

(450 - 533 A.D.), rebuilt during the Byzantine reconquest (533 - 643 A.D.) used as a fort during the Arab occupation (643 - 1145) neglected by the Turks (1551 - 1911) and finally excavated and where possible restored during the Italian occupation. We did the place rather hurriedly & want to go back so that I can make some color slides. Archaeologically speaking Libya is quite interesting as there are numerous such ruins along the coast & even a 1000 miles into the desert. Quite a few are located near Tripoli so eventually we'll get to see them all. In the older parts of the city there are buildings that have walls dating back to the Roman occupation, the locals just add on to what ever they can find. There are other interesting things to see but it takes time to ferret them out.

Haven't had much chance to walk the beaches and I can see the shore from my front porch. However, what I have seen isn't too encouraging. Most of the shells are very badly worn. Fishing itself is poor here supposedly because of the salinity. If this is true it probably has an effect on the invertebrate life as well. I'll let you know what the verdict is when I've had time to investigate.

Hope this letter finds you in good health & high spirits. My regards to yourself, the daughters, Rufus, Rainey, Bob, Mac, Nettie, Julie, George, the Pollen people, Doc Wilson & Otto, and if Wimp wants to know why he's left out tell him the quiet speaking first. because he's never answered any of my communications.

P.P.S. June 19th is Nettie's birthday and just for export & customs problems I'd send her a trinket from here. Please get a box of candy & card & sign my name for me. There's a check enclosed. Say hi to the card by remembrance of a beautiful Spring job
P.S. what helped get me an M.A.

Sincerely yours

John

P.S. Tell Rainey that I might take 2 weeks vacation during the interval September 1960 & that if I do I'll look forward to seeing him in Copenhagen if he still plans to go.