

Date (dd/mm/yy): 5/6/09 EU: 8 SU: 5716

Area: Vigla Supervisor: DKP Recorder: DKP

Summary: thick layer of collapse debris between wall, 5702-p1 & 5904-p1

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

Harris matrix

5714	5715	5711
	5716	

Coordinates

N	1453.61
W	4464.43
E	4465.43
S	1449.31

Soil description

Munsell (wet): 7.5 YR 4/3
 Soil type: silty clay
 Consolidation: loose
 Stoniness: 20 %
 Dominant clast size: gravel

Maximum top elevation: 55.30
 Minimum bottom elevation: 54.99
 (*Indicate elevations on SU plan)
 Slope: flat

Features

- f1.
- f2.
- f3.
- f4.
- f5.

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

5716 - p 1 (amphora)
p 2 - 17 ??

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

5716 - d 1

Procedure

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

Finds (# of bags)

Ceramic 4 Stone 2 Bone 3 Metal 2 Organic 1 Plaster 2 Other 12

FS 10
1-Shell
1-Joiner w/ AFSS-16-1005

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Top Elev.N 55.25C 55.28S 55.30

On Friday, June 5, Bill Caraher and I began to excavate this SU which runs from the N. terminus of wall 5704-f1 to the S. terminus of 5702-f1. As we picked we encountered many patches of mudbrick (some of which appear to be burned from fire), fired rock (the conglomerate stones are charred, the limestone is white & friable), and many potsherds. In the N. part of the trench along the E. scarp wall, we have come down on an entire amphora vessel (which we are slowly uncovering) and a potspread immediately S. of 5702-f1. These, ~~which~~ we suspect, are right above the floor. This entire SU may represent collapse of the walls of the building onto an abandoned occupation ~~although~~ although we still have to determine if we are on the inside of a building or in a corridor between two buildings.

We will
give this
an ISH

to surface
of

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New day - June 6

Continuing the pass we began yesterday (creased about 5 cm throughout). Justin Podge & Rachel Stratwiser are with us today.

Bill Caraher came by for a podcast.

Some rocks (cobble) in this layer - but mostly gravel & mortar bits. The mud bricks may appear to have small white mortar ~~conclusions~~ - is this possible or ~~am I seeing~~ ^{rattler} mudbrick compressed with mortar?

After excavating another two hours we have come down on several well-preserved patchwork & handles & patchwork & smooth stones. Some of these may be close to or sitting on the floor. These continue to be scattered mudbrick flecks that may suggest we are still dealing with building ^{wall} collapse onto the floor of a room.

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Find spots from S to N.

① fs 5716-1001 - pots spread in SE trench

1449.519 1449.81 N 4465.30 E 55.28 m

② fs 5716-1002 - stove vessel in S. part of trench

1449.76 N 4464.95 E 55.28 m

③ fs 5716-1003 - cooking pot in center of trench:

1450.76 N 4464.84 E 55.17 m

④ fs 5716-1004 - basket handle in center of trench:

1451.04 N 4464.78 E 55.22 m

⑤ fs 5716-1005 - amphora - full profile preserved but fragmented in N-central part of trench:

1452.05 - 1452.50 N 4464.94 E 55.27 m (top of lip)

55.25 m (top of body) 54.93 m Bottom

⑥ fs 5716-1006 - pots spread in NE corner of trench

1453.46 - 1453.56 N 4465.24 E 55.20 m

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Description:

~~fs 5716-1008~~

~~large rounded stone - concave~~

~~2.77 0.07 27 E~~

fs 5716-1008 - vessel fragment

1452.12 - 1452.17 N

4464.65 E

55.15 m

At the end of the morning, we took photographs and pulled all FS artifacts. The amphora (fs 5716-1005) projects deeply into the E. scarp and we were not able to pull all of it. The soil inside the amphora (-1005) was finer

but the same as the soil in ^{SU} 5716; presumably it had filtered in through stony cracks in the vessel slowly.

Inside the body we found the rim/neck of a smaller amphora; it's hard to know how this got there, since

On Monday, we will clean up trench & close to SV.

→ it is too large to fit through the neck of FS-1005.

Perhaps FS-1005 is not complete at the bottom?

We were working quickly and I don't recall if there were body sherds below the other amphora's rim. (DN)

(DKP) * 17-6-09 - when closing the trench for the year, I pulled the remaining pieces from the scarp. The amphora runs 27 cm into scarp. I can find no discernible toe. The amphora lies on 1-2 cm of soil that covered

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Monday morning now. We will get the trench down to the level of the bottom of the amphora and then close it out. We have ~~been~~ excavated 20-30 cm across the trench and are concerned that we are close to floor. We will excavate the soil on the floor separately if possible.

At the end of morning session, we are closing up, sweeping floor, and photographing. We have revealed a shallow but large stone vessel in SW corner of unit ~~at~~ 0.50 m north of wall 5704-f1.

Stone vessel = fs 5716-1009

1449.95 - 1450.37 N, 4464.76 E

el. top - 55.17 (North), 55.09 m (South)

bottom - 55.04

We noted mudbrick in floor at 55.08 m, 1450.26 N, 4464.84 E

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We have closed SU and are clearing
 scarps. At the end of SU, we
 noted v. soft ashy soil in parts
 of floor & also v. dark mudbrick
 in floor. - is this a result of fire?
 Since we have excavated 20-30cm
 in this SU & since we may be
 close to floor, we have closed
 SU. There is a possible wall - or the
 fragments of one - that runs across
 trench (E-W) in center of unit.
 If this turns out to be a wall,
 we will describe more fully & document
 properly.

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 (6-2009): this
 will become
 5717-f1

Bottom Elevations

N 54.99

C 55.02 m

S 55.05 m

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 Basket handle found at junction of walls
 5708-f1 + ~~some~~ 5717-f1, embedded
 in the latter wall.

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f5 5716-1010 1451.96 N
 4464.63 E
 55.14 m