

Main Street,
Swanlinbar, County Cavan.

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HOW MY PREMISES WERE DESTROYED.

- (a) Premises destroyed by fire on the night of the 17th December 1920, by Crown Forces, - including Military^{Co}/R.I.C. The Military were drawn from Enniskillen - a distance of ten miles; the R.I.C. were local men. They surrounded the premises and sprayed it with petrol; smashed the windows and doors; also sprayed the inside of premises, and then set it alight. The fire lasted for ten or twelve hours, and the ruins kept smking for five days.
- (b) The effects it had on my family were very serious. One son had to go "on the run" for 3 months, afterwards was arrested, and interned for nine months. My other son, who kept a butcher's shop could not carry on business for six months for want of accommodation, and continued raiding by Crown Forces. The loss financially amounted to £800, or odds, owing to burning of house, furniture, cash therein, and loss of business on my son's part. I had to reside in a cow-shed for 9 months, and it was not fit for human habitation.
- (c) I received no assistance from any person or Body of persons whatsoever, until I received the White Cross Loan.
- (d) The amount of Loan received was £100. This amount helped to furnish the house when it was rebuilt.
- (e) Owing to the trouble, I have no photograph of the premises.

Signed:

Mrs. Catherine McCauby.

To/
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Dublin.