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Church Street,
Listowel, Co. Kerry.
January 10th, 1922.

C.J. France, Esq.,
Standard Hotel,
Harcourt Street,
Dublin.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to express my thanks to the Irish White Cross for the sum of One Hundred Pounds which they have just sent me for the purpose of enabling me to repair the damage done to my premises by the Military Forces of the British Government.

This damage was done on the 27th April 1921, On that day the adjoining house of Mr. D. H. Flavin was destroyed by the Forces of the British Government by way of "Official Reprisals" for the death of a man who had been shot some time previously at a place about five miles from here. The destruction of Mr Flavin's house was carried out in such a negligent manner that my house was cracked from top to bottom. The damage to my house was so great that it became unfit for habitation and was a danger to the public, with the result that I had to close my shop and stop my business as Butcher. I need not tell you that this was a terrible loss to my family and myself as my trade of Butcher is our sole means of livelihood.

Though these facts are well known to the Military Authorities they never made any effort to repair the damage done by them nor have they paid one penny compensation for the loss sustained by my family and myself.

The £100-0-0 which the White Cross have given me will help me to start to restore my premises to their original condition and when this is done I will again be able to carry on the business of Victualler. Were it not for the assistance which I have received from the Irish White Cross, I really do not know when I would be in a position to make good the damage done by the Crown Forces; and my sincere thanks are due to the Irish White Cross for their assistance towards enabling me to rebuild my house and premises and so resume my business as Victualler and save myself and my family from starvation.

Yours faithfully,

Denis Murphy.

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