

Civitella,  
Arezzo.

20 December, 1944.

STATEMENT OF -

BONICCI Primo,  
Civitella,  
Arezzo.

Female  
32 years.

Who saith,

I am engaged with household duties, am unmarried and have lived at CIVITELLA all my life.

About 0700 hours on Thursday, 29 June, 1944, I was getting ready for church when my mother came indoors and told me that the Germans were in CIVITELLA.

Thinking I would be safer in church I went to the church of S. MARIA ASSUNTA and whilst I was taking part in the service heard the sounds of rifle fire outside the church.

Shortly afterwards some German soldiers came into the church and ordered everyone to go outside. I do not know how many Germans there were and I cannot give any description of them.

I did not leave by the main door of the church but went out by a side door and hid in the garden of the house of the priest Von LAVAREL Aloisio.

I could see nothing of what was taking place in the town from my place of concealment but for about two hours I heard continuous small arms fire, the shouting of the Germans and the crying of the women.

About 1100 hours when things were quiet I came out of hiding. I could see many houses burning on the PIAZZA. Outside the church I saw streams of blood, also many articles of clothing( men's) laying on the ground.

In the house of CALLEGARI Corinna which was burning I saw a pile of dead bodies among them were TAVARELLI Agostino, SABATINI Paolo, LAVAREL Pronto, SOLERETTI Piero, and PASQUI Alfredo.

In my house which was also burning I saw the dead bodies of my brother BONICCI Angelo, 36 years old, BACCONI Angelo, PASQUI Giuseppe, GAVISTANIELI Federigo and PULSETTI Francesco.

All had bullet wounds in the body and some had bullet wounds in their heads.

With assistance I prepared my brother's body for burial and he was buried in CIVITELLA cemetery on Saturday, 1 July, 1944.

My brother was not a Partisan and had never rendered them any assistance.

I have read over this statement. It is true and

correct. I herewith....