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The document attached hereto dated

10. 8. 14 and signed

Jack

appears to have been written or executed by the late

Inspector died No. 7902 Rifleman John Madden

27. 10. 1914 2nd Bn Royal Irish Rifles

while he was "in actual military service" within the

meaning of the Wills Act, 1837, and has been recognised

by the War Department as constituting a valid Will.

Geo. D. Aust

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

WAR OFFICE, S.W.

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Royal Irish Rifles

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Miss B Whelan
24 Castle Street
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Tidworth

England

10/8/14

Dearest Biddy

Biddy I am very
glad you wrote too me. I got
your letter on Sunday. I only
came over the night before
as Orders were going away
and are going on in such
a way now that we don't
know when or where we
are or when we will leave
but one thing is certain we
are going to the front. we
may get the order any
moment. of course we are
not supposed to know.

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Irish order are issued
every moment in day and
night. Dearest Biddy I
took your advice. I went
too my Duty this morning
and feel much happier
Thanks too God. I met
John Whelan here this
morning and we had a talk
over things he was telling
me he has given up Driv-
ing for good but he
did not know anything
about my mother so I
told him all about it
and he said that I must

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anything about orders of
any kind. but we get in
too the know somehow.
This Place Tidworth is
an awful Place. all toget-
her were singing our name
here there and every where.
Dear Biddy I am sure you
were glad when you got
the Telegrams. well when
I sent that we were
to leave Belfast at 6.30
that night for Tidworth
pick up more troops and
move on too Belgium.
we are here a few days
and more are still coming.
but we may leave here any
time. we might go today.

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have suffered very much
Dear Biddy I did not
like to write too Miss
Ray because they might
not like it. but if you
ever see her tell her how
I am. Dear Biddy I +
have made my Army will
and you are my "Heir" to
anything I have too give
I have also made arrange-
ments too send you one
shilling Per day while
I am serving. That is
to say you will get

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every week you will
recieve 7/- out of my
Pay you might as well
(Don't Think Bad of me)
have it and Don't
work so hard while
you get the money. get
a small Box of senat-
ogen SENATOGEN. every
week and it will help
to build you up again
there is a lot of our
Battalion going Back
to Dublin not me
only Militamen and

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Dear Biddy me and my chum (a chap called McDonnell a very quite chap) got our Piths in Belfast before we left but they will not be ready for a week or so. so we left our addresses and when they are ready they will be sent on too you they are paid for we got them taken in comic style also

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men with over 12 years service tell Mrs & Mr Brown not to forget what I told her about them 'Blackmailers' if ever they should call again

Dear Biddy I think you can get a Battel of Burgundy. Keystone Brand for 2/6 try and get one and take some yourself give some too your Mother for god she will want something to keep her Poor Heart from Breaking

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2 of which are in
this letter one for Mrs
Brown & for yourself
Dear Biddy I am
sending Back the two
Pawn Tickets: Biddy
dont think had of
me doing so. when you
get this money run in
to Dublin and see ab-
out it. tell the man that
I am gone to the front
and I would not like
to lose it. Biddy for
Gods sake dont forget
to see to them Both

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how i should be so un-
lucky as to have the
em in there no matter
god is good and we
will be together again
Dear Biddy i miss
my cup of tea & roshe
we got 3/- today for
our pay god knows when
we will get any more
Biddy i will send a
Telgram when we leave
here for the front. if
you ans when you answer
this letter (answer as soon
as you read it) put an

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Dear Biddy you might
(i know you will) show
one of the Photos too my
Father and tell him to
keep the Heart up. we
will meet again
I hope. Dear Biddy i
do miss you fighting with
me now. no matter we
will fight again Please
God. Biddy dont
forget what i say
about the letter as soon
as you read this dont
forget "forget me - not"

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extra $\frac{1}{2}$ stamp so that it
will follow on quickly
They Photos are rather
funny. i hope you will
like them. as the others
when you get them. Dear
Biddy i think i must
come to a close (all though
i could keep on writing
till i had a Book) by
asking you to keep your
mother in. tell her to
keep the Heart up as well
will meet again with
God and His Holy Mother

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Dear Biddy all for you

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for your Mother

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from
your Dearest
Jack

PS we may be gone
before your answer
but it will fol
low on

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Rifman
J. Madden

~~of~~ "company"

Royal Irish Rifle
 Troop
 Godworth
 England

I would have written before now waiting news