

Arezzo.

10 April 45.

Statement of :-

GANTUCCI Maide, Female 27 years.
44, Via Massini,
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I am the wife of GANTUCCI Giorgio, engineer, and owing to the air raids on AREZZO we evacuated to our villa at TEGOLETO on 15 December 43.

On or about 13 June 44, a German soldier came to the villa and stated that a party of soldiers would be coming within two days and that they would stay in the wood facing the villa. Before leaving he fixed a signboard which directed towards our farmyard. This sign comprised a letter N painted in a circle and the figure 3 near it, like this:-



The colours were white and blue, but I do not remember whether the N was blue and the circle white, or vice versa.

On June 15 44, these soldiers arrived and occupied six rooms in the villa and all the barns. They arrived on ten or twelve trucks of the German military type, and two Italian Fiat cars, which they parked in the wood nearby. In all there were about sixty soldiers, commanded by an Officer whom I thought was a lieutenant. On their arrival they wore greygreen uniform with the "HERMAN GOEBLING" armband around their cuffs. Shortly after, however, they changed this uniform for summer khaki.

I describe the officer as follows :- About 35 years, about 1 metre 75 cm. tall, slim build, grey eyes, fair hair, turning bald.

As the soldiers had parked their vehicles outside our villa and owing to Allied air raids, we left our home and went to live in a farmhouse about two hundred metres away. We returned late on the evening of 29 June 44, in time to see the Germans depart. I noticed that three or four geese, which had been shot, were lying in the farmyard.

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

(Sgd.) GANTUCCI. Maide.

Statement written down in Italian and signed and witnessed by GULIANI G.A., interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CLENLOW both of 78 Section S.I.B. at AREZZO, on Tuesday 10 April, 1945.

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