



104th INFANTRY DIVISION
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Very Rev and Dear Fr. Provincial.

An Easter report...had four Masses and in doing so covered seemingly all this side of the Rhine. Lent, Holy Week and Easter are gone..hit a new low in Holy Week but dashed back strongly Easter when despite the fact that I am in Lutheran territory and didn't have a church at my disposal had my masses. Used a school room, a large tavern, and two courtyards. Had to travel four villages to find a Catholic church in Holy Week for a private Mass. We are traveling rapidly and covered a lot of this "Reformed" territory.

Was happy to receive your letter. Have already said five of the thirty masses and you can rest assured will fulfill this obligation. (Am now using a liberated Heinie typewriter...rather beaten up in the jeep over these tank traversed roads)

Today had a chapel at my disposal... built in 1753. The pastor was most kind and in all splendor today had one hundred men present to celebrate the feast of St. Vincent Ferrer. There was a little matter of cleaning out the straw used by the German soldiers we displaced. Offered the Mass for your intention.

Could go on, Father Provincial, but it is the same story for all the priests..being with the men and being all the church wants us to be and asking prayers that with it all priestliness be kept intact and untainted by this Army life. Ask a remembrance to all the brethren and ever expressing my gratitude,

I remain, Obediently yours

Fr. Edel. Boyle, S.J.

NOTHING IN HELL CAN STOP THE TIMBERWOLVES