

Canal inscription of Tuthmosis III

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Transliteration and translation for "Canal inscription of Tuthmosis III", following the transcription of De Buck (1948), p. 46.

For an older transcription, see Sethe (1907), number 222 (pp. 814-815).

The transliteration throughout follows Hannig (1995).

For published translations, see Breasted (1906), pp. 259-260, §§ 649-650; Gardiner (1957), pp. 335-336.

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46:2

| rnpt-sp 50 tpj šmw sw 22

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| Year 50, first month of the Season of Harvest, day 22,

ḥr ḥm n nsw-bjtj Mn-ḥpr-R^c

dj ^cnh

under the majesty of the king of Upper and Lower Egypt Menkheperre, given life.

wḏ ḥm=f šḏd mr pn

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| m-ḥt gmt=f sw ḏb³.w m jnrw

His Majesty commanded the digging of this canal, ³ | after his finding it blocked up with

n sqd.n dpt ḥr=f

stones; a ship could not sail on it.

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ḥdl.n=f ḥr=f jb=f 3w.w sm³.n=f ḥftjw=f

He travelled north on it, his heart being glad, having slain his enemies.

rn n mr pn

The name of this canal is:

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wn t³ | w³t m nfrt Mn-ḥpr-R^c ^cnh(.w) ḏt

"Menkheperre (may he live eternally!) is the one who opens the way as something perfect".

jn n³ n wh^cw 3bw šḏd=sn

⁶

| mr pn ṯnw rnpt

It are the fishermen of Elephantine who will dig out ⁶ | this canal every year.
