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ad a bit of excitement yesterday took M^{rs} Davis^{sic} {Davies} for a desert ride in chased a jackal. he was on his way ation to see if he could steal a his supper, so we went after him could run. Joey was bumping gh desert at over 20 miles an hour, we got within a few yards of the little beast so as to have a good look at him &

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I wonder what they will charge for the wedges. letter post & sample post comes all right. so do books & papers – but there's the devil to pay with parcel post.

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> Lots of love to you both Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.