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## Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - October 16, 1940

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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.

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1.0	12/31/2021	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 Private (Pte) Harry William Manchester to his sister, Mrs. Elton Newman of Cottam, Ontario, Canada, that was written and posted from Aldershot, England, on October 16, 1940.

## EDITOR’S COMMENT

The artifact includes a berthing card and a mess card from the S.S. Empress of Australia ocean liner, used for the Trans-Atlantic crossing to the UK.

The reverse of the berthing card from the S.S. Empress of Australia contains the following handwritten notes:

### Empress of Australia

Left Borden July 14<sup>th</sup>  
arrived in Halifax July 16<sup>th</sup>  
Left Halifax July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
arrived in Scotland 2<sup>nd</sup>  
“ “ Aldershot 4<sup>th</sup>

## ADDITIONAL MARKINGS

The front of the envelope is marked "C.A.S.F." The reverse of the envelope is stamped "ESSEX SCOTTISH REGT. C.A.S.F. ORDERLY ROOM FOR MAILING" 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.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

The publisher may be contacted through email on the “Contacts” webpage at [www.HarryManchester.com](http://www.HarryManchester.com), or at email address: [Editor@HarryManchester.com](mailto:Editor@HarryManchester.com).

All reasonable queries will receive a response.

TRANSCRIPTION OF ARTIFACT CONTENT

Aldershot, Eng.  
October 16/40

Dear Franc:-

I haven't heard from you for some time. Nor I haven't written either. But here's a small letter now. This is my eighth for this aft. & evening. & I'm all caught up on answering again. (Until I get some more letters)

I spent the Weed-end with Pearls' cousin in London Her name is Eva Robson 26 yrs. old & works for a lawyer. And boy is she a good cook. I had a chicken dinner.

When I first went up to her apartment. She dug in and got me something to eat. Then she asked me if I had any money. I said yes I had some. So she told me that whenever her brother (in the army) comes he's always broke. So she says we'll go to the show, under one consideration that she pays. So before We left. She put a ten shilling note in my pocket <sup>s</sup>(2.25) & wouldn't take it back. when I left. & she had candy & cakes & everything. And you should see the home she is in. I hated to leave. There goes the damned air raid warning & I can hear the planes overhead.

Boy Sat. nite in London the bombs were really falling. We were ducking in every second doorway I beleive. Trying to duck the bombs.

It is ~~rany~~ reining like heck to-nite. too -

I had two letters rom Onn. the other day. one from Auntie & one from Aunt Della in Calif.

I had a letter from La Verne about a week ago too. Gee I thought she had forgotten me But she finally wrote.

Well Franc. This is about all I can say for this time Hope I hear from you soon

As Ever

Lovingly

Harry

P.S.

I forgot to tell you  
I had a parcel from  
the Balmoral chapter of  
the I.O.D.E. Leamington.

P.S. [Reverse of third page.]

Keep these cards that I got when  
I walked off Halifax Harbor &  
put them with the rest of  
my stuff to be saved

\*\*\* End of Transcription \*\*\*



## ARTIFACT IMAGES

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So she told me that whenever her brother (in the army) comes he's - always broke. So she says we'll go to the show, under one consideration that she pays. So before we left. She put a ten shilling note in my pocket. (3.25) & wouldn't take it back. when I left. & she had candy + cakes & everything. And you should see the home she is in. I hated to leave. There goes the damned air raid warning. & I can hear the planes overhead.

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C. A. S. F.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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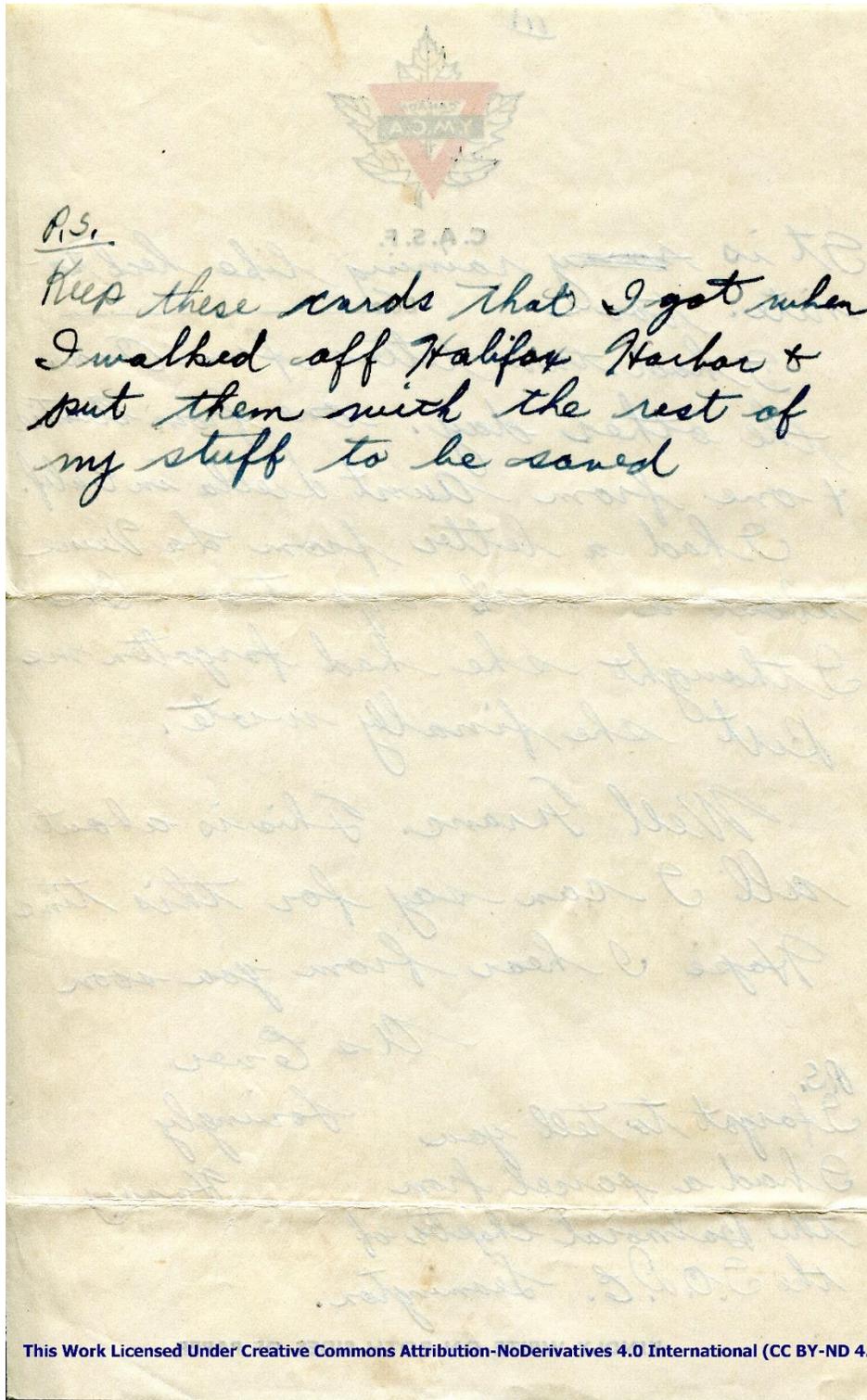
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the Balmoral chapter of  
the I.O.O.F. Seawington.

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MOVEMENT CONTROL

**BERTHING CARD**

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Rank and Name **SECTION S**.....

Deck **E**.....

Room **618**..... Berth **D**.....

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**THIS CARD MUST BE RETAINED**

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Left Halifax July 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
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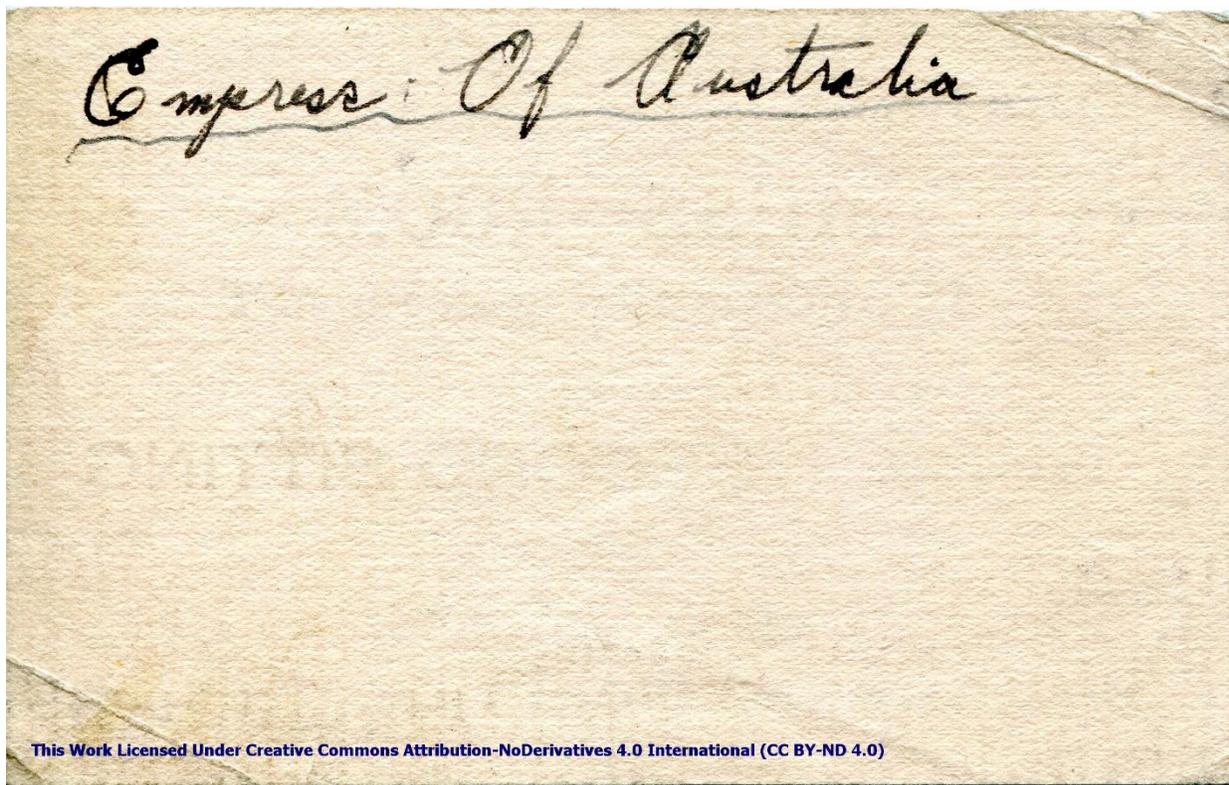
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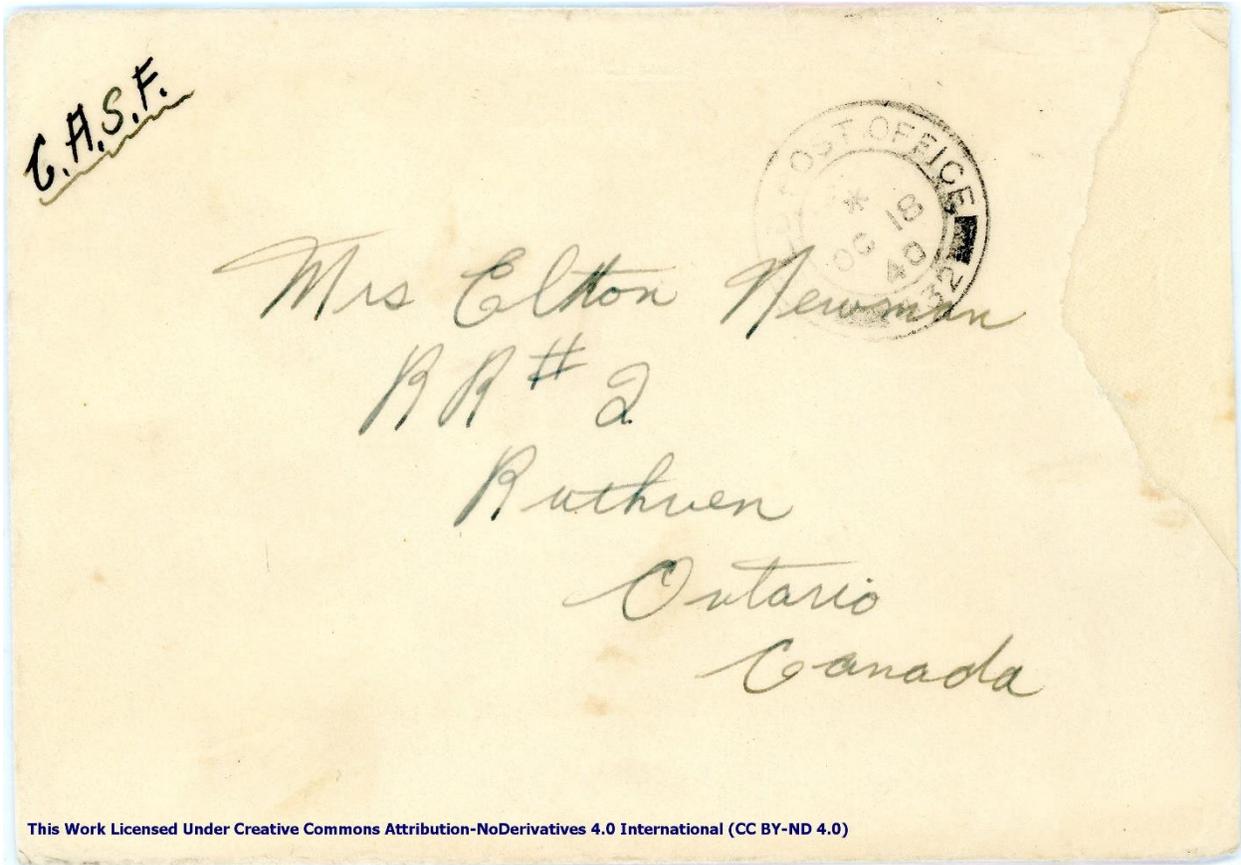


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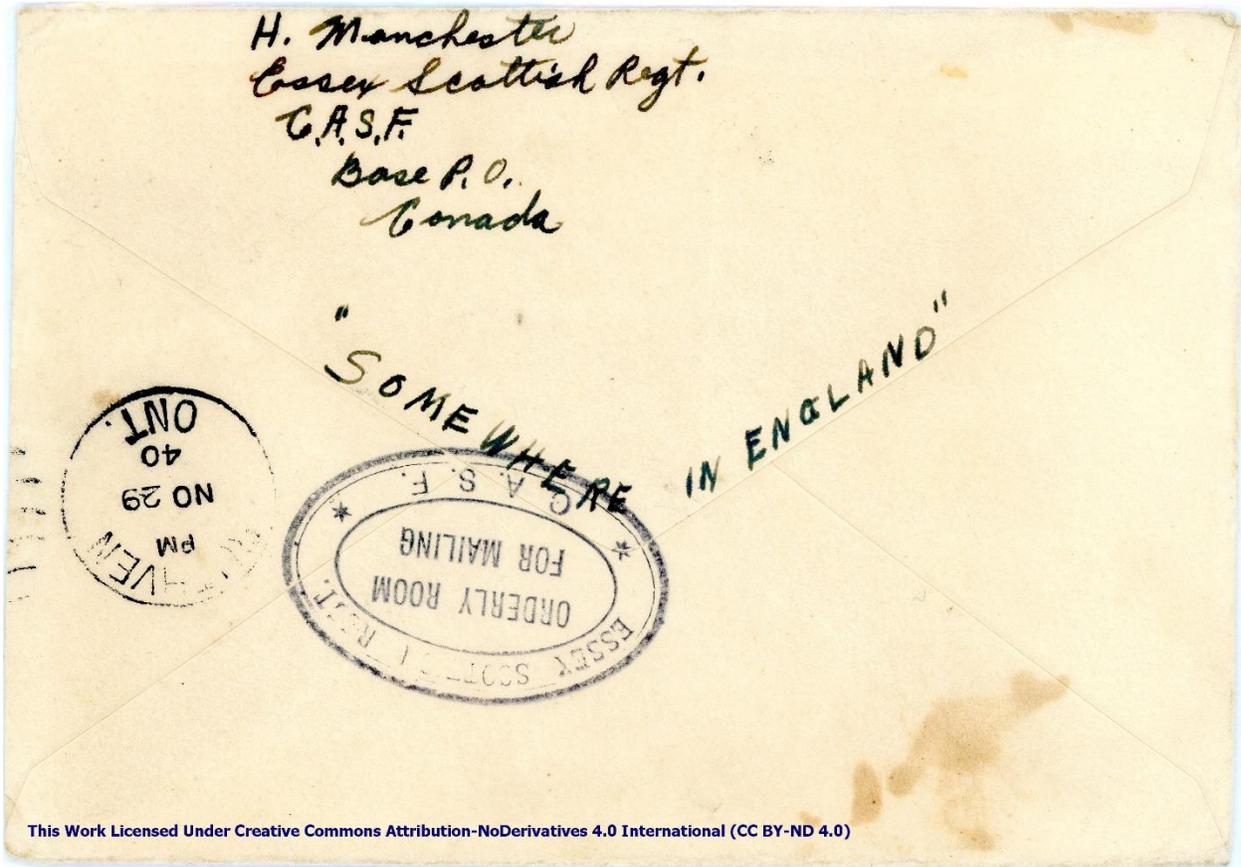


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## ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-10-16
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - October 16, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	October 16, 1940
6.	General Description/ Commentary	This artifact is a letter from Private (Pte) Harry William Manchester to his sister, Mrs. Elton Newman of Cottam, Ontario, Canada, that was written and posted from Aldershot, England, on October 16, 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)	FIELD POST OFFICE 432 OC 18 40
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven Ontario Canada
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	RUTHVEN AM NO 29 40 ONT.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	The artifact includes a berthing card and a mess card from the S.S. Empress of Australia ocean liner, used for the Trans-Atlantic crossing to the UK.
13.	Artifact Transcribed Content	Reference "Transcribed" section in this document.
14.	Artifact Categories List	1940, Frances Newman, The Essex Scottish Regiment, Aldershot, England, Canada
15.	Content Reference (Tags) 1	Cousin, Bombing raid, Pearl's cousin, Eva Robson, Onn [Onnellee Reive], Auntie, Aunt Della, Franc [Francis Newman], La Verne [Woods]
16.	Content Reference (Tags) 2	Leamington, London, California, Halifax Harbor, Aldershot England, Balmoral Chapter I.O.D.E. (Leamington, Ontario, Canada), bombing
17.	Categories Reference - Relationships	Cousin
18.	Categories Reference - Events	Bombing raid

Property	Value
19. Categories Reference - Locations	Leamington, London, California, Halifax Harbor, Aldershot England
20. Categories Reference - People	Pearl's cousin, Eva Robson, Onn [Onnellee Reive], Auntie, Aunt Della, Franc [Francis Newman], La Verne [Woods]
21. Categories Reference - Organizations	Balmoral Chapter I.O.D.E. (Leamington, Ontario, Canada)
22. Categories Reference - Facilities	N/A
23. Categories Reference - Other	bombing
24. Additional Markings	The front of the envelope is marked "C.A.S.F." The reverse of the envelope is stamped "ESSEX SCOTTISH REGT. C.A.S.F. ORDERLY ROOM FOR MAILING" The reverse of the envelope is written the return address and "SOME WHERE IN ENGLAND"
25. Associated Artifacts	Included berthing and mess cards from the S.S. Empress of Australia, obtained for the Atlantic crossing.
26. Number of Components (by type)	1 envelope; 2 physical sheets of paper; 2 included cards; total of 10 image files.
27. Artifact Component Reference	www-Img-1940-10-16-1.jpg, www-Img-1940-10-16-2.jpg, www-Img-1940-10-16-3.jpg, www-Img-1940-10-16-4.jpg, www-Img-1940-10-16-5.jpg, www-Img-1940-10-16-6.jpg, www-Img-1940-10-16-7.jpg, www-Img-1940-10-16-8.jpg, www-Img-1940-10-16-9.jpg, www-Img-1940-10-16-10
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