

Civitella,
Arezzo.

14 Dec. 44.

STATEMENT OF:-

GABRIELLI Luigi,
Bella Vista,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

Male
Aged 48 years.

Who Saith,

I am a farmer and I have lived here for the past eleven years. My youngest son Gino aged 14 years, was killed by the Germans on the 29th. June 1944.

About 0700 hrs., on 29th. June 1944, I was at the farm CAGGIOLO with my son Gino. CAGGIOLO is the farm next to mine.

Four or five German soldiers came up to the men who were working and told us to go to the bridge. This bridge is about 50 metres from the farm. These soldiers were dressed in camouflage jackets, wore steel helmets and all were armed.

As we did not know why the Germans wanted us at the bridge we walked over. There were four of us, My son, MILANI Olinto, BONICOLINI Giovanni, and myself. When we got to the bridge there were a lot of men women and children from the surrounding farms. There were also a lot of German soldiers here some of them were dressed in a kind of summer uniform, others in this camouflage jacket. I cannot remember exactly how they were dressed.

After I had been there about an hour the Germans sent all the women and children away. There were 21 men left and the Germans made us walk up a cart track which leads off the road beside the bridge. German soldiers walked behind us with machine guns.

When we were about 30 metres up the track, some of these Germans opened fire with their machine guns amongst us. I felt a burning pain in my left foot so I jumped off the track into a hole at the side and lay still.

I heard the men on the road moaning and the German soldiers walking amongst them machine gunning. Then the Germans dragged the bodies off the track and threw them into a hole near where I was lying. Then they again machine gunned the bodies.

I lay there about thirty minutes until the Germans had left, then I went to the farm MARFIANO. I remained there for two days and then I joined my wife at the farm CAGGIOLO.

I never saw my son's body he was buried by my wife. I cannot remember anything about the Germans.

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

(Sgd) GABRIELLI Luigi.