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27 Garfield Street
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My Dear Dolly & family

We have to apologise for missing Kath's birthday but am sending her a card to-day. Just to show we have not forgotten wishing her all the best of good luck and good health. and am very pleased to hear she is such a great help to her mother in the Shop. also Josie too. I suppose we would hardly know any of them now. they will have grown so much in the last two years. we were glad to hear you were all getting on so well in the Shop. and hope someday to see you all again. I am still under the doctor. but am progressing slowly. I can get about now. and dress myself without any help. but it is a slow & painful ordeal. I have to go in to the doctor early in January 1943. when I hope to be very much better by then. Mother has her time taken up assisting Jose with the new baby. he is five months old now. and is a fine Riddie. his name "Kenneth". Alf's wife also presented him with another daughter Robin. They are all getting on well. I was surprised to read of your interview with a Mr Ludlam. your Uncle Jack in Coventry has been for years. trying to trace members of the Ludlam family. and met several of them.

but was never successful in meeting relatives.
if you should ever meet this gentleman again,
I can give you some enlightenment on our ancestors
— My grandfather was Mr Charles Ludlam, and
carried on business as a Carriage trimmer and
upholsterer, in Leicester, Abbeygate Street. I think it
was. My grandmother's maiden name was Blockley Ball,
of Claybrook, Leicestershire, but I was very young when
they died, there were several sons: my father
Albert, died suddenly when I was four years of age,
and the other sons (Uncles) we lost trace of them
all, as my poor mother went home to her own
people the (Walters) at Marton, Warwickshire:
where we lived all through our School days.
It would be very interesting, should you come
across a lost relative, if only to know what
became of the others.

Well I will close now, with my best love
to yourself and Kath, and all the family
hoping to hear from you again soon

Your aff Dad

Alf Ludlam