

- Jan 18th (Cont). (3) Discontinued the R.R and dump hitherto in use to N of 500. and started a new one as per sketch.

[Drawing]

Preliminary to starting use of this new line dug six to eight small trenches to the "N+E" of old dump to make sure the ground was clear. All reached "gebel" at ca 2.50 m. without encountering any buildings. In the afternoon this line was put into use and a beginning made: --

- (4) Clearing "N" of centre "N" wall B 501 in attempt to locate the door if such exists. If a door is found it is planned to clear an area outside it, if no door exists, we shall start clearing B 501 over the top of the remaining "N" wall.

I finished drawing corners of Pyrs I to VIII and continued finishing details of map of B 502.

Jan 19th Monday
36th Day of work: --

64 locals.

Very cold with high North wind today, temp. min 51°, max. 65° Fahrenheit. Locals very sluggish and work was slow today.

- (1) Continued work at Pit in B 503 EX 1. Nothing further to report.
 (2) Continued clearing "W" wall of B 850, which now seems clearly the limit of the building in this direction, through the "SW" corner remains uncleared owing to its proximity to RR embankment. Also continued trenching on flat "N" of end of new RR line, unobstructed dumping ground throughout.
 (3) Dropped work "N" of centre "N" wall B 501 and started clearing inside ("S") of this wall centre and "E" therefrom. Apparently a door existed in centre of "N" wall, blocked up with small stone and burnt brick, but this point is not entirely clear at present stage of the work. About 4 P.M. came on and partially cleared a large black granite stela.⁴ Its position is shown in sketch on next page. It is over 1 m. in length, though the base is still uncovered, and lies with base against bottom of column and rounded top slanting up and "W". The inscribed surface is underneath and shows a large body of text in clearly cut hieroglyphics well preserved so far as

⁴ Reisner and Reisner (1933), ZÄS 69.