


Locus W9759	Dor 1992	Fld G	Sq A1/AH33	Loc. type Mudbrick debris to floor?
Open 1.4/07/92	High at 14.42 E	Low at 14.40 W	Seals: _____	_____
Close 30/07/92	14.15 SE	14.11 NW	Sealed by: _____	_____
Floor: type Length 3.3	Width 3.0	Vol 	Locl 9734	_____
Value _____	Remove 30/07/92	Drawn? YES	above _____	_____
Photo #(1) 86692	Photo #(2) 86576	Locl 9817	9827	9845
Written by: R.S.S.	Checked by: J.R.Z.	below _____	_____	_____

Unit	Phase	Stage	Stratum	PoM
Summary				

Opened: Beginning of season beneath winter wash as a continuation of L9734, which was closed in 1991 due to end of season.

Limits (N) Back with A1/AH34

(S) W9729 and fill below W9096

(E) W9266

(W) W9684

Closed: Changed to L9817 when partial floor 9759 was uncovered, along with a series of mostly N-S oriented mudbricks. Changed to L9817 and L9826

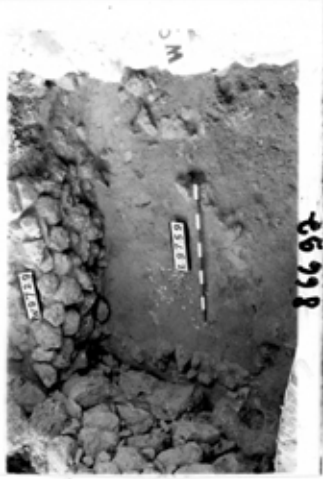
Matrix: Dark, compact mudbrick debris very similar to L9734 above and L9894 on the W side of W9684. Not to L9630 and L9657 on the E side of W9266. Pottery is very fragmentary, more so than L9734, and also very scarce. Towards base of locus, concentration of pottery increases as does the number of fist-sized and double-fist-sized cobbles - these are absent in the

Relations: upper several cm. In the SE third of the locus, there was a very high concentration of bivalve shells mixed in with less compact, sandy mudbrick debris. At the base of this locus, the matrix around the shells became pure beach sand, and lay on top of several in situ mudbricks. A 'pit' of this beach sand and shell is apparent between these mudbricks, where they appear to have been eroded, or possibly cut away to create an installation. Along the W. face of W9266, there a concentration of fist-sized, and slightly larger, cobbles forming a N-S line. These cobbles sink below the level of top of the mudbrick directly to the west of them and are embedded in less compact, sandy mudbrick. In the SW corner, there was a concentration of several fist-sized, double-fist-sized, and triple fist-sized cobbles for several cm. above the locus base. Mixed into these cobbles and beneath them when they were removed, was a less compact, lighter brown mudbrick debris which was rich in large charcoal fragments (1cm - 4cm wide). No fugate lines were apparent here, though sharp soil color change suggest that there are some fallen mudbricks. Slightly to the N. of this area, several fallen mudbricks were distinct in the several cm. above the base of the locus, including small patches of burnt mudbrick (red-orange). The mudbrick debris throughout the N. half of the square was more ashy and also highly compacted.




- More - Matrix and Relations on Card 2

Additional Observations/Value: See card 2

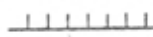
Sketch plan scale 1:50



Section

-  fragment of floor
-  complete of partial mudbrick
-  beach sand with high shell content
- = 9826
- - - - = 9817

Section



L9734, above

L9734 above

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Close				Sealed by: _____
Floor: type				Locl _____
Length	Width		Vol _____	above _____
Value	Remove		Drawn? _____	below _____
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Opened: _____

Limits (N) _____

(S) _____

(E) _____

(W) _____

Closed: _____

Matrix: - Continued. The partial floor was covered with ± 5 cm of clayey ash, similar to the floor in L9657 to the east. This was the only floor fragment found, however. The floor measured 22cm x 22cm and appeared to be made of beaten earth, crushed lime and ash. Much of the E. half of the locus base shows a series of at least nine in situ mudbricks - all measuring approx. 28cm x 52cm. A tenth mudbrick, lies out of line with these other bricks, to the N. of them. It measures 25cm x 40cm.

RELATIONS - L9759 appears to continue N. into the balk with A1/AH 34. L9759 reaches the E. face of W9684 and the W. face of W9266. L9759 reaches the N. face of W9729. L9759 appears to continue into the matrix below W9096, where W9729 either ends and forms a doorway or disappears into the matrix below W9096. L9759 may be a continuation below L9734, though the quality of the pottery recovered is much poorer in L9759. The significance of the mudbricks is uncertain. They may form a NS wall later reused as the floor of the room between W9684 and W9266. They may also be a 'mentaba' or platform, or again, they may be the primary floor material used in this room. The level of this floor is approx 15cm below floor 9657 to the E. This suggests that these rooms may have been terraced, sloping down towards the W. L9759 covers but does not seal W9845 on the E. against W9266.

Additional Observations/Value: Floor Deposit? - Valuable - Additional photos 86573, 86574, 86575, 86576, 86577, 86578, 86579, 86580