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52, Via Della Fontana,
S. Panorazio.

31st January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:-

MORETTI Caterina,
52, Via Della Fontana,
S. Panorazio. Bucine,
Arezzo.

FEMALE
Aged 31.

Who states,

I am the widow of MORETTI RENATO aged 33 an electrician. I am a native of BUOINE but for the past three months I had lived at VIA ZARA, S. PANORAZIO. with my husband and children.

About 0500 hours on the 29th of June, 1944 my husband woke me up saying "Wake up I hear the sound of a truck".

I got up, dressed, and looking out of the window I saw a truck arrive in the square. It was driven by a soldier and had the sign of the red cross on the side. I went out into the square to get some water and saw several soldiers in the streets. I returned indoors and told my husband, who immediately went up into the roof to hide. A few minutes later three soldiers entered the house. One said in Italian "Where is your husband" and I told him he was in Florence and that I was alone. They went upstairs and apparently found him as they came down again with him and took him away.

Sometime during the morning I went out into the PIAZZA DELLA CHIESA and saw husband standing with other civilians, guarded by soldiers. My husband told me to go home at once and I did so.

About 1400 hours two soldiers entered the house and one of them told me to leave the village. With my baby I went out into the street where other soldiers told me to go to the PIAZZA del POZZACCIO. As I crossed the PIAZZA della CHIESA I saw my husband again still standing with the other men. When I arrived at the PIAZZA del POZZACCIO I joined the other women who were there guarded by more soldiers. Almost immediately we were forced to leave the village and I made my way to my Mother's house just outside the village.

I cannot describe any of the soldiers I saw, except that they were dressed in the camouflage jackets and steel helmets, but I came to the conclusion that many of them were Italian as they used Italian slang when speaking.

On the 29th July, 1944. I returned to the village and went to the ruined factory on the PIAZZA della CHIESA. In the cellar I saw the remains of what appeared to be burnt human bodies, among which I found two keys and a cross which belonged to my husband.

I have read the above statement, it is true and correct.

(Sgd.) MORETTI Caterina.