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The rest of the day I spent getting things straight and went and bought a radio. Well hon its after midnight so I'd better get to sleep. I'll try and finish this letter tomorrow. I sure wish you were here. Goodnight...

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Tonight there is a show here at the Officers club, so I guess I'll go see it. I don't know what the name of it is but there isn't anything else to do. I know one thing I'm going to bed early. It seems the only Mass is a 8:00. I don't think I've been to since High School.

Well then I better close for now. I had a good time today but it would have been a lot better if you were here. Be good and tell everyone hello for me.

All my love

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