31, Via Zara, Sab Panorazio.

29 January 45

STATEMENT OF :-

ARRIGUCCI Emilia, 51, Via Zara, San Pancrazio, Bucine, Arezzo. Female. Aged 36 years.

Who saith.

I am the widow of ARRIGUCCI Giuseppe, a farm worker aged 40 years, and I am a native of SAN PANCRAZIO. I have lived at the above address with my husband and two brothers-in-law ARRIGUCCI Emilio, a farm worker aged 36 years and ARRIGUCCI Silvio also a farm worker aged 36 years, for the past twelve years.

About 0500 hours on the 29th. June, 1944, as I was lying in bed with my husband, I heard someone shout from the street "SILVIO", "SILVIO". "Wake up the Germans are here".

My husband and I immediately got up and dressed. A few minutes later we were joined by my brother-in-law Emilio and his wife and we all decided to go away. At that moment we heard a car pass and my husband looked out of the window with Emilio. Emilio turned round and said, "IT IS TOO LATE THE GERMANS HAVE PUT A MACHINE GUN AT THE MONUMENT ALREADY".

About 0530 hours a soldier came up the stairs to the first floor where the four of us were standing in the passage. He asked where the men were and how many had we in the house. My sister-in-law told him and he replied "They must all go to the main square, I am only a soldier, those are my orders". My husband and Emilio left the house and the soldier entered the bedroom where Silvio was still in bed. A few minutes later I saw the two of them leave the house. Silvio was without boots or jacket.

The soldier was dressed in a camouflage jacket with a soft cap pulled down over his ears. He spoke good Italian but I cannot describe him further.

About 0700 hours I was returning from the fountain after drawing some water when my brother-in-law Silvio passed me on the back of a motor cycle. It was going in the direction of CIVITELLA and was being driven by a soldier. I have not seen my husband or brothers-in-law since that day.

Later the same day I was forced to leave the village and for eighteen days lived at the village of MIGLIARE.

On the 16th. July, 1944, I came back to SAN PANCRAZIO to live. A number of the buildings and houses were destroyed and damaged but I was able to live in my house which had been burnt slightly upstairs.

I went to the cellar of the factory in the PIAZZA DELLA CHIESA with my sister-in-law about five days later, but I was unable to find anything belonging to my hushand.

About the 26th, July, 1944, in consequence of what I was told I went to the church at CIVITELLA where I saw what appeared to be the remains of several burnt human bodies. Among a quantity of clothing nearby I recognised a pair of socks that I had

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knitted for Silvio and which he had been wearing on the 29th. June, 1944, when I saw him taken away.

My husband was not a partisan nor had he ever helped them.

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

(Sgd.) ARRIGUCCI Emilia. (nee PANZIERI).

Statement taken down in Italian and signature witnessed by D. CESARONI, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. HALL of 78 Section, S.I.B. at SAN PANCRAZIO on 29th. January, 1945.

I certify that I have examined the original statement and that the above is a true translation.

Livia Magini.