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The Wartime Correspondence of
Harry William Manchester

Harry William Manchester Descendant

REVISION HISTORY

The revision history for this publication and project for this artifact is listed below.

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INTRODUCTION

This document captures and publishes one piece of correspondence (hereafter, “artifact”) from the collection of World War Two correspondence of Harry William Manchester, of Essex County, Ontario, Canada. Harry spent six years in the Canadian Army, in Ontario, England, and as a prisoner of war held in Poland; and during that period wrote extensively to his relatives and friends. The extensive correspondence Harry wrote to his sister, Mrs. Elton Newman of Cottam, Ontario, Canada was preserved by her, and constitutes the bulk of this correspondence collection.

As correspondence, this artifact contains a wide variety of properties, which reflect its content, markings, and references.

The purpose of this document is to capture that content, markings, and properties, so that the artifact may survive in this published form or be transferred to another form, and also to preserve the timeline of historical events in the context of Harry William Manchester. Photographic images of the original parts of the artifact are included in this document, and the reader is encouraged to review those images.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

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EDITOR’S COMMENT

None.

ADDITIONAL MARKINGS

The front of the envelope is marked "C.A.S.F." The reverse of the envelope is written the return address and "SOME WHERE IN ENGLAND"

CAVEAT EMPTOR

The editor has endeavored to provide the transcription of content below as an accurate depiction of the spelling, misspelling, grammar and prose of the original artifact, so that original practice and then-common usage is reflected in the transcript. This includes replication of any strikeouts or corrections in the original. However, the editor has had to apply an extensive amount of judgement and interpretation of the content of the original artifact. In the event, some marks on the original artifact may or may not be punctuation marks; they may be the result of dirt or smudges in the original.

In addition, many persons and locations are referenced within the content and markings, and the editor has endeavored to research and fully identify those persons and locations, within the properties associated with the artifact. However, the editor is constrained by “best available information” at the time this document is published.

Reader discretion is advised.

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All reasonable queries will receive a response.

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TRANSCRIPTION OF ARTIFACT CONTENT

Aldershot, Eng.

October 11/40

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I was so glad to hear from you this morn. I have been looking for a letter from you for so long. & I begin to think you had forgotten your little brother in England. I have written you about three times.

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Well the liking of England is wearing off now. "There is no place like home." No mater what kind of a dump your home is. It is better than anyplace else.

We aren't allowed to tell about the conditions over here. It is all right if your letter don't happen to be censored. But if it is It's just too bad.

We have been here now 10 weeks & thats ten weeks too long. The way the boys feel now. They'd give anything to see home again This is nothing but a military district here. And all you can see is soldiers, nurses & A.T.S. girls. They are ~~consider~~ army girls in uniform that cook. drive ambulances, stenographers in offices etc.

The prisoners we have are boys who don't soldier right. & therefore we have to lock them up & ~~punish~~ punish them. They took our Kilt away from us before we left Canada & have been wearing our long pants uniform. I receive a new one this morn. So I have two now. I am going to have some pictures taken later & I'll send you some.

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The C.A.S.F. mean Canadian ~~Active~~ Active Service Forces.

I guess I told you in my other letters that I spent my first leave in London. But I expect to spend the next one (which is doe soon) in Scotland Just a few miles from Glasgow. I received a letter from the lady I am going to see up there. I know her son in Windsor & I promised I would go & see his mother. I have been writting to her & I know I'm going to be right to home up there. & can hardly wait until I get my leave.

I also received letters this mon. from Mary Alice & her husband. Aunt Della in California U the little darlyn in Kingsville. Boy if I could only have her arms around me to-nite. I'd be the happiest man who ever walked

I am on duty here in the office I came on at then a.m. & will finish at six P.M. I want to write to Onnellee & some others as well if I'm not too busy.

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I Remain

Lovingly

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ARTIFACT IMAGES

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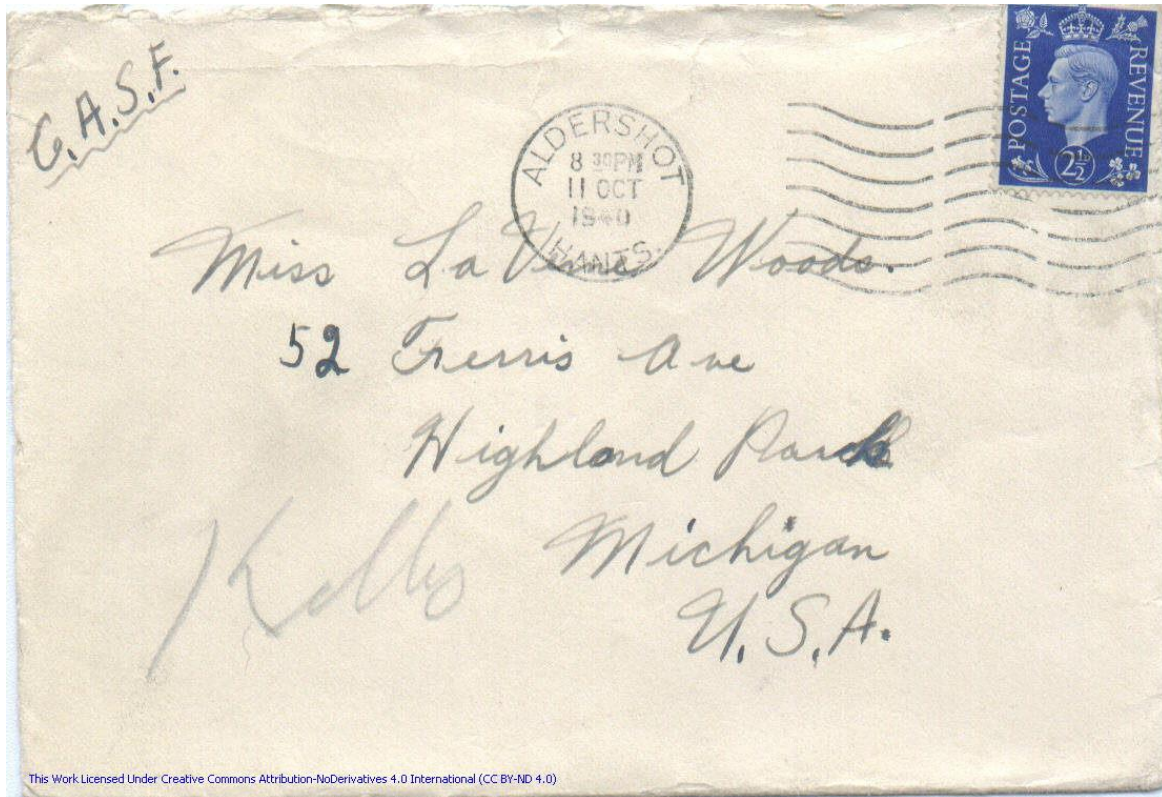
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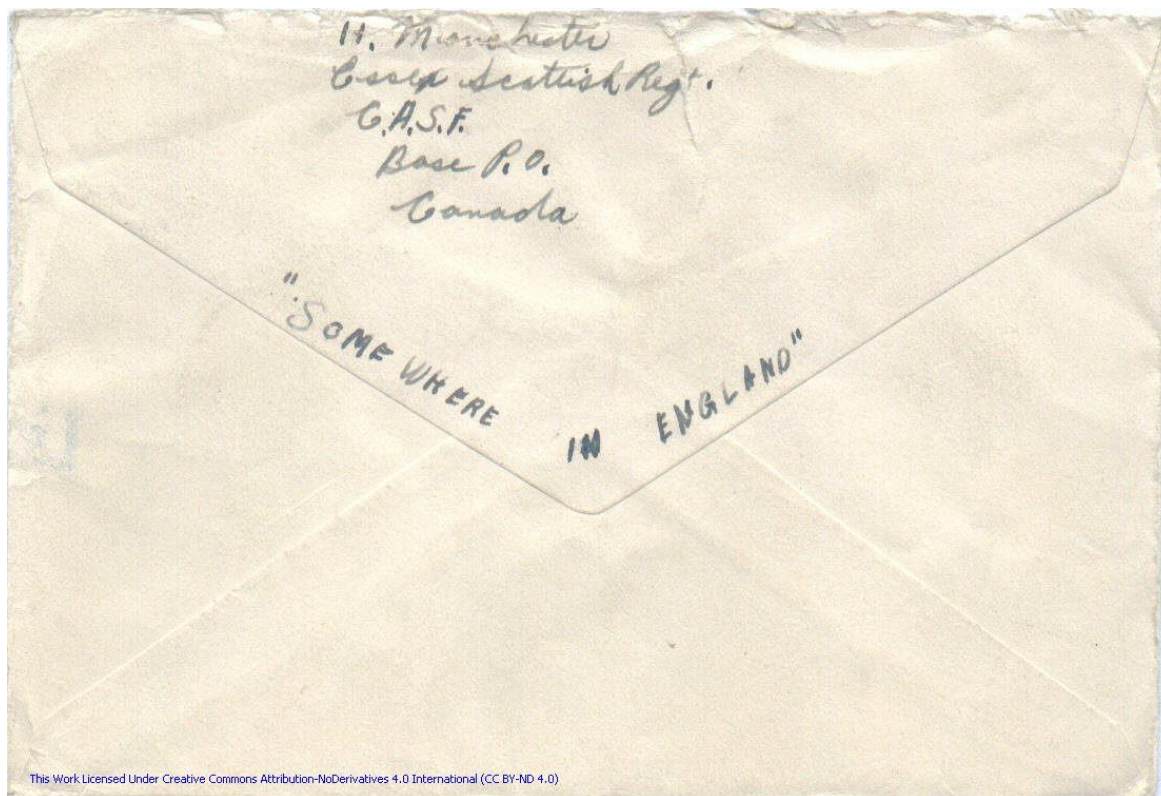
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ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

The properties contained within or associated with this artifact are listed below.

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-10-11
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Miss La Verne Woods - October 11, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Miss LaVerne Woods from H.Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	October 11, 1940
6.	General Description/ Commentary	This letter from Private (Pte) Harry William Manchester to his sister, Miss La Verne Woods, of Highland Park, Michigan, was written and posted from Aldershot, England on October 11, 1940.
7.	Origination Locale	Aldershot, England, United Kingdom
8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	H. Manchester Essex Scottish Regt. C.A.S.F. C/O Base P.O. Canada "Somewhere In England"
9.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence)	ALDERSHOT 830 PM 11 OCT 1940 HANTS.
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Miss La Verne Woods, 52 Ferris Ave. Highland Park Michigan U.S.A.
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	None.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	None.
13.	Artifact Transcribed Content	Reference "Transcribed" section in this document.
14.	Artifact Categories List	1940, La Verne Woods, The Essex Scottish Regiment, Aldershot, England, Scotland
15.	Content Reference (Tags) 1	sister, husband, cousin, aunt, grandmother, leave [military], Glen Upcott, Jean, Onnellee [Reive], Onn [Onnellee Reive], Franc [Francis Newman], Mary Alice, Aunt Della, Utah Hickmoth, Jimmy Neal, A.T.S. girls, soldiers, nurses,
16.	Content Reference (Tags) 2	London, Windsor, Cottam, Scotland, England, Aldershot, A.T.S. [Auxillary Territorial Service], office, Base P.O., cigarettes, bombing, show, military district, dance
17.	Categories Reference - Relationships	sister, husband, cousin, aunt, grandmother
18.	Categories Reference - Events	leave [military]
19.	Categories Reference - Locations	London, Windsor, Cottam, Scotland, England, Aldershot

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20.	Categories Reference - People	Glen Upcott, Jean, Onnellee [Reive], Onn [Onnellee Reive], Franc [Francis Newman], Mary Alice, Aunt Della, Utah Hickmoth, Jimmy Neal, A.T.S. girls, soldiers, nurses
21.	Categories Reference - Organizations	A.T.S. [Auxillary Territorial Service]
22.	Categories Reference - Facilities	office, Base P.O.
23.	Categories Reference - Other	cigarettes, bombing, show, military district, dance
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