

**Transcript of undated letter from Helen Grossart to her son, 5459 Private William
Broad Grossart, 1/9th Battalion, Highland Light Infantry,
annotated with his will, 4 October 1916**

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Linthouse, Glasgow

Tuesday

My Dear Bill

Yours to hand yesterday, also one today. I thought before I opened it, it would be to tell me you had got your marching orders. I thought you would be at Hipswell for a while, yet you seem to be looking quite cheerful to go. I know you will never die a coward's death, whatever you have to go through, you will never turn & run. Go where you will I hope & pray you will keep well & that God will watch over you & bring you safely home.

I am sending you a box for your birthday tea tomorrow which I hope you will enjoy, also your sweets. I was telling Miss Steel how we had got our photos taken on the quiet, so she asked me to let her see one, which I did today. I have to tell it's a lovely card. I am glad we got them. I will enclose you two. Nan wrote you last night, her letter is enclosed. She will have given you all the news. Would you not like some money before you go, be sure & let me know whatever you need. Kate is coming on Monday, so Bill will keep the house lively. I will stop as Frank wants off to the post.

We unite in wishing you a Happy Birthday & many many happy returns, but hope the next one will be at Home.

Ever your loving Mother

[Annotated in different handwriting]

All that I am possessed of at the time of my death I leave to my mother.
Wm B. Grossart, 4th October 1916

[Annotated in typescript on last page]

Certified that this will was found in the effects of No. 5459 Private Grossart, W. B., 9th H.L.I.

[Signature]

F. E. Dowse Brenan
Captain

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Effects Branch (Men)
General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon
December 26th, 1916

Staff Captain