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Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - September 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.

Version Number	Date	Change
1.0	4/26/2020	Original Publication.



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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 September 20, 1940.

EDITOR’S COMMENT

None.

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 EMTOR

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.
Sept. 20/40

Dear Franc:-

I just finished writing to Mr. Allen's & I thought I'd drop you a line or two before I shaved & had dinner.

The whole regt. Has gone out on a scheme. They left at eight A.M. So I stayed in bed until ten. I don't go on duty until 1.30 So I thought I'd better write some letters.

I guess I told you that the Major wanted me back for further training Didn't I? Well the Sgt. in charge of the police has gone to the hospital with stomach trouble & so I got called back to the police again. They think he might be sent back to the depot in Canada & if so I'll be on permanent police. I hope.

I must write another letter to La Verne. I've been wandering how she is ever since you said she wasn't well. I have only had one letter from her. & I haven't heard from anyone this week. We must be due for more Canadian mail, soon.

If you get a chance to send La Verne a dollar. You can have her send me some American pipe tobacco. As she can send tobacco free to soldiers in England from the states. But if you need to money Franc never mind. I guess I'm asking you to do a lot for me. Aren't I?

But I'm saving my money for my next leave & I ~~had~~ have already two pounds. If I didn't have to buy cigarettes I could save a lot more.

I want to start buying some things down town you you all. as souvineirs. I've already saw some things for you. La Verne & Peggy But I'm waiting until I get more money & send them all at once.

I've just lit up my trusty old pipe with tobacco that I've saved from cigarette butts. & tare the paper off them so I can smoke it in my pipe. The boys that don't smoke pipes use the same kind of tobacco & roll the butts into another cigarette. There is very little tobacco wasted over here.

If you send me a parcel from home you can send me a couple packages of doublemint gum. a few white owl cigars I'd really enjoy them. & most of all. some razor blades. You have asked me what I wanted. So there it is.

How did your crops turn out. Gladys said they had over eleven hundred bushels of grain. That was pretty good. Wasn't it? I hope the tobacco turns out good So you can get straightened around.

Well Franc I must get cleaned up for dinner & to go on duty. So I'll close for now. Loads of Love (to all)

Harry

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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-1940-09-20
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - September 20, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	September 20, 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 September 20, 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 SP 21 40
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven Ontario Canada
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	RUTHVEN AM OC 8 40 ONT.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	None.
13.	Artifact Transcribed Content	Reference "Transcribed" section in this document.
14.	Artifact Categories List	1940, Frances Newman, The Essex Scottish Regiment, Aldershot, England, Canada
15.	Content Reference (Tags)	None., Scheme, London, Aldershot, England, United Kingdom, Canada, Sgt., Gladys, La Verne, Peggy, Major, Regiment, None., Doublemint Gum, Cigarettes, Pipe Tobacco, police, grain, souvineirs, crops
16.	Categories Reference - Relationships	None.
17.	Categories Reference - Events	Scheme, dinner, on duty
18.	Categories Reference - Locations	London, Aldershot, England, United Kingdom, Canada
19.	Categories Reference - People	Sgt., Gladys, La Verne, Peggy, Major

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20.	Categories Reference - Organizations	Regiment
21.	Categories Reference - Facilities	Hospital
22.	Categories Reference - Other	Doublemint Gum, Cigarettes, Pipe Tobacco, police, grain, souvineirs, crops
23.	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"
24.	Associated Artifacts	None.
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