

1920

G.B.
P. 79

Friday

March 19th : -- 89 ½ Locals.

87th Day of work : --

Work on (1) "W" of Pylon I B 500, "S" half. (2) "W" of Pylon I. B 500, "N" half.

The ground west of Pylon I B 500 has been designated as "B 551" and subdivided as follows : --

[Drawing]

(1) "W" of Pylon I B 500, "S" Half : --
March 19th

Work continued removing fallen debris from Pylon. This "S" half of the "W" face was cleared of debris before end of work. The two flag staff niches area very much fallen in, but are traceable, and on the floor of each was a grey granite slab of roughly circular form, evidently the basis upon which the actual flag poles were to rest.

(2) "W" of Pylon I B 500, "N" Half : --
March 19th

Started clearing surface sand and debris of decay from before "W" face of Pylon "N" of door. In clearing adjacent to the first ram in the "N" row (551, I 3) came on the rounded top of a granite stela in position (cf. "b" in sketch above), corresponding in 551, I¹. A small area on upper centre of "S" face of stela was exposed, bearing an incised cartouche of a Meroitic king (not as yet read).¹⁸ On the back near top, clearing a small area exposed the upper part of a standing figure in relief (rather high relief) Further examination cannot be made in present stage of clearing.

[Drawing]

Observed the debris + sand adjacent to the ram in I³ shows evidence of the room having been dug clear, as it stands in a hollow in debris, filled with drift sand.

¹⁸ Stele of King Tanyidamani. MFA 23.736. Eide et al. 1996:665-71.