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Civitella,  
Arezzo.

23 January, 44.

STATEMENT OF :-

TOZZI Pierina, Female  
Oliveto. 36 years.

Who saith,

I am the widow of TOZZI Silvio, 39 years, a shoe maker, who died on 29 June 44. We had been married for twelve years and had lived all our married life in CIVITELLA.

Shortly before 07:00 hours on ~~Thru~~ Thursday, 29 June 44, I left home with my father TAVARNESI Agostino, 66 years, a land administrator, who had lived all his life in CIVITELLA and my stepmother, MELAI Paola, to attend Mass at the church of S. MARIA ASSUNTA, CIVITELLA.

My husband was still in bed when I left home and before I left him I spoke to him. He was then in perfect health.

During Mass at church we heard the sound of shooting outside and after Mass had ended some German soldiers came in and ordered us to get outside.

I cannot describe these Germans as I was too frightened at this time to take notice of their appearance.

We left the church and in the PIAZZA outside I saw many German soldiers but I was anxious to get my father and my stepmother away, and in consequence I cannot give any description of them.

A German soldier separated us and I last saw my father alive being shepherded over towards a group of Italian men who were standing in the PIAZZA with German soldiers standing near them.

I went to my father's house and I saw laying in the roadway near the house the dead body of my husband. He had a bullet wound in his temple. I attempted to go near him but I was prevented by a German soldier who pointed a pistol at me and told me to go away.

I left CIVITELLA and spent the remainder of the day and following night at OLIVETO.

On Friday 30 June, 44. about 0800 hours I returned to CIVITELLA and found the badly burnt body of my husband inside a burning house. I recognised him by the part of his features which remained unburnt and pieces of his clothing.

In another house I found the dead body of my

father, He had/....

/body of my  
father, He had a wound in his temple and the back of his  
head was missing.

With assistance I carried both bodies into the  
Church of S. MARIA ASSUNTA. Both my husband and my father  
were buried in CIVITELLA cemetery on Saturday, 4 July 44.  
Both my father's house and mine were totally destroyed.

Neither my Father nor my husband were Partisans.

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

( Sgd. ) TOZZI PIERINA.

Statement written down in Italian and signat-  
ure witnessed by MUSICARO Alberto, interpreter, in the  
presence of Sgt. CHARLES both of 78 Section S.I.B. on Tues-  
day 23rd January, 1945, at CIVITELLA, AREZZO.

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

*Musicaro Alberto*  
MUSICARO Alberto.