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No.7 Monte San Savino,  
Arezzo.

16 January 45.

STATEMENT OF:-

SALVADORI Dante, Male.  
No.7 Monte San Savino, Aged 76 years.  
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I was previously a carpenter but now I am too old to work. I have lived here for one year. Previous to that I lived at AREZZO.

About 1500 hours on Friday, 30th. June 44, I was walking through Piazza Camurrini when I was told by a German Corporal, who was in the piazza, to go home and get a ladder. I did so and took the ladder to Piazza del Legname.

The Corporal with four other German soldiers was present in the piazza on my arrival. The Corporal placed the ladder against a wall and climbing up it, placed a rope over the crossbar of a lamp post.

A short while afterwards a covered-in lorry of the light type arrived in the piazza in response to a signal by the Corporal.

From this lorry a German soldier and an Italian civilian dismounted.

I describe this civilian as follows:- 32-33 years, height 165 cms (approx), black hair. Dress:- White flannel vest, torn trousers. He was not wearing boots or socks. His hands were tied behind him with a scarf.

This civilian was made to sit down on the ground and the end of the rope was placed round his neck and tied.

Three German soldiers then pulled on the rope until the man's feet were clear of the ground. After this they secured the rope around the crossbar of the lamp post and left the man hanging.

One of the soldiers then nailed a board to the wall under the body. On the board was written:- "This way the partisans of COGNIA are dying."

The four soldiers then boarded the lorry and were driven towards SIENA.

The only thing I can say about the Germans is that they wore German uniforms.

The corpse remained hanging for two days. The civil authorities removed it on 2 July 44. The corpse was buried in the MISERICORDIA cemetery at MONTE SAN SAVINO.

I have read over this statement. It is true

and correct./....