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Farm Dorna,
Civitella.

8 November 44.

STATEMENT OF:-

SALVADORE Pietro,
Farm Dorna,
Badia Al Pino,
Arezzo.

Male.
Aged 36 years.

Who saith,

I am a farmer and have lived here since 1939.

German soldiers have lived on and around this farm for the past year. The soldiers who were living here on the 29th. June 1944, never left the farm on that day. I do not think that they took any part in the atrocity at CIVITELLA.

CIVITELLA is about four kilometres north of this farm and can be seen quite clearly from here.

About 0730 hours on Thursday, 29th. June 1944, when I was starting work, I noticed that CIVITELLA was burning. I could hear machine gun fire and the sound of bursting grenades. For the remainder of that day I worked on the farm and nothing unusual happened apart from Signora SERNI complaining that her husband had been taken away by German soldiers. She said that he had been taken to a bridge which is about one kilometre north of the farm.

On Friday, 30th. June 1944, accompanied by BALDINI Silvestro, 44 years, about 1000 hours, I went to this bridge to see if I could find SERNI Ernesto, who was my employer.

When we got to the bridge there was no one there but pools of blood were all over the road.

About fifty metres north of the bridge I found a lot of bodies lying in a hole. In removing these bodies when trying to find Ernesto, I recognised the following:-

CAIDELLI	Vittorio	TIEZZI	Nello
BAIO	Giuseppe	GUALDANI	Natale
GUALDANI	Aurelio	RICCIARINI	Metello
MAMMOLI	Guido	BIGLIOTTI	Tito
MILANI	Francesco	TRIPPI	Lazzaro
CANESCHI	Giuseppe	SERNI	Ernesto
BERNINI	Vittorio	BIGLIARINI	Angelo

All these bodies had severe bullet wounds in various parts as though inflicted by machine gun fire.

By this time other people from areas around CIVITELLA had arrived to collect the bodies of men belonging to their families.

BALDINI and I brought the body of SERNI Ernesto back to the farm where we washed it and prepared it for burial. SERNI had a large hole in his back and this appeared to have

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been caused by a burst of machine gun fire. We made a coffin for SERNI that evening.

On Saturday, 1st. June 1944, about 0800 hours, we buried SERNI Ernesto in the Municipal Cemetery at BADIA AL PINO.

I know nothing of the Germans who killed these people as I did not see them.

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

(Sgt) SALVADORE PIETRO.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by L/Cpl B. DI DUCA, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt Clewlow, both of 78 Section, SIB, on Friday, 3rd. December, 1944, at BADIA AL PINO, AREZZO.

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

B. DI DUCA.