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Arabah. Feb 17. 1931

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The next day we had a wire . "arriving Bal "party of 4 arriving Baliana 2.30 <to-morrow>. wire if rest house available."

We did'nt^{sic} know what to do, as we have no authority to let people use the rest house, they have to have a special permitt^{sic} from the Department of Antiquities. Well the long & short of it was. these people arrived. without a permitt^{sic}, so we had to put them up as best we could. they were all over 65. they had brought some cold chicken & ham etc with them. also lots of rugs. so we fixed up extra camp beds & did what we could. they had about 2 hours to look round the temple before the light went, & then had to tramp

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across the desert to our house, as of course the station cars had returned to Baliana. we carried their bags & umbrellas & wraps & helped them along as well as we could, but it was a hard trudge for them. We spent most of the evening making up the beds, the old professor was very fussy he said the room was too stuffy & hed'^{sic} rather sleep on the terrace where we had/<v>e our breakfast. so his bed had to be made up there, then they all wanted hot water & hot water bottles,

Then in the morning they nearly drove poor Nannie desperate by demanding lots more hot water when she was in the midst of getting breakfast. (it all had to be heated in kettles on the primus so you can imagine the difficulty) our meal was somewhat delayed in consequence.

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Today we had a visit from Abdu Jouat our old guide. he came into the temple to say how do you do. always an impressive ceremony

The day after tomorrow is the big feast for the end of Ramadan, we shall make a round of visits that day to wish every one a happy feast. I shall be able to tell you all about it in my next letter.

> Lots of love your affectionate daughter Myrtle.