

101, Corso San Gallo,
Monte San Savino.
Arezzo.

4 January 45.

STATEMENT OF :-

GORI Lina,
101, Corso San Gallo,
Monte San Savino,
Arezzo.

Female
38 years.

Who saith,

I am a married woman living with my husband Giorgio and my daughter Aurora, aged 16 years. Formerly we lived at GENOVA but went to live at the Villa CARLETTI, MONTE SAN SAVINO in July 43.

About 1600 hours on Wednesday 28 June 44, a German officer and three German soldiers arrived at the villa in a motor car and stated that they required rooms for a party of soldiers who would be arriving the same evening.

The four Germans were dressed in grey green uniforms and all of them wore an iron disc on the front of their jackets fastened by a chain around the backs of their necks. On these discs was embossed the word "FELDGEMARSHALL". In addition, each of them had on the sleeves of their jackets the words "HERMAN GOERING". I cannot say anything more about these Germans.

Between 2000 hours and 2100 hours the same evening a party of about one hundred Germans arrived with a number of Maresciallos. With them was a German captain whom I later learned was called CAPT. KEINZ BARZ. All these soldiers wore the band around their sleeves with "HERMAN GOERING" thereon.

I describe the captain as being 32-33 years of age, 185 cms. tall, slim build, blonde straight hair parted on the left side, blue eyes, clean shaven, pale complexion, very upright carriage. He wore a grey green uniform and on his epaulettes he wore two gold stars on a silver background. The words "HERMAN GOERING" were also on his sleeves.

With this party of soldiers was an Italian civilian, his hands were tied, his clothes were torn and he was without boots. This man was later locked in the garage of the Villa CARLETTI.

When we went to bed that night we were warned not to get up until we had received permission from the Germans.

About 0400 hours on Thursday 29 June 44, my husband and I were awakened by a loud knocking on our bedroom door and on opening it I found a German soldier armed with a pistol standing outside. He ordered us out of the room after searching it.

We were taken to another room and kept there under guard until about 0700 hours. Eventually all the civilian occupants of the villa were congregated there.

During this time I heard the sounds of motor vehicles proceeding to and from the villa. We were afterwards taken

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to another room in the villa where I was kept until the evening of Sunday 2 July 44. During this time various members of the party detained in the room were taken out for questioning.

About 1300 hours on Sunday 2 July 44, I was interrogated by a German Maresciallo.

I describe him as being about 35 years of age, 185cms. tall, medium build, dark brown hair, parted on the left side, blue eyes, fresh complexion. He was dressed in a khaki shirt and shorts and wore the metal plate on his chest with a chain attached with the word "FELDGEMARSHALL" embossed thereon. I cannot remember if he was wearing any badge of rank.

He questioned me about the identity of the Partisans in the vicinity and the activities of Signor CARLETTI. I was afterwards taken back to the room where we were confined.

Later I was required to adjust the stars on the epaulettes of the German officer's jacket and to sew the insignia of a white eagle with straight wings made of white silk on the left breast of the jacket.

This jacket was handed to me and I was informed that it was the property of the German captain. Inside the jacket I found a label with "H.P.T. KEINE BARE 04373 KEINE GORING" inscribed upon it.

The Germans left the villa about 1800 hours on Sunday 2 July 44, taking my husband with them.

My husband rejoined me at MONTE SAN SAVINO on 17 August 44.

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

(Sgd.) GORI Lina.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by FABBRONI Vasco, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CHARLES both of 78 Section S.I.B. on Thursday 4th January, 1945, at MONTE SAN SAVINO, AREZZO.

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

Fabbro ni Vasco