

Cemetery Below Bab el-Kil
S-20-K: Trial Trench 1.

Introductory Remarks:

This area was showed to Mr. Garrett, Mr. Taylor & W. A. C. as the place where funerary sculpture had been found & sold in the market in Aleppo. It was voted by the C. E. A. V. to dig a trial trench here during the current summer campaign. After some difficult negotiations the land was leased & work started on a trial trench 4. wide x 6. long on Thursday afternoon, August 5, 1937.

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Friday, 6 August, 1937

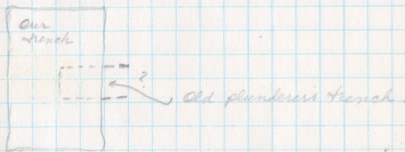
Cloudy & cool in A.M. Clear & hot in P.M.

Regular hours of work.

W. A. C. with William and Gabriel & 13 workmen.

Dug trench down ca. 1.50 m earth of light brown color with many field stones but few pieces of ancient building debris.

In east wall of trench picked up the walls of a plunderer's trench about 1.50 m wide:



Saturday, 7 August, 1937

Continued with same number of men & dug down to ca. 3.00 without striking any construction.

Monday, 9 August, 1937

Continued with same number of men & dug down to ca. 4.00 without striking any construction.

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Tuesday, 10 August, 1937

Cloudy & cool in A.M. Clear & hot
in P.M. Breeze from sea all day.

Regular hours of work

W. A. C. & 12 workmen with Eunice

Progress of work:

Digging became more difficult
due to large pieces of limestone
rubble in bottom of trench. Also
top of stone construction
appeared, & so men were
transferred to S-17-F, House 1
until a reis can be spared to
supervise excavation around
walls. This small crew under
Eunice were used only for
removal of unstratified surface
debris.

Sketch plan of walls in trench -
not to scale:



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Thursday, 12 August, 1937.

Cloudy & cool with wind from sea in A.M. Cleared at noon; clear & hot for rest of day.

W.A.C. & 12 workmen with Eunice.

Progress of work

At 4.00 m. a large number of irregular, quadrated limestone blocks. These proved to be part of a large construction but trench too small to determine its nature. Among them were amphora handles & a cylinder seal.

Dug under stones at N. end to -6.00 m.

S-20-K 6.8.37 Trial Trench 1 Surface
Jewellery stone al205-S480

S-20-K Trial Trench 1 5.8.37
Lamps: Wheelmade
Ephesos " = *P. phedus*
Early Roman relief
Lamp: all79-L690
Pots: Hellenistic and early Roman red.
Stamped base: all78-P1945
Amphora Handle: all80-P1946

all94-P1953
all95-P1954

S-20-K Trial Trench 1 5.8.37
Pots: 1 Late B
1 Late A
Earlier Roman red. Vertical
rims, 2 very bright *high*
2 stamped. Hellenistic red.
Lamps: Roman relief lamps I-III.
1 Ephesos type.

Hell. group I
Rom. Group I

S-20-K Trial Trench 1 7.8.37
Surface from 2 - 2.00 m.
Pottery: Coarse Hellenistic red
varnished mostly Pergamene.
Stamped Handle: al206-P1910

Much

S-20-K Trial Trench 1 7.8.37
Pottery: Hellenistic red varnish
brick. Pergamene.
Lamps: Fragments Ephesos Corinth
type XIX. one frag. Roman group
II.

S-20-K. Trial Trench 1. 9.8.37
Surface from - 3.00 m.
Pottery: One black varnished.
much Hellenistic red varnished, *much*
Pergamene.
One moulded rim.
Ancient green glazed.
3 stamped handles al220-P1971
Lamps: Many fragments. Ephesos
Corinth type XIX.
Roman group V-VI.

S-20-K. Trial Trench 1. 10.8.37
Surface debris from - 4.00 m.
Pottery: Hellenistic black varnished.
Hellenistic red varnished.
"Pergamene". Hellenistic moulded.
Stamped amphora handle al226-P1975
Graffito al227-P1976
Lamps: Hellenistic group I.
"Ephesus" ?.

S-20-K. Trial Trench 1. 12.8.37
Below - 4.00 m. from surface among
large limestone blocks out of position
Pottery: Coarse.
Hellenistic black varnished
Hellenistic red varnished.
"Pergamene".
Hellenistic moulded
One late B
"Terra Nigre Profile."
Stamped handle al268-P2000-07
Lower half of draped limestone
statuette.
Moulded fragment of terracotta
Lamps: Hellenistic group I.

S-20-K. Trial Trench 1. 12.8.37
Stone object al276-S486

S-20-K Trial Trench 1 12.8.37
Stone object al279-S487

S-20-K Trial Trench 1. 12.8.37
Below 4.00 among large limestone blocks
Bone button al277-B222

S-20-K Trial Trench 1. 12.8.37
Bronze sigilment al278-U610

S-20-K Trial Trench 1 13.8.37
Along heavy limestone masonry at 5.00m.
Buckle bone of glass al284-G234

S-20-K Trial Trench 13.8.37
Along wall of heavy limestone masonry
at 5.00 m.
Pottery: Coarse. From Hellenistic black
varnished to Late B.
Stamped amphora handle al285-P2009-17

stamped black varnished base a: 1293-P2017

Moulded fragments of terracotta

Ancient green glazed.

Lamps: Fragments of Hellenistic group I.

Roof tile.

S-20-K Trial Trench 1 14.8.37

As level of bedrock ca. 6.00 m.

Pottery: Few fragments of coarse ware.

Early Hellenistic black and red
varnished of II B.C.

Stamped amphora handles al306-10

P 2024-28

Ancient green glazed.

Lamps: Ephesus "Corinth type XIX.

S-20-K Dumping Trial Trench 1 16.8.37

Pottery: Stamped amphora handles.

al312-16 P 2030-34

Lamps: Ephesus Corinth type XIX.

One uncertain fragment, moulded fragment
of terracotta.

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