

Dec. 25, 1938

Had Xmas dinner in our house.

Went to Bethlehem last night. Stopped twice by soldiers going, & once on way back. Church full of soldiers. Xmas tree in living room.

Knights arrived Dec. 23 from Egypt. Had to send taxi to Lydda for them.

Ellerman left early in month.

Probably going to Jerash on Dec. 29 with Walsh, Economic Adviser of the Government.

At 8:30 P.M. a second attempt was made on our Nakhshibi neighbor. A bomb was thrown, and then there were some shots, and a few minutes later some more shots, and some one yelling "Hooray", "where is he?" We'll learn perhaps tomorrow morning whether or not this second murderous attempt was successful.

Dec. 28. Fourth attempt on the Nakhshibi house across the way. There was a third attempt the night before last. Each night we see the bomb-throwers creeping around our corners, and each night, after a proper interval, the police and military come along, search innocent passers-by, and then so nothing until the next incident occurs.

As long as the conflict between the military and the civil administration goes on, there will certainly be no peace. The deterioration of the disorders during the last few days may be traced directly to the lack of harmony between the two groups.

Dec. 30. Rev. Dr. Paul Clemens Kopp called yesterday.

Dec. 31. Narda Barkas called this afternoon.

Real winter wind & cold have set in.

Celebrating New Year by having fudge-party.

Jan. 1, 1939.

Heurtley called to say good-bye

Mr. & Mrs. Walsh, her son, Mr. - Athens, & Mr. & Mrs. Shaw came in today to see the Nabataean antiquities, and stayed for tea.

3. P.O.S. meeting at Museum. Heurtley's maiden speech & swan song.

4. A terrific bomb went off last night at 12:00 P.M., shook our buildings; prob. directed at Nakhshibi's house. One Nakhshibi student has never returned after walking off with ~~his~~ ^{his} notes. It went off in the garden of Larson's House, & was intended for Ruth Beach.