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60th Day of work: -- Work on (1) B 501 "SW".

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Work today in areas VII 2, VII 3, VIII 1, VIII 2, IX 1, IX 2, and IX 3, VIII 5, VIII 6, IX 5, IX 6 (a little).

The "SW" corner of B 501 contains many fallen blocks from Pylon in VIII 1, VIII 2, IX 1, IX 2, IX 3, which made work somewhat slow. From area IX 1 small figure of a standing ram, poor work, in dark stone (grey granite ?)

The work "N" of main entrance in VIII 5, 6, IX 5, 6, consisted of partial removal of high bank of sand at this point.

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At end of work the red sandstone stela¹³ which lay in area III 6, face down, was turned over and transported to the house by about 20 Egyptians, directed by Said. The stone was turned over onto a prepared wooden platform with 4 handles, and carried thus up to surface "N" of B 501. Then the platform with stone upon it was roped to two transverse beams (slung under the beams), and carried thus all the way to the house without stop. The majority of the men carrying by the transverse beams, and a few by the handles of the platform.

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Preliminary examination shows the stela to have been originally of Thothmes III, the names corresponding with those are granite stela except that [Drawing Hieroglyphs] is substituted on the granite stela

for [Drawing Hieroglyphs] ^ The cartouches are all erased, and the original figure of the king making offering to ram-headed Amun also. In the erased area another figure has been inserted in sunk relief, the original figures being in raised relief, and over this intrusive figure the cartouche

[Drawing Hieroglyphs] faintly legible. The first lines of text run thus: --

direction
reversed
reads right to
left in original.

[Drawing Hieroglyphs]

¹³ Reisner 1931 Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde 66: 89ff. ("Sandstone Stele of Piankhy")