

Artifact 1940-11-  
11-a - Letter to  
Mrs. Elton  
Newman

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The Wartime Correspondence of  
Harry William Manchester

Harry William Manchester Descendant

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## REVISION HISTORY

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

Version Number	Date	Change
1.0	1/7/2024	Original Publication.



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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

This artifact is a letter from Harry William Manchester to his sister, Mrs. Elton Newman of Cottam, Ontario, Canada, that was written and posted from Aldershot, England, on November 11, 1940.

## EDITOR’S NOTE

(An editor’s note used to convey editor-related information.)

None

## HISTORICAL NOTE

(A note that contains historical-related information.)

None.

## RESEARCH NOTE

(A note that contains research-related information.)

None.

## ADDITIONAL MARKINGS

(A note that describes additional markings on or within an artifact.)

The front of the envelope contains “C.A.S.F.” handwritten in the upper left-hand corner. The upper left corner of the front of the envelope contains a “YMCA” logo. The reverse of the envelope is stamped “ESSEX SCOTTISH REGT. C.A.S.F. ORDERLY ROOM FOR MAILING”

## INFORMATION

(A note used to convey supplemental, ancillary, or other information.)

None.

## ANOMALY FLAG

(A note used to record any anomaly with the content or structure of an artifact. Once flagged, the artifact may be researched to resolve the anomaly.)

None.

### MISCELLANEOUS DATA

(A note that describes miscellaneous data that does not align with other categories.)

None.

### 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.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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All reasonable queries will receive a response.

## Transcription of Artifact Content

Aldershot England  
November 11/40

Dear Franc:-

Well here is another rainy nite. It has rained all day long. & it's so darn'd miserable to-nite. Well it isn't ever funny.

I started to write you last night. But got discusted over not receiving any mail. So I burned it. & I still haven't received any.

We really had a grand time to-day. They wanted three truck loads of wood. Well I took the detention men out to load it. Well what fun. It was a long drive out there & we got the trucks loaded. & I drove one of these English trucks (Bedford) with a right hand drive, part way out. On the way back we stopped at a tea room & tooke the prisoners in for tea along with the truck drivers. Well you can imagine ~~about~~ about ten soldiers walking in a small tea room, laughing & joking. Well a young lady come in & didn't seem very anxious to wait on us. So I pulled my 45 (revolver) from the holster & laid it on the table & said. We want service. & the poor girl nearly had a fit. Until all the boys started laughing. But it's a good thing we have fun like that once in a while. Or we'd go nuts.

But I still think we'll go nuts if we don't soon get some mail.

Well I'm passing up Peg's letter to-nite & I'm only writing to you. I'll write ~~you~~ her again to morrow nite. Gosh you should see this table. There is every thing from pop bottles to sausage sandwiches all over it. Dirty cups & spoons & everything else.

Well Franc. I can't say much until I receive a letter from you. I know you won't enjoy this letter. But then I guess I'm not in much of a mood for writing. So will close now.

Lovingly  
Harry

P.S.

When are you going  
to send my pictures

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## Artifact Images

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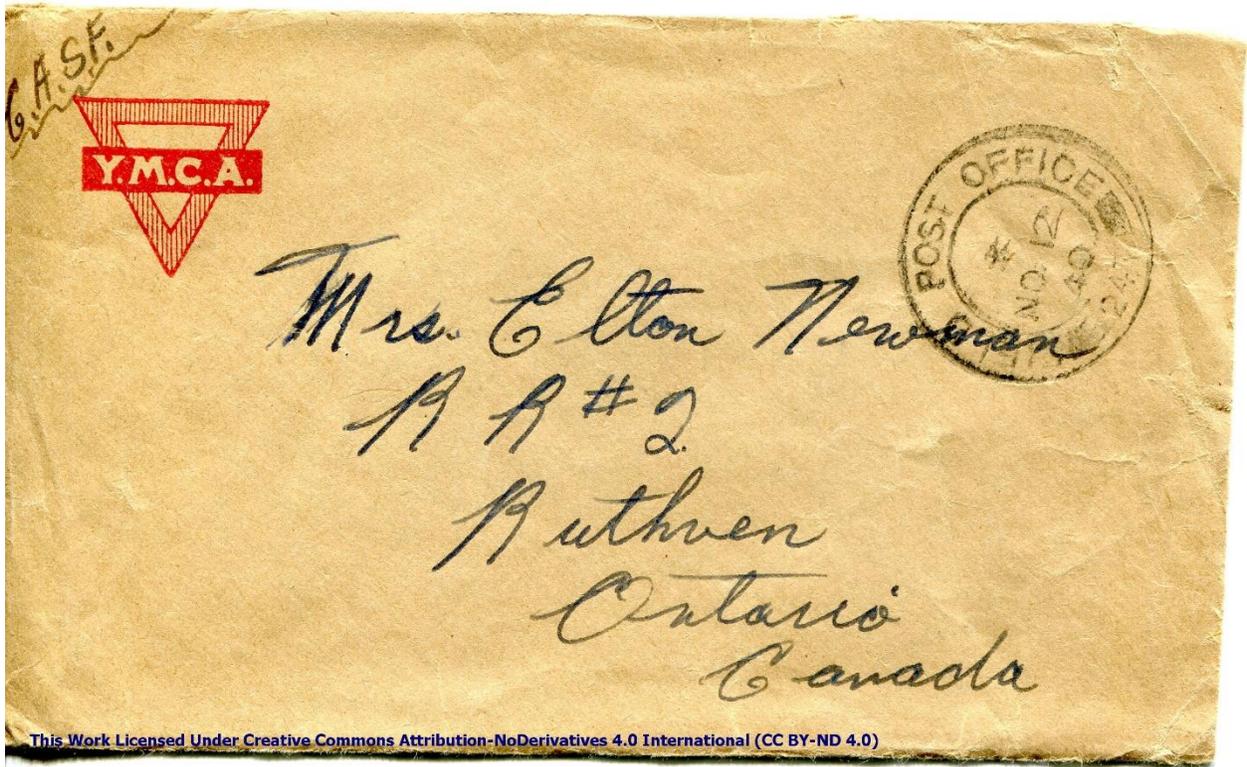
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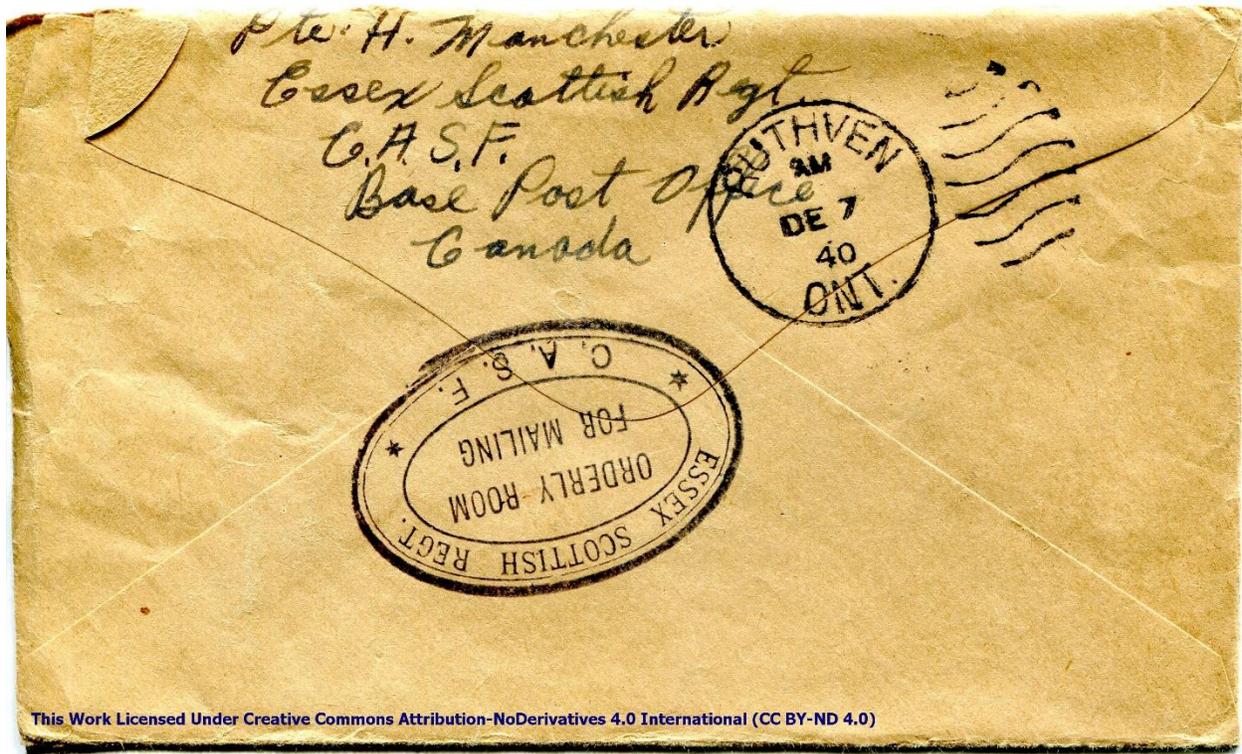
Lovingly Harry

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## Properties

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

### ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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Artifact Title Base	Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman	art_ttl_base
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Artifact Title	Artifact 1940-11-11-a - Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman	art_ttl
Artifact Type	Letter	art_ref_sarttp
Artifact Comment	- None -	art_comment
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Artifact Origination Locale	Aldershot, England, United Kingdom	art_orign_locale
Artifact Origination Address	Pte. H. Manchester Essex Scottish Regt. C.A.S.F. Base Post Office Canada	art_orign_addr
Artifact Origination Postmark	FIELD POST OFFICE 247 NO 12 40	art_orign_pstrmk
Artifact Destination Address	Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven, Ontario, Canada	art_destn_addr
Artifact Destination Postmark	RUTHVEN AM DE 7 40 ONT.	art_destn_pstrmk
Artifact Transcribed Content		art_trnscribd_ctnt
Artifact Reference To Additional Markings	The front of the envelope contains "C.A.S.F." handwritten in the upper left-hand corner. The upper left corner of the front of the envelope contains a "YMCA" logo. The reverse of the envelope is stamped "ESSEX SCOTTISH REGT. C.A.S.F. ORDERLY ROOM FOR MAILING"	art_ref_addnl_mrkg
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Artifact Reference: People	Peg, Francis Newman, prisoners, poor girl	art_ref_people
Artifact Reference: Relationships	sister	art_ref_relations

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Property	Value	DB Field Name
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Artifact Reference: Locations	Aldershot, England, tea room	art_ref_locations
Artifact Reference: Organizations		art_ref_organizations
Artifact Reference: Facilities	,	art_ref_facilities
Artifact Reference: Other	detention men, Bedford (truck), 45 (revolver)	art_ref_other
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