

Date (dd/mm/yy): 04/06/09

EU: 8

SU: 5715

Area: Vigia

Supervisor: DKP

Recorder: RAS

Summary: Pockets of collapsed stone debris 1.5 meters North of feature 5704 - F2 - P1

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

Harris matrix

Coordinates

5714	5715	5711
	5716	

N
1450.80

W
4464.43

E
4465.43

Soil description

S
1449.30

Munsell (wet): 10YR 5/4 - yellowish brown

Maximum top elevation: 55.63

Soil type: clay

Minimum bottom elevation: 55.31

Consolidation: soft

(*Indicate elevations on SU plan)

Stoniness: 75 %

Slope: flat

Dominant clast size: cobble & boulder

Features

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

f1.

p1, 2

f2.

f3.

f4.

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

f5.

5715 - d1

Procedure

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

Finds (# of bags)

Ceramic 2 Stone 1 Bone 1 Metal _____ Organic _____ Plaster _____ Other 2 = find spots

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Description: This SU removes the tumble of stone debris that we had left in place in the excavation of SU 5711 + 5714. The SU begins immediately north of the southern wall (5704-f1) and extends 1.5 m to the north. However, this SU actually removes two distinct pockets of ~~rock~~ cobble & rock we had left in place because we suspected they were wall remains. After further examination, we ~~discovered~~ ~~decided~~ they were collapse. The two pockets include:

① A small triangular extension running 50 cm north from 5704-f1 and projecting out of the eastern scarp wall

② A line of rubble running E-W across trench which we previously conjectured was a wall (5702-f2) but now realize lacks the regularity of a wall.

We are removing both areas as a single SU. When we have finished this SU, we will have a long flat area running from the S wall (5704-f1) and to the N-wall (5702-f1)

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Two findspot worthy of recording were found while remaining stone:

① A fragment of a stone bowl/dish

FS 5715 - 1001

el. 55.42m

1449.45 N, 4465.29 E

② Thick rim of coarse shallow dish

FS 5715 - 1002

55.43m

1450.71 N, 4465.09 E

Work ends at 6:45 pm

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Working in trench in AM continuing to remove the remains of cobble & rubble (feature 5702-f2)

collapse. This layer is mostly large stones with ~~some~~ ^{a little} soil in between.

One of the main questions we're interested in is whether the mortar

floor excavated in SU 5714

continues underneath 5702-f2. If

it does, it will give us confidence

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Description: (contd.) that 5702-f2 is only
 rubble which is really what it
 appears to be from as we uncover
 it.

While cleaning out the rubble
 of floor 5702-f2, we have uncovered
 significant quantities of mudbrick
 flecks, and one large chunk
 preserved in the W. scarp wall.

3 cm thick, 8 cm long

The mudbrick confirms our hypothesis
 that this is collapse, i.e. SU 5715
 and 5702-f2 represent collapse from walls.

Moreover, after sweeping the entire
 trench and examining soils between
 5702-f1 and 5704-f1, we have
 ascertained that there are ^{occasional} mudbrick
 flecks & packets mixed with small
 mortar bits throughout which must
 mean that we are still above floor
 level. Examining the scarp wall to the
 north of 5702-f1 shows a thin line
 of mortar that may be floor 50-60 cm
 below surface. If there is also floor preserved
 S. of 5702-f1 we may have 10-20 cm
 total floor area for it.

Addendum (6-20):
 this may be
 pottery, but
 if so there is
 still much
 mudbrick in
 SU.

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We have brought the entire trench to the same level between walls 5702-P1 and 5704-P1 and ^{so} are ending this SU.

Top Elevations		Bottom Elev.	
NW	55.46 m	NW	55.33
NE	55.63 m	NE	55.31
SE	55.58 m	SE	55.44

