

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

4 January 45.

STATEMENT OF :-

GORI Aurora,
101, Corso S. Gallo
Monte S. Savino,
Arezzo.

Female
16 years.

Who saith,

I have lived here for the past eighteen months with my mother and father. Previous to this we lived at GENOA.

Whilst the Germans were in occupation of this area we lived at the villa CARLETTI.

About 0800 hours on Wednesday 28 June 44, a lot of German soldiers came to the villa. These soldiers came on lorries but I do not know how many soldiers or lorries there were.

Some of these soldiers came into the house and asked for drink and food which they were given. They were dressed in grey-green uniform and all had the words "HERMAN GOERING" inscribed on the lower part of one of their coat sleeves.

I know little of what happened that night as I went to bed when informed that the Germans were occupying one part of the house.

About 0400 hours the following morning Thursday 29 June 44, I was awakened by someone banging on my bedroom door. When I opened the door there was a German soldier there and he ordered me to go downstairs at once. I went down and found that all the civilians who were at that time living in the house were all there in one room. There was a soldier standing guard in the room to see that no one ran away. Several tradespeople called at the villa that day and all were kept prisoner in the same room.

During the early hours of the morning there was a lot of movement of transport and troops leaving the villa.

Sometime during the afternoon some soldiers brought two Italian girls to the house. I only spoke to one of these girls and she said that she had been brought as a prisoner from LUIGNANO. I do not know her name but would recognise her again.

About 1600 hours we were taken upstairs and put into separate rooms. My mother, Lina, and father Giorgio, were in the same room as myself. Whilst we were in this room, a German soldier was always on guard outside the door.

On Friday 30 June 44, the Germans brought clothes up for me to iron. During this work the man who was interpreter to the Germans, came and talked to me. He told me that his name was FRATELLI Mario and his home at

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VIA CAVOUR, ROME. He was about 1m. 70cms. tall, (5ft. 6ins). Thin build, with dark features. I saw him on several occasions, sometimes he wore Italian Army uniform and others civilian clothes.

I worked on in this way and was kept prisoner in the same room until Sunday 1 July 44.

About 1230 hours on this day I was taken downstairs and interrogated by a German who I was told was a Laresciallo. He wore a summer khaki uniform with the words "HERMAN GOERING" inscribed upon one of the sleeves. He only asked me questions regarding Signor GARLETTI which I could not answer. I was then sent upstairs.

That night, about 0800 hours, my mother and I were allowed to go but my father was detained.

From that night until the British occupied MONTE S. SAVINO, I lived in the woods.

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

(Sgd.) GORI Aurora.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by DI DUCA Bragia, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. GLENLOW both of 78 Section S.I.B. on Thursday, 4th January, 1945 at MONTE S. SAVINO, ARIZZO.

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

DI DUCA Bragia.