

Capo Contro,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

8 January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF :-

ALFONSI Margherita,
Capo Contro,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

Female aged 53 years.

WHO SAID:-

I am the wife of ALFONSI Alfonso. We have lived here for the last eight years.

About 0645 hours on Thursday, 29 June, 1944, my husband and I were walking towards CIVITELLA to attend Mass at the Church of S. MARIA ASSU TA.

Just before we reached CIVITELLA we heard the sound of rifle fire coming from farther down the hillside. We looked over the edge of the road and saw about fifty German soldiers near the farm on which the BOZZI family live. The Germans were scattered in loose formation over the side of the hill and were moving towards CIVITELLA.

These Germans were dressed in steel helmets, Khaki coloured uniforms with shorts.

We did not think that they would harm us so we continued walking and entered the church.

Mass was nearly over when I heard the sound of rifle and machine gun fire outside the church and then there was a loud explosion which shook the church.

The priest finished saying Mass but we did not leave the church. I did not think the Germans would harm me but I intended to be with my husband whatever happened.

Shortly afterwards two German soldiers entered the church and shouted at us to get outside.

These Germans were dressed like the other Germans I had previously seen but I cannot describe them more fully because my husband and I slipped out of church by a door which led directly into the priest's house. Inside I saw FALSETTI Agostino, CANESCHI Giuseppe, and FRANCI Giuseppe.

My husband walked through the house into the garden and climbed over the wall into the back road of the town. We tried to get out of town by the north gate without being seen but when we were near the gate I heard a man shouting at us and then I heard rifle fire and bullets whistling past us.

Neither of us were hit and we ran through the gate and on into the woods. From here I saw smoke rising from CIVITELLA and heard a lot of rifle and machine gun fire. I did not see any Germans after we left the house of the priest.

We returned home later in the day to find our

house undamaged/.....