

Jan 12th Sunday
30th Day of work: --

86 locals.

- (1) Work continued at pit "E" end of B 502 EX 1. The work is down to "gebel" at "N" of pit, ca 2 m. below surface. At "S" continuing in close packed black debris. 18 crude mud jar sealings from here today. The material is very coarse, mixed with bits of charcoal, pebbles, and sand. I believe this depression exists to "S" of mud brick enclosing wall as well. The strata run thus: indicating a gradual filling up by drift.

[Drawing]

- (2) Work continued in areas 502 EX 4 "NW" part, and in 900 EX 2, "SW" part, clearing floor level and below where floor surface is broken. The work has progressed to 501 EX 5, extreme "SE" corner, where, just below surface are two roughly built stone graves, similar to B 501 EX 10, but considerably broken. They are of roughly rectangular form, oriented "EW", head "E" in one where the skull is visible. To the south a roughly built piece of wall running "EW" belongs, I think, with these two graves. The construction of both graves + wall is of reused blocks, both red and white, from the older buildings. It was noted that the northern most grave, which almost touches the mud brick wall noted yesterday, is not oriented with it, but lies slightly "NE-SW". From debris at these graves, a broken white sandstone cross, with roughly incised greek characters thus: -- The base of the bottom area is undressed, as if for sinking below surface. I presume this to be Coptic, and possibly the graves are, though they are not of the leaning vault, multiple burial type.

[Drawing]

- (3) Work at Barkal Pyramids as follows: -- XI, XII, XIII, + XIV examined without finding any deposits. XV completed, 2 deposits only found. The "NW" is in tact, consisting of a pebble of blue-grey very heavy stone. The "SE" deposit has two small frags. of a similar pebble. Both are close under corner block, ca 5 to 10 cm. XVI, the rubble structure E of XVII - XVIII had no deposits.

I continued measuring at upper pyramids and on object register.

Jan 13th Tuesday
31st Day of work: --

86 locals

- (1) Work continued at pit "E" end of B 502 EX 1 as yesterday. 25 mud jar seals today, more with seals. I am not registering these hereafter unless they have seal impressions, but am keeping them for future examination.