

Forcagiolo,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

2nd January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:-

LAZZERONI Maria Anna, Forcagiolo, Cornia, Civitella, Arezzo.	Female 50 years.
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Who saith,

I am a single woman and came to live here from MONTE SAN SAVINO in 1936.

On the morning of Thursday, 29th June, 1944, when I was inside my house, about 08.30 hours, I heard someone shouting "Get outside Italians".

As at this time I was suffering with a broken leg it took me a minute or so to get out. When I got out I saw a number of German soldiers, about thirty (30) approaching the farm from all directions.

These soldiers were all dressed the same with steel helmets, camouflage jackets and they all carried a rifle of some kind.

One of these soldiers came up to me and told me to get away from the farm. I explained to him that I could not walk owing to my broken leg. He however held a pistol in my back and forced me down the road. All the orders I heard were given in Italian and the language was spoken very well.

My sister-in-law LOCICLINI Settimia, her children, LAZZERONI Mario and LAZZERONI Angela and my mother ARRETINI Conforta then joined me. Together we went to a ditch about six hundred (600) metres away. We had not been in the ditch many minutes before I heard rifle fire which appeared to come from the farm. This lasted for about twenty minutes. Later I could hear the houses burning and the roofs crashing.

We remained in the ditch until about 19.00 hours then my sister-in-law took me to the farm POGGI LUNGO where I remained for two (2) months.

I have read over the above statement. It is true and correct. I herewith append my mark.

(Sgd) X the mark of MARIA ANNA LAZZERONI.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by PEE BRAGIA DI DUCA, Interpreter, in the presence of SGT CLEWLOW both of 78 Section, SIB, on the 2nd January, 1945 at CIVITELLA, AREZZO.

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

BRAGIA DI DUCA.