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Knockracurra,
Ballinadee, Bandon.
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Dear Sir:

I received your communication re the White Cross a short time ago, and will do best to answer details as required.

- (a) Dwelling house , 20 ft x 20, two storey, bombed and burnt to ground, with all furniture etc., early in March (4th) 1921, by disguised Military (enemy) party. Savage treatment to aged parents and sisters. Two outhouses destroyed in same manner 1920 and haggard July, for which compensation had not been claimed. Also Saw Mill destroyed or part, July 1920 (big saw cost £12. utterly wrecked - latter the property of Thos. Wm.Hales.
- (b) Family rendered homeless for long period. Men at Saw mill had to leave and go on run.
- (c) Three members of family and one in prison received weekly assistance for some weeks after Truce - 5 or 6 weeks in all.
- (d) £300 was granted, to temporarily repair and re-roof of house £100 of this has been received and £200 forthcoming for remainder of work. Family in a better position now and able to carry on work. Will be able to live in house after some further repairs. £50 given to repair of saws, and work just resumed.
- (e) I have no photo of house after destruction.

I am stating this for my father, R. Hales, who is now rendered to a very low state and unable to write. The many shocks have been too much for him. He fully appreciates the assistance so nobly given by the White Cross Relief Committee of the United States of America.

Certainly letter can be used for case required - (although hasty note).

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for Robt Hales.

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