Via Isonzo, 7, Arezzo.

30 January 45.

STATEMENT OF:-

BIGIARINI Eugenia, Via Isonzo, 7, Arezzo. Female.
Aged 48 years.

Who saith.

I am the widow of BIGIARINI Angelo, aged 64 years. Frevious to the 29 June 44, we lived at CIVITELIA where my husband was employed as an ostler. We have two children Luigi, a boy 14 years and Abigaille a girl 11 years. We lived in a farmhouse which is about one milometre from CIVITELIA on the road to BADIA AL PINO.

On the morning of the 29 June 44, my husband was at home, also my brothers Gualdani Natale, 47 years and GUALDANI Aurelio, 37 years. About 0630 hours Natale told me that German soldiers were coming towards the house from the direction of BADIA AL PINO. Later, eight soldiers came to the house. These men were dressed in camouflaged jackets, wore steel helmets and all carried automatic rifles. They all wore a small mask which covered their eyes and nose. These men told me in perfect Italian to go away and all their conversation was in Italian. I recognised two of these men by their voices and the parts of their features that I could see. PRATESI Celso, a Fascist from CIGGIANO and RAPANAI Alfredo, a Fascist from PESCAIOLA, AREZZO. I can identify both these men again. The other six men, I am sure were Italians but I did not know them.

These men then marched my husband, brothers and children and I to a bridge which is about 500 metres from my home on the road to BADIA AL PINO. At this bridge there were a lot of civilians from surrounding farms and we were all made to stand in one group. At this place there were a lot of German soldiers who were dressed the same as the Italians I have described above, but none of them were masked.

After a while a German soldier came to us and told all the women and children to go away but kept the men at the bridge.

I went with my children to a house which is about two kilometres from the bridge in the direction of MONTE SAN SAVINO where I stayed for the remainder of that day.

About 1000 hours on 30 June 44; I went back to the place where I had left my husband. Here I saw a lot of civilians who were examining the bodies of some men who were lying at the side of the road. Amongst these bodies I saw three which I recognised as those of my husband BIGLARINI Angelo and brothers GUALDANI Natale, GUALDANI Aurelie. All the bodies had bullet wounds in various places as though they had been sprayed with machine-gum fire.

That day I had the bodies taken to the Municipal Cemetery, CIVITELLA, where they were buried about 1700 hours

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on Saturday, 1st. July 1944.

My husband and brothers were never partisans and had never been connected with any of their activities.

I have had this statement read over to me.

It is true and correct. I herewith append my mark.

(Sgl) X Mark of BIGIARINI Eugenia.

Statement written down in Italian, read over and mark witnessed by BACCONI Giovanni, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt Clewlow, both of 78 Section, SIB, on Tuesday, 30th. January, 1945, at AREZZO.

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

BACCONI GIOVANNI.