

Mulinello,
Cornia.

2 January 45.

STATEMENT OF:-

FOLLETTI Giovanni, Male.
Mulinello, Aged 9 years.
Cornia,
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I am a scholar and prior to the 29th. June 1944, I lived with my mother POLLETTI Modesta, my father POLLETTI Dario and my brothers Mario, aged seven years, Silvano aged five years, Gualtiero aged four years and Gloriano aged one year. My mother and my brother Gloriano were killed on the 29th. June, 1944.

About 0500 hours on Thursday, 29th. June 1944, I was at home with all the members of my family when I saw a party of about sixty or seventy German soldiers pass our farm, marching towards CORNIA. All these Germans were armed with machine guns and rifles. When they had passed, my father went into the woods to hide. Later, I heard a lot of shooting from the direction of CORNIA.

About 1200 hours, on the same day, I saw the same party of German soldiers come back down the road and enter our house. One of these Germans asked my mother where my father was and she told him that my father was a prisoner of war in Germany. Some of the Germans went upstairs and I heard them smash some glasses.

I became frightened, ran out of the house and hid myself in a vineyard near SOLAIA. I was joined shortly afterwards by my brothers Mario, Silvano and Gualtiero. They told me my mother and Gloriano had gone to SOLAIA with the Germans. My brothers remained in hiding with me.

Our place of hiding was only about thirty metres from SOLAIA but we could not see anything of what was happening because we were afraid to show ourselves.

I later heard six separate shots from the direction of SOLAIA.

About half an hour after I had heard these shots, my brothers and I went into SOLAIA and saw several houses on fire, also a barn which was burning fiercely. The barn was burning more fiercely than the houses. Outside the barn, on the floor, and on the wall I saw a lot of blood.

I then went home with my brothers and told my uncle FOLLETTI Emilio of what I had seen. My father arrived shortly afterwards and he and my uncle left us to go to SOLAIA.

I went back to SOLAIA about 1700 hours on the same day and saw that the fire in the barn was still burning fiercely.

This statement has been read over to me.

It is true/....