


APPENDIX B

DESCRIPTION OF BURIALS AND OBJECTS FOUND IN THE COMMUNAL BURIAL OF THE ROMAN PERIOD IN ROOM (27) OF THE MYCERINUS PYRAMID TEMPLE

THE room (27) is divided into seven spaces by the six columns which stand in a row across the middle of the room. These spaces are lettered *t, u, v, w, x, y, and z* from north to south. The space *z*, between the sixth pillar and the south wall was left until the last for clearing on account of the apparent insecurity of the roof. In *t* (East) at 230 cm. from the roof, and 160 cm. below the surface of the drift sand, two human skulls, a human leg and pelvis, and some leg bones of a camel were found scattered. Practically on the same level were the bodies:

- No. 1. Wrapped in rough linen caked with resin, stiffened with a wooden rod up the back from feet to head. Lying face down, head south. *tu, E, -230 cm., Photo. C 454.*
- Nos. 2, 3. Like No. 1, and underneath it. Photo. C 455, 289, 290.
- Nos. 4-10. Fragments of mummies similar to No. 1. Under break in roof. On the breast of No. 7, a small piece of oxidized bronze. *uvw, -230 cm. Photo. B 30, 31.*
- No. 11. Body wrapped in linen with painted plaster coating. On back, head west. *u, E, -280 cm.*
- Nos. 12-17, 19. Mummies similar to No. 1. On back, head south. *v, E, -280 cm.*
- No. 18. Skull of a cow, under foot of No. 11. *w, E, -280 cm.*
- Nos. 20-22. Mummies similar to No. 1. Upright on feet against east wall. *v, E, -300 cm. (heads).*
- Nos. 23-32. Mummies similar to No. 1, lying at various angles. Disturbed. Some scattered bones. Beside first pillar on the north side, some large green glazed cylinder beads (07-2-11). *twv, -300 cm.* In the right hand of No. 23, (Photo. B 130) was a bronze coin (Roman), Photo. C 419. (07-2-95.)
- Nos. 33-42. Mummies and parts of mummies similar to No. 1. Nos. 33, 34 with heads west; No. 35 with head east; Nos. 36-40 with heads south; No. 41 broken up; No. 42 head east. No. 40 was on a board. *twv, -330 cm. Photo. C 299, 447, 448.*
- On the same level in the sand:
- 07-2-12 Two-handed cooking pot of red-brown ware, ribbed. Photo. C 490, 424. Half filled with organic matter and remains of insects. Diam. 22 cm. Beside No. 33.
- 07-2-13 Similar pot without handles. Photo. C. 496. Same contents as 07-2-12. Diam. 21.5 cm. Beside No. 40.
- 07-2-14 Skull and other bones of a camel. Beside No. 40.
- 07-2-15 Long pole (from a mummy, or carrying-rod for a coffin). L. *ca.* 180 cm.
- 07-2-16 Strip of mummy cloth coated with plaster and painted. Beside No. 38.
- 07-2-17 Scarab of green glazed steatite. At the head of No. 40. Photo. C 2890 2/1, 4/1. Name of *Menkheperra.*
- 07-2-18 Fragments of a large two-handed jar like Photo. B 220, of smooth brown ware.
- 07-2-19 Wooden mask from a coffin.
- Nos. 43-44. Omitted.
- Nos. 45-46. Mummies like No. 1. At angles, head NW.
- No. 47. Mummy with reed stiffening between layers of wrappings. Head lost. On the neck, a mass of bead necklaces and amulets.
- 07-2-20 String of small dark blue glazed ring-beads, with a small spiral shell at intervals of from 18 to 25 beads. Longer series of small beads occur, but seem to be due to the breaking of the shells. There were either three strings, or the same string passed three times around the neck. At places there are groups of larger beads, but both sizes are on the same string.
- 07-2-21 String of similar small blue glazed ring-beads, with slender barrel-shaped white glazed beads at intervals of from 8 to 15 beads. One spiral shell in the middle in front.
- 07-2-22 String of larger bright blue ring-beads, with black glass ball-beads, slender barrel-shaped white glazed beads at irregular intervals (3 to 8 beads). One spiral shell.
- 07-2-23 String of split cowries (l. *ca.* 18 mm.), and bright blue glazed cylindrical beads (l. *ca.* 16 mm.), alternating. One bead is a short twin cylindrical bead.
- 07-2-24 String of bright blue glazed cylindrical beads (l. *ca.* 16 mm.), separated by groups of colored beads. These groups are very irregular, but usually contain two smaller cylindrical beads (l. *ca.* 10 mm.), with separators of colored ring-beads (sometimes missing). The colors are red, yellow, green, and blue.
- 07-2-25 String of disk-beads (diam. 5 mm.), black glazed and white glazed alternating. Occasionally two of a kind fall together, owing perhaps to breakage.
- 07-2-26 String of small red glazed ring-beads with single greenish-yellow ring-bead at intervals of two to four beads. Some blue beads break the order at intervals.
- 07-2-27 String of split cowries.
- 28 Carnelian bead, Photo. B 613, No. 1.
- 29 Two gilded bronze breast plates, Photo. B 613, Nos. 2 and 4.
- 30 Pomegranate, paste, Photo. B 613, No. 3.
- 31 Two-handed flask, green faience, Photo. B 613, No. 5.
- 32 Naked boy, Haroeris, blue faience, Photo. B 613, No. 6.
- 33 Naked boy, Haroeris, green faience, Photo. B 613, No. 9.

- 34 Dog-headed ape, green faience, Photo. B 613, No. 7.
 35 Finger-ring with scarab as bezel (was on finger). Photo. B 613, No. 8.
 36 Four figures of Bes, bright blue glaze, Photo. B 613, Nos. 10, 14, 15, 16.
 37 Large *udat*-eye, bright blue glaze with black iris and hair parts, Photo. B 613, No. 11.
 38 Seated cat-headed goddess, large size, beautiful bright blue glaze, Photo. B 613, No. 12.
 39 Small standing figure of cat-headed goddess, bright blue glaze, Photo. B 613, No. 13.
- No. 48. Broken bones and boards. *t*, -330 cm.
 No. 49. Mummy like No. 1. Wrappings decayed; on back, head west. *t*, -350 cm.
 Nos. 50, 51. Skulls, at head of No. 53.
 No. 52. Mummy wrapped as No. 1. On back, head south. *wv*, -350 cm. At feet, outside:
 07-2-40 Figure of Bes, bright blue faience; h. 51 mm. Photo. C 421.
 41 *Udat*-eye, blue faience; l. 17 mm. Photo. C 421.
 07-2-42 Blue beads, cylindrical, annular, and multiform annular. Photo. C 421, on left.
 West of head:
 07-2-43 Small blue Bes-figure, small blue *udat*, a date seed, some blue beads, cylindrical, annular, and multiple annular. Photo. C 421, on right.
 About 50 cm. west of feet:
 07-2-44 Wooden figure of a girl (an ornament from a piece of furniture). H. 18 cm. (excl. dowels). Photo. C 485, 486, 487.
- No. 53. Broken mummy, like No. 1, in decayed coffin of plastered wood, stained red on the inside. *wv*, -350 cm. On the pelvis:
 07-2-45 A scarab of faded glazed steatite. Photo. C 2890, 2/4, 4/4; 419, 1/2.
 At head of coffin, outside:
 07-2-46 One-handed jug of red-brown ware with whitish slip. H. 17.5 cm. Photo. C 492, 493.
 Between No. 52 and No. 53:
 07-2-47 Fragment of skirt of alabaster statue.
 Under feet of No. 52:
 07-2-48 Fragment of basis of alabaster statue.
- Nos. 54, 55. Mummies like No. 1. No. 54, a child, on back, head south; No. 55, adult, wrappings gone, on back, head north. *wv*, floor level. Photo. C 302; B 96, 97.
- No. 56. Body in a wooden coffin. Body was wrapped (1) in cloth (linen?), (2) in a reed mat, (3) in coarse cloth. Laid in a thin wooden inner case, which was heavily plastered. This was in a heavy wooden coffin. The bend at the shoulders of the coffin was made by a mortised joint. The lid was fastened with wooden mortises. The body was extended on the back, head west, hands on pelvis. The body was a male (Dr. Elliot Smith and Dr. Derry), but beside it in the coffin were the bones of a very young baby (perhaps intrusive). These bones were scattered through the coffin, having been disturbed, and a number of small objects beside the legs of the man seemed to come from the baby.
 07-2-49 Four bracelets of twisted fibre.
 50 Two blue glazed plaques, with *udat*-eye in relief on one side. Photo. C 409.
 51 Some blue beads and cowrie shells. Photo. C 409.
 Outside the coffin on the south was:
 07-2-52 A twin dish of wood. Photo. C 484.
 At the feet, but whether in or out of the coffin unclear:
 07-2-53 *Udat*-eye, blue glaze. L. 61.5 mm. Photo. C 2889, 406.
 54 Figure of a cat-headed goddess, green faience. H. 48 mm. Photo. C 2889, 406.
 55 Figure of a sow, greenish-blue faience. L. 36 mm. Photo. C 2889, 406.
 56 Figure (broken) of Isis and Horus, green faience. H. 24 mm. Photo. C 2889, 406.
 57, 58 Two figures of Bes, one green, one blue faience. H. 54 mm., and 25 mm. Photo. C 2889, 406.
 59 Cylindrical beads, green faience.
 60 Double cone beads, faceted, of horn (?).
 61 Cowrie shells.
 62 Skull of a monkey (?).
- No. 57. Disturbed skeleton, fragments of wrappings, and reed mat (cf. No. 56). On back, head south. Was in a wooden coffin.
- No. 58. Mummy on back, head south. *u*, -350 cm.
 On breast:
 07-2-63 String of small shells and blue beads. Photo. C 422. See also 07-2-101.
- Nos. 59-69. Mummies, like No. 1, more or less broken. Several bundles of reeds among them. *wxz*, -300 cm. Scattered in the débris were the following:
 07-2-64 Pair of gazelle horns.
 65 Blue glazed amulet, seated cat-headed goddess, beautiful blue color; was at SE corner of fifth pillar. Photo. B 612 above. H. 64.5 mm.
 07-2-66 Two green glazed plaques, ca. 12 × 10 mm., with *udat*-eye on one side and *waz*  incised on the other. These were west of No. 65. Photo. B 612 above.
 67 Scarab, green glazed steatite. Was beside No. 65 on the east. Photo. B 612, 2/4; C 2890, 1/2, 3/2.
 68 Scarab, green glazed steatite. In black dirt north of 07-2-63. Photo. B 612, 3/3; C 2890, 2/2, 4/2.
 69 Upper part of a figure of a cat-headed goddess, black paste, gilded. Photo. B 612, 2/1; C 407.
 70 Figure, cat-headed goddess, standing, dark blue faience. Photo. B 612, 2/8; C 407.
 71 Five *udat*-eyes, blue glaze. Photo. B 612, 3/2, 4/1-4; C 407.
 72 Ivory plaque, ca. 15 mm. square. Photo. B 612, 1/12; C 407.
 73 Three electrum earrings. Photo. B 612, 1/8-10.
 74 Barrel-shaped blue glazed beads. Photo. B 612.

- 75 Cylindrical blue glazed beads. Photo. B 612.
 76 Four carnelian beads. Photo. B 612, 1/1-4.
 77 Pebble pendant. Photo. B 612, 3/1.
 78 Three small pendants. Photo. B 612, 1/5-7.
 79 Amulet, head-rest, blue glaze. Photo. B 612, 1/11.
 80 Small figure of a cat, blue glaze.
 81 Miscellaneous beads.
 82 Fragments of woven fibre (basket?).
 83 Part of a sandal of woven fibre.
- Nos. 70-79. Stack of ten mummies with reed or pole stiffening; heads mostly west. In *x*, between the fifth and sixth pillars.
 07-2-84 Small vase of clear glass. H. 37 mm. Photo. C 2879, 1/2. Above No. 71.
 Beside left wrist of mummy No. 71:
 07-2-85 Scarab, green glazed steatite. Photo. C 2890, 1/3, 3/3.
 86 Scarab, green glazed steatite. Photo. C 2890, 2/3, 4/3.
 87 Plaque, green glazed steatite, *Menkheperra* in rectangle on one side, two crocodiles on the other. Photo. C 2879, 1/1.
 88 Ivory plaque. Photo. C 2879, 3/1.
 89 Bottle-amulet, blue glaze. Photo. C 2879, 2/2.
 90 Two *udat*-eyes, blue glaze. Photo. C 2879, 3/2-3.
 91 Cowrie shells and green glazed cylindrical beads. Photo. C 2879, 4/1-3, 5/1-6.
- On the floor, west of No. 72:
 07-2-92 Large two-handled jar of smooth drab-brown ware. Photo. B 220.
 Beside the sixth pillar, on the north:
 07-2-93 Large two-handled jar of red-brown ware. Photo. B 221.
- Nos. 80-85. Stack of six mummies in decayed wooden coffins.
 In the SW corner of the room, on the floor:
 07-2-94¹ Large two-handled jar of smooth red-brown ware. Photo. B 220.
 Below these and beside them on the east, was a confused mass of bones, cloth, and mummy cases, badly decayed. On the floor were:
- Nos. 86-87. Mummies, wrappings decayed, each lying on back, head south.
 A number of beads, amulets, and other small objects, were collected from the mass of débris in various parts of the room, as follows:
 Between north wall and first pillar:
 07-2-96 Bronze coin, Roman. Photo. C 419, 1/3.
 97 Scarab, green glazed steatite. Photo. C 409.
 98 Scarab, green glazed steatite, inscription worn off. Photo. C 409.
 99 Bronze plate with four pegs (model table, or plate to be fastened to wood). Photo. C 409.
- Between the second and third pillars:
 07-2-101 Large *udat*-eye of bright blue glaze, with cowrie shells, spiral shells, cylindrical and ring-beads of blue glaze. Photo. C 414, 2878.
- In the same section, lower down:
 07-2-102 Scarab, blue faience, lion and crocodile. Photo. C 415, 2890, 1/1, 3/1.
 103 Figure, cat-headed goddess, blue faience. Photo. C 415.
 104 Three *udat*-eyes of blue faience — two *ca.* 25 mm. long, and one *ca.* 10 mm. long. Photo. C 415.
 105 Cylindrical blue glazed beads. Photo. C 415.
- Between the third and fourth pillars, perhaps belonging to No. 58:
 07-2-106 Figure of cat-headed goddess, blue faience. H. 58 mm. Photo. C 422.
 107 Figure of naked boy, Haroeris, worn blue faience. H. 36 mm. Photo. C 422.
 108 Bronze coin, Roman. Photo. C 419, 1/1.
- On floor débris, just south of third pillar:
 07-2-109 Bracelet of split cowries, found together with heavy cord of twisted fibre. Photo. C 418.
 110 Two blue faience finger-rings, broad bands, open work. Diam. 31 mm., and 28.5 mm. Photo. C 418.
- Between the fourth and fifth pillars, with a mass of painted cloth:
 07-2-111 Small triangular bronze spear-head, with short hollow haft. L. 28 mm. Photo. C 417, Pl. 23 e.
 112 Figure of a cat-headed goddess, standing, green faience. H. 36 mm. Photo. C 417, Pl. 23 e.
 07-2-113 Small *udat*-eye, of green faience. L. 10 mm.
 114 Lot, split cowries, small spiral shells, and blue glazed beads of the following forms: cylindrical, annular, short twin cylindrical. Photo. C 417.
- In débris between the sixth pillar and the wall:
 07-2-115 Two *udat*-eyes of blue faience. L. 38 mm., and 25 mm. Photo. C 412.
 116 Small plaque with incised *udat*-eye, blue faience. L. 11 mm. Photo. C 412.
 117 *Menat*-amulet, green glaze. L. 18 mm. Photo. C 412.
 118 Figure of cat-headed goddess, seated, blue glaze. H. 34 mm. Photo. C 412.
 119 Figure of Isis seated, with Horus on her lap, very rudely cut, green faience. H. 30 mm. Photo. C 412.
 120 Cylindrical and ball-beads of blue-green faience. Photo. C 412.

¹ 07-2-95 is the Roman coin found in the hand of the mummy No. 23, see above, pp. 20, 259.