Tr. 89C, top of rubble of Wall of P3, from 100, bottom
of Pail 89C/2:104, cf. p. 153
15 July, 1993

Excavation of trench 89B has finished. We spent the first part of the day cleaning the trench in preparation for photographs.

Roll 4, Fr. 6-8 from W, Tr. 89B, Finished excavation, plaster floor, pebbles, wall of T, and partition walls, colour too.

Fr. 6-8 from NW, Tr. 89B, Finished excavation, east-west wall of T, colour too.

Fr. 12-14 Pebble floor, from S.
Fr. 12-14 Plaster floor with 4 layers of 10-11 plaster, "channel", with "partition", from S.
Fr. 12-14 Plaster lip against wall 8, from 12-14.
Fr. 12-14 Sunken stone roof in plaster floor, from S.
Fr. 12-14 Break in Wall 8, from east.
Fr. 17-18

Photographs, at pp. 108-112.
Polaroids, p. 118.

For plan of trench with final elevations, see the 1:50 plan included in back pocket. Final report.

Roll 11
TRENCH 89C

Trench 89C was laid out 15 July, 1993 by G. Bianco. It was laid out along the north-south axis and was intended to expose the interior of Gallery P5 down to its primary floor, and below to investigate any LM I remains down to the elevation of the pebble court. It was bordered on the south by Trench 90A, on the west by Trench 91B, and on the north by Trench 86F. Its west end overlapped with Trenches 63B and 63B1, excavated in 1985 by Eric Csapo. The trench co-ordinates are:

N.W. 993.42x, 1071.88y
N.E. 1002.55x, 1071.88y
S.E. 1002.55x, 1065.08y
S.W. 993.42x, 1065.08y

TRENCH 89C

Excavation of Trench 89C begins, initially clearing sand from across the surface area of the trench.

After the initial layers of sand have been removed we begin to clean out Trenches G38B and G38B1, exposing the previously excavated well of P. A pail is opened to collect any pottery that may be in the back fill.

PAIL: 89C/1:82; Surface Pail

Leads: see plan p. 122; Location Label: N00;
Fill: sand
Pottery: 1.770 kg (123 sherds) Latest Date: C7?
Range: MM III - C7 (or later)
LM III/IIIA is represented
1 Samian amphorae neck

Inventarioied Objects:

Also: —

Δ Elevations in m ASL

Initial Elevations

and

PAIL 89C/1:82
July 1993

We continue clearing previously excavated Trenches 63B and 63B1 with Roll 89C/1182.

While this is being done a scale is brought down from the village for us to measure the mass of the anchors.

1st anchor from east (S2233)

- 74 kg, with a small mark made by one of the small holes (\(\times\)) on underside. In case this is a deliberately made mark, a rubbing was made.

2nd anchor from east (S2234)

- the anchor breaks as we lift it. It appears to have been broken in antiquity since there is dirt between the breaks. It is left on the ground as it broke until the conservator, B. Hamann has seen it.

Photographs: (cf. p. 124)

- S2234 from N, Roll 5, Fr 10-11, Trench 89A, broken, not in situ, colour too
- S2233 from E, Roll 5, Fr 12-15, Trench 89A, colour too
- Roll 5, Fr 15 - bedding of S2234?
- Fr 16 - bedding of S2233 where are these?
19 July, 1983

We continue cleaning previously excavated Trenches 63B and B1 with Pool 89C/1:32.

At this point we take over watching Trench 88A as J. Brasco retires to the apothecary.

B. Harmon also comes to the site so we are able to mass the broken anchor.

**S2234**
- 56 kg for large pieces
- 28 kg for small pieces in box
- 4 kg for the box
- 78 kg for anchor

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**Roll 6, Fri 3-6**
Trench 89B, from N plaster layers against Wall S

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**Roll 5**
Trenches 89A and 86D, from west
at p. 125
TRENCH 89C

20 July, 1993

Today I remained to work in the Apothecary while A. Fitzsimmons supervised my trench and two teams of workmen. While one team continued to clean out Trenches 63B and 63B1, the other team begins to working in the southern half of the trench with a new pail.

PAIL: 89C/1:83; Surface Pail
Levels: see plan p. 128; Location Label: S; Fill: dry hard packed sandy and sandy earth
Pottery: 0.300 kg (30 sherd); Latest Date: Classical
Range: EM
Too small for meaningful comment mostly undistinguished b.s.
Inventarioed Objects:
Also: — plaster

A c. 20 × 230 cm. block is left between Pails 89C/1:82 and 89C/1:83.

When Trenches 63B and B1 are uncovered Pail 89C/1:82 is closed and a new pail is opened to clean the surface of excavation in the NE.

PAIL: 89C/1:84; Surface Pail; Levels: see plan p. 128; Location Label: NE; Fill: dry hard packed sand and sandy earth
Pottery: 0.150 kg (10 sherd); Latest Date: Iron Age
Range: LM III A
Too small for meaningful comment, yet very mixed in date
Inventarioed Objects:
Also: phosphor with charcoal, 2 soil samples

With this pail the top of surface is removed to prevent contamination. The pail is then closed and a new one is opened to clear down to the top of the wall of P.