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INFORMAL WILL.

W.O. No.: E/315 827/1

DOMICILE, *Irish*

Record No. ²⁵⁶ /456387-1417/18

The enclosed document

Name *Thomas Partridge*

undated
and ^{not} signed

Thomas Partridge

Regtl. No. and Rank *18604 Private*

appears to have been written

^{121KTB2}
Regt. *Royal Irish Rifles*

or executed by the person

Died at *Presumed Dead.*

named in the margin while

Date of Death *On or since 1-7-16.*

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.

Alfred Robinson

Date *20.6.17*

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)

S/C Thomas Partridge
No. 18604 of the 12th Batt
Regiment of R.I. Rifles

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 my

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

(c) The name (b) Mrs Margaret Partridge
in full.

(d) Insert the (c) Fanny Mount
address, if known,
or other descrip- (d) Garrick fergus
tion.

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

her only dependants

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

the whole of my Estate and Effects, and
everything that I can by law give or dispose
of, and I appoint (f) _____

Executor of this my Will.

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6. In English law a Will is revoked by the marriage of the testator, and therefore a new Will ought to be made after marriage if desired. By the law of Scotland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, the rights of the widow or children to some part of the estate cannot be defeated by a Will.

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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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) _____
And I give to (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) _____

(b) Name of 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, being a sufficient discharge].

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

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In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand this _____ day of _____
A.D. 19 _____

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

Signed and acknowledged by the said

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) _____
(i) _____
(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.