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**FORMAL WILL.**

W.O. No.: E

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DOMICILE

*Irish English*

Record No.

*395/666509 18/19*

Name

*Charles Edward Crooks.*

Regtl. No. and Rank

*19446 Corporal*

Regt.

*12<sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Irish Rifles*

Died at

*Killed in Action*

Date of Death

*16-4-18.*

**WAR OFFICE.**

Date

*27/9/18*

W. 16/1005

E/68685-0

2 Mills

22 MAY 1918

19446 Cpl. C. E. Crooks

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WILL.  
11/1944/16

Charles Edward Crooks  
Reg No 1944611 Batt R.I. Rfls  
In the event of my

Death I give the whole  
of my Belongings to

John Crooks  
61 Muckamore Co. Antrim  
Ireland

R. J. R.

E/60685-0

2 Mills

23 MAY 1918

19446 Cpl. C. E. Crooks

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19446 Cpl. C. E. Brooks

R. Irish Rfls.

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**WILL.**

In the event of my death  
I leave the whole of my  
property & effects to my  
Father Mr John Brooks  
61 Muckamore.

County Antrim

Signature John Edward Brooks.

Rank and Regiment Cpl R I Rfls

Regtl. Number 1179446

Date 25 MAR 1918

Soldiers are recommended to make a will before embarkation, on AF. W. 3297, and to hand it to their Commanding Officer for transmission to the Officer in charge of Records for safe custody.

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R. Irish Pfls.

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**Short Form of Will.**

(See instruction 4 on page 1).

If a soldier on active service, or under orders for active service, wishes to make a short will, he may do so on the next page. **It must be entirely in his own handwriting and must be signed by him and dated.** The full names and addresses of the persons whom he desires to benefit, and the sum of money or the articles of property which he desires to leave to them must be clearly stated. **The mere entry of the name of an intended legatee on the opposite page without any mention of what the legatee is to receive is of no legal value.**

The following is a specimen of a will leaving all to one person :-

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my mother, Mrs. Mary Atkins, 999, High Street, Aldershot.

(Signature) THOMAS ATKINS,  
Private, No. 1793.

Date 5th August, 1914 Gloucester Fusrs.

The following is a specimen of a will leaving legacies to more than one person :-

In the event of my death I give £10 to my friend, Miss Rose Smith, of No 1, High Street, London, and I give £5 to my sister, Miss Sarah Atkins, 999, High Street, Aldershot, and I give the remaining part of my property to my mother Mrs Mary Atkins, 999, High Street, Aldershot.

(Signature) THOMAS ATKINS,  
Private, No 1793,

Date 5th August 1914 Gloucester Fusrs.

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Army Form W. 3297.

**USE EITHER THIS FORM OR THE FORM OVERLEAF, BUT NOT BOTH.**

Form of Will to be used by a soldier desirous of leaving the whole of his property and effects to one person.

(See overleaf for Form of Will leaving legacies to more than one person.)

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to



Name of Legatee in full Mr John Brooks  
 (Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Relationship to soldier, if any Father

Address of legatee in full 61 Muckamore

Country Antrim

Signature of Soldier (full name) Charles Edward Brooks

Rank and Regimental Number Cpl 19446

Regiment 18th R. I Rifles

Date 25 MAR 1918

(a) Insert full name of soldier making the Will.

Signed and acknowledged by the said (a) 19446 Cpl. C. E. Brooks  
 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\*

(b) Witnesses to sign here.

(b) Lt Cpl S Farley

(c) Add addresses in full.

(c) Abomp 18th R. I Rifles C Boye

(b) J. Cleland. C. P. ...

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

\*N.B.—The Witnesses must NOT be persons intended to benefit under the Will, or husbands or wives of such persons.

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USE EITHER THIS FORM OR THE FORM OVERLEAF, BUT NOT BOTH.

Form of Will to be used by a soldier desirous of leaving legacies to some one or more persons, and the residue to another or others.

(See overleaf for Form of Will leaving everything to one person.)

In the event of my death I give to

(a) Name the person and describe him by his rank, regt., or profession, degree of relationship (if any) or in any other way, and give his address in full

(a)

(b)

(b) Here state the particular articles, or money intended to be given

And I give to (a)

(b)

And all the rest of my estate and effects, and everything that I can give or dispose of, I give and bequeath absolutely to (a)

Signature of Soldier (full name)

Rank and Regimental Number

Regiment

Date

(c) Insert full name of soldier making the Will.

Signed and acknowledged by the said (c) 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\* :—

(d) Witnesses to sign here

(d)

(e) Add addresses in full

(e)

(d)

(e)

\*N.B.—The Witnesses must NOT be persons intended to benefit under the Will, or husbands or wives of such persons.

[P.T.O.]

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