Gebbia,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

13 December 44.

STATEMENT OF :-

BIAGIOTTI Angiolino, Male
Gebbia, 32 years.
Civitella.

Who saith,

I am a farm labourer and have lived in GEBBIA all my life. I am the son of BIAGIOTTI Giulio who was killed on 29 June 44. He was born on 27 August 1882 and had lived in GEBBIA all his life. He was also a farm labourer.

On 29 June 44, I attended a service at S.MICHELE ARCANGELO, CORNIA. I left the churchabout 0800 hours and when I got outside I saw flames and smoke rising from the valley in the vicinity of MORCAGGIOLO. I made my way back to my home because I was afraid of reprisals by the Germans. On my way home I was told by some men that the Germans were burning houses at MORCAGGIOLO and taking the men from the houses.

I told my father and my mother what I had seen and what I had been told and took them into the woods to hide. After we had been there for a while my mother decided to return to GEBBIA to find out what was happening.

On her return she told us that she had seen Signora CAU, who used to work for the Germans as an interpreter. The Signora had told her that there was no danger. She would interview the Germans when they arrived in GEBBIA. The Signora also told my mother that it was advisable for one member of the family to be in our house when the Germans came. After some discussion my father decided to go back, as owing to his age he thought he was in no danger. My mother accompanied him.

About 1200 hours I heard the sound of machine gun fire which lasted about ten minutes. About 1230 hours my mother came to my place of hiding and told me that the Germans had left the village taking with them some men as prisoners. Later that day my mother returned to GEBBIA. I remained in the woods.

On Saturday 1 July 44, in consequence of what I was told I went to a hut at LA VALLE about one kilometre from SAN PANCRAZIO. I saw there eight bodies of Italian men; all had bullet wounds in their bodies.

Four of these men I knew as natives of GEBBIA. They were my father, ARRIGUCCI Orlindo, ARRIGUCCI Quintilio, and FRATESI Silvestro. The other four I recognised as natives of BADIA AGNANO. Their christian names were Marino, Emilio, Tobia and Guglielmo. The bodies were laying in a heap and partly covered by stones. An attempt had been made to burn them but despite this I could recognise them all.

I carried my father's body to the Chapel of CORNIA, churchyard, arriving there after dark. He was

buried next day /....

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buried next day by friends of mine.

My father was not a Partisan. He had provided food for them and escaped British prisoners of war. Escapees had slept in our house.

I have read over this statement. It is correct and true. I herewith append my signature.

(Sgd)BIAGIOTTI Angiolino.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by MAGINI Livia, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CHARLES both of 78 Section S.I.B. on Wednesday 13 December, 1944 at GEBBIA, CIVITELLA, AREZZO.

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

Magini Livia

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