

Dorna Rotta,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

22 December, 44.

STATEMENT OF :-

PASQUI Silvio,	Male
Dorna Rotta,	55 years.
Civitella.	
Arezzo.	

Who with,

I am a farmer and have lived all my life at the above address. Until 29 June 44, my brother PASQUI Settimio, 57 years of age and my son PASQUI Giuseppe, 18 years of age, lived here with me.

On 29 June 44, I went with my son and my brother to CIVITELLA with the intention of attending service. My son and I went to the church of S. MARIA ASSUNTA while my brother left us to buy some meat in the town.

About 0730 hours whilst the service was still on I heard the sound of rifle and machine gun fire and grenades bursting outside the church.

I was very frightened but the priest told us not to worry but if the Germans wanted any of our property to let them have it and not to interfere with them. He then carried on with the service.

When the Mass ended we did not leave the church but, with others, I followed the priest into his house, the entrance to which leads from the church.

A little while afterwards a German soldier came into the house and ordered all of us back into the church.

He wore a steel helmet, khaki coloured trousers and carried a pistol in his hand.

I walked very slowly into the church, being the last of the party to re-enter the church. When I got there, the church was empty. I got a fons and by climbing on it was able to get out of church by a window and hid myself in the garden outside.

From this place of concealment I could see houses burning. I heard shooting, screams, and hangings on doors. I remained in hiding.

About 0930 hours things became quiet and I left the garden and climbed over the back wall, and made my way across country to my house.

I did not see any Germans on my way. When I got home I found my house untouched. I took my wife and family into the woods to hide.

On Saturday 30 June 44, in consequence of what

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I was told I went to the church of S. MARIA ASSUNTA where I saw the dead bodies of my son and brother.

My son had a bullet wound between his eyes and his right eye was missing; he also had a wound in the back of his head.

My brother had bullet wounds in his stomach and in the head.

On Saturday 30 June 44, both bodies were buried in the cemetery in CIVITELLA.

Neither my brother nor my ~~son~~ Partisans.

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

(Sgd.) PASQUI Silvio.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by MAGINI Livia, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CHARLES J.W., both of 78 Section S.I.B. on Friday, 22nd December, 1944. at DORNA ROTTA, CIVITELLA, AREZZO.

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

Magini Livia

MAGINI Livia,