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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
1.0	4/26/2020	Original Publication.



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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 letter from Private (Pte) Harry William Manchester to his sister, Miss La Verne Woods, of Highland Park, Michigan, was written and posted from Aldershot, England on September 24, 1940.

## EDITOR’S COMMENT

The envelope of this letter contains the censor’s label with the text: “P.C. 90 OPENED BY EXAMINER 4973”

## ADDITIONAL MARKINGS

The reverse of the envelope is marked “S.W.A.K. X”

## 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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TRANSCRIPTION OF ARTIFACT CONTENT

Aldershot, Eng.

Sept. 24/40

Dear La Verne:-

Well how are you getting along now? The last letter I got from Franc. She said you were'nt well. Of course you could easily be well again by now as it takes nearly three weeks, for mail to come across the ocean.

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They seem to be having a lot of damage done a London. Thats about 40 miles I guess. But haven't did any damage here to speak of. & I guess we are lucky for it. We can see the flashes every nite over London way.

How are the Woods' family & Jimmie I would love to see him again. I suppose their home seems bare with both Eleanor & Wilfred both getting married at once. I hear George has a new Packard. I'll be he really goes to town in it too.

I have been working on Military Police work every since I cam to Eng. On week I'm on afternoon shift & the next week morning shifts. This week the morning. I washed my dirty clothes yesterday & to-day I have ironed my dress shirt & a tie as I have a girl from London coming down to-morrow aft. To see me. I have never met her before. But we have been trying to get together every since I arrived. It seems that something turns up every time we plan to meet I hope it don't to-morrow tho' I have to press my uniform to when I the iron gets hot enough. She has sent me some pictures of herself. & she has one of me that her cousin in Windsor sent her. I used to go with her cousin. (Pearl) So her cousin ~~she~~ sent her my address & picture & Pearl also sent me her address in London. So thats how we got to writing to each other. The next thing is to meet her.

I want to get my hair washed too before supper. It is sort of pretty over here but of course everything is done by the government at the present time. Everybody you see has a uniform on. Even the women & girls are nurses or belong to the Auxuary Terretorial Service. I have met several Canadian girls that have come to England & joined it (A.T.S.)

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Some of the boys that have been in the hospital, say that the kuhale unit of nurses are from the Grace hospital in Toronto Canada. It is quite a large hospital too. So the Toronto hospital must have lost a lot of nurses when they came over here.

Well Sister I think I'd better close for this time. Give everybody my love & be sure & write as often as possible. I will say By Bye

Lovingly

Harry

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## ARTIFACT IMAGES

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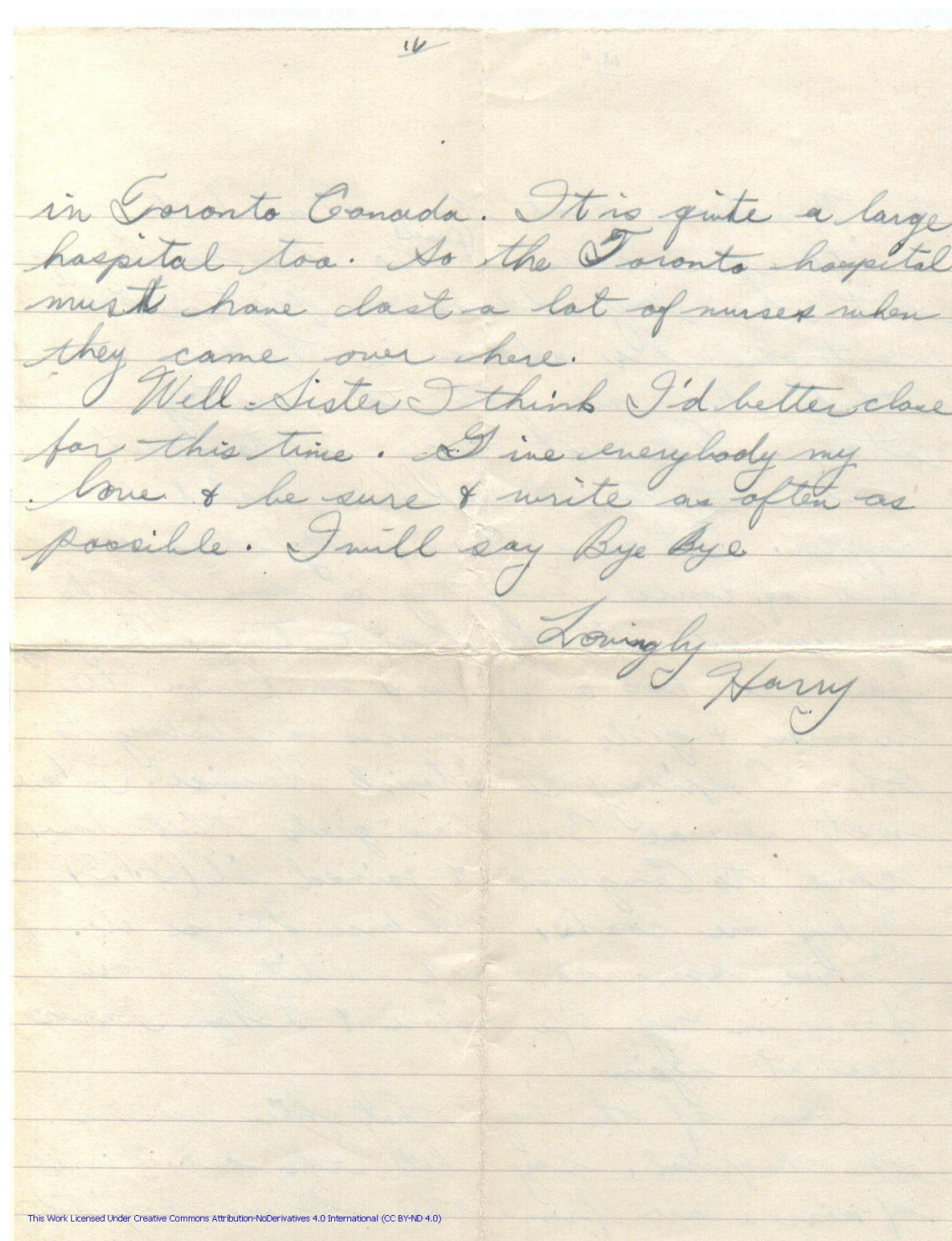
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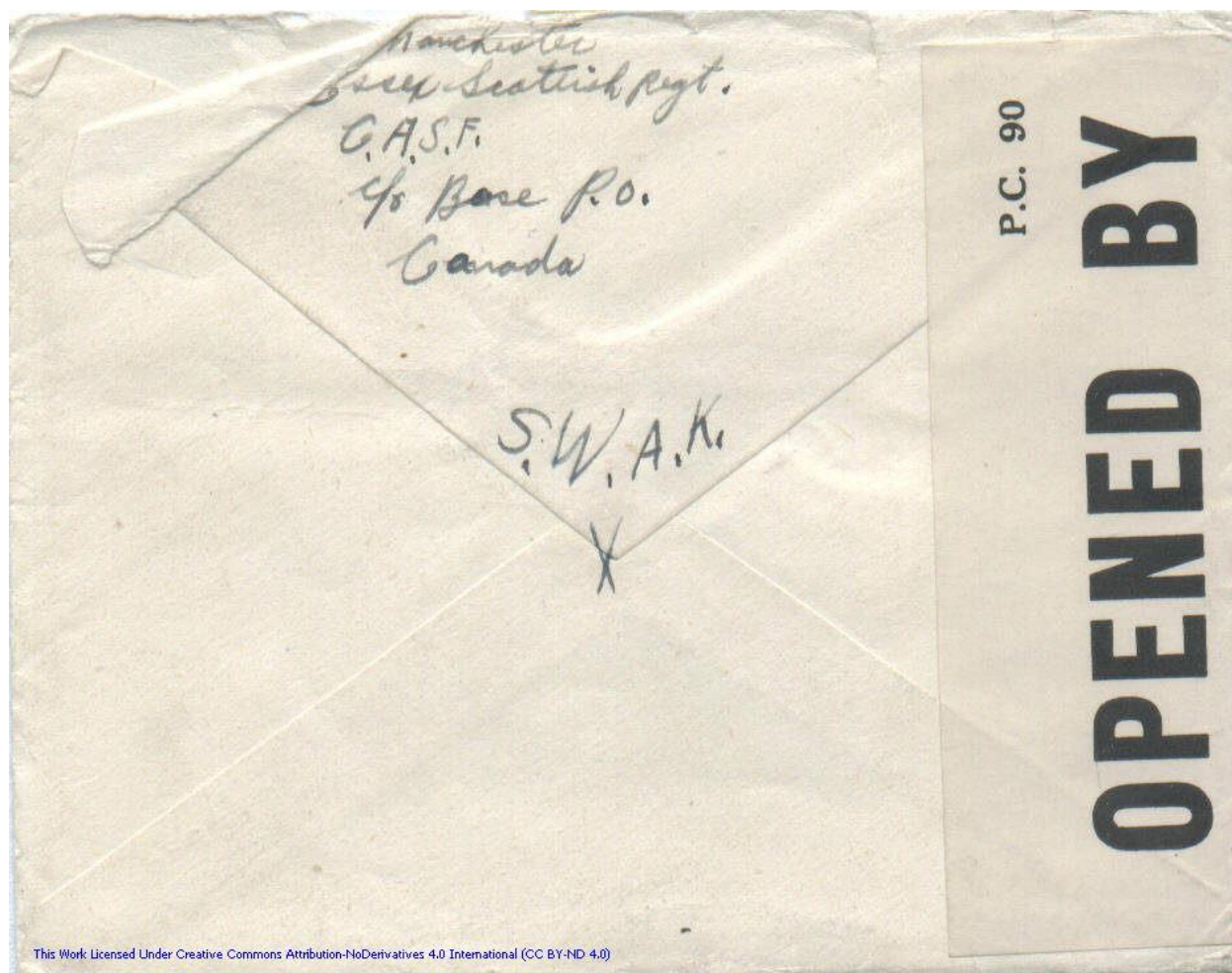
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## ARTIFACT PROPERTIES

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

	Property	Value
1.	Artifact ID	Art-1940-09-24
2.	Artifact Title	Letter to Miss La Verne Woods - September 24, 1940
3.	Artifact Type	Letter
4.	Artifact Description	Personal Letter to Miss LaVerne Woods from H.W. Manchester.
5.	Artifact Creation Date	September 24, 1940
6.	General Description/ Commentary	This letter from Private (Pte) Harry William Manchester to his sister, Miss La Verne Woods, of Highland Park, Michigan, was written and posted from Aldershot, England on September 24, 1940.
7.	Origination Locale	Aldershot, England, United Kingdom
8.	Origination Address (for correspondence)	H. Manchester Essex Scottish Regt.. C.A.S.F. C/O Base P.O. Canada
9.	Origination Postmark (for correspondence)	ALDERSHOT 645 PM 25 SEP 1940 HANTS.
10.	Destination Address (for correspondence)	Miss La Verne Woods, 52 Ferris Ave. Highland Park Michigan U.S.A.
11.	Destination Postmark (for correspondence)	None.
12.	Artifact Editor's Commentary	The envelope of this letter contains the censor's label with the text: "P.C. 90 OPENED BY EXAMINER 4973"
13.	Artifact Transcribed Content	Reference "Transcribed" section in this document.
14.	Artifact Categories List	1940, La Verne Woods, The Essex Scottish Regiment, London, Aldershot, England, Pearl, Eleanor, Wilfred, George [Woods], Jimmie {Woods}, Francis Newman
15.	Content Reference (Tags)	Sister, Pearl's cousin, Woods family, London, Aldershot, England, United Kingdom, Toronto, Windsor, Canada, Franc, George, Jimmie, Wilfred, Eleanor, Pearl, cooks, ambulance drivers, nurses, girl from London, Auxiliary Territorial Service (A.T.S.), Military
16.	Categories Reference - Relationships	Sister, Pearl's cousin, Woods family
17.	Categories Reference - Events	None.
18.	Categories Reference - Locations	London, Aldershot, England, United Kingdom, Toronto, Windsor, Canada



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19.	Categories Reference - People	Franc, George, Jimmie, Wilfred, Eleanor, Pearl, cooks, ambulance drivers, nurses, girl from London
20.	Categories Reference - Organizations	Auxiliary Territorial Service (A.T.S.), Military Police
21.	Categories Reference - Facilities	hospital, Grace Hospital
22.	Categories Reference - Other	Packard [Automobile], laundry, ironing, bomb damage
23.	Additional Markings	The reverse of the envelope is marked "S.W.A.K. X"
24.	Associated Artifacts	None.
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