

From Miss S. O'Donnell Maternity  
Nurse Letterkenny Dispensary District  
dated 5 July 1916. Applying for Six  
months leave stating that she had  
volunteered for Red Cross work and is  
now called upon to take up duty  
at a Military Hospital in Belfast  
and requesting the guardians to  
keep her position for her and to grant  
her part of her salary while on  
war service.

Also stating that Mrs Ferguson  
has consented to attend to the  
duties of the District till Board day.

The Board agreed to grant the  
6 months leave or more if required  
while on war service, and to  
keep her position open for her  
when she returns, but will not allow  
any part of the salary during  
her absence, owing to her leaving  
without any permission from the  
Board.

Mr H. Gallagher proposed that Mrs  
Ferguson be appointed to attend  
to the duties for 2 weeks or longer  
until an appointment be made  
by the Board and Miss O'Donnell's  
temporary successor takes up the  
duties at 15/- a week. seconded  
by Mr P. Carroll. & passed to  
which the sanction of the Local  
Government Board is requested.

# World War I in 1916

## Document No. 7

Extract from Letterkenny Board of Guardians Minute book, reporting on an application by Miss S. O'Donnell to be released from her duties for six months as she has volunteered to be a Red Cross nurse in a military hospital in Belfast, June 1916

(Donegal County Archives)

## Exercises

1. Look up the 'Red Cross' online and write a paragraph about the work the Red Cross does in war time.
2. The Letterkenny Board of Guardians employed Miss O'Donnell. What was Miss O'Donnell's job? What do you think her duties included?
3. How much time from her job was Miss O'Donnell granted for war service?
4. From your reading of the education pack booklet chapter on *World War I in 1916*, what duties do you think Miss O'Donnell would have had in the military hospital in Belfast?

# FOR THE GLORY OF IRELAND



# WILL YOU GO OR MUST I?

# CARDINAL LOGUE AND THE WAR

The following telegram from His Eminence Cardinal Logue appeared in the "Freeman's Journal," on January 8th:

**"I believe Belgium and the treatment of its people will seal the doom of the Kaiser and his power."**

## IRISHMEN!

Your help is needed to seal Germany's doom, and to save Ireland from Belgium's fate.

## JOIN AN IRISH REGIMENT—TODAY

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## Document No. 8

### Two recruiting posters:

**Cardinal Logue and the War** (Printed by David Allen & Sons Limited in Dublin)

**For the Glory of Ireland** (Printed by Hely's Litho in Dublin)

## Exercises

1. Who was Cardinal Logue and what was his connection to Donegal?
2. Why is Belgium mentioned in these posters?
3. From your reading of the education pack booklet chapter on *World War I in 1916*, what regiments did men from Donegal join and why did they enlist?
4. Examine both posters – which do you believe would be the most effective? Explain your answer.

No. 27/11047  
(If replying, please quote above No.)

Army Form B. 104—SI.



Record Office,  
Station,  
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*Madam*  
*Sir,*

I regret to have to inform you that a report has this day been received from the War Office to the effect that (No.) 11047  
(Rank) A/Coy. S. Maj. (Name) H. Day,  
(Regiment) 9/ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS, was 

*dangerously	}	*severely
		*slightly

\*Strike out words that do not apply.

wounded in action at the front  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1916.

I am at the same time to express the sympathy and regret of the Army Council.

Any further information received in this office as to his condition will be at once notified to you.

I am,

*Sir, Madam*

Your obedient Servant,

*Law Williams*

Officer in charge of Records **Capt.**

*Mrs. Day*

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## Document No. 9

### Injury Notice relating to A/Coy. S. Maj. H. Foy

(Foy Family Collection)

## Exercises

1. Who was injured and what regiment did he serve in?
2. From your reading of the education pack booklet chapter on *World War I in 1916* what battle was he injured during?
3. Who do you think the note was sent to? Explain your answer.
4. Read the text about Pte. Hugh Mulhern in the education pack booklet chapter on *World War I in 1916* and describe how his life would have changed after the War.

**INFORMAL WILL.**

W.O. No.: E/20355/1  
Record No. 202 3750 08/10.17.

DOMICILE. *England, India*

The enclosed document

dated -  
and signed *W. Goodwin.*

Name *William Goodwin.*

Regtl. No. and Rank *911008 Sergeant*

appears to have been written or executed by the person named in the margin 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.

Died-at *Killed in Action*

Date of Death *17. 10.*

WAR OFFICE.

*W. de G. M. G. M. G.*

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

Date *18. 1. 17*

**WILL.**

In the event of my death I give my legacy to my brother Edward Goodwin  
and I give the remaining part of my property to my sister H. Allen St. Goodwin  
Ireland  
Bridgetown  
St. Donago  
Ireland

*W. de G. M. G. M. G.*

*W. de G. M. G. M. G.*

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## Document No. 10

### Short Will of Sgt. William Goodwin

(Courtesy of the National Archives of Ireland)

## Exercises

1. Who wrote the will and in what regiment did he serve?
2. Where was Sgt. Goodwin from? Explain your answer.
3. Who were the legatees and what did they receive?
4. From your reading of the education pack booklet chapter on *World War I in 1916*, why do you think soldiers made wills?
5. Find out more about the Soldiers' Wills project at [www.soldierswills.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.soldierswills.nationalarchives.ie).





# World War I in 1916

Document No. 11

**Troops of the 2nd Canterbury Battalion, New Zealand Division, rest in a shell hole during the Battle of Flers-Courcelette, 15th September 1916**

(Courtesy of Imperial War Museums)

## Exercises

1. Examine the photograph. Describe what you can see.
2. What equipment do the soldiers have and what would they have used it for?
3. From your reading of the 1916 education pack booklet chapter on *World War I in 1916*, what were the conditions like in the trenches?
4. Imagine you are a soldier during World War I. Write a letter home to your family describing your experiences in the trenches.



# Farming and Fishing

Document No. 12

## Curing fish at Downings Pier, c.1900s

(Courtesy of the National Library of Ireland)

## Exercises

1. This is a photograph of women curing fish. Look up 'curing fish' online, and write a short definition of what this involved.
2. Do you think the women enjoyed this work? Explain your answer.
3. Study the clothes worn by the women in this photograph, compare them to the clothes that might be worn working outdoors today. Would you describe the clothes as practical?
4. From your reading of the 1916 education pack booklet chapter *Farming and Fishing*, what other jobs did men and women do in the fishing industry?