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Dear Mother.

Our preparations are now nearly complete & we hope to be off tomorrow morning early.

we have had a great fixing up of saddles this evening. The ordinary pack saddles are like this. [ 🎘 ] Two poles covered with grass matting, with padding underneath to fit the hump. The loads are slung on the poles, you can imagine it is not exactly easy or comfortable to sit on for long. we had the carpenter up, & he has fixed poles up in front like the proper riding saddles.  $[\mathcal{R}]$  , we are strapping thick pillows part, & with the pole to steady us on the seat when the camel sets down & gets up we ought to be quite comfortable. we have food for six days, three roast chickens, 6 tins beef, 1 salmon 40 loaves, jam, biscuits, bovril<sup>sic</sup>, tins of fruit etc the men will bring their own food, & we have bought a new goat skin for their water, our own water we are taking in petrol tins. we shall start about six in the morning & expect to go 30 to 35 miles a

day. We are taking a small stock of drugs & a little brandy in case of any accidents. I expect we shall create quite a stir on our arrival. our local Marmur has advised the Governor of Kharga of our intended visit, as one is not allowed to go without doing so, I suppose otherwise they might think we were a party of bandits.

I expect my next letter will contain more news, this is just dashed off between final packings etc & will leave here after we have departed as there is no mail tomorrow

> Lots of love Your affectionate Myrtle.