

30 Verniano,  
Monte San Savino,  
Arezzo.

9 January 45.

STATEMENT OF:-

ROSSI Duilio,  
30 Verniano,  
Monte San Savino,  
Arezzo.

Male.  
Aged 39 years.

Who saith,

I am a farmer and have lived here for the past 26 years.

I spent the night of the 28 June 44, at SOLAIA, to which place I had driven my cattle anticipating that the Germans would steal them if I had let them remain on our farm which is near the main MONTE SAN SAVINO-FLORENCE road.

About 0700 hours on Thursday 29 June 44, I heard the sounds of machine gun and rifle fire from the vicinity of my farm. About 0900 hours my sister-in-law ROSSI Ada came to me at SOLAIA and told me what had happened at our farm and in consequence I hid at the top of a hill about a kilometre from SOLAIA. From here I saw villages in the vicinity burst into flames and heard continuous rifle and machine gun fire. I returned to SOLAIA about 1700 hours and saw that the majority of the houses were burning. Outside a barn which was also on fire I saw blood splashed on the walls and on the ground.

On Friday 30 June 44, in consequence of what I was told I went to a neighbour's farm and there saw the dead bodies of my two brothers ROSSI Silvio and ROSSI Nello. Both bodies were very badly burned and I could only recognise them by the rings that they wore and particles of unburnt clothing. In view of the condition of the bodies I did not take them home but procured coffins and conveyed them to MONTE SAN SAVINO where they were buried in the MISERICORDIA cemetery on the 30 June 44. Neither of my brothers were Partisans and neither had rendered the Partisans any assistance.

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

(Signed) ROSSI Duilio.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by FABBRONI Vasco, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CHARLES, both of 78 Section, SIB, on Tuesday 9 January 45, at 30 VERNIANO, MONTE SAN SAVINO, AREZZO.

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

*Fabbroni Vasco*  
(Signed) FABBRONI Vasco.