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## Christmas Day [1931]

Dear Mother & Father.

Happy Christmas to you both. I am just snatching a few minutes before breakfast to write as I foresee a very busy day ahead. There is the Christmas tree to prepare, the mens<sup>sic</sup> meat to divide, native visitors to receive etc.

Yesterday Amice & Linda Holey returned from Chicago House, I had to drive Joey in to meet them, on the way I met the post man & stopped for our mail, the letters, books, papers & parcels half filled up the back seat, biggest post we have ever had. D<sup>r</sup> Mond has sent us a hamper, he ordered it through a Cairo firm so we had no custom bothers. there is Champagne, Red Wine. Whiskey!!! as well as pate-de foie gras; Xmas Pudding Chocolates & other delicacies, & a box of crackers – the latter gave us great joy, we pulled them last night at our Xmas Eve dinner

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Do you remember the old pinkish jumper of yours I had last year? I have now given it to one of the boys who does odd jobs, it is very cold at sunset & early morning & he was shivering in a single cotton gallibea. he is an orphan so has no one to pass on cast off garments, he was so delighted & proud & it fits him beautifully

Will tell you all the Xmas news in my next letter

Lots of love Myrtle.