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# Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - July 16, 1940

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

None.

## ADDITIONAL MARKINGS

The post office cancellation stamp reads: “INSURE YOUR PARCELS AT THE POST OFFICE”

## 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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All reasonable queries will receive a response.

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## TRANSCRIPTION OF ARTIFACT CONTENT

Tues Morn.

Dear Frances:-

Well we've just finished breakfast & they are getting ready for a parade for exercise at our next stop which is just 20 more minutes. I have a nail in my shoe. So I wear my barrack shoes & stay & sweep out the coach & guard the equipment

Our last exercise stop was Quebec City at four o'clock yesterday aft. & I started a letter to Onn. But didn't get finished until after supper. Boy I'll bet we're doing 85 M.P.H. really cutting the air. Well I didn't get her letter posted until ten. We were about 100 miles or more this side of the St. Lawrence River. We must be almost this New Brunswick by now. I know they said about 300 miles to Halifax yet.

Elton should see the farms down here. There are a lot of rivers with rapids galore Every since we left Montreal. We have saw Rapids and log jams in them. Also saw the logs coming out of the shoat into the river. That sure is a hiy bridge across the St. Lawrence. Well here I am again. The boys have had their route march & we're off again. There were red cross ladies at that station handing out cigarettes & chocolate bars. We have had a very hardy welcome at every station we stoped at. & have got souviners given to us.

The people all speak Eng. In New Brunswick. But all thro the province of Quebec. We had a hell of a time making them understand what we were saying. It sure is a swell day. & we expect to hit Halifax in about six hours.

Well there isn't much I can tell you in the letters but I have a lot to tell you when I get back. The Regt. That Cliff Kaake is in left Borden 1 ½ weeks ago and no one knew where they were going. But the other side of Three Rivers a little ways we met half of them with an awfull large train of German prisoners & then after we just got this side of Three Rivers we met the rest with another train load. As soon as our boys saw them. They picked up pop bottles & threw them right thro the windows of the other train. ~~They wer~~ We were stopped on a siding & they went past real slow. Well I'll close for this time Franc. "Bye Bye"

As Ever      Your Loving Brother

P.S.

I hope you get my letters & can understand them

REVERSE OF PAGE TWO:

P.S.

Don't forget to send my mail to  
Camp Borden until I tell you  
different

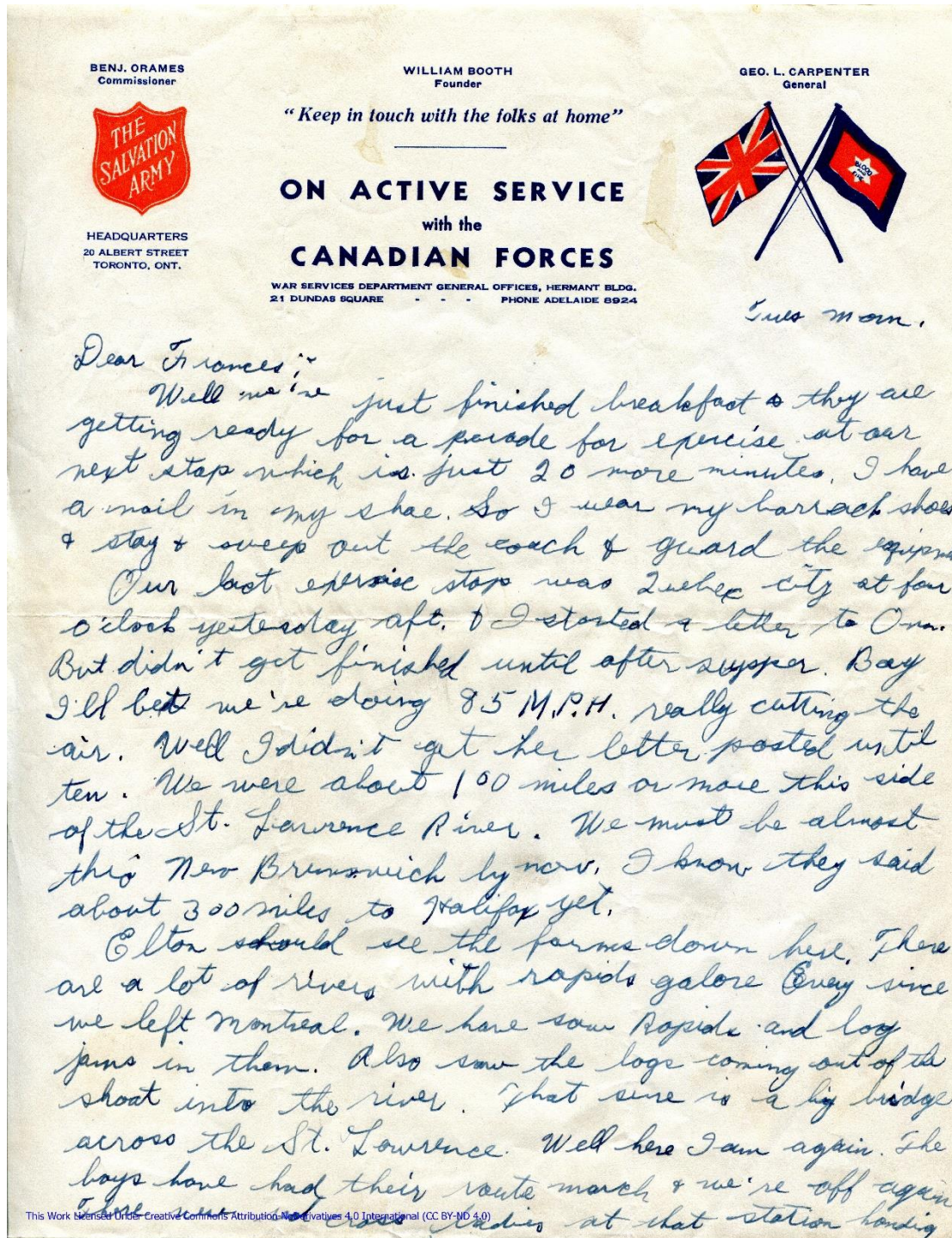
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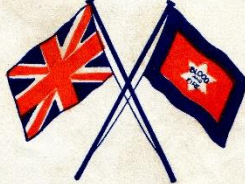
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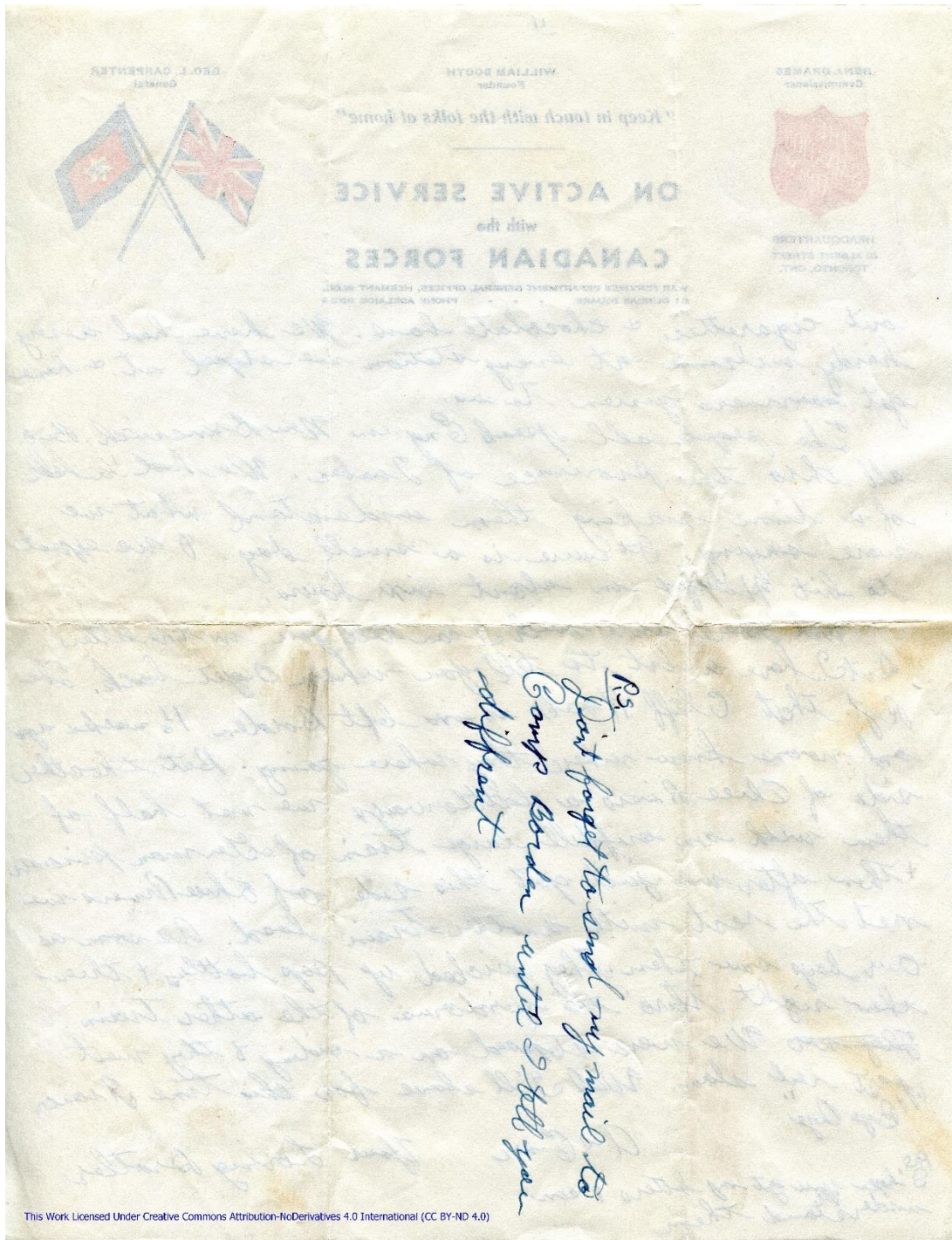
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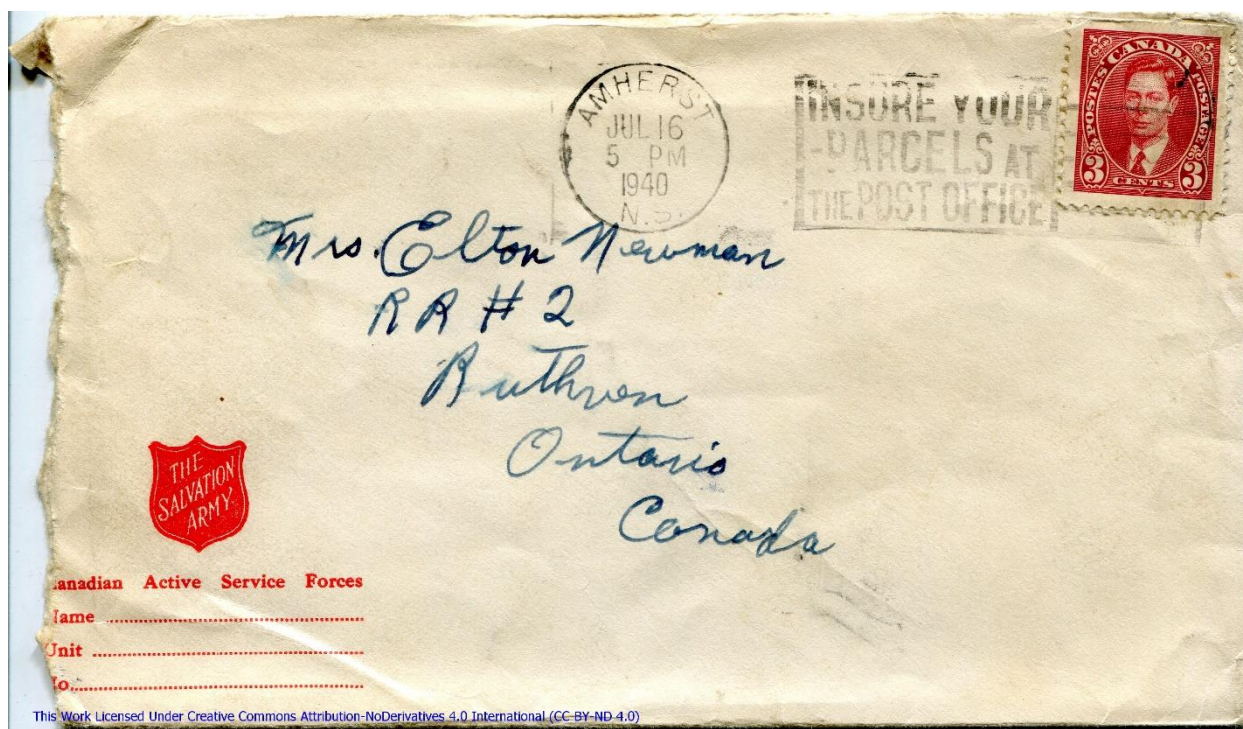


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6.	General Description/ Commentary	This letter from Private (Pte) Harry William Manchester to his sister, Mrs. Elton Newman of Cottam, Ontario, Canada, was written and posted while in transit from Camp Borden, Ontario, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on July 16, 1940.
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8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	None.
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10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Mrs. Elton Newman, R.R. #2, Ruthven, Ontario
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16.	Categories Reference - Relationships	sister
17.	Categories Reference - Events	parade, route march
18.	Categories Reference - Locations	Three Rivers, Quebec City, Quebec, New Brunswick, Borden, St. Lawrence River, Montreal, Halifax
19.	Categories Reference - People	Cliff Kaake, Onnellee [Reive], Elton [Newman], red cross ladies, German prisoners



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21.	Categories Reference - Facilities	Camp Borden, train
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