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## Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - August 4, 1940

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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.

Version Number	Date	Change
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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

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 England, on August 4, 1940.

## EDITOR’S COMMENT

The letter indicates the Essex Scottish Regiment arrived in England (Probably Aldershot) on the afternoon of August 3, 1940.

## ADDITIONAL MARKINGS

The front of the envelope is marked "C.A.S.F." and the reverse of the envelope is stamped "THE ESSEX SCOTTISH"

## 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

Sunday Aug. 4/40

Dear Franc:-

We arrived in England safely & am having a fairly good time only haven't been here long enough to know what things are like. We just arrived ~~too~~ yesterday aft.

The trip was swell. It was really a nice ship & we had real nice births but they're pretty hard now. They are cots only hard bottomed ones. We are in buildings & not tents. & we're sure glad of that.

The English kids nearly drive you nuts with they're talk And everything is taxed so high. You have to pay thirty-six cents for 20 cigarettes. I am sending you a couple of sweet Caporal cards & am filling them out. You can send one to the sweet Caporal ~~people~~ Co. & enclose one dollar & They'll send me three hundred cigarettes

~~They have~~ We saw a lot of beautiful scenery on the way here. & It seems like all the houses are alike. They're all built of brick anyhow.

Well Sis. I'll write somemore during the week. I have a guard to do to-nite & it's only the second nite in the joint too. They have shows & everything wide open on Sunday. over here. So I'll close for now. Bye, Bye.

As Ever

Love Harry

A-21723

Pte. Harry Manchester

B coy Essex Scottish Regt.

C/O Base P.O.

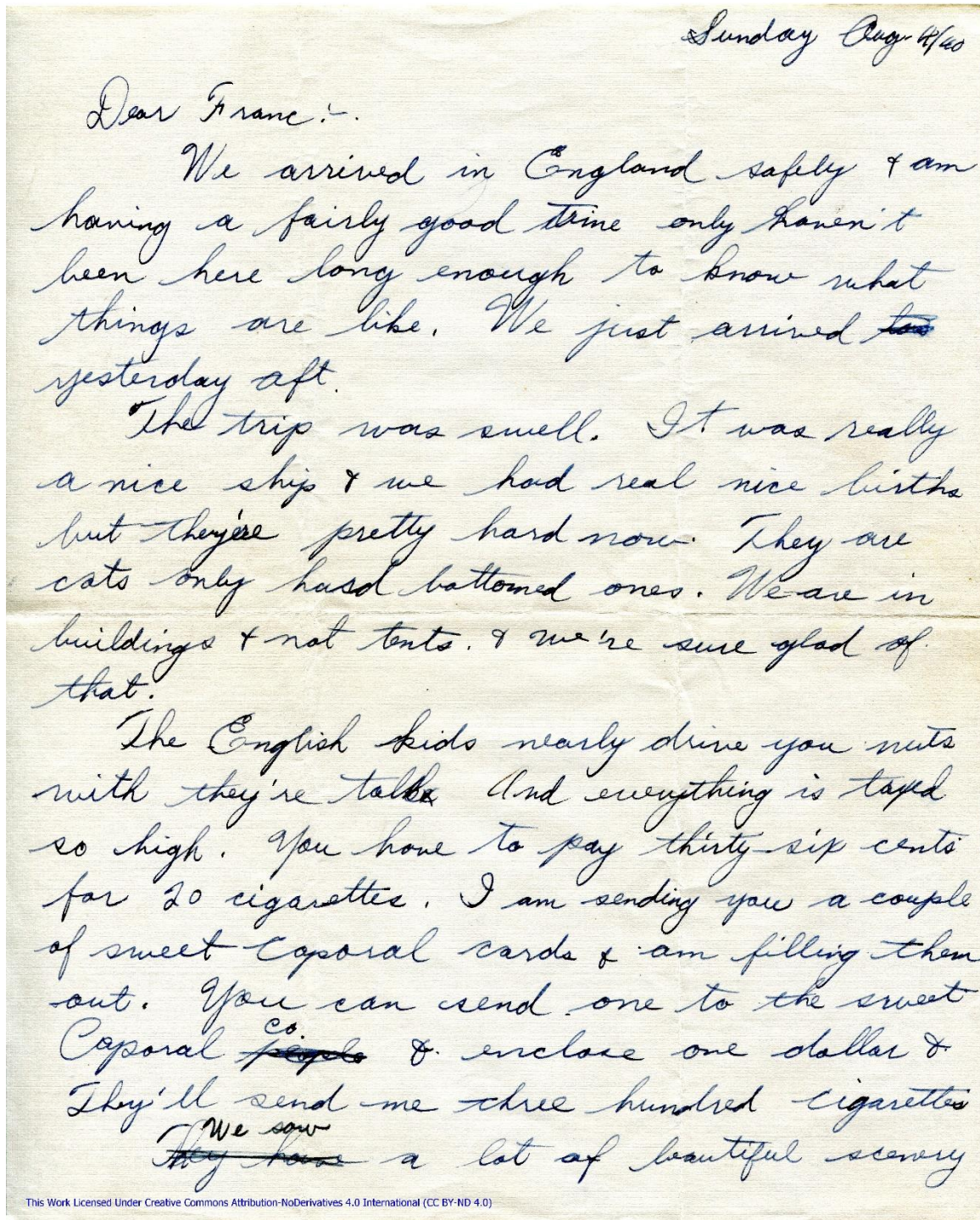
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## ARTIFACT IMAGES

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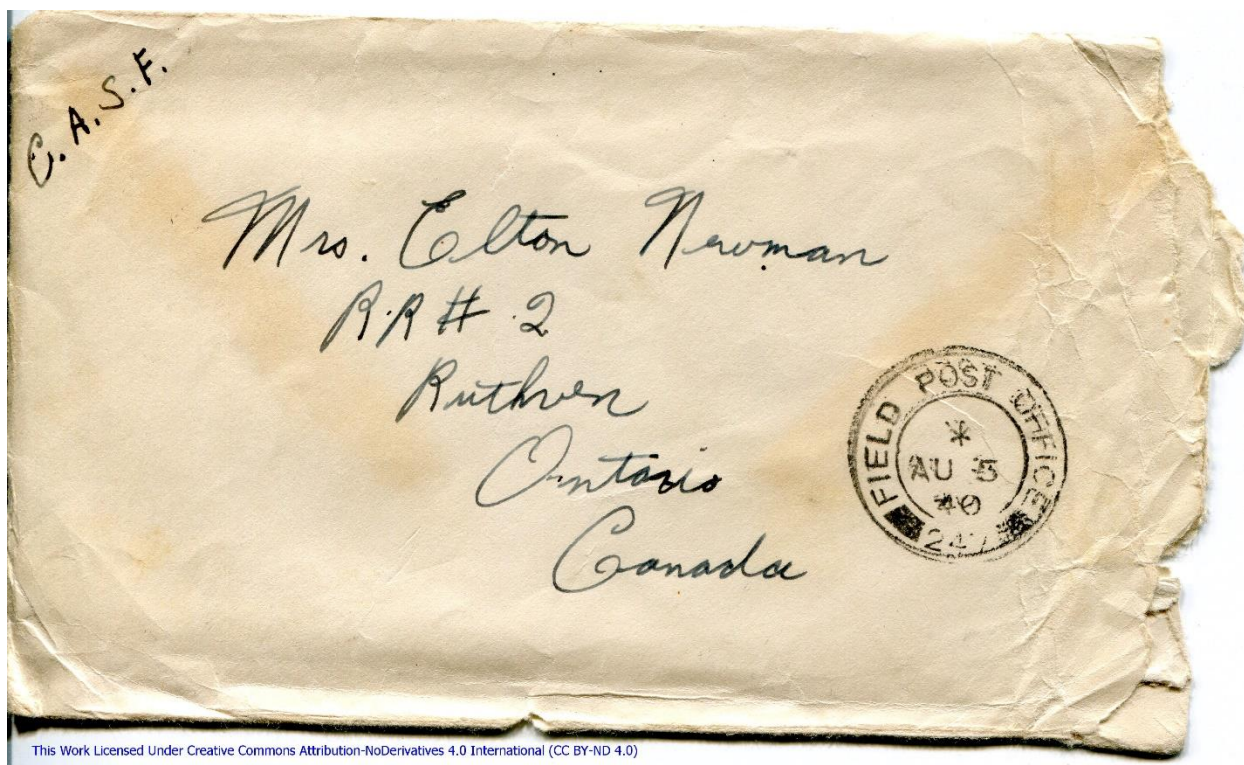
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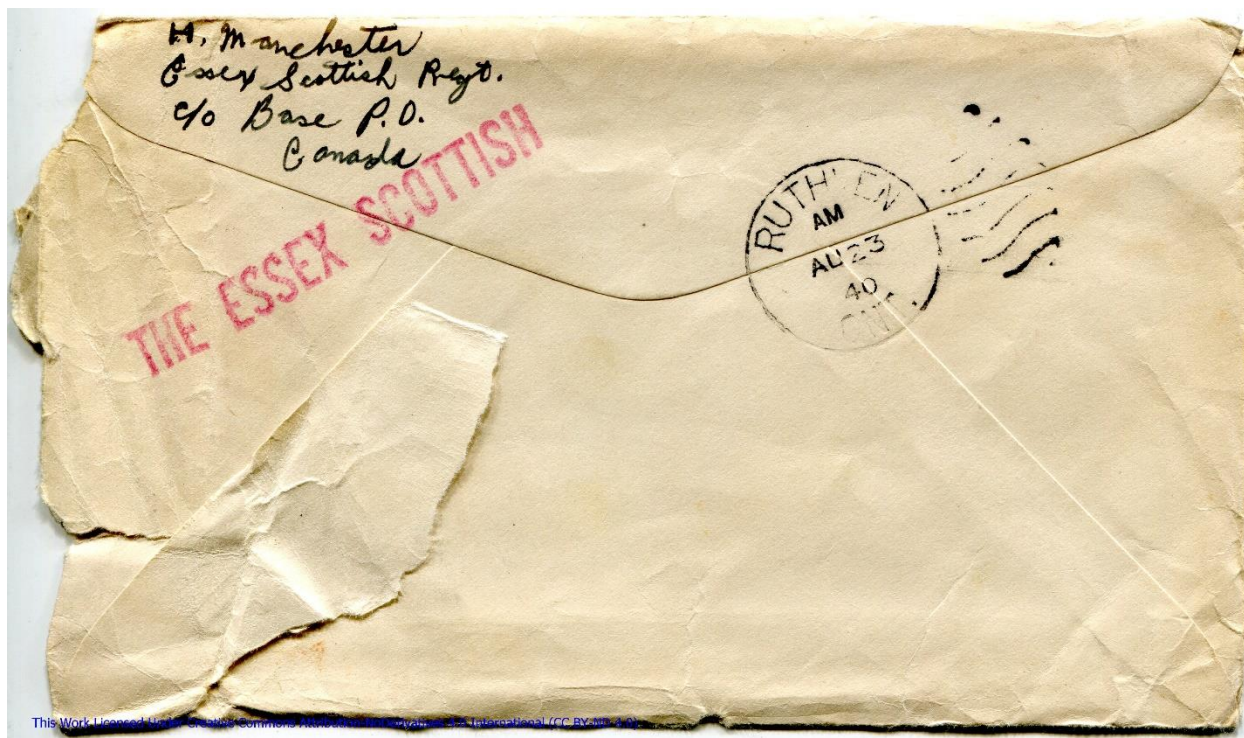
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## ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-08-04
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - August 4, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	August 4, 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 England, on August 4, 1940.
7.	Origination Locale	England, United Kingdom
8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	H. Manchester Essex Scottish Regt. C/O Base P.O. Canada
9.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence)	FIELD POST OFFICE 247 AU 5 40
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven Ontario Canada
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	RUTHVEN AM AU 23 40 ONT.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	The letter indicates the Essex Scottish Regiment arrived in England (Probably Aldershot) on the afternoon of August 3, 1940.
13.	Artifact Transcribed Content	Reference "Transcribed" section in this document.
14.	Artifact Categories List	1940, Frances Newman, The Essex Scottish Regiment, England
15.	Content Reference (Tags)	cigarettes, houses, shows, Sis[ter], guard [duty], England, English kids, B coy, Essex Scottish Regiment, Caporal Co., tents, buildings, ship
16.	Categories Reference - Relationships	Sis[ter]
17.	Categories Reference - Events	guard [duty]
18.	Categories Reference - Locations	England
19.	Categories Reference - People	English kids
20.	Categories Reference - Organizations	B coy, Essex Scottish Regiment, Caporal Co.
21.	Categories Reference - Facilities	tents, buildings, ship

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22.	Categories Reference - Other	cigarettes, cots, shows
23.	Additional Markings	The front of the envelope is marked "C.A.S.F." and the reverse of the envelope is stamped "THE ESSEX SCOTTISH"
24.	Associated Artifacts	None.
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