

Locus L 9981	Dor 19 93	Fld G	Sq A132	Loc. type Flr malkeep + dest. Flour
Open Date 02/02/93	High at 13.53 N	Low at 13.48 S	Seals: _____	
Close Date 04/07/93	12.72 N	12.67 S	Sealed by: 9834	
Floor: type CP	12.72 N	12.67 S	Locl 9834	
Length 1.5	Width 1.3	Vol _____	above _____	
Value S	Remove _____	Drawn? NO	below _____	
Photo #(1) See Isra	Photo #(2)		Locl _____	
Written by: BSS	Checked by: JRZ		below _____	

Unit	Phase	Stage	Stratum	PoM
Summary				

Opened: Below winter wash to go through F9834.

Limits (N) Unexcavated fill
(S) Fill below W9704
(E) Area G baulk
(W) Fill below W9728.

Closed: Came down on floor [F9981]

Matrix: Above the floor was a few cm (3-4) of winter wash. Floor surface was heavily eroded but was probably several microlayers of packed down ash mixed in with mudbrick debris. Below this was immediately the common marine destruction matrix - loose, highly burnt mudbrick debris

Relations: ranging from orange to red to white in color with massive pockets of jet black ash. In the NW corner there was a possibly intrusive pit. Here the matrix was much more moist and was primarily a dark grey ashy color, and it was also much harder. Towards the base of this material there was a thick concentration of body shards. Pottery was kept in separate buckets from both areas. At approximately 12.80 this latter matrix thinned out and we started getting a uniform moist light grey matrix with large pockets of bright red and orange mudbrick debris and dark ash. This we called the floor deposit and in larger open areas buckets. The floor was several resurfacing of packed down white ash - At least 3 perforators. In the matrix of the floor we could just make out, through careful excavations, the carbonized outline of a Sital warrior with his spear aloft. Samples were taken for DNA analysis. There was almost no pottery in the floor deposit buckets, but quite a bit higher up JRZ '93 - personally I thought it was a Phoenician warrior. (Clearly he was a defender of the city.)

(RELATIONS): [F9981] continues into the unexcavated fills to the N, S, E and W. It presumably continues into destruction in A132* to the S and W. [F9981] also continues into the unexcavated fill to the N, S and W, and is probably a continuation of F9779.

Additional Observations/Value: High value; destruction deposit below F9834; save buckets for restoration with pottery from next season.

