

## ARTIFACT DESCRIPTION

Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - May 26, 1940

### ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

1.	Artifact ID:	Art-1940-05-26
2.	Artifact Title:	Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman
3.	Artifact Type:	Letter
4.	Artifact Description:	Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date:	May 26, 1940
6.	Artifact Origination Locale:	Camp Borden, Ontario, Canada
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9.	Origination Address (for correspondence):	H. Manchester, Essex Scots, A21723, Camp Borden, Ont.
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence):	Mrs. Elton Newman, R.R. 2, Ruthven, Ontario
11.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence):	ANGUS ONT., PM MY 27 40
12.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence):	RUTHVEN ONT., AM MY 28 40
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## VERSION HISTORY

Version Number	Date	Change
1.0	1/14/2020	Original Publication.
1.1	2/22/2020	Corrected minor spelling errors in transcript.

## EDITOR'S DESCRIPTION/NARRATIVE

This letter from Private (Pte) Harry William Manchester to his sister, Mrs. Elton Newman of Cottam, Ontario, Canada, was written and posted from Camp Borden, Ontario, Canada, on May 26, 1940.

The content of the artifact describes the conditions Harry William Manchester observed upon arrival at Camp Borden, Ontario; after a train ride from Windsor, Ontario. It appears the Canadian military was assembling the personnel of various regiments at Camp Borden to prepare them for shipment overseas.

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### EDITOR'S NOTE:

The editor has endeavored to provide the transcription 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 transcription.

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.

Reader discretion is advised.

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## CONTENT TRANSCRIPTION

Camp Borden  
Sun. nite

Dear Frances:

Just a few lines to let you know we arrived O.K. at five O'clock of course as soon as we got here we had to set our watches ahead an hour.

We have been sort of busy this aft. But didn't do much but sleep this morn. I wrote to Onnellee this morning right after breakfast but haven't had any way of sending it out yet.

I am in a canteen run by the Salvation Army and is it ever packed. I thought there were a lot of soldiers in Windsor but there are so many here you can hardly get around and aeroplanes galore. I don't know what it's like through the week. it was bad enough to-day

Well Frank. I have been at large all day and haven't been paraded to the major yet but it may come tomorrow morning. The tents aren't very big up here they hold six men & I guess there are from 200 to 250 to each regiment besides the big tents were we eat and the officers etc.

We have to wash and shave in cold water and is my face sore already at least it feels that way. "And are the toilet ever disgraceful." Boy oh Boy home was never like this. I am sick of it all ready.

This place is 40 miles square and you have to have a ~~pass~~ pass to leave your own regt. almost. I haven't seen the gate yet as the train track runs right into the camp and we only had about one mile to walk. There were a lot of civilian people on the train ~~some~~ most of them women but they made them get off at the junction out by "walkers farms" There were a few men that hid under the seats and came with us & got off at London & Toronto & other towns. There were also some soldiers shipped off at those towns.

Did you all have a good time over the week-end and did you get home safe. I expect to be home in a couple or three weeks.

Well say hello to every body & give them my love until I see them again. I'll try & send another letter near the end of the week so keep your chin up & I will too.

Love

Harry

P.S.

Write soon over

[Reverse]

A21723

Pte Harry Manchester

Essex Scottish Regt.

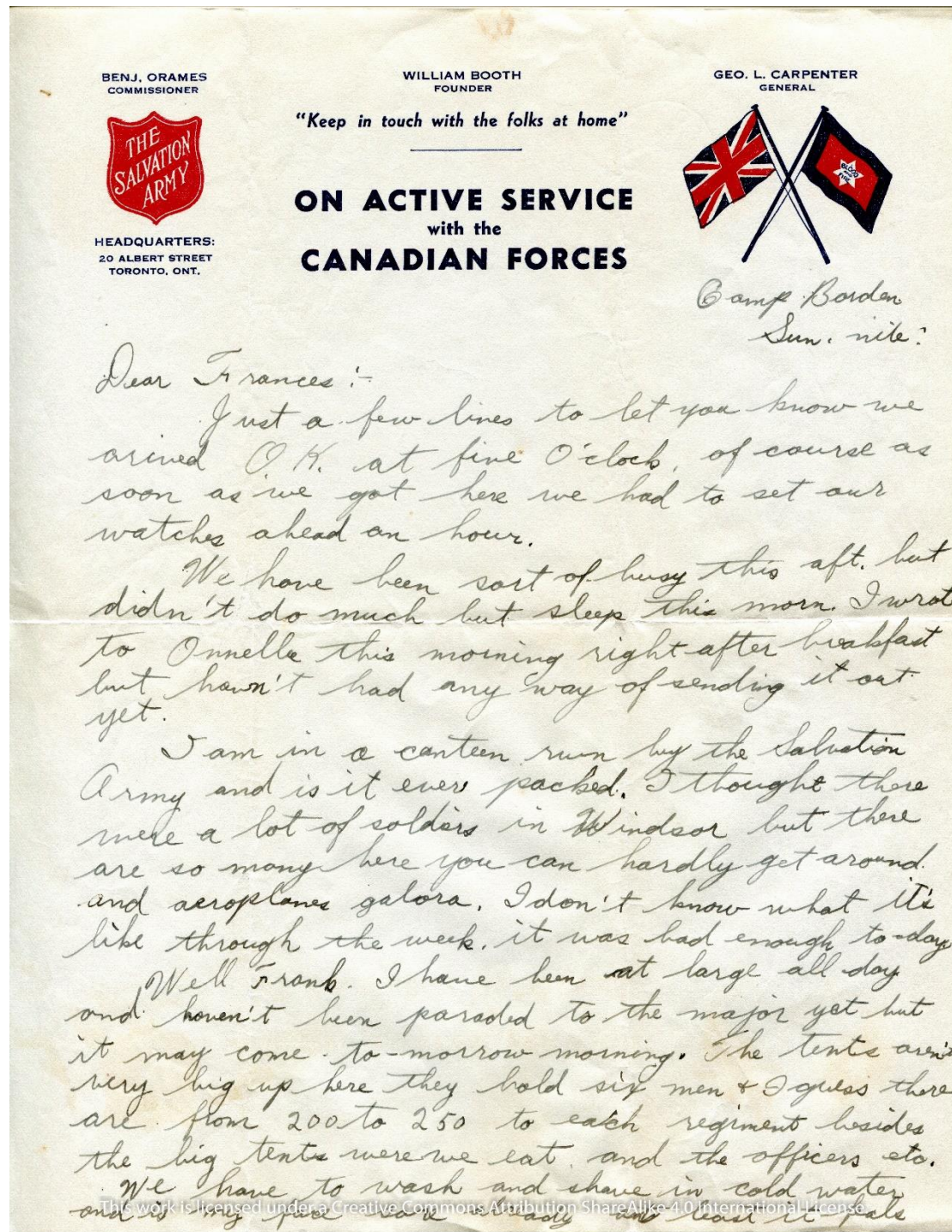
Camp Borden

Ontario

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## ARTIFACT IMAGES

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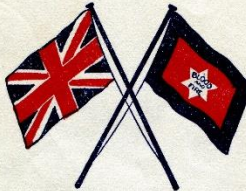
BENJ. ORAMES  
COMMISSIONER



HEADQUARTERS:  
20 ALBERT STREET  
TORONTO, ONT.

WILLIAM BOOTH  
FOUNDER

GEO. L. CARPENTER  
GENERAL



"Keep in touch with the folks at home"

**ON ACTIVE SERVICE**  
with the  
**CANADIAN FORCES**

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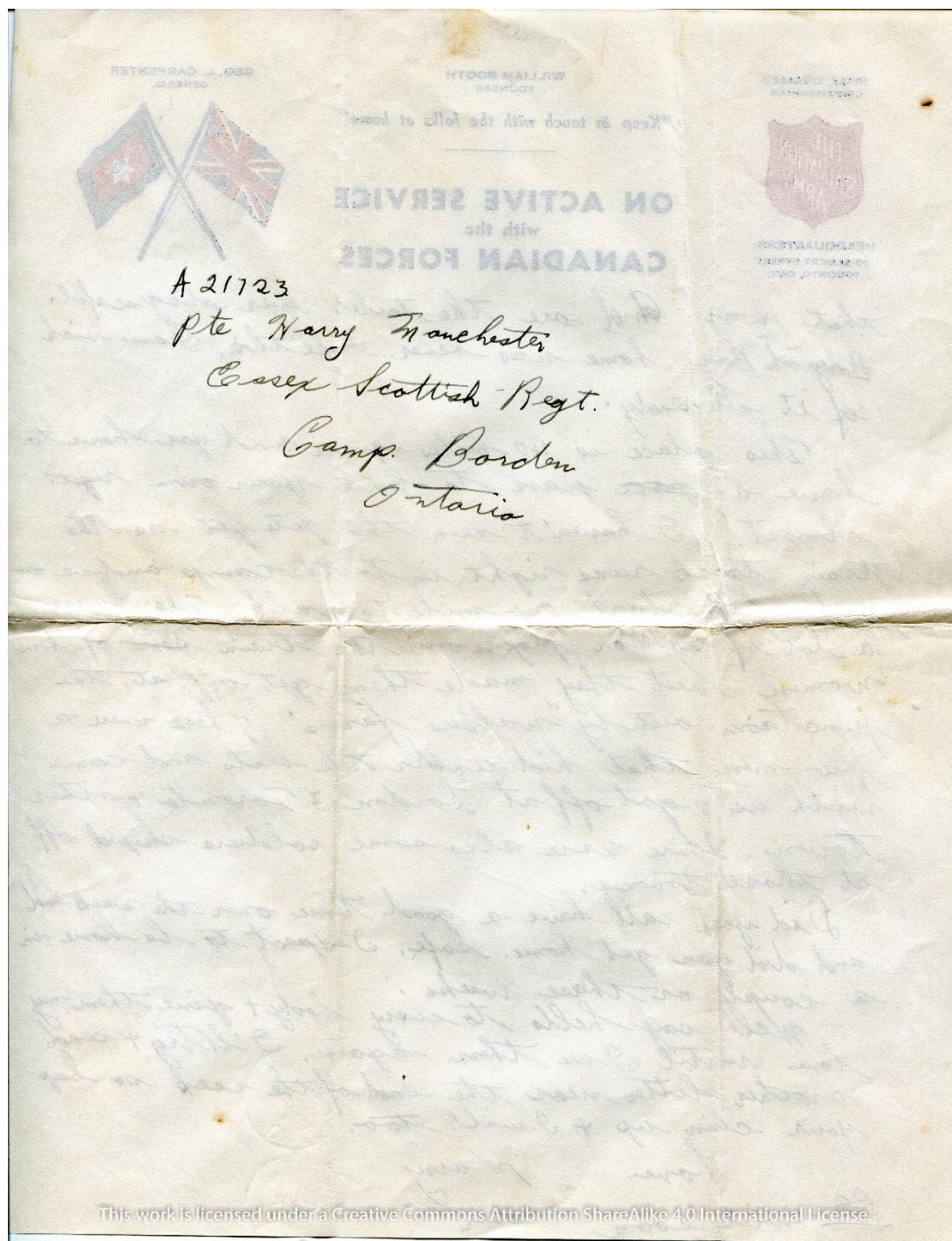
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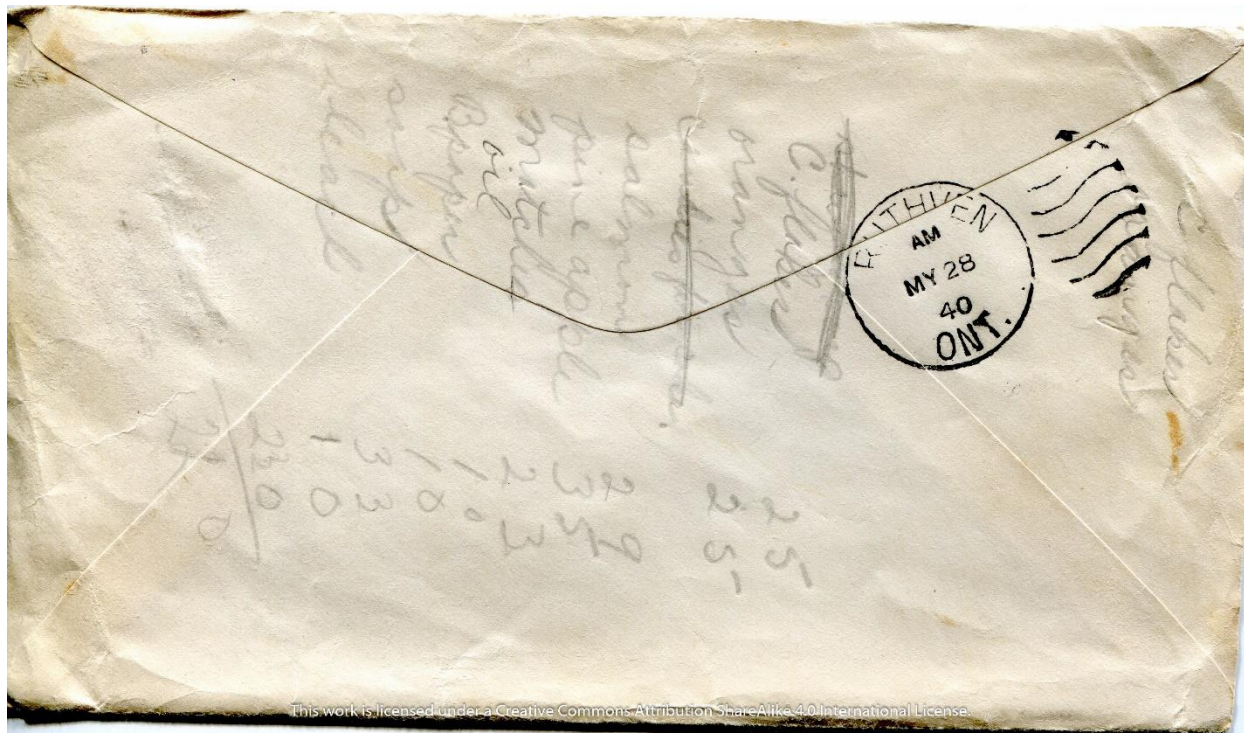


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