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Dear Nelson,

Many thanks indeed & congratulations
(about six weeks ago)
on "The Other Side of the Jordan"; by it you should
certainly have put T-J. on the map for a wider
public, and the photographs are fine. I had a
letter of yours some time before the book, but with
mail taking such a long time I am afraid I have
been tempted to neglect my correspondence. However,
we have been or still are pretty busy here, with
various other things besides normal work, as you
may guess [Even I am in the Palestine 'Home
Guard', in spite of my left elbow which the doctors
have decided has an arthritis ^{for} which they can
do nothing. I had an operation a year or half
ago, but it made the arm worse if anything
rather than better: I can bend the arm a certain
amount, but not to a right angle. However, I can
drive a car & do most things, although playing
with one hand is rather a nuisance!] At present
things here are not so threatening as they seemed
several months ago, but we have to be & keep
prepared for anything. In June I used to sit
having breakfast on my balcony, at Nashashibi Corner
when I now live, & watch the army rolling by on
their way to Syria. Margie is still here, busy
too with various kinds of war work, & David is at school