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Arabah. Dec 26th 1935.

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and English music to the accompaniment of what sounded like a thunderstorm \$\pm\$/<0>r artillery practice.

Amice regarded it with horror & retired to the innermost recesses of her room as soon as politeness permitted, but Nannie & the men loved it, so I sat out in the Teressina sic {Teresina} & listened to it also because I thought it was so kind of the man to send it to us & I wanted him to feel that it was appreciated, & of course he is bound to ask one of the servants if we enjoyed the music.

We had the children's Christmas tree directly after lunch, the police officer watched the ceremony with much amusement, then they ran races, & played games for about an hour & then we sent them home & the melakez (police officer) also took his leave. we did not have the fantasia in the evening as it is bitterly cold at night, & Amice is afraid of sitting out until her throat has had time to recover completely from the treatment it is bound to be a little delicate for a few weeks so she went to bed early & I played b/<w>ith the radio

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as I told you previously. We have had a lot of cards & letters from friends in Cairo & Luxor etc. I am going to have a busy time answering them all.

Have just put the radio on for Sardic's benefit most strange sounds are coming forth to-day of course it is all Arabic, Amice says its^{sic} sounds like a sick cow the men seem to enjoy it. they make appreciative noises in the pauses,

We shall return it to-morrow with many thanks for the loan.

There is a P&O Mail Steamer due P. Said on the 29^{th} so am hoping to send this letter by it. the next will be leaving Jan 5, so will post my next letter to catch it –

Tell Pat I received her letter to-day & thank her very much for it & the pretty card which has joined the others on the mantle shelf I will write to her later, when I have dealt with all the local letters.

Lots of love to you & Father & Pat.

Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.

[addition by Amice Calverley]

Amice

Myrtle hasn't left me much room
So heres^{sic} love & good wishes for 1936
My Christmas letter is coming later Im^{sic} keeping Abi/<y>ssinian Christmas this year its^{sic} a fortnight later! Love from