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## Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - September 26, 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

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## EDITOR’S COMMENT

The writing paper is supplied by the Y.M.C.A., and is imprinted at the obverse bottom with “KINDLY WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF PAPER”

## 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 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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All reasonable queries will receive a response.

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TRANSCRIPTION OF ARTIFACT CONTENT

Aldershot, Eng.  
Sept. 26/40

Dear Franc:-

I thought I'd better get buzy and answer a few letters as they are beginning to pil up on me again.

Just received a letter from Stewy Hastein & his sister & a card of Lillian's wedding announcement from Uncle Henry's

I have not received the cigarettes from Onn. yet. But I sure hope they've came in the same convoy as the two letters I received. We don't get payed until Monday. & ever body is out of cigarettes. Marsh Healey has just given me one now And boy is it ever good. The ones I got from Pearl only lasted one week. Everybody is so eager for Canadian cigarettes that they all start gathering in a big circle when they see anyone get a parcel.

I suppose Erma H. had a good time at the Ex. Tell her to write & tell me how she got along. George Fields said he wrote to the Haggins' & he mentioned me to them. I am waiting until I hear from them & then I'll answer their letter.

There is a lot I should write t0. But I'm waiting until they write me first. I knew that Earl Laramie was to be married & I heard Orrence ~~wast~~ was to be married. But I didn't know whether he was going to be, or not. He sure has a nice girl friend tho'

The boys are all here. The Burns' & Glen are in the same room as myself. & of course Mort sleeps over in the officers quarters as he is still a batman. He has one stripe now. & is over all the rest of the batman & really doing good. as his officer is appointed permanent adjutant. He is gone on a course now & Mort has gone home. for a whole week again. He really gets the breaks.

I hope Mrs. Tessier has heard from Clarence before this He has written several times. Surely she has received some by this time.

I haven't received any parcels from "Canada Bread." The only ones is the cigarettes from Pearl & the one I got from her sister Sunday Morning. The cake must have moist when she wrapped it. cuzz it was only 20 days coming & it was mouldy. So if you send any cake. Be sure & dry it out in the tin before you wrap it up.

Boy I had some swell "coconut cream" pie last. nite. This cousin of Pearls that lives alone in an apartment in London. She is a private stenographer & adviser of a lawyer. & she came down yesterday aft. & went back this morn

She is coming again Sat. & going back Sun. & the pies she brought just reminded me of your cooking. & when she comes down I can't pay for any meals or shows or anything Pearl sent her a picture of herself & I & wrote on the back of it "This is my no 1 boy friend." "Hands off" She just thinks I am. & now Eva thinks I am alright. She is going to bring me some candy this week end. Some real good fudge. I hope she ~~has~~ does & I hope she brings plenty of money cuzz we get paid the following Monday. She is older than I am. But I don't care if as long as she looks after me while I'm over here.

And by the way Franc. Just because Onn. sends cig. You don't have to wait two or three days cuzz there are plenty of boys out of cigarettes & we share them as brothers.

If you send me a thousand at a time Franc. It will only cost \$2.50 & if you send a thousand each month. It should ~~do me~~ run me thro' & if it don't. I can buy the rest ~~myes~~ myself.

LETTER TO MRS. ELTON NEWMAN - SEPTEMBER 26, 1940

If you send any parcels & want to know what to send. I will give you some ideas. razor blades. (needed badly) any canned goods such as pork & beans or potted meat. Hey would taste real good. Doublemint gum & some cheese ~~XXXX~~ would be fine too. salted peanuts. You don't have to send these things. But just an idea. for cuz I don't expect to you really know what you can send.

The cheese over here is rotten.

Well I guess I'd better close for this time. Hoping to hear from you soon.

I Remain As Ever  
Lovingly

Harry

For the Kiddies too

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Tell them to be sure & write to  
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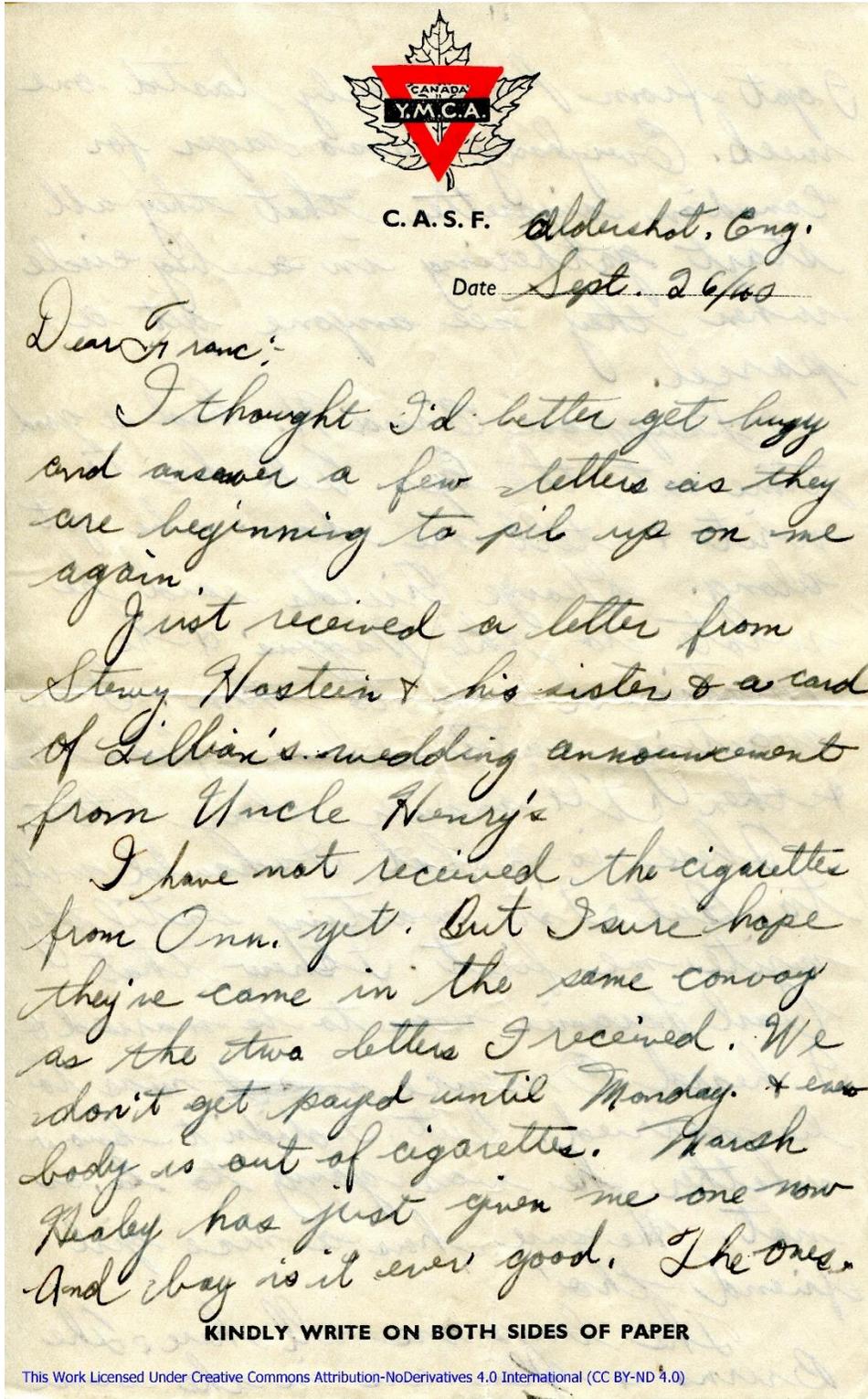
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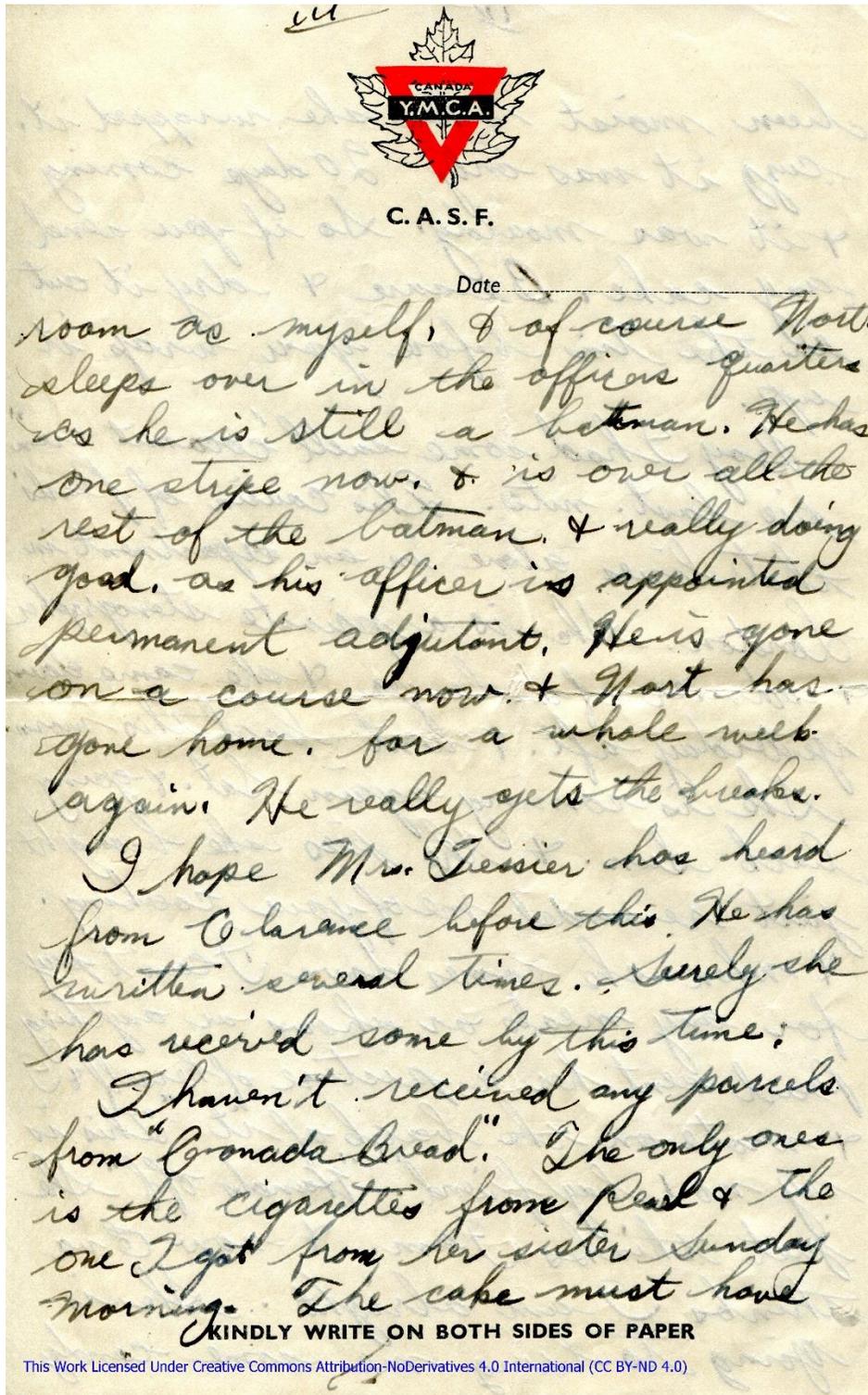
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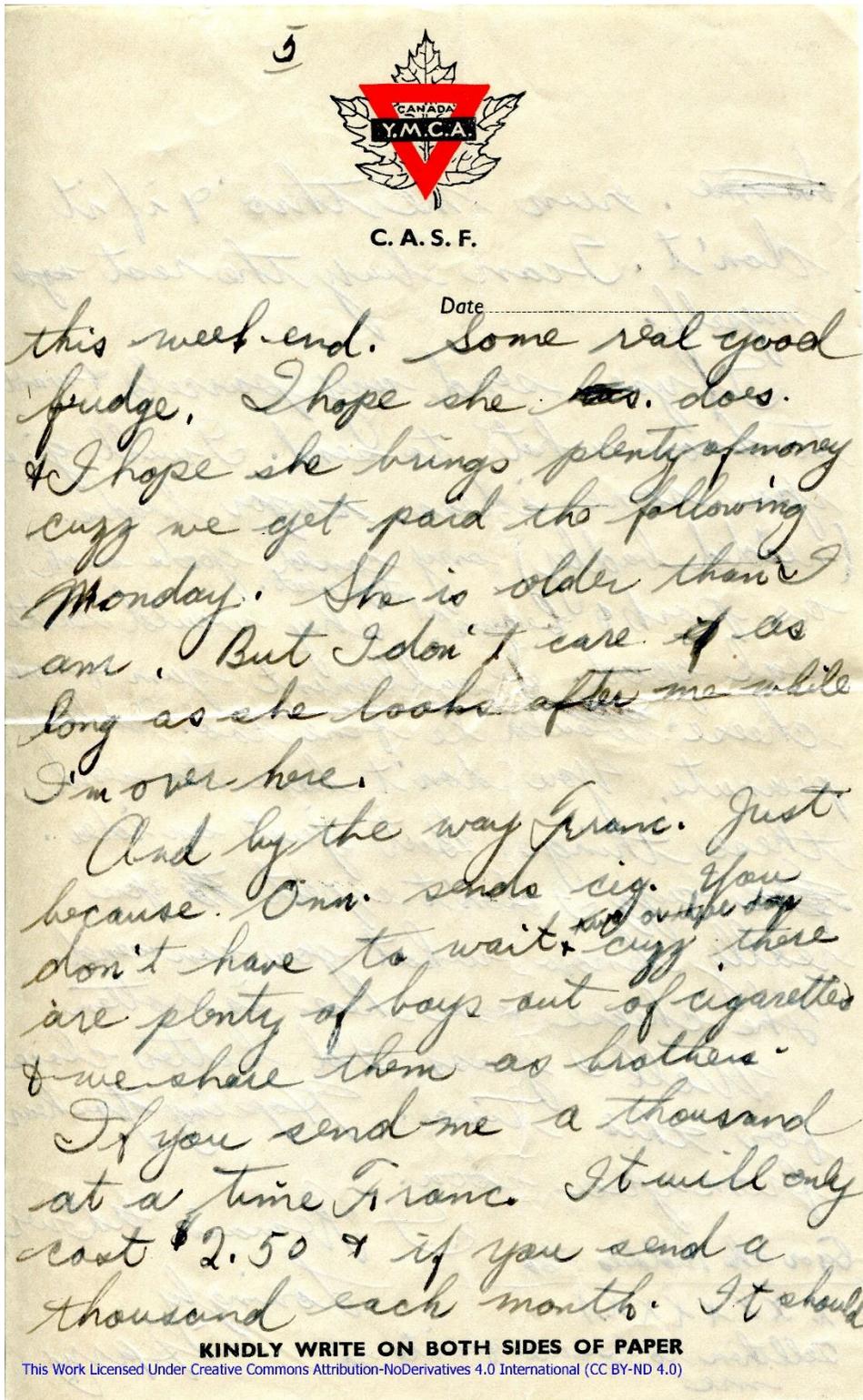
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## ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-09-26
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - September 26, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	September 26, 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 26, 1940.
7.	Origination Locale	Aldershot, England, United Kingdom
8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	H. Manchester Essex Scottish Regt.. C.A.S.F. C/O Base P.O. Canada
9.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence)	FIELD POST OFFICE 432 SP 27 40
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Mrs. Elton Newman, RR #2, Ruthven, Ontario, Canada,
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	RUTHVEN AM OC 18 40 ONT.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	The writing paper is supplied by the Y.M.C.A., and is imprinted at the obverse bottom with "KINDLY WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF PAPER"
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)	Pearl's cousin, Kiddies, Pearl's sister, batman, adjutant, private stenographer, advisor, boy friend, None., London, Stewy Hastien, Lillian, Uncle Henry, Onnellee, Marsh Healey, Pearl, Orrence, Burns Brothers, Erma H., George Fields, Haggins, Glen, Mort
16.	Categories Reference - Relationships	Pearl's cousin, Kiddies, Pearl's sister, batman, adjutant, private stenographer, advisor, boy friend
17.	Categories Reference - Events	None.
18.	Categories Reference - Locations	London

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19.	Categories Reference - People	Stewy Hastien, Lillian, Uncle Henry, Onnellee, Marsh Healey, Pearl, Orrence, Burns Brothers, Erma H., George Fields, Haggins, Glen, Mort, Mrs. Tessier, Clarence, Earel Laramie
20.	Categories Reference - Organizations	Canada Bread
21.	Categories Reference - Facilities	None.
22.	Categories Reference - Other	cigarettes, Doublemint gum, caned goods, potted pie, fudge, salted peanuts, cake, cheese, razor blades, pork & beans, convoy
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"
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