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Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - October 24, 1940

The Wartime Correspondence of
Harry William Manchester

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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

Harry refers to the sinking of a ship with refugee children aboard; and “Gerry” (Germans) flying overhead.

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”

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, England

October 24/40

My Dear Sister:-

Was so glad to get your letter yesterday. But I didn't get a chance to answer it until to-nite. I also got on from Onn. & I'll try & get hers answered too.

I'm sorry you haven't heard from me for so long. It isn't because I haven't written. It must be as you said. It went down on that ship with those refugee children. I think that I'm getting all your mail tho'

I haven't received thew last 300 cigs. yet. But I expect them any time now.

Onnellee's letter was written the same day as yours. Elton had been there that morning. She said. Boy I wish I could just go out & see her.

I don't want you to bother with anything for me for xmas Franc. There isn't much I can use outside of cigarettes or cakes. & things like that I'd rather you & Elt. get your place fixed up. Cuzz. I'm only going to have enough money to go on leaves (when I get them) & it keeps me scratching to save enough money for that, even. So I don't expect any. Juist send me the thousand cigs! at the end of every month. As I told you before. & I will be quite satisfied & don't forget to write often as you won't be so busy outside in the winter. I hope!

& for Onn. I don't know what to say. You hadn't better bother Franc. & I'll try & get something of some sort. If I can manage.

How are you feeling now? I hope a lot better. Maybe you'll have your tonsils out by this time.

I didn't know that Butch Malott was hurt. He is in the FCE's & are stationed on the coast somewhere. I know there is plenty of bombing going on there.

Hugh Burling wasn't hurt. He was just run down & had a bad stomach He is in the hospital in London Ont. So Pat says. I wish I were back there too. That would be much better than this hole.

The weather is really damp & cold over here now & We all want to go back so badly. But then crazy Jimmie Jimmie Tweedale & a couple more of the police get cutting up & keep the good spirit up. We have a very cozy little office now. The A.T.S. girls moved away & we have had the detention men cleaning up over there & we took everything we could get our hands on to fix our room up. Jimmie Tweedale got a brand new dart board & darts. I got a chinsesse checker board & marbles & we play darts in our spare time & on enjoy other things which we have got in.

Franc. As soon as you can. Send me my 2 long sleeved sweaters. the one Stew gave me & the one you gave me Also the gloves that Pearl's sister knitted, & don't forget my pictures if you haven't already sent them. You keep the ones you want of me & send all those others. So I can look at them once in a while. When I used to enjoy life.

I was expecting Eva (Pearl's cousin) down from London to -day. But she didn't show up. Here I was planning on having some nice pies or cake for my supper & she didn't even come.

I hear a damn-d Gerry overhead I suppose he'll soon be dropping his his little eggs & we haven't had on alarm yet.

I run out of writing paper So I had this one little sheet & thought I'd use it to finish your letter. I'll have to borrow some from the Burns. or Glen to write to Onn. cuzz I broke flat & just one week to-day until payday. But we don't mind being broke as long as we have cigarettes

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Well Franc. Give everybody my Love & tell them to write to me & I'll answer them. I'd better close for to-
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Will write again soon & you do the same. Well I'll say

Bye Bye to all.

Lovingly Yours

Harry

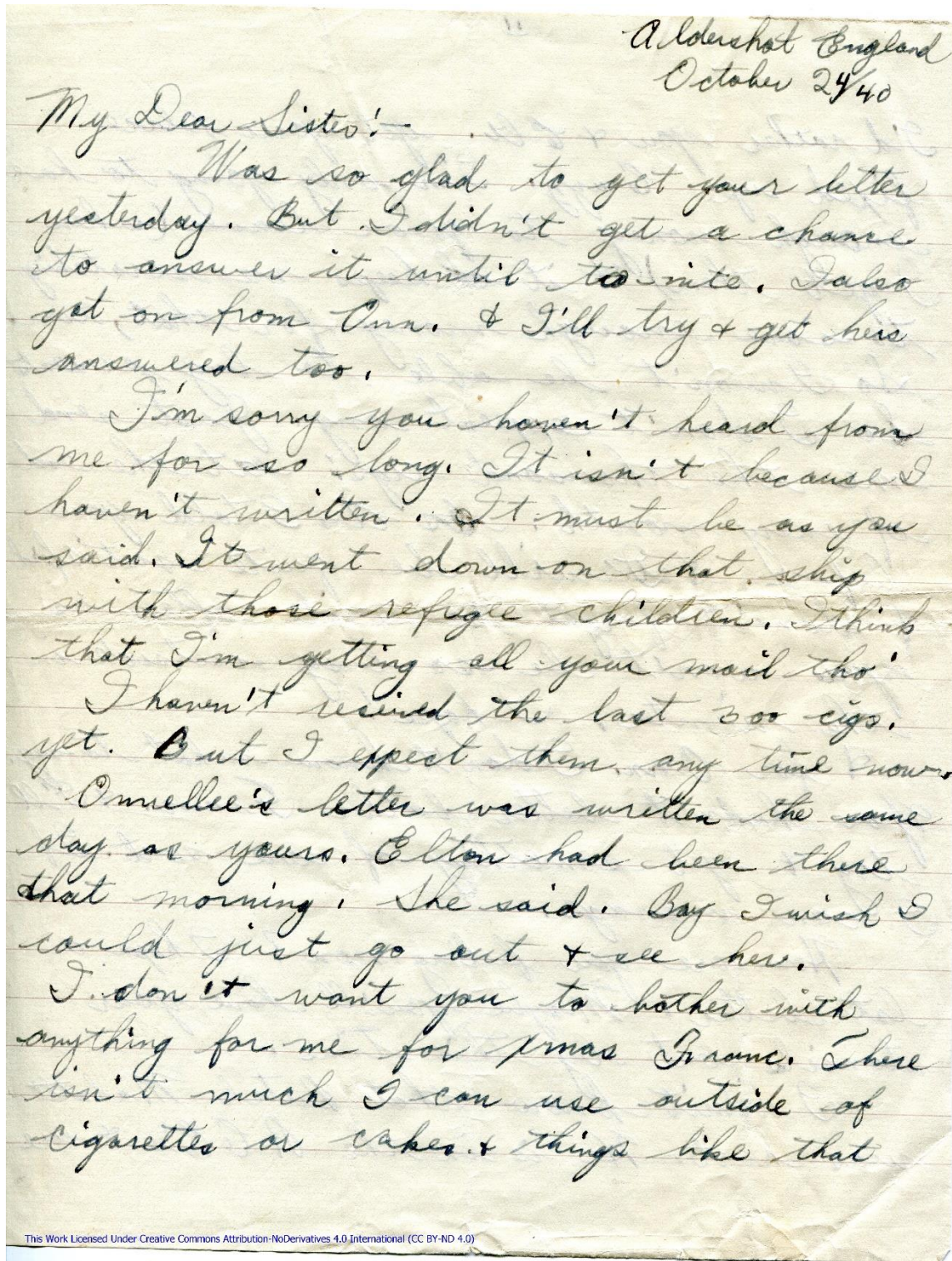
P.S.

Did you know that Canadian
troops don't have to stamp
letters to Canada? That's
why the C.A.S.F. is at
the top. Also the regt orderly room
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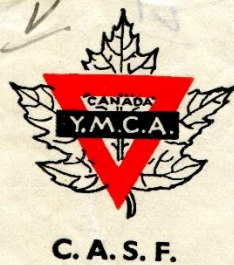
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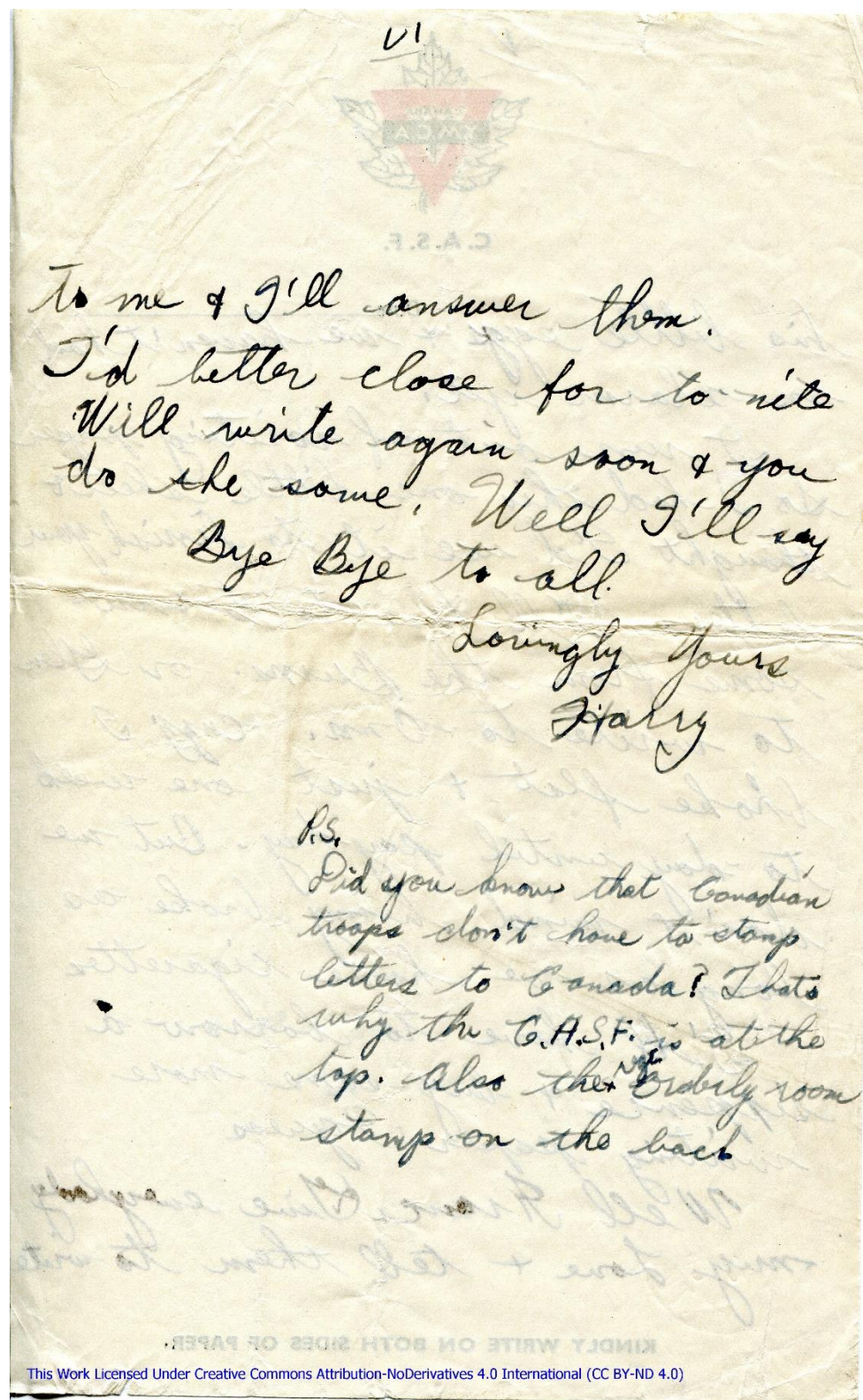
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KINDLY WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF PAPER

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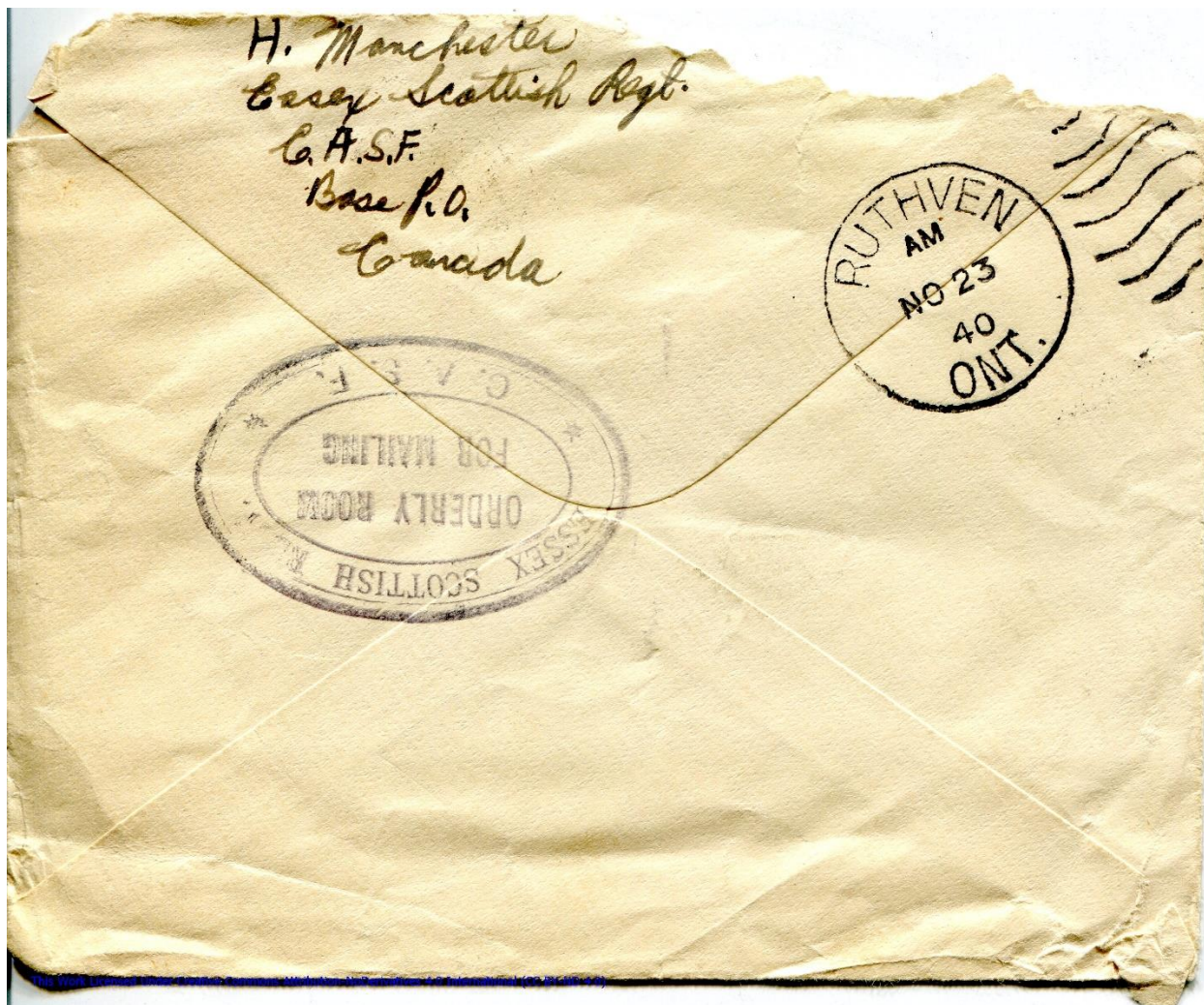


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ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-10-24
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - October 24, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	October 24, 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 24, 1940.
7.	Origination Locale	Aldershot, England, United Kingdom
8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	H. Manchester Essex Scottish Regt. C.A.S.F. Base P.O. Canada
9.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence)	FIELD POST OFFICE 432 OC 25 40
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven Ontario Canada
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	RUTHVEN PM NO 23 40 ONT.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	Harry refers to the sinking of a ship with refugee children aboard; and "Gerry" (Germans) flying overhead.
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	sister, cousin, bombing, leave, ship sinking, Onn [Onnellee Reive], Elton [Newman], Butch Mallott, Hugh Burling, Pat [Burling?], Jimmie Tweedale, Stewy, Pearl's sister, Eva [Pearl's cousin], "Gerry", the Burns, Glen
16.	Content Reference (Tags) 2	London [UK], London [Ontario], R.C.E. [Royal Canadian Engineers], A.T.S. [Auxillary Territorial Service], detention center, refugee children, ship, xmas, police, C.A.S.F., darts, Chinese Checkers, tonsils, cigarettes
17.	Categories Reference - Relationships	cousin, sister

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18.	Categories Reference - Events	bombing, leave, ship sinking
19.	Categories Reference - Locations	London [UK]
20.	Categories Reference - People	Onn [Onnellee Reive], Elton [Newman], Butch Mallott, Hugh Burling, Pat [Burling?], Jimmie Tweedale, Stewy, Pearl's sister, Eva [Pearl's cousin], "Gerry", the Burns, Glen
21.	Categories Reference - Organizations	R.C.E. [Royal Canadian Engineers], A.T.S. [Auxillary Territorial Service]
22.	Categories Reference - Facilities	detention center
23.	Categories Reference - Other	refugee children, ship, xmas, police, C.A.S.F., darts, Chinese Checkers, tonsils, cigarettes
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25.	Associated Artifacts	None.
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