

Dec 19th (cont) (2) Stopped work in area B 502 EX 3 and shifted to area immediately

"N" and adjacent thereto, which I am calling B 900 EX 1. Area worked

[Drawing] Today marked x. Here were found in dirt debris mixed with many stones (sandst.) and burnt brick frags the following: -- 3 frags of two small sphinxes in blk granite (2 fitting) = fore paws + base of one, fore part of body, fore paws + base of another, face missing, both uninscribed and of fairly crude work: a rounded corner frag. grey gran.: alab. frag. rim + false spout of shallow basin [Drawing] rim frag. five hard grey wear dish, white slip. [Drawing] frag. of faï finger ring double cartouche surmounted with disc + feathers [Drawing] frag. opaque green glass. and various frags. faï + bronze.

Towards end of work started building railway line from B 900 EX 2 past "SW" corner of B 900 for service of dumping ground to "N" of "W" end of B 500.

- (3) Continued trenching for new dump "W" of staked depression "W" of old R'y line. Working "S". "Gebel" at ca 75 cm to 1m, sand and black dirt strata, with some coarse potsherds and brick frags. I continued mapping of B 502.

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10th Day of work :- (1) Continued clearing to the "W" along "S" wall of B 502 in area B 502 EX 2. Fewer men on this piece today, as we put more on area B 900 EX 1 and some were occupied on construction of the two new railways and in trenching for new dumping ground described under (3) yesterday. In debris found rim frag. of a flat black granite object, apparently a large tray. this was rectangular in form. Also a frag. of a small plaque or ornament in light grey crystalline stone (granite ?), very highly polished and [Drawing] cleanly worked, showing part of a seated male figure. original dressed edge but no top surface. Also several frags. of faï vessels and feet of a shawabti + 1 crude head.

- (2) Continued work in area B 900 EX 1 in face of high bank of debris. Found perfect head sitting on granite sphinx found here yesterday, also part of face of the second sphinx, of which fore paws were found yesterday. These were evidently a pair --size, material, and workmanship are identical, and the two faces are the same. Several other small granite frags. now found here, and one chip of fine slate but without worked face. In addition to bronze + faï fragments of no special interest were a grey ware potsherd, wh. slip, painted with brown, and hard wh. made slate colored bowl frag.

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