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ON BOARD S.S. Largs Bay 31st Jan 1929.

Dear Mother.

Yesterday we were at Malta, we did not stay long enough for passengers to go ashore, but we were right inside the harbour & could get a good view of Valetta it is a white stone town. all flat roofs & very beautiful seen from the sea with the sun shining on it.

Lots of Maltese boys came aboard with oranges & all sorts of lace goods. I bought 3 oranges. They were fresh picked with the leaves on the stalk & so sweet & juicy. we left by 9 o'clock & I spent a lazy morning on deck reading. two aeroplanes accompanied us until Malta was out of sight. they flew round & round the ship waving to us, it was great fun.

The afternoon was cold & wet, the changes in tempera -ture are terrific. Uncle Jim has caught a bad cold. I have insisted on him seeing the ships doctor he didn't want to go for only a cold. but as he feels sneezy & generally runny I think he ought to have some -thing to check it in time. so he is going at 9.30 this morning.

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early Saturday morning. This is a very akward<sup>sic</sup> time for us. as it lands us in Cairo after banks & Cooks <are> closed. & the next day is Sunday when <all> European offices are closed. so I shall try to get to Cooks office in Port Said on the way to the station to get some <more> Egyptian money to carry on with. There will be lots of shops open Saturday evening & Sunday in Cairo so once I get a supply of funds we shall be allright<sup>sic</sup>, isn't it funny I got landed in Cairo on a Sunday last year. Uncle J has £6 in Egyptian & I have £4. so we should'nt<sup>sic</sup> be stranded in any case.

I have got to go to the purser's office with my passport this morning. I am also due at the barbers shop for a hair cut.



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On board S.S. Largs Bay Jan 3 Feb 1st 1929.

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Uncle Jimmie's cold is a little better the Doctor gave him some medicine which has eased the ca/<o>ugh, but his nose is very troublesome. my cold has'nt<sup>sic</sup> entirely gone, I still need a lot of hankies. I had a washing day yesterday & dried them in my cabin so I shall not have to repack dirty ones

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There does not seem much news this time will tell you our further adventures when I reach Cairo.

Uncle Jim joins me in love to you both

Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.