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Badia al Pino,
Arezzo.

3 April 45.

STATEMENT OF :-

BIONDINI Adolfo,
132, Spolano,
Badia al Pino,
Arezzo.

Male
48 years.

Who saith,

I am a farmer and have lived here since 1929.

About 21 June 44, some sixty or seventy German soldiers moved in and quartered in this locality. The majority of them lived in tents pitched in the wood situated about two hundred metres from my house and the remainder stayed in the neighbouring farmhouses.

These soldiers were all in colonial uniform except two who wore black uniform with black peaked cap on the front of which was a cloth badge in the shape of an eagle. They had about ten heavy trucks, which they parked in the wood and three or four small trucks and two or three motor cycle combinations which they parked around the farmyard.

I noticed later that one officer and two warrant officers of this unit were staying at the Villa BONICCHI.

About 0400 hours on June 29 44, I was awakened by the noise these soldiers were making. As this was an unusual time for the soldiers to be about, I got up and with the excuse of seeing to my cattle in order to see what was happening. Going into the farmyard I saw, two or three soldiers loading rifles and sub-machine guns upon a motor cycle combination. As it was still dark I could not see what the others were doing. A few minutes later I heard several vehicles move off. That same morning before going to work, I saw CIVITELLA burning and I spoke to one of the soldiers who had remained here. He asked me what was burning over there and I told him it was CIVITELLA. He then said " KAUUT ".

CIVITELLA is a village situated on a hill about five kilometres away and can be seen from my house.

On returning from my work about noon that day, I noticed that all the soldiers had returned and were having a meal. They were still all armed with pistols.

I cannot remember well when these soldiers departed, but I believe they went either that same evening or on the following day.

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

(Sgd.) BIONDINI Adolfo.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by GULIANO.A., interpreter, in the presence of

(Sgt.) OLSENLOW and/....