

- Dec 30th (cont.) At its "N" end there is a local (Muhamedan) burial just under present surface, which has been left in place. B is a rectangular sinkage into red "gebel" (ca 50 cm. deep). At x was found a black gran. hand of a statue. fist doubled, about life size.
- (2) Work continued on corners of the upper group of pyramids. At Pyr VI to "SE" corner is in process of finishing, but the deposit had not been reached at 4 P.M. At IV the only corner completed yielded one gold ring like those from VI found yesterday.
- I made measured drawings of grave B 501 EX 10. The structure and masonry is more irregular than indicated in my sketch yesterday. It is built of blocks and large chips from the temples, of red, yellow, + white sandstone, plentifully mixed with mud rubble and a few burnt bricks. At least 2 of the red stones show thick wh. plaster as noted yesterday. The grave will be opened as soon as we get plates to photograph it. I continued work on map and on object register.
- Dec 31st Wednesday 85 locals
- 20th day of work: --
- (1) Work continued on areas B 900 EX 1 and EX 2. In EX 1 clearing lower levels of debris down to the level of the two granaries or false wells, which I suppose to be the late Meroitic level, here lower than the doors into 904 and 502. In EX 2 working "W" into high bank. The end of Railway line was moved "W" and[sic-at] end of work last night to permit of removal of peninsula on which it rested. (see yesterdays sketch) Once the high bank in the "E" part of 900 EX 2 has been dealt with, progress as regards areas cleared should be greater.
- (2) Work continued on corners of upper group of Barkal Pyramids. All the corners of VI are now cleared, each containing solely 1 gold ring like the one described day before yesterday. Work on the two "E" corners of Pyr V, not completed at 4 P.M.
- Received letter from Dr. Reisner last night. This morning sent him a telegram asking for photographic plates are urgently needed. The expected shipment from England has not come, though Said is sure it was to be sent direct to Kareima. Have written to the Customs Inspector to see if this and the food supplies from Fleuraut[?] are being held up there.
- I worked on object register today.