

July 11th 1941

27 Garfield St
Kogarah

Dear Dolly

Just a line hoping you Alf and
Kiddies are all well. we received your
letter. also letters from Kath Jose & Barbara
I suppose you were surprised to hear that
I have been retired from the "Sydney Morning
Herald" they granted me a life pension
of £2. 10. 0 a week. so Mother & myself
have had to economise greatly. but we
are hoping to spend a short holiday with
you again. towards the end of the year.
that is of course. if you will take in
two poor old souls. we received a letter
yesterday from little Florie (England) with
some very sad news. In the first "blitz"
they were bombed out. and whilst her
Mother. and Florie were in Air-Raid Shelters
their homes were blown to bits. everything
they had was gone. poor Alf (eldest son)
was so badly injured. he had to have his
leg amputated. and whilst lying in Hospital

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and Violet's husband with him. the Hospital
got a direct hit, and they were pulverised
with shattered glass. they had nearly recovered
and were home again. when Alf's home was
bombed and poor Violet with another woman
and her two little girls took refuge in a
Air-Raid Shelter. when a Land-mine exploded
and blew them all to pieces. poor Violet's
body was found with the head arms & legs
all severed. Just her trunk, it was such
a pitiful letter. Uncle Jack & Florie are
inconsolable. and Florie asks me to write
to them as early as possible. they have
taken refuge in the Country. some distance
from Coventry. if you would like to write
a line or two to little Florie (she is
such a brave little soul.) I have enclosed

her address -

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Come to all from Dad
Alf Ludlam