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Most Rev. and Dear Fr. Provincial:

Arrived safely after a pleasant voyage. Am now somewhere in France, presently camped in a peaceful apple orchard, writing you from my cramped pup tent. Sorry I was unable to see you in my few hours off in my. However Pat Conaty was most gracious, extending every hospitality.

Have seen much devastation and ruins. The countryside is beautiful and picturesque but the villages show the remnants of war. The few peasants around are typical French, people of the soil, hardy, and rugged. They seem bewildered and dazed - showing the effects of war, and its consequence poor diet. Transportation is primitive - horse, donkey and a few bicycles.

Had Daily Mass on ship, three on Sunday - had three Masses in the open fields yesterday well attended. Am happy and content in my work, always ask your prayers, and the news of the Province. Regards to all the Brethren.

Obediently yours. Fr. Edward T. Doyle, S.J.