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Villa Fabbriche,
Lucignano,
Arezzo.

16 January 45.

STATEMENT OF 1-

PERISSI Nello,
Villa Fabbriche,
Lucignano,
Arezzo.

Male.

Who saith,

I have lived here for thirteen years and am employed as a gardener by Doctor MANCINI Paolo.

On 5 or 6 June 44, the doctor together with his wife and family left the villa. I remained to assist the caretaker RACCONI Agostino.

The day following their departure some German soldiers arrived and they occupied the Villa.

These soldiers were all dressed in gray-green uniform apart from one who was a Maresciallo. He was always dressed in a black uniform and on his cap he wore a silver metal badge in the shape of a skull.

I did not mix a great deal with these soldiers and therefore can remember very little about them.

On the evening of 28 June 44, I was with RACCONI whilst he was talking to an Italian who was interpreter to the Germans.

The interpreter said to RACCONI " Tomorrow morning we are going to destroy three towns, CIVITELLA, CORNIA and SAN PIACRIZIO as they are full of rebels."

The following morning Thursday 29 June 44, about 0830 hours I saw the German soldiers leaving on lorries. All the soldiers were armed with automatic rifles, grenades and all wore steel helmets. Some of these soldiers wore camouflage jackets.

It was about 1400 hours, the same day when the soldiers returned.

About 2000 hours all the German soldiers left the villa. I do not know where they went.

I do not know what Regiment these soldiers belonged to.

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

(Sgd.) PERISSI Nello.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by DI DUKA Bragia, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CLELLAN, both of 78 Section G.I.B. on Tuesday, 16th

January, 1945 at /....