

**Letter from Private Alexander Dryburgh,  
2/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment,  
formerly of Highland Cyclist Battalion,  
to his parents, 29 May 1916**

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958 Private A Dryburgh  
1/1 Highland Cyclist Battalion  
Attached to D Company  
2/7th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment  
British Expeditionary Force

[oval stamp of Territorial Force Warwick Record Office 27 January 1917]

Dear Father and Mother,

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and well, and I hope that your the same at Present.

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Well Mother, I suppose you'll know where I am now, you know we are not allowed to mention the Country that we are in, so I hope that you [know] where I am, however I am in land Watt's in. Well Mother, I am sending you a copie of my "will" which I have written in my pay Book. This is as its in my Pay Book

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so Mother you will know what I mean what's Fathers is yours. At least let us hope so. How is Father doing, is he started to work again. I think if I can look back to the last time I was home he was in bed.

We have got good Beds a Brick, here and there, to help you to sleep at night. Oh its the Babes here. In the middle of your sleep, the Grey fellows rock you about as if you were in a night

[rest of letter missing]

[Transcript of Alexander Dryburgh's copy of his own will]

WILL

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my Father Mr  
John Dryburgh

14 Main Street

Coaltown of Wemyss

Fife

Scotland

signed

Private Alexander Dryburgh

2/7 Royal Warwickshires

[Note by his mother]

'Please return my letters and anything belonging to him Mother'