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Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - October 5, 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

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EDITOR’S COMMENT

The content acknowledges “Franc’s” receipt of post cards in a prior mailing from the UK.

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.

October 5/40

Dear Franc:-

I have received two letters from you & two from Onn. also her cigs & I'm sure enjoying them.

One of yours was written Sept 11 which I received first & one Sept. 5 I got it the following day. I'm glad Elt. dropped a line too. Tell him to do it as often as he can.

I'm glad you liked the cards, Franc. I thought you would. They only cost me one shilling ⁽²⁴⁾ – they were worth it. I had been telling Clarence that they were anxious to hear from him & he said he had written two or three letters.

We are having quite a bit of bombing Franc. But London has been getting the worst of it. You just have to watch your step & get in an air raid shelter or if there aren't any close you lay on your belly in ^{a hollow} low ground Or up alongside a building. So that no shrapnel will fly & hit you.

Tell Elton the Eng. dames are coming all right I guess. All I see of them is when they pass by anymore. At least Elt. you could have sent me an invitation to that party that your throwing with all that money. Uncle Henry's sent me an announcement of Lillian's wedding. I guess they knew I couldn't come tho'. I wish John would answer my letter. I wrote to him when I first arrived in Eng. But I guess he couldn't have received it.

I guess that the mail service isn't too bad for war time. It seems like you get my letters in three weeks & I get yours in about that time too

Thanks a lot for sending the cigs. & thank La Verne for me too. I wish she would write to me. I have only had one letter from her & I have written her twice since I received hers.

Glen received his first cigs this morn. & the Burns' boys & Mort haven't had any yet. Also a lot more of our friends. So we share them Franc. You'll think from me asking a thousand each month is a lot of cigarettes. But you know that we are all like brother over here & we treat each other as such. If you send a thousand in one bunch. It will only cost \$2.50.

Well I guess you think I'm asking a lot. But you don't know the circumstances over here, & if you ever send anything else. Be sure there is razor blades. as they are needed very badly.

I'm not keeping track of the money Franc. There should be \$20.00 every month starting the first of August. & if you don't get it ^{all}. Let me know & I'll go to the paymaster. & anyway if you send me stuff I want you to have it.

I haven't received anything from the bakery yet. But I expect around Xmas time I will. You don't ~~know~~ like Ducky Rome so well et. Well I guess I can't blame you. Altho I always got along okay with him.

I'll be looking for ~~some~~ the pictures of Elmer & the girls & Onn.

I saw in the Star were the Ruthven elevator burnt. Also in the Leamington Post. The Star sends so many papers each day to the Regiment. I also saw a picture of Stewy Mossips' park having a church service on Sunday.

Save some of that Chili sauce for when I come back.

I hope Elt. does well in selling fence. He may make a good salesman yet. I I can't get a route at the bakery I will sell fences for Elton. ha; ha!

What is Eula's new arrival a boy again?

I hope I can stay on police over here This week I go on duty from 1.30PM. till 9.30 P.M. & I often sleep the clock around. But next week I get up at 5.30 A.M. & be on duty at 6 & then I'm finished at 1.30 P.M. & have the afternoon off. Pretty soft eh!

I got a nice long letter from Pearl yesterday too. So I'll have to answer hers too.

Poor Glen had a new watch given to him by his sisters & brothers when he left Windsor. & when he went to London on his leave, about a month or more ago. He pawned his watch & can't get to London to get it. & of course we all tease Glen & they are really at him now. He has the money for it & I'm holding it so he won't spend it. He's almost having a baby over it. But don't tell his sisters or brothers about it.

I hope they start giving passes out for London next week. As I want to spend the week-end with Pearl's cousin in London. She works for a lawyer in London & she comes to Aldershot & brings her cousin & I from Montreal. a lot of pies & canned good, candies. & everything imaginable. It don't cost her anything. & she makes plenty of doe & just as good hearted as Pearl's married sister.

Well Franc. I'd better close for this time & will write again as soon as possible. & you do the same. Give my love to the Kiddies & everyone else & tell them to write

I Remain

Lovingly

Harry

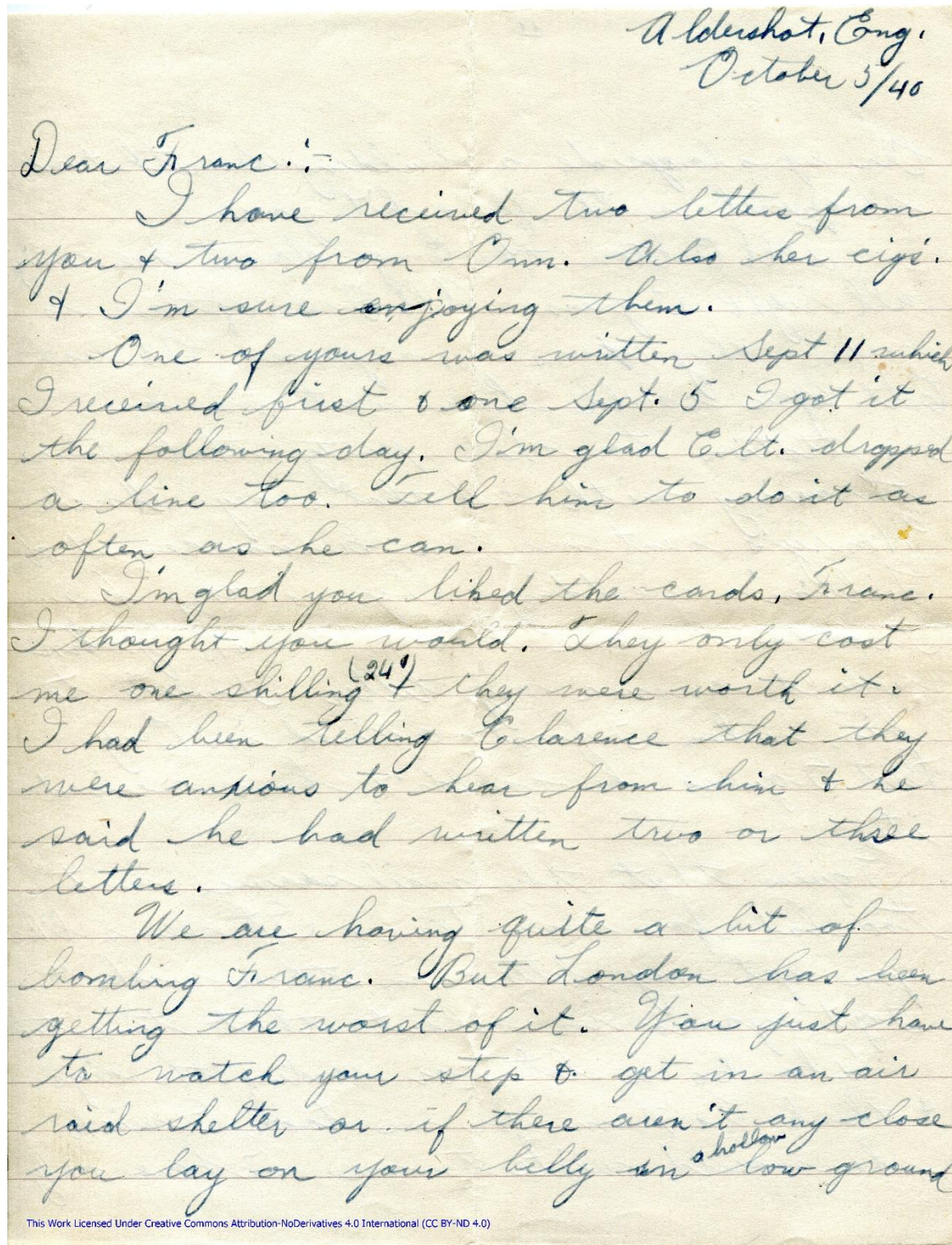
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ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-10-05
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - October 5, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	October 5, 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 October 5, 1940.
7.	Origination Locale	Aldershot, England, United Kingdom
8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	H. Manchester Essex Scottish Regt. (Somewhere In England) C.A.S.F. C/O Base P.O. Canada
9.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence)	FIELD POST OFFICE 247 OC 5 40
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	"Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven Ontario Canada
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	RUTHVEN AM OC 23 40 ONT.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	The content acknowledges "Franc's" receipt of post cards in a prior mailing from the UK.
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, bombing raid, wedding, Military Leave, London, Ruthven, Windsor, Montreal, Pearl's cousin, Kiddies, Pearl's sister, Lillian [unspecified], Uncle Henry, John [unspecified], Glen [Piper], Burns' boys [brothers], Mort
16.	Categories Reference - Relationships	Pearl's cousin, Kiddies, Pearl's sister
17.	Categories Reference - Events	bombing raid, wedding, Military Leave
18.	Categories Reference - Locations	London, Ruthven, Windsor, Montreal
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		[unspecified], La Verne [Woods], Ducky Rome, Elmer [unspecified], Onn. [Onnelle Reive], Elton [Newman], Stewy Mossi
20.	Categories Reference - Organizations	Regiment
21.	Categories Reference - Facilities	None.
22.	Categories Reference - Other	cigarettes, pies, canned goods, lawyer, razor blades, shilling
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24.	Associated Artifacts	None.
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