

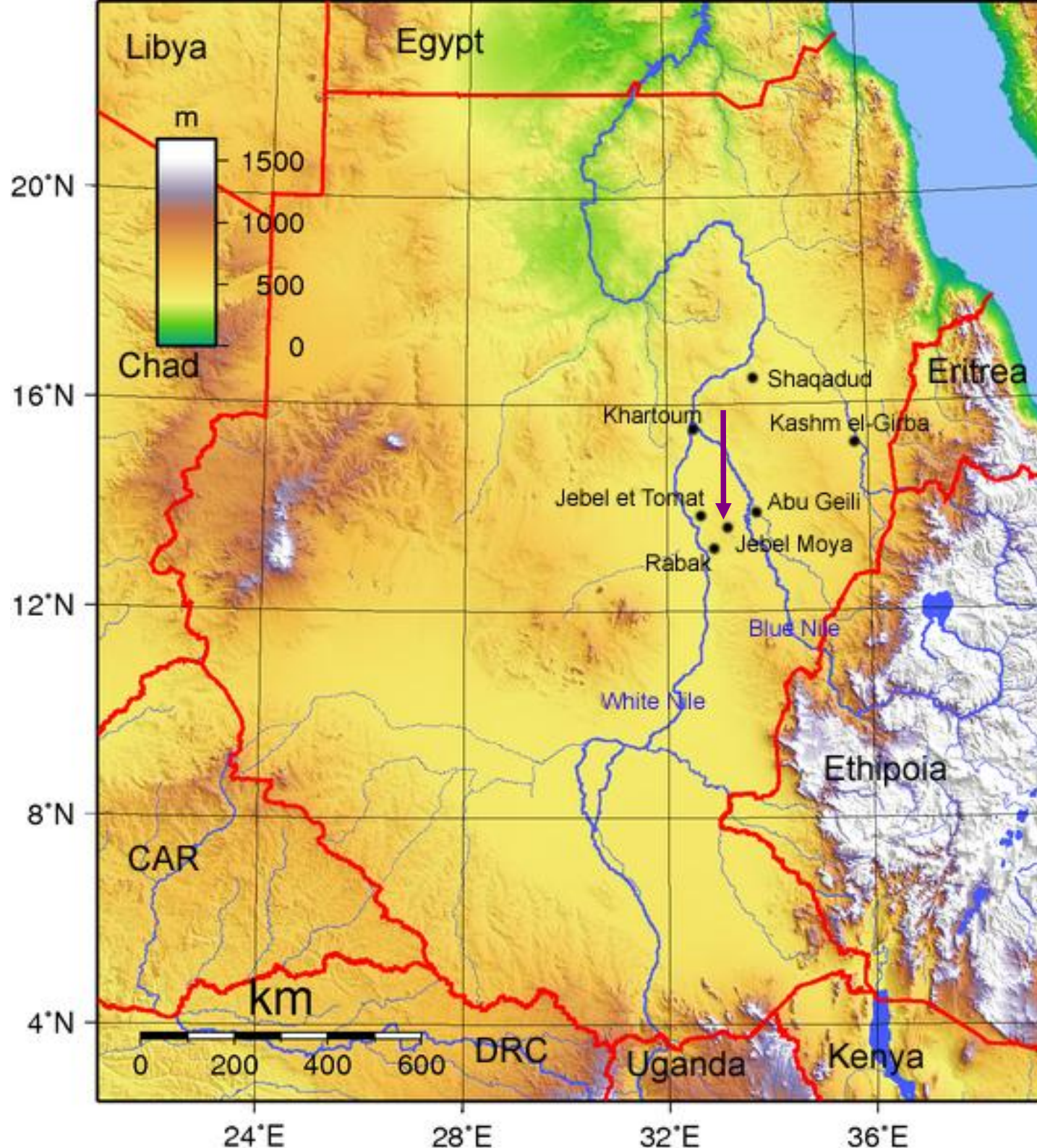
Jebel Moya

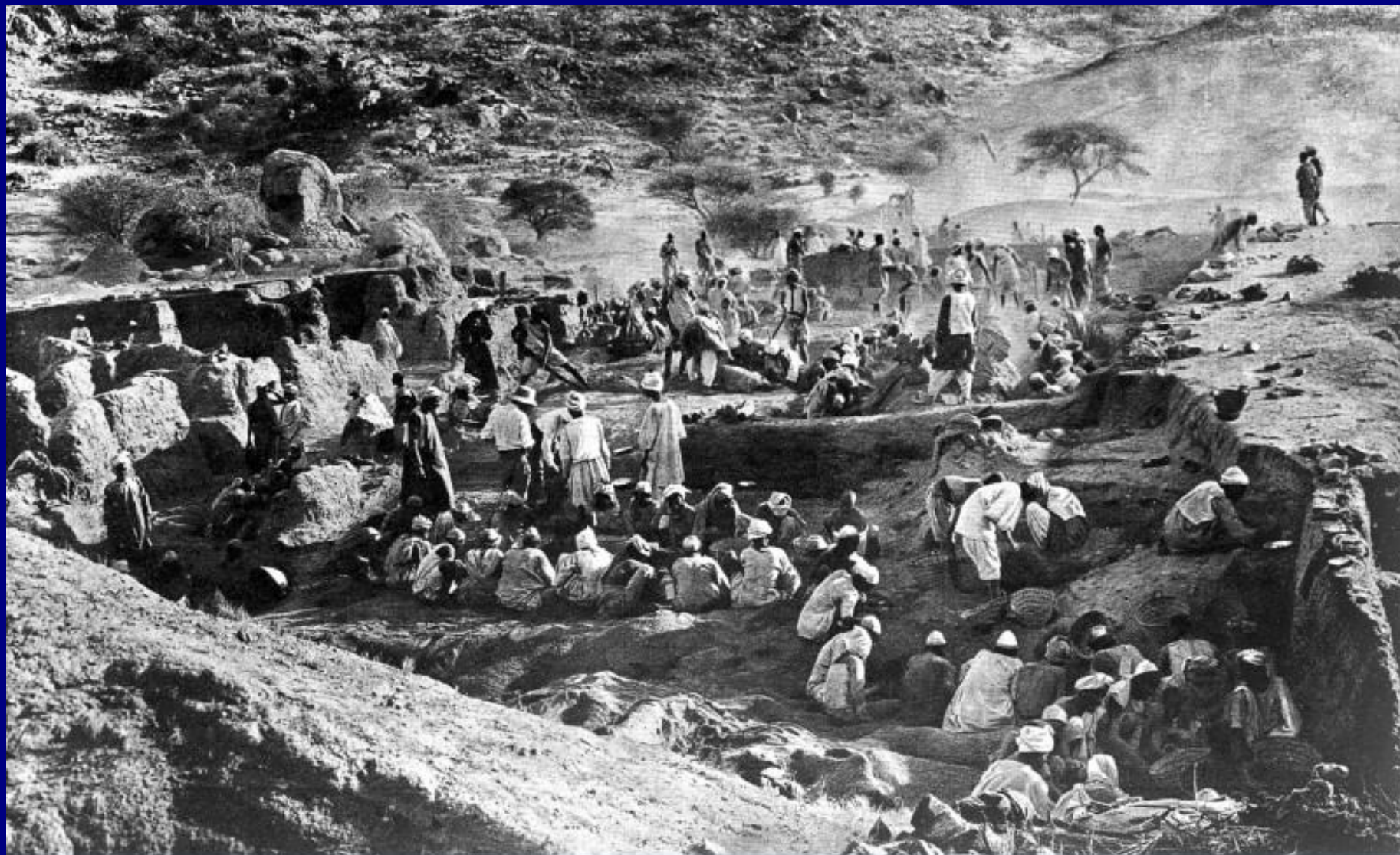
Initial re-investigation into the archaeology
of south-central Sudan

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Wellcome Images

Excavation in progress, 4th season (1913-14)

Geology

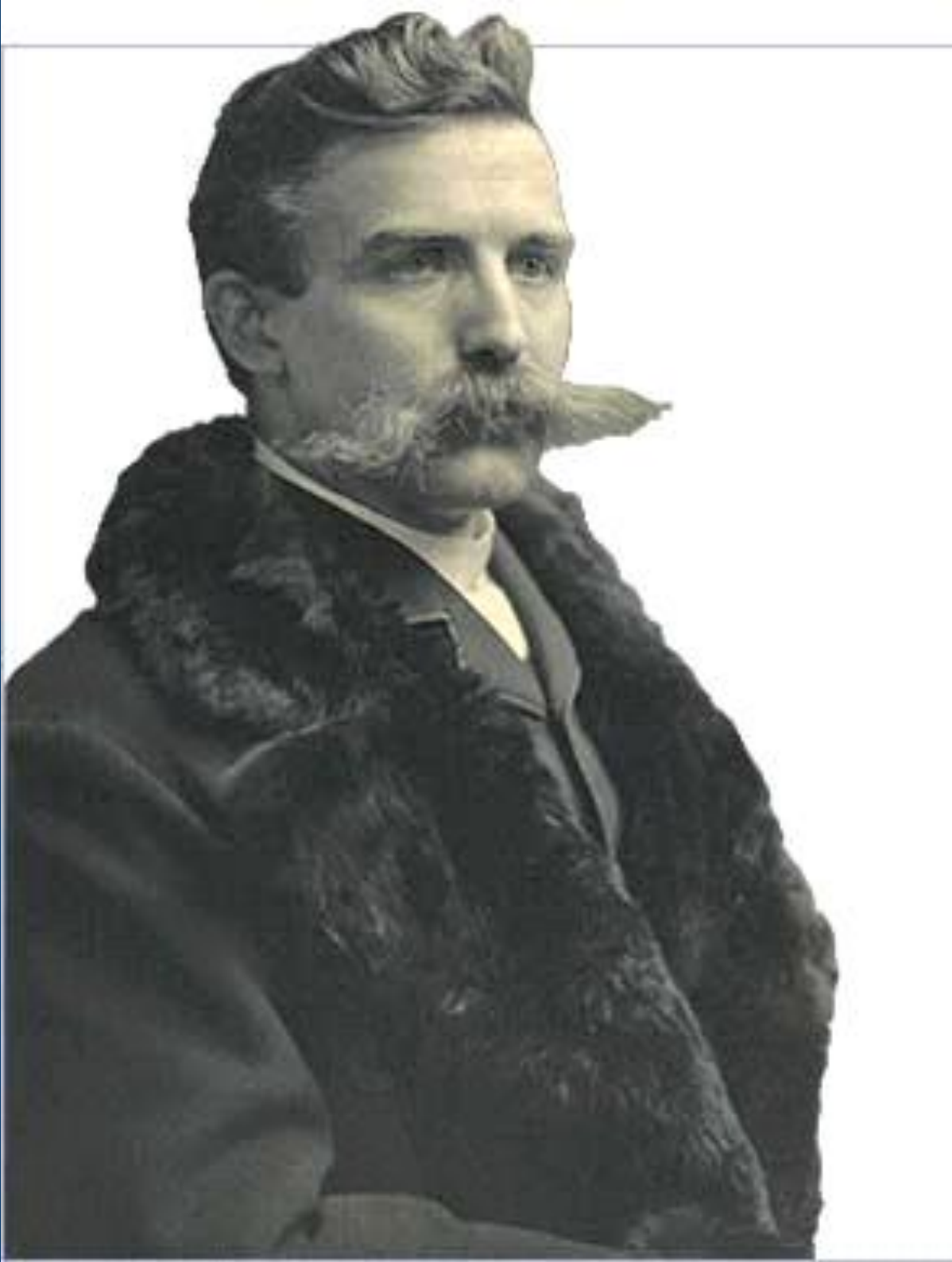
White Nile

- Wetter climate south of Khartoum
- Incising of 2m over past 8000 years
- High levels 4400 BC, 1300 BC, 800 BC

Blue Nile

- Seasonal river
- Built substantial flood plain deposits
- Seasonality and severity decreased by mid-late Holocene





Sir Henry Wellcome initiated the excavations which lasted from 1911 until the onset of World War 1 and which yielded 2791 graves at one of the largest cemeteries in North-East Africa.

Frank Addison wrote 1st site report

First date: 1000 – 400 BC

Re-dating: 500 BC – 400 AD

Mukherjee, Rao & Trevor wrote the physical anthropological report

Previous investigations

Gerharz hypothesised 3 phases

- Phase 1
 - 5th millennium BC

Dotted wavy-line pottery
(Caneva 1991)

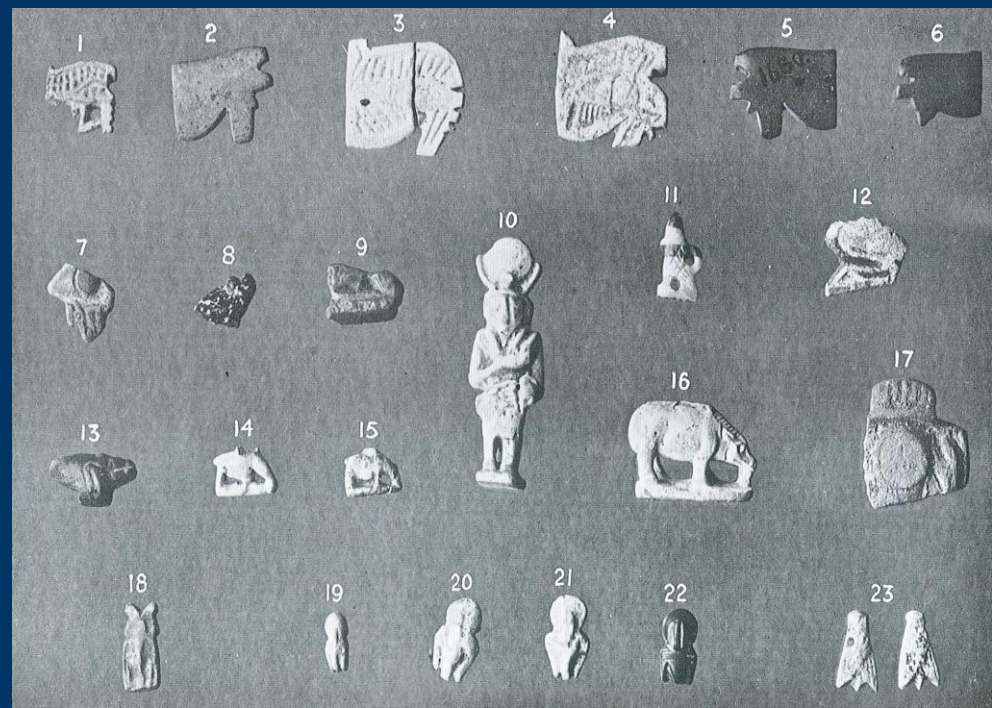


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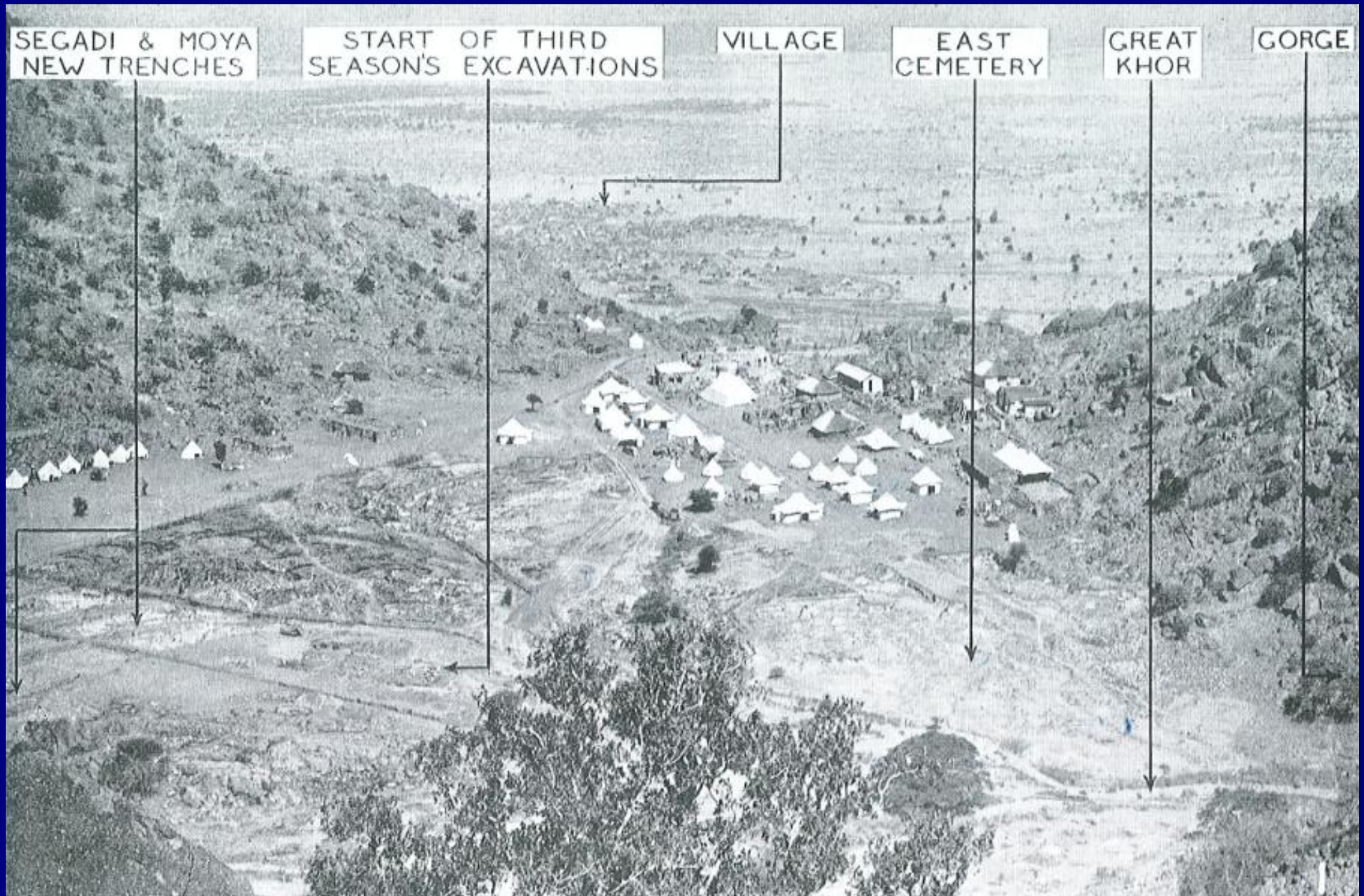
- Phase 2
 - ca 5000 – 3000 BC
 - Classical Jebel Moya Complex
- Phase 3
 - 800 – 100 BC
 - First appearance of imported Napatan and Meriotic items





Amulets, 1st millennium BC
(Addison 1949)

Grave 1208, 4th season (Addison 1949)



SEGADI & MOYA
NEW TRENCHES

START OF THIRD
SEASON'S EXCAVATIONS

VILLAGE

EAST
CEMETERY

GREAT
KHOR

GORGE

Valley (Addison 1949)

♂
L. 11

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JII

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570

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L. 11

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fragmentsary Bonial
in B. Potuba, middle,
Adult partly out
side of surface.

R hand at side

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On L wrist were

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o.c. 4.102. 6 cm

②

On R wrist was an
loony bracelet. too fragmentsary
to identify. o.c. 4.108

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Some preliminary statistics

	Addison	Latest
Graves recorded	2883	2883
Graves excavated	2792	2791
Recorded human burials	3137	3155
Joint cattle-dog burials	25	28



Some preliminary statistics

Adult	2510
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Young adult	106
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Juvenile	258
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Infant	41
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Some preliminary statistics

Prone	216	174 elongated
Supine	1697	1540 elongated
On left side	344	239 elongated
On right side	415	285 elongated

Some preliminary statistics

North	258
North-west	590
North-east	243
East	278
West	599
South	155
South-east	244
South-west	370

Thoughts

- Early on, place of collective memory
 - Selective shared decorative traits (pottery)
 - Change in burial rites in 1st millennium: move towards the individual
 - Reference point in the landscape for thousands of years
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