

an explanation of the purpose of these vessels, which are rarely found in Egypt.

Relatively few amphorae were found in rooms D.11-D.15. These are mostly small sherds of brown amphorae. Globular amphorae are much more characteristic for the fills here; similarly as in the levelling layers at site B, bag-shaped amphorae occur side by side with amphorae whose form and combed decoration refer to the *Late Roman 2* amphorae as the prototype.

On the basis of the glazed sherds and Ayyubid coins the dating of the pottery found in the fill of rooms D.11-D.15 should be dated to the 9th-12th century.