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Lunch had just arrived but of course we could not touch any. we made him as comfortable as possible & I got him to drink the juice of two oranges. Then the ambulance from Baliana arrived & <the> police or military doctor, & the hospital doctor & two attendants & our local police officer. they put temporary dressing on his leg & his wrist, the leg was a compound fracture the wrist had a small bone broken, but the D^r said it would have to be X rayed in Cairo. The police officer wrote out a lengthy account of the accident & in the meantime I rushed back to the house, packed a bag with his night wear & change of everything & what ever I thought he needed in Cairo, collected rugs etc & Nannie packed food & boiled water I also got some money & returned to the temple & the attendants carried him out

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At the hospital he was taken into a private room & laid on the bed & the doctors redressed the leg & fixed a proper splint. I went on to the station & sent telegrams to Amice & D^r Junker in Cairo, then returned to the hospital where I waited 7 hours until it was time to go to the station for the 10-30 express. it was pretty grim. he was in a dreadful state of remorse & I had to keep talking on all sorts of things to keep his mind off himself.

I also had to give necessary instructions to the male nurses after the doctors had left. as Otto's abrar arabic^{sic} is limited to the needs of the work, the D^r sent us up a tea of fruit, dates & cake, he was thankful for the tea & managed to eat a little cake & fruit. at last 10 'oclock^{sic} came & the ambulance came & took us to the station, I arranged for Sardic to travel with him & the D^r & I saw him

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comfortably settled. the Dr had arranged that the train should wait until he gave the signal to the driver – Our police officer had ordered a taxi for me & sent a soldier to escort me so I arrived back in camp about 11-20 feeling nearly dead. Nannie had hot soup ready for me & I was in bed soon after midnight. but I could not sleep, my head kept going over the events of the day. I hope he will get on all right the $D^{\underline{r}}$ here says it is not a serious injury & I think everything possible was done for him. I must say the police & the doctors were simply splendid. D^r Junker will be at Cairo to meet him & there is every thing available at the Hospital there & Doctors of his own nationality.

This morning th I had to write a long account to Amice. & various letters of thanks to the police officials & the 2 Doctors for their assistance.

I expect by Xmas time we will have

good news of his progress. I had a letter from Amice today to say the treatment for her throat wasnt^{sic} half as painful as she expected & she will be back here the end of the week. (today being Tuesday)

I think this is all the news for this letter. & far too much of it. I am so dead weary

> Lots of love to you both Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.

I hope you will have a Happy Xmas & enjoy the Xmas pudding. (I hope you will save me a taste).