

Tribute to a man mad about mummies

“Napoleon on Nile” at the Dahesh Museum (until 3 September) is a one-man show devoted to the esteemed Egyptologist Dr Robert Brier who has dug up Medici tombs and investigated well-known mummies such as Tutankhamen, Lenin and even Eva Péron. Over 90% of the show’s content including letters, prints and drawings belong to him (right, frontispiece of the *Atlantic Géographique*, second edition) albeit credited as coming from a “private collection”. Dr Brier became “Mr Mummy” in 1994 when he was the first person in 2,000 years to mummify a modern-day human for National Geographic TV. Indeed his most spectacular contribution to the Dahesh show is a 2,500 year old mummy arm originally given to him, romantically, as a Valentine gift from his wife. ■

