

Jan 26th Monday

77 locals

42nd Day of work: --

Cold and windy.

(1) Work continued as previously on depression in area B 503 EX 1.

(2) Work continued in temple, room B 501 as yesterday. The whole area "W" of the double curtain walls to a distance of ca 6 to 7 meters was cleared down to pavements and below in one place where the latter is broken. Also started clearing "Eastward" between curtain walls, lower levels down to pavement. Also clearing down to "N" outer wall between columns in burnt brick intrusive walls.

The granite sphinx was further cleared today, permitting of reading the two cartouches on front of cup. They are: -- [Drawing: Hieroglyphs]

After reading this, I examined the sphinx + cup frag. of

yesterday and made out the frag. of second cartouche to be*

*[Drawing:
Hieroglyphs]

Further clearing of statue of Thothmes III beside this sphinx showed it was standing on top of a small granite altar, perfect except for chip off right front corner (of which pieces were found).⁹ The altar is similar in form to that in B 704, approximately square with convex cornice top. It is inscribed on the front only. Thus: --

This altar rests on the brown sandstone pavement

of the last temple. The position of the Thothmes statue on top of a much later altar would seem

[Running Vertical]

Stretch out to fill column

[Drawing: Hieroglyphs] Not Reg.

to indicate that the great

King of a former age had

come to be looked upon as

a Divinity, and his statue

treated like that of a god. Compare the finding of the faceless statue of Amenophis III in the sanctuary of B 700 with the statues of the gods.

In front of this altar, and about on a level with the cornice is a fragment of late floor of reddish color, probably to be dated with the brick intrusive walls. The floor on which the altar rests is the same through which the large seated statue to the "south" has broken in falling. (ie. Hepzefa)

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Jan 27th Tuesday

90 locals

43rd Day of work: --

Cold + windy

(1) Work continued as previously on depression in area 503 EX 1.

(2) Work continued in B 501 "NW" quarter. Sketch below shows area cleared, position of statues and intrusive burnt brick walls.

⁹ Reisner 1931, *Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde* 66; Dunham 1970: 33, #16. In Khartoum.