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Muccross,
Clonakilty,
6/1/22.

Dear Sir:-

In response to your letter of January 6th, I now give you particulars of the burning of my house.

In March 1921 my house was raided by the District Inspector and members of the Crown Forces. They took away about fifteen deal timbers. The D. I. told me that my son was to be shot and my house destroyed.

In March 1921 the Military came to my house they handed me a paper which said that my son was a member of the I.R.A. and told me they came to burn and destroy the house. They then sprinkled petrol all over my house, which they set alight, completely destroying it and all its contents including clothes, - they allowed me to remove not a single article. They then wrecked and burned the outoffices, two horse carts and harness also donkey cart and harness, farm implements, and everything I possessed. The Result was that I was left on the roadside destitute and dependent on the kindness of my neighbours to help me. My son had to go on the run for fear of being shot.

I have no photograph of my house to send. Should I be able to obtain one later I will send it on.

I am at present unable to do anything owing to ill-health; and my son who has also been ill for a long time is not yet able to do any heavy work on the farm.

Yours very truly,

Ellen Driscoll.

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