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Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - October 27, 1940

The Wartime Correspondence of
Harry William Manchester

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REVISION HISTORY

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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

Harry refers to sending parcels with silk stockings from Canada to England without declaring the contents. Harry discusses the high prices of eggs, meat, and clothing in England.

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.

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TRANSCRIPTION OF ARTIFACT CONTENT

Aldershot, England

October 27/40

Dear Frank:-

Was very pleased to hear from you & the kiddies yesterday morning. I also got letters from Onn. & Pearl's sister Rita.

The girls sure do write a swell letter for their ages. When we get our mail. We (the Police) are all in the office. & so I ~~little~~ let Jimmie Tweedale read Marjorie's & Marion's letters. He thought they were pretty good. & I did too.

Well Franc. I am fine & I guess I have a lot to be thankful for, for feeling as good as I do. Of course I'm still homesick.

Did you have your Tonsils out yet. Gee Franc. I hope you feel better if you have. You say you've lost 15 lbs. since last spring. Well I guess I've put them on since I've been on the police over here.

I don't know whether you mean the war situation or not by asking how things are. Well I've told you in my last letters about the bombing. Of course they dropped some more last night again, that shook our barracks. But as long as that's all they do. It won't be so bad.

Things are awful high in price over here. In civilian life they are allowed about one egg per person in a week. & each egg is 4 ½ pence that's nine cents in our money. Gee there goes another air raid warning & it isn't night yet. Well meat & everything is sky high over here Franc. & even clothing. Eva (Pearl's cousin) that's always doing so much for me, was wondering if ~~th~~ she could have silk stockings sent to me from Canada in parcels. She said if they weren't declared. (Written on the outside) that they'd come thro' alright. I didn't know whether to ask. you or not. She's so good to me. I'd certainly like to do something for her.

I haven't heard from La Verne either for a long time. I wish she'd write me more often. But then I suppose she's busy. & don't have much time to write letters. When a person works out, they don't get much chance to write.

I don't care what you give Onn., Franc. As I said before I can't buy much over here. But will try & get her some little thing anyhow. You just go ahead & do what you like & it will be okay by me. I don't expect any xmas presents myself. So if any one asks you anything about what I want. Just tell them there isn't anything I need. Cuzz' I can't replace them Franc. So I'm better off without it on my mind

Gee that's really news about Chuck & Inez getting married Well I guess everybody will be married by the time I get back. Even Onn.

There has been odd fellows injured by trucks in the blackouts & Motorcycles. But they have to drive with one small light no matter how dark it is. There has been one or two injured by bomb schrapnel. But nothing to speak of.

Clarence is fine. He is in the truck drivers now & is looking well too.

I just finished writing Aunt Clara & it will soon be supper time. So I's better close for to-day. Will write again soon & you do the same. So I'll close for now

Lovingly Yours. Harry

LETTER TO MRS. ELTON NEWMAN - OCTOBER 27, 1940

Tell the Kiddies. Thanks for the letters & write again.

The planes are flying around here like mosquitos were at Camp Borden.

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ARTIFACT IMAGES

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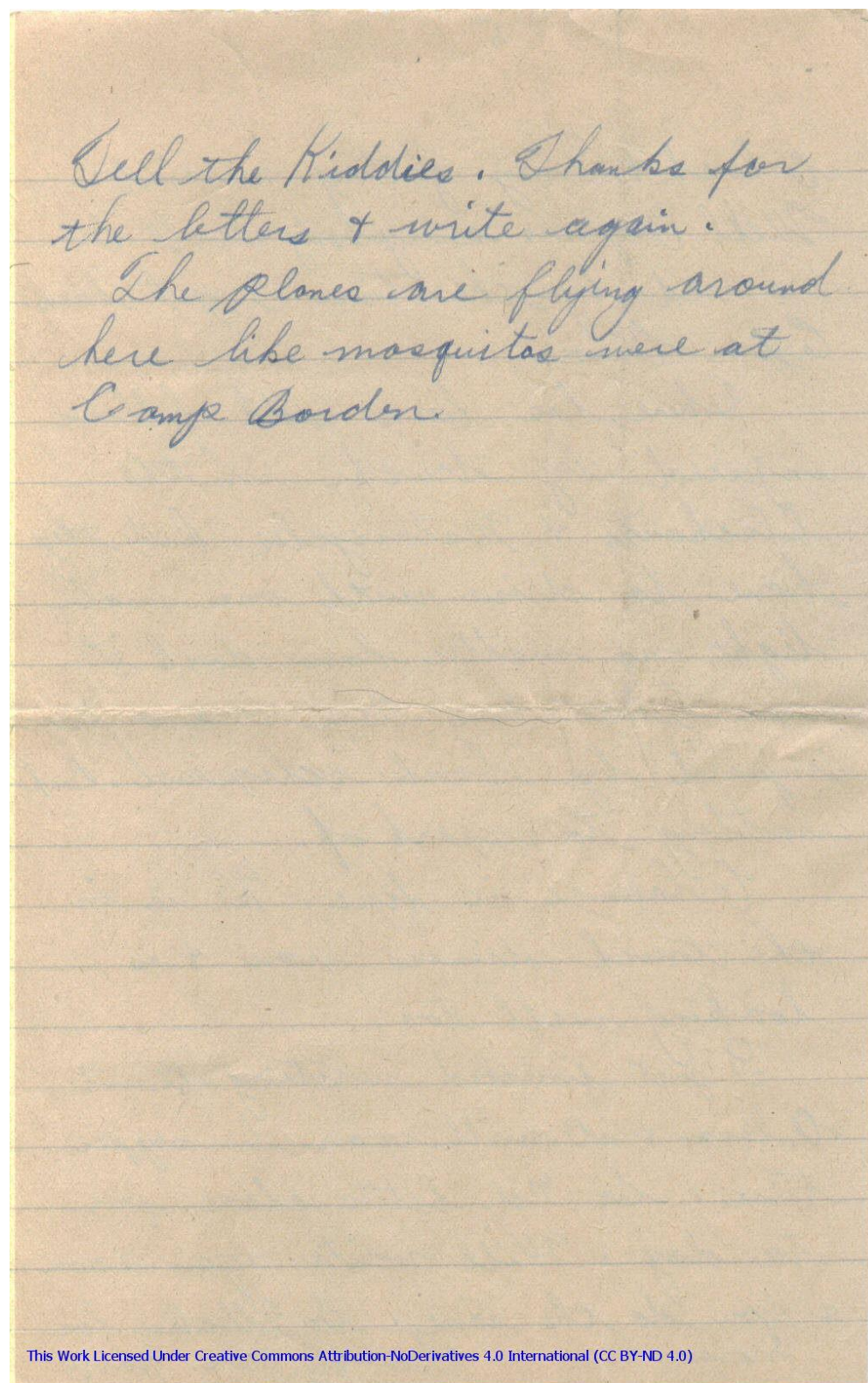
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Sincerely yours. Harry

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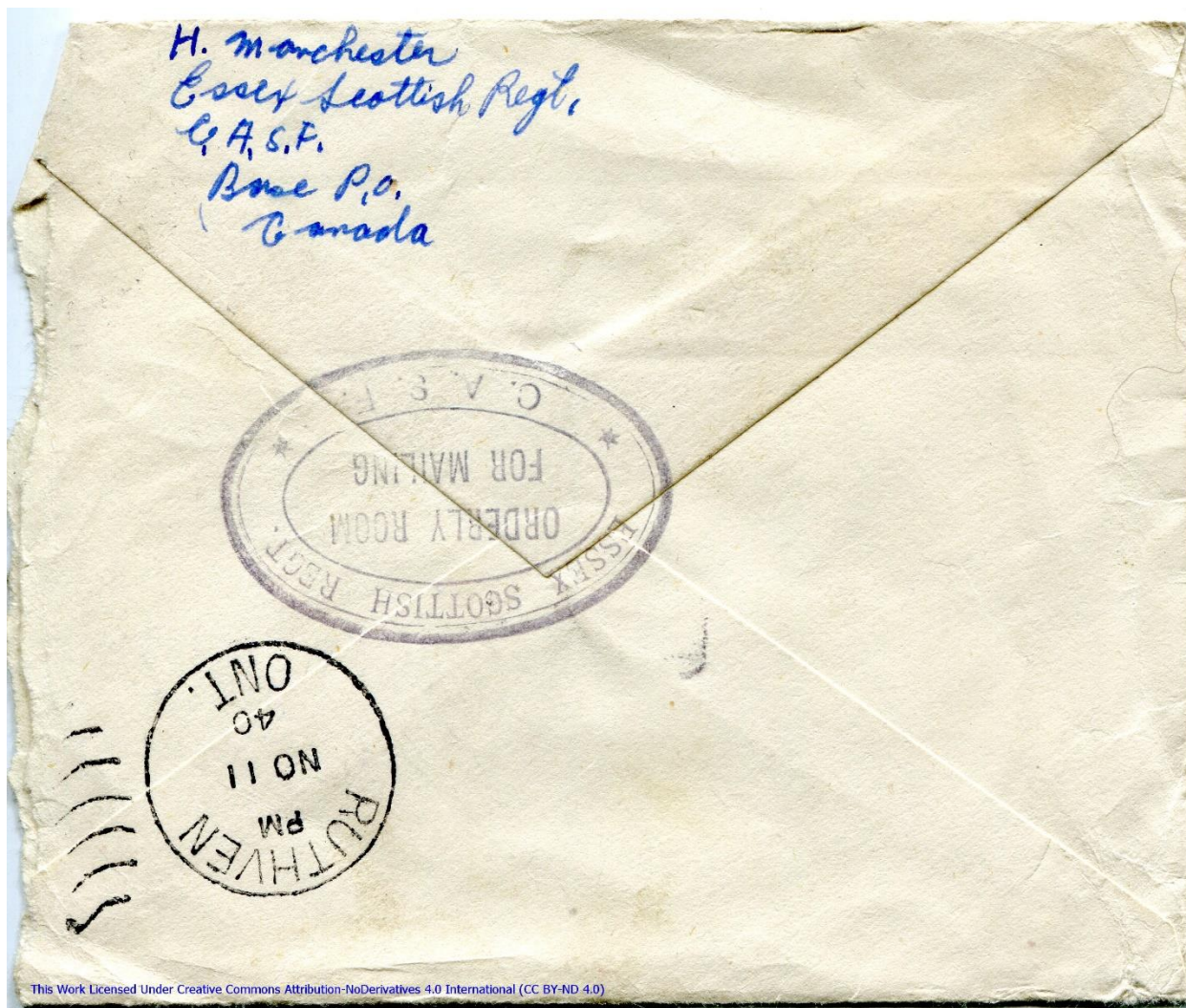
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ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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| 1. | Artifact ID | Art-1940-10-27 |
| 2. | Artifact Title | Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - October 27, 1940 |
| 3. | Artifact Type | Letter |
| 4. | Artifact Description | Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester. |
| 5. | Artifact Creation Date | October 27, 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 27, 1940. |
| 7. | Origination Locale | Aldershot, England, United Kingdom |
| 8. | Origination Address (for correspondence) | H. Manchester Essex Scottish Regt. C.A.S.F. Base P.O. Canada |
| 9. | Origination Postmark (for correspondence) | FIELD POST OFFICE 432 OC 28 40 |
| 10. | Destination Address (for correspondence) | Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven Ontario Canada |
| 11. | Destination Postmark (for correspondence) | RUTHVEN PM NO 11 40 ONT. |
| 12. | Artifact Editor's Commentary | Harry refers to sending parcels with silk stockings from Canada to England without declaring the contents. Harry discusses the high prices of eggs, meat, and clothing 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, Canada |
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| 16. | Content Reference (Tags) 2 | Canada, Camp Borden [Ontario], barracks, tonsils, parcels, silk stockings, eggs, xmas presents, meat, clothing, injuries, Motorcycles, truck drivers |
| 17. | Categories Reference - Relationships | sister, cousin, niece, aunt |

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| 18. | Categories Reference - Events | air raid, Chuck and Ines married, blackout |
| 19. | Categories Reference - Locations | Canada, Camp Borden [Ontario] |
| 20. | Categories Reference - People | Pearl's sister, Rita, Onn [Onnellee Reive], Jimmie Tweedale, Marjorie [Newman], Marion [Newman], Eva [Robson], Pearl's cousin, La Verne [Woods], Chuck & Inez, Clarence, Aunt Clara |
| 21. | Categories Reference - Organizations | N/A |
| 22. | Categories Reference - Facilities | barracks |
| 23. | Categories Reference - Other | tonsils, parcels, silk stockings, eggs, xmas presents, meat, clothing, injuries, Motorcycles, truck drivers |
| 24. | 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" |
| 25. | Associated Artifacts | None. |
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