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GEURCE STREET, LISTOWEL,

CO. KERRY.

January 18th, 1922.

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Circular letter of the 6th inst. I beg to say that I give you an attached sheet, particulars of help which we got from the Irish White Cross, and also particulars of what we lost and suffered. I must say that Irish men and women owe a debt of gratitude to the American people.

Thanking you for past favours.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd). J. R. Walsh.

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CHURCH STREET, LISTOWEL,

CO. KERRY.

January 18th, 1922.

(a). My premises were burned on the 27th April, 1921, by the Military as an official reprisal for the shooting of Sir Arthur Vicars, Kilmorna House, Co. Kerry, although I was interned since November 22nd, 1920, and only my wife and six young children the occupants.

(b). After the burning my wife and family were homeless but for the kindness of some of our good neighbours who took them in until the White Cross came to their assistance. Our house was completely burned down with most of the stock and furniture. When our house was burned my wife and family had no source of income, as I used earn £400.0.0. per annum as Commercial Traveller, and this was lost for months before we were burned out.

(c). In July, 1921, the White Cross allowed my wife and family £2.10.0. a week, and in December, 1921, sent my wife a loan of £250.0.0. to put up a temporary shop and sleeping compartments.

(d). I have now started my business again in this temporary building awaiting such time as the White Cross will give me the loan for the permanent building.

(e). I have no picture of my house as it was not photographed since.

The White Cross have done noble work in Ireland, and there were many persons who had thousands of pounds worth of stock and furniture before they were burned out that would be destitute but for the White Cross coming to their aid, and I know that the Irish people will for ever remember the act for the American people.

(Sd). John R. Walsh.

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