Arabah el Madfunah Feb 24th 1937.

Dear Mother

Thank you very much for the card and birthday wishes they arrived in good time. I had a very nice day, the men all came in after breakfast to wish me a happy feast & they each had a slice of the cake Nannie had made, after work Amice & I went to Sardic's little farm & had our tea there, we had four kids & two lambs b/laying round us & a couple of geese sat & looked on & there was a gamoose & a cow grazing a short distance away & two dogs & a puppy & 48 little chickens in the enclosure not to mention Sardic's family so it was quite a lovely birthday party. The day before was a big Moslem feast, it was the day the pilgrims who have gone to Mecca sacrifice the sheep in memory of the ram who was sacrificed <by Abraham> in Isaac's place. so, as we had not been able to pay our usual visits after Ramadan owing to having guests at the time, we visited all our friends in the two villages & wished them a happy feast, it took us all day to go round & as we were coming

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Yesterday (Tuesday) we spent at Nag Hamadi^{sic} with the Roches, they had prepared a magnificent lunch for us. & when Amice said I had just had a birthday M. Roche sent for a bottle of champagne to drink my health in. it came up in a bucket of ice, it is a wonder we did not all get tight because we had had white wine with the first course of spinach & ham. red wine with the turkey & then when the omelet^{sic} arrived M. Roche poured a whole bottle of rum over it <& set it alight> then we had the champagne, & <then> licquors^{sic} with the coffee, not to mention a glass of port that we had been offered on our arrival – rather a good mixture dont^{sic} you think.

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We are expecting Junker tomorrow he is going to go through the work we have finished so far & I expect will be here two or three days, when he has finished Amice & I am considering making another trip to the Red Sea, we feel we both need a little change as we have been working very hard lately.

Lots of love to you both Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.