

Dorna,  
Civitella,  
Arezzo.

14 December, 1944.

STATEMENT OF :-

Male aged 35 years.

ALBURNELLI Angiolino,  
Dorna,  
Civitella.. Arezzo.

WHO SAITH:-

I am a farm labourer , aged 35 years, and have lived here all my life.

About 07:00 hours on Thursday, 29 June, 1944, I was on my way to CIVITELLA when I saw women, obviously frightened making their way out of the town. On enquiry I was told that the Germans were in CIVITELLA and I decided to go back home.

I retraced my steps but when I was on the road near the cemetery a party of about fifteen German soldiers stopped me and my uncle FALSETTI Settimio who was making his way out of town. I cannot describe these Germans.

They searched both of us and afterwards we were taken to the FLEBINO crossroads. At this crossroad I saw about fifty German soldiers standing about.

After the first party of Germans had talked with the second party of Germans, we were told to follow the soldiers who had made us prisoners. They took us to a field about fifty metres from our farm and then one of them told us that we could go.

My Uncle and I commenced to walk towards our farm but had only gone ten or eleven paces when I heard the sound of automatic small fire behind me and felt a burning pain in my neck and face. I fell to the ground dazed, but not unconscious. I saw my uncle also fall to the ground. He made no other movement. The Germans did not come near us but walked back the way they had come.

About a quarter of an hour later, my mother and my sisters came across the fields to me and carried me into our house. They dressed my wounds and later a British escaped prisoner-of-war, who said he was a doctor treated me. I later received medical attention.

Apparently a bullet had struck me in the back of the neck and had passed right through and out of my right cheek. My speech is affected and I cannot eat solid foods.

I have never been a Partisan.

I have read over this statement. It is true and correct. I herewith/....