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1. MRS. MURPHY, CLONEYBYRNE, NR. ENNISCORTHY.

2. Mrs. Murphy, an aged widow, with her daughter Annie, and four sons, all adults, and active Republicans, have a small cottage and afrm at Cloneybyrne. They were frequently raided.

On February 15th, at night, Black and Tans rushed the cottage - threw petrol on the furniture and prepared to burn it. Mrs. Murphy had been ill and bed-ridden for some time and the daughter pleaded for her - "God damn her, get her out, the old hag" was the Officer's reply. They all got out and the boys escaped. The attackers fired the cottage using bombs. Miss Murphy tried to save some clothes and one of the attackers threw petrol on the nightdress she was wearing and threw a lighted match on her. She extinguished the flames and then with the help of neighbours put out the fire in the house.

A good deal of furniure was destroyed but the chief damage was to stores of hay - 30 tons were burnt - turnips and straw.

- 3. Damage of £2,000. was claimed against Forces but the claim was not heard.
- 4. The family are now in debt and cannot afford necessary farm equipment. Their chief requirement is horses for Autumn-work. I recommend a loan of £50. or £100.
- 5. Six adults.
- 6. The family would be self-supporting and probably employ farm hands.
- 7. No one concerned has, so far, claimed or received relief from the White Cross, but a Local Committee is being formed and will have to give relief eventually if the farm fails.

The Solicitor for the Murphys is Mr. Drincar of Enniscorthy.

The Murphys were visited by Mrs. Despard and Mrs. Comerford who reported, I believe, to the White Cross.

Priest : Fr. Doyle, Kilingshiel, Nr. Enniscorthy.

(SIGNED) DOROTHY MACARDLE.

AUGUST 5th.