

5, San Pancrazio,
Buone,

30 January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF :-

BROCCI Sidonia, Female
Casina del Frato, 25 years.
San Pancrazio.

WHO STATES:-

I am the widow of BROCCI Pietro, aged 32 years, and up to 5 July, 1944, we lived together in SAN PANCRAZIO. About this time the front line was in this area and my husband started sleeping in the fields to keep away from the Germans.

At about 1700 hours on 5 July, 1944, my husband was approaching our house when I saw two German soldiers arrest him and take him away. That was the last time I saw my husband alive. The two Germans had also arrested ROSSI Luigi aged 54 years, and he and my husband were taken away together.

About ten days later when the British soldiers occupied the village, they informed the civil population that there were two bodies lying near the VILLA MAGGI. I went to the villa which is about two kilometres away and there I saw the bodies of my husband and ROSSI Luigi. Both bodies had a series of bullet wounds across the chest and there was a piece of rope beside them.

I arranged for the removal of my husband's body and some days later he was buried in the village cemetery at SAN PANCRAZIO.

I could recognise the two soldiers who arrested my husband and describe one whom I believe was an N.C.O. as follows:- about 22-23 years, dressed in grey green uniform with Buston, 5 ft. 7 ins., slim build, fair hair, pale complexion. Armed with rifle and pistol.

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

(Sgd.) BROCCI Sidonia.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by Bdr. GIULIANI, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. EDMONDSON both of 78 Section S.I.B. at SAN PANCRAZIO on 30 January, 1945.

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

C. A. Giuliani.