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Annette Rathje, "Oriental imports in Etruria in the 8th and 7th centuries, B. C., their origins and implications" (Ellaina Macnamara Memorial Scholar, 1975-1976).

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CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - John Chadwick (Nestor 1011), in dealing with Professor Palmer's letter (Nestor 1003-4) on the issue of Mycenaean rations, repeats his statement (Gnomon 36 [1964] 321-7) that the equation presented by KN Am 819-18 'men' and 8 'boys' received HORD 9/7/3/-, finds only 'one plausible solution, namely a ration of Z 90 for both 'men' and 'boys.' He explains this rather astonishing result by adding that "since the 'boys' are attached to a work-group of men, they must be nearly adult and will require similar rations."

To me, this seems too modernistic an approach; in primitive society, the coming of age was the most important event in a man's life, and one would expect a difference in treatment between the two categories. Moreover, the figure of Z 90 entails a proportion between HORD:GRA of 15:8, which is at variance with the equation HORD 5/3/4/? = GRA 2/6/5/2.

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The texts from Hagia Triada show that different treatment of various categories is normal, even when listed together and, in addition thereto that the basic ratios compare as 1:4/5:1/2 (Kadmos 12 [1973] 28-59, Table XVII). A similar ratio is to be expected in the Linear B records.

Indeed, when applying the standard ratio of HORD T4 for the 'men' and of four-fifths thereof for the 'boys,' the required total is Z 2342.4 as against a recorded total of Z 2340, the 'rounding down' being only one per thousand. The difference may be due to the fact that four-fifths of T 4 = Z 76.8, an 'impossible' figure, corrected to 76.5.

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