

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 26, 1940.

Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - October 26, 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
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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 26, 1940.

EDITOR’S COMMENT

Harry refers to Pat Burlings’ death; and his handling of a sick prisoner.

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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TRANSCRIPTION OF ARTIFACT CONTENT

Aldershot, Eng.
October 26/40

Dear Frances:-

Just a few lines to tell you, that I received your cigs to-day. They are the ones that Gladys. & you sent together. I want to write to her too & thank her as well as you.

Glen just got some too & he has just paid me back some that lent him.

I suppose by the time you receive this letter. You'll have heard about Pat Burling Poor Pat. It's just to bad about him. I think I'm going to be a pallbearer for his funeral. It just happened this Morn. & half of the guys are frightened to sleep in this room now. I have half a notion to go & sleep in another room myself. Well the boys all feel so bad cuzz' everybody in this room liked Pat. a lot.

Well I borrowed 2 shillings off Johnny Burns to-nite to buy myself some writing paper & I'm going to get my haircut to-morrow.

I did some washing this morning & I have a little more to do the first chance I get. You should see how clean they are too. Franc? I sort of let my clothes pile up on me & first thing I knew, everything was dirty.

Well the air raid is on as usual. The windows just finished rattling. One. two, three. times right in ~~six~~ succession. But they have been closer than that. So I guess we hadn't better bich.

I had a guy pass out on me to-nite. He was taken to the hospital a couple days ago & his mind has started wandering I guess. (gone nuts)

However he wandered off from the hospital & was picked up by the M. police in Winchester. They brought him back to us & we licked him up. & Just before I came off duty. I was (escorting) taking him to the doctor. He walked down the steps alright & as soon as he was down the steps. I turned my flash light off & though he could see. Of course I knew he ws weak. But I didn't think he was too weak to walk. However he started walking alongside me & keeled over So I took & dragged him in to the doctor.

Well Franc. I think I'd better close & write to Gladys & then go to bed. Don't forget to send my sweaters & gloves I should have them now I guess, by thew feel of the weather

I guess I'll close for to-nite

Cherrio

Love & Kisses

Harry

PS.

Thanks again
for the cigs!

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P.S. Thanks again Love & Kisses
for the cigs! Harry

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ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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

	Property	Value
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3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	October 26, 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 26, 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 26 40
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven Ontario Canada
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	RUTHVEN AM NO 23 40 ONT.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	Harry refers to Pat Burlings' death; and his handling of a sick prisoner.
13.	Artifact Transcribed Content	Reference "Transcribed" section in this document.
14.	Artifact Categories List	1940, Frances Newman, The Essex Scottish Regiment, Aldershot, England, Canada
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16.	Content Reference (Tags) 2	Winchester [UK], hospital, pallbearer, laundry
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18.	Categories Reference - Events	Pat Burlings' death, air raid, hospitalization
19.	Categories Reference - Locations	Winchester [UK]
20.	Categories Reference - People	Gladys, Glen, Pat Burling, Johnny Burns
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22.	Categories Reference - Facilities	hospital
23.	Categories Reference - Other	pallbearer, laundry
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25.	Associated Artifacts	None.
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