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Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - September 13, 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.

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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 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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All reasonable queries will receive a response.

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TRANSCRIPTION OF ARTIFACT CONTENT

Aldershot, Eng.
Friday Sept. 13/40

Dear Franc:-

Was so glad to know that you received my first letter okay. I have been thinking that you should soon get one from me. I hope Onn. got one too for her birthday. I got a letter from her a couple days ago & she said then that would be the best present she could get. She hadn't received any ~~from~~ up until that time yet.

I haven't received any parcels from the bakery or anyone else yet. I ~~had~~ have a letter from Rita & Pearl quite often & they said they each sent 300 windchesters cigarettes on the sixth of august. That's over a month ago & I haven't received them yet. I hope they soon come tho' as cigarettes are so expensiv that it takes most of our pay for them. And by the way. If you ever send me any~~th~~ parcels be sure & send razor blades. I don't care what kind they are.

I'm sorry I asked you to send those cigarettes ~~as soon as~~ before you had got your money from the Govt. But Franc. I didn't know that you were buying cows & fixing your barn at that time. I want you & Elton to be sure & use that little bit each month for whatever is necessary. If you'll send three dollars out of each cheque for cigarettes. They will forward me 1000 cigarettes & that should carry me a month. Then use the rest for what you & Elt see fit. It isn't much I know. But it may help you a little.

I received Glaydys' letter along with yours & will answer it as soon as possible. I am starting back in ranks again this aft. My Major says he needs me worse more than the police do. I try tried to transfer to brigade H.Q. to ride a motorcycle with a side car & machine gun on it which leads the way for the convoy & tho dam'nd colonel said he had a better job than that for me hi wanted me to stay with the regiment. If something don't pop up before long. They'll find me on C.B. again or in detention. My position as going back to ranks is a sniper.

They are placing us were they ~~tnk~~ think we should be as we expect to move to-morrow morning & relieve the first div in the fronts. Of course we have been expecting it for almost a week now.

I would like to stay here in third line. as it will be worse up in the first line. But of course some of the boys don't see enough action back here. I'll bet they'll be wanting to come back inside of three days.

I got a letter from Aunt Clara the other day too. & she told me that Dot was working & all other family affairs of course.

You could send some fruit cake if you wanted to. But I'd rather you would spend that money towards your place as there is so much to be done to it. I can get along without cake.

We are having a steady rain here to-day I guess this is Eng. weather altho' this is the first rain to amount to anything since we've arrived. The Eng. People say its so strange. Maybe we'll get lots of it & then of course it's Friday the thirteenth. We had an air raid first thing this morn. to start the day off. It seemed so funny yesterday We didn't have on raid all day long.

I hope you got those post cards I bought in London. Boy it's really getting hell bombed out of it these days. There is air raids on there all the time it seems.

Well Franc. I guess I'd better close for this time. Hope I hear from you soon Give the Kiddies & everyone else my Love & I hope I soon will be with them again.

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ARTIFACT IMAGES

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ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-09-13
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman - September 13, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Mrs. Elton Newman from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	September 13, 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 September 13, 1940.
7.	Origination Locale	Aldershot, England, United Kingdom
8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	H. Manchester 1st Batt. S.X. Scotts. C.A.S.F. C/O Base P.O. Canada
9.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence)	FIELD POST OFFICE 247 SP 13 40
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Mrs. Elton Newman RR #2 Ruthven Ontario Canada
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	RUTHVEN AM OC 5 40 ONT.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	None.
13.	Artifact Transcribed Content	Reference "Transcribed" section in this document.
14.	Artifact Categories List	1940, Frances Newman, The Essex Scottish Regiment, Aldershot, England, Air Raid, London
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16.	Categories Reference - Relationships	Kiddies
17.	Categories Reference - Events	Air Raid
18.	Categories Reference - Locations	London, Aldershot, England, United Kingdom
19.	Categories Reference - People	Onn[ellee], Rita, Pearl, Aunt Clara, Dot, Elton, Major, Colonel

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20.	Categories Reference - Organizations	First Div[ision], Brigade H.Q., Regiment
21.	Categories Reference - Facilities	Detention, C.B.
22.	Categories Reference - Other	Ammunition Train, bombs, air raid
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24.	Associated Artifacts	None.
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