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Caggiolo,  
Civitella,  
Arezzo.

8 December 44.

STATEMENT OF :-

MILANI Orazio,  
Caggiolo,  
Civitella,  
Arezzo.

Male  
26 years.

Who saith,

I am a farmer and have lived on this farm since 1932.

On Thursday 29 June 44, about 0700 hours my wife MILANI Fanni, came into my bedroom and told me that some German soldiers had come and taken my brother Olinto away.

I thought it best to leave the house and did so at once. I made my way to a wood about one kilometre away where I remained until the following day. On my way to the wood I saw German soldiers going into CIVITELLA and into several farms in this locality. I did not get near enough to recognise or describe anyone.

I returned to my home at 1000 hours on Friday, 30 June 44. Here I was told that my father MILANI Francesco, 67 years had gone to church in CIVITELLA on Thursday and that he had been killed there by German soldiers.

I left to go to CIVITELLA but first went to a bridge which is only about one hundred and fifty metres from my home.

Several people were at this bridge, as a number of men had been killed there. I stayed here and assisted them to recover some of the bodies which had been thrown into a hole at the side of the road.

Whilst doing this I saw bodies of men whom I have known for a number of years and recognised the following:- BERNINI Vittorio, GUANDANI Natale, GUANDANI Aurelio, GANESCHI Giuseppe, BONICOLINI Giovanni, MAMMOLI Guido, BIGLIOTTI Bartolomeo, PASQUI Settimio, BIGLIARINI Angelo, FATTORI Santi, CALDELLI Vittorio, DALO Giuseppe, RICCIARINI Metello, TRIPPI Lazzero, ZELLI Antonio and ABRIGUCCI Natale.

All these bodies had severe bullet wounds in the head and back as though caused by bursts of machine gun fire.

I went to the SANTA MARIA ASSUNTA church, CIVITELLA at 1400 hours, the same day. Here I found the body of my father MILANI Francesco. I could recognise him easily, his body had not been burnt, and there was only one bullet wound in the back of his head.

I had a coffin made and my father was buried at the Municipal Cemetery in the village of TUORI, Comune of CIVITELLA on Sunday 2 July 44.

My father had never been a Partisan and he had

never assisted them /....

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/and he had  
never assisted them in any way.

I know nothing of the Germans who killed all  
these people.

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

(Sgd.) MILANI Orazio.

Statement written down in Italian and signature  
witnessed by DI DUCA Bragia, interpreter, in the presence of  
Sgt. CLEWLOW, both of 78 Section SIB. on Friday 8th December,  
1944 at CAGGIOLO CIVITELLA, AREZZO.

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

DI DUCA Bragia.