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Just as I was starting off one of the Soudanis came & asked if he might accompany me as he had to go by train to Sohag to fetch supplies from headquarters, he was in a state of undress, so I told him to get ready

quickly, he flew to the tent & I naturally expected he would emerge clothed in his uniform. not a bit of it, he just grabbed everything & jumped in the back seat with Sardic, & when we got to Baliana he was correctly clothed & bristling with ammunition. how he did it I cant^{sic} imagine, you know how much room there is in Joey's back seat. Fancy driving a car in England with a soldier putting his breeches on/<etc> on behind – Little un & I had a good laugh about it – life here is very amusing in spite of numerous worries & problems.

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