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Annabella Terrace,

MALLOW.

Jany 7th, 1922.

C. J. France Esq.,  
Standard Hotel,  
DUBLIN.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of this morning received. I have much pleasure in complying with your request to put before you the particulars connected with the destruction of my my home and means of livelihood.

On the night of September 29th, 1920, armed English Military Forces invaded our Town of Mallow, Co. Cork. Coming in Lorries from different Military Centres they proceeded to sack the town, looting and burning down the principal business houses, the Town Hall & the Creamery. At 11 p.m. my family and myself had retired for the night, not expecting any trouble, when we were aroused by terrific explosions made by bombs. My house, which was one of the largest burned was situated in the main street, in which I carried on with the help of my two daughters, Confectionery, Grocery, and Bar, was almost the first to be attacked, so that we had to fly out the back, partly undressed, and climb a high wall to get out of the danger zone. Here we crouched until daylight watching almost all we had in the world go up in flames. This was a terrible loss to me as I had no ready money to clear away debris or build a temporary business ~~xxxx~~ place.

On last September, the American Relief Committee came to our aid, and I was granted a weekly sum of 30/- per week to enable me to live, and in addition to this I was granted a Loan of £200 to enable me to build a business place. I have also a promise of £200 when first instalment is out.

I am very glad of this opportunity of thanking publicly the American Relief Committee for Ireland, for the great assistance they have given, not only to myself alone, but to the rest of my fellow sufferers all over Ireland.

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I am sorry I have not a picture of my place. If I can  
I will get one and send it on to you. Again thanking you  
for your kindness.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs). Johanna Hanover.

Your letter of this morning received. I have  
much pleasure in complying with your request to put before  
you the particulars connected with the destruction of my  
own and many of my friends.