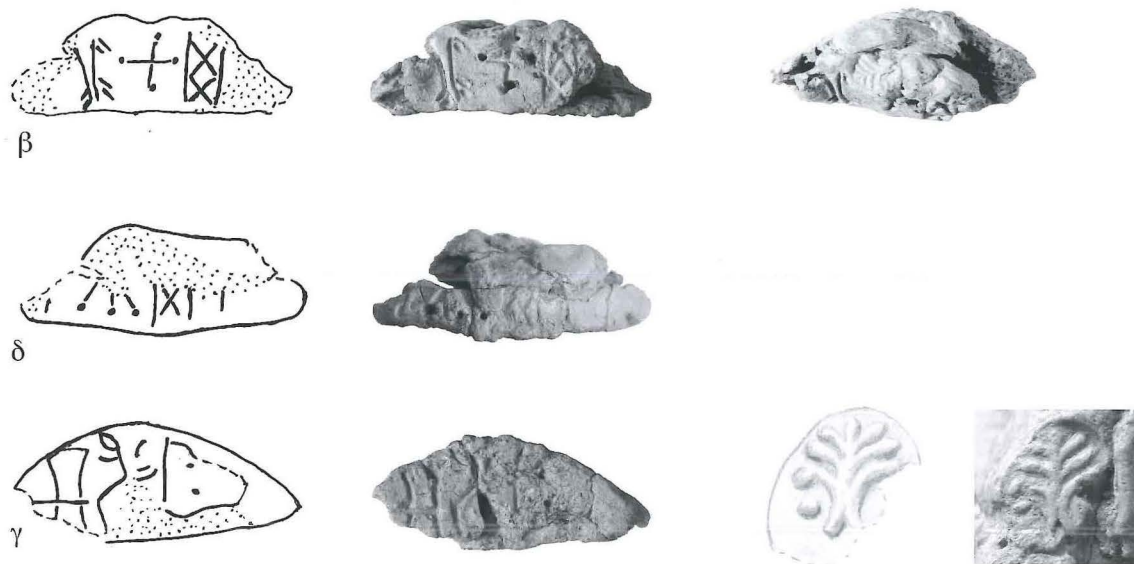


Crescents



Cr1, ME 96/0673, **PE Ha 003**, Square Z, Pass 3

Crescent, almost completely preserved. Clay: fine, soft, yellow clay. No fingerprints. Little polish preserved. Inside impression from string with large knot (observed before crescent was glued together). Inscribed with hieroglyphic signs on all three sides. Stylus medium to rough with rounded end. Incisions medium to light, dots deep. On top impression from a single seal. Ø 3.7 × 1.6. Th. 1.15

The inscription:

β	039-070-068
γ	042-023-011
δ	[.]-031-039-[.]

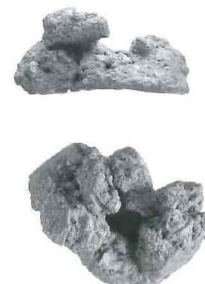
δ: 039 is uncertain, but this worn area seems to have two vertical strokes with a cross positioned low between the two vertical strokes.

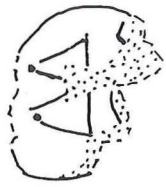
The seal impression PE 001

Incompletely preserved impression from a well-engraved seal of oval? shape and with an almost flat surface. Stamp? Motif: branch with five symmetric “leaves” growing from semi-circles in the centre of the seal. Ø [0.74 × 0.6].

Cr2, ME 96/0430B+C, **PE Ha 004**, Square K, Pass 2

Crescent, part of side γ and α? preserved. Clay: fine reddish brown. No fingerprints preserved. Polished. Inside impression from string mark with knot (Fig. 32). Inscribed with hieroglyphic signs on side γ. Stylus medium to fine with almost pointed end. Incision medium, dots deep. No seal impression preserved. Ø [2.05 × 1.7]. Th. [1.13].





The inscription

γ 034-[.]

γ after 034 there are traces of two bent strokes. Too little is preserved to suggest any reading, although 054 can be considered a possibility.

Comments: No seal impression can with certainty be ascribed to this fragment, but it should be noted that PE 014 on **I8** (cf. below) was collected together with **Ha 004**.



Cr3, ME 96/0898-00A, **PE Ha 005**, Square B, Pass 1

Crescent, more than half preserved. Clay: fine dark reddish-brown, porous, almost burnt to cinder. Fingerprints not visible. Some polish. Inside heavy, crossed, bent strings cf. 1145C. Neither inscription nor seal impression preserved. Ø 3.02 × [1.37]. Th. [1.15].



The inscriptions

β not visible/preserved, possibly *vacat*

γ not visible/preserved, possibly *vacat*

δ *deest*



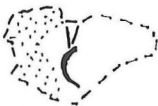
It is uncertain whether or not this crescent was inscribed.

Comments: Even though this crescent is very badly burnt and therefore has a most irregular surface, one would have expected some visible traces of inscriptions and/or seal impressions. Since none can be seen, **Ha 005** must probably be a crescent which was in the process of being prepared but had not yet been inscribed or given seal impression(s).



Cr4, ME 96/1208B, **PE Hx 022**, Square BA, Pass 1

Nodule, crescent? Small fragment with part of three sides preserved. Clay: fine, light reddish-brown. Fingerprints preserved below the inscription. Polished. Inside are clear string marks, thick, with the beginning of a knot (Fig. 33). On flat section (side γ?) part of one sign incised. Stylus medium to rough, rounded end. Incision medium. Ø [1.92] × 1.24. Th. [0.78].



The inscription

] [•] [

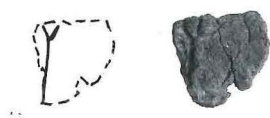


The inscription consists of a curved stroke with two lighter incisions above.

Comments: Inscription with fingerprints unusual on crescents. Small piece glued in 2001 gives a curved edge which makes it almost certainly a crescent.

Cr5, ME 96/0665E, **PE Hx 019**, Square E, Pass 1

Nodule, crescent? Small fragment. Clay: fine reddish-brown. No fingerprints. Some polish. No string marks seen in fracture. The flat polished surface (γ ?) has traces of what looks like a sign. Stylus medium to rough, rather rounded end. Incision medium. \emptyset [1.23 \times 0.80]. Th. [0.69].



The inscription

γ] [•]

The incision consists of one long stroke that splits at the one end. No reading suggested.

Comments: This fragment may perhaps belong to **Cr2**, **Ha 004**. The inscription is uncertain and may perhaps only be an impression from a thin root?

Cr6, ME 96/0309B, **PE I 06**, Square E, Pass 1, /37.84

Nodule, Crescent? Small fragment with two surfaces preserved. Clay: dark brown-reddish, finely-grained. No fingerprints. Lightly polished? Inside impression probably from knot (Fig. 34). On one surface, part of a possible seal impression is seen together with a small curved accidental stroke. The other surface is smoothed flat. \emptyset [1.4 \times 0.9]. Th. [0.9].

Seal impression PE 017

Imperfectly preserved impression from seal with probably flat surface, relatively deeply engraved. No edge preserved. From stamp or prism? Motif: perhaps hieroglyphic sign and possible part of stroke from other sign. Mpd 0.75.



The inscription, **PE I 06**

] 056 [

If an inscription, the sign must be 056.

Comments: The preserved shape/profile most likely indicates crescent, but it must remain uncertain.



Cr7, ME 97/0023B, Square II, Pass 2

Nodule, crescent? Small fragment with part of two surfaces preserved. Clay: light red-brownish. Fingerprints visible. Some polish. Inside clear string mark (\emptyset c. 0.41). \emptyset [1.55 \times 1.55]. Th. [0.91].

Comments: Could be part of same document as **Co16**. Missing in Sept. 2001.

