

Thursday Jan 13th

Dear Bob - I really have nothing
important to tell you - but
maybe it would be nice for
you to have a letter come
sometime - I know Lois writes
nice long letters over a period
of time, but I am not that
patient. Now that it is all past
all of us except Dad ^{now} had rotten
colds - I'm so glad he didn't get
one - Uncle Lou next door came
home from the hospital the other
day - do you remember at one
time I told you he was so angry
because he was not allowed to
have his night cap of braxy -
- I shall have to ask him if he
is free now to have it -

Aunt Alice had to have a small
"woman" operation - was in the
hospital 3 days and came home
so insignificant about the whole
thing - it was almost funny.

Aunt Dot is going down to visit
Sandra - but just for the weekend
- the original plan was to have
Dot take over house and child care
for several months while Sandra
went to school - but that seems to
have fallen through - Maybe she
& Pete will be together again -
They had Thanksgiving and
Christmas all together - as a
family - sounds a little nicer to
me - if it runs smooth or
easy of living or what - but
I know if I wanted a divorce

I don't think I would be very
friendly to my ex-husband -
but that seems to be the "in" thing
today - oh well - I am rather
old-fashioned about many things

I tried to read a sci-fiction book
by Roger Zelazny - "Creatures of Light
& Darkness" - I got halfway through
the book and gave up - the vivid
descriptions in one chapter followed
by another ^{chapter} with no sense at
all left me cold - How can
people think to write like that?
Then I tried a huge book by Zoe Oldenbourg
"Heirs of the Kingdom" - a story of the
first crusade - Methinks the early
Christians were not much better than

animals - so after page after page
of killing - cutting off various parts
of bodies, stealing - molesting of
almost all the women - I gave
up again - So now I am reading
a nice gay mystery by Sara Booth -
~~at least~~ I can understand a nice
normal killing or murder -
- I think I am tired too - but
then some of the new fiction is
almost too much

I do love you - not
much longer & you'll be home
- so stay well

Mom