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Ballybeg, Killeenterna,
 Farranfore,
 Co. Kerry, 18, 1, 22.

C.J. France, Esq.,

Dear Sir:-

On the 4th. December, 1920, the Military destroyed 40 tons of Hay, 20 tons Straw, Hayshed, etc. etc. in my haggard.

In May 1921, the Military burned my two-story house and everything in it, except some foodstuffs which they gave me a half hour to remove.

The House, furniture, etc. were worth over £1000, at the lowest.

Barbarous, savage, vindictive, aggressive and insulting are the only adjectives that could describe their actions on the above occasions.

Even on last occasion they set fire to my outhouses and some hay which kind neighbours had sent me. Part of the outhouses were saved after their departure, and in one of the 12ft. square I had to live until just before Christmas.

My family consists of three sons and a servant, besides my wife who will never again be the same in health.

In this outhouse myself got ill and had to have a doctor in regular attendance for a month at a cost of over £30.

I got £50 from the White Cross Committee and £250 to rebuild my house, for which I am exceedingly grateful.

Sorry I have no picture of my premises.

I am, Sir,

Yours ever gratefully,

Humphrey Murphy,