

MYC. *TE-RU-RO*

This is a new word which appeared after the joining of the fragments KN 1380 + 8608 [+ 7151] by J.-P. Olivier, cf. Annual of the British School of Archaeology, vol. 62, 1967, p. 329. Written in capital signs in this series, it is apparently a personal name.

In the Linear B texts, known till now, there are altogether about a dozen of personal names which begin with *ter*¹. But their identification is not easy. Some of these names are brought into connection with the stem *τέλε-*, *τέλης* to *τέλος*, *ταλάσσαι*, from which a great number of Greek personal names were derived in historical times (cf. Bechtel, *HPN*, pp. 420—424). Thus, *te-ra-wo-*, *-wo-ne* (*Telawōn*, cf. *Τελέων*, *Docs*, *VG*, *OL*, *CR*, *Minos IX*, 132), *te-re-ja-wo* (*Teleiawōn*, *Docs*, *OL*, *CR*, o. c. 128), *te-ra-pe-te* (*CR*, o. c. 132: *Tela-phenthēs*, cf. *ταλα-πενθής*), *te-ra-u-re-o* (*MDP*, *Kadmos IV*, 125: *Tel-aulēs*, with a dissim. *Teraulēs*). *Te-ra-po-si-jo* is identified with *Therapontios* (*CR*, *Et.*, p. 155), a patronym. of *Θεράπων*, and all the others are without any identification.

Of several theoretical possibilities² for the identification of *te-ru-ro*, its relation to the stem *τέλε-* appears the most probable. A personal name *Τέλλως* is documented (cf. Ditt. Syll.³ 239 C III, 27, 5th cent.). It is formed in the same way as *Ἄνδρως*, *Ἡρος*, *Ξένος*, etc., as Bechtel, *HPN* p. 422, noticed. As these short names are parallel to the hypocoristics in *-υλ(λ)ος*: *Ἡρος*: *Ἡρολλος*, *Ξένος*: *Ξένυλλος*, Myc. *ko-ku* *Κόκκυς* : *ko-ku-ro* *Κοκκύλος*, etc., we may reconstruct a name *Terulos* < *Telulos*, corresponding to *Τέλλως* like *wi-du-ro* *Ϝ(ε)ιδύλλος* to *Ϝειδύς*, *Βειδύς*,

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¹ *te-ra-pe-te* KN V 147, 5; *te-ra-po-si-jo* KN Db 1263, Da 1314, De 1361 +; *te-ra-u-re-o* PY S1 22; *te-ra-wo* MY Au 102,3, 653, 2, 657,10; *te-ra-wo-ne* PY En 1192,2; *te-re-do* PY Cn 1287,2; *te-re-ja-wo* KN Vc 188; *te-re-wa-ko* KN C 973; *te-ro-ri-jo* KN Uf 1522,1 and perhaps two fragments: *te-ra-*[KN X 7585; *te-re-*[KN X 1027.

² *Te-ru-ro* might be explained as a formation with the hypocoristic suffix *-υλλος* from the stem *stēr-* 'hard, fast, firm'. Some personal names from this stem are documented, cf. Bechtel, *HPN*, p. 606: *Στῆρις* *Στήριος* Milet, 282, from *στῆρος* in *στῆρα* · *τὰ λίθυνα πρόθυρα* Hesych. Thus, *te-ru-ro* = *Stērullos* might be a short name from a compound like **Στῆρι-λαος*. similar to **Εγέλλος* : **Εγέλλαος*, **Εχί-λαος*, **Αρχύλος* : **Αρχέλαος*, **Αρχί-λαος*, etc., but *Terullos* < *Telullos* : *Τέλλως* seems more probable.