

Dec 27th Saturday 84 locals.

- 16th Day of work (1) Continued work in area 900 EX 1 clearing mostly on upper levels to about line between door into 502 and door into 904 (?) At extremity of railway serving this area, ie. "W" of "SW" corner of B 900 and "N" of B 501, sank four small trenches to "gebel" (red sand) through stratified mud ca 2 m. deep. No evidence of ground having been used.
- (2) Continued clearing in area B 502 EX 4 working "W" along temple wall. Conditions unchanged from yesterday.
- (3) Continued investigation for foundation deposits at the Barkal Pyramids. A fourth deposit was laid bare at Pyr VIII, that of the "NE" corner, and was found essentially identical with the "SW" one, A similar deposit was laid bare under the "SW" corner of VII. The only difference appears to be that it lies slightly deeper under the corner block (ca. 6 cm). Investigation at the two "S" corners of Pyr XI have so far yielded nothing. Here the corner block is underlaid with sub-foundations running out beyond it, and further examination of these and surrounding areas is being made.
- I continued work on plan of B 502 and on records.

Dec 28th Sunday 82 ½ locals

- 17th Day of work: (1) Continued work in area B 900 EX 1

[Drawing]

Above sketch shows present state of work. At x working down nearly to level of door into B 904 in debris plentifully mixed with large frags. red sandstone. At Y about 50 cm. below present surface in debris, found small granite head of royal statuette, pinkish in color. The uraeus, nose, and top of headdress broken off and missing. The headdress is thus: -- [Drawing] Also from this area a basket full of various frag. black granite, with and without worked faces, one with frag of scene or inscription in relief, and one with ditto incised, neither of which can I identify.

At end of railway dump, and "N" of the "W" end of B 501 in a trench, came upon a grave. The details are not yet clear, but there is burnt brick work, it is a "maghara" [?] type