

**A4
NOTE BOOK**

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Tuesday 7 September 1993

After the usual tempestuous start - bringing up tools from the village and repelling numerous obstinate appeals for work - a general clean up began. In the domestic quarters a small bushy weed was rife. This was cleared around the operative trenches in a good wide arc.

Chris is working on Radi's final 1991 trenches. He has cleared to bedrock and will remove the soil that remains in the NW quarter of the trench in order to reveal the total of the worked bedrock. He will also continue in ~~181/4~~^{179/6} to pursue the rock-cut basin.

Martin clears up Annette W's final trench with the stone-cut trough (which I 'completed' in 1991).

I remain in the 'Stoa' area. After some general cleanings, we begin with cleaning out some trenches. First 363/1 with the bed-rock foundations. Then the trench furthest south along the same line (391/2), commencing at the south end to uncover the ashlar foundation blocks discovered in 1991.

We also make a start on cleaning 363/3, the northernmost trench on this same line. At the ~~W~~ W side of the excavated complex, the option might be for a trench immediately W of 363/1 or perhaps, before that, 363/5 because this number came up in the random sample.

I note that the cross-wall ^{separating} dividing the two main rooms of the 'Stoa' is not integrated with the NS outer walls (built of ashlar blocks); ~~but~~ the cross-wall is merely placed against the outer walls and is not very neatly built join though composed of large ashlar blocks.

7 September 1973

Sunny cool breeze, nite too strong

Workers: Khalid, Yazi, Amour, Ali, Halaf, Fatouma (6)

Hussein, Hossn, Fadwa, Sabah, Haim, Fawza (6)

No pottery taken from cleaning.

Monday 10 September

Clear day, sunny, breeze to E

Workers: Khalid, Yazi, Amour, Ali, Halaf, Fatouma (6)

Hussein, Hossn, Fadwa, Sabah, Haim, Fawza (6)

Work done on after on 36/3, which was last completed in

the 50 years of the temple since the walls were last cleaned

on the W. side of the temple.

3 walls were cleaned, 20 / 100 m

The last of these 3 walls was the N. wall, which was in the

the shape of the walls was quite different and well built

by 730 AD. A small amount of pottery was found in

the walls, the only fragments were fragments of walls in

fragments of walls in 36/3 to the S. side of the temple.

which are very looking EW wall. The NW corner of the temple

has not been excavated because of the small area. However the

work on 36/3 shows that there was a line with the

the NW corner of the temple.

It is also noted that the NW wall was about the S. side of the

temple in the 11th century. There appears to be a change in the

style of the walls, which is that with the 11th century fragments of the

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Wednesday 8 September

Weather: fine, sunny, hazy to E

Workers: Khalid, Yazi, Amouna, Ali, Halaf, Fatoume (Sava)

Husein, Fadwa, Hosna, Sabha, Ftaim, Fawza.

363/3

Work begins on again on 363/3, which was left incomplete in 1991, in the SE corner of the trench where two walls are soon evident: one at the W, the other at N running EW

I shall call this stratum 20 / locus 20

The soil at first is quite loose and dusty, light brown in colour. The stones of the walls are quite substantial and well-built. By 7.30 am. a small amount of larger pieces of waste were picked up.

The walls previously mentioned are continuation of walls in contiguous trenches: 363/2 to the S has a ~~North~~ NS wall which abuts a rough-looking EW wall. The NW corner of this trench has not been excavated because of the small space. Therefore the wall in 363/3 should eventually give us a true width rather than the guesswork of any current measurement.

8.30 am against the NS wall and against the S wall of the trench in this SE quarter, there appears a dump of tile fragments mostly quite large pieces. There does not appear to be a floor at this point, that is level with the topmost fragments of tile. The topmost fragment of tile appeared to be quite horizontal and flat: this could be accidental.

Shortly as I write other pieces appear a little to the E we scrape soil from around this and leave in situ.

NS wall = 2.04 m CW wall 2.00 m

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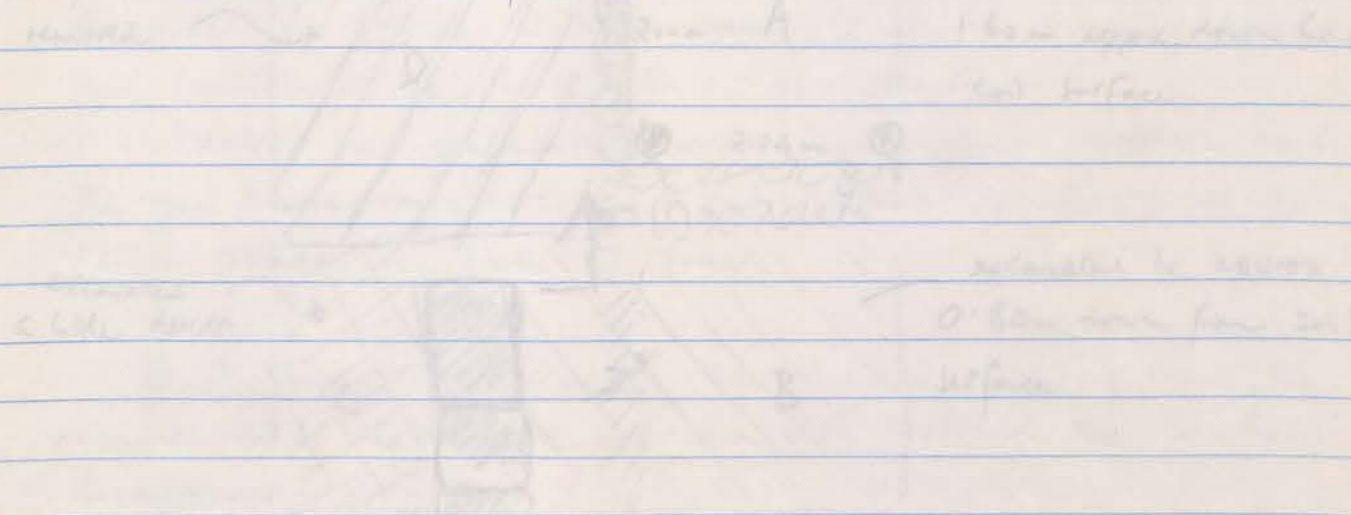
Excavation begins on this newly laid trench at 7.50 am.

Barry Rowley established the location, to W of 363/2.

By 12.25 pm upper rubble seems to be emerging across the trench.

8.9.93 363/5 (1)

3 assorted L/W frags inc. ungentian + angular ke



The fragments like are approximately 1.5m from the trench
and generally above the

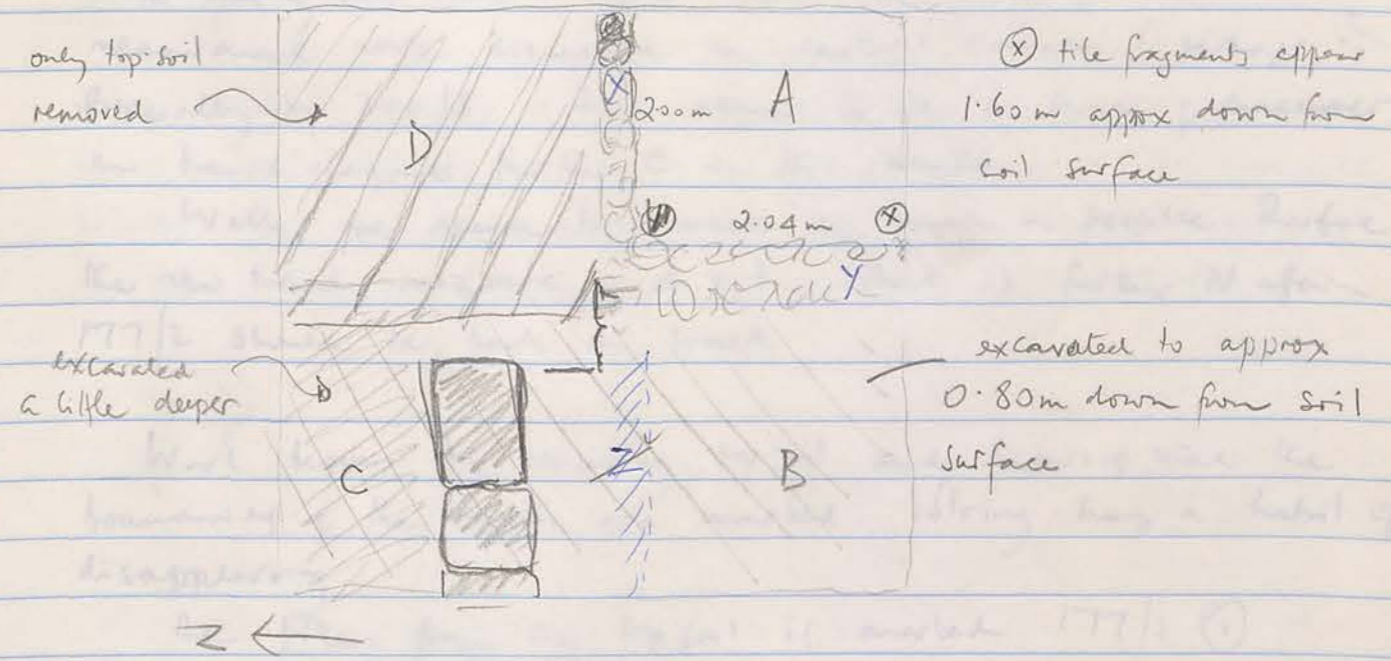
10.00 am water continues during part of the afternoon.
Site walls in Section A show a thick layer of the rubble
with X in the W extension of the trench where the NW
corner of the main building is shown. The N side of the rubble
wall. At the base of the wall are some small dark spots which
vertical under the the facing N. Below 363/5 the rubble
seems to have been deposited.

10.50 The rubble was cleared down to the base of the
main rubble wall. The base of the rubble wall is
approximately 1.5m from the NW corner of Section A and is
about 1.5m from the S. face of the trench.

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363/3

The E face/wall of the trench in this SE quarter is very rough because of wash-down over the last two years; likewise the S wall.

The NE quarter has not been excavated below the top soil.



The fragmentary tiles are approximately 1.60m down from the surface soil immediately above them.

10.00 am. work continues clearing soil off the broken tiles. Both walls in section A show 2 front courses at the moment. Wall X is the W extension of the wall which abuts the NW corner of the main building; it abuts the N edge of the ashlar wall. At the level of the back are quite large blocks with a roughly vertical outer face to the facing N. Within 363/3 the upper courses seem not to have been preserved.

10.55 The tiles are cleaned down a bit. They are mixed with small limestone rubble. They lie 0.53m down from the best preserved stone in the NW corner of sector A and 0.60 against the hole at the S. face of the trench.

177/1 ① 9.9.93

1 doz c/w body frags.

base frags large rg plate

8 September 1993

10 am After cleaning, this group began work on the newly established trench 177/1

workers: Turki, Hassan Hassan, Amman, Frida, Aissa, Zerkiya al Hussein (Hadija)

In laying out this trench, some inaccuracies in measurement were discovered in earlier trenches (perhaps especially in 206/3). There appear to be a series of inaccuracies in trench-laying further E in this island.

Well, we decide to 'correct' as much as possible. Therefore the new trench measures 4×3 . That is further N again. 177/2 should be back on track.

Work begins by removing top soil and ensuring that the boundaries of the trench are marked. String has a habit of disappearing.

The pitting from the top soil is marked 177/1 ①

8.9.93 363/3 (20)

numerous body frags of TC/W Jar

1 echinus rim frag.

1 shallow rim frag.

1 lg rim frag.

8.9.93

363/3

We begin to remove all tile frags and rubble together. The tiles are fragments of pan- and cover-tiles

The soil is light brown and dark when freshly cut.

This sector is a room attached to the N main room of the 'Stoa'

- But this deposit appears to be a dump

The deposit/dump of small rocks and tiles is removed to a depth of c. 10-15 cm. I am not sure at the moment whether the dump is deeper. At the west of sector the soil surface looks to be free of the rocks and tile frags

6.30 am The soil is light brown and dark when freshly cut. The soil is 5-10 cm deep when the rocks (fragments of tiles) are removed. 363/3 (20)

It is hard to be a fan of the soil. The soil is very rough against the

7.30 am The floor and the walls of the room are light brown. The floor is tiled.

We now start on the floor. The floor is light brown and dark when freshly cut. The floor is 5-10 cm deep when the rocks (fragments of tiles) are removed. 363/3 (20)

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9.9.93 363/3 (22)

Smallish c/w heavy frags

- 1 large rim frag echinus bowl drip paint
- 1 amphora toe semi-coarse
- 3 rim frags out-turned rim
- 1 rim frag by bowl (glaze abraded)

9.9.93 363/3 B (23)

5 small heavy shards c/w

1 mortarium rim frag
one dag

9 September 1993

Weather fine and still at first

Workers: Khalid, Yasin, Amour, Ali, Fatouma, Halap, Sara (7)

Husein, Fadwa, Fawza, Hossin, Ftaini, Sakha, Hussain (7)

363/3

Completing the first pass in Sector A removing dump of broken tiles and small rubble. The surface below looks even enough but there may be more of the dump.

The tile + stone stratum is 363/3 (21). Apart from the tiles no pottery emerges from this stratum.

6.30 am. The next pass starting from the NW corner of Sector A has no tile etc deposit. Light brown soil with small chips of stone. There appear to be horizontal placed stones beneath. Soil 5-10 cms deep above the rocks (floor?). Some few fragments of pottery: 363/3 (22)

It is said to be a floor of hardened soil. The trowel certainly scrapes against it.

7.35 am. The floor and the walls of Sector A have been approximately cleaned. The pottery is collected.

We now start on Sector B. In the SW quarter of the trench the soil is a light brown colour with a heavy admixture of limestone chips. At the SW corner of the trench the level of this deposit (following some excavation in 1991) is 90 cms down from top soil. This stratum/locus is 363/3 B 23

The NS wall is preserved to a greater height on the W side

8.55 am no pottery coming from this stratum/locus

9.9.93 363/5 ①

- Small lot c/w body shards
- 5 rim frags large c/w bowl
- 4 base frags (rim base)
- 3 handle frags
- 1 rim frag echinus bowl

9.9.93

363/5

Work continues on cleaning top soil from surface tumbled

7.30 am. Some soil has been removed right across the trench and a good deal of rubble is exposed. But we need to clear rather more to give the stones sharper outline.

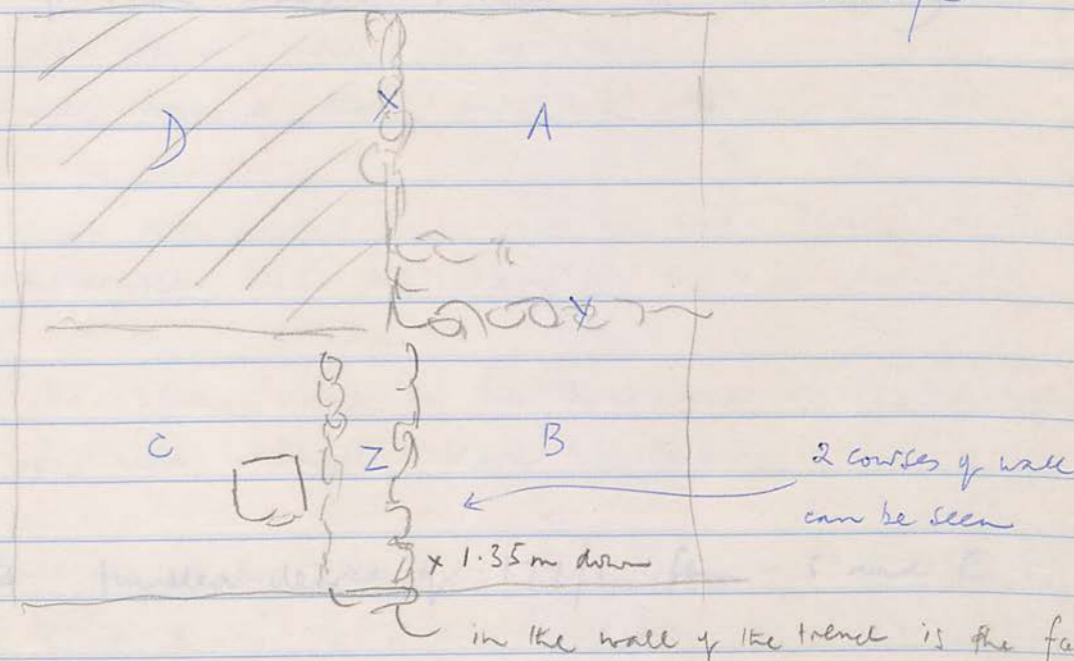
At the S as we continue with ① the soil is full of a heavy concentration of small chips of limestone. At the S also the tumbled is not prominent as closer to the N boundary.

In the NW corner a large block in situ has appeared a little below the top soil. I am uncertain in which direction the wall runs. It doesn't seem to be in line with

10.15 am. Deposition of tumbled becoming clearer but still a fair way to go before completion and photograph.

N ←

363/3



At the S and W of Sector B large blocks tumbled can be seen at the surface

9.9.93

363/3 B (23)

Light brown soil with numerous small chips of limestone
10.15 am. The edge of an EW aligned wall is clear at the
N end of Sector B. It is in alignment with the EW wall
of Sector A.

11.15 am. B (24)

The deposit in Sector B now has many sharp-edged chips of
limestone and some large pieces of rubble (also sharp-edged)
We are approaching the EW wall at the N side of Sector B. This
wall is now quite well defined.

The heavy-chip stratum shown to be B (24)
S side of this sector for diagram see 1 page back.

11.45 am. towards S of trench larger rubble being removed
Some pieces of 'rather' limestone, brown across and showing white

Φ (1) - 2-4 tumbled cleared of 177/1 from S and E

11.9.93

363/3

B (24)

Small lot c/w heavy frags

3 very base frags

1 rim frag echinus

2 small heavy frags red part

One Dag

Saturday 11 September 1993

Weather: fine, strongish breeze from NW

Workers: Hussein, Fadwa, Fawza, Ftains, Sabha, Hussein son, Hassan

363/3 B (24)

There is a light brown soil. We are clearing round some 5 or 6 large pieces of tumbled

In this sector walls to N and E are well defined. Therefore the emerging tumbled must be from those structures. The quite heavy concentration of chips is still evident, especially at the S end of this sector

7 am The tumbled is removed

7.20 am we come to a hard floor at the N of Sector B

seems to be a floor, seems to be stone

big two small frags of MKs from this stratum.

The 'hard floor' now appears to be just one large block. Is it in situ? laid horizontally? This stone is 1.50 m down from surface soil

8.30 am. The flatish block in the NW corner is more defined

Around it are more smaller blocks of tumbled

9.50 The deposit here has the admixture of tiles known not nearly so thick as in Sector A. There is very little pottery

11.40 Still continuing in. The block in the NW corner is quite thick. We don't quite seem to have reached the bottom of it

11.45 the hard-packed mud floor has appeared at the S end

The floor is swept by 12.20 pm. We make a station Sector D

11.9.93 363/5 (2)

Small lot c/w body frags all excavated

4 base frags

1 rim frag c/w jar

2 handle frags

2 rim frags echinus bowl

One Dag

11.9.93 363/5 (1)

5 frags incl 1 rim base frag.

+ 1 amphora toe frag.

Saturday 11 September 1993

Workers: Khalid, Yazir, Amourna, Fatouma, Halaf, Sara, Ali.

363/5

Putting the finishing touches to cleaning of surface
Location of wall(s) not secure from inspection of surface

7.15 am still going on cleaning rubble

8.20 am ϕ 1, -11 of brushed rubble from S, E and W
with long view across 'stoa' + 2 basalt seated at 363/3

We continue by removing rubble in the SE corner as far N as
the extension of the EW wall in 363/2

This deposit of rubble with associated soil is identified (2)

9.30 clearing rubble in SE corner. It is just possible that there
is a wall to N and also to W so we continue in this corner to
ascertain the facts.

11.45 Working still on the S sector. The EW wall in the centre of
the trench is still not clear. A second layer of rubble is seen
just emerging across the S sector.

Sunday 12 September 1993

Weather: clear, still at first

363/5

363/5

Workers: Yazid, Khalid, Fatouma, Ali, Amouna, Sara, Itlaf.

Work begins today on the NE area of the trench in (2), the soil around the tumble. No clearer definition of structures has yet been gained. There is a good deal of soil

loam, proceed along the N boundary of trench. There are a lot of small stones and limestone chips. We move towards the large block in the NW corner.

7.20 am. At N of trench a portion of a fine bronze bracelet from 363/5 (2)

Against the EW wall (that seem to be emerging - though the construction appears very rough) the full rim and upper part of a coarse ware jar begins to emerge. It is a quite small jar, the rim lies 0.60 m from the topmost wall block at this point.

7.40 am. The fragmentary upper part of the jar is lifted. Associated are several pieces of cooking - fat ware and a small band / strip of metal (inventaried)

The wall against which they were found appears to continue down but we move to make the area level

10 am. Still working in the SE area of the trench removing tumble. This tumble is below the tumble cleared at the surface. I return (2) for the soil which surrounds the tumble we are removing

Sunday 12 September 1993

363/3

Workers: Hussein, Fadwa, Hussein son, Sabha, Ftaine, Fawza, Hoda

Workable continues on Section D of 363/3. The top soil was removed in 1991. Therefore the stratum is (2)

In sector D of course, there is a wall at the S (labelled X in the previous diagram). The N face of this wall is now becoming clear by about 10 cm depth.

It is uncertain whether there is a wall at the W edge of this sector. There are perhaps two courses of a wall but they seem to rest on soil and the stones are laid very irregular. If there is a wall at this point, it would be the N equivalent of wall Y in the earlier diagram. Wall X is continuous from E-W. Wall Y abuts X.

In Sector A it looks quite clear that part of the walls (the inner part of X and Y) has been removed during excavation. Wall Y is made 2 stones wide. Wall X is perhaps 3 stones wide it is 0.77 m wide where it separates Sectors B and C.

At the S wall of Sector B the stratum with the broken tiles is 0.20 m deep and is immediately above the hard-packed floor.

In the trench above the tiles some tumble and limestone chips 0.50 - 0.55 m deep. Then a stratum of light brown soil with just small chips included in the deposit. c. 0.40 m deep.

Then a stratum of large tumble just below level of surface soil. The height of wall Y is approximately at bottom.

The disappearance of S wall of wall X is strange because the N face was defined by the removal of the top-soil. Perhaps it was thought to be thinner than 0.77 m.

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363/3

7:05 am

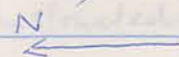
The blocks at the W end of Sector D are examined. There is soil beneath them and to the N. When we remove a block there is a good deal of soil around it. This tumble is at the same level approximately as the tumble on the S face of Sector B. They could have fallen from Wall X

In Sector B the hard floor is 1.90m down from the top soil surface at the W end of the trench

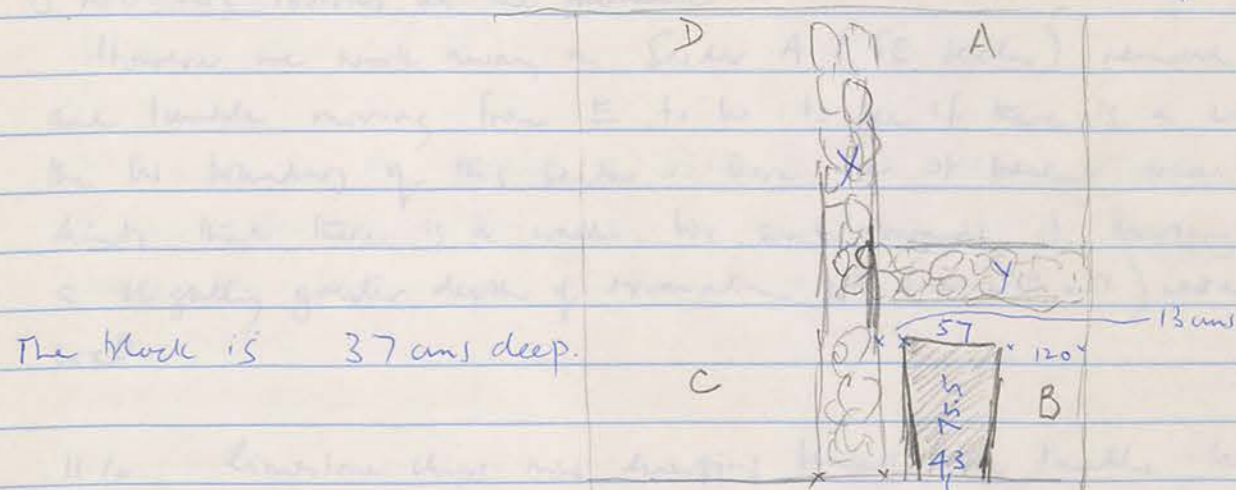
To the S of the block there lies on the floor are at least 6 large pieces of tumble in the stratum where I have described small pieces of tumble

7:30 am. from upper soil in 363/3 (2)

the bevel of a ring (made of glass) small dome-shaped.



363/3



The block is 37 cms deep.

distance of block from Wall Y = 0.47m

0.77

block continues into wall of trench

Sector B on W face of Wall Y there are specks of charcoal in the soil between the stones all the way from bottom to top

12.9.93

363/5 (2) bag 1.

medium size coarse ware body shards

1 doz cooking ware body shards

1 rim frag cooking ware

5 base ring base no. 1 with red paint / glaze.

3 handle frags

1 everted rim frag

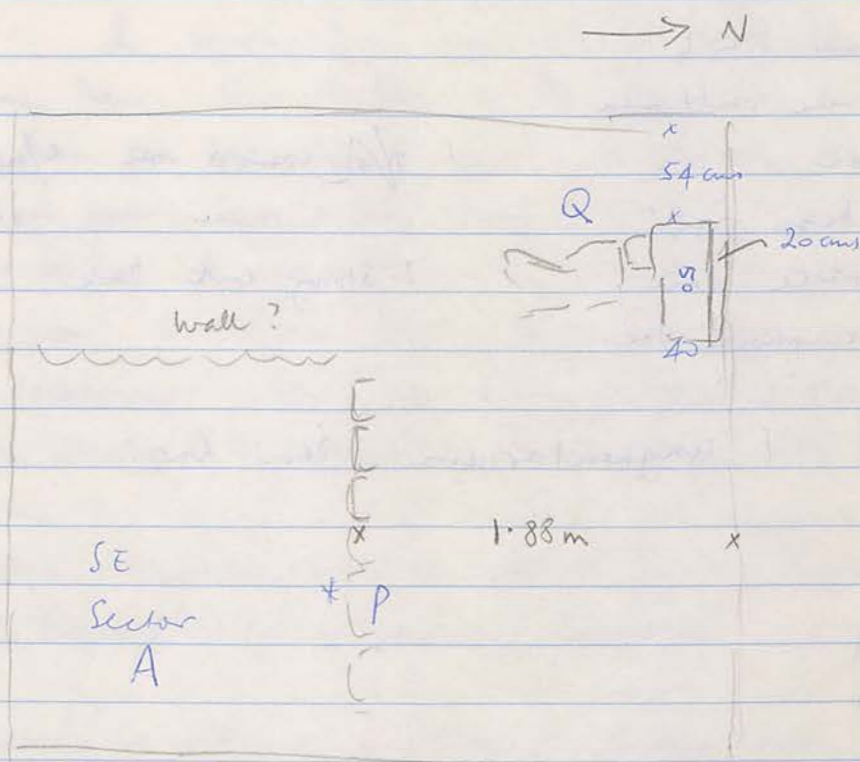
1 notched rim ext. rim frag

1 outflared rim frag

3 other rim frags.

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* location of broken jug etc. apart from these fragments not much else was found this morning

Wall P is very poorly constructed and towards E wall of trench it is not very obvious at the moment

However we work away in Sector A (SE sector) removed soil and tumble moving from E to W to see if there is a wall at the W boundary of this sector. There are at present some poor hints that there is a wall. We work towards "it" trusting that a slightly greater depth of excavation will (or will not) reveal the wall

11.10 Limestone chips now emerging beneath the tumble. We keep working towards the W the soil has a whitish tinge from the limestone, but if otherwise the usual light brown.

11.50 As we move N it becomes clear that the NS wall is a mirage (in the S part of the trench)

I still assume that there is a wall (marked Q above) principally because of the large block which appears to be in situ - a frag of cover tile

12.9.93 363/3 D②

Small LT coarse ware body frag

6 ^{ms} echinus bowl

1 bowl rim outlined

1 jar rim

7 ring base frag

1 firm plate base

1 small amphora toe

1 ~~frag~~ coarse rim c/w vessel

1 string cut base

1 unguentarium base frag.



Sunday 12 September 1993

363/3

10 am In Sector D large stones of tumbled are emerging. We remove them. The N face of the trench in Sector C shows tumbled from the top uninterrupted as far as our present excavation goes approx level with top of wall preserved between Sector B and Sector C or 1.5m from top soil.

The soil is light brown and crumbly, mixed with small chips of limestone. There are now 4 courses of the wall visible and the stratum B reasonably level across the Sector.

11:10 We straighten up the bank on the N side, which is difficult because of the masses of tumbled.

A little more cleaning of Wall Y, scrapes away the wind blown soil, and between the stones, leaves the grey river mud we have noticed previously. The wall construction relied on some binding qualities of the mud. It is a dark reddish brown in colour. Further the floors, which scrape red-brown, are of the the same river mud.

11:30 am at the W end of Sector D the deposit scrapes hard therefore it seems this could be a floor. It is mud higher than the floors in Sector A + Sector B

13.9.93 363/5 (2)

medium wt c/w body frags.

2 ring handle frags

4 ring base fragments

6 body frag cooking ware

1 body frag kg. nonletting + peluette

1 rim frag cooking ware

1 frag twisted handle

6 rim frags edging inc 1 gray ware

4 rim frags c/w jars

3 rim frags rim fragments

1 mortarium rim fragment

1 rim frag outward flattened horizontal

3 rim frags c/w bowls

1 rim frag fish plate

1 rim frag exterior groove intumed

1 coarse ware bowl rim frag ? tile?

Monday 13 September 1993

Weather fine, clear, still at first

Workers: Chelid, Yazi, Amouna, Entouma, Halar, Sara, Ali

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Work continues on S area of trench: S of the E-W wall

At the E end of this area more tumbled appearing

This deposit we are removing should still be (2) although it is quite deep.

The deposit of tumbled, very heavy across the trench, makes it difficult to keep the trench walls straight. We have a try

A couple of fragments of pan-tiles.

Very many small limestone chips mixed with the soil.

Small fragment of bronze pin

13.9.93

363/3 D (2)

quite medium wt c/w body sherds.

8 body sherds rg

8 body sherds rougher fabric red paint

2 rim frags echinus bowl rough rg

24 large + small body frags cooking ware

1 body frag green glaze

13 echinus rim frags black rg/paint

10 other assorted rim. 1 rim frag black rim

1 handle strap.

13 rim base frags

1 rim base with drip paint

1 round base frag.

2 small anchor for

1 'infant' base ?

3 joining frags of jar with one handle preserved red + black paint

13.9.93

363/3 D (3)

small wt c/w body frags.

2 rim frags echinus

1 pierced 'spoon'

2 body frags cooking ware

5 rim frags same dropped rim plate. red paint reserve line

1 outlined rim frag black paint

5 body sherds red or black paint.

Monday 13 September 1993

Workers: Hussien, Fadwa, Hossam, Fatima, Fawza, Hussien, Sabra

363/3

As we continue here the soil is very hard and there are tumbled blocks within it

Inspection of the N wall of the trench shows that we remain in the same stratum of light brown soil and heavy tumble. The tumble seems deeper than on the S wall of Sector B of this trench.

8 am

In our excavation of Sector D we have reached the level of Sector C as it was at the end of excavation in 1991. Clearly C and D form one unit to the N of Wall X

a fragment of fan-tile.

8:55 am. Seven courses of N face of Wall X have now been uncovered.

11 am. In the SE corner of Sector D we encounter an oven fanour with which is associated much fine grey ash

It is not very wide but appears quite deep. The hard floor has appeared against the wall. Very little pottery from the grey ash stratum. Further W from the fanour, the deposit is yellowish and clay-like. Majority of pottery comes from this stratum

At some point this morning we have changed from (2) to (3) i.e. the yellow ~~stratum~~ below the tumble.

11:45 ϕ of 177/1 from S E W and SW of swept trench down to presumed floor. It is here a blocked doorway like EW and Roll 1, 11-19

Monday 13 September 1993

12 noon very very hot a slight breeze occasionally

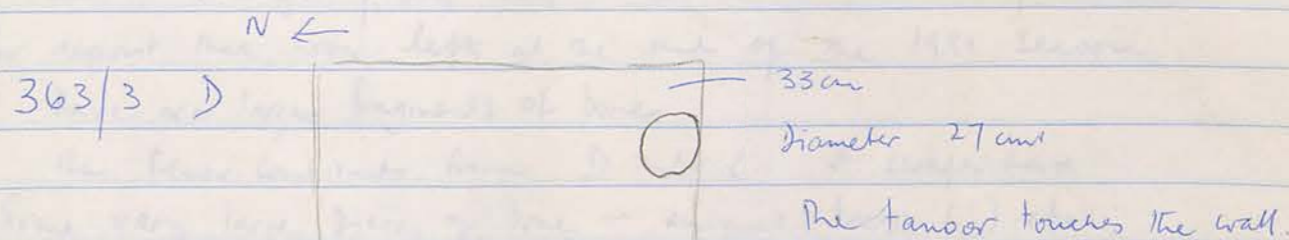
Inventory base of red bowl with 3 stamped pellets
This comes from the yellowish stratum above the ash. The ash
is spread out from the tanoor in the E.

Most of the pottery in the Zambit comes from (2) including the
cooking-pot ware.

The base frag with drip pattern I said not to come from low
down in (3).

I change bags and call the new batch 363/3 D (3)

As we remove the yellow soil the layer of ash can be seen back



12-15 pm. in the yellow deposit above the ash, a thickish
bronze coin

The ash is the floor associated with the tanoor.

(45. This oven had vanished by the time of the 2010
excavation, but needs to be added to the tally of ovens
found here)

14.9.93 363/3 c(2)

3 c/w body shards

1 red frag outlined red/black paint

1 body frag cooking ware

1 amphora toe frag

2 body frags rg

One small bag

1 small body frag bg

Tuesday 14 September 1993

Weather fine and clear, v. light breeze from E at first

363/3 D (3)

Workers: Hussein, Hussein, Hussein, Fadiwa, Sabha, Faram, Fawza.

In Sector D we are working at W end to complete the floor as indicated by the oven (Tanour) at the E end.

At the W end there is a large block standing on end but to S and N of it there does not appear to be a wall. The stones are random and must be tumble. We remove them.

The tanour is 1m down from the top of the preserved wall or directly above it.

7:05 am. Change piling bag and move to 363/3 c(2)

for deposit that was left at the end of the 1991 season

There are large fragments of bone

The floor continues from D into C. It scraps hard

Some very large pieces of bone - animal teeth (!) etc.

8 am. After concluding at the W of Sector C, we move to E in Sector D (the two sectors now merge - there is one floor throughout). At the E the ash layer is quite thick c. 10 cms. This stratum is designated 363/3 D(4).

Change of piling bag and separate bag for bone from this locus.

The hand-painted floor begins to appear underneath.

The ash deposit stretches 1.70m from the E wall of the trench towards the W.

The top of wall X between Sectors B and C needs cleaning

We have good floors in Sector A and B and C-D. Wall X is the continuation of the wall which closes off the N end of the main building.

392/3 + 391/3 cleaning

14.9.93 363/5 S (3)

- medium size c/w body sherds.
- 26 large + small body frags cooking ware
- 3 handle frags cooking ware jar
- 3 body frags with red part
- 1 string cut base fragment
- 5 ring base frags. +1 in bag.
- 1 rim frag echinus bowl
- 6 rim frags. rolled rim external 1

Tuesday 14 September 1993

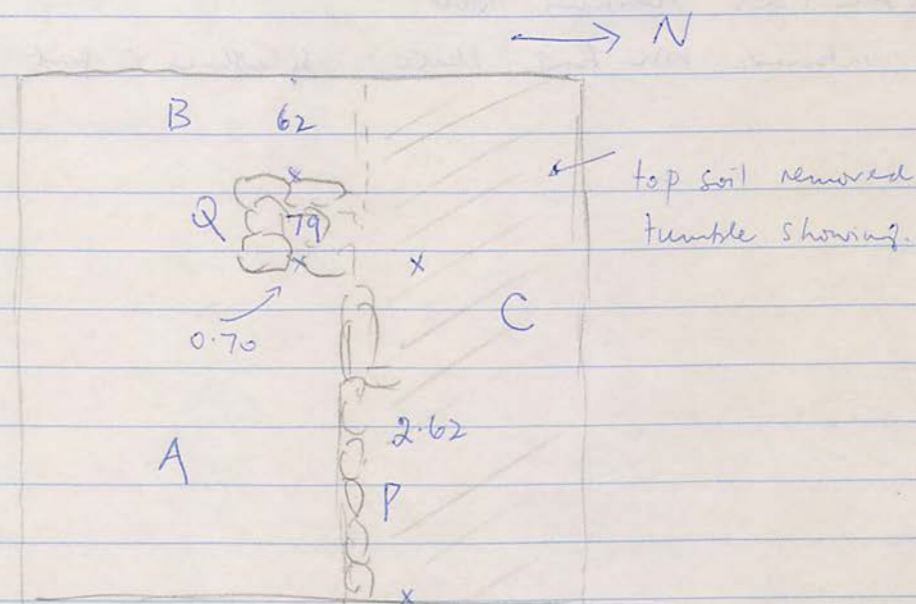
363/5

Workers, Khalid, Yazi, Amouma, Fatouma, Halaf, Ali, Sara (7)

Work begins today at the E end of the S sector of the trench
 At the W end there is a small skerrick of a wall N-S
 As we move towards it again it will be possible to see whether this
 wall stretches across the whole of the S sector.

The soil today is light brown and powdery and mixed heavily
 with limestone chips

Since this deposit is below the top layer of tumble I designate (3)
 7.15 am. approx half of frags so far are cooking pot ware



one or two frags of tiles appear from the deposit

Cleaned Dove capital from 364/7

- 6.15 ϕ 179/9 when swept ^{fill 1,} 22-31
- 8.30 ϕ 179/6 32-36 of tanoor when emerging in CP4 r. Juma'a

363/5 there are a few tile fragments in the deposit. Many largeish
 chips of limestone in the deposit

14.9.93 363/3 D 3

Small wt work ware body frags

2 rim frags echinus bowl

1 rim frag c/w jar

2 rim frags notched rim bowl

1 plain rim frag.

Diagnostic + body frags together

14.9.93 363/3 D (4) ash.

Small wt c/w body frags.

1 base frag large lg plate

3 rim frags echinus bowl

1 interior rim frag plate splashed r. part

Tuesday, 14 September.

In the E facade of the main building there are two entrances both of which were blocked up.

At the north a flight of three steps leads to the doorway. The risers are 27 cm 24 27 from top to bottom.

That is the ground level is 0.78 m lower here than I have supposed in front of the S door.

That is, also, an I to suppose the steps are 'free-standing'.

The strange rectangular structure is placed on soil level with the top of the bottom step.

The wall abutting E facade between the doors is built on soil and is only 3 or 4 courses high.

Calculations interrupted.

15.9.93 363/5 ③

small wt c/w body sherds

3 rim frags eburne

1 rim frag 'fin plate'

1 rim frag outturned

1 amphora toe fragment

3 body sherds red/black paint

Wednesday 15 September 1993

Weather: clear and sunny w' light NW breeze at first

Workers: Khalid, Yazi, Amouna, Fatouma, Ali, Halaf Jara

363/5

The EW wall has become more clearly defined. We are still working in the SE sector but at the N side we have met a further layer of tumble. At the moment we are working toward the S to bring all this sector to the same level. There are many limestone chips and smaller tumbled stones mixed with the deposit.

Wall Q can be seen to extend further west

The SE sector is designated Sector A. The small area W of wall Q is Sector B and the large sector at N = C.

The deposit is hard and there is a yellowish clay in evidence.

At 9:30 am. the three women left to attend a funeral-mourning

Wednesday 15 September 1993

363/3

Workers, Hussein, his son, Fadwa, Ftaim, Fawza, Sakha, Hussein

First thing, this trench was swept again and some photographs taken on Roll 2 before the sun rose and cast shadows. This however was difficult. I just keep my fingers crossed that these print up well.

12 NOON Further ϕ 363/3 (with shadows) end of Roll 2

The workers then move to cleaning trenches at the S continuing as yesterday.

391

294/2 Cleaning and further investigation of the EW wall with the well-laid foundation blocks of a thin ashlar.

Our work today reveals that there are in fact two doorposts; both are very weathered especially the W stone which is not as tall (now) as the E stone. The door was blocked later very irregularly. At the S side the stones which block the door are set back from the edge of the foundation blocks. At the N side the blocking stones protrude past the edge of the good foundation blocks.

After cleaning the obvious soil and removing the loose stones we are left with one course of stones blocking the door.

A further surprise is that the workman (Hussein) claims another doorway in N sector of the trench in the NE wall (at the W end). That is, proceeding from S to N, enter through the doorway just described, turn left immediately (i.e. to W) and there is another door.

At any rate we work on cleaning and removing the soil to see what transpires. There is certainly, approx. half way along this wall a large block laid EW, i.e. across the wall.

Thursday 16 September 1993
Weather: fine and still at first. The last days became v hot

391/2

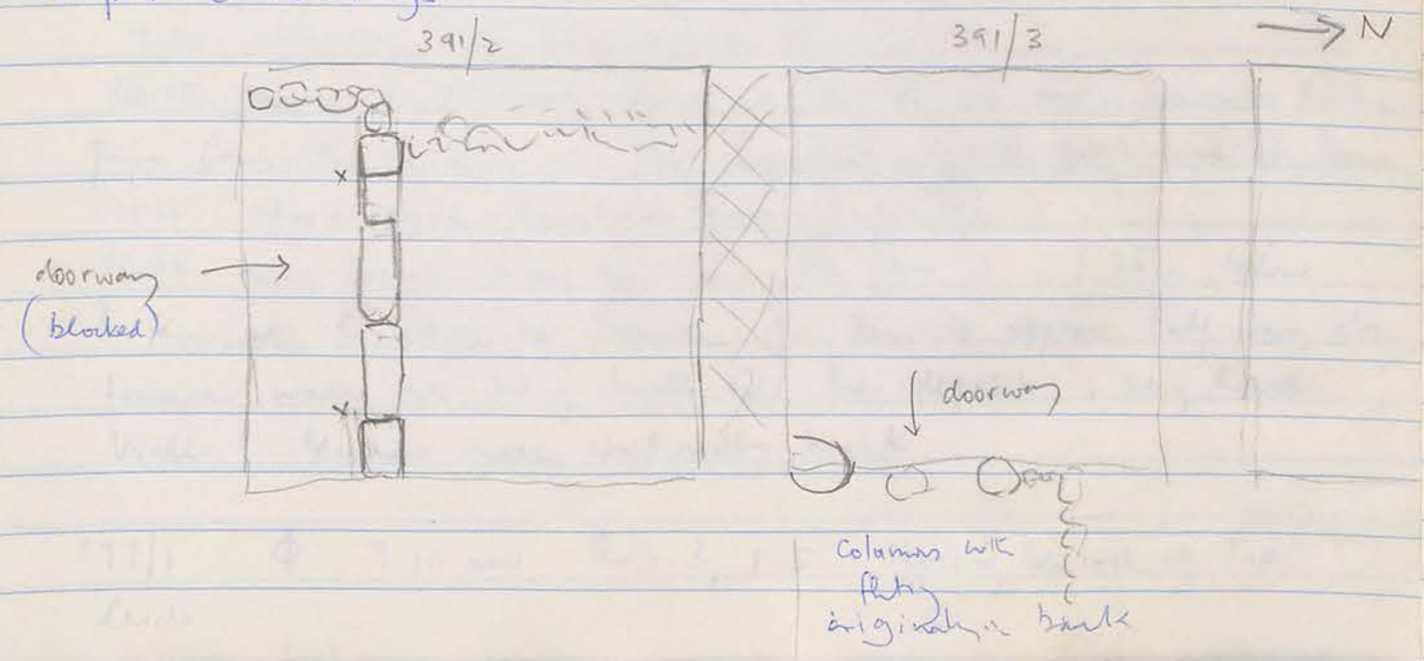
Workers: Hussein, H son, Fadwa, Sabha, Faim, Fawza, Hoshan (7)

We continue cleaning in the N sector of the trench.
By the close of work yesterday, the end of an E-W wall was revealed in the W bank. This makes it clear that the supposed doorway in the W wall of the N sector was something of a mistake.

At 9:30 the women left to attend a funeral morning

7:55 am We make a start on the bank between 391/2 and 391/3

A plan prepared on 15.9.93 by B. Rowley which showed only the excavated walls in the area, without indication of banks etc. showed that this bank could usefully be removed in order to show whether or not there is an E-W wall within the bank. Otherwise the room comprising 391/2 and 391/3 is quite large with two impressive doorways.



16.9.93 363/5 (4)

Small lot c/w body frags

2 rim frags eskimus

3 base ring frags

2 rim frags c/w jars

1 rim frag ?

1 body shard cooking ware.

Thursday 16 September 1993

363/5

Worlasi, Khelid Yazir, Amouna Sara, Ali, Fatouma, Halaf. (7)

Today we are working on a further deposit of rubble and we remove both soil and fallen wall-stones. I designate this (4) that is SE (4) or A (4)

Wall Q is seen to extend across to the S face of the trench

A few tile fragments come from the deposit. The unevenness of the wall makes measurement difficult but the depth of our trench is approx. 1.00-1.10m against the E wall at the N of this sector

8.30 (4) Small fragment of bronze sheet

8.45 am as we complete a pass of (4) the floor of the trench is reasonably level. There is clearly rubble beneath this level but nothing protrudes prominently. We shall continue in the SE corner the depth is 1.23m

Very few frags of pottery by this time

The soil in (4) so far (and below it) is a reddish brown colour. Still just a few fragments of tile

9.30 finishing the pass at the E.

10.15 more large blocks/stones at E as we move down a further pass from E to W. Tile fragments. A great deal of bone

11.10 sharp edged limestone pieces in (4)

11.35 more largish pieces of tile. The pass is 1.35m below surface at E edge of trench. The pass is approx. half way along toward wall at W (Wall Q). The deposit is very hard. Wall P seems more wretchedly built.

177/1 Φ 7.10 am Hall 3, 1-5. Showing bedrock at two levels

16.9.93 391/2-391/3 (2) bank

Small lot c/w heavy sherd

1 amphora toe frag

1 rim frag echinus

1 rim frag ext. rib grooved

1 rim frag strongly outturned

1 ring base frag

16 September 1993

Bank 391/2 and 391/3

Bank 391/2 and 391/3

Work begins at S of bank, we pick away at the soil down the vertical face

Small corroded bronze coin found in the brown soil below the tumble

0.34 m above the floor as previously cleared. The floor is indicated by the stones of the threshold at the S. I have called the coin stratum (3) because it does seem to lie beneath the tumble. By calling this (2) tumble I am anticipating finding that there is no wall within this bank.

As we pick away at the soil it becomes increasingly unlikely that there is a wall within this bank.

Above the floor of 391/2 is a deep deposit of light brown soil which does not contain tumblers. A depth of approximately 0.5 m. A further indication that we have not encountered a wall

Very little pottery emerging from this bank. The top soil is dark gray

18.9.93 391/2 - 3 baulk (3)

Smallish lot coarse ware body sherds

2 rim frags eburne

3 rim frags c/w jars

3 base ring frags.

1 ribbed body frag.

2 rim frag eburne bowl.

Several body frags fine coarse red or black paint

1 body frag drip paint.

Saturday 18 September 1993

Weather: fine overcast to East

Workers: Hussein, Hussein son, Hoson, Sabha, Fawza Flamin, Fadwa

Baulk 391/2 - 391/3.

Continue with work on baulk

9:30 We are now working through the soil deposit above the floor.

dry soil & wind-blown after the abandonment of the settlement. After a time the walls begin to fall in, producing the tumble above the soil. There is little pottery from this deposit.

I think I shall select an area here to go down through the floor to bedrock: probably a 2m pit in 391/3.

12:15 ϕ of 179/6 showing flat bedrock, faint cuttings on S side at E and W; the rubble wall at E (resting on soil)

CA will draw section. ϕ 201/3, -16

18.9.93

363/5 (5)

- 1 large wt. c/w body frags
- 1 large pitrus rim fragment
- 12 ring base frags
- 2 base frags fish plate
- 8 body frags cooking ware
- 2 rim frags schinus
- 3 2 rim frags fish plate
- 3 handle frags
- 1 mortarium rim frag
- 2 rim frags c/w bowls
- 1 base frag stepped ring
- 2 rim frags c/w jars

Saturday 18 September 1993

363/5

(7)

Workers Yazi, Khalid, Fatouma, Ali, Amouma, Sara, Halaf

We begin a new Pass which I designate (5). A small fragment of an iron nail.

At the W end of this sector where we begin we quickly reveal the hard packed floor. A few small pieces of tile above the floor.

8.45 Still clearing final soil above hard-packed floor. A good deal of bone again (comparatively) from the soil above the floor. More fragments of tile.

We now begin to clean wall Q. For the moment I intend to leave the narrow section W of wall Q i.e. Sector B.

10.15 After a preliminary clearing of the top of wall Q we begin on the tangle of Sector C i.e. to the N of the wall P.

Many limestone chips very loose dusty soil. We work from the N to find the definition of wall P.

From Sector B much bone. The line of the wall is clear but it is difficult working in a small space. At the N end of the sector tangle has been left 2 ft. Removal might endanger the wall.

19.9.93 392/9-6 baulk (2/3)

small wt c/w body frags

1 rim frag mortarium

1 rim frag c/w jar

one bag

Sunday 19 September 1993

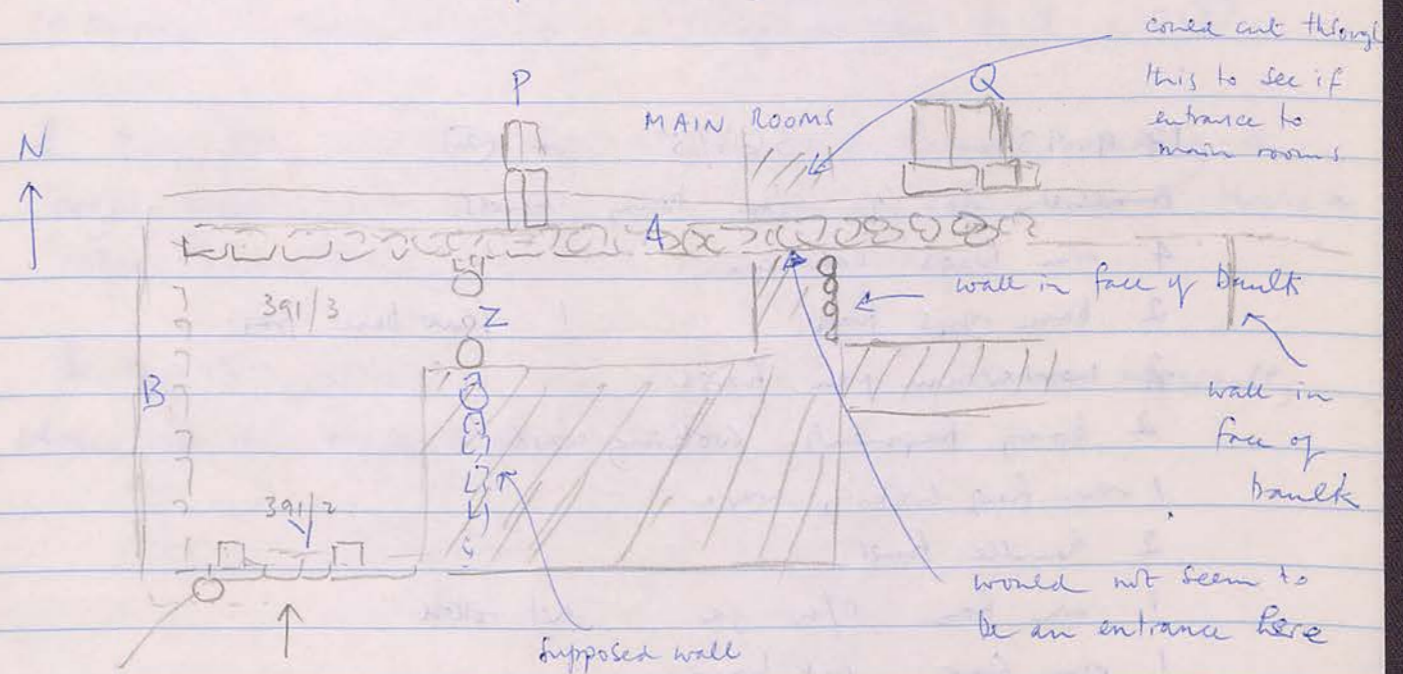
Weather cool at first slightly hazy to E and SE

391/2 - 3 baulk

Workers Hussein, Fadia, Huda, Faim Fawza Sabha, Hussein son (7)

The baulk has been essentially cleared leaving no wall between 391/2 and 391/3

In 391/3 as area we clean the trench we reach bedrock only 10-15 cms below the base level of the hard-packed floor of 391/2. We clear down to bedrock in 391/3 and leave the floor in 391/2 and beneath the area of the recently removed baulk.



tansor

Wall A closes off the S end of the Two Main Rooms. Doorways Y and Z and the walls associated with them (built on bedrock) appear to belong to the principal (ie second) building phase. I had thought of them as (impressive) entries to the side of the Main Rooms.

But there is no entrance path to the N of Wall A if it is not beneath a baulk.

19.9.93 363/5 B (3)

Smallest lot c/w body sherds

48 rim frags echinus

1 base ring frag

2 amphora toe frags 1 amphora round handle frag.

1 rim frag big plate dropped rim 2 reserved grooves at rim.

2 c/w jar rim frags

1 rim frag inward rolled rim.

1 toe frag gray ware unguentarium.

1 small body frag cooking ware

1 rim frag c/w mortarium traces of burning

1 small body frag green glaze ware

19.9.93 363/5 C (2)

Smallest lot of c/w body sherds

4 rim frags echinus

2 base rings frags 1 flat base frag.

2 mortarium rim frags.

2 body fragments cooking ware

1 rim frag cooking ware

2 handle frags

1 rim frag c/w jar ext rolled

1 rim frag out-turned

2 rim frags external grooved.

Sunday 19 September 1993

E/PE EP A/1

363/5

workers Yari, Khalid, Amourna, Ali, Hulaq, Fatouma, Sara (7)

Because of small space in Sector C, we begin also on the narrow Sector B in the S of the trench, i.e. on the soil W of the Wall Q.

Therefore work continues in these two sectors.

Sector B: B (3) Sector C: C (2) tumbled

The soil in Sector B is very hard; full of limestone chips

7:30 am a bronze coin from B (3)

10:30 am small fragment of a relief moulded bowl. C (2)

In C (2) there is a good deal of quite large tumbled, including a large 'ashlar' block in the NE corner. Other limestone blocks are 'rotten' and flake into white chips.

Sector B yielded a large bag of bone. We are apparently close to a hard-packed floor

19.9.93

391/3

cleaning to bedrock

very small lot of c/w brick frags

Sunday 19 September 1993

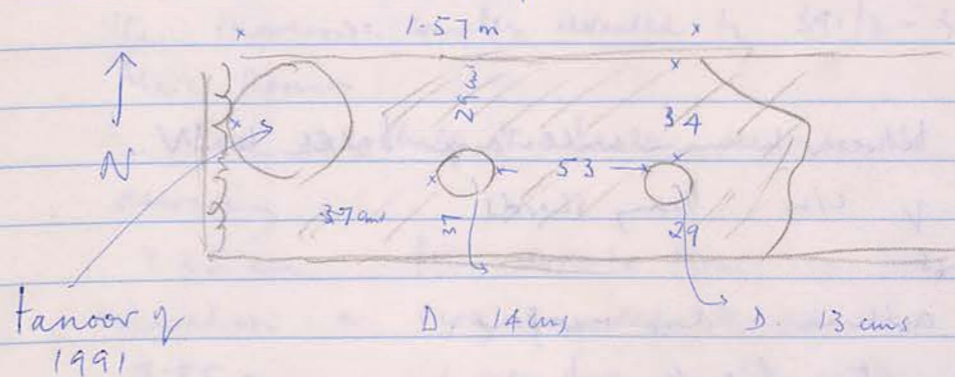
391/2 - 391/3

After bedrock was cleaned in the N part of 391/3 as far E as the line of the E bank of 391/2, the floor of 391/2 was swept again. This sweeping revealed a small tanoor just inside the doorway.

The tanoor lies approx 27 cm from the threshold block; its E circumference is aligned approximately with the inner face of the E doorpost. The tanoor is not well preserved; it is approx 40 cm in diameter.

The tanoor at the SW corner of 391/2 lies just above bedrock which is in evidence across the S of the trench S of the threshold blocks.

391/2 in front of the threshold cut in bedrock are two round holes - in the W half of the area



inner diam tanoor = 59 cm

In the tanoor, as part of the W wall directly against the stone wall the base of a firm plate with raised rim forms part of the outer structure of the tanoor. I photograph this at c 11.40 though there is much shadow.

I also photograph other aspects of 391/2 and /3 where there is not so much shadow. Will repeat tomorrow early, + collect base frags

392/9 - 392/6 N bank

20. 9. 93

medium wt c/w body frags

6 base ring frags

1 base ring frag fish plate

1 rim frag cooking ware

1 int. base frag fish plate

4 body frags cooking ware

5A rim frag echinus

2 rim frag fish plate

1 mortarium rim frag

6 rim frags c/w jars

2 rim frags green glaze echinus bowls

1 rim frag plain rim bowl

1 rim frag ext groove

1 rim frag fine rg bowl ^{with} thickened exterior

1 rim frag outturned

1 small handle frag

1 rim frag outturned large bowl

20. 9. 93

392/9 (3) between W main wall and bank to N.

sunlight lot of c/w body sherds

2 base ring frags

1 rim frag outturned drip red-paint

1 small ampure toe fragment

1 handle root fragment

2 small rim frag echinus

1 rim frag cooking ware

Monday 20 September 1993

Weather: clearing; at first a strong cool breeze from N.

Workers (7): Hossan, Fadwa, Fakha, Fawza, Fataim, Hussein son, Hussein (Ais)

391/2 - 391/3

6.20 am. Φ Roll 4, 4-16 of all features of these two

trenches following removal of bank between them. That is the

tanoor and the circular bed-rock holes at S of 391/2; tanoor w.

fish plate base in place; threshold at S; Ashmun threshold/doorway

at N; bedrock at N of 391/3; tanoor to N of S threshold

These photographs in an attempt to avoid shadows.

392/9 - 392/6

Work continues on removal of this bank, a task which was begun towards the end of work yesterday. This is a small section of bank N of the E-W wall that closes off the Main Rooms of the store. The purpose of this is to see whether there is an entrance from the impressive complex revealed by 391/2 - 391/3 etc and the Main Rooms

Even with half the bank removed, it is clear that there is no doorway

7.25 am. from close to floors as indicated by previous excavation a very corroded bronze coin

7.55 am. small frag. of bronze pin

9.30 am. At the E end of the narrow section between West and

392/9 and 392/6 we have the hard-packed floor at the E end

and we are moving W to the ashlar wall of the new facade of

the Main Rooms. Above the floor is considerable trace of ashes which

appears as a stratum in the wall of the E-W bank

W of the bank we do not seem to have reached a floor. I

proceed W to the ashlar wall. The deposit is hard

20.9.93 363/5 B (3)

medium lot c/w body frags.

2 rim frags echinus

1 rim frag large mortarium

3 rim frag ext grooves

2 rim frag gray ware outturned

2 handle frags

5 rim frags c/w jars

4 rim base frags

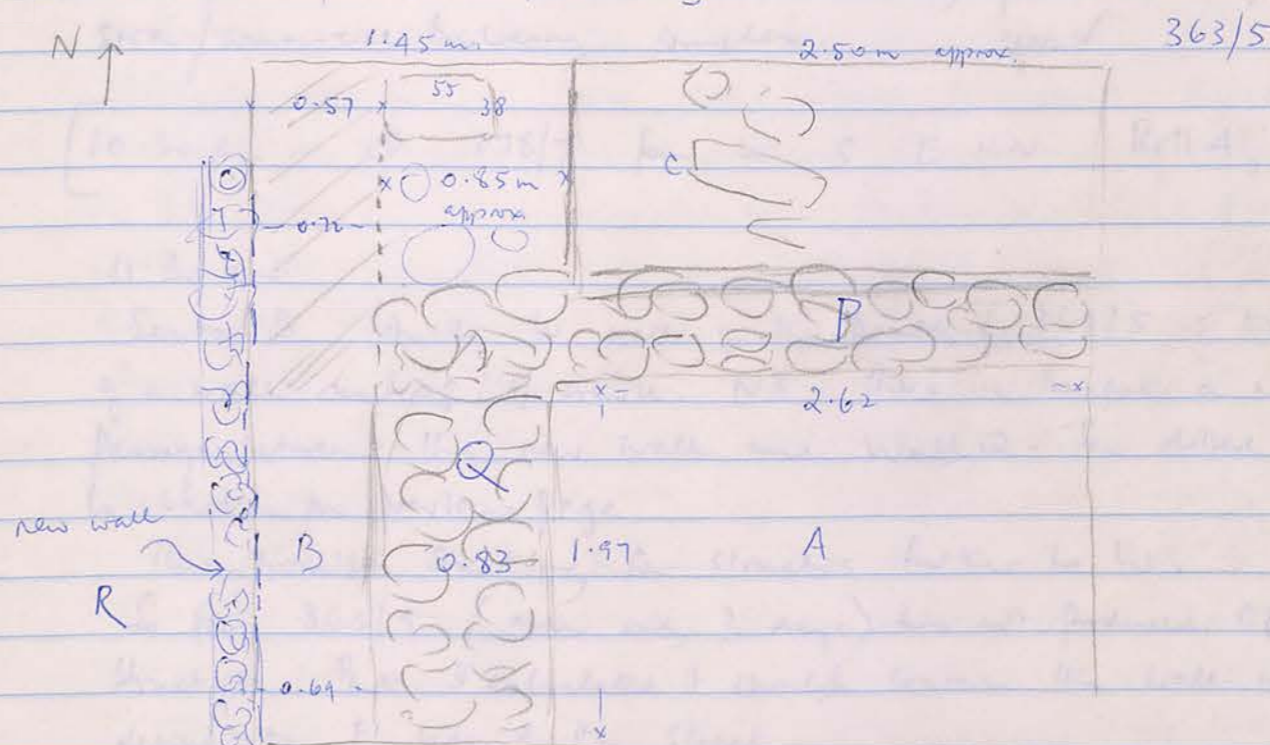
body frags bs

Monday 20 September 1993

363/5

Workers Yari, Khalid, Fatouma, Amrma, Ali, Sara, Halaf (7)

363/5 c (N of EW wall), the NS cross wall is now very clear though in the upper part the stones are either missing or corroded. There is a lot of very large tumbled stones. Against the NS wall we are down 1.04m. There are signs of burning / black on the stone of the EW wall at this point suggesting that we may encounter a tannor very soon. From the deposit at this level comes a circle of bronze - not perhaps a finger ring.



In C I have indicated the rough position of some very large irregular stones of tumbled. We have to work in a small space between them and the wall Q, but when the soil is removed from around them, they will be taken out. Beneath them (below their level) the deposit of light brown soil is full of white limestone chips. I stop at this point and move to E of large tumbled.

The S portion of sector B has been cleared to a floor level (if that). Though the space is narrow we push on to N to see if wall P continues past wall Q. ↑

8.30 am Present indications are that it does not; there is soil + tumbled.

20.9.93

363/5 c (2)

Small wt c/w body shards

3 rim frags echinus

3 rim frags ext groove

5 body frags cooling ware incl. 1 w. handle rock

1 base frag incipient rim. drip brown paint

1 rim frag c/w jar

1 rim frag ext. thickened c/w bowl

Monday 20 September 1993

363/5

Facing Sector A, the wall Q is higher at N than S in the trench i.e. the preserved wall in present state. The baulk at S shows that no blocks have been removed.

At the S wall Q is only 2 courses high; at the N, a huge block (as a foundation) abuts the wall P; to its S there are four courses of wall preserved.

Wall P is 6 courses high with one block of the seventh

Wall Q could well be the W boundary of this part of the stoa / commercial building complex. yes ✓

[10.30 am Φ 178/7 from W S E + N R114, -36.

11.30 am

Sector B in the W wall of the baulk of 363/5 is the face of a wall running, of course, NS. There is therefore a narrow passage between this new wall and Wall Q. See dotted addition to sketch on previous page

This promises something for structure further to W.

So far 363/9 (after only 3 days) has not produced signs of structures. But I calculated it should contain the wall which defines the E side of the street.

In Sector C removal of soil is isolating the large blocks of rubble. It will be difficult to remove these blocks.

Monday 20 September 1993

392/9

Approaching the rear facade Main Rooms there is a thin and powdered limestone in the deposit and also smaller chunks of limestone. I have designated this stratum (3) below top soil (1) and rubble (2).

It is clear that no floor had been reached at time of original excavation.

11:15 am working near the altar facade of Main Rooms

11:55 am small frag of bronze pin 392/9 (3)

Although we have a hard floor almost throughout the soil is soft against the walls. We encountered this in our first excavation in this area and removed the soil. It became clear (+ published experience from other excavations confirmed this) that soil or floors do become soft close to walls. We do not excavate this soft deposit.

Against the Main Rooms facade there are tumbled field stones at the level of the floor. They lie just below the narrow blocks of the levelling course.

Do we remove them. I'm inclined to think not. Better to retain the floor level throughout this small section rather than have a small hole near the wall.

Currently we are sweeping floor and S enclosing wall. In Main Rooms

21.9.93 363/5 B (3)

very medium wt c/w body frags

9 rim frags echinoids

2 rim frags ext grooves

1 rim frag c/w jar

2 body frags cooling ware

1 plastic frag w. red paint

1 handle frag

4 base ring frags

2 small body frags rg.

1 plain rim frag

21.9.93 363/5 C (2)

small wt c/w body frags

2 rim frags echinoids

1 handle rest frag.

Tuesday 21 September 1993

Weather: Strongish cool breeze from N overcast/hazy downstream

363/5

Workers: Yazir, Fatouma, Amouma, Ali, Ifalaf, Khalid, Sara (7)

363/5 B

Work continues on Sector B, removing the deposit from the bottom because the area is narrow and deep. Pitting and bore are designated (3). We are at a point 1.60m from the NW corner of the trench which takes us past wall P.

363/5 C

The last soil is being removed round the large tumbled stones; these will be removed shortly.

Φ of these blocks before those at E are removed

Wall 5, 1-3

a large flat piece of basalt grinder discovered near the large blocks which cross the sector C NS. This is not retained.

It seems that the NS blocks of tumbled are resting on a hard-packed floor.

8:00 am we begin to remove the NS aligned tumbled; they do not rest on a floor; there is no continuation on the N bank.

8:30 am proceeding down now below level of tumbled - the deposit contains considerable amount of small limestone chips. Blackened stones are visible in SW corner but no sign yet of a tanour yet.

10:50 am in C heavy deposits of limestone chips towards the E end 1.30m down from surface soil.

11:45 sharp edged chunks of limestone in the deposit. The soil 1.19m down from upper surface of large 'ashlar' block in Wall P. This dump material

21.9.93 392/8 (1)

Small lot c/w body sherds

2 mm frags echinus

1 handle frags

2 ~~mm~~ ring base frags

3 mm frags c/w jars

Tuesday 21 September 1993

392/8

Workers: Hussein, Fadwa, Sabke, Ftaim, Fawza, Hosten, Hussein son (?)

Architect measures out new trench 392/8 whilst workers do general cleaning of area to South

Excavation in this area (perhaps with removal also of balks to N and W should reveal dimensions of rooms with the threshold and the fluted-column doorway.

We begin by removing top-soil.

9.45 am ϕ of ϕ Haynes new trench
Rt 5, 4-9 151/7 ??

10.55 am. in the E bank, a frag of fluted column - part of wall with EW alignment

Reasonable progress made with top soil.

11.35 a good deal of soil surrounds the tunicle which does not appear at the moment to be thick packed.

11.30 am. 391/2 I extracted from the wall of the tanour in the SW corner of 391/2 (to outside of threshold) the full profile of a firm plate with raised ring round central depression 93.219

It was packed in a vertical position behind the 'clay' of the tanour and clearly formed part of the construction. Since the clay or tc was layered over it, that is the date of the pot is pretty well equal with the date of the construction of the tanour.

22.9.93 392/8 ①

handful c/w body sherds
1 ring base frag.

22.9.93 392/8 ②

small lot c/w body sherds
4 rim frag eckins
1 base frag large bowl
2 ring base frags
1 amphora toe frag.
1 handle rock frag

22.9.93 363/5 B ③

medium-large lot c/w body sherds
11~~6~~ base ring frags
2 rim frags c/w jars
13 rim frag eckins
2 rim frag cooking ware
1 rim frag finial rg bowl
5 assorted handle frags

22.9.93 363/5 C ③

small lot c/w body sherds
1 base ring frag.
1 rim frag cooking ware
2 body frags cooking ware
2 rim frags outturned
1 rim frag eckins

Wednesday 22 September 1993

392/8

Weather still and cool at first

Workers: Hussein, Fadwa, Hussein son, father, Haim, Fawza Hussein (7)

392/8

Work continues on clearing top soil from tumble

392/9 - 392/6 Tumble.

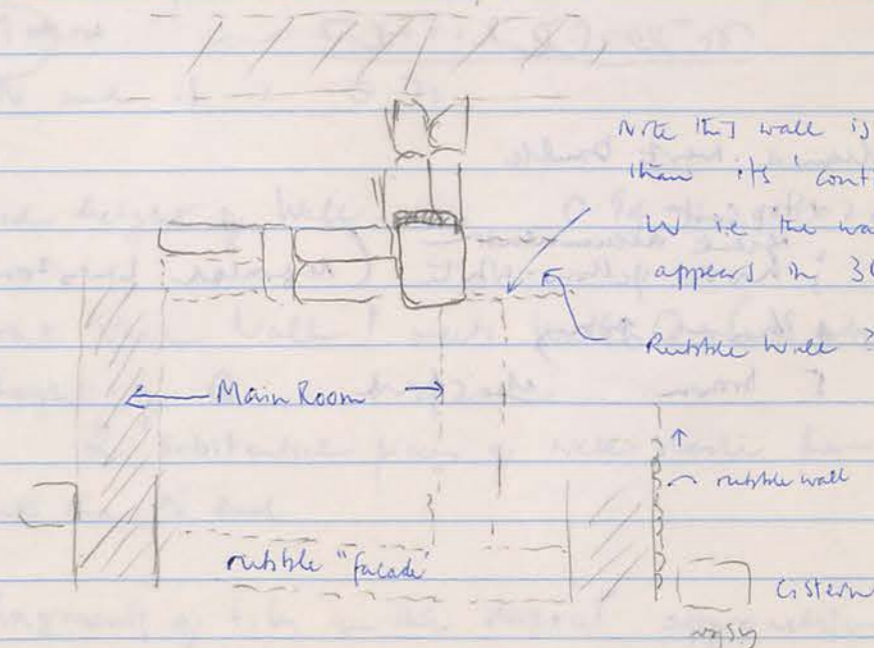
7.10 am. ϕ All 5, 11-13 of exposed wall that closes off the S end of the Main Rooms (and continues E past the E or front facade) showing there is no entrance from the S complex of rooms

At the N end the similar wall lies at N of the ^N entrance steps rather than at the end of the Main Rooms - But the ashlar facade at E finishes at the N end of the entrance steps and the wall that continues the facade is constructed of rubble and quite poorly. On the West facade the ashlar blocks continue to the N end of the Main Rooms

The courtyard with the ~~drain~~ cistern has a wall at its S end

363/3

→ N



392/2

11:45 am ϕ R115, 11-21

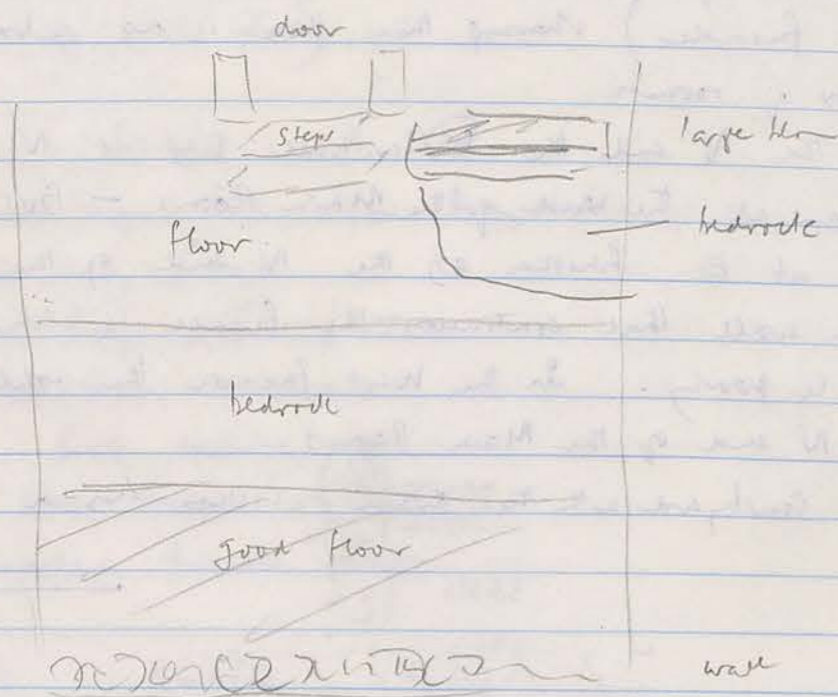
392/2 of rim of pit in kitchen with soil cleared round the two pieces appear to join

12 noon

R115, 22-31

178/7 and 207/9 after baulk removed and cleared of 207/9 which makes the floor look OK (floor by KB 1990)

2 sections of bedrock



MR cleaned west baulk

1. top soil
2. recent accumulation
3. hard yellow-white (degraded limestone?) = floor?
4. hard gray
5. brown also hard

Wednesday 22 September 1993

363/5

workers Yazi, Amour, Khalid, Entouma, Halaf, Ali, Sawa (7)

363/5 B (3)

Work continues here. There is a solid deposit of tumbled of about 1m. between the two walls. In the baulk the deposit above the extent height of the two walls (Q and R to its west) is largely soil with a scatter of tumbled.

C(3)

Still a heavy deposit of limestone chips. The soil a darker yellow/brown perhaps.

There is no sign of burning in the deposit itself, near the front. Stones in the SW corner of sector C

10 am Still heavy deposit of sharp-edged slivers of stone. A dump. No sign of a floor. Think we are down at least as far as the floor in A. Perhaps we are at bedrock in one or two places

10:30 am 363/5 B (3) figurine fragment near floor at N end.

B(3) At the S end the distance between Walls Q and R is 0.67m

At the N end it is 0.72

The preserved height of Wall varies 0.94m, 1.02m

At the point where Wall P meets Wall Q (S edge) the preserved height of Q = 1.42m

11:40 am 2 substantial pieces of wall plaster from B(3) near the floor at the N end

C(3) fragments of tiles in the deposit approaching E

23.9.73

392/8 (2)

Small WF c/w body frags

1 ampure toe frag

2 ring base frags

2 rim frags echinus

2 handle frags

3 rim frags assorted c/w bowls

1 rim frag outlined.

Thursday 23 September 1993

Weather: cold wind of N at first; sky clear

392/8

workers Hussein, Fadia, Hossen, Fatin, Fawza, Fatma, Hussein (7)

Work continues today in light brown soil. Surrounding the trench there is a wall aligned EW close to the S boundary of the trench, though this wall is not yet very clearly defined. We are working in the larger N sector of the trench. Some rubble at the N was left in situ because it looked just possibly some sort of wall. In the N corner there is clearly a deposit of soil so we make this the first object in order to inspect the stones which lie on the N boundary a little further W.

Very little pottery so far from this deposit (2)

7:10am. In NE corner beneath the soil some blocks emerging that could be part of a wall. They are close to the N bank of the trench, and about 53 cm down from the surface soil at this point.

8:55 Soil from NE corner

Work concludes at 9am.

23.9.93 363/5 c (3)

handful c/w body sherds

2 mm frag gravel ext bowls.

One bag

23.9.93 363/5 B (3) cleaning

6 c/w body frags

Thursday 23 September 1997

363/5

Workers: Yazi, Fatouma, Amouna, Sara, Itaiq, Khalid, Ali (7)

363/5 B There remains the final cleaning of walls and floor in this sector.

363/5 c

In this sector the deposit has deepened from our vigorous digging and bedrock has been uncovered. Work continues at the E end of the sector where the deposit contains large stones of tumbled largely sharp-edged. Some tile fragments emerging.

8.50 am After cleaning of sector B, we turn again to Sector A where soil and small stones had accumulated from work in other sectors.

After cleaning down to the hard packed floor, a circle of soft ashy soil was discovered. We proceed to remove this.

⌀ Roll 6, 1- , of walls 363/5 at 9 am - with shadows (+ zenith) will try again w/o shadows (if poss.)

Work concludes today at 9 am

363/5 Roll 8, 1-6

Saturday 25 September 1993

Weather cool, a fair scatter of clouds but sun shining

363/5

workers: Yazir, Amouna, Fatouma, Sara, Halaf [Ali] [Khalid] (7)

General cleaning in progress, for photography
Yazir shows me that the soil in the E end of Sector A is soft. I think she means the circle of a tank since there is black soil beneath. This top area should be removed but for the moment I prefer to keep the hard-packed floor as reached throughout Sector A. In the photograph there will be an (unfortunate) patch of disturbed floor

Meantime BR is measuring out the trench 363/4 to the S of 363/5

c 7.15 am ϕ end of Roll 7, - 36

Unfortunately the sun came out a little too soon. The trench is deep and difficult to photograph. I did what I could. The upper stones are wt as clean as I would like but I wanted to photograph before the shadows

7.35 am Clouds cover the sun again. More photographs of 363/5 Roll 8, 1-6

25.9.93 392/8 B (2)/(3)

This stratum has rubble but also some space below rubble
rubble and wind-blown soil directly above the floor.

2 large bags large waste were found

There should be a number of joints in this lot

There are some bags handle + some bags at least one

base fragment

In addition

4 rim frags fine rg bowls + 3 body frags.

1 rim base frag red paint ext

1 handle frag cooking ware

1 body frag cooking ware

1 rim base frag rg bowl.

1 rim frag plate int grooved outlined.

1 rg rim frag outlined int grooved.

Saturday 25 September

392/8

Sector B

Workers: Hussain, Hussain, Hossain, Fadiwa, Fauza Khan, Sabha.

Work continues today in the NW corner of the trench removing the
light brown soil and rubble. In the N bank to the W are
several large stones which protrude from the wall of the trench

In the NE corner are two stones in alignment which could be
part of a structure or a feature

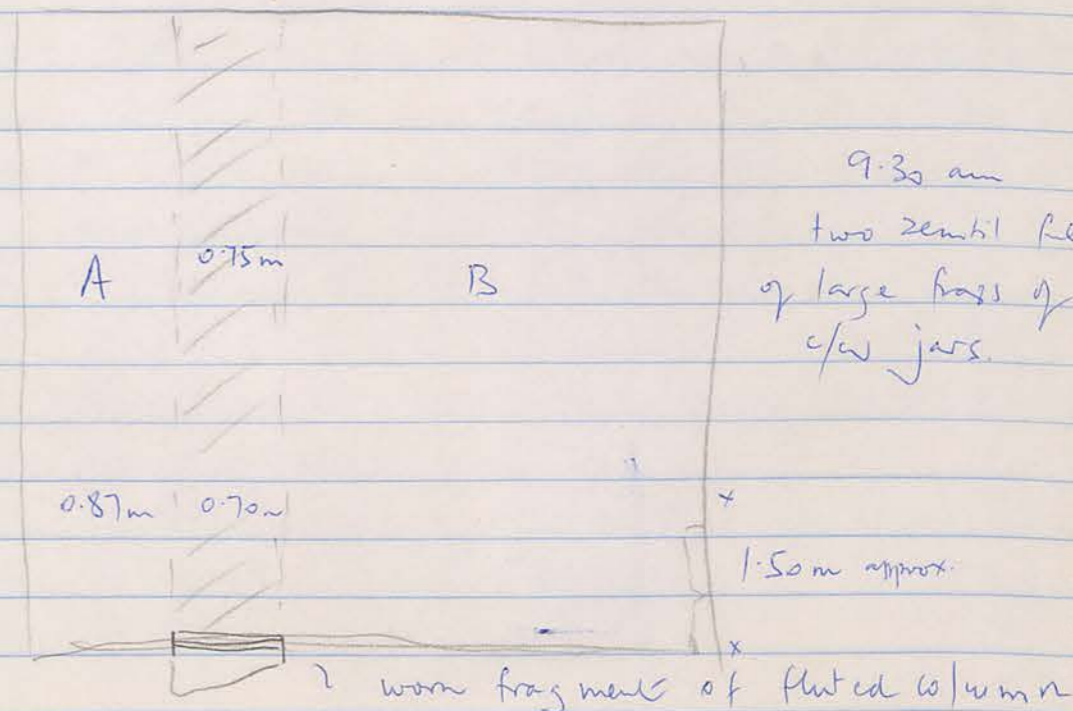
Some of the large stones in NW are removed without breaking the
wall of the trench.

7.45 am more of the NW wall has been uncovered as work moves
S. The NW corner of the trench still needs

8.15 am large number of large fragments of a c/w jar
from the centre of Sector B. c 0.80m down from the
surface soil. By this time there is almost a zembil full.

Currently we are proceeding from W to E

→ N



25.9.91 363/4 ①

- small wt small c/w body sherd
- 1 rim frag mortarium / + 1 smaller mortarium on frag.
- 1 string base frag.
- 3 rim frags c/w jars
- 1 rim frag
- 4 body frags rg.

Saturday 25 September

363/4

Work commences on this new square at about 7.30 a.m. The surface is relatively free of the scatter of stones found elsewhere in the Domestic Quarter.

At first the soil is very powdery and there are many tiny stones in the deposit. The surface soil is very hard.

3.12/2 ϕ Pull 8, 7-9 of grinding stone with base of c/w jar (unglazed) resting in it. This base probably fits the large piece of pot removed from this area, see earlier ϕ .

10.20 am. A bronze ring bead with deviation from top soil ① We are down a few c 5-10 cms over the trench. The soil is hard.

At 10.30 am a small bronze ring bead is found in the trench. It is a small ring bead with a diameter of about 1.5 cm. It is made of a dark metal, possibly bronze, and has a slightly irregular shape. It is found in a small hole in the soil, about 5-10 cm below the surface. The soil is hard and the bead is very small. It is a small ring bead with a diameter of about 1.5 cm. It is made of a dark metal, possibly bronze, and has a slightly irregular shape. It is found in a small hole in the soil, about 5-10 cm below the surface. The soil is hard and the bead is very small.

Saturday 25 September 1913

392/8

① A 3/10/13

28.10.13

The pottery comes from a stratum level with the large stone in the NE corner of the trench, at the N bank.

The bottom of this block is 0.90 m down from the soil surface at that point. At the W bank stratigraphy shows tumbled down to this level. At the N bank there is less tumbled in the E 'half' of the trench.

The pottery comes from a level equal to the extension of the stylolite top (threshold blocks) of the trench to the W (391/2).

At the W end of 392/8 certain wall blocks are visible and clear. There are stones in front (to E) of them, so we take care to remove the soil to investigate whether or not they are in situ.

In the SE corner of Sector B there is a quantity of ash soil so it seems likely that a furnace is located somewhere close. But for the moment we are working at the W end of the trench.

2. Sector B SE corner fragment of rounded base of v. bowl.

12.15 Sector B SW corner better say ③ and so for all pottery rather than ② since it is below tumbled small frag. fine bronze pin

26.9.93 392/8 A (2)

medium wt c/w body frags.

35 body frags looking ware

2 handle frags looking ware

1 rim frag looking ware

1 amphora handle frag.

2 mortarium rim frags

2 ring base frags

3 rim frags echinus

1 rounded base frag

2 rim frags c/w jars

body frags rg.

3 rim frags fine rg bowls

1 rim frag ext. notched.

Sunday 26 September 1993

392/8

Workers: Hussein, Hussein son, Fadwa, Hosen, Gabbar, Fauza, Ftahim (7)

Weather: Clear and still

392/8 Sector A. We began work in this narrow area S of the wall.

In Sector B, we have reached a depth roughly level with the bottom of the foundation course. I'm not sure at the moment what we have exactly the floor; but the tumbled column in the W wall the full length of which is enclosed is probably resting on the floor.

I note that to the W and N of 392/8 we have good hard-packed floors. To the W the hard-packed floor lies level (nearly) with the top of the threshold blocks, but I don't think we went through a floor in 392/8.

In Sector A we are removing the tangle and associated soil.
= (2)

Sector B. There is a stretch in the middle of the E wall which has a good deal of soil/mud rather than stones on the N to E and W. Inside stones form a definite wall. At the E of this central section is a large block. At the W there is a possible Lagoon block.

The width of the doorway in the fence to W (391) is 1.50m.

9:55 At the west of Sector A, a few centimetres below the top of the threshold blocks, the soil is a yellowish-brown colour with a lignite deposit of chips of limestone.

11:10 At the E half down to the bottom of the threshold blocks in the centre, at this level, some large pieces of tumbled. In this Sector A there are 5 threshold blocks.

Sunday 26 September 1993

363/4

Workers, Yazir Fatouma [Khalid] Ali [Amouna] Sara, Halaf (7)

363/4

Work continues on the top soil of this trench.

5 cm has been removed all over and a further 10 cm over
c. 1.00m at the N end where 7 or so blocks of rubble are
showing. Work continues also in the SE corner.

The soil is still very hard

7.00 am very little getting so far.

11.15 am. Progress slow. Soil still very hard.

We are now at the E end working off W. Very few blocks of
rubble still on the surface.

26.9.93

363/4

①

medium size c/w body sherds

1 mortarium rim frag

8 rim frags c/w jars

2 rim frags out rolled

3 handle frags

3 ring base frags

3 rim frags firm plate

1 toe frag

2 rim frags echinus

1 plain rim cooking ware

1 rim frag out rolled

1 rim frag externally thickened.

1 base frag rg bowl

1 bowl frag green glaze

1 rim frag rg echinus

1 rim frag rg bowl

int groove + thickened

to impression dots in relief

27.9.93

392/8-9 bank ①

3 body sherds c/w

1 frag rg bowl

1 base frag large coarse ware bowl

1 body frag twisted wave pattern.

27.9.93

392/8-9 bank ②

several large thick fragments of a c/w vessel including base frags with slope ring; a spout surrounded by a raised ring.

handful other smaller c/w frags

2 rim frag echiens

1 rim frag outturned

1 body frag rg with ribbing

One Dag

2 fine rim frags badly washed one with int. thickening.

Monday 27 September 1993

Weather: clear and still

Workers: Hussain, Hussainfar, Fadhwa, Hossen, Sabha Flamin, Fawze

392/8 A hard floor has been reached in Sector A so today we begin a full cleaning including the EW wall. As we remove all the soil, it becomes clear that the central section of the wall (as commented on previously) has substantial in the rubble wall. The upper surface of one of the dressed stones of the foundation course is being exposed as soil is carefully removed. Other stones in this small area seem to be resting on soil.

In the E area of Sector B there are traces of a deposit but since the whole floor is on an even level from E to W I decide to stick with to probe deeper (as yet) but to remove the bank at the E of Sector B.

It is reasonably clear now that there is a door in the central section of the EW wall. It is 1.17m wide and has not so much been blocked deliberately as closed by falling wall stones and wind-blown soil. At the W there is a large stone, now very crumbled which could serve as a door post.

7am. ☉ Bull 8, 10-18

The light not good for ☉ but work has to go on with removal of baulks.

First of all baulk to N 392/8 - 392/9 starting from top soil all across. Then, carefully, the tumbles, making sure there is no wall within the baulk. There does not appear to be a wall, but nevertheless...

At the E end of the baulk there is little tumble and a greater depth of soil. This is in the area above the 9th stones found in the NE of 392/8. Perhaps there is something here?

27.4.93

363/4 ①

medium wt c/w heavy shreds

23 base ring frags

6 rim frags edgewise

14 rim frags c/w jars

9 handle frags

2 double-rod handle frags

1 broken base ring frag rg base

body frag rg 1 body frag gray ware

2 rim frags outboard 1 rim frag base base

1 rim frag fine plate

1 simple rim frag

3 small rim frags

Monday 27 September 1993

363/4

workers: Yazir, Fatouma [Khalid] [Anoune] Italoq Ali, Sara (7)

In 363/4 work continues on removing top soil. Towards the NW corner there is now a patch of more closely packed stones. At the S still only a few stones at the same level

At the W end more or less central very many small limestone chips appear in the deposit

10.05 am Frag of fine brick from ①

work continues still on ① through very hard soil at the surface

Tuesday 28 September 1993

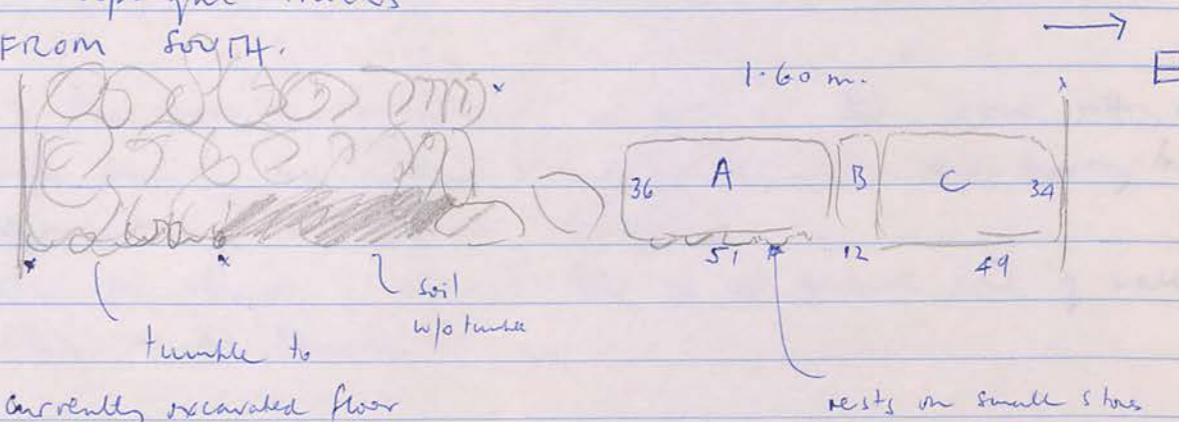
392/8 - 9 baulk

Weather: fine clear cool still (at first)

Workers: Hussein, Hussain, Hoban, Sabha, Fadwa, Faram, Fawza.

Work continues on the E end of the baulk a section of c. 1.60 m from the E baulk to the W where the light brown soil has no deposit of tumble. This section lies immediately to the N of the upright blocks

SECTION FROM SOUTH.



As we begin, the soil is level with the top of the blocks at the E

Block A is very narrow: 0.14 m wide

Blocks B and C seem comparable

This stratum is (3)

(1) - top soil

(2) - tumble

(3) - light brown w/o tumble

1:00 am. A flat stone is appearing on the middle of the baulk right against the E trench-wall.

7:20 Behind Block A a blackish ashy soil mixed with small chunks of limestone. A stone lies to W but jutting into the baulk. There is clay just to W of the top of it. The ashy soil also lay on the other side of Block A within 392/8 proper

This is Stratum (4)

It seems to be a tanson constructed of stones

28.9.93

392/S-9 hauls W (3)

small lot c/w body sherds

1 mortarium base frag.

1 rim frag c/w bowl

1 rim frag echinus

Tuesday 28 September 1993

363/4

workers, Afazi, Amarna, Fatouma, Halaf [Sara] [Ali] [Khalid]

363/4 (1)

Top soil is still being removed round upper tumbler which now appears more consistent across the trench. In one or two spots tumbler is perched on a considerable column of soil.

10.45 am The surface tumbler is at last cleared (3 1/2 days work) ϕ RM 8, 26-30 or 31 from S, E, W.

Work then proceeds immediately on removing those stones with a little seal of soil. Then picking in this area and moving back the alignment of the wall on 363/5.

After the clearing of top-soil there is no evident line of wall anywhere in the trench.

29.9.93

363/4 (2)

small lot c/w body sherds

1 body sherd cooking ware

1 rim frag by bowl outturned

3 body frags 2 * ribbed.

6 rim base frags.

2 handle frags

1 rim frag c/w jar

1 mortarium rim frag

1 rim frag fill plate

1 rim frag echinus

28.9.93 363/4 ①

large wt c/w body sherd

8 handle frags

2 ampore frags

1 base frag fin plate

1 rim frag cooking ware

3.2 rim frags mortars

7 rim frags c/w jars

2 rim frags fin plate

1 rim frag echinus

1 body frag cooking ware

2.7 base rim frags

1 rim frag large open bowl

28 September 1993

392/8 - 9

The tanour is basically a rough square. It has a lot of base first-sized chunks of limestone (and one piece of tile). There is a packing of clay at the bottom under a deposit of ash soil w/o limestone chunks.

The floor of the tanour is roughly the same level as the floor of 392/8. We believe we have the floor in 392/8 but not without a little misgiving. The floor of the tanour gives some confirmation.

One handle bone comes from tanour and a few pieces of pottery including a rim and handle frags of c/w jar.

9.50 am ϕ of work in progress. The rock-built tanour has been cleared. ϕ R11 8, 19-25 from different angles: including the rest of the bank still in place.

Subsequently we begin to remove the rubble from the upper surface of the bank. This is again (2). There is a depth of soil there which as before is (3).

After the upper ^{stones} blocks are removed the largely soil stratum below is removed.

I consider that the tanour, with the same floor level as 392/8 and 392/9 belongs to the construction period of this S complex. At the moment it rests/touches against the E wall of the trench but the E wall of this room is hidden ^{within} beneath the bank. It will be interesting to see if any of the stones of this tanour reach as far as the E wall of this room.

28.9.93

392/8-9 bank (3)

Small wt large c/w body sheds

1 small rim frag.

28.9.93

392/8-9 bank (4)

3 body frags c/w

1 ring base frag

1 rim and handle frag c/w jar

all blackened from rusty foil

28.9.93

392/8-9 bank (2)

3 c/w body sheds

1 rim frag echinus

14.10.93

364/5 (B)

Small wt c/w body sheds

3 rim frags echinus

2 rim frag everted plate

1 ring base frag

1 rim frag c/w jar

1 simple rim frag spine wide rg grooved ext

Strategy for CH trenches

- Extend to E trench 179/6 to bring back alignment with 151/4.
- Remove bank between 179/6 and 151/4 (S of 151/4)

Friday	22	Oct	Leave Damascus
Thursday	21		Museum
Wednesday	20	Am	Aleppo Museum pm to Damascus
Tuesday	19	Am	Final packing/OBJECTS pm to Aleppo.
Monday	18		Packing
Sunday	17		Packing?
Saturday	16		Final Excavation? Saturday parking
Friday	15		Aleppo
Thursday	14		Final Excavation

1993

PJL

263/3 from 1991 complete

263/5 new

291/2 - 291/3 bank

392/7 - 392/6 bank N

392/8

392/8 - 392/9 bank (stone tower)

392/8 - 391/2 bank (Room A - Room B)

HJ

363/9

393/9 posted out 29.9.93

392/2

stopped temporarily because of danger of collapse

CH

179/6 and 179/9 from 1991 complete

179/6 - a bank

151/4 with steps

151/7

MR

178/6

NY make cut through floor between

East wall
NW wall

bank 206/2 - 206/5

walls EW but rubble against it to N

178/7

= steps to doorway

bank 178/7 - 207/9

177/1

to South courtyard