

Capo Contro,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

8 January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:-

ALFONSI Alfonso,
Capo Contro,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

Male 57 years.

WHO SAITH:-

I am a farmer and have lived here with my wife ALFONSI Margherita, for the last eight years.

About 0645 hours on Thursday, 29 June, 1944 my wife and I were walking along the road leading to CIVITELLA with the intention of attending Mass at the church of S. MARIA ASSUNTA.

We had nearly reached CIVITELLA when I heard the sound of rifle fire lower down on the hillside and looking over the side of the road saw about fifty German soldiers scattered over the hillside in the vicinity of the farm occupied by BOZZI Conforto and his family. The Germans were moving towards CIVITELLA.

They were all dressed alike in khaki coloured uniforms with shorts and were all wearing steel helmets. I was not near enough to them to describe them more fully.

Not realising what was going to happen my wife and I resumed our journey and entered the church.

Mass was nearly over when I heard the sounds of machine gun and rifle fire and then a very loud explosion which made the church vibrate.

After Mass was over, nobody left the church but shortly afterwards two German soldiers entered the church and shouted in Italian for everybody to get outside.

All I can say about these Germans was that they were wearing khaki coloured uniforms with shorts also steel helmets and were carrying rifles, because with my wife I slipped out of a side door leading directly into the priest's house where I saw FALSETTI Agostino, CANESCHI Giuseppe, and FRANCHI Giuseppe.

My wife and I walked through this house and climbing over the garden wall made our way towards the north gate of the town.

As we approached the gate I heard rifle shots and felt bullets whistling past me. I shouted to my wife to hurry and we ran through the gate and into the woods. At this

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/woods. At this time I saw no Germans. As we made our way through the woods I saw smoke rising from CIVITELLA and heard machine gun and rifle fire.

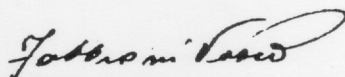
My wife and I later returned home and found our house undamaged.

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

(Sgd.) ALFONSI Alfonso.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by FABBRONI Vasco, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. Charles both of 78 Section S.I.B. on Monday 8 January, 1945. at CAFO CONTRO, CIVITELLA, AREZZO.

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


FABBRONI Vasco.