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Letter to Miss La Verne Woods - July 20, 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.

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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, Miss La Verne Woods, that was written and posted from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on July 20, 1940.

EDITOR’S COMMENT

This letter was screened by military authorities under war-time censorship controls. As a result, a) Harry redacted his location from page one of the letter, and b) delivery of the letter was delayed by military authorities.

ADDITIONAL MARKINGS

The front of the envelope is stamped: “TRANSMISSION DELAYED FOR PURPOSES OF SECURITY” and the military censor annotated the front of the envelope with “Censored [censor’s initials].

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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TRANSCRIPTION OF ARTIFACT CONTENT

XXXXXXX XXXXXX XXX [REDACTED LOCATION]

Sat. Morn.

Dear La Verne:-

I guess you know I have left Camp Borden. last week-end. I got a letter from Frances yesterday & she said she was talking to you on the phone that morning. (last sun.). I guess she was sort of upset when I phoned her from Camp & told her I was leaving.

We had a picnic planned in London, Ont. for this week-end. I was supposed to meet them there.

I was awfully sorry when I couldn't see you 2 weeks ago when I was home. But I fully understand why you couldn't come over. I ~~was~~ could have sneaked over there in Civilions. If it hadn't been for the pasports. At least I think I could have.

How is the Woods family & also little Jimmy. He told Frances the last time he was down. That he was going to stay with her a while this summer. Hope he does. She & the girls will be in their glory if he does.

Well there isn't much I can say ~~xxx~~ these letters as to were I am. As the people are not supposed to know until we reach our destination. We really don't know ourselves where we are going from here If you phone Franc. She'll probably tell you were I am. Don't worry about me anyhow. I'll always take care of myself.

It's raining a little this morn. But we have had real nice & sunny weather. every since we've been here (Tues. nite) The two days on the train was good weather too.

Well it will soon be dinner time. So I'll have to hurry this letter. When I reach my destination I'll send you my address. ~~Unil~~ Until then send ~~it~~ my letters to ~~as~~ Sex. Scots. Regt. Base P.O. Can. Please write as soon as you get this letter. & let me know how you are. I guess I'd better close for now.

As Ever

Your Brother

Harry M.

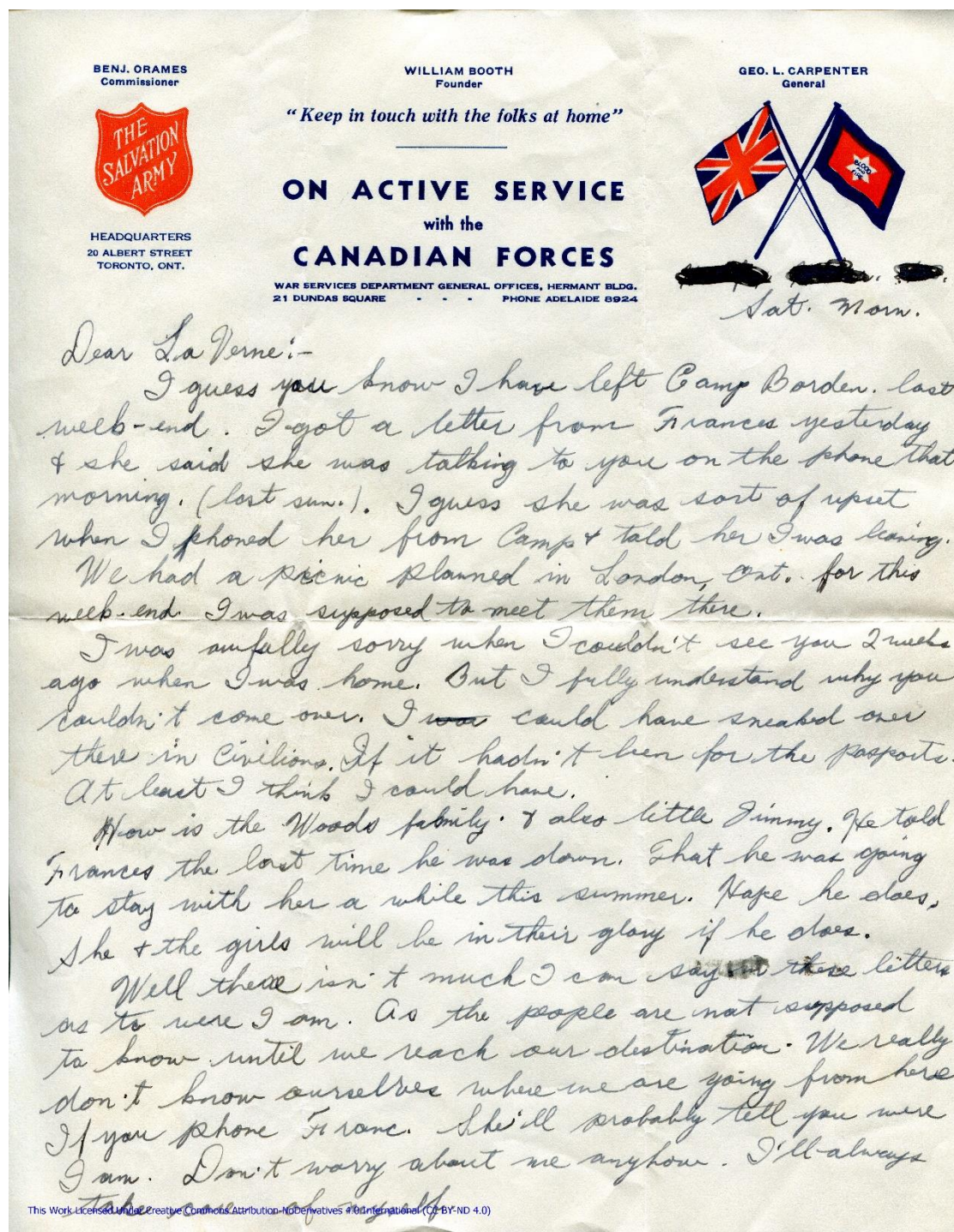
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Canada

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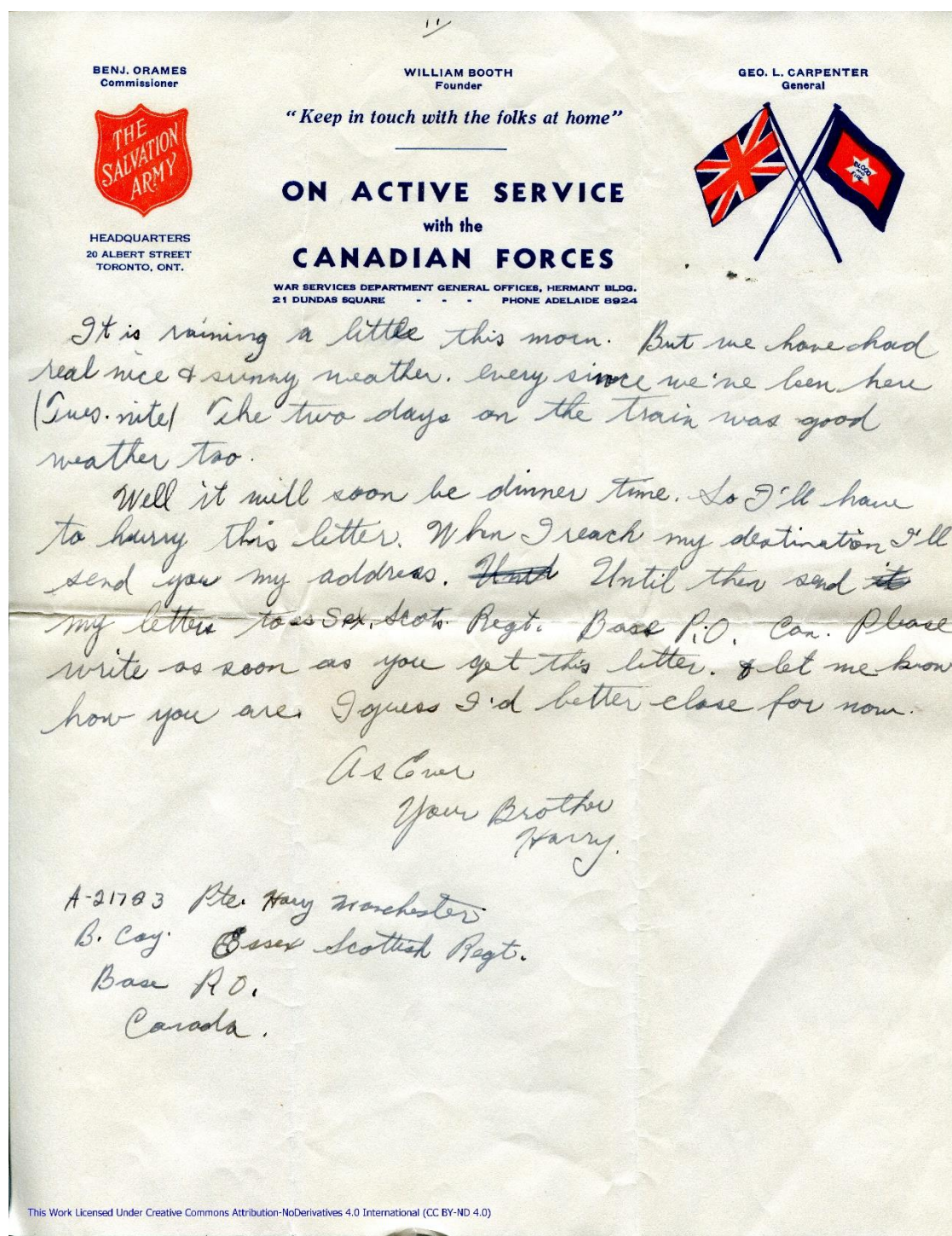
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ARTIFACT IMAGES

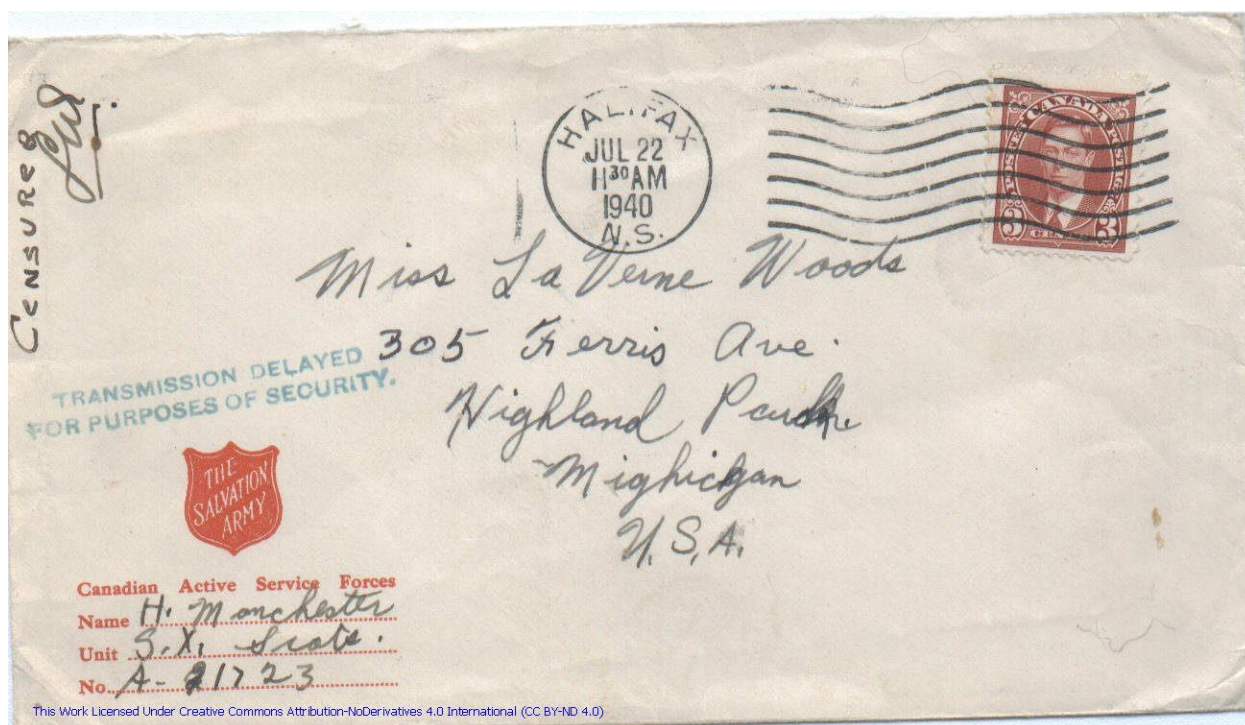
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ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-07-20
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Miss La Verne Woods - July 20, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Postcard to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	July 20, 1940
6.	General Description/ Commentary	This artifact is a letter from Private (Pte) Harry William Manchester to his sister, Miss La Verne Woods, that was written and posted from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on July 20, 1940.
7.	Origination Locale	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	H. Manchester, S.X. Scots, A21723
9.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence)	HALIFAX JUL 22 1130 AM 1940 N.S.
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Miss La Verne Woods 305 Ferris Ave. Highland Park Michigan U.S.A.
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	None.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	This letter was screened by military authorities under war-time censorship controls. As a result, a) Harry redacted his location from page one of the letter, and b) delivery of the letter was delayed by military authorities.
13.	Artifact Transcribed Content	Reference "Transcribed" section in this document.
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15.	Content Reference (Tags)	sister, son, daughter, Halifax, Nova Scotia, London, Ontario, Frances Newman, Jimmie Woods, Essex Scottish Regiment, Company B, train, Base P.O.
16.	Categories Reference - Relationships	sister, son, daughter
17.	Categories Reference - Events	None.
18.	Categories Reference - Locations	Halifax, Nova Scotia, London, Ontario

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19.	Categories Reference - People	Frances Newman, Jimmie Woods
20.	Categories Reference - Organizations	Essex Scottish Regiment, Company B
21.	Categories Reference - Facilities	train, Base P.O.
22.	Additional Markings	The front of the envelope is stamped: "TRANSMISSION DELAYED FOR PURPOSES OF SECURITY" and the military censor annotated the front of the envelope with "Censored [censor's initials].
23.	Associated Artifacts	None.
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