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Area: Vigla Supervisor: DTP Recorder: DTP

Summary: Thin layer of dark mudbricks mixed with very white (mortar?) flecks

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

Harris matrix

	<u>5716</u>	
	<u>5717</u>	

Coordinates

N 1452.06
 W 4464.43 E 4465.43
 S 1449.31

Soil description

Munsell (wet): 10 YR 5/4
 Soil type: silty clay
 Consolidation: loose
 Stoniness: 10 %
 Dominant clast size: gravel

Maximum top elevation: ~~55.05~~ 55.05

Minimum bottom elevation: 54.93

(*Indicate elevations on SU plan)

Slope: flat

Features

- f1. 5717-f1
- f2.
- f3.
- f4.
- f5.

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

5716-

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

5717-d1

Procedure

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

Finds (# of bags)

Ceramic 3 Stone 3 Bone 3 Metal _____ Organic _____ Plaster 2 Other 6 (mudbrick)

mudbrick: 2
 findspots: 4

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Description:

Tuesday afternoon Rachel, Ryan, & I are starting a new SU, 5717, which we believe is right above floor (because of large & well-preserved artifacts at the end of previous level). We are using trowels mainly to excavate - rather than picks.

This SU contains very dark mudbrick chunks - we will save some of these for analysis.

As we begin to excavate this SU, we discover that the line of stones immediately south of F5 5706-1005 (the amphora) has the appearance of a wall, however flimsy & poorly constructed. Because it may be an internal wall, we have given it a feature number (5717-f1) and decided to excavate everything to the north of it as a separate SU (5718). This SU then, includes 5717-f1, but nothing north of it.

Top Elevations:

N 55.02m

C 55.04m

S 55.05m

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A well-preserved open barrel found
 while traveling - at W. scarp wall.
 fs 5717-2001

33.05m

1450.79 N - 1450.93 N

4464.55 E - 4464.60 E

New day - June 10

After excavating yesterday
 afternoon and this morning,
 we have fully defined this SU.
 It consists of 3-4 cm of very
 compact dark red-brown soil.
 Although I previously called this
 mudbrick, it is darker than
 the reddish mudbrick deposit we
 dug as SU 5716. It may, in fact,
 be a compact ^{packed} earth floor that
 was burned when the building was
 destroyed. Much of this soil ~~was~~
 includes some ash and occasional
 charcoal. One other possibility
 is that this compact dark red
 soil is from a mud ~~to~~ thatching
 of a collapsed roof that fell
 onto the occupation surface.

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One piece of evidence supporting this assertion is that we found a white mortar bed that is clearly either flooring or padding for a floor. On this white mortar "floor," we found two sizable long bones and a coin in situ. We also uncovered a large rectangular limestone slab lying on this floor.

T6 FS #s for these are:

fs 5717 - 1002 Bone along 5704 - F1

1449.61 N - 1449.77 N

~~4507.43 E~~ 4464.86 E

55.02 m

fs 5717 - 1003 Bone S. of stone slab

1449.83 N, 4464.73 E - 4464.92 E

55.02 m

fs 5717 - 1004 - Coin

1449.49 N, 4465.03 E

55.00 m

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The floor (mortar bedding runs south to 5704-f1 and seems to abut this wall, suggesting that it postdates the construction of wall. It runs north to 5717-f1. However, the floor does not meet with the wall but apparently stops 5-10 cm short of this wall which suggests that this wall was added later than the floor and cut into the floor. Excavating SU 5718 to the north of 5717-f1 may help to answer these questions.

Bottom

S - 54.93m

C 54.98

N 54.944

Addendum (20-6-09) to the mortar floor, as it turns out, does extend to 5717-f1 & does not stop short as I initially suggested above. I misestimated the S. line of the wall 5717-f1 & consequently came to the wrong conclusion.

The mortar floor was put down after walls 5704-f1, 5708-f1, & 5717-f1 were constructed.