

183 Ciggiano,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

15th January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:-

FABBIANELLI Francesco.	Male
183 Ciggiano	69
Civitella,	Years.
Arezzo.	

Who saith,

I am a labourer and have lived here for the last two years.

About 05.00 hours on Thursday, 29th June, 1944, my wife FABBIANELLI Maria, aged 28 years, left home with two women from CIGGLIANO, ASSUNTA SALVADORI and ARTINI ROSA. They intended walking to AMBRA. My wife was then in perfect health.

During the morning I heard continuous small arms fire from the vicinity of CORNIA but I did not see any German soldiers.

About 15.00 hours on the same day I went to the bridge at VERULIANA near the farm of the TEDI SCHI family.

I there saw five dead bodies. One was that of my wife. She was so badly burned for me to see or recognise if there were any bullet wounds in her body. I identified her by her false teeth and pieces of clothing which remained unburnt.

I also saw the bodies of my wife's two female companions, the body of a man and that of a boy who appeared to be about seven years old. I did not know the man or the boy. All the bodies were badly burnt. The sight was too much for me and I ran away from it to my home.

The next day I procured a coffin and with relations of the other persons we went to bury our dead. Whilst walking along the road we were machine gunned by some Germans in a car.

We were too far away for me to be able to describe these soldiers or the car.

I recovered my wife's body on the 10th July, 1944, after the arrival of the British. All was buried in the cemetery at CIGGLIANO on that date.

My wife was not a Partisan and neither was I.

This statement has been read over to me. It is correct and true. I herewith append my signature.

(Sgd) FABBIANELLI FRANCESCO

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by VASCO FABBRONI, Interpreter, in the presence of SGT CHARLES, both of 78 Section SIB on the 15th January, 1945, at 183 Ciggiano, CIVITELLA, AREZZO.

I certify that the above translation from Italian is true and correct and to the best of my ability.

Vasco Fabbroni
VASCO FABBRONI.