

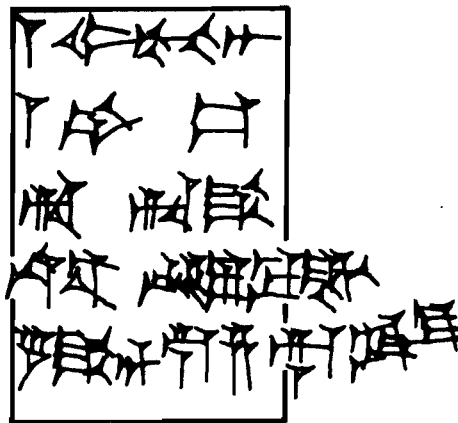
13) A New Tag from the Reign of Nūr-Adad — The Yale Babylonian Collection possesses a number of economic texts from Larsa displaying an unusual form. They are roughly square and pierced on two corners for suspension from a cord. A. Goetze, who treated a number of them (*JCS* 4 [1950], 87-94; see also M. Gallery, *AfO* 27 [1980], 9) dubbed them "tags." Recently D. Arnaud has published transliterations of seven similar texts uncovered during the 1933 excavations at the site of Larsa (*Mélanges Birot* [Paris, 1985], pp. 35-38), all of which date to the reign of Nūr-Adad. Six of these pieces bear a hitherto unattested year name for this reign, "the year that the great wall of Larsa was built."

The tag which I present here, NBC 9267 (38 x 42 x 25 mm), is an unusual livestock text providing another attestation of this year name. One of the six seal impressions on this piece was published as No. 758 in B. Buchanan, *Early Near Eastern Seals in the Yale Babylonian Collection* (New Haven, 1981), pp. 282-83. On p. 456 of that volume, W.W. Hallo identifies the year name here as "a fairly rare form of Sîn-iqīšam 3." Since, however, another of the seal impressions on this tablet is of a servant of Nūr-Adad, it seems best to assign this text to the time of that monarch. As Arnaud, *Mélanges Birot*, p. 38, points out, the building or repair of the wall of the capital would naturally have been an achievement celebrated in the year formulae of many rulers of the Larsa line, and indeed a fragmentary inscription of Nūr-Adad made known by E. Sollberger (*zikir šumim, Assyriological Studies presented to F. R. Kraus* [Leiden, 1982], pp. 342-46, ii 64-76) mentions just this activity.

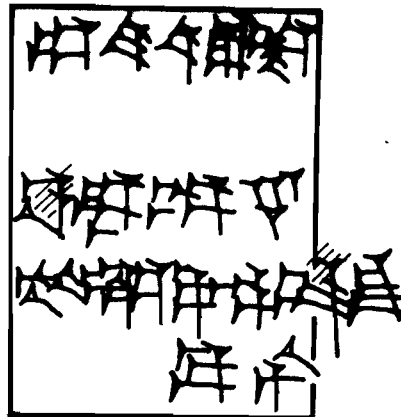
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- obv. 1. 1 áb mu.2
 2. 1 gu₄.giš
 3. ri.ri.GA
 4. na.gad ^dEN.ZU-*ma-gir*
 5. nšg.ga ^dinnin ZA.MUŠ.UNUG^{ki}
- lower edge [seal 1]
 rev. 6. kišib šà.tam.e.ne
 [seals 2 and 3]
 7. iti bará.zag'.gar
 8. mu bád.gal UD.UNUG^{ki}
 9. ba-dù

- upper edge [seal 4]
 left edge [seal 5]
 right edge [seal 6]



- Seal 1 ^diškur.en.nam
 dumu *A-te-na-kam*?
- Seal 4 ur.^dnin. x x x
 dumu *x-i-lf-šu*
 ir *Nu-úr-^diškur*
- Seal 6 ^d[] x [] x
 ir ^dx x .an-na
 ù ^dDa-mu



Seals 2, 3 [= Buchanan, No 758], and 5 are largely illegible.

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