

Jan 8th Thursday

Weekly day of rest for men.

I visited nuri pyramids with Said. Called on Mr. Harris at the Nuri pumping station, and he offered to look the launch over, fetching it up from Kareima at noon. Said he thought he could put it in shape for us.

Jan 9th Friday

87 locals.

27th Day of work: --

- (1) Work continued in area B 502 EX 1, extreme "E" end at rectangular pit. 2 Egyptians + 5 locals only.
- (2) Continued clearing in area B 502 EX 4, working "S" towards temple wall in debris and fallen blocks over darker dust + mud strata. Further late walls, mud brick, odd stone, + burnt brick rubble just below surface: From dark debris under the mass of fallen blocks, a black gran. fragment, with a bit of incised inscription thus: -- [Drawing: Hieroglyphs] 20-1-136

[Drawing]

- (3) Continued clearing in area 900 EX 2, "N" side close to outer wall 900, in high bank under railroad. No notable fragmenta from this area today.

- (4) Barkal Pyramids. The series I to VIII have been completed. I to VI inclusive form a group (in the matter of F.D.s) which is uniform: each Pyr. had a deposit under each corner consisting solely of 1 gold ring, and the only variation was in the size of the ring. It lay uniformly at the bottom of a circular pit in gebel, ca: 40 cm. below lower surface of corner block. In several cases the deposit was disturbed owing to its extreme smallness, and in one case (I "NE") the deposit could not be recovered, despite most thorough sifting of all dirt removed.

*These lay close under the corner block, + not in a pit as in I to VI.

VII and VIII had deposits of a different type: VII each corner had a thin gold tablet and two or three of glass or paste. VIII had in each corner 1 gold, 1 silver or electrum, and two or three glass or paste tablets, and a few blue faï beads. *

Pyr IX, X, and XI have been searched and no signs of deposits found.

Pyr XVII and XVIII, "SSW" of XI, were examined today. XVIII had deposits in general character similar to VII + VIII, though they are in place and have not yet been examined minutely. One (or two) gold and 1 bronze tablet, and several more apparently faï or glass, together with a pebble of blue-grey stone. Disturbed in clearing were half a handful of blue faï ring beads and two to three small carnelian barrel beads. The two deposits cleared lay close under the corner block.