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Dec 28th (cont.)

grave, the entrance to the east blocked by a stone slab, and the flat top of stone slabs. More detailed description must await thorough clearing, am calling this, "grave B 501 EX 10". I believe this to be a late burial, similar to the ones in trench B 500 A, cleared in 1916.

- (2) Continued work in area B 502 EX 4 as yesterday, and put another gang on this area further "N", (see sketch p 11.). From debris here, in addition to about 7 granite frags. and some frags faï and bronze. The following, frag. lower part faï cartouche plaque, inscribed [Drawing] If this is to be read [Drawing: Hieroglyphs], Said informs me that he recalls one of the queens at Kurruw was so called. About ½ a faï finger ring [Drawing] in section. Heavy frag. alab., perhaps ring handle of a vessel [Drawing], two bronze nails, and an object which appears to be a fitting from a box (clasp?) [Drawing] [Drawing]
- (3) Continued work on corners of Pyrs VII and XI. The "NW" deposit at VII was found, but it was exposed from above, the masonry of the corner having disappeared; the deposit appears to be intact, however, and is just where the corner block should be. The two deposits from VIII[sic VII] when removed this morning were found very firmly embedded in the surrounding gravel, and I take it that this condition prevented the "NW" deposit of VII from being displaced when the corner block was moved from above it. At XI, despite very careful search, no traces of deposit have been found. Two corners of the two larger adjacent subsidiary pyramids were examined, and, though the corners were easy of access, nothing was found. It would appear, therefore, that this group were built without deposits.

I made detailed drawings of the 4 corners of Pyr VIII and continued my map of B 502.

Upon careful examination of the objects listed from the two Pyr VIII deposits on Dec 26th (above) I found the plaques listed as bronze are in reality either silver or electrum. The green coloring of the corroded surface of one of these led to this error. The two remaining deposits from VIII are similar, but there were no beads.

Dec 29th Monday

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18th Day of work: -- (1) Continued work in area B 900 EX 1 and running into area B 900 EX 2 in the "southern" portion of the field. Nothing of special note in this area today. One or two places show indications of building, but aside from a well defined corner block just "W" of the crude retaining wall noted yesterday, nothing is clear, and I await the cleaning of the surface in this area. The grave B 501 EX 10 has now been cleared. It is a long box-like structure with a high front facing "east", and is