

16, Via del Pozzaccio,  
San Pancrazio.

31 January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:-

CARUTINI Bruna,	Female
14, Via del Pozzaccio,	Aged 31 years.
S. Pancrazio,	
Racine.	

She states:-

I am the widow of CARUTINI Alfonso, aged 31 a farm labourer, and I am a native of SAN PANCRAZIO. I have lived at my above address for the past seven years with my husband and baby. On the 25 June, 1944 my relative CARUTINI Vincenzo aged 55, a cartor who lived at S. GIOVANNI came to stay with us for a few days.

On 29 June, 1944 about 0500 hours I heard shooting near the village. I got up, dressed and went to the door where I saw several soldiers in the village square.

Being afraid for my husband I returned indoors and told him to remain in bed and pretend to be ill. A few minutes later four soldiers entered and one said to me in Italian, "Where is your husband?" I told them he was ill in bed and they entered the bedroom. I followed them in and asked them not to wake him up as he was ill. The same soldier said "It does not matter, he must go to the square".

They made him get up and after he had put his boots and trousers on one of them took him out of the house. The other three went upstairs to the room of Vincenzo and called me to bring a light as it was dark. I went up the stairs and found three soldiers standing at the door of the bedroom with their pistols in their hands waiting for me. I entered the room, opened the windows and they came in. One of them caught hold of Vincenzo and they took him away.

About 0700 hours I went to the PIAZZA della CHIESA to take some coffee to my husband and Vincenzo. When I arrived there I saw them standing in line among other men of the village, guarded by soldiers. I gave them the coffee, spoke to them for a few minutes and then returned home.

Another four soldiers came to the house a little while later and searched it. I asked them what would happen to the men and one of them said "It is evening your husband will be back in the house".

About 1200 hours three soldiers entered the house and one told me to leave the house and go to the square. I left the house and the soldiers in the street told me to go to the PIAZZA del POZZACCIO. I went there and joined the other women who were already there, guarded by soldiers. At 1400 hours the soldiers forced us to leave the village and I went to the woods where I stayed for about eighteen days.

Most of the soldiers I saw were dressed in camouflage jackets although a few wore the grey-green uniforms of

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On 16 July, 1944, I returned to the village and saw that most of the buildings had been destroyed. My house, although damaged, was habitable.

About five days later I went to the cellar of the Fattoria in the PIAZZA della CHIESA where I saw the remains of many human bodies. I could not recognise anything belonging to my husband.

My husband was not a Partisan but we had often helped Allied escaped prisoners of war who lived outside the village.

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

(Sgd.) CAROTINI Bruna.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by D. Cesaroni, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. Hall, D. both of 78 Section S.I.B. D.R. Police at SAN PIERD'ALTO on 31 January, 1945.

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

Danilo Cesaroni.