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24th January, 1922.

Dear Sir,

I am a Blacksmith and live by my trade only. On the night of February 9th, 1921, my wife, daughter, and myself being the only occupants of the house. My two sons were on the run fearing they might be shot by the Black and Tans.

We were in bed between ten and eleven o'clock when loud knocking came to the door, it was thrown in with the sledge from my own forge. A lot of Black and Tans came in and told us to get up and clear out until they burned our house. It was a thatched one and they sprinkled it all over inside and outside with petrol and set it all ablaze. When we went out to look round my forge was all on fire, and what was not burned they took away with them.

I was idle all the time until the Truce. My Parish Priest, through the White Cross, gave me little help from time to time to support myself and my family, and then to repair my forge the amount of £33. I am still lodging with another family. I got £100. from the Irish White Cross also to do up my house which is nearly built now. Only for the White Cross we should have been unable to start our new house yet. We pray night and day for the kind American people who have always come to the aid of the suffering Irish people.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,
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