

Civitella,  
Arezzo.

3 November 44.

STATEMENT OF:-

FALZZETI Piero,  
Civitella,  
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I am seventeen years of age, a mechanic and have lived in Civitella all my life.

About 2000 hours on Sunday, 18 June 44, I was in my home when I heard a burst of machine gun fire. Later I heard from various sources that some Germans had been killed in the DOPO LAVORO CLUB. I did not leave my house that night.

The next morning I left the town, fearing reprisals and went into the country and stayed in the house of my friends.

I returned to CIVITELLA on the morning of Saint Peter and Saint Pauls Day and after cleaning myself in my house I was on my way to Mass at about 0700 hours when I was stopped by my sister who told me that the Germans were coming into the town. I went to the Piazza, not seeing any Germans on the way. With three other men we decided to go out of town by the back road. We were jumping over the town wall when I heard machine gun fire and heard bullets whistling over my head. None of us were hit and we hid in the mountains.

I, at no time, saw any Germans and heard no other shots except those that were fired at me.

About 1000 hours on 1 July 44, I returned to CIVITELLA. When I entered the town I found some of the houses still burning. I went to the church and there saw my fathers body FALZZETI Luigi. He had a bullet wound behind his left ear and another in his throat there were about seventy other bodies in the church but I was very upset about my father and paid no attention to the others.

I made a coffin out of some boards that I borrowed from Signora SABATINI and took it to the church. About 1600 hours my mother and I took my fathers body to the cemetery on a barrow. He was buried by four men who were working in the cemetery.

I afterwards, with my mother went to SAN PIERO. We returned to CIVITELLA after it had been liberated by the British.

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

(Sgd) FALZZETI Piero.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by ROSSI Francesco, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CHARLES, both of 78 Section, SIB, on Thursday 3 November 44.

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

(Sgd) *Fabbroni Vasco*  
FABBRONI Vasco.