Solaia,
Cornia,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

20 December 44.

STATEMENT OF:-

FELICIONI Augusto, Aged 42 years.
Solaia, Cornia,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I am a farmer and have lived here for the last three years.

On the morning of Thursday 29 June 44 I started work in the fields about 0700 hours. About 0730 hours, I heard some rifle fire and a woman screaming in the distance. This appeared to be about a kilometre away in a southerly direction. When I heard this I did not know what was happening but decidedto go into the woods for safety. I went at once to a wood which is about three hundred metres away in a northerly direction. From this wood I could see the farmhouses at SOLAIA but could not see if anyone waswalking about there. On several occasions I heard bursts of rifle and machine gun fire. This firing appearedto come from various directions, I do not know where.

Nothing happened in SOLAI until about 1500 hours. At this time there was a lot of machine gun fire amongst the houses, this lasted for about thirty minutes. During this time I could seethat the houses and barns around SOLAIA were on fire and burning furiously. About 1630 hours, there was no firing and all appeared to be quiet so I returnedto my home.

There are six houses in SOLAIA also several barns where we keep oxen and carts. All these buildings were on fire.

Outside my barn I saw a large pool of blood and I noticed that it led inside the building. The fire had died down sufficiently by this time to permit me to enter, so I went in. On the floor amongst the debris I saw the body of a woman and upon looking around I saw the bodies of six people. Although they were badly burnt I recognised them through the length of timethat I have known them. They were VALLI Benedetto a man of 53 years, his wife Mosuri Narcisa, aged 49 years. Their children VALLI Alfiuto a girl of 8 years and Peppino a boy of 4 years. Also ROSSI Modesta a woman of 30 years and her child Folletti Groglione a boy of 13 months.

All these people appeared to be dead and as the building was still burning and the roof falling there was nothing I could do that day. I then collected some bread and went back to the wood where I remained until the following morning.

I returned to my home about 0730 hours on Friday 30 June 44 but did not touch the bodies on that day. The bodies were that badly burnt we got the six inside two normal coffins.

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That day an ambulance called from MONTE SAN SAVINO, and took the bodies to MISERICORDIA cemetery. I did not go to the funeral.

I know nothing of the persons who did this on the 29th. June 1944, as I was in the wood and did not see anyone.

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

(Sgd) FELICIONE Augusto.

Statement written down in Italian, read over and signature witnessed by Livia MAGINI, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CLEWLOW, both of 78 Section S.I.B. on 20 Dec. 44. at SOLAIA, CIVITELLA.

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

Livia Magini

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