

Jan 7th Wednesday
26th Day of work: --

80 locals.

(1) Work continued "S" of 502. In area B 502 EX 1 at the extreme "E" end of area work around edges of rectangular pit cleared last season. The "gebel" appears to slope down from "W" to pit edge, as it was not found at edge of pit on level of surrounding gebel. In 502 EX 2 and in front of door into 502 "gebel" continues unbroken and about level. In front of door observed squared white blocks at about 15cm above gebel, perhaps steps leading up to door at higher lead.

(2) In area B 502 EX 4 continued clearing "west" of foundations of B 500 sub 10 noted day before yesterday, more Meroitic (mixed stone, brick + mud) walls on high levels, just under present surface.

Immediately beneath center of the "NS" wall running just "E" of 500 sub 10 (cf. sketch Jan 5th), and apparently immediately under surface on which wall was built, found large fragment of seated or squatting (?) statuette in black granite, about ½ life size.³ Head, torso, and waist, but face missing; so far as could be observed, uninscribed. It

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is the figure of an old man, with deep folds in the abdomen. The wig is thus [Drawing], but it is not the figure of a woman. Left in position for photography or receipt of plates.

(3) In area B 900 EX 2 in clearing lower levels and broken places in the floor, just above "gebel", came on following two fragments at end of work today: - 1st frag. upper part of small obelisk granite with part of [Drawing] top and traces of the 4 faces. Two have legible frags. of inscription as A + B opposite (rough copies).

[Drawing: Hieroglyphs]

2nd frag. of seated statuette with apron [Drawing], over thigh, part of lap, and upper part left side of chair (black granite), inscribed thus

The name [Drawing: Hieroglyphs] is faintly legible. [Drawing: Hieroglyphs] but has been clearly erased, not accidentally obliterated, which would indicate a date

to the time of Akhenaten or earlier (?). Cf the statuette from B 704 in 1916.

(4) At the Pyramids: -- finished corners of Pyr I, each with a small gold ring. The "SE" deposit was accidentally disturbed in clearing, and enables me to give more detailed description. It consists of a tiny piece of gold wire, bent to an almost perfect circle, but the ends free, suitable for putting in a pierced earlobe. D. 1.1 Thickness of wire 0.05.

Finished examination of Pyrs. IX and X, and found no traces of foundation deposits. If a further detailed examination of XI shows no deposits there, I shall assume that the lower group was not provided with them.

³ Dunham 1970, pl. LIIIA (not in MFA)