

Coolagarranroe,

January 16th, 1922.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your note of 10th inst my house was blown up on 13th May, 1921, by Crown Forces, all my furniture broken in pieces, the stones of the house were the only seats left us, and the only bedsteads we had was pieces of boards of the broken furniture, Until I got the first instalment of the Loan £250 I had to fix up a barn I had as it was in a cowshed I was from May until November. I received £100 from the White Cross for which I am thankful; it enabled me to fix up my barn and to get some furniture and bedsteads. I received no help of any kind until I got your Loan, as I am a small farmer only eight or nine Irish acres. I have 4 sons; one was interned, two had to take their rifles and the fourth a young fellow 'on the run' and helping the fighting men in every way he could, so I could not describe to you properly what my wife and myself suffered having a visit from the Military and Black and Tans every week once or twice, raiding and tossing every thing about. I have not a picture of my house at present but as soon as I can get one I will send it to you. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

With Best Wishes,

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

Edmond Mulcahy.