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Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - July 20, 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.

Version Number	Date	Change
1.0	3/15/2020	Original Publication.
1.1	3/17/2020	Updated document format to template version 2.0, and corrected property errors.

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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

This letter was screened by military authorities under war-time censorship controls. As a result, a) Harry redacted his location from page one of the letter, and b) delivery of the letter was delayed by military authorities.

ADDITIONAL MARKINGS

The front of the envelope is stamped: “TRANSMISSION DELAYED FOR PURPOSES OF SECURITY” and the military censor annotated the front of the envelope with “Censored [censor’s initials].

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

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX [LOCATION REDACTED]

Sat. Morn.

Dear Frances:-

We received some mail last nite. I got your letter that you wrote last Sun. Boy! Was I ever glad to get it. It's the first mail we've received since we left camp.

You can send my mail to "Base P.O." instead of Camp Borden from now on. Until I tell you different. I got two letters from Peggy. & on from Garnet & his folds. Peggy's was written Sat. nite before I made the phone call. & the other Sun. nite. I haven't got any that's been written since Mon. yet.

I'm sure glad you let La Verne know I had left Camp. I haven't herd from her for more than a couple weeks I guess. I should write to her. I guess I'll have to write to her. I'm not going to write many letters tho' until we get stationed somewhere.

We are not allowed to leave the decks. Outside of parades. & I don't go on parades only special ones. As I ~~haven't~~ have a permanent job carrying cases of bottles & cigarettes to & from the canteens. But the regt. went on a route march yesterday x morn. And again this morn. Into the city. I wouldn't mind going myself some morn. For a change.

We have pretty good food here. & it was pretty good the two days we were on the train too. Only we had coal soot instead of sand. And y the weather down here makes you want to sleep all the time I guess it's the water.

So you're thinking of taking a refugee child. Are you? It would be nice for the girls to have someone new to play with. I have saw quite a number of refugees & also german prisoners. I'll tell you where some other time. When I think they've reached their destination.

Our mail is all censored by the officers before it. goes on land. But I hope Peggy told you where I am. I think she would get my letter that I sent as soon as I got here. You want to tell me in your next letter. Just which letters you received of mine since I left Camp. I wrote some on the train I hope you got them.

It is raining a little this morn. The boys will be a little wet when they get in. We get our cigarettes a lot cheaper on board & I am stocking up a little.

You don't want to send me anything that will spoil Franc Cuz' we're liable to leave any minute And then it would have to be sent from the Base P.O. to wherever we are. And it might be quite a long time before I receive it.

But I told Glen & the Burns Bros. that they could keep me here for the duration of the war as long as I could eat & sleep the way I do.

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Lovingly

Your Brother


Harry

*** End of Transcription ***

ARTIFACT IMAGES

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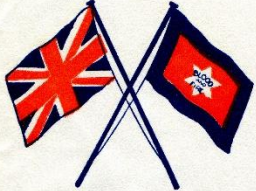
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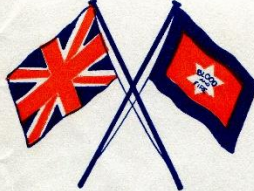


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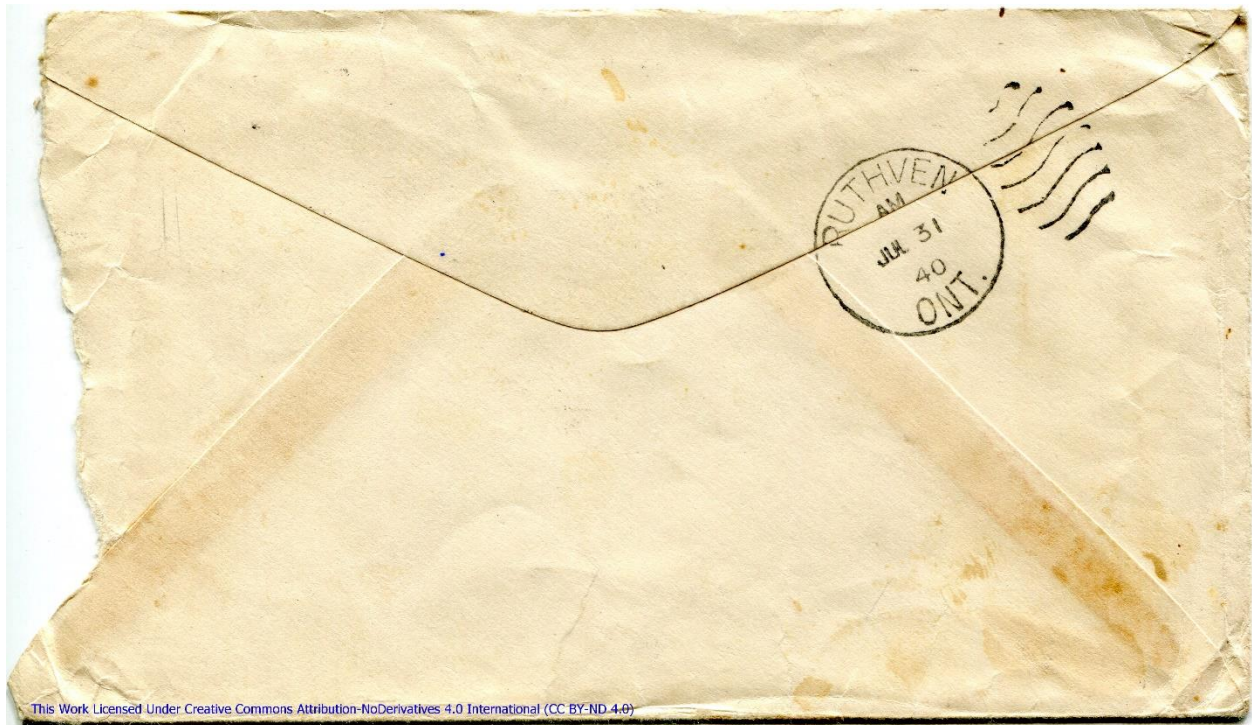
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ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-07-20-b
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - July 20, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	July 20, 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 Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on July 20, 1940.
7.	Origination Locale	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	H. Manchester, S.X. Scots, A21723
9.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence)	HALIFAX JUL 22 1130 AM 1940 N.S.
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven Ontario Canada
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	RUTHVEN AM JUL 31 40 ONT.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	This letter was screened by military authorities under war-time censorship controls. As a result, a) Harry redacted his location from page one of the letter, and b) delivery of the letter was delayed by military authorities.
13.	Artifact Transcribed Content	Reference "Transcribed" section in this document.
14.	Artifact Categories List	La Verne Woods, 1940, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Censored, Camp Borden, Frances Newman, ship, Glen, Burns Brothers, Peggy
15.	Content Reference (Tags)	sister, friend, officers, parade, route march, Halifax, Nova Scotia, the city, Camp Borden, Peggy, Glen, Burns Bros., Franc, German prisoners, refugees, La Verne, Essex Scottish Regiment, Base P.O., canteen, decks, ship, train
16.	Categories Reference - Relationships	sister, friend, officers
17.	Categories Reference - Events	None.
18.	Categories Reference - Locations	Halifax, Nova Scotia, the city, Camp Borden

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19.	Categories Reference - People	Peggy, Glen, Burns Bros., Franc, German prisoners, refugees, La Verne
20.	Categories Reference - Organizations	Essex Scottish Regiment
21.	Categories Reference - Facilities	Base P.O., canteen, decks, ship, train
22.	Categories Reference - Other	None.
23.	Additional Markings	The front of the envelope is stamped: "TRANSMISSION DELAYED FOR PURPOSES OF SECURITY" and the military censor annotated the front of the envelope with "Censored [censor's initials].
24.	Associated Artifacts	None.
25.	Number of Components (by type)	1 envelope; 3 physical sheets of paper; total of 5 image files.
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