

30, Verniano,
Monte San Savino,
Arezzo.

9 January 45.

STATEMENT OF:-

ROSSI Silvia,	Female
30, Verniano,	42 years.
Monte San Savino,	
Arezzo.	

The oath,

I am the widow of ROSSI Silvio, aged 43 years. We had been married for 20 years and had lived here all our married life.

About 0600 hours on Thursday 29 June 44, I saw on the main FLORENCE road, near the farm, four German Army lorries. These lorries were stationary and some German soldiers were standing near them while others were just alighting from them. In all there were about two hundred German soldiers.

My husband and my brother-in-law ROSSI Nello, aged 36 years, were at this time working in the farmyard. My husband came to me and told me to take some food and to go into the woods to hide.

I went upstairs to get some food and from a window saw two German soldiers enter the farmyard.

They wore steel helmets, camouflaged with twigs and camouflaged smocks.

I then saw my husband and brother-in-law marched out of the farmyard by these two Germans who kept their rifles pointed at them. They were taken down the track leading to the main road where I had previously seen the lorries.

I then walked towards the woods, but I had only gone about one hundred metres when I heard a burst of machine gun fire from the direction taken by the Germans and my relatives.

During the day I heard machine gun and rifle fire from the surrounding countryside, and saw smoke rising from MURRONE, CORNIA and BOLLAIA.

I returned to the farm about 1700 hours the same day and found the house and straw ricks on fire. With assistance I extinguished the flames.

The next morning my brother-in-law, ROSSI Nello, went to a neighbour's farm to recover the bodies of my husband and my brother-in-law.

I did not see the bodies after death. Neither my husband nor my brother-in-law were partisans nor had they rendered them any assistance.

I have read over this statement. It is correct

and true. I /....