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Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - October 19, 1940

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.

Version Number	Date	Change
1.0	1/2/2022	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 19, 1940.

EDITOR’S COMMENT

Harry referenced a “C.B.C truck,” which is a Canadian Broadcast Corporation equipment vehicle.

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 contains the return address and the annotation “Somewhere 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 19/40

Dear Franc:-

Well I wrote you a letter a couple days ago & then I received one from you the next morning. And was sure glad to get it.

I have sort of a cold. But otherwise I'm fine. I'm glad you are all well. I am getting your mail okay Franc. Only it takes time you know.

I received the six hundred cigs yesterday from you & La Verne. & I might say "Thanks a Million" I want to write La Verne too. & thank her for them. When you send them next time. I'd rather the winchesters if you can send them. But I should ~~critize~~ criticize cuz any kind is better than these limy cigs.

I'll have to drop Gladys a line too & thank her. Altho' I haven't received that bunch yet.

I'm sorry to hear that you have to go & have your tonsils out. Of course tis better to have it done before they get too bad. It will be good experience for Onn. to look after the kiddies. Sort of get her in practice.

That silverware you said she was buying. Is some she got every night she went to the show. I think I know she got a lot that way.

I was down to the bus depot yesterday aft. waiting for Eva to come in from London (That's Pearls' cousin.) & there is one of those amusement halls there. They had a new machine. You speak this' a microphone & it makes a record. only a sixpence (12 c) But he gave me a free trial. I don't know what I said. But Eva wanted to hear it. So she took it home & is sending it back to me as soon as she hears it. So I'll be sending it to our in a couple days & you can play it & then keep it. I don[t remember what I said. But I'll make a couple more & send home. I wish I could see the C.B.C. truck & have them broadcast it Mon. nite. I suppose you heard our Regt. broadcast. There was so many there that I just couldn't get to the mic to say "hello"

Eva came down & we went to Camp Bordon to see her cousin. She's so good to us Canadians. We went to the train depot at nine so she'd get back in good time & the damn train didn't come until after 11 P.. & then she had to go by bus. for a ways & then back on the train again. Some of the tracks were blown up a couple nites ago.

When I came home from London last Sun. nite. Nothing would dol But she'd come to the bus & see me off. & I didn't want her to. But she came anyhow & when she was walking home alone (after seeing me off) a big piece of shrapenal hit her on her steel hat & make a big dint in it. & now she carries the shrapenal with her for good luck. However after it had hit her She took off her shoes & ran the rest of the way home. The want the women & children to evacuate from London. I don[t know wether it will be enforce or not. I will get a letter to-morrow telling me how she got home.

Pearl writes to Eva & I guess by what she writes. She is awfully jealous of me. I don't know why. But Eva laughs about it.

Well Sis. I'd better close for this time Be sure & keep writing to me & I'll do the same. I'll close now.

Lovingly

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ARTIFACT IMAGES

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ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-10-19-b
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - October 19, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	October 19, 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 19, 1940.
7.	Origination Locale	Aldershot, England, United Kingdom
8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	H. Manchester Essex Scottish Regt. C.A.S.F. "Somewhere In England"
9.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence)	FIELD POST OFFICE 432 OC 20 40
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	"Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven Ontario Canada
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	RUTHVEN PM NO 29 40 ONT.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	Harry referenced a "C.B.C truck," which is a Canadian Broadcast Corporation equipment vehicle.
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, sister, None., Eva [Robson], Pearl, La Verne, Gladys, Onn [Onnellee Reive], Pearl's cousin,
16.	Content Reference (Tags) 2	Camp Bordon [UK], London [UK], Canadian Broadcast Corporation, train, bus, cigs, winchester [cigarettes], tonsils, sixpence, CBC Truck
17.	Categories Reference - Relationships	cousin, sister
18.	Categories Reference - Events	None.
19.	Categories Reference - Locations	Camp Bordon [UK], London [UK]

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20.	Categories Reference - People	Eva [Robson], Pearl, La Verne, Gladys, Onn [Onnellee Reive], Pearl's cousin
21.	Categories Reference - Organizations	Canadian Broadcast Corporation
22.	Categories Reference - Facilities	train, bus
23.	Categories Reference - Other	cigs, winchester [cigarettes], tonsils, sixpence, CBC Truck
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 contains the return address and the annotation "Somewhere In England"
25.	Associated Artifacts	None.
26.	Number of Components (by type)	1 envelope; 2 physical sheets of paper; total of 6 image files.
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