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Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - November 1, 1940

The Wartime Correspondence of
Harry William Manchester

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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

None.

None.

RESEARCH NOTE

The reference to “Dot & Wilf” is believed to reference Dorothy [Dot] Sweetman, a cousin of Harry Manchester, and Wilf[red] Sycamore, a personal friend of Harry William Manchester.

The persons “Mr. & Mrs. Newman,” and “Chip” are unidentified at this time. The person “Billie” probably is Bill Reive, Onnelle Reive’s younger brother.

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.

TRANSCRIPTION OF ARTIFACT CONTENT

Aldershot England

November 1/40

Dear Sis:-

Well I received another letter from you this morn. Also two from Onn. I'm glad they come as often as they do & I hope you get all yours now. I am going to start numbering them on the back of the envelope the same as I have started with Onnellee's & then you can tell if any are lost or not.

Well my cold is getting better but I have sores on my face & can't shave (& they're really sore) But they'll probably be gone in a couple days. ~~My~~ Every bone I have has ached this week. Gee it must be my unlucky week. I'll have to watch the bombs until to-morrow (Sat.) night. Or I may get killed yet. Even my teeth ache & that's something new for me. I suppose your tonsils are all out by now & your on the go again

What I said about my Girl friend over here. Well mostly I was just kidding

However I haven't wen out with a girl for I don't know how long. Outside of Eva as she says when Pearl writes to her & tells her things

She says I'm not after you Canadians for boy friends I want to comfort you & make you feel at home. She realizes we have come a long way & one of her own cousins that she does the many things for. She just does it for the rest of us too.

She isn't a spring chicken you know (26) But she sure likes to cook for us boys & see that we get plenty to eat. Onnellee knows that I go there & she also knows I do everything I can to despise Pearl. But she can't take the hint. You should see some of the letters she writes me.

Franc. You'll have to tell Mr. & Mrs. Newman how I am I have so darned many letters to write. There are a lot Kids in Windsor that I ~~chume~~ chummed around with. That want me to write. But I write to Chip (2 letters). & I wrote one letter to Jeff. & I don't know what's the matter with Dot & Wilf. I haven't heard from them for some time.

I should write them again also Charlie, La Verne, & all the Aunts. So I can't think of writing to the Kids in Windsor

Billie wrote a letter to me & put it in with Onn. He's quite a boy Isn't he?

Well dear sister its after ten now & I want to go to bed. So I'll close for to-nite So Good night My dear & hope you are well real soon

Lovingly Harry

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ARTIFACT IMAGES

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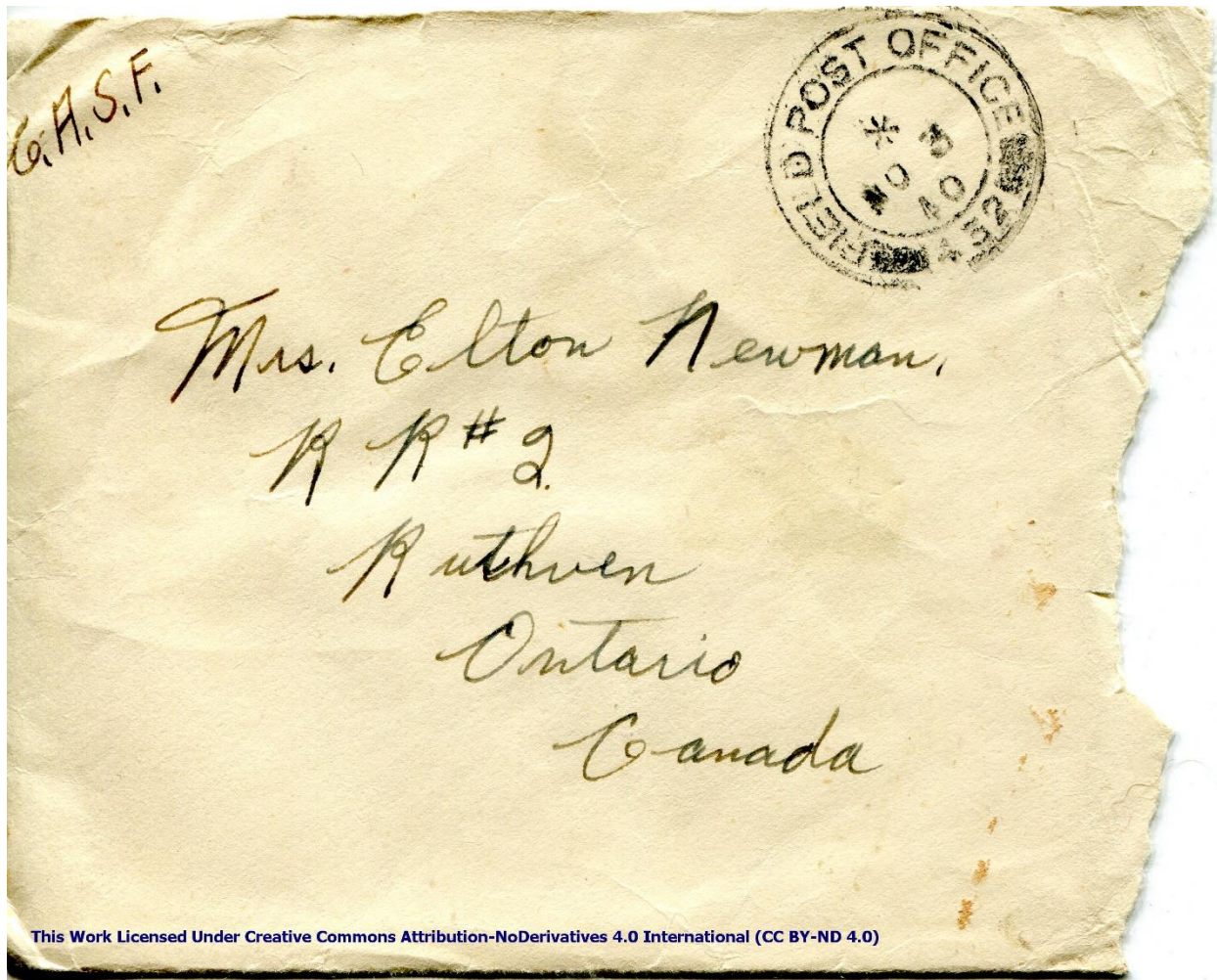
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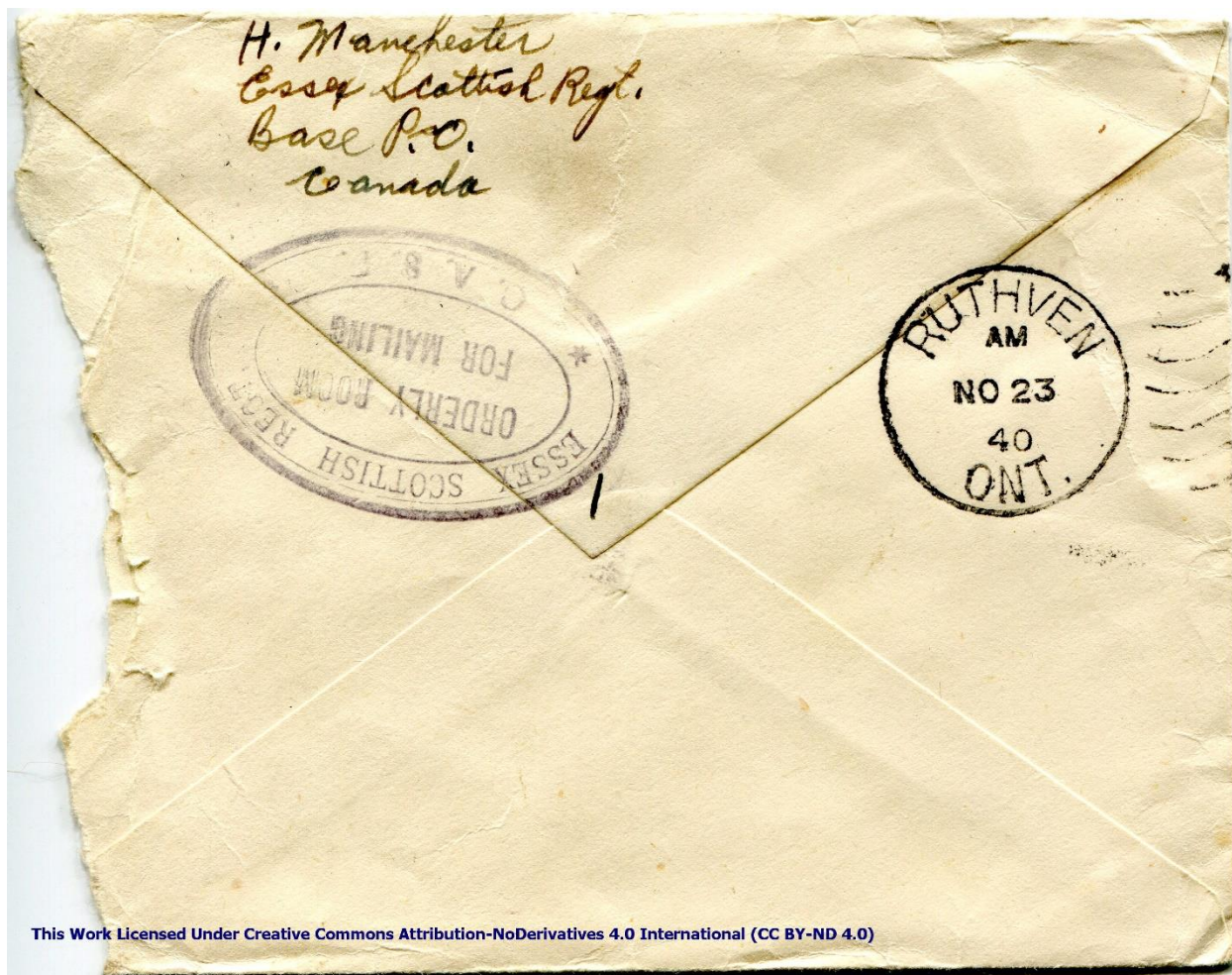
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LETTER TO MRS. ELTON NEWMAN - NOVEMBER 1, 1940

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| 2. | Artifact_Date_Sequence | N/A |
| 3. | Artifact_ID-Constructed | Art-1940-11-01 |
| 4. | Artifact_Title | Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - November 1, 1940 |
| 5. | Artifact_Type | Letter |
| 6. | Artifact_Brief_Description | Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester. |
| 7. | | This artifact is a letter from Harry William Manchester to his sister, Mrs. Elton Newman of Cottam, Ontario, Canada, that was written and posted from Aldershot, England, on November 1, 1940. |
| | Artifact_General_Description | |
| 8. | Artifact_Origination_Locale | Aldershot, England, United Kingdom |
| 9. | Artifact_Origination_Address | H. Manchester Essex Scottish Regt. C.A.S.F. Base P.O. Canada |
| 10. | Artifact_Origination_Postmark | FIELD POST OFFICE 432 NO 03 40 |
| 11. | Artifact_Destination_Address | "Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven Ontario Canada |
| 12. | Artifact_Destination_Postmark | RUTHVEN AM NO 23 40 ONT. |
| 13. | Artifact_Editor_Comment_1 | None. |
| 14. | Artifact_Editor_Comment_2 | None. |
| 15. | | The reference to "Dot & Wilf" is believed to reference Dorothy [Dot] Sweetman, a cousin of Harry Manchester, and Wilf[red] Sycamore, a personal friend of Harry William Manchester. |
| | Artifact_Research_Note_1 | |
| 16. | | The persons "Mr. & Mrs. Newman," and "Chip" are unidentified at this time. The person "Billie" probably is Bill Reive, Onnelle Reive's younger brother. |
| 17. | Artifact_Research_Note_2 | 1940, Frances Newman, The Essex Scottish Regiment, Aldershot, England, Canada, |
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| 18. | | girlfriend, boyfriend, Onnelle [Reive], Eva [Robson], Pearl, Mr. & Mrs. Newman, Dot [Sweetman], Wilf [Sycamore], Charlie [Manchester], La Verne [Woods], Chip, Jeff, Billie |
| 19. | Artifact_Content_Tags_1 | |
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| 22. | Artifact_Reference-Events | None. |
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| 25. | Artifact_Reference-Facilities | None. |
| 26. | Artifact_Reference-Other | bombs, tonsils |
| 27. | | 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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