

Thursday, Jan. 7, 1915.

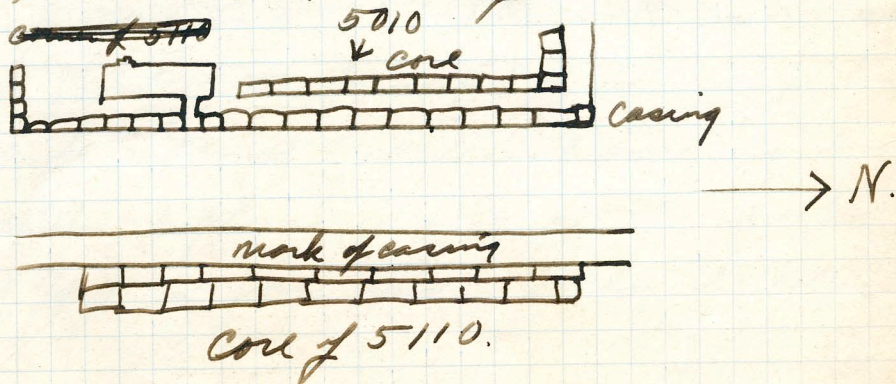
My first day here. Sandstorm increased in the morning and continued all day, making work impossible. Officers of Seventh Battalion, A.I.F. shown over the works.

Friday, Jan. 8, 1915.

Removing dirt from street between mastaba G. 5010 and G. 5110. Clearing gravelly debris from Offering Chamber of Mastaba G. 4940B. South storm continues. Showers of rain from 4 P.M. to 10 P.M. The Archaeological Committee have decided to reserve the German and Austrian concessions until the end of the war.

Saturday, Jan. 9, 1915.

Work on street east of mastaba G. 5010. Finished clearing street to south-west corner of No. 5110.



Carrying out sand and soft debris south of 5110 and along massive enclosing wall. Clearing offering chamber of

mastaba G. 4940. In debris three fragments of ornamented false door in relief; a male skull; and a basket full of potsherds. The potsherds include a two-handled foreign jar, imitation Kenk ware jar, and red-polished basins and bowls (one with a spout).

January 10, 1915. (Sunday).

Cleaning street between G. 5110 and massive wall. Work on burial shaft 4930 B. Work on burial shafts 4940 A. + B. (Shaft B. and chamber finished).

January 11, 1915 (Monday).

Day of rest for the men. Fisher and I went to Cairo, and visited the Museum.

January 12, 1915 (Tuesday).

Finished cleaning burial pit 5030 A. In the chamber were a few human bones. Finished cleaning offering chamber of mastaba 4940. The walls are covered with reliefs. In front of the principal niche a rough hole in the floor which contained a skull and some other bones. Two Roman Catholic chaplains, <sup>A.I.F.</sup> came to see the works. They said about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the force were Roman Catholic Irish.

Jan. 13, 1915 (Wednesday).

Clearing out stone thrones' benches between 5110 and massive wall. Clearing out mud brick chapel of 4940. The upper parts of the walls have been destroyed by weather. In room B., near the doorway to C., a hole in the floor was filled with model pots and saucers. The southern part of Room C. was also heaped with model pots & saucers.

Clearing out space between mastabas 4930 and 4940. At N. E. corner of 4940 we found the right side of an alabaster head from a small statuette.

Clearing northern mud-brick chapel of 4930.

Work on burial pit 5030 B., and burial pit 4930 B.

In latter pits sherd and fragments of a bronze bowl.

Officers of 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion A. I. F. came to see excavations. Official Egypt communication stating that Turkish attempt on Canal is expected in a few weeks. Fisher left for Mansurah to visit various sites.

January 14, 1915 (Thursday).

Clearing drift sand from offering chamber of 4511 (Nefer-yhty). Nefer-yhty was the overseer of the Pyramids of Chephren and Mycerinus.

Trench and street south of 5110 practically cleared.

In trench was found a limestone slab with a fine painted inscription in red.

Clearing street east of 4930. In street near west face of 5030 were found two small alabaster jars (unfinished).

Clearing pit 5030 B. In debris was found a limestone jar and fragments of two others.

January 15, 1915 (Friday).

Clearing sand from offering chamber of 4511. Beside the northern column two fragments of painted limestone statuette (head, and part of basis with feet).

Finished clearing burial pit 5030 B.

Clearing street between 5020 & 5030 of sand and gravelly debris, which covers a smaller mastaba.

Clearing street between 5020 and 5110.

Work on burial pits 5010 A. & B.

January 16, 1915 (Saturday).

Clearing drift sand from offering chamber of 4511.

Work on burial pits 5010 A. & B.

.. .. offering chamber of 5030.

Clearing street between 5020 and 5120.

Finished clearing street between 5030 and 5020.

January 17, 1915 (Sunday).

Clearing offering chamber and serdab of 4511. Mastaba 4511 is built against the S. E. corner of 4510.

Clearing burial pits 5000 A. & B. B. finished.

Work on offering chamber and serdab of 5030.

Clearing burial pit 5130 A. of sand.

January 18, 1915 (Monday).

Day of rest for men.

Thirty men were sent to Keft to prepare for trip to Kerma.

January 19, 1915 (Tuesday).

Clearing street east of 5030 of sand and hard-packed gravelly debris.

Clearing street between 5020 and 5110 of sand mixed with limestone fragments.

Finished clearing burial pit of 5010 A.

Cleared out debris and Roman burial from G. 5230 S. In underlying sand was found:— Right forearm and clenched fist of male statue, painted red, limestone; fragments of another smaller red-painted limestone arm; and other painted fragments.

Cleared out rubble debris from space between 5230 S. and 5220. In debris:— fragments of alabaster statue (left-side or lower); fragment of arm of smaller alabaster statuette; fragments of two white marble heads; etc.

January 20, 1915 (Wednesday).

Clearing street east of 5030

Clearing street between 5020 and 5110.

A party of Australian hospital nurses came with Colonel Miles to see the works.

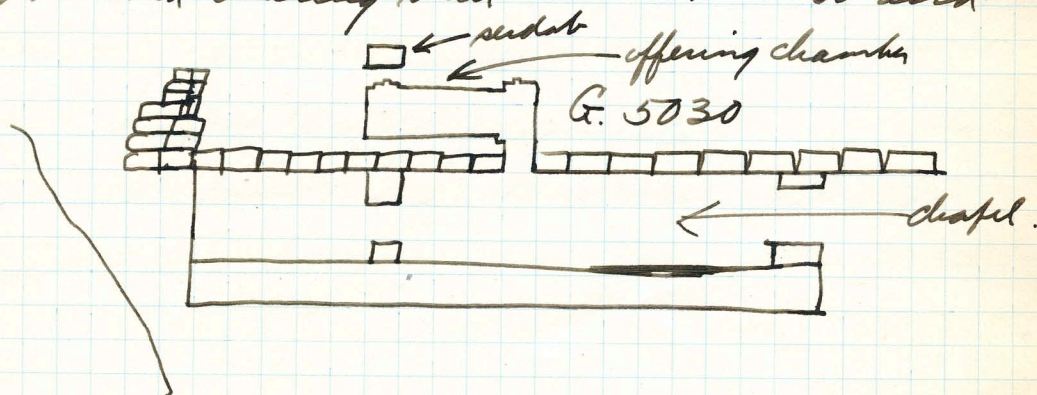
January 21, 1915 (Thursday).

Finished clearing street between G. 5020 and  
G. 5120.

Started clearing street between 5010 and 5020.

Finished clearing street between 5030 and

5730



Clearing burial pits of G. 5131 of sand  
and hard-packed debris.

January 22, 1915 (Friday)

Finished clearing street between 5010 and 5020. Remains of plastered mud walls.

Work on burial pits A + B of G. 5131. Dark debris under sand mixed with limestone fragments.

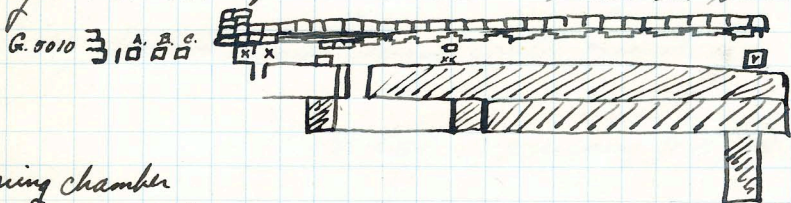
Clearing trench south of G. 5131. Dark debris mixed with pottery fragments.

Clearing trench along G. 5120, west side; and offering chamber of G. 5020.

Saturday, January 23, 1915.

Work on Pits A, B, C. of mastaba G. 5021. In Pit B. were found a number of large fragments of Pottery dishes.

Clearing street, offering chambers, and burial pits X. and Y., of mastaba G. 5021, east side. Dirt debris. In S.W. corner of offering chamber was found an inscribed limestone sacrificial blood basin, (name of \_\_\_\_\_). In front of limestone ceremonial door, about the center of the mastaba, another inscribed limestone blood basin was found.



x offering chamber

xx limestone blood basin in front of ceremonial door.

Clearing street north of mastaba G. 5120. Debris of sand mixed with limestone fragments.

Work on burial pits A. and B. of mastaba G. 5131, and along south side of G. 5131. Dirt debris and sand.

Sunday, January 24, 1915.

Clearing street north of mastaba G. 5120 of hard debris.

Finished clearing burial pit B. of mastaba G. 5131; dirt debris mixed with fragments of pottery.

Clearing trench north of G. 5020, of dirt debris mixed with pottery fragments.

The mud plastered inclined plane, which was uncovered south of G. 5130, running east, was found to run into mastaba G. 5131, the mastaba being built over it.

Monday, January 25, 1915.

Day of rest for the men. We have been working all day on the records in preparation for the Lima trip. It was decided this afternoon that, as Dr. Reisner wants plans of the excavations there, Fisher was to go up, and I am to carry on his work here. So for the next month or six weeks I shall be working for the Pennsylvania Museum. Fisher and I are to meet at Shellal early in March and see all the important sites down the river.

Tuesday, January 26, 1915.

Worked on the Bulletin article re Kerma and Giza all the morning. Dr. Reissner wrote to General Bridges, Commanding Officer of the Australian forces telling him that I was to be left in charge here, and asking him to assist me in every possible way. He also asked him to make the ranges safer, as several bullets have struck around the camp and in the works. Fisher has received a cable from Penn. telling him that the extra money he wanted (£8000.- for this year and 15000.- for next year). I received today from Fisher 10000 piasters to carry on his work while he is away.

Wednesday, January 27, 1915

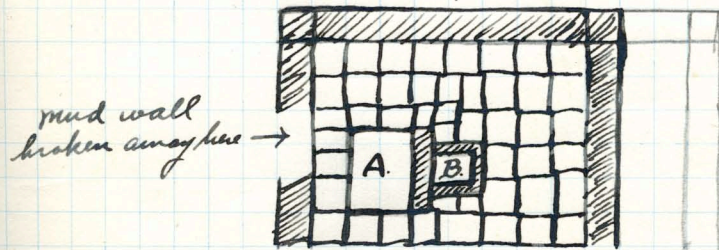
This forenoon the track is being moved to the N.W. part of the cemetery, where I am to carry on Fisher's work. Five bullets struck near the workmen, and Dr. Reissner has written another letter to General Bridges. Gave Fisher Pt. 500 from box. A sandstorm came up at noon and rapidly increased in violence during the afternoon. A cable came from Mrs. Smith asking for news of Jol Smith. Mr. Murray came to the Camp this afternoon. He has been to the Canal and says that at Kantara there are eleven thousand

Turks and Bedawins. He also said that some of the New Zealand troops, who left here yesterday morning, were wounded at another part of the Canal. The donkey boy at the Mena House came in shortly after the Reimers left and wanted me to go to dinner with him in Cairo. Captain Bage came to the camp in regard to making the ranges safer for the workmen; and I am to go over the works with him tomorrow morning. It is very lonesome this evening with everyone gone. I told the donkey boy that I had no money with which to go to Cairo, and he offered to lend me £5 or £10.

Thursday, January 28, 1915.

Capt. Bage came up at 7 o'clock and we went over the works to see if they were in line with the ranges. We both agreed that it was quite improbable that any more ricochets would come over the works. Later Capt. Grant came with a sentry who was stationed at the end of the dump heap, - beyond this is the danger zone. A messenger came this forenoon from the Police Station, and so near as I could make out two men were wanted there. Reis Mahmud and another man went with the messenger, and Reis is to write a letter to B. Reisin re the matter.

Work on street south of 3030, clearing same of drift sand. Also clearing street west of 3030 of drift sand



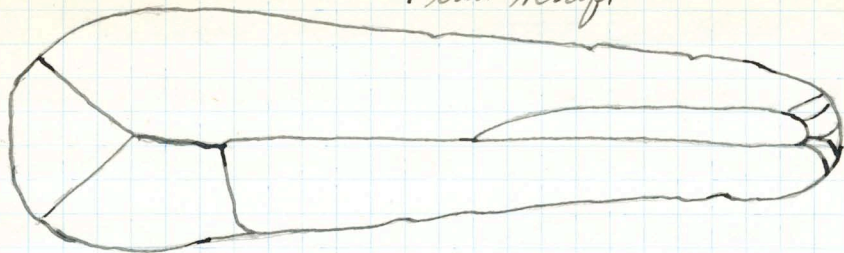
Pits B, and Chamber A. have been cleared previously

▨ = mud walls.  
□ = limestone

Clearing away the surface pile of limestone debris from over 4040. In debris was found a fine flint knife (see next page), 10.7 cm. long, 3 cm. wide at butt end.

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> (contd).

Flint knife



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One track runs from S. W. corner of 3030 out along old dump.

Another track is being laid from 3000 out along north sides of 3020—

A large scorpion was killed in the works.

A photograph showing progress of work was taken at 5 o'clock.

Friday, January 29, 1915.

Finished clearing street south of 3030 of drift sand. In hollow in street near mastaba opposite south end of 3030, three large rough red pottery jars, and a number of small ceremonial jars and saucers.

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Clearing drift sand from west side of 3030, and from east side of 3050, and from over small mastaba (3041) between.

Started clearing out drift sand from North end of space between 3030 and 3050.

Mr. A. Foretich, R. P. Cairo, (Contractor) called to see Mr. Friker in regard to selling him some trucks and cars.

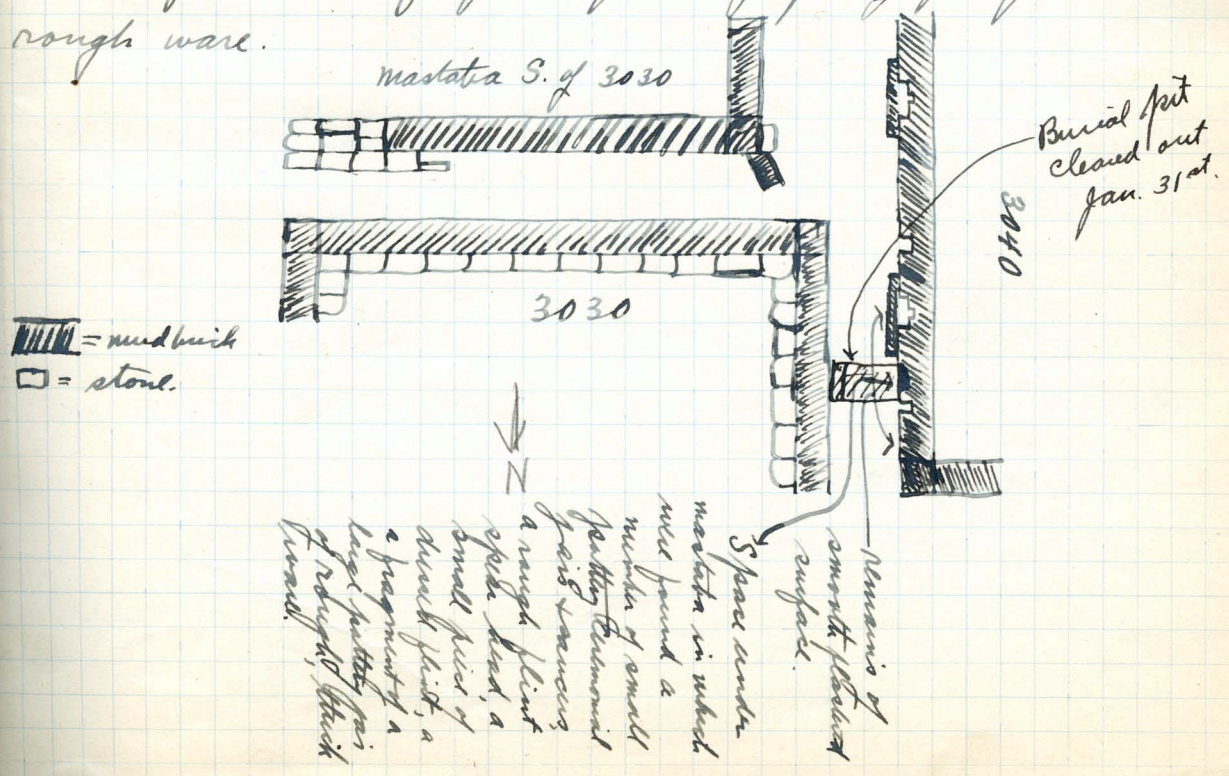
Did not receive any mail today, not even a newspaper.

Saturday, January 30, 1915.

Sent Geja article with illustrations for the Bulletin and letter to Mr. Fairbanks this morning. Hope I made Reis Mahmud understand that it was to be registered.

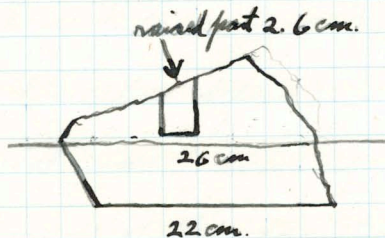
Work was carried on again this morning cleaning out hard-packed debris which was under the sand, <sup>in street south of 3030.</sup> In debris a number of small pottery ceremonial jars and saucers.

Finished cleaning out sand and a little hard debris from between 3030 and 3040. In small space under mastaba 3040 was found of number of small pottery ceremonial jars and saucers, a rough flint spear head, a small piece of worked flint, and a fragment of a large pottery jar of thick rough ware.

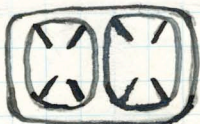


January 30, (continued).

Cleaning drift sand from pit 3030-3050. Has not been cleared enough to enable me to make out the construction. In sand, in about center of space, was found a fragment of worked limestone with a bit of raised surface.



Near north-east corner of 3050 in sand was found a limestone sacrificial blood(?) basin with two compartments.



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Went with Reis Mahmud to look at the rain-shelter which has been built over the white tomb.

Showed A. E. Yana (with the Australian troops) representing Irvine Perel, Editor of the "Patriot", an Australian newspaper, about the excavations. He is going to write about them. He is a fiction writer, Mark Twain being his ideal.

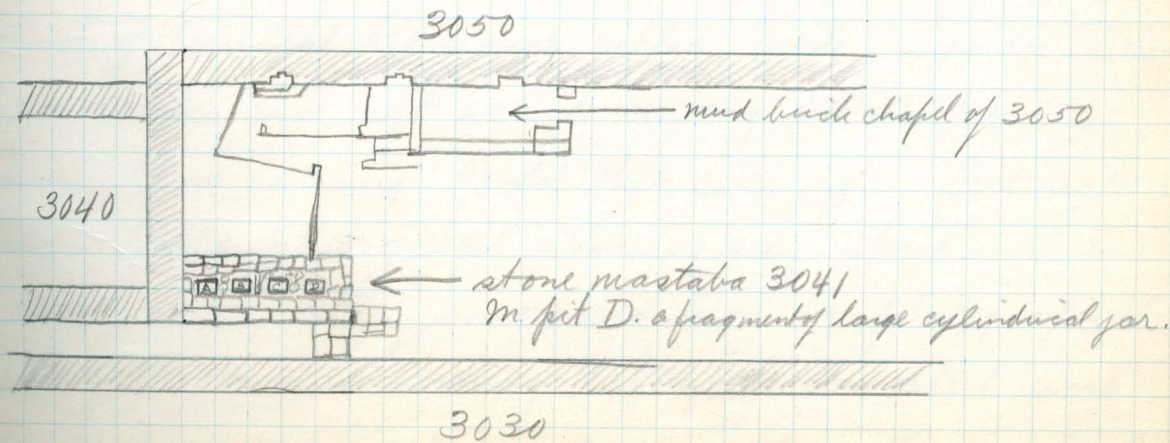
Sunday, January 31, 1915.

A pit between 3030 and 3040, near north-east corner of 3040 was cleared out this morning of dark debris. In debris a few more ceremonial pots and saucers and two fragments of a large red-polished jar. (See diary for yesterday).

Work on pits A. B. C. D., of 3041, a stone mastaba. Clearing out limestone debris from A. and sand from B. C. D. In B. a burial was uncovered about        cm. below top. A photograph was made of this mastaba. This mastaba joins onto north end of 3040 and runs out into space between 3030 and 3050.

Work on space between 3030 and 3050 cleaning out sand, and in some places underlying dark debris. In space near corner made by joining together of 3040 + 3050 part of a large red-polished cylindrical jar of thick ware.

Clearing sand from mud-brick chapel of 3050.



January 31, 1915. (cont'd).

Early in the afternoon L. T. Williams came to the camp. I had promised a few days ago to let him look at Eiman's and Beasted's books. His home address is Myrtleford P.O., Victoria, and his address while with the troops is No. 429, Dravis Williams, St. J. J. S. C., First Australian Division. One of the finest fellows I ever met. Wrote Dr. Reesner, enclosing letters.

February 1, 1915. (Monday).

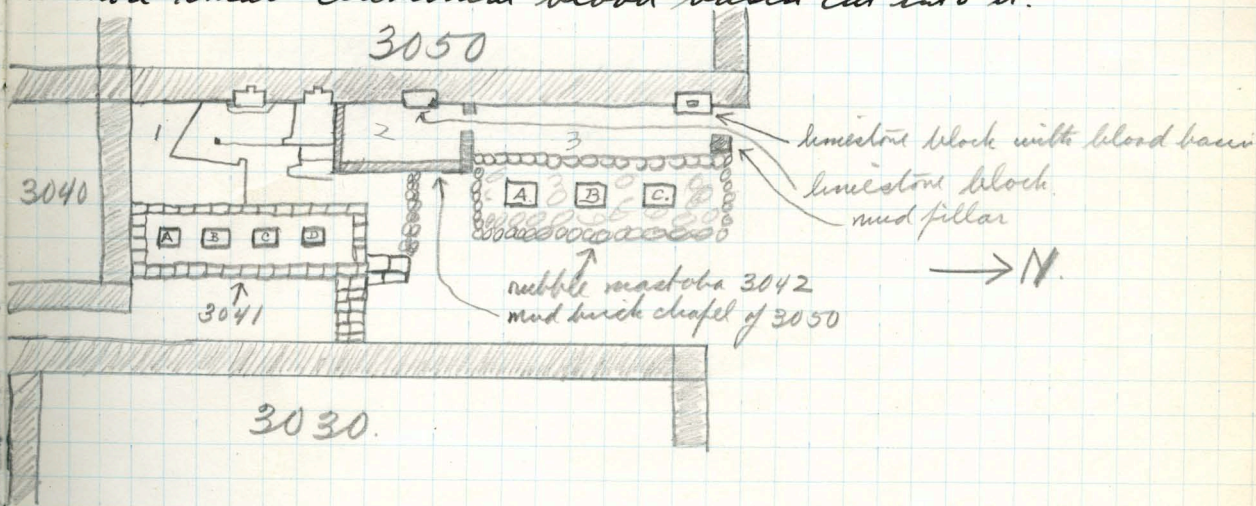
Day of rest for the men. I wrote Dr. Reesner enclosing a number of letters for himself and Fisher. Reis Mahmud and I went to Cairo on the nine o'clock train, and went to see Congdon in regard to the tools which they supposed had arrived from Burroughs Wellcome & Co., London. Rev. Dr. James Alan Montgomery of the American School of Oriental Research called while I was in Cairo, to see Fisher and left a card saying he would try again. It is raining hard this evening. Last night Bechari took a photograph showing only space between 30 30 and 30 50, and I have asked him to photograph the whole field tomorrow morning before the men start work. Reis Mahmud presented me with an English-Arabic book which he purchased in Cairo.

Tuesday, February 2, 1915.

Finished clearing pit A. of mastaba 3041 of limestone chips.

Finished clearing mud-brick chapel of 3050 of sand. In sand a number of the small ceremonial jars and saucers, one large jar of rough ware with pointed base, a vase of rough ware, rim broken.

Finished clearing street between mastabas 3042 and 3050 of sand. In sand a large number of fragments of dressed limestone, many of which bear parts of a very good inscription. At bottom of ceremonial don near N.E. corner of 3050 a stone slab with a small ceremonial blood basin cut into it.



Finished clearing street between 3030 and 3042 of sand. Clearing drift sand from Pits A. B. C. of mastaba 3042.

February 2, 1915 (continued).

Started clearing sand and hard-packed debris from north end of mastaba 3030, exposing a small part of S.W. corner of mastaba 3031.

A mild sandstorm all the afternoon with a hot south wind. Just before the men stopped work the wind increased in violence and for an hour we had a fierce sandstorm. I came up from the excavations with my coat pulled up over my head. The air was full of locusts driven before the storm.

Receipt received from Imperial Ottoman Bank for Pt. 20,000 deposited by Vacuum Oil Co., to credit of N. U. B. M. F. A. account.

Wrote Mr. Carter, and also wrote 63 post cards to Museum and Essex friends.

Wednesday, February 3, 1915.

The track was laid this morning to western edge of mastaba 2080, and the men began cleaning away drift sand from around tops of 3000 and 3001. In surface sand over 3001, an unfinished limestone bowl.

Finished cleaning Pits A. & B. of mastaba 3042 of sand and limestone chips.

Wind from north. The ground is covered with locusts brought by last night's storm.

4000 troops left Mena Camp for the Canal this morning. 700 were also sent back to Australia for various causes.

Thursday, February 4, 1915.

Clearing sand from west side of mastaba 2080, and from chambers and around smaller mastabas to west. In sand at top of ceremonial door at N.E. corner of mud-brick mastaba No. , a half-round "log" of limestone.

The entrance to a narrow long chamber about from southwest corner of mastaba 2080 (the chamber joins onto, and runs lengthwise of 2080 to about middle of west side of 2080), was opened just before closing work and Reis Mahmud and I crawled in over the sand. With the exception of the ceremonial door, it appears absolutely plain and devoid of contents. The chamber is of limestone blocks with roofing slabs of the same material.

While at the excavations this morning a ricochet struck a few feet from us. I at once notified the sentry. He said it had passed over him. While working outside the mektab another ricochet struck just below the lower camp.

Letter to Fisher from Service des Antiquités that his request for part of the Tanis site had been refused. Telegraphed Fisher.

A letter came in the same mail from Mr. Farnall to Dr. Reinier saying that he thought Fisher would be granted part of the Tanis site.

February 4, 1915 (continued).

The Bourse Egyptienne states that on the night of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> the Turks attempted to construct a bridge across the Canal near Toussoum. They were allowed to begin without molestation, and then were attacked and driven back in disorder leaving everything in the hands of the British. An attack by the Turks on Kantara was easily repulsed, the Turks losing 16 men killed and wounded and 40 prisoners. The English had only three wounded.

Mr. Williams has been spending the evening with me, and we have planned a trip to Sakkara for next Monday.

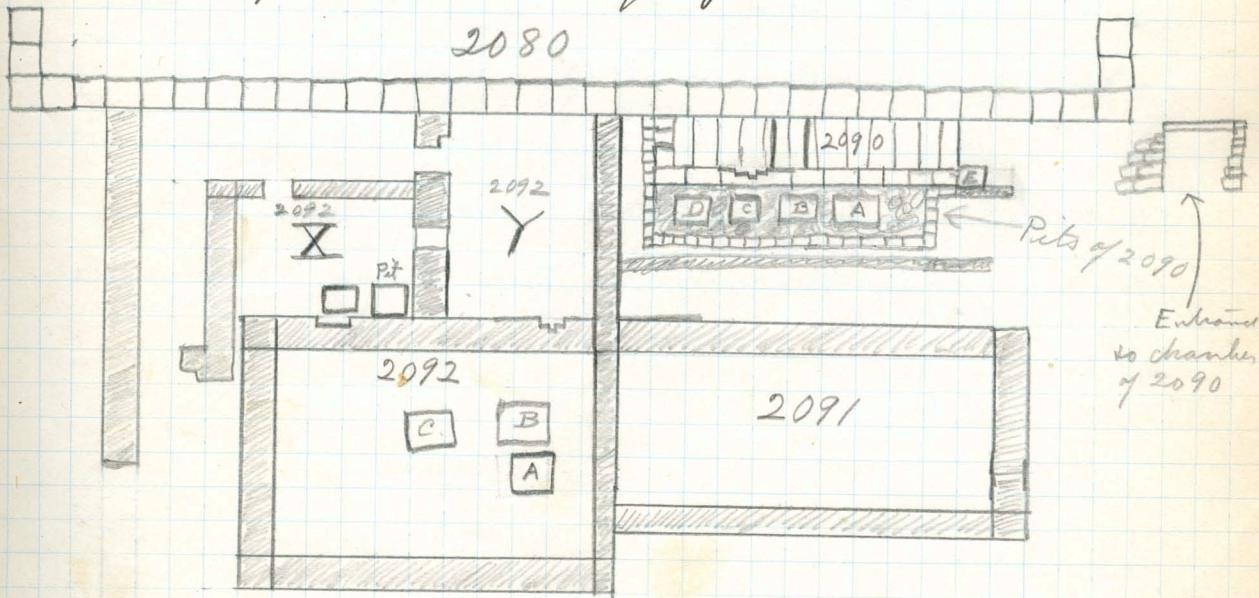
Letters from Estelle, Grandmother A., Mr. Carter, and Raymond Howe.

Mohammed Ani has been laid up sick for two or three days.

Friday, February 5, 1915.

Clearing sand from roofed-over chamber of 2090. In sand outside entrance a rough limestone blood basin and a number of fragments of large pottery jars.

Clearing Pits A, B, C, D of 2090 of hard-packed rubble debris. In Pit B about 90 cm. down, the burial pit is roofed over with a limestone ceremonial door and a rough block of limestone. I foolishly stepped down onto the rough block and went through onto the skeleton below. The sides of the burial chamber are plastered with rough plaster.



Clearing sand from top of mastaba 2091.

Clearing rooms X and Y of mastaba 2092 of sand and hard-packed dark debris. In Room X of 2092

Cleaning pit of rubble debris. Cleaning pits A.B.C. of 2092 of sand and rubble debris, and street north of 2092 of sand.

Big swarm of locusts passing over during the afternoon, travelling south. The air was full of them at intervals as high up as the eye could see.

Another ricochet struck near the lower camp, a few feet from where I was standing, this afternoon.

The papers state that four Turkish soldiers have escaped across the Canal into Egypt.

Two hundred and fifty Turkish prisoners arrived in Cairo early yesterday morning.

Another earthquake in Italy, destroying the aqueduct which supplies Naples with water, is reported.

Saturday, February 6, 1915.

Finished Pits C. + D. of mastaba 2090; debris of limestone chips. In D. a large single block closes the entrance to the Burial.

Finished clearing space outside entrance to mastaba 2090, and Pit E.

Clearing burial pit of 2091 of large rubble debris.

Clearing sand from west side of mastaba 2091.

Clearing sand from streets west and north of mastaba 2092.

Finished work of Pits A. B. C. of mastaba 2092.

In Pit A. a limestone jar stopper with a good part of the plaster sealing still adhering to it.

Showed two soldiers over the excavations.

One of the mounted police told me that the First Brigade is to go on an eight days' levoniac out into the desert, leaving here on the 8th.

A month tonight since I reached here.

Mr. Williams came up with a friend to spend the evening. As I expected, he cannot go to Sakkara Monday. Hafiz came in and entertained us with stories of his dealings with the troops. He is a shrewd chap. I have decided to go to Sakkara with him on Monday.

Sunday, February 7, 1915.

Clearing burial pit of 2091 of large rubble debris.

Clearing sand from east side of mastaba 3000.

Clearing pits A. & B. of mastaba 3000 of dark rubble and limestone debris. In pit A. fragments of a number of rough pottery jars.

Clearing sand from west side of mastaba 3000 and from east side of mastaba 3010, between the two.

Clearing sand from west side of mastaba 3010 and from east side of mastaba 3020, between the two.

Clearing sand from street between mastabas 3020 and 3030, and from offering chamber of 3030.

Clearing pits of mastaba of sand.

Last evening Mr. Williams told me of the German aviator who was captured on the Canal. He had in his pockets plans of all the camps in Egypt and £E. 4000 in gold. He had come down to rest and was sitting with his back against a tree when a Sikh crept up behind him and tied him to the tree.

The Turks lost nearly 3000 in killed, wounded and prisoners in the battles of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> on the Canal. The Turks tried to cross the Canal by means of rafts and

pontoons. H. M. S. "Harding" was hit twice by shells and ten men wounded.

Sent telegram to Dr. Russia that a battle had been fought and the Turks driven back. The Egyptian Times states that the Germans have decided to abandon the attack on Egypt on account of the critical condition of the Turkish army in the Caucasus. The Times also states that there is much indignation expressed among neutral nations over Germany's notification that she intends to blockade the coast of England and sink all vessels.

At two o'clock I went to Mena Camp and was shown about by Messrs. Williams and Collins, of Headquarters Army Service Corps. The horses are beautiful beasts and it is a sight to see so many together. The camp itself is well worth a visit. Took snaps of the kangaroo and wallaby.

Received a letter from Miss Paul with much news of the Museum.

Capt. Bage called to ask if any more ricochets had come over. I told him of the three which struck near me on Thursday and Friday.

Capt. Baker (Headquarters Third Infantry Brigade) called this evening to ask if he might see the works some time. He graduated from the U. of Penn. in 1908, Veterinary Dept.

Monday, February 8, 1915.

Day of rest for the men.

I left at 7:30 with Hafiz for Abusir and Sakkara.

We followed the road on the edge of the desert, stopping first at the Pyramid of Abu Gurab, where the chief thing of interest was the nine alabaster basins where the bulls were sacrificed. From here I went directly to Sakkara, where I visited the Tombs of Ti, Mereruka, the Pyramid of King Anos, mastaba of Ptah-Hotep, and the Serapeum. Had lunch on the Terrace of Mariette's house. After lunch we started back, stopping at the Pyramids of Abusir where I visited the Mastaba of Ptah-Shepres. We came back through the green fields of the Nile Valley. I stopped to look at the Sphinx and went inside the Temple. Reached camp at 5. P.M.

Letter from C. C. Edgar that Dr. Reiser's guards at Bersheh have had trouble with the police for carrying guns without a license.

Tuesday, February 9, 1915.

Telegraphed Dr. Reuser re the trouble at Bersheh.

Clearing pit of mastaba 2091 of dark rubble debris.

Clearing sand from street between mastabas 2091 and 3000.

Clearing pits A. B. C. D. E. of mastaba 3000 of sand and limestone chips. Pits C. D. E. finished.

Finished clearing street between mastabas 3000 and 3010. In sand fragments of pottery plate, nearly complete, and four small fragments of another plate; also a large number of small ceremonial jars and saucers.

Clearing pit and serdab of 3010 of sand and limestone chips. Serdab, nothing.

Clearing sand and hard-packed debris from street between 3010 and 3020. In sand a small fragment of inscribed limestone stela.

Finished clearing pit and serdab of 3011 of sand and limestone chips. The serdab was sealed with two large blocks of limestone, but nothing was found in the debris.

Clearing sand and hard-packed pottery and limestone debris from west side of 3020 and from S. E. corner of 3030.

February 9<sup>th</sup> (continued).

Clearing sand and hard-packed pottery and limestone debris from top of mastaba 3020. In sand near south end a fragment of an inscribed limestone stela with part of a cartouche. 916-17

Telegram from Fisher asking for main portion of Committee's letter re Tanis, which was sent.

Telegram from Dr. Reissig with instructions re trouble with guards at Bersheh.

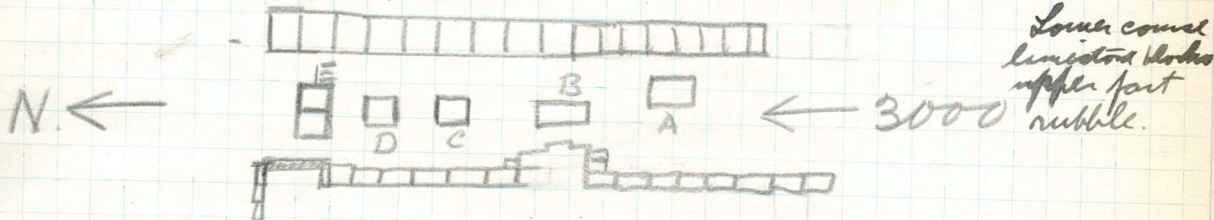
Cold, with strong southwest wind.

The Turks are retreating from the Canal.

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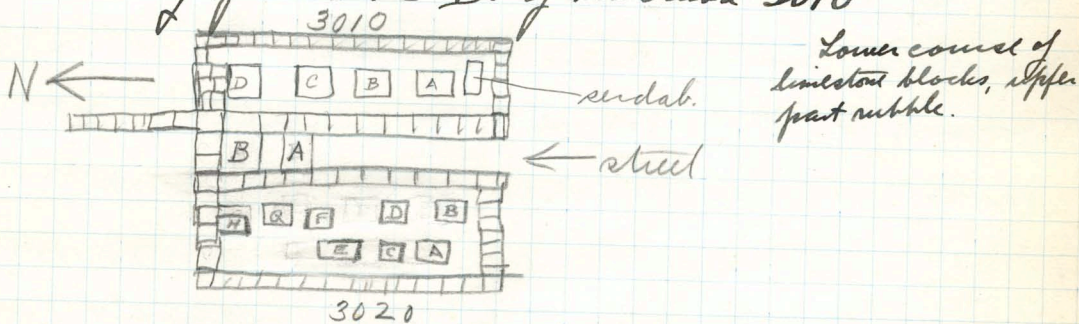
Clearing sand from street between mastabas 2091 and 3000.

Clearing pits D and E of mastaba 3000, of sand and limestone fragments.



Finished clearing street between mastabas 3000 and 3010, of sand

Clearing pits B, C, D of mastaba 3010



Clearing street between mastabas 3010 and 3020 of sand, and Pits A + B in north end of street of sand and rubble debris.

Clearing Pits A, B, C, D, E, F, G of mastaba 3020 of sand and rubble debris. In Pit B a fragment of an inscribed limestone stela.

Clearing sand from east side of mastaba 3030. In sand a rough flint spear-head? with point broken off. 519

February 10, 1915 (cont'd).

Wrote Mr. Edgar in regard to the trouble with the guards at Bersheh, enclosing a letter to the police in charge at Bersheh, and a letter stating that the guards were protecting Dr. Reissner's concession.

While going to the excavations this forenoon Reis Mahmud was stopped by the sentries. He explained to them as best he could that he was going to the works. When he insisted on passing and took hold of the horse's bridle, the sentry snatched Reis' stick and struck Reis across the hand and leg. I went down and straightened out the matter and afterwards wrote a letter to General Bridges, C. I. According to Reis one of the sentries said he might pass, but the one who struck him refused to let him by.

Said Hallaby left for Cairo on Monday to get a package of photographic materials for Mr. Fisher, and only got back this afternoon at 4 P.M. Reis Mahmud was getting anxious and I think he had sent a man to the police.

Several light showers of rain this afternoon.

Thursday, February 11, 1915.

Finished clearing street between mastabas 2091 and 3000 of sand.

Clearing top of ruined mastaba 3001 of sand and Pits A. + B. of sand and limestone debris. A stone ceremonial door is still in place on east side (near S.E. corner). On west side an Arabic name is written on one of the blocks.

Finished clearing pits B. D. E. of mastaba 3010 of pottery and limestone debris.

Finished clearing Pit B in north end of street between mastabas 3010 and 3020 of limestone debris.

Clearing Pits A. C. D. E. F. of mastaba 3011 of sand and limestone and pottery debris. Pit B and serdab were cleared yesterday.

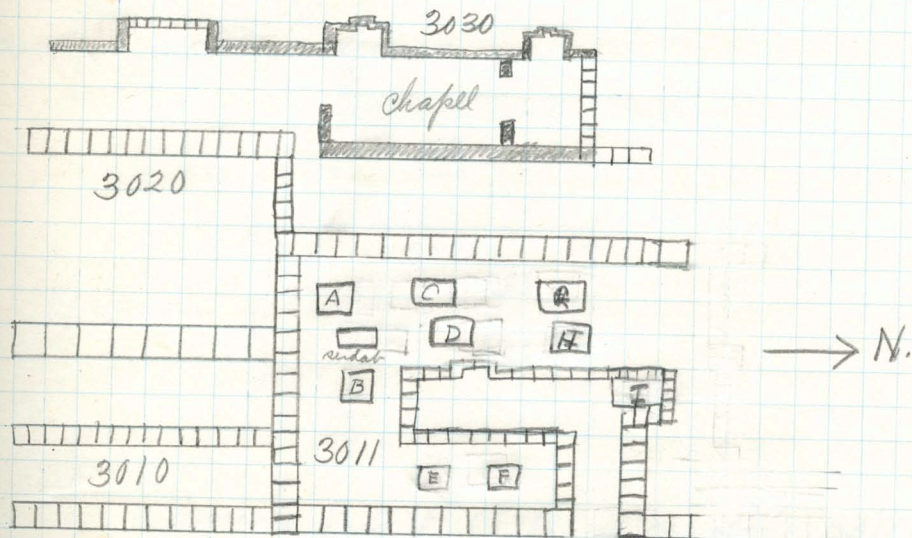
Finished clearing Pits D. F. G. of mastaba 3020 of pottery and limestone debris. In Pit D. a red-polished dish with mouth.

Clearing space between mastabas 3001 and 3012 of sand.

Clearing space between mastabas 3011 and 3012 of hard-packed debris.

February 11<sup>th</sup> (continued)

Finished cleaning sand from chapel on last side of mastaba 3030, and from space between chapel and mastaba 3011.



Cleaning Pits A, B and serdab on east side of mastaba 3012 of sand and limestone debris.

Wrote to Miss Paull.

Stafiq was here the whole evening.

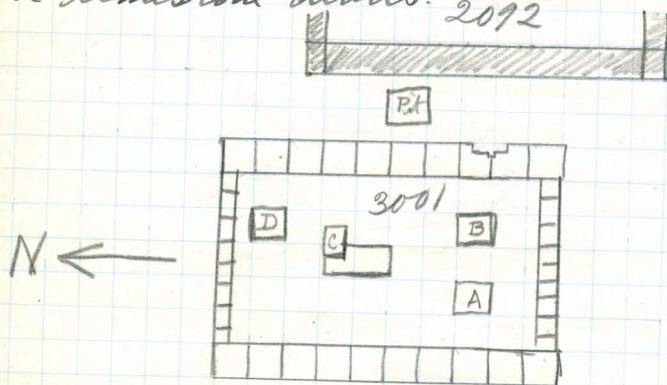
He told me that my two Australian friends were back. I shall expect them up tomorrow.

A fine day, but with a cold north wind.

Friday, February 12, 1915.

Clearing burial pit in street between mastabas 2092 and 3001 of dark debris. (Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>; this was not a pit, as I had supposed,

Clearing Pits B. & C. of mastaba 3001 of sand and limestone debris. 2092



Clearing Pits F. G. H. of mastaba 3011 of limestone debris.

Clearing Pit I in chamber of 3011 of sand and limestone debris.

Clearing street between 3001 and 3012 of sand  
Clearing sand and hard-packed debris from top of mastaba 3021.

Clearing chamber and Pits A. B. C. of mastaba 3012 of sand and rubble debris. Chamber and Pit A. cleared.

Clearing sand and hard-packed limestone debris from between mastabas 3012 and 3021.

February 12<sup>th</sup> (continued).

Clearing street between ~~street~~ <sup>mastaba 3031</sup> and ~~mud-brick chapel~~  
~~of mastaba 3030~~ and mastaba 3021, of sand.

Clearing sand from north end of mastaba 3001  
and from north end of mastaba 3012.

Clearing ~~street~~ <sup>chamber of mastaba 3031</sup> ~~mud-brick chapel on east side~~  
~~(near N.E. corner) of 3030~~, of sand and hard-packed  
limestone debris. In debris seven fragments of inscribed  
limestone stela.

Clearing Pits A. B. C. of mastaba 3021 of sand  
and limestone debris.

The mounted police told me that was thirteen  
cases of smallpox in the camp, 2 soldiers having  
died from it.

Hafiz came up this evening, and Reïs Mahmud  
and Bedawi came in and they all stayed until half-past  
nine.

Last night when Hafiz went out his donkey was  
missing and we concluded it had gone home; but this  
morning it was discovered in back of the camp here.

Received six letters from Estelle and one from  
Grandmother — A.

Wind north and cool.

Saturday, February 13, 1915.

Two months from Boston.

Finished clearing Pits B. & C. of mastaba 3012 of limestone debris. In Pit C. a clam shell.

Clearing Pit D of mastaba 3012 (or Pit A. of mastaba 3013) of sand and dark debris.

Clearing Pit E. of mastaba 3001 of sand and limestone debris.

Clearing Pits C. D. of mastaba 3021 of sand and limestone debris.

Finished clearing sand from street between mastabas 3021 and 3031.

Clearing sand from north end of mastaba 3021.

Clearing pit between mastabas 3001 and 3012. In debris a broken limestone ceremonial blood basin, a few ceremonial pottery jars and saucers and a few potsherds.

Clearing Pits A. B. C. of mastaba 3031 of limestone debris.

Machine gun practice behind the cliffs the past two or three days.

Track being shifted further to the north.

February 13<sup>th</sup> (continued).

Soldiers from 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion came up looking for old rails with which to make a fire-place.

A warm day with a south wind. The locusts are again coming on from the desert to the Nile Valley.

Letter from Mr. Edgar who said he would see that the Bersheh guards obey their instructions.

Letter from Mr. Carter.

Letter from Mattie.

Letters (two) from Estelle.

Sunday, February 14, 1915.

Clearing chambers, passages and pits of mud-brick mastabas 2093 and 2094.

Clearing Chamber W. of mastaba 2093 of hard-packed dark debris. In S.W. corner of chamber a painted limestone statuette of a man in an almost perfect state of preservation. Opposite him a few fragments of limestone and bits of decayed wood, apparently from another statuette.

Clearing Chamber X and passage leading from it to the north of dark debris. At of chamber + passage leading from it a limestone statue in relief of a man (about  $\frac{1}{3}$  size) with his name in hieroglyphics above. The front half of the base with the forepart of the feet are a separate block. Adjoining this statue to the north was a nice stela with a portrait of a man and three portraits of his wife. Above this stela the mud-brick is faced with rubble coated with plaster. At base of stela (left side) a rough stone ceremonial basin.

Clearing Chamber Y of mastaba 2093 of hard-packed dark debris.

Clearing Pit F of mastaba 2093 of hard-packed debris.

Clearing chamber W. of mastaba 2094 of hard-packed dark debris. In debris a thin pottery vase, neck

broken.

Clearing Chamber X, of passage outside, of mastaba 2097 of dark debris. In debris <sup>in chamber</sup> two flint flakes, and fragments of a pottery bowl. In debris in passage four blue cylindrical beads + three fragments of one other. <sup>G26-27</sup> In passage in front of chamber an inscribed ceremonial <sup>G28</sup> blood basin and to the left another basin of rough stone. <sup>G65</sup>

Clearing Pits A. B. C. D. of mastaba 2094 of hard-packed dark debris.

Clearing trench between mastaba 2094 and mastaba of hard-packed debris; also pit of mastaba of hard-packed debris.

Was obliged to ask the mounted policeman to go away from the works in order that we might have a chance to photograph the statues & get them out.

Abdراهيم Mohammed ran a nail clear through his foot last night and this morning Reis Mahmud has sent him to the doctor.

Am much pleased with the day's work.



Monday, February 15, 1915.

Day of rest for the men. I went to Cairo on the 8:30 train taking Bechari and one other man with me to bring back the money for the wage list. Went to Congdon's for mail and then on to the Museum where I stayed until lunch. Coming out of the St. James I met Stafiz and went with him to the bazaars where I met a sergeant whom I had known at Mena Camp. He was on night picket duty in Cairo and asked me to meet him and take in the sights of the Fish Market. After leaving him at 5 o'clock I went to Shepherds' Hotel where I met my friend of the Italian Legation & talked with him until 7 o'clock. At eight o'clock started out with the sergeant and saw the Fish Market from beginning to end. Never again! Came out to Pyramids with four soldiers in a fine auto. Reis Mahmud had four men down to the Mena House & Pyramid to see me safely to Camp.

Tuesday, February 16, 1915.

Finished clearing chamber Y of mastaba 2093 of debris.

Finished clearing chamber X and passage leading from it, of mastaba 2093, of dark debris. In north end of passage (N. W. corner), reclining against the wall a stone statuette of a man much battered and weathered.

G30

Clearing chamber Z of mastaba 2093 of dark debris. Clearing pits A. B. C. D. E. of mastaba of limestone and dark debris.

Clearing sand from west face of mastaba 2093.

Clearing chamber X of mastaba 2094 of hard-packed debris. In debris, near east end, an inscribed limestone rounded block.

G31

Work on pits A. B. C. D. of mastaba 2094. Hard-packed debris. In Pit A. fragment of an inscribed block.

Clearing Pit ~~X~~ of mastaba 2094 of hard-packed debris. In debris an inscribed limestone slab. Along ~~west~~ <sup>east</sup> edge of pit another inscribed limestone slab broken in two.

G33

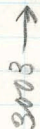
A ricochet struck outside lower camp this forenoon. Hafiz is here this evening.

3004



3002

3003



2097



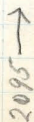
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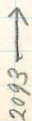
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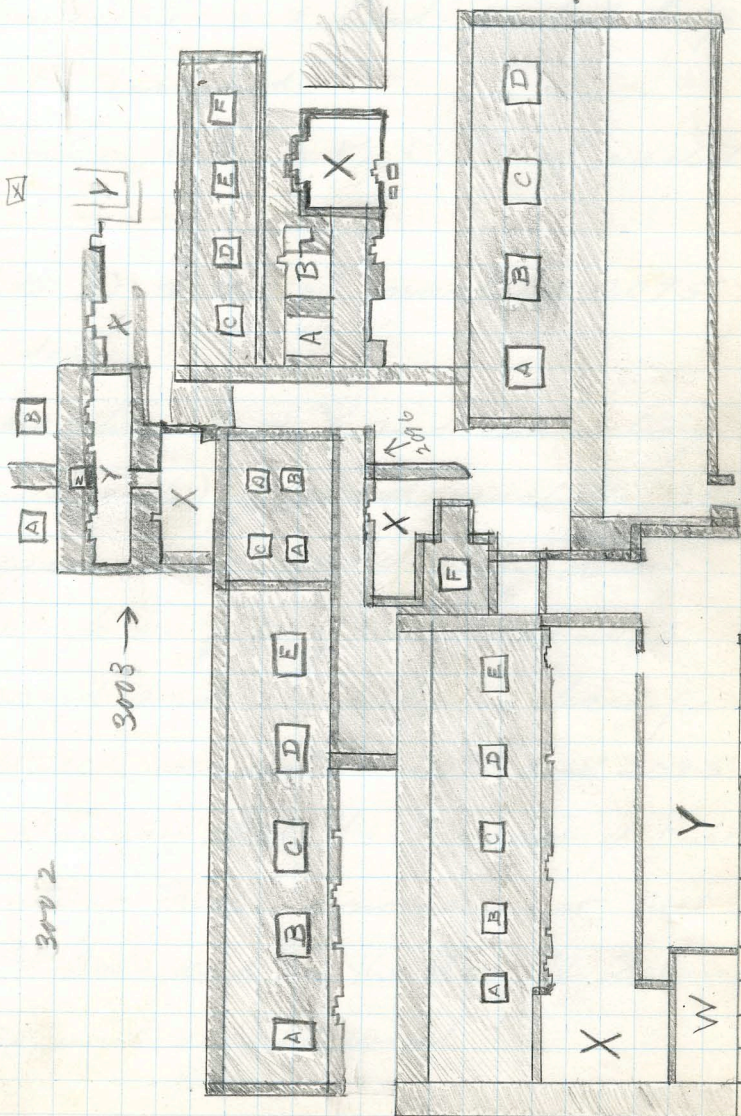
2095



2093



2080



Y

X

W

Wednesday, February 17, 1915.

Finished clearing Pits A. & B. of mastaba 2097 of limestone and dark debris. In Pit A. a rough flint flake.

Work on Pits C. D. E. F. of mastaba 2097. Debris of sand, limestone, and hard-packed dirty debris. Pits C. E. F. finished.

Finished work on Pits A. B. C. D. of mastaba 2096.

Clearing Pits D. & E. of mastaba 2095 of sand and dirty debris.

Clearing chambers X. & Y. and connecting passage (once a mud arch) of ~~sand~~ mastaba 3003 of sand and under-lying hard-packed dirty debris.

Finished work on pits of mastabas 2093.

Clearing sand and underlying hard-packed dark debris from between mastabas 2093 and 2095.

Letter from Darlsey that the Minister of Public Works approves granting Fisher concessions at Mit Rahinah, in the Kom El Zala and in the Kom El-Zalama.

A warm day, with a south wind.

Thursday, Feb. 18, 1915.

Clearing Pits A.-E. of mastaba 2095 of limestone and dark debris.

Finished clearing sand and under-lying hard-packed dirty debris from between mastabas 2095 and 3002.

Finished clearing chamber Y of mastaba 3003.

Clearing chamber Z. of mastaba 3003 of hard-packed dirty debris. In debris remains of a double statuette. The front wall of the chamber was taken down in an effort to save the statuette, but it crumbled to pieces at the first touch.

Clearing Pits A. + B. of mastaba 3003 of sand and limestone debris.

Pit D. of mastaba 2097 cleared.

Clearing chambers X + B. <sup>(B. may belong to 3005)</sup> of mastaba 3004 of sand and under-lying hard-packed mud debris. In chamber X. a fine stela, the surface of which is however flaking badly. On the "log" is a cartouch.

Telegraphed Fisher contents of Darcey's letter.

A cold N.W. wind all day.

Hafiz called in the evening, bringing a lot of nuts, and an alabaster bowl which I told him to buy for me.

Friday, February 19, 1915.

Finished clearing sand from east and south sides of mastaba 3002.

Finished clearing Pits of mastaba 3002 of limestone and dark debris. In Pit C. fragments of wooden headrest.

Finished clearing Pits A. + B. of mastaba 3003 of dark debris + sand.

Clearing Pit A. of mastaba 3004 of dark limestone debris.

Clearing chamber X of mastaba 3005 of hard-packed mud debris. In chamber two stone ceremonial basins and fragments of inscribed limestone.

Clearing small chamber X of mastaba 3005 (behind chamber Y) of hard-packed dark debris.

Clearing sand and hard-packed debris from top of mastaba 3004.

Clearing sand from east side of mastaba 3031.

Clearing chamber behind mastaba 3003 (between 3003 and stone mastaba) of sand and underlying hard-packed dark debris. In sand near surface, a large fragment of an

inscribed limestone stela.

Behind the stela in chamber X of mastaba 2093 was a serekh. In debris a few fragments of what was apparently a statuette.

Letter from Grandmother A., and five letters and cards from Estelle.

A fine day - north wind.

At five o'clock the guard of the Pyramid Temple of Mycerinus came running in with Reis Mahmud and said that three soldiers were destroying things there, and when he tried to stop them they threatened him with a knife. I ran down at once but the soldiers had disappeared and the efforts of twelve men to find them were unsuccessful. I see no use in reporting this matter without knowing the names of the soldiers.

Saturday, February 20, 1915.

Finished clearing pits A. + B. of mastaba

3013.

Clearing Pit B. of mastaba 3014 of sand and limestone debris.

Clearing sand from top of mastaba 3015, and from roofed-over burial chamber. In sand above this chamber a fragment of an inscribed limestone stela which fits into the large fragment found yesterday in sand between mastabas 3003 and stone mastaba. Across the roofed-in burial chamber, south end, an inscribed limestone log. G 35

Clearing sand from between mastabas 3014 and 3022, 3021 and 3022, 3023 and 3024.

Clearing Pits A. B. C. of mastaba 3022 of sand and underlying dark limestone debris.

Finished clearing Pit A. of mastaba 3004.

Clearing around mastaba 3024.

Clearing vaulted chamber of mastaba 3024 of sand and mud debris. Part of the red-painted mud arch is still in place.

Telegram from Dr. Reissner at 2:30 that Fisher is returning, but that the Reissners are staying

two weeks longer. Asked that £ E. 40 be telegraphed  
him. I left on the 3 o'clock train for Cairo, but the  
bank was closed. Arrived back in camp at 5:30.  
Hafiz + Reis Mahmud here all the evening. Reis  
Mahmud + I are to go with Hafiz tomorrow evening  
to the preliminary of a native wedding.

Sunday, February 21, 1915.

Clearing Pit B. of mastaba 3004 of sand and dark limestone debris.

Clearing Pit A. of mastaba 3014 of sand.

Clearing Pits A. B. C. D. of mastaba 3023 of sand and limestone debris.

Clearing Pits A. & B. of mastaba 3024 of sand and dark limestone debris.

Clearing Pits A. B. C. of mastaba 3022 of sand.

Clearing sand from between mastabas 3031 and 3032.

Clearing Pit of mastaba 3032 of sand and limestone debris.

Clearing vaulted chambers X, Y, Z, (originally one chamber) of mastaba 3033 of sand and mud and limestone debris. In chamber X many small fragments of an inscribed limestone stela. The roof (part of which is still in place) was of mud, imitation palm logs painted red. The walls of the chamber are painted white and blue(?). In chamber Y a ceremonial door with an inscription above. In chamber Z a ceremonial door with an inscription above. In center a mud-brick burial chamber roofed over with large stone blocks. Many

fragments of inscribed limestone, a small piece of well-preserved wood, and the base of a pottery bowl of thick ware.

Clearing all pits of mastaba 3033 of sand and dark limestone debris.

Clearing sand and hard-packed limestone debris from west of mastaba 3032

Track being laid farther to north. In surface sand a small fragment of inscribed limestone

Mr. Williams came up this evening and with Reis Mahmud and Hafiz we went to the first night's celebration of a native wedding, stopping on the way for a look at the Sphinx by moonlight.

Monday, Feb. 22, 1915.

Day of rest for the men.

I took the 8:30 train for Cairo and arranged for the bank to send Dr. Reimer £E. 40. Went with Hafiz to the mosques of Gami Refayeh, Sultan Hasan, Gami el-Muayyeh, Maidani and Tombs of the Caliphs. Called on Mr. Blanchard. At 5:30 went to a reception at the American Diplomatic Agency. Came out to Hafiz's village for the second night of the wedding.

Tuesday, February 23, 1915.

Cleaning Pits A.-G. of mastaba 2083 of sand and underlying dark debris. On edge of Pit A. three rough pottery jars with pointed ends.


Cleaning sand and underlying hard-packed rubble debris from along east front of mastaba 2085.

Cleaning pits B. & C. of mastaba 2085 of sand and dark debris. In C. a ceremonial stone basin (broken).

Cleaning sand from between mastaba 2085 and mastaba to west.

Cleaning chamber X of mastaba 2085 of sand.

Cleaning pits A.-E. of mastaba 2084 of sand and underlying dark debris.

Cleaning chambers and passages between mastabas 2084 and 2086 of sand and dark rubble debris. An Arabic rubble wall was built across the south end of the passage. In chamber at south end of passage (S.E. corner) [this chamber between 2084-2086] fragments of large polished red pottery jar with a hole  in each side; also of smaller jar with

same sort of openings in each side and inscribed. In passage, adjoining mastaba 2086, a fine stone ceremonial basin with a fine inscription on all four sides of both the inside and outside edges. Also in passage fragments of inscribed red-polished pottery jars; also a small fragment of an inscribed limestone stela.

Clearing Chamber <sup>(this chamber was roofed with stone blocks)</sup> outside of north end of this passage of sand and limestone rubble & dark debris. <sup>In</sup> Near surface <sup>above over roof</sup> a red-painted seated statuette with the head broken off and the arms broken. The head was found underneath, and fragments of the arms. <sup>In Chamber</sup> Further down a stone ceremonial basin inscribed on all four sides of the outside edge. Also three fragments of wood statuette.

In surface debris of mastaba 2084 two parts (fitting together) of a limestone stela with a short inscription.

Clearing Pits A. B. C., <sup>of mastaba 2086</sup> and serdab between B. and C., of sand and dark debris. In Pit A. a small stone ceremonial blood basin.

The mounted policeman at the works this afternoon suggested that I have the notices carried by the guards signed by Capt. DeBuey, Provost.

Marshall at Mena House. He said that the soldiers would pay more attention to official notices.

Umberto Vitale di Pontagio, Capitaine d'Etat Major, Attaché à l'Agence Diplomatique de La Majesté Roi d'Italie, called at 3 o'clock with a friend. I showed them part of the works and then went with them to the Sphinx. They left at 5.

At the Sphinx I met a Mr. Cee of Bagdad and another gentleman, friends of Mr. Fisher.

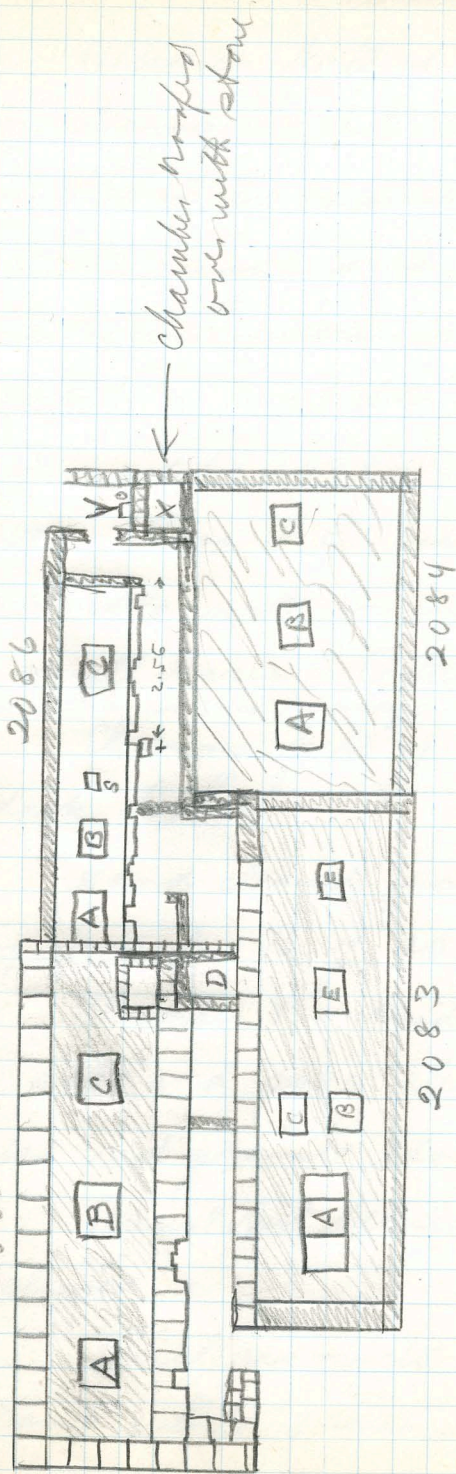
Very hot.

Letter from Mr. Fisher.

Letter from Estelle.

Mr. Cee (with other men) was forced to leave Bagdad leaving their wives and children behind.

2085



- S. = sandal
- + = stone Chelonoidal
- 0 = unexcavated red granite block.

Wednesday, February 24, 1915.

Work on pits of mastabas 2083-2086.

Mostly cleared. In Pit D. of mastaba 2083 fragments of red-polished pottery bowl.

Clearing sand and hard-packed debris from between mastabas 2085 and 2098. In debris fragments of a fine stela (complete). In niche in east face of mastaba 2098 (north of centre) remains of a statuette. Near N.E. corner of east face an inscribed limestone stela with an inscribed stone below in which is cut a small basin. Other fragments of inscribed limestone stela in debris in this passage.

Clearing pits of mastaba 2098 of sand and dark debris.

Sand cleared from top of mastaba 2099.

Clearing pits A. + B. of 2099 of dark debris.

Chamber Y outside north end of passage between 2084 and 2086 cleared. In east end an inscribed red granite block.

Burial pit between mastabas 2085 and 2098 cleared.

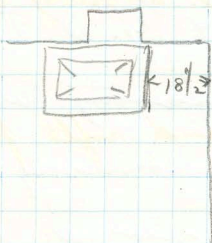
Three ricochets struck close beside the lower camp while I was at work in the mastaba. One this forenoon and two in the afternoon.

Wrote to Captain DeBucy, Provost Marshall,  
Mena House, asking him to put his official signature  
on the notices which are carried by the guards.

Sergeants G. T. Clarke + G. N. Draper, C.  
Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade, Australian  
Imperial Forces, came up this evening, and we  
went down for a moonlight view of the Sphinx.  
They are leaving for the front early next week.

Very hot today, the glass at the lower camp  
registering  $84^{\circ}$  at noon.

# 2098



Thursday Feb. 25, 1915

Letter from William Smith, Captain, At Provoost Marshall enclosing the notices for the guards countersigned by him, and saying that he would have an N. C. O. on duty in addition to the two mounted police.

Field gun, machine gun, and rifle practice carried on today.

Mr. Williams came up this evening with a friend and went to the Sphinx and afterwards climbed to the top of the Cheops Pyramid. Hafiz was with us, - he had brought me some cakes from the wedding feast.

Cleaning pits of mastaba 2098 of dark gravelly debris.

Sections X. Y. Z. of white plastered chamber of mastaba 2098 cleared of sand and mud debris. In each section an inscribed limestone ceremonial basin; also in section X a limestone block with a fine inscription, a stone "log" inscribed; in section Z. fragments of large cylindrical pottery vase inscribed

Finished cleaning pits A. & B. of mastaba 2099 of dark rubble debris.

Cleaning sand from passage between mastabas

2097 and 3005. In sand a small ceremonial  
stone basin.

Clearing sand and limestone debris from  
chamber of mastaba 3005.

Clearing sand from chamber of mastaba 3006.

White plastered chamber of mastaba 3007  
cleared of sand and mud debris. This chamber once  
had an arch roof

Clearing pit B of mastaba 3007 of sand  
and limestone debris.

Clearing sand from plastered + red painted  
chamber of mastaba 3008.

Friday, February 26, 1915.

Pit in mastaba 3005 A cleared of sand and dark debris.

Finished clearing sand from chamber of mastaba 3005. In sand two small stout ceremonial basins (one in place in front of destroyed niche) and a number of fragments of limestone, including hand, and a small flint flake.

Clearing dark debris from chamber and from pit in centre of chamber of mastaba 3006.

Clearing pits A. B. C. D., of mastaba 3007 of dark rubble debris.

Sand cleared from between mastabas 3007 and 3008.

Finished clearing sand from first chamber of mastaba 3008. This chamber is roofed with stone and on the plastered walls are scenes and inscriptions in red: gazelles being led to sacrifice, women bearing offerings, hammers, rams trampling in the seed, sacrifice of oxen, etc., & three portraits of the owner. Two inscribed false doors, with cartouches. In south end is the opening into the sand.  
Mr. Thomas, a friend of Dr. Reisner's, came up this afternoon and said the chamber belong to a man

named Sneferu - hotep.

Clearing chambers? outside of this chamber of sand + stone.

Clearing sand from roofed-over stone chamber opposite this first chamber. In sand a skeleton.

Clearing hard-packed dark rubble debris from over sedab outside fine painted chamber (south end) of mastaba 3008. A mud wall which was built across the sedab was taken down.

Clearing pits of mastaba 3005 of sand and dark debris.

Telegram from Fisher. Nile trip postponed.  
Excavation at Mit Rahinah to begin soon.

Four white limestone heads boxed. I contains smaller head of man; II contains larger head of man; IV contains head of woman.

Saturday, February 27, 1915.

Clearing Pits A.-E. along west side of mastaba 3005 of sand. In Pits C.D.E. one nearly complete bowl, and many fragments of pottery bowls and dishes.

Clearing sand and debris from mastaba 3008.

Clearing sand and dark debris from Pits A.B.C. outside (west) of painted chamber of mastaba 3005.

Clearing sand from chamber of 3033.4

Clearing sand & stone from top of mastaba 3034 and <sup>sand</sup> from between mastabas 3008 and ~~3004~~ 3026

I went to Cairo on 10 o'clock train and sent £40 back by man to pay guards (N. U. B. M. F. A. account). Lunch at Continental. Met Marquis Vitale Umberto and Major Irvine at Shepherds at 4 and went with them to the Symphony concert at the Printania Theatre. Tea at Shepherds' and dinner in Shepherds'. Went to Kussal Music Hall at 10, where we met Mr. Arnold and Mr. Blanchard. Mena House at 1, the Major and I sharing a taxi cab out. The Major spoke of Mr. Arnold's pro. German feeling. The Major told us a lot about formation of troops. The Turks have evacuated Sinai. The Russians have won a decisive victory at Przemysl. Marquis Vitale says Italy will surely enter the war before many days.

Sunday, February 28, 1915.

Finished clearing Pits A, B, C. outside (west) of painted ~~chamber~~ of mastaba 3005.

Clearing sand from chambers of mastabas 3033. Chamber X cleared.

Chamber X of mastaba <sup>3026</sup>~~3034~~ cleared of sand. On right of entrance a stone block with a row of men bearing offerings in flat low relief.

Passage between mastabas 3033 and 3034 cleared of sand.

Clearing sand from Pits of mastaba 3034.

Chamber Y of mastaba 3034 cleared of sand.

A severe sandstorm came up this morning and work was stopped at 10:45. Work began again at 1 but stopped shortly after 4. A disagreeable day. Wind N. W.

Many of the soldiers have left today for the front.

Report that the Turks have evacuated the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

Hafiz & Reis Mahmud here this evening.

Monday, March 1, 1915.

Day of rest for the men.

Fisher arrived from the Sudan this morning.

I showed Sergeant Geo. F. Greig (407),  
Sergeant Scout Leslie H. Fairmil, (443), M. R. Nicholson,  
Scout (322), Scout R. P. Denham (432), all of "B"  
Company, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Infantry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry  
Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> A.I.F., over the excavations.

A ricochet struck near the lower camp this  
afternoon.

Cold S.W. wind

Fisher + I went to the Sphinx this evening.

Tuesday, March 2, 1915.

Clearing sand and hard packed dark limestone debris of mastaba 3034.

Clearing sand and rubble debris from between 3008 and 3026.

Finished cleaning chamber and passage of mastaba <sup>3035</sup> ~~2026~~ of sand & dark debris. In west end of chamber a limestone ceremonial door. In ~~west~~ south end of passage, west side a plastered mud ceremonial door with an inscribed limestone block above and a double limestone basin in niche.

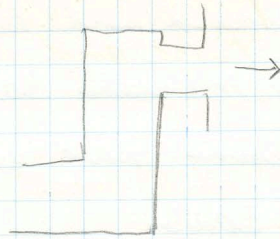
Clearing pits of mastaba 3035 of sand and rubble debris.

Clearing sand & hard-packed dark debris from passage between 3035 and mastaba to west.

Clearing chamber of mastaba west of 3034 of sand and dark debris.

The track was laid about m. north of mastaba 2080.

Making measured drawings of burial pits 2093 A, 2093 B, 2093 C, 2093 D, (D finished), 2093 E, 2090 A, (double chamber), finished.



Showed Captain R. P. Flockart, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Force, and another officer, over the  
excavations.

A fine day, with north wind.

Fisher began making plan of the excavations

Wednesday, March 2, 1915.

Fisher and I left shortly after 7 this morning with Reiss Mahmud, Bechari, and Hafez, for Mit Rahinli, stopping on the way at the Third Dynasty unfinished tomb (a T-shaped ditch about 100 feet deep in which is a fine red granite coffin with cover, and many large red granite blocks for the floor and casing) of the Pharaoh Nefer-ka-Ra, and the ~~mastaba~~ pyramid of Khe-Bo and burial pits beyond. From there we went direct to Mit Rahinli where weins were made of the site of Kom El-Dalana. Back to Gizah through the Nile Valley.

Telegram from Dr. Reissner asking that £ E. 80 be telegraphed to him at once as he expects to leave Kerma on Friday.

Finished cleaning pits of mastaba 3035.

Cleaning sand from passage between mastaba 3035 and mastaba to west.

Cleaning sand <sup>+ mud debris</sup> from chamber of mastaba at S.W. corner of mastaba 3035.

Cleaning sand from passages west of mastaba 3033.

Laying track to a point north of mastaba 2080, the track running out nearly due north.

Thursday, March 4, 1915.

Finished clearing sand from passages between mastaba 3033 and mastabas 3036 + 3037.

In front of niche in passage between mastaba 3033 + 3036 a double limestone crenonial basin with a short inscription on one edge.

Chamber X of mastaba 3036 cleared of sand.

Clearing pits A.-F. of mastaba 3036 of sand + limestone debris.

Clearing sand from top of mastaba 3037

Clearing two burial pits of mastaba 3037 of sand.

Clearing deep mass of sand and limestone debris from north of 2080. (= 1223)

Clearing sand + mud debris from chamber Y of mastaba 2083.

Fisher and I went to Cairo on the 8:30 train, going to the bank for money and to arrange for £E.80 to be telegraphed to Dr. Reunier, to Mr. Xippas for a cheque for <sup>£</sup>1000.- which was deposited to Dr. Reunier's H.U.B.M.F.A. account, to Mr. Arnold's who witnessed signature on two papers of Dr. Reunier's, and then to the Museum. Back in camp at 2 P.M. Mr. Xippas told us that £100 had been subscribed to the American Relief Fund.

Friday, March 5, 1915.

Clearing deep mass of sand and limestone debris from north of mastaba 2080, and from passage west of mastaba 2081.

Clearing pits and chambers of mastabas 2036 and 2037.

Fisher working on a plan of the excavations and I have been measuring burial pits all day.

Marquis Vitale, Mr. + Miss Cagan, + another lady came out to the Sphinx this evening.

Saturday, March 6, 1915.

Clearing pits of mastabas 3036 and 3037,  
of dark debris.

Clearing pits A, + B, C, of mastaba 2081  
of sand and dark debris. In pit A. a large limestone  
ceremonial basin with a crude inscription.

Clearing passage between 2081 and 2082  
of sand.

Clearing sand from top of mastabas  
2082 and 2087.

A large snake was killed on 2087.

A Mrs. Clogstown came to look at the  
works.

Fisher working on plan of the excavations  
and ~~story~~ measuring burial pits all day.

Two months ago tonight I arrived  
here.

Sunday, March 7, 1915.

A mild sandstorm. South wind.

Mr. W. Y. Evans-Wentz, of Jesus College, Oxford, and Stanford University, California, arrived right after lunch. He has made a special study of Celtic archaeology, and is to compare Celtic archaeology with Egyptian archaeology.

Fisher and I went to Mena Camp this afternoon, and Mr. Williams, Mr. Ewart, and Corporal \_\_\_\_\_ came back with us to dinner.

Finished work on pits and chambers of mastabas 3036 and 3037.

Clearing pits passages and chambers of mastabas 2081, 2082, 2087, of sand and dark debris.

Work on object register started.

La Bourse Egyptienne reports the sinking of the S.S. "La Touraine" by a submarine. All passengers saved.

Monday, March 8, 1915.

Day of rest for the men.

A severe sandstorm all day.

Fishes in Cairo all forenoon arranging for rent of house at Mit Rahineh.

Work on object register.

Telegram from Dr. Reuven ~~from~~ Debba, Sudan, that he will be in Karcina Wednesday morning.

Tuesday, March 9, 1915

2080 Finishing work on mastabas north of  
In sand debris incised rough limestone  
block.

Packing stuff to move to Mit Rahineh.  
Laying in supplies.

Letter to Director Gordon enclosing  
photos; also one to Mr. Coxe.

I went to Cairo for money late in  
the afternoon.

Warm day; south wind continues.



Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>

Received of C. S. Fisher

Pt. 10,000

" 27	Paid C. S. Fisher	Pt. 500
" 28	" Reis Mahmud (House expenses)	" 500
" 28	" " " (Expedition " )	" 1000
" 31	" " " (5 days' pay for men)	2332 1/2
" 31	" " " ( " " " " camel) water	65
Feb. 14	" " " (part wages of men)	1500

Feb. 15

Pt. 10,000

" 16	Paid Reis Mahmud (balance wages of men)	5046
" 28	" " " (house expenses)	1000
" 28	" " " (wages for men)	5848
" 28	" Bechari	210