

Soldier's Service Book.

(Soldier's Pay Book, Army Book 64 (Part II), will be issued for active service.)

Entries in this book (other than those connected with the making of a Soldier's Will and insertion of the names of relatives) are to be made under the superintendence of an Officer.

Instructions to Soldier.

1. You are held **personally responsible** for the safe custody of this book.
2. You will **always carry this book** on your person.
3. You must produce the book whenever called upon to do so by a competent military authority, viz., Officer, Warrant Officer, N.C.O. or Military Policeman.
4. You must not alter or make any entry in this book (except as regards your next-of-kin on pages 10 and 11 or your Will on pages 15 to 20).
5. Should you lose the book, you will report the matter to your immediate military superior.
6. On your transfer to the Army Reserve this book will be handed into your Orderly Room for transmission, through the O. i/c Records, to place of rejoining on mobilization.
7. You will be permitted to retain this book after discharge, but should you lose the book after discharge it cannot be replaced.
8. If you are discharged from the Army Reserve, this book will be forwarded to you by the O. i/c Records.

MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION.

Date.	Category or Grade.	Medical Examiner of Recruits, or other Medical Authority.	Initials of Medical Officer.
18-2-41		Capite. class. T. O. E.	Dr. B. United

PRESCRIPTION FOR GLASSES.

R	Vision without Glasses.	SPH	CYL	Axis Standard Notation.	Vision with Glasses.	Ophth. Centre:	Date of Exam.:
L						Frame No. (or measurements):	Date of Issue:
							Optician's Initials.

Signature of M.O. *Dr. B. United*

VACCINATION.

Date Vaccinated.	Initials of Medical Officer.
<i>Dr. B. United</i>	<i>Dr. B. United</i>

PROTECTIVE INOCULATIONS.

Nature of Vaccine, "T.A.B.", Cholera, Plague, etc.	Date.	Initials of Medical Officer.
<i>T.A.B.</i>	<i>Dr. B. United</i>	<i>Dr. B. United</i>
<i>F.J.C.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>

PARTICULARS OF NEW ARTIFICIAL DENTURES SUPPLIED.

Particulars.	Dental Centre.	Date.	Initials of Dental Officer.

SOLDIERS' WILLS.

1. The soldier should always be careful to insert particulars of his relatives on pages 10 and 11 but it must be clearly understood that the entry of a name on those pages has not the legal effect of a Will and does not have any influence on the distribution of a soldier's estate. Unless a soldier duly makes a Will, his estate has to be distributed in accordance with the laws of Intestacy and the person whom he might intend to benefit may receive little or no share in the distribution.

2. The Soldier's Will should be made out either on the separate Form provided for that purpose, or on one of the Forms contained in this Book, or on a separate sheet of paper, and unless he is on active service or under orders for active service, the testator must be of the age of 21 years, with the exception that a Scotsman can always dispose of movable property (as distinguished from heritable property—see paragraph 10) when of the age of 14 years or over.

3. The bequests in the Will may be varied according to the circumstances and wishes of each Soldier; but the form of attestation and the general outline of the Will, as shown in the following Forms, are to be carefully followed.

4. The Will must be 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, and dated.

5. A person to whom money, etc., 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.

6. In English law a Will may be 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 on active service in the field, or when he has been placed under orders for active service, a soldier of English, Guernsey or Manx domicile is privileged to make his Will in writing without the attesting witnesses (see pages 19 and 20), or to declare the same by word of mouth in the presence of witnesses, and if the testator is of English domicile he can dispose of all his property, of whatever kind.

10. A soldier of Scottish, Jersey or Guernsey domicile can make a written Will without witnesses at any time, provided that it is entirely in his own handwriting and

dated and signed by him at the foot of the document. A soldier of Scottish domicile can dispose by Will of movable property, at any time, when of the age of 14 years or over, but heritable property situated in Scotland cannot be disposed of by Will by a soldier under 21 years of age, unless he is at the time on active service in the field or under orders for active service. Heritable property includes land and houses and rights in and to the same; movable property includes money, stocks, shares and certificates of money value, jewellery and other personal articles.

11. When any of the forms of Will on pages 15 to 20 have been completed by the soldier, it is in his interests to have the Will placed in safe custody, and Officers i/c Records have special facilities for doing this. The soldier should, therefore, on completing either of the Will forms, ask the Officer Commanding the Company, etc., to extract the Will from Army Book 64, and to arrange its despatch to the Officer i/c Records concerned, the counterfoil slip being completed by the Officer who extracts the Will.

Army Form B. 2089.

ON COMPLETION TO BE DESPATCHED TO
OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS BY
O.C. UNIT.

FORM OF WILL to be used by a soldier desirous of leaving the whole of his Property and Effects to one person.
(See page 17 for FORM OF WILL leaving legacies to more than one person.)

(a) Signature
of soldier in full. I,

(a)

(b) Rank and (b)
army number.

(c) Regiment. (c)

hereby revoke all Wills heretofore made by me at any time, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

(d) Name and
address of
Executor.

I appoint (d)

to be the Executor of this my Will.

After payment of my just Debts and Funeral Expenses, I give all my Estate and Effects, and everything that I can give or dispose of to my (e)

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

(f) Full name
and address of
person.

(f)

To whom sent.....

Date Will extracted.....

Signature of Officer.....

(g) Date. Signed this (g).....day of.....
19....

(h) Signature of soldier. (h).....

(i) Insert full name of soldier making Will. Signed and acknowledged by the said (i)
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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.*

(j) Witnesses to sign here. (j).....

(k) Add addresses in full. (k).....

(j).....

(k).....

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

Army Form B. 2089.

ON COMPLETION TO BE DESPATCHED TO OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS BY O.C. UNIT.

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 page 15 for FORM OF WILL leaving everything to one person.)

(a) Signature of soldier in full. I, (a).....

(b) Rank and army number. (b).....

(c) Regiment. (c).....

hereby revoke all Wills heretofore made by me at any time, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

(d) Name and address of Executor. I appoint (d).....

to be the Executor of this my Will.

(e) Insert "friend," or, if a relative, in what degree. After payment of my just Debts and Funeral Expenses I give to my (e).....

To whom sent.....

Date Will extracted.....
Signature of Officer.....

(f) Full name (f)
and address
of person.

(g) State articles or money (g)
intended to be given. and I give to my (e).....
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(f)

(g)

All the rest of my Estate and Effects, and
everything that I can give or dispose of,
I give and bequeath absolutely to my (e)
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(f)

(h) Date. Signed this (h).....day of19....

(i) Signature (i)
of soldier.

(j) Full name (j) Signed and acknowledged by the said (j)
of soldier
making Will.

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.*

(k) Witnesses (k)
to sign here.

(l) Add ad- (l)
dresses in full.

(k)

(l)

* See footnote, page 16.

SOLELY FOR USE ON ACTIVE SERVICE. The Will on page 23
must **NOT** be used until you have been placed under orders for
Active Service.

SHORT FORM OF WILL.

(Write Will on next page.)

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 next
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 Bull, 999, High Street, Aldershot.

(Signature) GEORGE BULL,

Fusilier, No. 1973, Royal Fusils.

Date 5th August, 1914.

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 Maud Bull, 999, High Street, Aldershot, and I give the
remaining part of my property to my mother, Mrs. Mary Bull,
999, High Street, Aldershot.

(Signature) GEORGE BULL,

Fusilier, No. 1973, Royal Fusils.

Date 5th August, 1914.

Soldiers are, however, recommended to make a formal Will before
embarkation on A.F. B. 2089, or one of the forms of formal Will
provided on p. 15 and p. 17, and to hand it to their Commanding
Officer for transmission to the Record Office for safe custody.

To whom sent.....

Date Will extracted.....
Signature of Officer.....

SOLELY FOR USE ON ACTIVE SERVICE. This Will page must
NOT be used until you have been placed under orders for
Active Service

WILL.

(For use if the soldier has not already made a Will or wishes to
after one already made. See instructions on previous page.)

ON COMPLETION TO BE DESPATCHED TO OFFICER IN
CHARGE RECORDS BY O.C. UNIT.

Signature.....

Rank and Regiment.....

Army Number.....

Date.....