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Dec. 27 {1922}

First box (21) moved out of tomb. Contained bead garments and sandals. Treated bead garment with balsam and removed two sandals.

28.

Working on painted box (21)

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30.

Box 50 brought out, cont. cloth and sticks.

31.

Noting cloth garments from 50, shirts, loin cloths etc. Tapestry weaving.

Jan 1 {1923}

Noting sticks from Box 50 etc.

" 3.

Box 50 almost finished. Plunderers had stripped gold bands from sticks, & broken off all arrow heads, why was linen replaced? On a bed, near this box there were other similar staves, ? did this box contain originally only staves, and was linen packed in on top by priests. In that case which box was linen originally in?

" 4

Gardiner over doing inscriptions. Finished & put away Box 50. Started working on collar from lid of 54. This saturated with salt: first thing so far affected that way.

Jan. 5.

Noted collar: spread out and put in water to soak. ? how did salt get on lid of box.

Started on Box 54.

Jan. 6.

Removed part of bead garment from Box 21. Noted order of bead bands. Below this full of sandals. These badly stuck together.

" 7th

Working almost entirely on Box 21. Quite evident from state of this that plunderers had turned it upside down. Beaded robe in too bad a condition to save, so decided to preserve parts in wax, and reconstruct whole on new cloth.

" 8.

Working in tomb in morning
waxing a bead hassock and
sandal. In afternoon on Box 21.
From state of tomb evident that
plunderers had left the place
all topsy turvy, & that the Priests
had made a hasty and superficial
tidy up, cramming things into any box,
regardless of former arrangement.

Jan. 9

Market day. Worked out the system of threading fine bands of beadwork.

10.

Took up beadwork hassock today. Came out pretty solid, but will need a lot of treatment. Crowds of tourists and pressmen. Otherwise working on Box 21. Contents a hay pie, jumbled up anyhow.

11.

Working on garments in Box 21. Also noted imitation skin stool.

12.

Finally worked out border patterns of the bead robe. Took out and noted one of the ducks' head sandals. Part of this sandal was bent, showing the force with which the contents

had been pushed down into the box.

13.

Working on other bead sandals in Box 21. Visit from Lacau.

14.

Waxed the lid of the painted box. Got out rest of the sandals, the amber necklace, and some more of the cloth. Handed in an article for the Times.

Jan 15

Finished waxing lid of Box 21.

Still removing robes, at least five with gold spangles. These probably represent, with a robe in Box 54 the state robes.

Jan 16

Market Day. Stacked and did beads.

Jan 17

Got up iron door on our work tomb. Visit from four native ministers and their wives.

Delayed working on Box 21 for a photograph, so noted some odd stools etc.

Jan 18

Cleared some cloth from top of one of the beds, and found remains of a collar underneath. Working

on that part of the morning. Rest
of the day noting stools etc.

Jan 19

Finished noting collar in tomb.
Found Box 21 had a false bottom,
so was able to lift all rest of
contents out together. Remains
of tapestry woven garment with
name of Tutankhamon.

Jan. 20th.

Waxed main part of Box 21,
having been able to lift out remainder
of contents on false bottom.

Jan. 21.

Finally separated out all
the contents of Box 21. Found
among the cloths a child's glove
of cloth.

22.

All day in the tomb working
on one of the large beds. Took
it apart in the afternoon ready
to take out.

23.

Market Day.

24.

Finished waxing first bed (cows)
& helped take it out.

25.

Finished waxing Box 21 & put
it away. To Cairo in
evening.

26th

Cairo

27.

Left by evening train.

28.

Back to lunch. Over to Valley
in afternoon.

29.

Worked out from decoration
fact that so called Queen's robe
must have been that of a child.
May have been the king's as a boy when
for some reason - circumcision or to

{29 January 1923, continued}

avoid evil eye - he was dressed as a girl.

No doubt that several of the garments
in the box were those of a child.

Jan. 30.

Market day.

" **31.**

Treated second bed in the
tomb with wax. In afternoon Lythgoes
& Carnarvons over to see things in
Tomb 15. Burton photographing cloth
garments etc from Box 21.

Feb. 1.

Helped carry out second bed.
Photography & notes of Box 21 almost
finished.

Feb. 2.

Still working last ends of
Box 21

Feb. 3rd

Finished all noting of Box
21.

Feb. 4th

Cleared a few things out
of top of Box 2/5>4, and sprayed
tapestry woven garment underneath.
Noted & photographed bed, two
bows etc.

Sir William Garstin & others.

5th

Removed upper layer from
Box 2/5>4, including the tapestry
woven robe with scarab on breast.

{5 February 1923, continued}

Below a very elaborate corselet.

Some of the child garments in Box 21 had the Kings cartouche on. ? was Tutankhamen only a young boy when he came to the throne. His wife at time of Akhnaton's death cannot have been more than eleven.

Feb. 6th

Market day.

7th

Cleaning corselet in Box 54.
also photographed sandals.

Sir John & Lady Maxwell.

8th.

Almost all day on the corselet.

9th

Finished clearing Box 54. Docket
on lid said 17 ? of lapis lazuli.
There were 12/5 blue glaze ewers <e>wers,
but two additional stoppers. Also
other gl. vases, 2 beautiful
statuettes, one of blue glass, the
other of crystalline limestone, a
large scarab of blue glass and gold,
& various other objects. All in
confusion. Pieces of objects not
belonging to this box at all, including
a piece of a chariot.

10th.

Working on objects from Box 54

Feb. 11th.

Most of the day on corselet.

Also got contents of gold shrine
photographed.

Feb. 12th

Took jewellery from Shrine of
gold & found that most of it belonged
to the corselet. The De Fousts
and party over for one night.

Feb. 13th

Market Day. Went to
Valley in afternoon to show the
Macys & others over.

Feb. 14th

Spent most of the morning
in the tomb treating the last bed.
Rest of day in 15, treating throne
and working out corselet. Latter
turns out to be a combination
of corselet & collar, with pectoral.

Feb. 15th

Most of day showing visitors
over Tomb 15. Gardiner, Breasted
and Bull arrived.

Feb. 16th

Helped Carter take down
sealed door. Present Carnarvon
& Lady Evelyn, S. W. Garstin, Breasted,
Gardiner, Lacau, Lythgoe, Winlock,
Burton, Lucas, Callender, Engelbach,
Bethell, native under Secretary of State
& a few others.

Feb. 17th

Most of day in Tomb, clearing up
ready for formal opening tomorrow.

Feb. 18th

Garden party day. Spent most
of it in the tomb showing visitors the
new chamber. Queen of the Belgians,
Allenbys & dozens more.

Feb. 19th

All day in 15 working on
beads.

Feb. 20th

Market Day.

Feb. 21st

Stream of visitors all the
morning. Queen of the Belgians
in the afternoon.

Feb. 22nd

Visitors practically all
day. Impossible to do any work.

Feb. 23rd

Crowd of Egyptologists in
morning. Finished corselet in
afternoon.

Feb. 24th

Again a crowd all day,
including Blumenthal and the Macys.

Feb. 25

Began noting & packing objects
from Box 54

Feb. 26th

Wrote to Morning Post re
false statements about us. Tomb
closed & filled in.

Feb 27th

Worked half day in
Valley, then closed down for a week.

Feb. 28 - March 6.

On holiday at
Assuan.

March 7.

Finished noting objects
from Box 21/<54> & packed all away.
Started clearing Box 44. Found
wrapped in a corner of a cloth
a number of massive gold rings. The
plunderer who was taking these away
must have been caught in the act,
as he would never have dropped a
thing like that if he were running.

March 8th

Photographed & cleaned rings,
(8 + 2 scarabs). Also took out from
same box large gold & lapis scarab,

panther skin robe & other objects.

" 9th

Box nearly finished. Heg

sceptre of gold & blue glass, robe with

sequins, robe with network of beads

& sequins. Also two model adzes.

? what were these doing in the tomb ?

Do any really belong to a F. D. which

was never deposited.

{9 March 1923, continued}

Queen of Belgians to see a box
opened - one of the black shrines.
Proved to contain a nome animal
on standard. This explains all the
other black shrines in innermost chamber.
We shall probably get a complete outfit
of all the nomes.

March 10th

Box 44 finished clearing.
Now have the objects to note. Carter
working on alabasters. Finished
article for the Times.

March 11th

Noting contents of
Box 44. Cloth in which rings
were looks suspiciously like
a mummy wrapping. Quite possible
that burial has been rifled
after all.

March 12th

Still on Box 44.

Model adze with cartouches of
Amenhotep and Thy.

March 13th

Market Day.

March 14th

Still clearing & packing
contents of Box 44. Carnarvon
departed.

March 15th

Working on garment,
from Box 44. Found that what
had been considered tapestry weaving was
really applied.

March 16th

Still working on robes
from Box 44.

March 17th

Compared and noted the
various linen gauntlets. Believe
them to be driving gloves. One was
lined with very warm material.

March 18th

Cleared and noted Box
43. Contained mostly loin cloths,
but also a pair of gloves in good
condition, this time reaching to
wrist only.

March 19th

Clearing up various odds
& ends in first bay of Tomb 15.

March 20th

Market Day. Carter
went to Cairo.

March 21st

Noting and sorting
all sorts of objects in first bay
of Tomb 15.

March 22nd

Noted all sandals &
baskets, fly-whisks & a number
of other objects. Sandals are all
sizes from quite a small child
to a full sized man.

March 23rd

Most of the day waxing
& treating various objects.

March 24th

Treated bead footstool,
noted candles & various other
things.

March 25th

Noting oddments & helping
Burton with photography.

Position of one of the stools showed
that officials had put the chariot
wheels in their present place after
the plundering.

March 26

First bay of tomb
practically finished. Ready to start
next week on boxes in second bay.

March 27th

Market Day. Went
to Luxor.

March 28th

Cleared bandbox. Contained
a mass of small cloths mixed up in
a jumble - some loin cloths, but

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mostly bandages, both folded and rolled.

Started work also on painted
alabaster box.

Lucas to Cairo.

March 29th

Almost finished clearing

Band-box - two gauntlets, one
large, one a child's, a finger stall
and quantities of bandages of all
kinds - surely a medical outfit.

March 30th

~~One~~/**<Two>** of the gauntlets in
bandbox turned out to be an archer's
glove for left hand, with stalls for
1st finger & thumb, and a flap between
to protect juncture & for arrow
to slide over. One was a man's,
the other a child's.

Cleared also White Box. Had been
a toilet box with compartments,

but contents all gone.

March 31st

Working on large bundles of
cloth from top of one of the couches,
mostly loin cloths.

April 1st

2nd bundle of cloth, containing
leopard skin, gloves, necklaces etc.
i.e. floor sweepings made into bundles.

April 2nd

Most of the day working on collars, four having turned up inside the bundles.

April 3rd

Market Day. Visiting tombs in afternoon.

April 4th

Finished the bundles from the top of the bed, absolutely miscellaneous sweepings all of them, including a great number of gauntlets.

April 5th

News came of Carnarvon's death. Started working on big white trunk. Puzzle why some linen perishes while other actually touching it does not. ~~must~~ be a question of original quality of the thread used.

April 6th

Finished clearing white

trunk - robes, shawls etc.

Just a handful of stuff collected
by officials and thrown back into
the box.

April 7th

All cloth from white

trunk noted.

April 8th

Noting oddments, including
stick with elaborate granular gold
work. ? this put on with glue,
and not soldered.

April 9th

Cleared and noted the
large gable-end box. This contained
only ab/<l>ab vases & various oddments
thrown carelessly in: barely covering
floor. Nothing to show what
original contents were.

April 10th

Finished noting contents
of box etc.

Market Day, but carried on.

April 11th

Found that so-called
'child's tippet' was really a
head covering in the form of a

protective bird with wings stretched
out behind. Also not tapestry -
woven but applied stripes of colour.

April 12

Noting sticks & various
oddments.

April 13th

Noting sticks all day.

" 14

Noting various oddments
& started on travelling booth.

April 15th

Cleared and noted second black shrine. Contained a second nome standard of Aphroditopolis, also working out travelling booth.

April 16th

Carter came back.

Noting sticks from top of bed, captives, compound bows, arrows etc.

April 17th

Market Day. Tea & dinner with Carter, to talk over future plans.

April 18

Lacau turned up.

Noting sticks & Bows. One of them had cartouche with Aten.

April 19

Noting compound bows
all day.

April 20

Clearing first bay, &
still noting bows. Two more
had Aten cartouches.

Visit from Princess of Abyssinia,
& a mob of retainers.

April 21st

Still noting sticks.

April 22nd

Finished the last batch
of sticks and bows.

Winlocks left.

April 23rd

Sorted all the sticks &
cleared up generally.

M^{rs} Burton left.

April 24

Market Day. Spent
morning at Carters working on
book.

April 25

Waxing mannequin.
Started also on chariot material.

April 26

Finished mannequin,
other odd jobs.

April 26/<7>

Waxing seat of throne, &
noting chariot material.

April 28th

Waxing & noting
faience box & noting chariot material.

April 29th

Completed register of
objects, now ready to start packing.

April 30th

Took day off on account of
Carnarvon Memorial Service.

Working on Book. Went round
to Carter in afternoon.

May 1st

Stayed at home writing.
Thermometer just on 110.

May 2nd

Started packing.

Lucas to Cairo

May 3rd

Packing all day: small stuff nearly finished.

May 4th

Stayed home to pack & do accounts. Lunched with Carter to meet Merton.

May 5th

Left Burton to lock up house & moved round to Carter's. Burton left for Cairo.

May 6th

Packing all day.

May 7th

Packed sticks etc.

May 8th

Market Day, but carried on.

May 9th

Packed stools & shrines.

May 10

Finished actual packing,
about 90 cases. Some of the
smaller cases still to be crated,
and inventory made.

May 11

Made complete inventory of cases.

" 12

Sorted negatives all day.

" 13

Stayed at home to write,
all cases loaded on trucks ready
to start in morning.