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Dear Father Provincial:

The proximity of 1964 brings thoughts of a Silver Jubilee in the Dominican priesthood. It is in all humility a tremendous thing...25 years a priest! I am most grateful to God, Our Blessed Mother and to all for a quarter of a century in the Dominican priesthood.

May I ask your gracious permission, Father Provincial, to be free of a summer assignment this Jubilee year that I might plan a trip to Europe? After the close of the academic school year here and after the annual professors' retreat at Providence College I would like to visit the Shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes in gratitude. I would revisit the two U.S. Army cemeteries in Belgium and Holland where many of our division rest. I would visit enroute Scotland and England. I do not plan to visit Rome or Italy.

As National Chaplain of our Army division I would assist in the endeavor and hope of having a statue erected to our division by the townsfolk of a small hamlet in Holland where we suffered over 1300 casualties.

Asking your paternal blessing and with every assurance of my continued prayers for yourself and the work of the province,

I am,

Obediently yours in St. Dominic,

Fr. Paul E. Doyle, O.P.
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