

Monday 8

Mail arrived. Letter from Edna, Mum and Bina.

Tuesday 9.

Wet day. On leave to Tripoli. Went in by truck at 9 A.M.
Had a good look around the town in the native quarter.
Bought a leather shopping bag for Edna (25/-)
Had mug of tea at Y.M.C.A.
Back to camp at 5.15. Arrived in time for tea at 6 P.M.

Wednesday 10

A wet day. Got ready to shift to Tripoli tomorrow.
Jack R., Charlie (our driver) & Dud went in with the
advance party to pick out a suitable office and
sleeping quarters.

Thursday 11.

Shifted to Tripoli by truck in morning & took up residence
in an unoccupied house (2 storeys) in residential quarter
 $\frac{1}{3}$ of a mile from Governor's palace.
Our "I" office is across the street in another house.
Wonderful library there. Looked through books.
Put up big wall map of the city on wall of office.
Put on flaps to show position of Cons., Y.M.C.A.
Union Club, Brewery, Bde., Brothel Area etc:-

Friday 12.

Most of day spent in office.
Wrote to Mum.

Saturday 13.

On leave for the day. Went with Harry to see Kiwi
Concert Party at Union Club. Hell of a queue. Waited
from 1.45 till 3 P.M. & then didn't get in.

Had a walk around the city. Very pretty along the
waterfront. Palms & gardens. Bought dates and
peanuts. Harbour full of ships - several 10,000 ton
liberty steamers (U.S.A.) Several Italian steamers
sunk or burnt out, scattered about the harbour.
Quite a number of buildings wrecked or damaged
by bombs (ours, I guess).
The Cathedral not far from the harbour is undam-
-aged.