

Monte San Savino,  
Arezzo.

19 December 44.

STATEMENT OF:-

ROSSI Caterina,	Female.
Per Granaio,	Aged 44 years.
Monte San Savino,	
Arezzo.	

Who saith,

I am the widow of DEL CUCINA Antonio, who was a farmer. We had lived at BURRONE since January 1944. We had three children, a boy Gaetano, 12 years, a girl Ilva 11 years, and a girl Elsa 6 years. These children as well as my husband Antonio, who was 53 years of age, were murdered by the Germans on Thursday, 29th. June 1944.

On 29th. June 1944, about 0700 hours, my husband started his work as usual with the oxen and that was the last time I saw my husband alive.

It was about 0800 hours, when I left my home to go to church at CORNIA. When I left home my three children were in the house. That was the last time I saw them alive. I attended the service at CORNIA and nothing unusual occurred during this time.

I was walking back to BURRONE about 1000 hours. BURRONE is about two kilometres south of CORNIA. When about a kilometre from BURRONE, I met a man whom I do not know. He told me not to go any further as the Germans were in BURRONE. I went into a wood and after a while I heard a lot of rifle and machine gun fire which appeared to come from CORNIA. As I was afraid I remained in the wood until things quietened down and the firing ceased.

About 1400 hours, I came back to BURRONE. When I was about ten metres from the house, I found the body of my daughter Ilva. Her body was lying in a pool of blood and there were several bullet wounds in her head. Nearer my home I saw a pile of bodies lying in a great pool of blood. Amongst these I found the body of my husband Antonio. His body also had bullet wounds in the head. My son Gaetano and daughter Elsa also had bullet wounds in the head. That is all I can remember clearly. Of the next two days I can remember little. I was taken to the farm of PASQUINI Dante where I remained for the rest of the day.

My husband and family were taken to the Municipal Cemetery at CORNIA on Friday, 30th June 1944, by AMAZZONI Dino. I was unable to attend their funeral.

My husband was not a Partisan and he had never helped Partisans.

I can say nothing about the Germans as I never saw them.

This statement has been read over to me. It is true and correct. I herewith append my mark.

(Sgd) X Mark of ROSSI Caterina.