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Domicile: Irish

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The document attached hereto dated

and signed

G. Byrne.

appears to have been written or executed by

Testator ~~died at~~ ^{was}

4108

*Killed in
Action*

Private George Byrne

1st Bn Irish Guards.

on *8/11/14*

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.

A formal Will executed by the deceased soldier on the 6th August 1914 is also attached.

H. A. Parkin

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

WAR OFFICE,

Date

*4 June
May 1915.*

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No. 4108 Pte G. Byrne

1st Batta

Irish Guards.

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WILL.

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

Bridget Byrne (sister)

Donore Drogheda

Co. Meath
Ireland

4108 Pte G. Byrne

Irish Guards

W. J. [unclear] 14/10/14
Witness

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1st Batta

Irish Guards

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) George Byrne

No. 4108 of the 1st Batta
Regiment of Irish Guards

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) Bridget Byrne

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

(c) Donegal Brogheda
(d) Co Meath Ireland

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

absolutely (e) for her sole and separate use her receipt alone being a sufficient discharge

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 (My Sister)
Bridget Byrne
(above address)

Executor of this my Will.

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No. 4108 M^r G. Byrne

1st Battn

Irish Guards.

7. If any alteration is made in the writing of a Will, the signatures of the testator and the witnesses ought to be made in the margin or other part of the Will, opposite to or near such alteration, or at the foot or end of, or opposite to a memorandum referring to such alteration, and written at the end or some other part of the Will.

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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No. 4108 Mr G. Byrne

1st Battn

Irish Guards.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand this 6th day of August 1914

A.D. 19¹⁴
(g) George Byrne Irish Guard

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

Signed and acknowledged by the said
George Byrne

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 address-
es in full.

(h) Hugh Belmont
Edward Whiston
(i) 1st Bn Irish Guards
(h) Wellington Barracks
London

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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No. 4108 Klie G. Byrne

1st Battn

Irish Guards

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.