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Dear Mother

Amice & I have just returned from a visit to the Oultons, we went over Monday as soon as we had finished work & stayed all Tuesday & returned <today Wednesday> directly after breakfast. All Upper Egypt is in a state of hysteria over Farouk's visit, his yacht was moored at Sohag yesterday & he inspected the public schools there. Charles, as British Consular Agent had to attend & after breakfast Tuesday morning he requested Amice & I to produce a correct Consular flag with both sides alike to fly on the bonnet of his car by 2-30. we raided Betty's scrap bag, got some white calico & some red twill, siezed<sup>sic</sup> the cook's apron for the blue & set to work. The Consular flag is the Union Jack with a crown in the centre so you can imagine what a task we had in hand. yo It fell to my share to embroider the crown

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Farouk is due to visit our temple <tomorrow> we are requested to be there working as usual as the king wishes to see our methods, & Amice & I are to be presented to him & the Queen, the King & his family will lunch alone together in the <royal tent> & the members of his staff will have theirs in a separate tent, the Head of the Si/<e>rve/<i>ce des Antiquities<sup>sic</sup> will be in attendance & he will take lunch with us. We hope all will go off according to plan, today, as we drove past the temple we found the school boys all lined up rehearsing a song of welcome to the King & every where is bristling with green flags

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I saw Marge's mother M<sup>rs</sup> Perkins to-day at Betty's she says she will soon be returning to England & may be staying with some friends at Pinner & if she can arrange it, she will come to see you I am sure you will enjoy a chat with her she is a wonderful old lady

This is rather a shorter letter than usual because of our visit to Sohag, & this evening I have to iron my skirt so as to be smart to-morrow. I dare not let Nannie do it as her ironing is awful

I will tell you all about the Royal Visit next mail

Lots of love to you both Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.