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Wednesday

Gebel Barkal

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1938 (WSS)

Dec 10th 1919

First day of work: -

31 Egyptians: No locals.¹

Arrived at Kareima 6 P.M Dec 9th. Party consisting of: -
Dows Dunham, Reis Atah Murad, Photographer Mohamedani
Ibrahim, cook Rafai Abdulazim, + 30 Egyptians workmen.
Egyptians engaged in setting up railway and assembling cars
on old dump "S" of B 502 all morning. Afternoon 20 men
on trenches "S" of line of continuation of mud brick wall "S" of
B 502 EX, and immediately "W" of railway line. In sand,
coarse potsherd debris and mud debris down to gebel at 1m. To
1.50m.

10 Egyptians engaged in transport of bread and supplies
from R.R station to camp, and in setting up Egyptian
camp at "NE" corner of the Gebel.

I went to Kareima in the morning and saw Mr.
Seftou of the Railway Shops, who promised to have the
launch gotten ready for Dr. Reisner's arrival about Jan. 1st.
Sent a note to Col. Jackson announcing my arrival and
promising to call as soon as possible.

Dec 11th, Thursday

2nd Day of work:-- (1)

6 locals.

Continued work on trenches "S" of B 502 EX, and "W" of
railway line. Strata as follows: -- Drift sand 20cm., Potsherds,
brick and stone debris, and grey dust ca. 35cm; black mud
debris with stone chips ca 45 cm.; Red sand with layers of mud
down to ca. 2 ½ to 3 m., where there is considerable dampness.

[Drawing]

- (2) Work started clearing away "N" end of railway line embank-
ment "S" of door into B 502.

I met Col. Jackson at the Kareima market this morning.
He asked how many locals we wanted and I told him 80.
I started plan of B 502 this afternoon.

Dec 12th, Friday

3rd day of work:-- (1)

69 locals, + 1 local ½ day.

Finished work on trenches "S" of B 502 EX and "W" of Railway line
down to "gebel", which at "N" end, close to end of present dump is at 4.50m.
Section "S"- "N". Nature of debris continues as noted yesterday.
Observed in debris from trenches about 4 whitish sandstone
blocks, disk shaped -- evidently drums of small columns. These
were found loose in debris.

[Drawing]

- (2) Continued clearing away "N" end of railway embankment as yesterday.
To ca. 6m. from door into B 502. Started working "W" along face of
temple wall in debris of sandstone chips and broken blocks fallen
down wall. With few coarse pottery frags. and brick frags. Among
these 3 burnt bricks of usual form.

¹ Entries from this season written by Dows Dunham