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# INFORMAL WILL.

W.O. No.: E/ 519644/1

DOMICILE.

English  
Irish

Record No.

335/576784 1/18

Name

Edward Byrne

The enclosed document  
dated 12 July 1915  
and signed

E. Byrne

Regtl. No.  
and Rank

8364 Pte

Regt.

1<sup>st</sup> East Lancs

Died at

Presumed dead

Date of Death

1/7/16

appears to have been written  
or executed by the person  
named in the margin while  
he was "in actual military  
service" within the meaning  
of the Wills Act, 1837, and  
has been recognised by the  
War Department as con-  
stituting a valid will.

WAR OFFICE.

Date 30/5/18.

*Adams*

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

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Army Form B 243.

FORM OF WILL, No. 1.

To be used by a Soldier desirous of leaving the whole of his effects to one person.

(a) The names of the soldier to be written in full.

I, (a) Edward Byrnes

No. 8364 of the E. Lanes Regiment of Sot

do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made, and declare this to be my last Will.

(b) Insert "friend" or if a relative, in what degree.

After payment of my just Debts and Funeral Expenses, I give to my Sister

(c) The name in full.

(b) Maggie Burno.

(d) Insert the address, if known, or other description.

(c) Crosspoint Clarmoris C/o  
Mafo

(e) If to a female, add the words [for her sole and separate use, her receipt alone being a sufficient discharge].

absolutely (e) \_\_\_\_\_

the whole of my Estate and Effects, and everything that I can by law give or dispose

(f) The full names and descriptions and exact addresses of the Executor or Executors should be carefully stated.

of, and I appoint (f) \_\_\_\_\_

Executor of this my Will.

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8. But an alteration or addition may be made by a *Codicil* (that is to say, by an addition to the Will), executed and witnessed in the same way as the Will.

9. When engaged in actual warfare, or when he has been placed under orders for active service, a Soldier of English, Guernsey, or Manx domicile is privileged (where circumstances do not allow of these Forms being used) to record his Will in writing without the attesting witnesses [see page provided for the purpose in Army Book 64 (Soldier's Pay Book)], or to declare the same orally in the presence of witnesses. A Soldier of Scottish, Jersey, or Guernsey domicile can make a written Will without witnesses at any time, provided it is entirely in his own handwriting and dated and signed by him.

N.B.—The testator, if of English domicile, must be of the age of 21 years unless he is on active service or under orders for active service. A Scotsman can dispose by Will of personal property (as distinguished from real property) when over the age of fourteen years.

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In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 12 day of July

A.D. 19 18 E. Byrne

(g) Soldier to sign here, or, if he cannot write, to make his mark.

Signed and acknowledged by the said EB

the same having been previously read over to him as and for his *last Will*, in the presence of us, present at the same time, who, in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses.

(h) Witnesses to sign here.  
(i) Add addresses in full.

(h) H. Richards  
(i) 19 Coy 6th R. Buffs  
(h) \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) \_\_\_\_\_

*Declaration of the Medical Officer.*

I declare that I was present at the Execution of this Will, and that \_\_\_\_\_ the Testator, was at the time in a fit state of mind to execute the same.

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Army Form B 244.

FORM OF WILL, No. 2.

To be used by a Soldier desirous of leaving Legacies to some one or more persons, and the residue to another, or others.

(a) The names of the soldier to be written in full.

I, (a) \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

Regiment of \_\_\_\_\_

do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made, and declare this to be my last Will.

After payment of my just Debts and

Funeral Expenses, I give to (b) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Name the person, and describe him by his rank or profession, regiment, degree of relationship (if any), or in any other way, and give his address in full. If to a female, also add the words [for her sole and separate use, her receipt alone being a sufficient discharge].

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

And I give to (b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

And all the rest of my Estate and Effects, and everything that I can give or

dispose of, I give and bequeath absolutely to (b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Here state the particular articles or money intended to be given.

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