

ARTIFACT DESCRIPTION

Letter to Miss La Verne Woods - June 4, 1940

ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

1.	Artifact ID:	Art-1940-06-04
2.	Artifact Title:	Letter to Miss La Verne Woods
3.	Artifact Type:	Letter
4.	Artifact Description:	Personal Letter to Miss La Verne Woods from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date:	June 4, 1940
6.	Artifact Origination Locale:	Camp Borden, Ontario, Canada
7.	List of Components:	1 physical envelope; 2 physical sheets of paper; total of 3 image files.
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9.	Origination Address (for correspondence):	H. Manchester, S.X. Scots, A-21723, Camp Borden Ont.
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence):	Miss La Verne Woods, Apt. 305, Highland Park, Michigan
11.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence):	ANGUS ONT. AM JUN 5 40
12.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence):	None.
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EDITOR'S DESCRIPTION/NARRATIVE

This letter from Private (Pte) Harry William Manchester to his sister, Miss La Verne Woods, of Highland Park, Michigan, was written and posted from Camp Borden, Ontario, Canada, on June 4, 1940.

The content of the artifact describes the conditions Harry William Manchester observed at Camp Borden, Ontario. The Canadian military was preparing the personnel of various regiments at Camp Borden for shipment overseas to England. Harry references the imminent departure of an "advance party" to England. In addition, Harry references a fire in the officers' quarters of the air force personnel.

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, Ont.
Tues. nite.

Dearest La Verne:

Your letter was a very pleasant surprise I sure did feel good when I saw your writing I opened it even before Onnellee's.

I had an address of yours, but I ~~did~~ thought you had moved since. So I asked Frances what it was in my last letter to her. She'll probably send it in her next letter. But however I'm glad you got mine & wrote to me. I guess I've written about 25 or ~~th~~ 30 letters & I don't know how many cards since I came a week ago.

It gets cool here at night, but it's really hot in the daytime. The ground is all sand like Cedar Beach and it really gets hot with the sun. And the mosquitos are as big as the aeroplanes (Almost) and there really biting to-night. I have no shirt on and I'm outside my tent because it's getting dark.

There was a big fire over at the airport about 7 O'clock and I went over. At first we thought it was a plane crashed but it was the officers quarters from the air force. This is a big air training centre too. In fact you can see a dozen planes in the air any time day or night,

I'll bet Jimmie is getting [unintelligible]ter every day. How old is he now? About 4 I beleive.

I would have liked to seen you the night I left but I know how is was. I guess there were somewere in the thirties to see me off anyhow. But I also thought about you. Even after the train pulled out. Onnellee said Frances took it pretty good although she shed a few tears as she always did when I would leave her house

I like it pretty well up here outside of it's so far from home & I'm not used to being where I can't get home for a while. I don't know how much longer we're going to be here. As the advance party leaves for England to-morrow. I understand. But if we're here in a couple weeks I'm going down home for a weekend. If finances hold out.

Well La Verne I wanted ~~an~~ to answer Onn's letter as I haven't written her since Sun. nite. but of course I thought I'd write yours first so if I'm going to I'd better get started as it is getting dark So I'll say Bye Bye for now

As Ever

Your Loving Brother

Harry

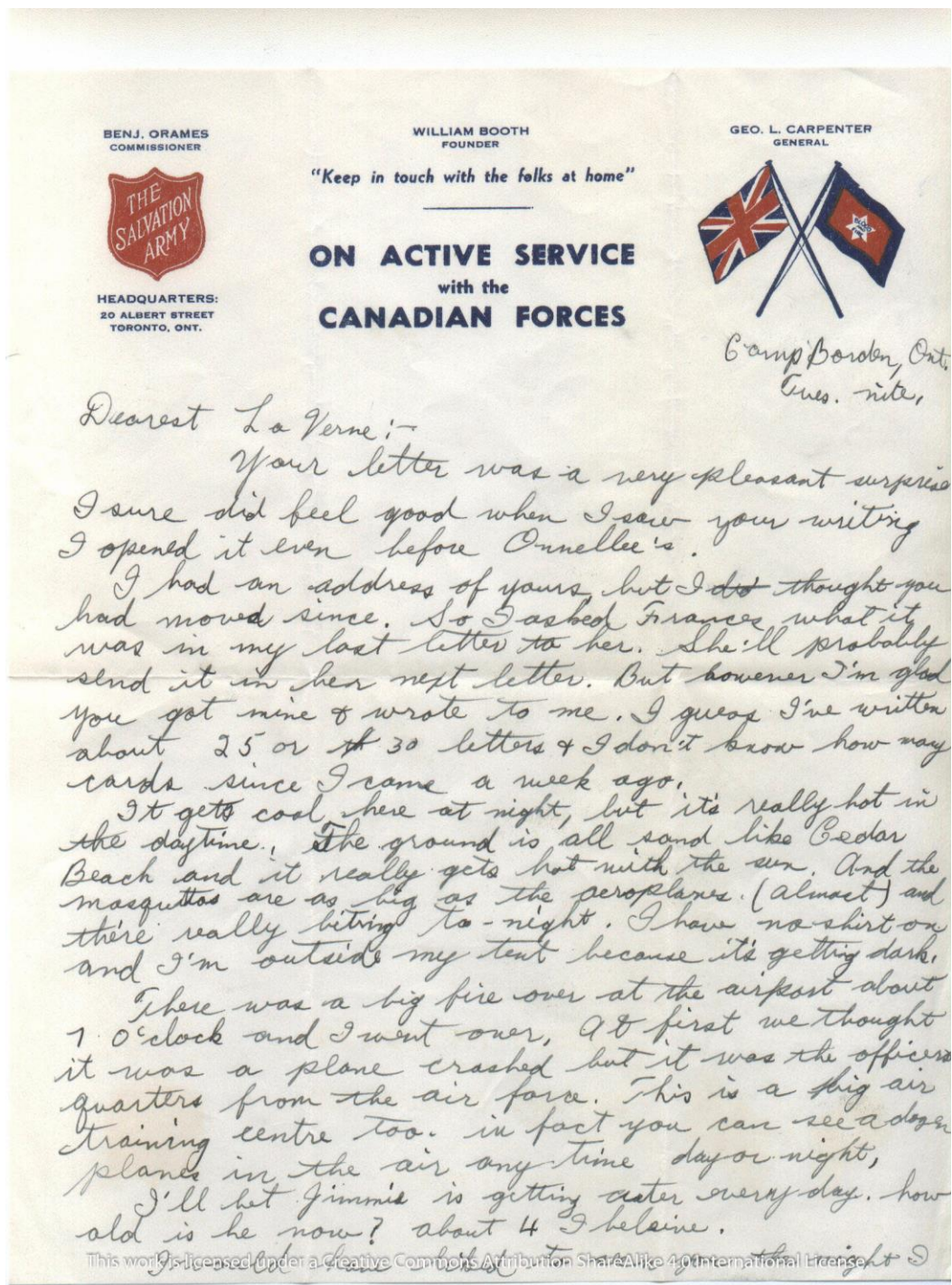
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BENJ. ORAMES
COMMISSIONER




HEADQUARTERS:
20 ALBERT STREET
TORONTO, ONT.

WILLIAM BOOTH
FOUNDER

"Keep in touch with the folks at home"

GEO. L. CARPENTER
GENERAL



ON ACTIVE SERVICE
with the
CANADIAN FORCES

left but I know how it was. I guess there were someone in the thirties to see me off anyhow. But I also thought about you. Even after the train pulled out. Onnelle said Grace took it pretty good although she shed a few tears as she always did when I would leave her house.

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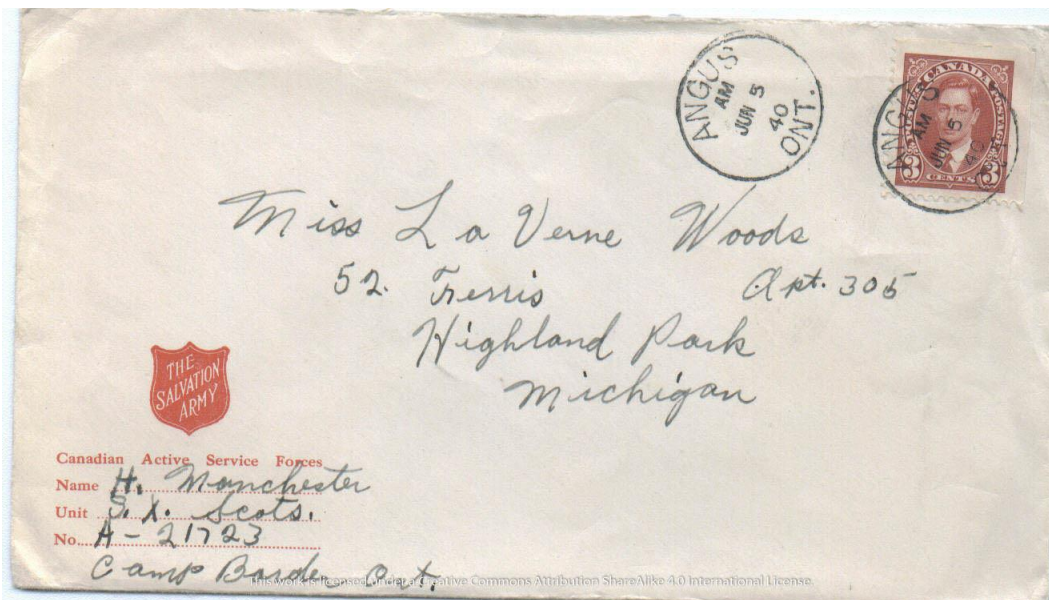
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