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Notes to using this transcription

In this transcription, we attempted to create a balance between accurately representing the text of the notebooks with readability. For example, the margins in the transcription have been retained so that the text is as it appears in the notebook entries, since the notebooks are very narrow. In order to standardize the text and make it readable, we made editorial decisions explained in a variety of notes. A guide to these editorial notes follows.

Editorial notes are always in square brackets. We used the following abbreviations:

MN = Note by Blegen or Scott in the margins of the notebook text

AddN = Additional note within the notebook text

Bookidis = Additional note written by Nancy Bookidis in the notebook

Unknown = Additional note written by an unknown person in the notebook

James and Nakassis = Editorial note of Sarah James and/or Dimitri Nakassis to explain a part of the notebook, entered into the electronic text only.

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Alternative possible readings of the same word or uncertain transcriptions are in { }

Numbers or letters in a paranthesis, for example (1) or (a) or (A), indicate points, walls, or trenches as designated on Blegen's plans and referred to in his text indicated by a circle.

Headings were added for ease of navigation of the text. These headings are always our own, and do not actually appear in the text. In the case that our heading is the same as the heading in the notebook, the heading appears once bolded and once in regular text.

The first time a section appears and Blegen defines it and starts work on it can be identified in the headings. In the first appearance, the word "section" followed by its designated letter and Roman numeral for stratum appears in the heading.

Editorial decisions:

1. Numbers less than 1 were given a zero before the decimal point. So .75 was always entered as 0.75.
2. Quotation marks were set around the designations – when announced by Blegen – of trenches, walls, houses, etc. whether or not Blegen does so in the text. For example, we

transcribe ‘The first pass I call “I”.’ although there are no quotation marks around the Roman numeral in the notebook.

3. Excavation dates were normalized in their format and missing information (day of week, year, etc.) was supplied.
4. Spelling errors were almost always corrected. This includes Blegen’s spelling of Greek vessels; for example, he consistently writes *cylix* and *cylixes* for *kylix* and *kylikes*. (This was done to make searching the text easier).
5. Non-English words were italicized.
6. Regularizing designations of pottery chronology, especially as used by Scott, who often writes LM 1; this was changed to LM I (to make searching the text easier).
7. Fonts: For unaccented Greek, we used the Symbol font; for accented Greek, we used the Athenian font (available free online).

<u>Blegen</u>	<u>Transcription</u>
Mycenean	Mycenaeen
LM 1, 2, 3	LM I, II, III
Tho	though
Thru	through
Cylix	kylix
+	and
cotylae	kotylai
col	column
Korako	Korakou

Abbreviations

Blegen 1921 or K = Blegen, *Korakou*

BD = New Museum, Basement Drawer

OM = Old Museum

PG = New Museum, Prehistoric Gallery

Non-English Words

Bügelkannen = stirrup jars

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L IV pottery

L IV	LM III	137
	LM II	18
	Red	22
	Black	21
	Buff	61
	Minyan	9
	Matt	2

L V pottery

L V	LM III	28
	LM II	23
	Red	40
	Black	12
	Buff	60
	Minyan	8
	Matt	20

L VI pottery

L VI	LM III	4
	LM II	15
	Red	12
	Black	6
	Buff	47
	Minyan	16
	Matt	17

L VII pottery

L VII	LM I-II	6
	Red	6
	Buff	17
	Minyan	62
	Matt	21

L VIII pottery

L VIII	Buff	2
	Minyan	46
	Matt	7

P IV pottery

P IV	LM III	20
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LM II	2
Red	8
Black	7
Buff	7
Minyan	6
Matt	15

P V pottery

P V	LM III	32
	LM II	16
	Red	16
	Black	6
	Buff	18
	Minyan	4
	Matt	1

P VI pottery

P VI	LM III	30
	LM II	6 or 8
	Red	3
	Black	5
	Buff	4
	Minyan	45
	Matt	2

P VII pottery

P VII	LM III	2
	LM II	1
	Red	2
	Buff	4
	Minyan	30
	Matt	7

S III pottery

S III	LM III	29
	LM II	19
	Red	28
	Black	12
	Buff	65
	Minyan	12
	Matt	7

S IV pottery

S IV	LM III	7
	LM II	4
	Red	7

	Black	9
	Buff	40
	Minyan	10
	Matt	37

S V pottery

S V	LM III	2
	Buff	9
	Minyan	24
	Matt	35

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Monday 29 May 1916

Work resumed on Prehistoric site at Korako with 14 men. No foreman.
C.W.B. acts as such.

Scott, Megaron House

Scott takes 4 to 5 men and begins digging in region of Megaron house and east.

S North -earth dump

C.W.B. puts 4 - 5 men to work north of trench S running a trench **NError!**
Bookmark not defined. – S. from edge of bluff almost to S. The purpose of this trench is to find in general what the N. side of the bluff contains in the way of Mycenaean walls. For if there is nothing much here I propose to pile a great mass of earth all along N. edge of the bluff and then clear houses to south.

I call this trench “**SN** (north)” ca. 12.00 m long and 1.00 wide

North of House P

At north end of house P I am beginning to remove a heap of earth (with 4 men) transferring it to the NE. Along the north edge of the bluff I am working off a space ca. 6.00 m wide where we shall pile up the excavated earth.

SN I

Trench **SN I** = 0.00-0.30. Ordinary LM III, there is a considerable quantity.

In trench **SN** ca. 2.50 or 3.00 m. south from edge of bluff there are few stones that look as if they may be remains of a wall running E-W. South of this wall for a distance of ca. 5.00 m there is a thick layer of ashes at a depth of ca. 0.20-0.25 below ground. The ash layer seems to be bounded

by another E-W wall on the South. This ash layer is probably the same as that found in a corresponding position in Trench R.

Farther South in trench **SN** a wall appears running **NError! Bookmark not defined. S**.

At 9:10 AM I quit work in trench **SN**.

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SN ash

The purpose of **SN** was to learn what Mycen. remains lie near the **NError! Bookmark not defined.** edge of the hill and will be covered by the earth we propose to pile up here. The area of the ash layer looks interesting undoubtedly being a continuation of the same sort of deposit in R. However, this portion of it will be covered up now with the earth we dig up from the central part of the hill. Later when we fill in again the center there will be a chance to look into the ash layer more carefully. At present I shall examine it further to the west starting eastward from R.

House P

The Removal of earth from east part from House P is going along slowly.

Trench RE (East extension)

At 9:10 AM I transfer 4 men from trench **SN** to trench **R** which I propose to extend to the east. I am interested in learning more about the wall which runs east from the large threshold block and seems to belong with the latter.

This extension of R to east I call "**RE**."

RE I

RE I 0.00-0.35 RE extends ca. ~~4.50~~ 6.00 m eastw from threshold block and is ca. 2.50 wide. RE I contains a fair amount of LM III pottery. Note number of kylix stems.

RE trench 6.00 Eastw from threshold block

but begins ca. 2.00 " " " RE is therefore ca. 4.00 long.

In the afternoon RE is carried ca. 2.00 m farther east and dug to a deeper level.

RE II

RE II 0.35-0.60. LM III pottery. Some vases may be reconstructed in part as several modest nests of sherds were found.

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RE walls

In trench RE there are faint traces of a wall running E and W about in line with large threshold block but this wall is very poorly preserved.

[top plan of RE]

Two **NError! Bookmark not defined.**-S walls appear. One is ca. 1.30 E. of threshold block and seems to form a corner with E.-W. wall from that block. The other is ca. 4.60 E. of threshold block. I am extending trench to south in pursuit of this wall.

House P

More than half of the pile of earth east of kitchen of House P has now been transferred. I am beginning to clear up the wall east of this.

Scott, Megaron House

Scott is following out a series of walls to the east of Megaron house. One of these walls seems a rather good one ca. 8.00 m long.

Philadelphus

At 6:00 PM the ephor Philadelphus came out for a few minutes.

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Tuesday 30 May 1916

Work at Korako 14 men and (*sousta*). I continue work of yesterday – removing earth and following walls.

[James and Nakassis**Error! Bookmark not defined.**= a *sousta* is a cart]

RE wall

The wall in RE (ment. on p. 3) apparently continues southward but in a continually poorer condition. Its northern part is only ca. 0.20 below ground but farther south ca. 0.60 below present surface. In this S. part the wall is covered by a thick layer of ashes – the same as noted last year in R.

Annex of House P, PE I and II, room east of NE chamber of House P

I have cleaned up east wall of room east of NE chamber of House P and am clearing some side walls from this. The plan has not yet become clear. Pottery from along these walls is LM III labelled PE I and II ca. 0.00-0.60 deep.

Annex of House P, Pithos

Just inside apparent north wall of this east room ca. 1.50 from NE corner we have run into a large pithos partly broken but partly retaining its shape standing ~~up~~(?) on its side we are clearing round it.

Annex of House P, walls

The north wall of this East room extends west to NE corner of House P but for only 1/2 this distance preserved to a considerable height. Near axis of this so-called room there is a branch wall running southward. The rear

line goes on westward but instead of being found 0.20 below ground we have to go at least 0.50.

Annex of House P, Pithos

The pithari. It is lying on side top toward east. At least one half and bottom missing. It is a simple pithos rather wide for its height ~~made of~~ undecorated and made of coarse brown clay ca. 0.65 in diameter. One handle is preserved. The preserved part is broken – 5 or 6 pieces. The pithos lay at pt 5 (page 5). I have now removed it.

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“East Room” east of House P

“Annex” of House P

[large sketch of part of House P east of NE Room with numbered points and both of the titles above]

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Annex of House P (aka PE), walls

East Room (E of House P). In the NE corner of this room some walls have come to light. I think there are two sets an earlier and a later. The later walls seem to form a small chamber measuring ca. 5.00 m. **NError! Bookmark not defined.**-S x 4.50 E-W pts. 1-2-3-4 in sketch on preceding page. Pts. 5-6 7-8 are on earlier walls at a somewhat deeper level. I don't understand these walls yet.

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Wednesday 31 May 1916

14 men (and *sousta*) at Korako.

SN and SS intro

This morning I started two new trenches running E-W for a considerable distance. One is north of S and the other south of S. I call these “SN” (it crosses SN of page 1 and 2) and “SS” respectively. I intend to run them right across between L and P looking for Mycenaean house walls. 2 men on SN 3 on SS.

Dirt pile

3 men are removing heap of dirt just east of “Megaron house” to the north to the edge of hill.

Scott

Scott has 4 men following walls. 2 boys washing pottery etc.

SN walls

4 men worked all day on SN and SS.

SN is ca. 14.00 m long running directly east from pt. 2 on page 5. This trench is ca. 0.50 wide. There is a wall running E and W almost the whole length of the trench beginning at corner by point (2). 6.00 m east of (2) a wall branches off at rt. angles to S. We followed this ca. m almost to the scarp of trench S. It stopped before reaching S however but may turn to west.

We dug a hole ca. 3.00 m to west and found a continuation of a wall there.

SN hydria

Just east of point (1) (page 5) 0.35 below ground close to wall (1)-(2) we found a hydria fair-sized in many pieces but practically complete. Simple LM III parall. lines in red.

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SS walls

SS is 26.00 m long and numerous walls appear in it. SS runs directly east from near point (13) cf. page 5. But the trench begins ca. 3.00 m east of (13). Going eastward there is a wall running east along **NError! Bookmark not defined.** side of trench beginning 2.10 from W. end of trench. Near 7.00 m from west end of trench a wall branches South at rt. angles. Another crosses trench in North and South direction ca. 12.00 m from west end. The east and west wall along N side of trench extends to this 12.00 m wall.

Scott's section, LE east wall (cf. NB 83, p. 2), Minyan House

Scott's section. Scott has been following out a series of walls all day to the east of Megaron House L and quite far down the slope. Along his east wall (LE east wall) his men have gathered a great quantity of Minyan ware and Matmalerei. It looks to me as if this wall forms surely part of a Minyan house. The wall is rather narrower than the LM III walls higher up on the hill. Some Urfirnis also appears. I noticed one piece – white on black like the Hagia Marina kind.

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Thursday 1 June 1916

Ascension Day. Holiday. No work.

Friday 2 June 1916

Work continued at Korako with 11 men (and 1 *sousta*). I have 2 men chasing walls in trench SS and 2 others doing similar work in SN.

Scott has 4 men running down walls.

1 extra man shovelling dirt.

2 boys washing potsherds

Trench N, north-south wall

After breakfast two of Scott's men were transferred to trench N of last year where they begin to follow up the good North-South wall partly uncovered last year. This wall is built of fair sized stones.

Photograph

Photograph. CWB film H I 7. Minyan house wall (RWS-east wall middle section) from south. Zembili and Manoli in foreground. [AddN: in ink (CWB 117)]

Trench N, pitcher

In trench N 0.20 below ground just south of wall corner where wall turns west we found a small pitcher – broken into 3 pieces by Aleko's pick. It is perfectly plain of brick red clay.

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Drawing of PE, S, SN and SS, N trenches

[drawing of PE, S, SN and SS, N trenches, walls, west of Megaron House with numbered points]

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On preceding page is a sketch of trenches and walls roughly to scale including groups S N SN and SS

This represents state of affairs up to Friday evening.

Saturday 3 June 1916

Holiday. Onomastic *heorte* of Constantine and Helen. No work. Scott went to Athens.

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Monday 5 June 1916

14 men and 1 *sousta*. Work at Korako.

Scott has not come back from Athens so I have charge of the whole dig.

I have 4 crews of two men each (1 pick and 1 shovel) following walls. 3 in Mycenaean region west of Megaron house and 1 (Manole) in Minyan house district farther east.

There is one crew of 3 men moving piled earth from a Minyan room.

2 boys washing pottery.

1 boy stayed at Old C. to do some cleaning till breakfast. He will be added to the gang of earth removers.

Trench N

Trench N. There is a good wall in this trench extending N-S for a long distance cf (52)-(53) (55) (56) (57)-(58) in sketch on p. 10. It looks to me as if this may turn out to be the east wall of another house like the

Megaron House L. Later it begins to look as if the whole line is not continuous (52)-(53)-one wall (55)-(56) another. A fearfully trying day. Tremendous NW wind fills our eyes nose ears and spirits with dirt.

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Scott's, Minyan Error! Bookmark not defined. **Quarter, wall (l) (m) (o) (p), wall (q) (r), cf. NB83, p. 3**

Eastern Section (Minyan Error! Bookmark not defined. Quarter?)
Manoli has cleared a wall (l) (m) 0.40 thick to a length of 2.60 m. At (m) it joins another wall near a corner. This wall proceeds ca. 2.00 m **NError! Bookmark not defined.** then breaks but after ca. 0.50 continues again ca. 3.00 m. Pottery from (l) (m) (o) (p) in one basket 0.00-0.30.

[sketch of walls with points l, m, o, p, q, r, q']

Pottery from (q) (r) in one basket 0-0.30.

LE trench S I

From a point North of (p) Manoli has dug a trench ca. 8.50 m eastward finding a wall of sorts toward the east end. I call this trench "S". Pottery from S labelled LE trench S I 0-0.25. Left in trench.

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Top plan, Southern extension of SS

[sketch: "Southern extension of SS"]
Situation evening of June 5th

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Top plan, Trench N

[sketch: "Trench N"]

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Top plan, Trenches SN, SE, SS, pit S

[sketch of trenches SN, SE, SS, pit S]

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Trench SE, walls

Trench SE. This is a connecting trench running east of pit S between the two lines SS and SN. The walls in SE are rather complicated. I have been wondering whether the whole north-south wall here isn't really continuous corresponding to Wall **NError! Bookmark not defined.** further east. N might be the east wall and SE the west wall of a house. Certainly the two are united by one good cross wall (which runs east from pt. (28)).

But the wall in SE doesn't seem very homogenous. For 2.00 m S N of pt. (26) it is well preserved and near surface of ground. Then it drops to a much lower level and the east face is not in same line (or it may have fallen). From (27) to (48) it seems like a different wall again tho the direction is the same as that of the first section. At (48) a branch to east but only a stub ca. 1.00 m long. From (48)-(49) the wall seems a little irregular but exists. Near (49) a branch goes out southeast. Not yet cleared.

The group (45)-(46)-(47) seems rather peculiar making a small chamber ca. 1.60 wide. The wall is very thick (water tank?). There are traces of ashes inside. The orientation is not much different from that of the large threshold block in R.

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Tuesday 6 June 1916

14 laborers and a *sousta* at Korako.

I have 2 on trench SS S.west extension.

2 on south part of N

2 on SN wall **Error! Bookmark not defined.** w and main trench south of w

4 removing pile of earth from east of Megaron house [AddN: from west of it in PM]

2 washing pottery

2 in Minyan **Error! Bookmark not defined.** quarter under Scott

Heavy wall, east end of hill

In the course of the morning I moved the two men from wall w to east end of the hill where there is some slight indication at one point of the presence of a heavy wall.

SS SW extension "Area O"

In trench SS SW extension cf. plan p. 19 we seem finally to have found a doorway to a house. Walls b c h and i look as if they form an entrance vestibule. But what constitutes the house to north I don't know yet.

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Trench SS SW extension

cf above p. 14

[sketch of walls with small letters underlined used to indicate walls]

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Trench N, South end

Trench N. Aleko has been digging all day at S. end of N and has found several walls as follows:

South of wall **Error! Bookmark not defined.** (55)-(57) (page 15) after an interval of 1.20 another wall runs S. ca. 2.80 in same line (parallel to W. wall of Megaron house approximately). At this S. end of the wall a diagonal wall continues SW (like that going SE from E wall of Megaron house).

The diagonal wall runs 3.00 m. From this point there is an apparently double-curved wall running west to trench γ (page 16). The relations of these walls is still an open question. Just at the edge of trench γ (gamma) is a huge rounded stone that looks almost like a col. base. This stone is ca. 0.65 m in diameter. Just southeast of it is a doorway in the east-west wall. This doorway is 0.95 wide. The door was on south side of wall as shown by pivot stone still in place on west side of doorway. Inside (?) to north is a raised threshold (ca. 0.15 higher than pivot) as wide as the door. Only the middle part 0.50 wide shows wear of use. So door must have been rather narrow. North of the threshold is a stone pavement.

Philadelphus

Philadelphus came ca. 5:15 and interrupted me for almost 1 hr. till past closing time.

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Top plan, South part of N

[top plan: "South part of N" and Trench SS label]

NB84, p. 22

Wednesday 7 June 1916

15 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.

I have 3 sets of 2 men hunting walls.

1 in SS 1 in N 1 in SW = 6

4 men removing earth.

2 " in Minyan **Error! Bookmark not defined.** quarter.

2 washing pottery.

1 boy works at house till breakf. After breakf. added to gang moving earth

SW extension

Beginning yesterday afternoon ca. 4:00 PM two men have been working in a new trench to the west of S. I call it "SW". It begins near pt. (9) on page 5 and goes east ca. 4.00 m then swings northward to trench SN. Nothing particularly interesting appears here yet tho there are a couple of stubs of wall. In the course of the morning this trench was extended southward to SS. This revealed a wall running east and west parallel to SS but 1.40 m north of that trench. It runs along quite close to the S. side of S. There is a branch running north near the west side of S. The east-west line we have followed 6.00 m. I have drawn this in in the sketch on p. 19.

Megaron House L

Most of the force is engaged in moving earth today clearing the area we intend to dig. This work began around the Megaron house E. and W. and proceeds westward.

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House M, Baetylic Column Base

Baetylic Column Base (no 3)

This afternoon I came to the conclusion that east of the Megaron House separated from it by ca. 2.70 m was another house in almost the same position. So on a chance I measured out with Scott's assistance the likely spot from the col. base. Manoli being called to dig responded nobly and in a few minutes he found the col. base. It is at about same level as the Baetyl in Megaron House but doesn't seem quite round. It has a flat top however. The house is 5.60 wide.

East Alley

We have cleared the south 2/3 of the alley between the Megaron House and the new house down to a level about with Megaron floor. Practically no finds here. Some LM III sherds.

House O and K

In the region between Meg house L and House P it begins to look as if there may be two large houses facing S. each separated from other by an alley. Also an alley to E. and W.

House K

Of these 2 possible houses the eastern is next to Megaron House but between is an alley ca. 3.30 wide. This house has for its eastern wall the south part of N (cf. plan on p. 21). Its western wall would be that drawn on p. 16. The total width of the house would then be ca. 11.00 m. Of course this is a mere guess and may turn out to be all wrong.

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Thursday 8 June 1916

14 men at Korako. The horse which usually pulls our *sousta* was lost during the night so there was no cart this morning. We hastily got a horse and an ass and loaded the outfit on them but our loss of time was nearly ½ hr.

Today we continue moving earth and clearing alley east of Meg. House (4 men)

Moving earth and digging just west of Meg. House (8 men) 1 digging 7 moving earth

Photograph

Photograph CWB film 2 exp 9 (1/50 d 11)
2 col. bases and hearth from south [AddN in ink: CWB 119]

House Ψ (labelled O on final plan)

I have begun this morning to clear the area (in part at least) shown in sketch on page 27. This looks like a house with a gateway at SW corner. I am clearing first the room into which the gateway leads. I call the house Ψ (Psoma's house)

House Ψ (=House O), Section (A)

First is section marked (A). By 4:30 PM this has been cut down 0.35 without any indication of a definite floor level. (A) is ca 2.00 x 3.00 m.

House Ψ (=House O), Section (F)

We have begun to cut down section (F). Here in east part of section there seems to be a floor level at a depth of ca 0.15. No such floor in west part. The pottery found in (F) (down to 0.15) was not much and was all LM III of poor quality. I discarded it all.

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Top plan, House Ψ

[sketch of House Ψ]
House (?)Ψ

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Top plan, Trench N

Clearing of trench N etc.
[sketch of trench N]

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Trench N alley, north section

Between wall **Error! Bookmark not defined.** and Megaron house to east there seems to be an alley like the one to east of Meg. House. I am having the north end of this alley cut down 0.15 to 0.20 from surface. The alley here is ca 2.00 wide and section being dug- i.e. north section is ca. 5.00 m long. There seems to be a fair no. of potsherds.

Nothing much turned up in this section but a rather dilapidated wall running SEwards quite near wall but diverging slightly to SE.

House M

The new house M is interesting. The Megaron has been cleared almost entirely now. It looks as if there is a door opening into the Megaron from the alley to the west.

carpenter

Today I hired a carpenter who began work at noon. His name Αθανάσιος Μικρός 4.00 δρ per day. He is to make trays of our lumber.

47 *zembilia* from Athens arrived.

φρούραρχος

The φρούραρχος of Corinth Col. Malamos on a fine horse visited our dig for a few moments this morning.

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Saturday 10 June 1916

15 men and 1 *soutsa* at Korako

1 pick and 5 earth haulers on south chamber of House M

1 pick on House Ψ

1 pick on House K (cf. p. 25)

5 earth removers House K and Λ

2 pot**Error! Bookmark not defined.** washers

House K=Aleko's house

In Aleko's house – house K (p. 25) we are clearing two small sections (N**Error! Bookmark not defined.**) and (L).

House Ψ = House O = Psomas' house

In Psomas' house we are cutting down section (C) (p. 27) House Ψ

House P, Annex SW

After breakfast we begin cutting down in west half of south room of Annex to house P. For plan cf. page 5. I am finally digging a trench in this section.

Greek**Error! Bookmark not defined.** **grave, archaic terracotta figurine****Error! Bookmark not defined.**

Terracotta 0.25 below ground just inside S wall ca. 3.00 m east of pt. (12) (page 5). Politopoulos found a terracotta which seems to have formed part of a group. The head is preserved complete body broken. Figure wears a crown and a sort of disk remains on left shoulder. Right side broken away. Looks Greek.; but is badly coated with lime etc. and needs cleaning before can be identified. Face is rather archaic.

Near this same place and deeper a number of Greek potsherds have turned up. I suspect there is a Greek grave near by perhaps plundered and the contents looted or scattered.

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Photographs

Photographs CWB Film J.

exp. 10. General view of dig looking east from top of dirt pile south of Annex of House P [AddN: in ink CWB 120]

exp. 11. View of rear chambers of House P from same point as 10 [AddN: in ink CWB 121]

exp. 12. LM. Doorway showing pivot stone and flat round stone north of doorway from south part of House K (cf. pt. d p. 25) [AddN: in ink CWB 122]

House P, Annex SW, GreekError! Bookmark not defined. grave

Trench in west part of south room of Annex to House P (cf. page 30). I have dug this trench down 0.80 m. For ca. 0.50 m there were a few Greek sherds found. After that apparently only LM III and at 0.80 2 or 3 sherds of Minyan. My theory was that we were near a Greek grave.

There is not much indication of stratification in the trench.

I am having another trench dug eastward from the first one thru the east half of same room.

Monday 12 June 1916

Holiday of Hagia Triada. No work. Wace arrived today. Also Miss Negrepono. She stays over night in the D's house.

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Tuesday 13 June 1916

14 men and a *sousta* at Korako.

Manoli digs in rear chamber of House M

Aleko in house K

Anastasios Psomas in house P (megaron)

Mitsos Prevangas in house P

= 4 picks. 8 removing earth

2 washing pottery

Scott arrived from Athens ca. 11:00 AM

House K

Aleko digging in section (O) of house K finds a stone pavement ca. 0.25 below ground.

House P

In House P we are clearing the section south of the Baetyl (a trench through this last year showed a hearth).

Also the section east of the Baetyl (and NE) to see if the area of pavement of pebbles extends eastward. This part is east of pit P. The paved area proved not to extend far east.

We are beginning to clear the whole region of the front part of House P.

Miss Negrepono left after lunch for Athens.

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House K, Sections (O) and (N)

House K. In section (O) at ca. 0.25 below ground we have found a pavement of stones of fair size. This stretches northward from the E.-W. wall at pt. (58) for 2.90 m. The pavement stops here in a straight line of division running west to wall S at pt. (60) (cf. sketch on page 25).

We are now clearing section (N **Error! Bookmark not defined.**). Quite a number of sherds just above or in this stone pavement.

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Wednesday 14 June 1916

16 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.

This morning we began to put up a small shelter to furnish shade. Aleko undertakes to set up the poles which Christo Psomas and Dem. Roumeliolis lend us.

- 1) Manolis works in rear chamber of House M clearing floors and walls
- 2) Alekos works in house K clearing floors etc. and looking for walls
- 3) Anast. Psomas and George Politopoulos and
- 4) Mitso the Bulgarian refugee work in
- 5) House P clearing walls, etc. all south of Baetyl

The preceding are all picks 5.

9 men carrying away dirt.

Before breakfast Aleko set up the poles for our hut. After breakfast I sent two men with *sousta* to get reeds for covering the poles. They came back at noon with the reeds.

House P, Greek level

House P We have cut down the whole south part ca. 0.25 and more in some places.

Just east of pit P and south of door into east chamber of P we have cleared down to ca. 0.35. Here is a thick layer of snailshells showing in S. scarp of pit P. In this layer 0.35-0.40 below ground are a fair number of Greek sherds. Possibly a Greek level?

Malaria

2 men got sick and left today -one malaria and one cramps.

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House K

House K In house K in sections (Y) and (Z) around the queer flat stone (μ) (cf. page 24-25) we have found a monumental pavement of large slabs of coarse conglomerate. It seems ~~round~~ circular in plan with the flat stone ment. above projecting out from the western circumference. This circular paved area extends right under the wall (k – l) (cf. p. 25) to east. The pavement is raised somewhat along circumference and depressed toward center like a shallow bowl.

Beirut College

The Director arrived this afternoon from Athens. The Beirut College party came up from Nauplia and had tea and dinner with us at Old C.

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Thursday 15 June 1916

14 men and 1 sousta at Korako.

One man was taken ill before breakfast and departed (του έκοβε η κοιλιά).

[James and Nakassis **Error! Bookmark not defined.**: “his stomach cut”?]

Tzonou-Herbst=He had stomach cramps.

There seems a little dissatisfaction with the water. I am ordering the water boy to draw from another spring (near the *alonia* on the way home).

2 men digging in P (one went home)

2 “ “ “ K

1 “ “ “ house north of M

7 “ hauling earth

2 boys washing sherds

Beirut College

During the morning the Director visited the dig. Also the Beirut College party. They all went to Old C. for lunch.

Between House L and K

In the region south of wall $\epsilon - \zeta$ we have dug a trench eastw. to wall of Megaron house. Some very good sherds are coming out here at a depth of 0.25 to 0.50. Chiefly LM III (but many of good quality) and a few possible LM II.

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Top plan of alley between House K and L

[sketch entitled “East line of house? K”]

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House P, bronze knife in altar

House P

The mound paved with pebbles north of the Baetyl. Last year I had an idea this might be an altar. It appears now that there are a great many potsherds in the mound. On the south side near the baetyl we found a small bronze knife fairly well preserved. The knife is 0.1475 m. long the blade 0.0945 long the handle part 0.053 m. long. The blade is 0.0175 wide and tapers. The handle was probably of wood and was fastened by 3 rivets which are still in place in the bronze shaft.

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen 1921, p. 108, fig. 133, no. 1, now stored in PG, case 2, drawer 11.

We propose to make an incision into the mound to see what it really contains.

Shore House=House H

Manoli has continued digging in Scott's so-called east shore room. This looks like a separate house facing east instead of a rear apartment to M. So I am having Manoli clear the area to the eastward in the place where the megaron ought to be.

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Friday 16 June 1916

14 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako

1 pickman in house P
 2 " in house K
 1 " " "shore house"
 2 washing pottery
 8 moving earth

Between House L and K, gem with cuttle fish

North of wall $\epsilon - \zeta$ we have now dug a trench down ca 0.55 m. Here we find that the diagonal wall $l - \epsilon$ (cf. p. 37) makes a corner turning Northwestward. This corner is under wall $\epsilon - \zeta$. Just south of this lower wall (i.e. in the interior angle Aleko found a small gem of bluish stone. Pierced. Carved on one side perhaps representing cuttle fish (I gave Aleko 1.00 $\delta\rho$.)

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen 1921, p. 105, fig. 130, no. 9, now stored in PG, case 2, drawer 11.

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Top plan, House P Megaron

[sketch: House P Megaron]

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Measurements of points on page 40

A – B = 4.95	B – C = 2.92	A – C = 4.29	
A – 1 = 5.28	B – 1 = 0.73	C – 1 = 2.57	1 – 2 = 1.08
2 = 4.89	2 = 1.59	2 = 1.51	2 – 3 = 1.09
3 = 3.82	3 = 1.63	3 = 1.54	

Photographs

Photographs CWB film J (J) exp. 7 – 10

7) Baetyl and pebble mound from SE 1/50 d 8

8) “ “ “ “ “ SSE 1/50 d 11 [MN: ~~CWB 129~~]

9) “ “ “ “ “ SW 1/50 d 11 [MN: CWB 129]

10) “ “ “ “ and hearth from S 1/50 d 11 [MN: CWB 130]

House P, Altar North of Baetyl

The Altar approximately square 1.10 x 1.10 m. has a stone retaining wall frame on west. No stone frame on other sides. Top is covered with loose sea pebbles and is practically level with top of Baetyl. Interior of the mound is of reddish earth and ashes. Some pebbles and a good many potsherds – mostly of rather fine fabric. Anast. is beginning to remove this mound.

The hearth is S. of Baetyl roughly square in plan 1.35 N-S x 1.36 E-W.

Photographs

Film 15-J-7 = 85-145-35 (35 mm)

-8 = 85-144-2 (“)

Tzonou-Herbst= Note on film numbers is added by Nancy Bookidis.

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Shore House=House H

“Shore” house

We have cleared the north half of the eastern part (or Megaron) to a depth of 0.45 and a small Baetyl has turned up 0.35 in diameter. It is rather well cut – circular. It seems to be a rather thin round slab – not a deep-set col. base.

In this region are sherds from several LM III kylikes.

House H pot closet at point x

Fragments of a large no. of pots appear to have been thrown away at the corner marked (x). We have retrieved here three pots at least almost complete.

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Top plan, House H

[sketch titled “Plan of Shore House (and House M)”]

NB84, p. 44

Saturday 17 June 1916

14 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako

1 pick in Shore house

1 “ “ M

1 “ “ K

1 “ “ P

9 earth removers

2 pot boys

House P, PC aryballos on floor of NE room

In P Anastasios digging in Northeast corner of supposed Megaron has turned up Greek sherds at a depth of ca. 0.50-0.55 at level of floor of NE room. Among these sherds is a Protocorinthian aryballos.

House K, sections P and Q

House K This seems an awful mess. I can't make out the plan yet at all. One man is clearing walls and sweeping up. In the northwest corner of what I take to be the house (i.e., in sections (P) and (Q) on page 25) Aleko has uncovered a small paved hearth and near it to south a raised pebble pavement.

House K, south part

South part of K No rooms can be made out but we have a good deal of pavement in sections here and there. In central portion are some pieces of what looks like enormous rock slabs (soft rock of the hill) forming a floor. They are very irregular and at a comparatively high level.

NB84, p. 45

Top plan, House K with walls at high and low level indicated

[sketch labelled "House K"]

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East Shore House

East Shore House. We are digging out the eastern part of the megaron. Several more ~~ele~~ nests of sherds of kylikes have turned up.

Sunday 18 June 1916

We spent a good part of the day in the museum sorting pottery and emptying baskets into trays.

House P, vase decorated with ducks

In the pottery from the pebble paved mound north of the Baetyl in P we found a good many fragments of a late LM III bowl decorated with ducks (and other birds). One large sherd came from last year's dig in same region (?). By rather patient search in the trays we finally managed to get many joins and have now nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of the pot. We have all or part of 3 ducks. There were 4 but the fourth is missing.

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen 1921, p. 62, fig. 86, deep bowl decorated in the Close Style, now on display in PG

CP 201

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Monday 19 June 1916

12 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako
 1 man digging in K
 1 " " " L
 1 " " " M
 1 " " " Shore house
 4 picks 7 earth removes 1 pottery

House L, south half of megaron

In house L in the southern part of the Megaron I am clearing away the earth down to the level of the floor of the earlier house. This is ca 0.10-0.15 m below floor level of later house. We find a rather good hard pavement here at the lower level S. of the Baetyl.

By 4:30 PM the south half of the megaron was cleared and swept up. There is a basket of pottery from this floor. It seems to contain pretty ordinary LM III late style. No whole pots. In the SW corner of the megaron is a low stone foundation which must have served some purpose in the older house. It resembles the foundation in SW corner of vestibule of same house.

House P, CP 201

After 4:30 PM I transferred Anastasios to P where he began sifting the earth dug out from the pebble-paved mound north of the Baetyl. We hope to recover a few more fragments of our duck pot which came from this place. He succeeded in finding one fair sized sherd of our pot and one or two very small.

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House K, wall (q)

House K

We are attempting to find out the meaning and connections of the lower-level wall (91) – (92) – (93) – (94) – (95) (on page 45). At the south end of our dig it seems to form a corner with (q) which runs westward. The

wall seems fairly solid and substantial. It can be traced as far south as wall (q) (p. 45). Apparently it joins wall (q) and proceeds westward.

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Tuesday 20 June 1916

12 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako
Distribution same as yesterday

House K, room (70) – (75) – (76) – (77), bronze pin

In House ? K I put Aleko in the NE corner of our two long walls (55) – (58) and (70) – (71).

Here we found a small room (70) – (75) – (76) – (77) in plan on page 45. The floor of the room is fairly well preserved made of white clay. In center of room seems to be a ~~fireplace~~ hearth. Over against the wall is a raised area of yellowish clay. Behind this raised clay area there is a curious break in the wall. At first sight one might think the raised pavement belonged to a fireplace which extended (perhaps with a chimney) into the wall itself. But the pavement doesn't show much evidence of fire and furthermore the interruption in the wall is beginning to look as if caused by the abstraction of a fairly large sized corner stone. For we find that a branch wall leads off to the north toward the return of N at pt. (54) (cf. p. 15). Just outside the room to the east of the branch wall at a depth of ca. 0.40 we found a bronze pin broken into 2 pieces in extracting it).

Tzonou-Herbst= Blegen 1921, p. 108, fig. 133, no. 4, now on display.

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House P, CP 201, NW and NE chamber

House P Anastasios finished sifting the earth from the pebble altar (?) this morning and found one or two more very small pieces from duck pot.

After this I let him dig along the threshold of the NW chamber of P to learn more about the form of the threshold. Not much light was shed on this. Anastasios also cleaned up the threshold of the NE chamber with no better results. It is merely a depressed part of the wall.

In the NW chamber Anastasios finds a fairly well marked floor level ca. 0.05 to 0.10 below the present dug level of last year. We only cleared a small piece of this.

House K

In the afternoon Anastasios was set to work in K to help find a solution for the problem of the innumerable short walls etc. He begins clearing floor of room in NW corner of K where hearth was found a few days ago. Later he cleared to south.

The huge stone slab pavement ment. on page 44 turns out on reexamination to be an artificial pavement of some *migma* [James and Nakassis **Error! Bookmark not defined.:** what is a *migma*?] or other. Looks rather good.

Tzonou-Herbst=*Migma* is mixture.

This was a very hot day.

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Top Plan, House K and N

[sketch labelled “NE corner of House K and S part of N”]

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Wednesday 21 June 1916 (very hot)

Pottery thrown and saved

No work at Korako. Wace, Scott and I spent the day at the Museum sorting pottery etc. We did a good day’s work and finally caught up. An enormous amount of worthless junk was thrown away and the hundred or more trays and boxes were concentrated into ca 32 or so.

The most interesting vases are the

CP 201

Duck vase from P. We got a couple more tiny fragments.

CP 305

“Lustral bowl” from R – a monochrome red bowl (good varnish) with 2 handles and a spout

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen 1921, p. 64, fig. 90, Spouted bowl, Red Monochrome Ware, Late Helladic III, now stored in OM.

LM III bowl from east end of dig somewhere

7 or 8 (or more) kylikes from Shore house

Urfirnis cup from LE somewhere

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Thursday 22 June 1916

12 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako

Anast. Psomas in P

Aleko in K

Scott has 1 pick in alley betw. L and M and 1 in House M

[MN: total 4]

6 carrying off earth

2 washing pots

House P, CP 201, NW chamber

House P I put Anastasi in House P to take out more of the pebble paved mound north of Baetyl (ca. ¼ of it remained from a few days ago). The purpose of digging this is to get a few more fragments of the Duck vase if possible.

This purpose was realized for we had found 6 pieces (2 fairly sizeable) before breakfast. No more turned up I think. After finishing all but NE corner of mound Anast. dug in NW chamber of P carrying the level down to an earlier floor ca 0.05 below the dug level as we found it.

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House K, walls

House K In the region of House (?) K or rather behind it in (N) we are still trying to find an understandable plan in the walls. Aleko has cleared the N. face of the long rear wall of K (70) – (71) on page 45. We find there are 2 branch walls running north. Both are very short and may possibly have served as buttresses. They come at 1.80 m and 6.70 m respectively from the corner of the east wall (70) – (75) (cf. page 51). The eastern most of these two buttress like walls may however not have been a real buttress, for apparently there was a door or some sort of opening in the main wall just to the east and the short wall (b) probably had some connection with the opening.

Another wall that looks like a buttress is on wall (N) marked (d) on page 51. This wall runs ca 1.25 east from the main wall. Still another buttress may be the wall (g) on page 51.

House K, NE chamber, circular foundation

Aleko continues cleaning up K. The NE chamber has been all dug down to pavement level. In area to S. beyond a light wall Aleko is clearing another floor level - ca. same level as in NE. Against the north wall here (i.e. the light wall ment. above = (75) – (76) on page 51) is a curious circular foundation of 1 course ((q) on page 51). Apparently we are in another room here. The east end of it is paved with fairly large stones. Purpose of circular foundation not clear yet.

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Friday 23 June 1916

13 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako
 Anastas. Psomas in House P
 Aleko in K
 George Politopoulos in alley betw. L and M
 Manoli east of M
 [MN: total 4 picks]
 7 carrying earth etc.

2 washing pots

House P, vestibule

P Anast. Ps. is clearing the vestibule to south taking it down to floor level. Nothing much turned up here.

East Alley I-V

The most interesting trench today is in the alley between L and M where we are going down to a considerable depth. In the top layers LM III of late sort is characteristic. At depth of ca 0.75 there begin to be a good many LM II sherds and at 1.00 m LM I seems to be predominant. We got a good many fine sherds – especially fragments of a pot with octopods separated by a lily design (?) We have both handles and numerous chunks of this.

Tzonou-Herbst=CP 3012, 3013, 3014, 3015, 3016 (Blegen 1921, p. 47, fig. 63, no. 12), 3017, 3018, 3019, 3020 (Blegen 1921, p. 47, fig. 63, no. 7), now stored PG, case 1, drawer 1. Dated LH II by Blegen.

CP 3012, 3013, 3014, 3015, 3016, 3017, 3018, 3019, 3020

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House K, south part

K Aleko is clearing a floor level in south part of (K) just S. of stone pavement cleared up yesterday.

House K, Beirut pottery

In angle where “Beirut pottery” was found – or rather exactly at point (k) page 45 we found a nest of sherds of 2 or 3 pots one is a coarse cooking vessel – one a rather good, painted Mycenaean large bowl? many sherds look fairly good style decoration but in bad condition paint has come off and clay very fragile.

Tzonou-Herbst= See p. 73, NB 84.

House K, north rooms

In south part of (K) we find floor levels and pavements of sorts almost everywhere but I can't make out any satisfactory ground plan anywhere. To the north we apparently have two rooms side by side as in sketch on page 51. But to the south of these rooms there is no certainty as to what there was. Perhaps there was a paved open court (?) The walls of the two north rooms (or rather of the NE room for the NW room has no walls yet found) are very poor and shallow (except possibly the long north wall). The dividing wall is wretchedly built. It consists of only one course of stones.

NB84, p. 57

Saturday 24 June 1916

Same force as yesterday. Same distribution except that I put Anast. Psomas in House Ψ instead of in P.

House Ψ, section (G), (H)

House Ψ Anast. spent the greater part of the day clearing out section (G) (cf. page 27) down to a depth of ca 0.25 and doing some in section (H). Nothing important turned up save a small stub of wall in (G). In the potsherds from (G), I noticed 1 Grk. piece. Also a fragment of a Mycen. dolly.

House K, ground plan

House K Aleko worked all day cleaning up the walls and pavement all from the area beginning in NE corner. He is doing a good job and the general appearance of the place is much improved. When he finishes it may be possible to get an idea of the ground plan of the building.

House K, wall (f)

Nothing new turned up except a pivot stone at the east end of wall (f) (page 51) in north side of wall. Apparently there was a doorway into the alley here. It must have been narrow, for the distance from the pivot stone to the wall of House L is only 0.42 m.

This room must lie very late LM III for wall (f) is only a surface wall and consists of but one course.

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East Alley I – VII, pottery

I spent nearly the whole day in the East Alley digging up sherds with an excavation knife. We got an interesting series of Mycenaean pottery. From ca. 0.50 onward there were fairly numerous good sherds LM III. At ca. 0.80-0.90 we began to get very many good sherds – chiefly LM II apparently.

East Alley I – IV=LM III

East Alley I (0.00-0.20) II 0.20-0.40 III 0.40-0.60 IV 0.60-0.80 almost all LM III

East Alley V

V 0.80-1.00 Good sherds. Many fine painted one LM II

East Alley VI**CP 3012, 3013, 3014, 3015, 3016, 3017, 3018, 3019, 3020**

VI 1.00-1.20 Excellent sherds in great quantities. We have fragments of octopod pot palm leaf pot lily pot 2 seaweed pots, several good cups etc. Many fine LM I pieces.

Tzonou-herbst=Blegen 1921, p. 46, fig. 62, p. 47, fig. 63.

East Alley VII

VII 1.20- ~~1.40~~ 1.50 LM I continues. 1 fine LM I cup looks imported from Crete – (as is seaweed pot of VI). Practically no Minyan.

East Alley floor level at V

There seems to be a floor level at 0.85 or 0.90 (This corresponds to 0.80 in Trench L of last year) Below this floor are great masses of sherds.

Pay day. I paid off tonight total 528.75

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Sunday 25 June 1916

East Alley pottery

We spent the whole day in the museum sorting and washing pottery and making joins. There is some fine pottery from East Alley. We have fragments of numerous vases preserved in large part. Some of these are the “palm vase” the “lily pot” “the octopod pot” – several other lily pots several seaweed pots and many thin LM I cups. These latter cups and the sea weed pots look like direct importations from Crete.

CP 333

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen 1921, plate VII, no. 1, now in the OM.

Ephyraean pottery, definition of

The chief discovery however is that we apparently have a new style of Mycenaean pottery. Its characteristic features are these: [MN: “Ephyraean” refers to the following three characteristics]

Minyan shape – i.e. goblet or rather squat kylix with round stemmed base
Mycenaean technique. The vase is made of yellow-green clay and covered with a yellow buff slip which varies in quality but often reaches a very high grade of excellence.

Cretan designs On this fine slip are painted designs in imitation of Cretan LM I or LM II. The paint varies but is generally of a superior quality highly lustrous. The whole effect is very artistic. The palm vase is particularly handsome (we have most of it) and the octopod pot likewise.

CP 293

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen 1921, plate VII, no. 2, now on display in GG, case 8.

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Monday 26 June 1916

Ephyra, first mention of

12 men and *sousta* at Ephyra.

House Ψ

Anast. Ps. works in rear ? portion of House Ψ clearing to floor level.

House K

Aleko in K finishes sweeping up and pastrepsying [James and Nakassis **Error! Bookmark not defined.: Anglicization of Greek word?**].

Tzonou-Herbst=παστρεύω means clean up, tidy up, put things in their proper place.

West Alley, first mention of

Just before noon I put him in the west Alley north of wall (f) (p. 51). Here we plan to dig down a meter or more to see if we meet the same deposit of LM II and LM I sherds we struck in East Alley.

West Alley I-II pottery

West Alley I-II 0.00-0.40 looks like nothing but "junk."

East Alley VIII pottery, LM I

In East Alley the deposit still continues.
VIII 1.30-1.45 Painted sherds still continue. Seem to be largely LM I. Sherds here are not so numerous as in VI and VII. Large no. of unpainted brown ~~bowl~~ goblets (kylikes).

East Alley IX pottery, LM I

IX 1.45-1.65 Sherds become quite numerous again. Many painted. Seem almost exclusive LM I. Very many fragments of genuine Cretan LM I cups.

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Tuesday 27 June 1916

13 men and 1 *sousta* at Ephyra

West Alley III, pottery

West Alley III 0.40-0.65 Nothing much.

West Alley IV, pottery

IV 0.65-0.80 Looks uninteresting. Very few painted sherds. We are running into walls everywhere almost.

West Alley V, pottery

V 0.80-1.00 3 or 4 painted sherds look good. One piece of rim with fine paint. Design looks like that of "odd pot" from East Alley. Numerous fragm. of a large pithos.

West Alley VI, pottery

VI 1.00-1.20 Several painted sherds – local manuf. imit of LM II or I (?) ca ½ of a very fine LM I cup looks real Cretan.

East Alley-West Alley pottery comparison

I think the deposit in East Alley doesn't continue here. Our basket contains very nondescript pottery.

West Alley VII, pottery

VII 1.20-1.40 A few painted - many coarse. Some Minyan.

West Alley VIII, pottery

VIII 1.40-1.60 Chiefly coarse and Minyan.

West Alley IX, pottery

IX 1.60-1.80 Almost all coarse.

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House Ψ, section (J), bronze smithy

House Ψ Anast. Psomas continues clearing off top layers here in section (J) a queerly shaped long room. Near east end ca 0.20 below ground he found a plain LM III kylix almost complete and fragments of another. In this same region he found numerous fragments of bronze – two pieces are worked – possibly from a spear. Two chunks are unworked – there may have been a bronze smithy here.

SE foot of hill, chamber tomb?

In the afternoon I put Psomas at SE foot of the hill to investigate a rock cutting that looks like a floor of sorts. It is cut into the rock ca. 0.30 or 0.40 at S. end. This floor extends northwards into the slope. A retaining wall of rough stones and poor construction runs along its S. end. We are removing this wall for ca. ½ the width of the rock cutting and propose to dig northward till we find the end of the cut floor. There is a possibility that it may be a chamber tomb with roof fallen in. Urfirnis pottery.

East Alley IX

East Alley Deposit still continuing IX 1.45-1.65 is particularly rich in painted ware. But the flowers etc. of VI and VII seem to be superseded by spirals largely. Several LM I cups.

East Alley X

X 1.65 - Begun. Digging is very slow here on acct. of numerous sherds. Some painted here incl. local imitation of sea weed pot.

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Wednesday 28 June 1916

Museum, EA pottery, CP 201

Today we didn't work at Korako but spent the day in the museum washing, joining and gumming pottery. Scott hydrochloricized most of painted sherds from Easy Alley VI. Wace gummed all joins we could find (He stuck together the duck pot from (P) also).

EA pottery, joins between EA IX or X and EA VI

Some new pots are turning up. Yesterday we found the lower half of a pot which proved to join with the upper half found in VI. This is the "pot of the season". It's now almost complete. Ivy design in brownish paint

"Tiger lily pot". Light red paint on buff. Only 3 small sherds that join.

"Iris pot" very fine. Flowers in black brown paint sharply outcurving black painted rim. Only a small piece.

"Wace's pride pot" A small bowl in red on red buff. Fine pot with flower design LM I.

2 boys worked all day washing sherds

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Thursday 29 June 1916

16 men and 1 *sousta* at Ephyra
Psomas continues in "chamber tomb" (?)

Aleko begins to dig enlargement of trench (J) of last year.

George Politop. in East Alley.

Manoli in House (R) in Scott's section.

SE foot of hill, chamber tomb

Chamber tomb. Anastas worked $\frac{3}{4}$ of day clearing the apparently artificial cut-rock pavement (ment. on p. 62) – or rather a section of it – back into the bank as far as it goes. There was no very interesting pottery (save 2 scoop handles) and no evidence that this was a tomb.

House K, pit (r)

So in afternoon I put Anast. in House (K) to dig a pit in S.E. part – pit (r) to see what sort of stratification there is (cf. p. 45)

Pit (r), K III

K III 0.35-0.60

Pit (r), K IV

K IV 0.60 - Just begun.

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[MN: J Reopened and enlarged]

J I pottery

I 0.00-0.20 Surface nondescript and LM III

J II pottery

II 0.20-0.40 Nondescript pottery. Some LM III some LM II. A sherd or two of Ephyraean many red monochrome “lustral ware”

J III pottery

III 0.40-0.60 Rather nondescript – Mycenaean looks like possible LM II a few sherds of Minyan

J IV pottery

IV 0.60-0.80

J V pottery, black stone gem

V 0.80-1.00 A few LM I-II sherds. Local imitation lustral and some Yellow Minyan. Aleko found in this level a fine LM II black stone gem seal representing a bull with a female acrobat doing a somersault above him (?)

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen 1921, p. 105, fig. 130, no. 7, now stored in PG case 2, drawer 11.

J VI pottery

VI 1.00-1.20
A few LM I-II
Yellow Minyan generally characteristic
Some Mattmalerei 2 or 3 Gray Minyan

J VII pottery

VII 1.20-1.40 LM I sherds few.
 Minyan Mattmalerei 1 sherd
 red and bl. like jugs in 6th Shaft Gr
 Yellow Minyan characteristic very little red and black
 lustral

J VIII pottery

VIII 1.40-1.55 Largely coarse. Yellow Minyan is
 characteristic. Fair number of Mattmalerei. Very few painted
 Mycenaean. Only a few red and black lustral. 2 or 3 Gray
 Minyan.

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East Alley continued

East Alley X pottery

X 1.65-1.80 finished. Many painted sherds.

East Alley XI pottery

XI 1.80-1.95 Fair number of painted sherds but diminishing
 LM I if anything 3 or 4 light on dark MM III (?) Yellow
 Minyan is characteristic. Gray and dark Minyan also occurs but
 not in large quantity. Coarse Mattmalerei very common.

East Alley XII pottery

XII 1.95-2.10 Not many painted. LM I cup. Mattmalerei.
 Fair amt. of coarse Mattmalerei. Buff unpainted (=Yellow
 Minyan) is characteristic. Ca. 15 sherds of Gray Minyan. Many
 coarse nondescr. handles and bases

East Alley XIII pottery

XIII 2.10-2.20 Very few painted. 2 sherds (they join) of cream on
 red spiral may be imit of MM III. Mattmalerei Bl. and red style
 like 6th Shaft Grave. Yellow Minyan (=buff unpainted etc.) is
 characteristic (1/4 tray). Coarse Mattmalerei is common. 8 or 10
 sherds of Gray Minyan. 3 or 4 black and red lustral.
 Most of coarse ware papsed.

NB84, p. 68

Friday 30 June 1916

16 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako

Aleko continues digging in (J)

J IX pottery, bone pin

J IX 1.55- ~~1.80~~ 1.75

Great bulk of pottery is coarse and unpainted. A few small painted sherds LM I (?)

A piece of bone worked in form of a large pin. 2 pieces of light on dark. 1 good Mattmalerei (polychrome) many *sketo* Mattm. Yellow Minyan is main feature

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen 1921, p. 105, fig. 130, no. 3.

J X pottery

J X 1.75-1.90 [written above 1.80-2.00]

Mattmalerei and yellow Minyan. Also some proper Minyan. N.B. one sherd (2 pieces) lustrous black on buff representing double axe white spot in center of axe. LM I at latest. A few of the painted sherds look like LM I or thereabouts.

Several sherds of light on dark MM III (?) one looks local

J XI pottery

J XI 1.90-2.10

Amount of sherds very great. Generally coarse. A few bits of better painted. 1 or 2 light on dark. Some Mattmalerei red and black.

J XII pottery

J XII 2.10-2.25 Coarse, Minyan, and Mattmalerei

J XII rock

At 2.25 we have struck what Aleko declares to be rock. It seems very flat and even. To me it looks a little like a good pavement tho part of it seems to consist of rock (cf. page 70)

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Pit (r), K

Anastasios Psomas goes on opening the new pit in South part of (K).

Pit (r), K IV, floor level, pottery

K IV 0.60-0.80 Fair amount of sherds mostly coarse. A few good pieces of Mattmalerei some plain buff (yellow Minyan). At 0.80 the ground is quite hard and there are a good many smallish stones. It may be a floor level.

There are a good many chunks of mudbrick at ca 0.80. Just about here also a piece of tile came out surprisingly like Greek Corinthian tiles in shape.

Pit (r), K V, pottery

K V 0.80-1.00 Very few sherds. Almost all pretty coarse.
Mattmalerei (1 frag belongs to nest in K VI)

Pit (r), K VI, pottery

K VI 1.00-1.20 Several frags of a large vessel dec. with
Mattmalerei has 4 handles. Very large. We join together ca 1/3 or more
of upper part.

Pit in R, east of Altar

I stopped (K) at this point in PM. Set Anastasios to dig a sizeable pit in
(R) just east of Altar.

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J XII rock and pavement

Sketch of rock and pavement in J XII

(grave ?)
[sketch]

The rock (soft and sandy) is carefully levelled out. A section 0.65 wide
seems cut out and is filled up with smallish stones bringing it up to same
level as flat cut rock. The sides of this section are quite straight and
artificial. The section extends ca. 1.60 N and S right across our trench.

East of this paved section (which may be cover on top of a grave?)
are 3 holes in the rock not very deep. North one ca. 0.25 middle one less.
South one perhaps more. In the south one (labelled (S)) we found a
number of Urfinis sherds part of a greenish typical Urf. bowl and some
with good black paint. All these in the hole – below level of cut rock –
some just level with top of hole.

Beyond these holes to E. the rock is cut to a deeper level. This
deeper level begins ca. 1.00 m east of stone paved section.

Aleko cleaned and swept up the place in the evening.

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East Alley XIV pottery

East Alley

XIV 2.20-2.35 [AddN: (These ~~levels~~ readings in E. Alley seem to me to
be ca. 0.20-0.25 too deep as measured from actual ground level)]

Much Yellow Minyan. Some Gray Minyan

1 LM I 1 Mattm 3 or more polychr. Mattm.

1 white on black

1/3 tray unpainted buff (=Yellow Minyan) 1/5 tray coarse Mattmalerei
ca. 25 sherds Gray Minyan. 5 or 6 “lustral” 4 u.f.

East Alley XV pottery

XV 2.35-2.45
 2-colored Mattmalerei Gray Minyan fair amt [AddN: ca. 35
 sherds] also Yellow Minyan incl. long beak of tall jug
 3 light on dark 2 on red 1 on gray
 unpainted buff (=Yellow Minyan) characteristic 1/2 tray
 Much coarse Mattmalerei

East Alley XVI pottery

XVI 2.45-2.55
 1 white on black well made (Cretan?)
 1 Dark on light fine sherd MM II or III (?)
 it doesn't look LM at all (Karo says mainland not Cretan)
 more light on dark sherds (wh. on red)

Pit in R, east of Altar, R I pottery

R I 0.00-0.20 only a dozen poor sherds
 I "papsed" them all

Pit in R, east of Altar, R II pottery

II 0.20-0.40 not finished
 LM III

Tzonou-Herbst=I assume that R I and R II refer to the pit that he started digging to the east of the Altar on Friday 30 June, p. 69 above.

Minyan House=House F, Scott's excavation

Minyan House to East of (M). Scott has been clearing a Minyan house to judge from scanty pottery finds. It is long and narrow and looks as if it may have an apse to north.

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Saturday 1 July 1916

16 men and *sousta* at Ephyra

Work still goes on in East Alley pit (Scott's section)

1 man in House K

1 " " (R)

1 " " Beirut section

[AddN: applies to last 3 entries: CWB]

[MN: total 4 picks]

9 men moving earth

3 boys washing pottery

Pit in R, east of Altar, R II pottery, ash layer, continued from June 30

R II 0.20-0.40

Considerable number of sherds

LM III.

We have got into a considerable layer of ash which apparently covers the whole region of (R).

Pit in R, east of Altar, R III pottery, ash layer

R III 0.40-0.60 (short measurements)

Fair number of sherds

LM II characteristic. Some good painted sherds. Layer III consists wholly of grayish ash-like earth -quite loose. I don't know whether it's ashes from a fire or not. I should say no but am not sure.

Pit in R, east of Altar, R IV pottery

R IV 0.60-0.80

We had time only for 0.60-0.70 tonight.

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House K, Beirut Section I and IIBeirut Section.

I and II dug previously. I am digging a little here to see what may turn up. I and II gave promise of producing fine sherds.

Tzonou-Herbst= See p. 56, NB 84.

House K, Beirut Section III

III 0.60-0.70 (0.70 = 0.55 below wall of (L))

At 0.70 is a hard *strosis* white in color made of clay etc. perhaps some lime very hard. Also some large sized flat paving stones. I have removed a few and am going thru the *strosis*. The pit is very small however. A few sherds of Ephyraean, Mattmalerei, Yellow Minyan.

House K, Beirut Section IV

IV 0.70 – 0.95 Not very many sherds and not very exciting. Mattmalerei characteristic of painted sherds. The good sherd producing layer apparently stops at the floor level at 0.70.

J XII, pavement at bottom of, photographs

After breakfast I photographed the pavement at bottom of (J) (cf. p. 70)
CWB film K 1, 2, 7 [AddN: in ink CWB 133], 4 [AddN: in ink CWB 134]
from east
1/50 d 11

J XIII

Then I put Alexander back in (J) and pulled up a small section of the stone pavement to see if there was a grave below. No grave. The stone pavement rests directly on rock and merely fills a cut depression in the rock.

Tzonou-Herbst= I assume that Blegen digs the pavement out with J XIII, since he found it at the bottom of J XII.

Photograph

[AddN: in ink 16-K2 = 85-145-3 (35 mm. format)]

Tzonou-Herbst=Additional note is by Nancy Bookidis.

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Tunnel between J and East Alley

Aleko has now started a small tunnel following the surface of the rock from (J) thru to East Alley.

Ca. 3:30 PM he opened up his tunnel into East Alley. After cleaning and sweeping it he was transferred to (R).

The tunnel follows the surface of the rock to East Alley trench. The rock seems artificially flattened and at one point is cut almost in the form of a step. The slope is down toward the East Alley.

East Alley XVI pottery

East Alley (continued)

XVI finished. 2.45-2.55

“Yellow Minyan” characteristic (1/2 tray) Mattmalerei common (1/3 tray) mostly coarse but several pieces of polished polychrome Mattm.

Minyan ca. 40 pieces.

Large amt of coarse ware (mostly papsed). ca. 10 sherds of red “lustral”.
6 or 8 sherds of U.f.

East Alley XVII levels

XVII 2.55-2.75

East Alley XVIII levels

XVIII 2.75-

NB84, p. 75

Sunday 2 July 1916

Museum

We spent the day in Museum. Two boys washed sherds. Kitso Konili all day and John Roumeliote ¾ day.

NB84, p. 76

Monday 3 July 1916

14 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako

R IV pottery

R IV 0.60-0.80 finished this morning. Today's basket of R IV represents depth of 0.70-0.80

R V pottery

R V 0.80-1.00

A basketful of sherds. They look largely Minyan and Mattmalerei.

R V bothros (=Grave I)

At one point in this level we have found what looks like a well or bothros – approx. circular in section. It is unlined and is noticeable only from the fact the earth in it is very soft and “*bosiko*” while the sides of the hole are firmer. We have dug down in it ca. 0.65 m. but it apparently still goes on.

Tzonou-Herbst= “*bosiko*” means loose soil.

R VI beginning level

R VI 1.00-

Begun

NB84, p. 77

Trench X location

At 7:00 AM I put Aleko to work on a new trench – called “X” – ca. 100.00 m west of (P) down the western slope of the hill to test stratification in west part of mound.

[Tzonou-Herbst= See also Scott's east extension to trench X in NB83, P56.]

Trench X I pottery

X I Very few sherds. Depth 0-0.35

Most of the sherds badly coated with accretions. Look nondescript.

After washing: A few odd LM III sherds incl. 1 piece of thrush egg (red)

(I papsed the lot.)

Trench X II pottery

X II 0.35-0.80

Few sherds and badly encrusted. Also a few fragments of Greek tiles.

Trench X III pottery

X III 0.80-1.40

In this layer we have found a considerable number of Greek sherds. So I'm not changing the basket for a considerable distance. A few LM III sherds.

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East Alley XVIII pottery

East Alley

XVIII finished 2.75-2.85

A number of Urfinis sherds appear.

East Alley XIX pottery, EH wall

XIX Very thin layer as rock is found practically at bottom of XVIII. There are holes in the rock like those in (J). In one (near top of hole) we found 2 U.f. bowls practically complete and fragments of 3 or 4 others. George Politop. is cleaning up the bottom of the pit. There is a thick well built wall resting on rock at the bottom.

NB84, p. 79

Tuesday 4 July 1916

14 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.

R VI continued (Pithos burial)

R VI continued 1.00-1.30

Under the junction of walls (a) and (b) (page 3) we have found a small mattmalerei pithos cracked but apparently complete at a depth of ca. 1.10. Inside are small bones. It looks therefore as if we have an infant burial. The pithos lay on its side as discovered. Across top of it (which is toward east) there was originally a large bowl now fallen away to {N} side. One handle of the pithos is pushed up on north side against the bowl. The other handle in situ. The bones inside as they appear now are skull ribs and arm (or leg) bones. No apparent order except that head is near bottom.

[MN: Pithos burial]

[MN: in red pen CP 302-3]

CP 302, CP 303

Tzonou-Herbst= Blegen 1921, p. 18, fig. 25, CP 302, small bowl of red monochrome ware, Middle Helladic period, Class A II, now stored in OM.

Tzonou-Herbst= Blegen 1921, p. 21, fig. 28, CP 303, small pithos, Mattpainted Ware, Middle Helladic period, Class B I, now stored in PG, above cases.

Photographs

Photographs CWB film (K) exp. 6 [AddN: in ink CWB 135]. Pithos from S.W. 1/25 d 8

Exc film (old) {AddN: in ink K3} 1916 a exp 1. Same from same 1 sec. d 22

~~exp 2~~ same from NW 1 sec d 22

~~exp 3~~ pithos from NW 1/50 d 6.3 (shade) [MN applies to everything up to exp 3: 6 ft distant]

exp 4 pithos from NW 1/50 d 11 (bright sun) [MN: K4]

“ 5 same from NW after side of pithos was removed and bones *pastrepesed*. Shows two skulls inside pithos.

Tzonou-Herbst=*pastrepesed* is a Greek word in an English form, *παστρεύω* means to clean up. We are taking out the pithos.

exp 6. Same as 5 but from SW (one more chunk of pithos has been removed).

There are two skulls in the pithos. One measures 0.14 long x 0.13 wide. Prob. of child ca. 6-8 yrs old. The other much smaller and very fragile crumbles at touch. Bones all disturbed in pithos and mixed up. Bones all in bad condition and do not hold together.

The pithos is a fine *Mattmalerei* affair. The cover is a fine polished bowl “lustral style” of paint.

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Trench X IV, pottery, wall

X IV 1.40-1.90

I leave only one man in the pit today taking Aleko at 6:30 for L.

In IV we begin to find painted Mycenaean sherds quite a number. Also Yellow Minyan.

We have struck a rather heavy wall of small stones which runs north and south. It is very wide and takes up almost all of our pit. We are therefore limited to a very small area in digging down.

There are a few good Myc. sherds LM II or so.

Trench X V beginning level

X V 1.90

East Alley

East Alley. Georg Politop. spent most of day *pastrepsying*.

Tzonou-Herbst=for *pastrepsying* see note in NB84, P79 above.

House M, Pit in west half of rear chamber

Then he began to sink a new pit in west half of rear chamber of (M).

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East and South enlargement of Trench L

(L) At 6:30 I began an enlargement of L to the east and south in order to carry it down to rock and learn more about the Urfirnis wall etc appearing in the East Alley.

Tzonou-Herbst=For Urfirnis wall=EH wall see above NB84, P78, East Alley XIX.

We are obliged to cut thru the floor of east side of Megaron of L.

Blegen's benchmark, *semadi*

I measure depths from *semadi* cut in stone on east wall of L above the trench. This mark is 0.20 below ground level so I add 0.20 in every case to measurements of depth.

[James and Nakassis **Error! Bookmark not defined.**: *semadi* is presumably Blegen's Anglicization of the Greek word meaning "mark."]

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen provides us here with a measurement from an existing block on the east wall of L to his, lost for us, ground level, and so we may be able to reconstruct his ground level, from which he takes almost all of his depth measurements.

East and South enlargement of Trench L, L I

No L I

East and South enlargement of Trench L, L II

L II 0.20-0.40

East and South enlargement of Trench L, L III

L III 0.40-0.60

At depth of 0.60 we have struck a wall crossing south end of our trench.

East and South enlargement of Trench L, L IV

L IV 0.60-0.80 LM III early I think in the main but include some LM II sherds. A few 2 or 3 look like Ephyraean.

East and South enlargement of Trench L, L V

L V 0.80-1.00

At depth of ca. 0.95 we have found a wall crossing middle of our trench diagonally so we enlarge trench to north.

East and South enlargement of Trench L, L VI

L VI 1.00-1.20

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R VII

R VII 1.30-1.50

R VIII (Grave I)

R VIII 1.50 –

In this level we suddenly found a grave. It is at the bottom of what I yesterday (page 76) thought a well or bothros. Its circular shape gradually widened out to oval the soft loose earth continued and at 0.55 more than yesterday i.e. at ca. 1.65 we found the grave. On top chiefly at south end were the pots. 3 were at south end tea-pot, goblet and seaweed

bowl – all small. 2 more a small perfume jug and an askos – also small; found along west side. These pots look like LM II.

CP 202, 203, 204, 205, 206

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen 1921, p. 53, fig. 73, and p. 54, fig. 74, show the five vases from the grave, LH II. Now on display in PG.

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen talks about the bothros in R V, and so presumably he finds the cut for the grave in R V.

The skeleton is very poorly preserved. The body apparently lay on left side in a crouching attitude. Head to north feet to south. [MN: MF 14199 – Bead]

Tzonou-Herbst=The marginal note is in Nancy Bookidis' handwriting.

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen 1921, p. 105, fig. 130, nos. 12-22, are some of the beads from the necklace, now in PG display.

MF 14199 Bead necklace

Around neck was an elaborate necklace of beads of glass paste green, blue, and white and black. It seems to have consisted of a double row around neck and down sides to breast. Most of beads are rather flat round 2 are smaller slightly and crumbled 1 is pear shaped 1 long cylinder like. These beads are fearfully fragile and break into fragments at the slightest touch. By very careful digging Wace and I were able to get out ca. 60 whole ones. We judge that at least 60 more collapsed. They are more or less irregular of varying shape.

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The grave itself is 1.00 long and 0.50 wide. Unlined. Some sort of flooring of hard earth. The grave was almost 1.00 m deep.

R VIII (Grave II)

Just to north is another grave apparently – a few bones came to light here – and there are more pots. This first grave was closely connected with it for the soft loose earth goes right into it. I dug into it from Grave I and got one pot - a jug with cutaway neck – *sketo* green.

CP 208

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen 1921, p. 57, fig. 79, vase on right, plain jug with cutaway neck. Now stored in the OM.

sketch of graves I-III

[sketch of Graves I-III]

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Wednesday 5 July 1916

15 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.

East and South enlargement of Trench L, L VI (continued), grave

L VI (continued) 1.00-1.20

At the bottom of L VI we have found traces of a small grave. There is a cavity roughly circular ca. 0.50 in diam. and 0.20 deep (running from 1.20 to 1.40). In it the earth is very soft and loose. Traces of bone w. head to S.W. feet to N.E. Nothing but a few bones in the grave. The bones are badly decayed and crumble at touch. Seem to be of a small child.

East and South enlargement of Trench L, L VII, Minyan hearth

L VII 1.20-1.40

At depth of 1.40 in north part of trench we have found a well paved hearth. Potsherds set in brown clay. Sherds in hearth look chiefly Minyan.

East and South enlargement of Trench L, L VIII

L VIII 1.40-1.70

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R VIII (continued) (Grave II)

R We dug out the second grave this morning. It is quite close to the first one but runs East and West instead of North and South. Grave at practically same level. Grave of small child ca. 0.90 long. Tomb ca. 0.35 wide. Bones small and very fragile. The body lay on back stretched out with arms at sides. Head slightly turned to right. To right of head (and above) were 2 pots. The *sketo* jug with cutaway neck found yesterday (cf. p. 83) and a small goblet (shape like Yellow Minyan) decorated in black on buff with a few bands etc. Rather *sketo*. Nothing else found in grave except a small white stone counter with a rude cross scratched on it.

Unfortunately one handle of the goblet was broken while the pot was being dug out and a piece of the handle is missing. I am having the earth sifted to hunt for this and other things.

CP 207, 208

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen 1921, p. 57, fig. 79, now stored in the OM.

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East and South enlargement of Trench L, L IX

L IX 1.70-2.00
Minyan and Mattmalerei

East and South enlargement of Trench L, L X

L X 2.00-2.30
Minyan and Mattmalerei

Pit in rear chamber of House M

Pit in rear chamber of M

Philadelphus

The ephor came out to Korako this afternoon with his family and visited the dig. That's why I was prevented from writing more about the pit in rear chamber of (M).

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Thursday 6 July 1916

14 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako

East and South enlargement of Trench L, L XI

L XI 2.30-2.65

Few sherds and mostly coarse.

Tunnel between L and East Alley

Before noon we began to dig a tunnel thru from L to East Alley following the rock which appears (at SE end of L) at ca. 3.00 m depth.

East and South enlargement of Trench L, L XII, rock

L XII 2.65-3.00

NB84, p. 88

R, Grave III (R IX?)

R This morning we found another grave ca. 1.50 east of that ment. on page 82. This new one – Grave III – was indicated yesterday by very soft earth above it. A poorly built wall of 1 course prevented our getting at it but I authorized Anastasi to remove a section of this wall. We then dug down and found the grave. No clearly marked lining of grave.

The body lies on right side in crouching attitude – legs doubled up. Head to S.E. Bones in poor condition. Face is turned N.E. The finger bones are near chin. Apparently it was a child for the bones are very small. From top of skull to bottom is 0.45 or 0.50. Ca. 0.35 wide.

Thigh bone measures ca. 0.215 m long. Skull is ca. 0.15 m long (from front to back). (Cranial measurement is 0.15) (from top of forehead to base of skull in rear).

We go on looking for more graves.

Fearful wind in afternoon makes work almost impossible.

North Alley

We began a new pit this afternoon at north end of East Alley. Pit called North Alley.

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Friday 7 July 1916

J and L pottery consolidated 1915-1916

No work at Korako. St. John's Day. 2 Boys labor in Museum one all day (Kitso Korili) and one $\frac{3}{4}$ day (John Roumeliote) washing sherds. We also worked all day in the Museum sorting pottery and papsing (Scott went to New Corinth in afternoon for money for payroll tomorrow). By evening we had organized all the trays of the past week and concentrated, etc. Most J's and L's have now been consolidated with last year's.

Cup from EA XVI-XVII

We stuck together a good many fragments of a small round cup from East Alley XVI and XVII. Decorated with white on red. Whole rim missing. Looks MM III or thereabouts.

Philadelphus

The Ephor and his family came to Old C. tonight to visit the Museum ca. 7:00 PM. I invited them to tea and accepting they came in and stayed till 8:40.

Loverdi

An automobile party (name of Loverdi?) also came up looking for Mr. Hill. No substitute would do apparently.

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Saturday 8 July 1916

13 men and 1 sousta at Korako. (14 after breakfast)

Graves in R

Anast. Psomas still searching for graves in (R) – but in vain.

Trench Q

In afternoon he begins a new pit (Q) ca. 25.00 m west of (P).

Tunnel between L and East Alley

Aleko failed to appear so I detailed George Politopoulos to continue tunnel from (L) to East Alley.

North Alley

North Alley trench continued.

Tunnel between L and East Alley

During the course of the day the tunnel was finished. It shows the stratification very nicely. Owing to a misunderstanding (by Aleko) there are too many curves in it but otherwise it is a good tunnel.

Capt. and Mrs. Sells

Capt. and Mrs. Sells arrived today. I had expected them in the forenoon and consequently Wace and I went up to Old C. for lunch. They failed to arrive till late afternoon, however. I stayed at Old C. having a slight attack of κοψίματα and having left Scott in charge of the dig.

Payroll

Payroll tonight 19 names Dg. 572.40.

Capt. and Mrs. Sells

Capt. and Mrs. Sells stayed to tea, climbed the Acro and then came to dinner.

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Sunday 9 July 1916

Museum

We spent the morning in the Museum papsing and sorting pottery. Also we stuck together a couple of pots from E. Alley IX. Capt and Mrs. Sells came up in the morning and visited the museum. Also I showed them some of the dig. They lunched with us and left early in the afternoon for Corinth and Athens by way of Korako.

Wace also departed this afternoon going with the Sells's. Wace has been here since June 12 – 4 weeks – and has given me very great help at the dig and in the museum.

Kitso Korilis washed pottery in the Museum from breakfast to lunch ¼ day.

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Monday 10 July 1916

14 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako

Anast. Psomas in (Q)

1 earth remover

Alekos in region below (K) and (Ψ)

3 earth carriers

Manoli in pit in North Alley. Later in trench X
 5 earth carriers
 Georg Politopoulos in Minyan House (F)
 [MN: total 13 men]
 [MN upper left hand corner of page in circle: 6 east 1 west-steamers]

Trench Q I?, Greek pottery

Q Trench began last Saturday. Trench runs ca. **NError! Bookmark not defined.**-S. about 25.00 m west of (P). Ca. 0.20 deep we found here on Saturday 2 small Greek pots (1 aryballos). This morning another pot (minus spout and handle) turned up. It looks Hellenic. LM III sherds are beginning to appear however.

Trench Q I?, tc ram

After breakfast at a depth of ca. 0.30 there came out a good terracotta quadruped. Tips of horns legs and tail broken off. Long narrow shape. May be a ram.

Trench Q I?, bronze coin

Thin bronze coin found in south end of (Q) at depth of ca. 0.30 m.
 [sketch of coin]

Trench Q I?, wall

Near south end of trench (Q) we have found a good wall running East and West across trench. We are following it in both directions. To the east it continues only ca. 0.25 m and then stops. Westward it runs 2.50 m. Turning at this point it apparently extends north and south (cf p. 94).

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Excavations between SN and SS=West Lane North

Alexander is digging out the small room (24)-(25)-(26)-(27) (as sketched on page 16) to a depth of [blank].

Excavations between SN and SS= room (45)-(46)-(47)

Also he is clearing the southern portion of room (or whatever it is) (45)-(46)-(47) (as sketched on page 16).

Tzonou-Herbst=Blegen actually means "northern" where he writes "southern portion of room."

Trench north of House L, square baetyl

Likewise he is digging a trench across the region north of house (L). Here at a point a little west of the west line of (L) is a good square stone projecting from the ground. The stone has a shallow circular depression on its top. The block extends to a considerable depth and I wonder whether it might prove to be a Baetyl. In its present position it projects 2 or 3 centimeters above ground.

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Top plan of Trench Q

Trench (Q)
[top plan of Trench Q]

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Tuesday 11 July 1916

12 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.

Anastasios in trench (Q) pursuing walls

1 earth dispatcher

Aleko in complex behind (Ψ) and (K)

5 earth removers

Manolis in trench X

1 earth dispatcher

George Politopoulos in Minyan House region

(shares 5 earth removers with Alexander)

[MN=total 12]

[MN in circle in upper right hand corner=8 W 2 E, total steamers,

1 vaporaki W]

1 pot washer

Trench Q II?, walls

(Q) We continue pursuing walls. There are several of them forming a reasonable plan as drawn on page 94.

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X East extension

X East extension

X East extension I

I 0.00-0.40 dug yesterday. Rather mixed chiefly ~~LM III~~ I think. Some Greek tiles. Largely Greek but whole lot is thoroly nondescript. Heavily papsed.

X East extension II

II 0.40-0.60

A good many pieces of Greek tiles. Some Corinthian sherds (they are characteristic). A few LM III one or two LM II 3 Minyan and 1 Urfirnis spout. i.e. stratif. is badly disturbed.

X East extension III, massive wall, fortification?

III 0.60-0.80

Greek tiles continue. A few Greek sherds but chiefly Mycenaean.

At 0.80 we strike top of a broad massive wall (found also a few days ago in first digging of X). This wall is built of small stones loosely placed but the wall is of impressive width (2.00 m or more. Sides not yet *catharized*). I have no idea what it may be.

X East extension IV

IV 0.80-1.20

Along south face of wall. 8 or 10 Greek sherds. 8 or 10 Mycenaean
rest nondescript considerably papsed.

X East extension V

V 1.20-1.40

Still Greek. Part of a fine terracotta horse.

[Tzonou-Herbst=MF 14306 Archaic]

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Excavations between SN and SS= room (45)-(46)-(47)

Alexander continued working in region N. of Ψ and K revealing some rather thick walls ((45)-(46)-(47) etc on page 16).

Trench north of House L

Also he began following walls north of House (L). One wall here may prove to be a continuation of west wall of (L). It is in same line exactly.

After breakfast Alexander became sick and departed. George Politopoulos having finished in Minyan house region took Alexander's place.

Nothing startling.

Kourouniotes' vase mender

The vase mender furnished by Kourouriotes arrived from Athens today and arranged a work bench for himself in the Museum. Tonight he slept in Costas' room at the Doctors. Tomorrow when we go to Athens I shall put him in south room of Tselios' till we come back.

Holidays Wed Thur and Fri. So I announce no work on Sat. and plan to go to Athens tomorrow.

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Wednesday 12 July 1916

Holiday of St. Pete and St. Paul. No work. I showed the vase mender what I wished him to do for the next few days in the museum in my absence.

Scott and I left by the 4:00 o'clock train (which departed at 6:00 PM) for Athens. I left the vase mender occupying south room of Tselios' house.

Friday 21 July 1916

I came back to Old C. this evening – by noon train from Athens (1 hr late) stopped at Bank etc in New C. on the way.

CP 201

The vase mender has progressed nicely. Duck pot is now filled out with plaster - a good job.

CP 303

The mattmalerei burial pithos is stuck together, except for a missing part by the handle? (where is missing section?)

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Saturday 22 July 1916

No work at dig. I have Panagiotes and carpenter Athan. later cleaning beds and bedding.

Palm vase

I spent most of day in Museum trying to join fragments together. I got a large piece of the rim of the Palm vase.

Photographs

Photographs. CWB's camera.
d 3 Duck pot (with port. attachment 0.80 distant)
ca. 12 sec. d 11
d 4 Mattm. Burial pithos. Same dist. 15 sec. d 11

Payroll

I paid off tonight for last week's work. Total 150.80. 18 names.

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Sunday 23 July 1916

Gonia

I went to Hexamilia and Gonia this morning hoping to arrange to begin digging tomorrow. John Iliopoulos was absent in Athens however and his uncle the joint owner with him of 2/3 of Gonia couldn't be persuaded to allow digging till he had seen John who is expected back at once. So I had to let things wait but hope to hear Wednesday.

Korakou

In the meantime I plan to dig at Korako tomorrow.

potmender

I authorized the mender to hire a room in house of Stavros Kachros at under 10 dg the month.

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Monday 24 July 1916

With ten men (and 1 *sousta*) I resumed work at Korako.
2 men working in X

X East extension VI

X VI 1.40-1.55 (approx)

We are going down in a narrow space beside the huge foundation of small stones.

In this level I haven't seen any Greek sherds. Some good LM III and ~~some~~ a few pieces possibly LM II.

X East extension VII

X VII 1.55-1.70 (approx)

Some good Mycenaean sherds – perhaps LM II 1 sherd possibly LM I.

X East extension-further extension-fortification

I am extending the trench still further eastward to see if I can get any light on the huge foundation.

X East extension VIII

X VIII Mycenaean chiefly. I notice a few sherds that look LM II or LM I. Depth 1.70-1.90. At 1.90, a pebble pavement. Also walls. (we stop here)

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Trench Q III?, walls

Q 2 men pursuing walls in (Q) cf sketch p. 103.

Nothing very exciting the long N**Error! Bookmark not defined.**-S wall continues southward. Total length ca. 13.85. A third branch to east has come to light. We are digging a pit to eastward to see if we can pick it up.

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Top plan Trench Q

Sketch of walls as they appear now in trench (Q)

[top plan of walls]

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Top plan West Lane

Walls etc. north of (Ψ) and (K)

[top plan of walls showing West Lane North Section, West Lane Central Section, K, Ψ and pit S]

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Trench north of Ψ and K=north of West Lane

Area north of (Ψ) and (K) 6 men

There is a complicated mass of walls. (cf sketch on page 104)

Pottery, wall (a)-(b)-(c)

1 Basket of sherds gathered from section between wall (a)-(b)-(c) of House (Ψ) and pit (S). To a depth of 0.00-0.40 (tho chiefly 0-0.25) (=LM III poor all papsed save a few but with samples).

Pottery, region (x)-(y)-(z)

Another basket from region (x)-(y)-(z) (cf. p. 104). Depth 0.00-0.35 (LM III very poor except for a few sherds. A few kept as samples. All rest papsed.)

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West Lane

West Lane dug out in part (cf. sketch p. 107)

West Lane North I

West Lane South I

1 basket of sherds 0.00-0.30 – north and south section

West Lane South II

1 basket West Lane South Section 0.30- ca. 0.42

West Lane Central II

1 basket West Lane Central Section 0.30-0.40

Tuesday 25 July 1916

West Lane North Section IV, one handled mug

(Tuesday July 23) Further digging in West Lane.

In north section at a depth of 0.65 to 0.80 we found in an area of loose earth many fragments of a large one handled mug with spouted neck

- thin fabric, fine slip, decorated with spiral and flower designs in good purple-red paint. It will make a handsome jug. We have spout with handle. The base has also turned up.

At about the same level 0.65- some apparently LM II sherds are turning up. The large mug I should be tempted to call early LM III of high class but will wait till I see it washed (Later: it looks earlier now washed and stuck together. LM I-II).

West Lane North III

West Lane III = north section ca. 0.40-0.60

West Lane North IV

West Lane IV ca. 0.60-0.80 (north section)

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Top plan House O and West Lane

Sketch of House (Ψ) as it appears at present
[top plan showing House Ψ=House O, Pit S and West Lane North Section, Central Section and South Region]

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Tuesday 25 July 1916

13 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako
2 still in (X) cf p. 111
2 men in (Q)
1 pick in rear of House (L) and N (cf p 109)
1 in West Lane between (Ψ) and (K)

West Lane V, north ?

West Lane V 0.80-1.00

Trench north of House L, Trench N

Basket of sherds from North of (L) but chiefly (N).
Contains 2 whorls and 2 terracottas of dogs (?) and LM III junk. A few samples selected. Remainder papsed.

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Top plan Trench N, Trench North of House L, West Lane

Alley between (K) and (L) and Region to north of (L) and wall N
[sketch]

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Wednesday 26 July 1916

12 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako

1 boy in museum washing pots for mender

Pit in megaron of House M

In the morning I began a pit inside house (M) along west wall i.e. parallel to East Alley and just east of it.

Pit in megaron of House M II

M II 0.30-0.50 Chiefly LM III Some LM II frag of a Cretan cup.

Pit in megaron of House M III, tiger lily vase

M III 0.50-0.70 Some LM II. A few frags of tiger lily vase.

Trench X, fortification?

In X we are still following out the monumental foundations digging northwards. cf sketch p 111.

Pit in megaron of House M IV

M IV 0.70-0.85 Large no. of sherds incl. many painted LM II I think

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Top plan Trench X fortification?

Sketch of trench X showing massive foundation (Tower?)

Massive foundation 0.080 deep

Mass of stones ca. 0.15 deep

Wall 0.25 deep

Hearth 0.70 deep

Pebble pavement 1.70 deep

Stones ca. 1.10 deep

Wall 1.80 deep

Wall ca. 1.20 deep

[top plan of above features]

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Thursday 27 July 1916

12 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako

1 boy helping pot mender in Museum

Pit in megaron of House M V

M V 0.85-1.05 Great quantity of sherds – many painted. LM I
I should say predominates. Lustral common, also yellow Minyan

Pit in megaron of House M VI

M VI 1.05-1.15 A large no. of sherds including many painted. LM I characteristic. Note fragments of 3 or more Cretan cups. Note ivy leaf sherd.

Pit in megaron of House M VII

M VII 1.15-1.35 (1.35 is short. really 1.324)

Sherds are very numerous but not so many painted as in preceding levels.

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Trench X, extension north, fortification?

Trench (X) We are continuing the extension to the north following the west face of the monumental foundation of small stones. We have now traced the west edge of the foundation for a distance of 9.50 m from the S.W. corner and it still goes on. At this point the top of foundation is 1.30 below ground.

The massive foundation terminates at 9.55 from S.W. corner. Here it forms northwest corner. The line now runs eastward.

North of the N.W. corner ca. 0.50 m is a line of wall running east and west. Its top is [blank] below ground. The wall is [blank] m. wide and looks like the usual Mycenaean walls. 1.90 m further north is another similar wall parallel to the first – perhaps a small room. The stratification in the room doesn't seem disturbed. At least I see nothing but prehistoric sherds from it. LM III chiefly but one or two Minyan.

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Friday 28 July 1916

12 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako
1 boy washing pottery in Museum

Pit in Q

Yesterday I began a pit in (Q)

Pit in Q I

Q I 0.00-0.20 8 nondescript sherds. I papsed them all.

Pit in Q II

Q II 0.20-0.40 Apparently LM III but so badly encrusted that nothing can be made out.

Pit in Q III

Q III 0.40-0.60

Sherds increasing in number. A figurine (upper part without head) of terracotta – a female with hands held {up to} breast.

Pit in Q IV

Q IV 0.60-0.80 Not very many sherds. We have struck several lines of walls in this level which have cut our pit into small sections.

Pit in Q V

Q V 0.80 –

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Pit in megaron of House M VIII

M VIII 1.35-1.45 Good no. of sherds. I papsed one tray full of nondescript and coarse. Yellow Minyan predominant.

Pit in megaron of House M IX

M IX 1.45-1.70 Many sherds but proportion of painted has gone down. Note: increase of mattmalerei – one fine sherd of polychrome mattm. style of late shaft grave – 1 sherd of white on red.

Pit in megaron of House M X

M X 1.70-1.85
Sherds very numerous. Note 8 or 10 white on dark

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Trench X, fortification?

Trench X We have followed the massive foundation ca. 10.00 m eastward from the S.W. corner. At this point we find an interior angle – the foundation running off to the south. The construction is here luckily only 0.25 below ground so it is comparatively easy to uncover it.

We follow it southward. PM. We have traced it ca. 10.00 m south and it still goes on.

Pit ME=East of House M

M.E. Just east of east wall of House (M) I have dug a little pit to see if deposit of East Alley and (M) goes in so far east. It doesn't. In this new pit I got almost nothing. At depth of 0.85 a rather good Minyan cup. The digger unfortunately smashed it and couldn't find all the pieces.

[AddN: in blue ink “cf. p. 125, which picks up from July 31, at Gonia] Tzonou-Herbst=AddN is John Lavezzi's handwriting. Blegen stops digging at Korakou at this point, continues at Gonia on Monday July 31, and comes back to Korakou on September 6.

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Wednesday 6 September 1916

House Ψ and West Lane

I kept 2 men at work today (Aleko and Anastasios Psomas) cleaning up walls. They began in the vicinity of House (Ψ) and West Lane.

Bert Hodge Hill

BHH went to Athens on 4 PM train.

Thursday 7 September 1916

Museum and New Annex

3 men worked practically all day moving pottery from the Museum to the new annex. All the prehistoric pots and trays of sherds and baskets (except 2 pithoi from Gonia and the whole pots of last year from Korako) were moved.

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Friday 8 September 1916

House Ψ

At Korako. 3 men and 1 *sousta*. The 3 men cleaned walls all day chiefly of House (Ψ).

Dinsmoor

Dinsmoor and I measured – first laying out a rectangle with the theodolite 67.- m long by 19. – wide (N.-S.). West side runs N-S thru House (P). North side runs E.-W. from north wall of (P) across numerous walls {thru the} East Shore House. South side runs E.-W. from pavements of House (P) across (Ψ) (K) (L) etc.

East side runs N.-S. almost along west wall of Minyan House (F).

Semadia [**James and NakassisError! Bookmark not defined.:** “marks”] made in almost all cases on walls crossing our line. This gives ca. 40 fixed points.

After laying out rectangle we measured some of walls of (P).

Plan as arranged is {...} [**James and NakassisError! Bookmark not defined.:** reading is quite difficult here] on 2 sheets

Western one will include (Q) (P) and part or all of (Ψ)

Eastern one will include (K) (L) (M) Shore House Minyan House and walls to east as far as Circular Hut foundation.

Also everything to north edge of bluff and ca. 15.00 m to south of south wall of House (P) etc.

Intramural burial NW of R

In the morning Mrs. Dinsmoor found an intramural burial, apparently in edge of hill N.W. of large threshold block, in corner of a Minyan wall (corner (79) – cf. CWB 1915 p. 246)
Photograph (R) 1 [added in black ink]

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Saturday 9 September 1916

3 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.
Dinsmoor and I measured getting in House (P) and some of neighboring walls.

The men cleaned walls chiefly NError! **Bookmark not defined..** of S and in Ψ

Sunday 10 September 1916

I went to Athens on 4 PM train.

Wednesday 13 September 1916

BHH and I came back from Athens.

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Friday 15 September 1916

3 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.
The men cleaned walls all day.
Dinsmoor and I measured working on east sheet. House (L) (F) and Shore House.

Saturday 16 September 1916

3 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako

Minyan House under F

The men cleaned walls. Out of Minyan House under (F) we got two pots – coarse ware - one a strainer. Coarse pot was in extreme SE corner of House.

WBD and I measured east sheet House (M) and Center Room.

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Monday 18 September 1916

3 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.

East Alley

The men cleaned walls etc. I set one in East Alley to dig away steps at N end.

Hearth North of S

One clearing away earth from hearth N. of S.

Rain at 4 PM.

WBD and I measured House (K). Plan got a little wet in rain.

East Alley scarp

We dug out a lot of sherds from scarp in East Alley pit at depth of 0.90 to 1.20.

Friday 22 September 1916

3 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.

Very strong wind.

East Alley wall removal

We removed the diagonal wall of one course of stones in E. Alley and dug out earth underneath it. Large am't of pottery 1 well-filled basket 0.20-1.45 with many painted sherds.

Pit M wall removal

We also began to remove the diagonal wall of one course in pit (M) and dig out earth under it.

Photographs

Both photographed E Alley wall from S. CWB film R exp 3 1/80 d 8
(M) wall fr. north R exp 4 1/80 d 8

D and I measured

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Saturday 23 September 1916

3 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.

D and I measured.

East Alley, level under diagonal wall

We dug out lower level in E. Alley under the diag. wall.
1.45-2.25 Large basket of sherds
At 2.25 is layer of pebbles. Almost no painted sherds.
2.25-stereo. Half a basket.

Pit M, level under wall removal

M We finished removing wall and dug first level = ca. 0.50 – 1.25 many painted.

Tuesday 26 September 1916

3 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.

M

M finished to present bottom.

Pit South of East Alley and West of J

Trial dig S. of E Alley and W. of J. The deposit seems to continue here beneath walls.

Pit in vestibule of House L

Trial dig in vestibule of House (L) a few good sherds (LM I-II) near surface. Deeper the deposit fails to appear.

Wall in megaron of P

New wall turned up in (P) in megaron on east side.

Wednesday 27 September 1916

At Museum (Holiday. Raising of Cross).
Manoli washed pots ¾ day.

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Thursday 28 September 1916

3 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.

Friday 29 September 1916

3 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.

Saturday 30 September 1916

3 men and 1 *sousta* at Korako.

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