

Alberero,
Arezzo.

9 January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF :-

BACCONI MARZIALI Apollonia,
Alberero,
Arezzo. Female aged 43 years.

Who saith,

I have lived in CIVITELLA for about a year being an evacuee from AREZZO.

My husband BACCONI Angiolo, aged 45 years was murdered by the Germans on 29 June, 1944. He was employed as a haulage contractor.

I have two sons, BACCONI Giovanni Battista aged 22 years, BACCONI Ennio, aged 17 years and a daughter Carla aged 4 years.

On the morning of Thursday, 29 June, 1944, I left my home about 0600 hours to go to Mass. As I was going to church I was told that there were many German soldiers coming towards the village and that they were heavily armed.

I returned home and told my husband and sons of this. When my husband heard of the Germans approaching the village he told my sons to leave at once. They did this but he would not leave.

After a while I could hear the sound of machine gun fire in the village. My husband locked all the doors and we remained in the house. Also in our house was BONICHI Azelio, a man aged 37 years. There was a loud knocking on the door about 0730 hours and when it was opened four German soldiers walked into the house. They were dressed in camouflaged jackets and wore steel helmets and all were armed with automatic rifles and grenades.

Two of these soldiers went to search the house and they also set fire to the house. The other two ordered my husband and BONICHI to go outside. As my husband was leaving he turned to speak to me and one of the German soldiers quickly aimed his automatic rifle and shot him through the head. He then aimed his rifle at BONICHI and shot him also.

I tried to help my husband but the Germans forced me out of the house and told me to leave the village at once.

As I was leaving the village I saw the bodies of four civilians and recognised one of them as that of LAMMIONI Dante, a man about 50 years of age.

With my daughter, I went to the Orphanage at FOGGIALI. This place is about three kilometres in a northerly direction from CIVITELLA.

The following morning, Friday 30 June, 1944 about 0700 hours I returned to CIVITELLA and found that someone had carried my husband's body into the Church. I went there and saw the body and recognised it as that of my husband.

I spent that day arranging for a coffin to be made.

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1100 hours m husband's body was taken on a handcart with two other bodies to the Municipal Cemetery CIVITELLA and there buried.

My husband was never a Partisan nor did he ever take part in any Partisan activity.

I know nothing of the Germans who killed him.

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

(Sgd.) MARZIALI Pola nei
PACCONI.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by 4466417 Pte. BRAGIA DI DUCA, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CLEWLOW both of 78 Section, S.I.B. on 9 January, 1945 at ALBERORO, AREZZO.

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

4466417 Pte. B. DI DUCA.