

Germany

May 5

Very Rev. and Dear Fr. Provincial:

At this time things are pretty well folded up over here. Each day the prisoner bag is overwhelming. However the lull gives me an opportunity to catch some loose ends. Today the feast of our Dominican St. Pius I baptized another of my converts and had Mass and gave him first Communion. And afterwards had a Polish wedding. It seems the Nazi law forbade the German priests to marry anyone other than Germans so the Poles want without benefit of clergy. Today a couple showed up and with his permission I married them and afterwards went to the military government and found out for certain that now all Nazi law is kaputt so the German pastor will take over from now on and tomorrow he has two Polish weddings.

One night this week the new Catalogus arrived and I had a pleasant evening reading it, going from page to page and even read the telephone numbers. May I thank you again for your kindness, Father Provincial.

Have myself a Russiana cossack hat...will try to have it included in a snapshot. It is a genuine Russian hat. Now that things are quiet I have an opportunity to cover a lot of territory and do adhere to a schedule whereby all have an opportunity to go to Mass. Now planning a big Communion Sunday for Mother's Day. Have seen a great deal of Europe a fact borne out by the placing of second motor in my jeep. I should say the second new rebuilt motor. Two have been worn out since this mad trek of ours began. Nothing the Germans have in transportation can compare with this jeep of ours. The only thing the Germans have that is superior is the "88" and I mean it.

Am well and content and indeed grateful, Father Provincial for your many kindnesses...asking God to bless you, I remain,

Obediently yours

J. Edward Doyle, S.J.