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Knockatereen,

Kilkishen, Co. Clare.

Jan'y 30th, 1922.

C. J. France Esq.,
Standard Hotel,
DUBLIN.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 23rd inst, I have to state as follows:-

(a). There was an ambush within 3 miles of my place, at Glenwood, on the 20th Jan'y, '22, whereat 6 policemen were killed, and a couple others of same Force wounded. The Crown Forces, Military, and Police, came to our place that night, or early next morning, and burned all our hay and straw, outhouses and their contents, including Oats - about 100 ~~kxxx~~ Stones. The furniture, and other effects of dwelling were either burned or otherwise destroyed. Touching the dwelling itself - they had it fired, were certain very apparently it was going to be a successful conflagration. It was the last thing they applied the petrol to. They went away convinced that it was burned into cinders, but fortunately, after their departure, with neighbours' assistance we succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Result - there was but an inconsiderable portion of the thatch burnt. A bullock yearling died couple days after above experience, got hurt somehow, - the walls of the outhouse it may be fell on him. I can't say for certain what led to his death, but he was well that evening before the terrorists arrived, and his death at date mentioned was manifestly the result of such as I have stated. They shot a pig dead which was nine months old.

(b). I am between 70 and 80 years of age. They dragged me out and beat me. They knocked or rather tore a nail off my finger. When putting on my coat - ordinary coat - they took it from me, poured oil on it and threw it into the flames. My wife and daughter were also most cruelly and savagely treated. Of course my boys had left that evening. Had any of them been in the house on the arrival of these ruffians, I can very well visualize the dire consequences. None of us slept in the house for three months. Where there were four boys, wife, daughter and myself, you can well picture what an amount of clothes we had. Well, after the destruction we were left but a few of the barest necessaries.

(c). The White Cross, prior to time of loan, gave two sums, one of £11 and one of £12. £20 came to help to buy clothes from source not White Cross, I think.

(d). They(White Cross), have given £100 already, and another £100 has been granted. Half of the destroyed buildings has been restored after this, that is cow-houses, barn, stabbling, piggery, etc. With the help of Grant which is coming, we shall continue the work of building and restoration. Hay and straw had to be purchased after the arson; bullock & pig

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replaced, - clothes, both bedding and personal to be bought.

Wilmington, Delaware

I am, Sir,

Very truly yours,

faithfully yours,

(Sd). John McNamara.

John McNamara

Standard Hotel

Wilmington

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 23rd inst. I have to state as follows:-

(a) There was an attempt within 5 miles of my place at Wilmington, on the 20th inst. to kidnap a policeman who was killed, and a couple others of whom I have no record. The Green House, Military and Police, came to our place that night or early next morning, and burned all my hay and straw, and their contents, including some - about 100 boxes of soap, the kitchen, and other articles of value were either burned or otherwise destroyed. Following the burning itself - they had 12 lines, were certain very thoroughly it was found to be a successful operation. It was the last thing they did in the district. They went away convinced that it was a success, but unfortunately, after their departure, with half an hour's assistance we succeeded in extinguishing the flames. There was not an insignificant portion of the timber burnt, but the burning did cause some damage above and below the walls of the out- house it may be said on this I can't say for certain what led to his death, but he was well that evening before the catastrophe arrived, and his death at that time was certainly the result of some as I have stated. They shot a pig head which was nine weeks old.

(b) I am between 70 and 80 years of age. They dragged me out and beat me. They knocked or rather gave a nail off my finger. When passing on my coat - ordinary coat - they took it from me, poured oil on it and threw it into the flames. My wife and daughter were also most cruelly and savagely treated. Of course my boys had left that evening. Had any of them been in the house on the arrival of these ruffians, I can very well visualize the dire consequences. None of us slept in the house for three days. When there were four boys, wife, daughter and myself, you can well picture what an amount of other we had. Well, after the destruction we were left but a few of the best necessities.

(c) The White House, when it was of some value, was one of the one of the 1000 acres to help to pay clothes from source and this I think.

(d) The White House, have given 5000 already, and another 1000 has been granted. Half of the 1000 acres has been returned when this, that is cow-house, barn, stable, dairy, etc. With the help of some what is being, on 5000 acres the work of building and restoration. Hay and straw had to be purchased after the event, which is a