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## Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - August 23, 1940

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The Wartime Correspondence of  
Harry William Manchester

Harry William Manchester Descendant

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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

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 August 23, 1940.

## EDITOR’S COMMENT

This letter was written at the conclusion of Harry William Manchester’s first leave in England.

## ADDITIONAL MARKINGS

The front of the envelope is marked “C.A.S.F.”

## 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, Eng.

Aug. 23/40

Dear Sis:-

Well I've finally got down to writing your letter. I'll have to write bits at a time between work. I was going to write sooner, but I guess I didn't take the time, while I was on my leave. I want to answer La Vernes letter too.

Gee is it ever tough over here I'll be so glad when you send me some cigarettes. That is our biggest trouble it seems. As tobacco is so high in price.

You should have money from the Govt. by the time you get this letter. If you don't get it lett me know & I'll see about it. I hope you get them post cards that I sent from London I thought they'd be nice to keep in remembrance of London.

We had another air raid last nite between eleven & twelve. They dropped a few bombs then. But I don't think any damage was done then. They came back again about three a.m. & blew up an amunition train & a few little odds & ends. You think you hear things about the war over there through papers & radio. But you don't know half of it. I just wish you could spend one week here. You would be scared skinny.

Well Franc I hope you are all well Be sure & use Peggy good & take care of her for me until I get back. Tell Elton that would be a swell job for him If I had my way I'd be home as soon as a ship could take me there., Don't forget to send cigarettes out of the money I signed over. Also if it isn't too much bother you can send me some of my pictures. Some of the best ones of me Franc. In uniform & civilion life It will be swell to carry them again. In fact send them all to me. ~~all~~ All then that I used to carry. & be sure & use the rest of the money for the Kiddies. I guess I'd better close for this time. Bye Bye to all.

As Ever

Harry

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P.S.

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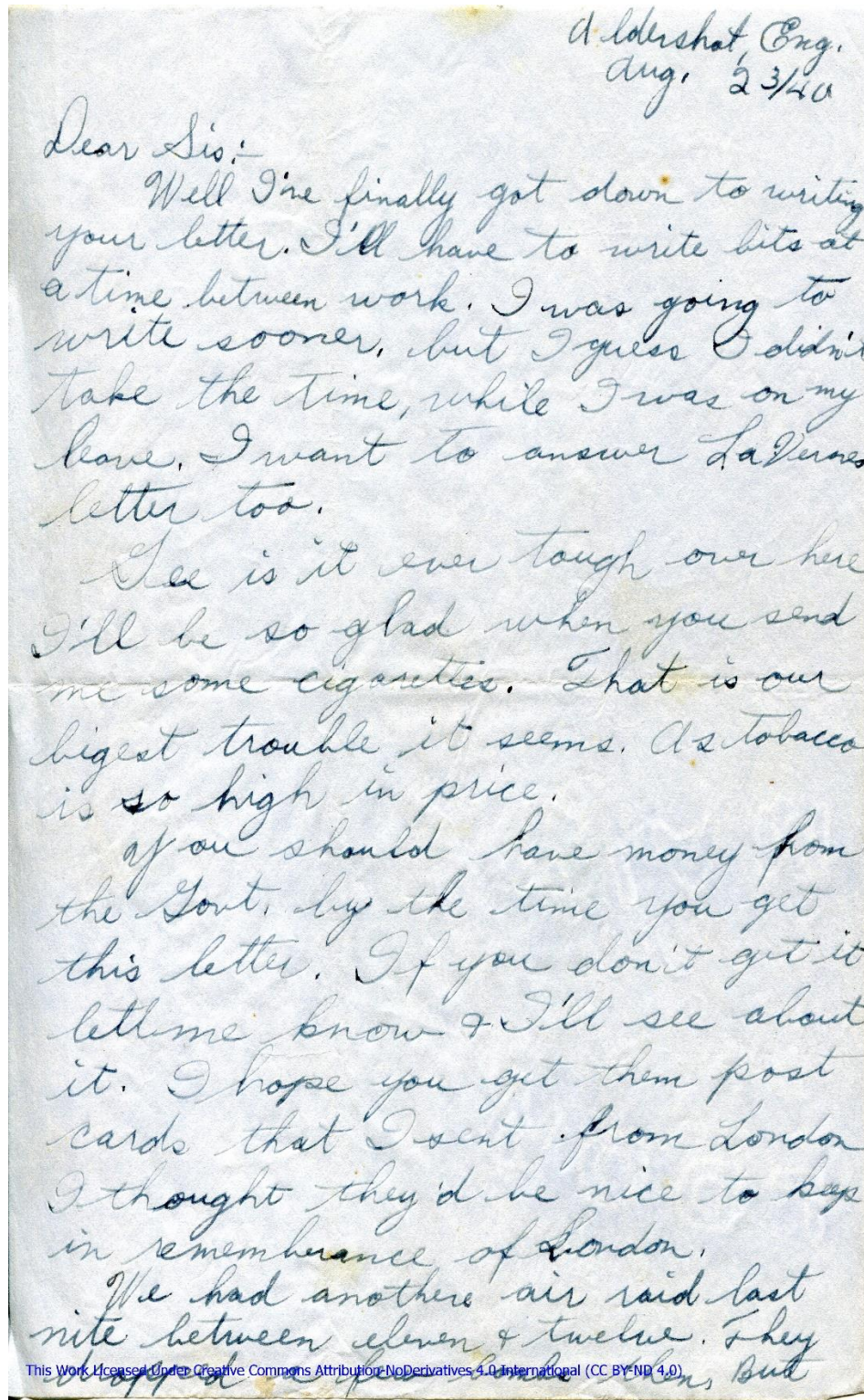
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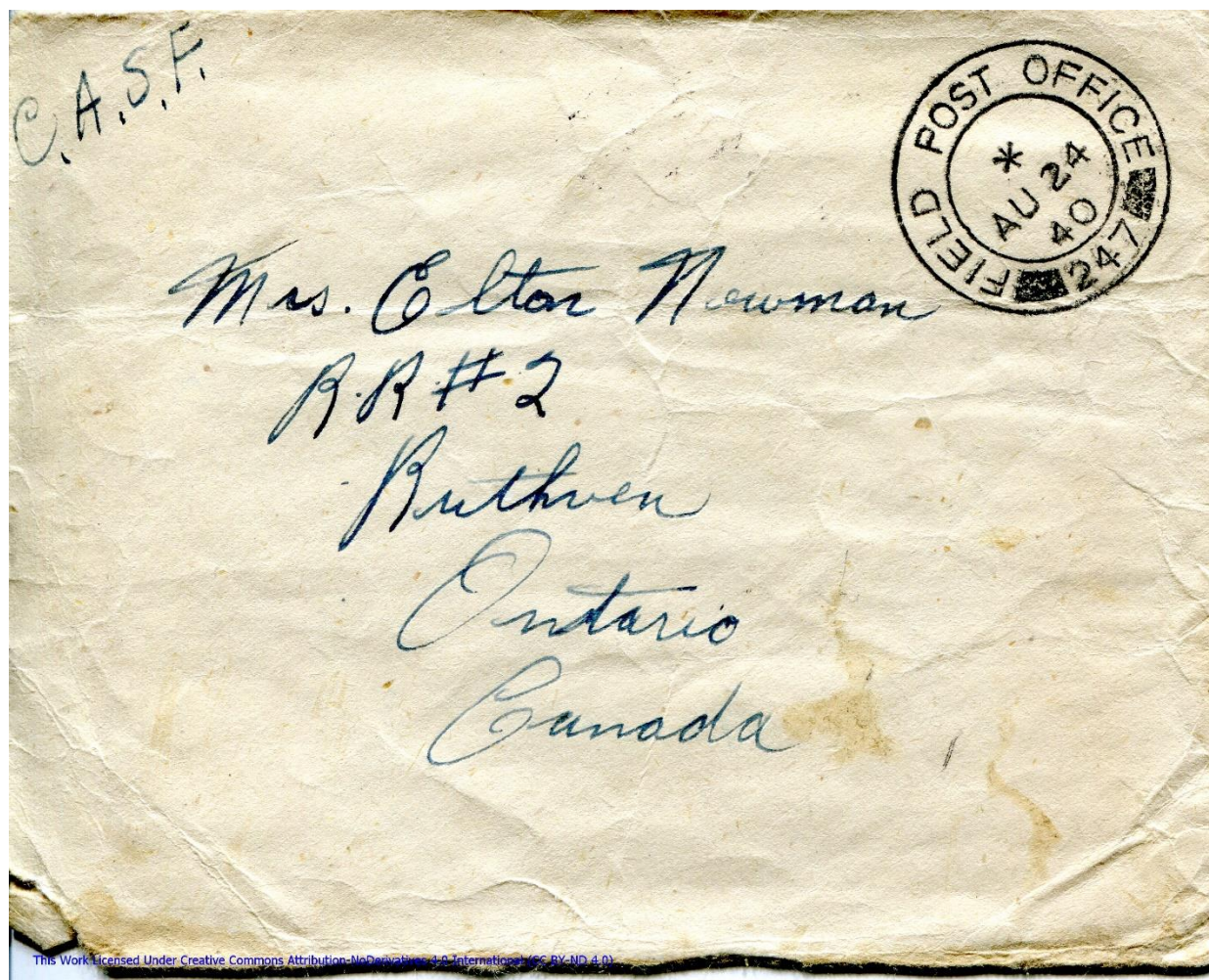
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## ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-08-23-b
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - August 23, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	August 23, 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 August 23, 1940.
7.	Origination Locale	Aldershot, England, United Kingdom
8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	H. Manchester 1st Batt. S.X. Scotts. C.A.S.F. C/O Base P.O. Canada
9.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence)	FIELD POST OFFICE 247 AU 24 40
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven Ontario Canada
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	RUTHVEN AM SP 11 40 ONT.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	This letter was written at the conclusion of Harry William Manchester's first leave in England.
13.	Artifact Transcribed Content	Reference "Transcribed" section in this document.
14.	Artifact Categories List	1940, Frances Newman, The Essex Scottish Regiment, Aldershot, England, Air Raid, Military Leave, London
15.	Content Reference (Tags)	Sis, Military Leave, London, Aldershot, England, United Kingdom, Peggy, Elton, La Verne, Essex Scottish Regiment, None., Ammunition Train, bombs, air raid
16.	Categories Reference - Relationships	Sis[ter]
17.	Categories Reference - Events	Military Leave, Air Raid
18.	Categories Reference - Locations	London, Aldershot, England, United Kingdom
19.	Categories Reference - People	Peggy, Elton, La Verne
20.	Categories Reference - Organizations	Essex Scottish Regiment



	Property	Value
21.	Categories Reference - Facilities	None.
22.	Categories Reference - Other	Ammunition Train, bombs, air raid
23.	Additional Markings	The front of the envelope is marked "C.A.S.F."
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