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Main Street,
Midleton,
Co. Cork, Ireland.

January 20th, 1921.

Dear Sir:-

On January 1st, 1921 my premises were visited by Crown Forces (British), to carry out an Official Reprisal, I being Chairman of the Local Urban Council and living in the vicinity of where an ambush took place should have known and failed to report it to the Military, there was a notice served to clear out of our home and take nothing but our personal belongings. They commenced operations by breaking up all our furniture with an axe, for instance, the cover and keyboard of Piano, doorseff sideboard, wardrobes, etc., - infact all we possessed . They then visited the Shop or Store (Grocery, Spirit and provisions) destroyed and looted the entire stock. Then before taking their departure they placed bombs in the shop and again in the upper portion of the house, which blew off the roof and shattered the entire premises. It was my only means of living, all my capital was sunk in the buying of the house and stock in trade. My family and myself were left homeless and I may say penniless as well.

About nine months after I received a Loan from the White Cross of £150, which went to pay rent, rates and a bit of stock to try and re-open my business, the truce being on at the time.

I will send picture of my ruined home in a week or two.

I may add that I am very grateful for the assistance given me by the White Cross.

I remain,

Yours gratefully,

Edmund Carey.

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