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R O S C O M M O N.

Jan'y 17th, 1922.

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

Dear Sir:-

You have asked me to send you some particulars of the destruction of my premises, and how I have been assisted by the White Cross Association.

On the morning of the 21st June last, my house & out-offices were completely destroyed by fire, and almost everything I had was, as a consequence lost. I have no doubt it was done by British forces. I am only a small farmer and have only 7 acres of land. I used to work 3 days per week with Mr. Curly at the pipe-making business, and the remainder of my time on the farm. Of course the former source of employment is gone, as Mr. Curley's place was also destroyed. As I said before, I lost almost everything, clothing, furniture, farm implements, utensils etc. I had to a certain extent, to replace those things, and of course that cost me quite a good deal. My family and I which consists of six members are since living in a stable which I repaired. Only for the assistance I got from a local fund & the White Cross, I certainly do not know what I and my family would do. The White Cross is also giving me a loan of £200, half of which I have received, and I am about starting to rebuild. I am sorry I have no photograph of my place to send you. You can use my name ~~xxxx~~ any way you wish, for publication, etc.

One word of appreciation for our American friends, in subscribing so liberally, they have done a great work, and all I can say is God bless them.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,  
(Sd). Patk. Fitzgerald.