

Date (dd/mm/yy): 06/06/08

EU: ~~4~~ 5

SU: 5402

Area: VIGLA

Supervisor: MA

Recorder: MA

Summary: Taking 10 cm pass over entire EU; digging through cemented reddish soil.

Chronology: \_\_\_\_\_ (to be filled out by RSM or MH)

**Harris matrix**

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**Coordinates**

N  
1454 N

W  
4449 E

E  
4450 E

S  
1450 N

**Soil description**

Munsell (wet): 7.5 YR 5/6 Strong brown

Soil type: sandy clay

Consolidation: cemented

Stoniness: 10 %

Dominant clast size: gravel

Maximum top elevation: 55.71

Minimum bottom elevation: 55.57

(\*Indicate elevations on SU plan)

Slope: Flat

**Features**

f1. 5402-f1 - Wall (c. 80cm thick)

f2. 5402-f2 - Possible wall.

f3. 5402-f3 - Ashy patch.

f4.

f5.

List all **photographs** of this SU (p1, p2, etc.):

p. 1, p. 2.

List all **drawings** of this SU (d1, d2, etc.):

d. 1

**Procedure**

Dry sieve  Water sieve \_\_\_\_\_ If water sieve, # of bags: \_\_\_\_\_

**Finds (# of bags)**

Ceramic 4 Stone \_\_\_\_\_ Bone \_\_\_\_\_ Metal \_\_\_\_\_ Organic \_\_\_\_\_ Plaster \_\_\_\_\_ Other Shell 1.

# 5402-1001 - nail

5402-1002 - miniature vessel

5402-1003 - clay insense burner lid(?)

5402-1004 - glass or shell bead (?)

5402-1005 - wall plaster

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Description: Digging through compact soil ~~at~~ that has a reddish tint. We're finding a lot of pottery and there are a lot of limestone inclusions.

We are finding small pieces of disintegrated sandstone.

In a small area 92 cm from the south scarp and 34 cm from the western scarp we found a greyish ~~stone~~ patch with what might be a chunk of burned mudbrick.

A nail was right next to that, which was given find number 5402-1001. (1450.9N, 4449.25E) Find 5402-1001

Further to the north, 138 cm from the southern scarp we found a near complete miniature vessel - find number 5402-1002 (1451.45N, 4449.05E) Find 5402-1002

In the same area close to the ashly patch we found a small piece of plaster flooring.

We also found ~~another~~ a piece of pottery with small holes pierced through. It could be the lid of an incense burner. This is find number 5402-1003. (1451.95N, 4449.5E) Find 5402-1003

All three of these finds are plotted on drawing 1 (d.1).

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Description: Continuing through the reddish sandy clay. We are uncovering blocks that seem worked.

We've spotted a grey patch close to the southern scarp (4450.3N, 4449.3E). It is not very well defined and it disappears and appears randomly.

Even though the soil remains the same it seems that it becomes ~~more~~ looser in patches. I'm also noticing a difference in the percentage of limestone inclusions across the trench, so I think that once we finish this pass we will break up the trench in separate SU's.

Also the grey patch in the south-western corner of the trench seems to become more focused in a small round area, so will ~~be~~ excavated that separately.

We found a small tube-shaped piece that could be either glass or shell. It's pierced through so it is possible that it is a bead. Find # 5402-1004. It came from the sieve, so there are no coordinates.

We are uncovering what is probably a wall roughly in the middle of the trench running E-W. It is preserved to about 82cm thickness.

Find #  
5402-1004

feature  
5402-11

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Description: We also found a few pieces of plaster right at the corner of the wall and the west scarp. (1451.45N, 4449.25E, elevation: 55.60 m.a.s.l.). It is very thin, so it is probably ~~a~~ from a wall. This is find number 5402-1005 (it is plotted on d.1).

Find #  
5402-1005

~~I~~ I'm also finding some loose gravel that the plaster is made up of, which suggests that there was more <sup>that was</sup> disintegrated. We found a bullet in the southern end of the trench that probably ~~rolled in~~ rolled in from the top on the sides of the trench, since the ~~scarp~~ scarps are extremely loose at the topsoil level and continue to collapse.

The wall I mentioned on p.5 will be identified as feature 5402-f1 and the blocks that we uncovered to the N of that ~~are~~ feature 5402-f2.

feature  
5402-f1.

5402-f2

Wall 5402-f1 is about 82 cm thick and cuts the trench roughly in half. (

). It is made of cobble sized, angular limestone pieces that seem hardly worked at all.

Feature 5402-f2 is made up of a sandstone block e. 40cm long and 10cm wide ~~and~~

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Description: and a second one lying next to it  
that measures c. 30 x 30 cm. ~~and~~ Neither  
block has been uncovered entire ~~so~~ so we  
don't know ~~how~~ ~~deep~~ ~~deep~~ deep  
they go.

~~to be removed~~

We will excavate the areas north and  
south of wall 5402-f1 as two separate  
SU's and if 5402-f2 becomes more defi-  
ned we will separate the areas on either  
side of it also.

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Description: The greyish patch I mentioned on page 5 is still rather spotty and ill-defined; ~~it~~ it doesn't look like it ~~has a~~ is separate from the surrounding soil and it's just a discoloration in the soil. I'm unsure whether I should treat this as a separate su, so at this point I'm going to call it a feature (5402-f3). We will take a shallow pass over it as part of the next su and see if it continues ~~and~~ and becomes more concentrated and ~~if~~ so treat it as a separate su.

Feature  
5402-f3

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