**Kharga Rest House** March 13th 1935.

Dear Mother.

My adventures have started & I will try to tell you all about them day by day.

Yesterday afternoon Amice & I went in Joey to Kara. the station where one takes the train to Kharga. it is right out in the desert, & the station is just a mud hut where you take the tickets.

we got there by sunset. put up Amice's tent, & had supper, then turned in early as we had to have breakfast before dawn.

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I arrived at Kharga a little before three. I was met by the Marmur who said the Governor of Kharga had sent him to welcome me & wished me to take tea with him at 5 o'clock. he placed the goverment<sup>sic</sup> car at my disposal, so drove in style to the rest house & had a wash. & a rest & then was driven to the Gvernors<sup>sic</sup> house where I was recieved<sup>sic</sup> in state all arrangements made for my journey to the next Oasis, I am to have the

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so far my meals have consisted of bread (no butter) & cheese & hard boiled eggs & oranges & dates, excellent fare to travel on. Nannie was horrified when I refused to be lumbered up with bully beef. tinned salmon biscuits etc, Sardic has a primus with him to boil my drinking water & we can procure bread & eggs & fruit in any village as we go. so that I do not need to carry a lot of luggage with me (much to Sardic's joy.)

To continue, after lunch I went to see the ruins of a Roman Fort & spent the afternoon wandering round examining the old brickwork & picking up bits of broken pottery, the earth here is a mixture of brick red & saffron yellow. the rocky outcrops are in streaks & layers of these two colours

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& then a few moments later nothing but endless sand. We had to drive over some of the sand hills, we did not always get over the first attempt but had to run back & charge at them from another angle.

About eleven we arrived at the house of the Omdah of Gedida. they were expecting me and I received a most hospitable welcome. the Old Omdah (a magnificent old gentleman) has recently resigned the office & his son is now Omdah. the son is a young man of about 19 or 20, has been educated in Cairo & can speak a little English. The Old Omdah was delighted when I returned his salutations in Arabic as he knows no other languag[e] I was given coffee, Sardic & the driver

of the car also had coffee in the big reciption<sup>sic</sup> room. Then I was shown the gardens. Oranges, lemons, sweet lemons, apricots, vines, guavas, pomme-granites<sup>sic</sup> apples, plums mulberries mangoes. & some whose names I can not remember, & of course date palms.

the garden is watered from a spring which bubbles up from the ground & is carried to all parts of the grounds by channels.

Then we returned to the house, the Young Omdah & I eat<sup>sic</sup> in solitary state. we had. soup. a savory dish of macoroni<sup>sic</sup>, roast lamb, a dish of various vegetables a sweet like a baked custard, then fruit & coffee.

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I went to the rest house & reported to the two soldiers in charge that I was returning that night to Gedida. it was, as the Omdah said, only a bare room with a camp bed & wash bowl in it, but it would have been all

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sitting down writing to you when Sardic came & said there was a European who wished to speak to me. I went out & a jolly American introduced himself. he said he was in charge of an expedition from Berlin & they were tracing the remains of Prehistoric Man in the Lybian<sup>sic</sup> Desert. three of their party, himself & two German women were camping close to the mountains north of Kasr they had heard news of an English woman visiting the Oasis & had been looking for me for several days, they had not seen an sic European for two months. & they only had a native cook from Cairo with them who could speak a little English & they only know about six words of Arabic. they begged me to

go with them to their camp & have dinner & they would bring me back to the rest house by moonlight. of course I could not refuse but just think how badly they must have wanted to talk to an sic European to suggest bringing me back from their camp 50 miles away in the desert at night.

They had a Ford lorry specially constructed for desert surveying. so I grabbed my hat, coat, mug plate & knife & spoon & Sardic & I climbed into the lorry with them & set out off <into> the desert again. the engine of the lorry was very powerful & the tyres were like baloons<sup>sic</sup>, it was a gorgeous ride, it took an hour their camp comprised 3 tiny sleeping tents, a cook tent & a shelter for eating, chairs were petrol tins

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My luggage has increased greatly I have about 80 oranges & 50 sweet lemons. presents from Omdahs – I have purchaced<sup>sic</sup> two nice baskets (like my Kharga basket)

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in order to accommodate all this excess luggage.

Later.

Will continue in another letter as I want to catch the post tomorrow.

Lots of love Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.