

Burrone,  
Cornea,  
Civitella.

19 Dec. 44.

STATEMENT OF:-

PETRELLI Angiolino, Burrone, Cornea, Civitella.	Male Aged 29 years.
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Who Saith,

I am a farm factor at the above address. I moved here from CIGGIANO on the 30 June 1944. I had previously lived in CIGGIANO for the past twelve years.

On the 28th. June 1944, I was staying at this address with my brother PETRELLI Ranieri, 34 years, (who was the factor of this farm) his wife MASSINI Valentina aged 37 years, and their nephew FICOLA Adalmo 14 years old who had been living at BADIA AL PINO but was at this time staying with my brother and sister-in-law. On this date being worried about my wife who was living at CIGGIANO, I went there to see her.

About 0600 hrs., on Thursday the 29th. June 1944; I saw from CIGGIANO, smoke rising from this farm. Being concerned about my relatives I made towards here. When I was about 500 metres away, I heard shooting and saw flames arising from the farmhouse and vicinity. I also heard Germans and Italians shouting.

I saw that my brother's oxen had been moved from the farmhouse and as this indicated to me that my brother had released the oxen and then had himself escaped, I made my way back to CIGGIANO. Knowing that my brother, if he had escaped, would have come to my house, and as he had not done so, I returned to this farm at about midday the same date.

In consequence of what I was told I went to a cellar in the farm labourer's house on this farm. I there saw the body of my brother PETRELLI Ranieri. He had a bullet wound in each hand, these were the only wounds I could see. He was lying near a heap of straw which was still smouldering and his legs and one foot were extensively burnt. I examined his body carefully for signs of further bullet wounds but could not find any. I found pieces of his trousers and a pool of blood about fourteen metres away.

Also in the cellar were the bodies of MASSINI Valentina and FICOLA Adalmo, both had bullet wounds in the head and were dead.

In another room I saw the bodies of DEL CUCINA Antonio, DEL CUCINA Elsa (female), DEL CUCINA Ilva (female), DEL CUCINA Gaetano, MANTOVANI Maria (female), HARBI DUSHMIKN DI ISMAIL an ALBANESE, and AMAZZONI Dante. All were dead and each had been shot through the head with bullets.

The farm house and outbuildings were

extensively damaged by/...

/ and outbuildings were extensively damaged by fire.

I made coffins for my relatives and buried them in the cemetery at CORNEA on Saturday 1st. July 1944.

I cannot describe the Germans responsible for these murders, as I did not see them.

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

(Sgd) PISTRELLI Angiolino.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by Livia MAGINI, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CHARLES both of 78 Section S.I.B. on 19 Dec. 44. at CORNEA, AREZZO.

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

*Livia Magini*

(Sgd) Livia MAGINI.