

PKAP Stratigraphic Unit Form 2012

Area: Vigla Excavation Unit 16 Stratigraphic Unit 5503

Date (dd/mm/yy): 25 / 5 / 12 Recorder: DJD Supervisor: DJD

Summary: entire trench, under both 5101 & 5102; represent tumble (to south) & the walls are (center), & more tumble to north.

Elevation		Coordinates	
Min: <u>55.78 (NW)</u>		N <u>13.01</u>	
Max: <u>56.78 (NW, 5502)</u>		W <u>2.84</u>	E <u>6.13</u>
Harris matrix		S <u>08.84</u>	
	<u>5501</u>	<u>5502</u>	
	<u>5503</u>		

Soil description

Munsell (wet): 7/5 PR 6/6 reddish yellow

Stoniness (%): 50% top

Soil type: sandy clay loam

Dominant clast size: pebble in the screen
cobbles to boulder otherwise

Consolidation: soft

Features

- 5503 - f1 (fortification wall)
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Photographs and drawings

- p1 - p19 (Dsk) 1-3 (working)
- d1 (50 bottom/wall) 4-19 (bottom)
- vt
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Procedure

Dry sieve X Water sieve _____ If water sieve, # of bags: _____

Finds (# of bags)

Ceramic 16 Stone 2 Bone _____ Metal 2 Organic _____ Plaster _____ Other 1 (shell)
1 (fired limestone)

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Description:

This SU runs along the whole trench again, per David's suggestion & its soil is noticeably redder - a reddish brown by my eye - & is full of large stones, presumably tumble from the walls collapse. It sits under 5501 & 5502.

Due to the slow pace of our exc. to date, the common context, & the shared opinion that we're digging a bunch of tumble the decision was made to employ the large pick axe & take out 10-15cm swaths, cleared by NKP. We work w/ this method until end of day.

26/5. More picking, which is resulting in the removal of large stones (10-25cm), which come out fairly early w/ the large pick & tend to be surrounded by lots of the same reddish brown soil common to this SU. Still no discernable face yet.

We've come down on a decent deposit of ceramics - large pieces w/ clean breaks. Perhaps 3 or 4 vessels in this scatter.

↳ And we've found a few more scatters like this - one containing a ~~pot~~ stone peiranterrin frag. ^{↳ not complete!} ~~(tumbled)~~ All are in south end of trench, & seem archaic to hellenistic in date - no obvious Roman outliers.

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SU:

5503

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Description:

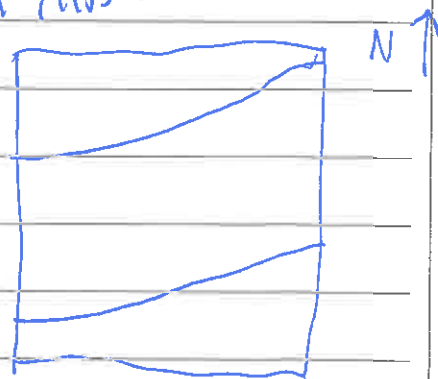
So what are these pots scattered along here? Bill posits they're sitting on the wall - on shelves perhaps - & therefore tumbled down w/ the wall. ~~It's also possible~~ This could make sense, since the frogs are interred in our trench.

27/5: To make better progress Bill, Brandon, Liz & I went out this morning to try & get through the tangle & articulate the faces of the wall. We started in the northern portion, since we hadn't taken it down as far as south portion. We again employed the large pick.

By the end of the morning, we haven't resolved things. But removal of the several cms of soil & stones has allowed us to see the scarp more clearly. Brandon seems confident that there are coursed stone where we exc. & so it might represent it inner fill of the wall. Moreover, it's possible the wall jogs here based on the scarp - there's nothing at all in the NW corner, which is strange, while coursed stones run south from this point. An illus:

The eastern scarp is far less clear however, but it's poss. we're moving from stone core to tangle.

We need a face, which is the afternoon project.



Description:

The afternoon session finds the ~~so~~ south (inner) face. Working from the "jog" hypothesis, we tried to find something anything - that looked like a face & did so. In fact, our pot scatters were a guide, as they all ~~we~~ know now we found on the inner face - right up against it in fact.

So, we have the south, inner face, & what we long thought was tumble was in fact (mostly) the stone & rubble core of the wall. The north face remains undefined.

So, what does all the pottery represent? Well, it could be wire coming down into a foundation trench, or it's a dump of some kind. We'll lay a new SU here to clarify. We might need to expand .5m south for this.

There is some partially fired limestone in this area, two - several chunks. We kept a sample ~~of~~ We pulled a *Nurex* shell as well - whole.

Screening turned up very little material - limited
↳ the bulk came from the scatters. Ceramics

ELEVATIONS: Top	Bottom:	
NW, N6 N6 5502 Bottom	SE - 56.18	Center W - 56.32
Bottom 5502	SW - 56.19	(on the wall)
	NE - 55.78	Center E - 56.37
	NW - 55.85	