

See statement and application already sent by Mrs. Comerford.

ENNISCORTHY.RECOMMENDATION FOR A LOAN.

- I. Mrs. Brigid Moran. Her child, a girl of 17 months, whose father was killed as a result of the strife in Ireland.

Wm. Moran. All of Church Street, Enniscorthy.

- II. John Moran, aged 33, was taken from his bed by Crown Forces at Drogheda on the night of February 5th, 1921, and killed.

William Moran, an old man, with his wife, his son John, and two daughters, had a small tailoring and dressmaking business in Church Street, Enniscorthy. They were all very keen and active Republicans. Specialised in the making of Irish National Costumes, as well as ordinary suits and dresses; won 15 prizes for Kilts; used as far as possible Irish materials and spoke Irish. John was a very active member of the I. R. A.

The house was continually raided and so much stock was destroyed that the business cannot recover and the Moran Family are in great difficulty and distress.

X. He sent £1. a week to his father. John married and went with his wife Brigid, and their child to Drogheda. He was a first class printer, obtained work there at from £5. to £6. a week and was promised promotion. They bought furniture and settled down, but he continued his military activities.

On the night of February 5th, he was taken out by Crown Forces and marched away with another prisoner. The voices of the two prisoners were heard protesting "No, never, no !" and in the morning their dead bodies were found torn with bayonets.

Mrs. Moran had no money - she had 2/6 actually in the house. Wm. Moran took her back to Enniscorthy where she is kept alternately by him and by her mother. She is receiving 25/- weekly from the local White Cross for herself and her child.

Brigid Moran is a very gentle, quiet girl, still in broken health and unable to do much for herself. She is a wise and careful Mother and her child seems healthy and promising. She seems dependent for advice on the Morans who are affectionate and kind to her and could, I think, be entrusted with her interests. They are all extremely anxious about the future of the child, as they are falling into poverty and there seems no prospect for Mrs. Moran but to live on 25/- weekly from the White Cross.

III.	Compensation claimed was	£10,000.	
	" granted was		
	to Brigid Moran ...	£1,250.)	
	for the child. ...	1,200.)	£2,900.
	to Wm. Moran. ...	450.)	

- IV. After much consultation with the Morans and with Mrs. Comerford, I conclude that the White Cross could help the whole family and secure the future of the child by means of a loan to establish and enlarge Wm.

Moran's business. They have an established custom in the town and in connection with the White Cross Workrooms in Dublin could doubtless find a further market.

- V. Five adults are effected - Wm. Moran, his wife, and two daughters, and Brigid Moran and one child.

The business would employ Wm. Moran, his wife, one daughter, who is a dressmaker, Brigid Moran who makes children's clothes and could be trained to other branches, possibly a second daughter who is an accountant in temporary work, and very probably girls of the town who do fine crochet work taught in the convents. Brigid Moran would eventually become independent of White Cross Relief.

The Morans feel confident that with a loan of £200. they could make their business pay.

I strongly recommend a loan of at least this amount and recommend that money be secured to Brigid Moran for her child.

Mrs. Moran knows Mrs. Figgis - Her father and son were in Frongroche Prison together.

(signed) DOROTHY MACARDLE.

6. 8. 1921.