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INFORMAL WILL.

W.O. No.: E/ 183860/1

DOMICILE Irish

Record No. 114/243659 15/16.

Name Thomas Thompson.

The enclosed document
dated 1st December: 1914
and signed

Thomas Thompson.

Regtl. No. and Rank 7233 Private.

appears to have been written
or executed by the person

Regt. 2nd Royal Irish Rifles:

named in the margin while

Died at in Feldlageret
Halluin.

he was "in actual military
service" within the meaning

~~Curragh.~~

of the Wills Act, 1837, and

Date of Death 28th Sept: 1915.

has been recognised by the

War Department as con-

stituting a valid will.

WAR OFFICE.

W. H. House

Date 28/1/16

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

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4th B. Irish Rifles

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Will

Army Form B. 244.

Form No. 2.

THE WILL

of 4/7233 Lo. Cpl Thompson
of the 4th Royal Irish Rifles
dated 1st December 1914

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Will

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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) Dec Cpl Thompson Thomas

No. 4233, of the 4th Bn Royal Irish Regiment of 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

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

(b) Mrs M. Thompson (wife)
90 Custom Street Belfast

(c) For her sole and separate use, her receipt alone being a sufficient discharge

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)

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

And lastly I appoint (d)

executor of this my Will.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of December A.D. 19 14.

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

(e) Thomas Thompson

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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.

(f) Witnesses to
sign here.

(f) _____

(g) Add addresses
in full.

(g) _____

(f) _____

(g) _____

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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Will

GENERAL RULES AS TO WILLS.

The Will must be in writing, and signed by the Testator with his name, or if he cannot write, with his mark, in the presence of two witnesses, who must be present together; and the Will must be acknowledged and attested in the presence of all three.

A person to whom money, &c., is left by the Will, or the husband or wife of such a person, should not be an attesting witness, for the gift would not be good, but he or she may be appointed an Executor.

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 portion of the estate cannot be defeated by a Will.

If any alteration is made in the writing of a Will, the signatures of the Testator and of 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.

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.

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 14 years.