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42, Verniano,
Monte San Savino.
Arezzo.

11 January 45.

STATEMENT OF :-

TEDESCHI Hello,
42, Verniano,
Monte San Savino
Arezzo.

Male
63 years.

Who saith,

I am a farmer and have lived at this farm for the past thirtyfour years. I am married and have seven children.

About 0600 hours on Thursday 29 June 44, I and my family were all at home when we heard the sound of heavy traffic along the MONTE SAN SAVINO - FLORENCE ROAD. This road runs near the farmhouse.

This house is situated at the mouth of a valley. At the top of the valley stands CORNIA.

I heard the sound of a motor vehicle entering the farmyard and I saw through the window a big open truck inside the yard with about twentyfive Germans just getting off it.

These Germans were dressed in a variety of uniforms. Some wore steel helmets, others wore Field service caps. Some were wearing grey-green uniforms with long trousers and other a khaki drill clothing with shorts.

Some of these Germans went into the nearby woods and camouflaged their helmets with pieces of twigs from the trees.

Two German soldiers entered my house and stood gazing out of the window which overlooks the valley for about five minutes. They then left the house after telling me and my family to remain indoors and not to be afraid.

After they had gone I went to the window and saw that three separate machine gun posts with three men to each gun had been posted near my house covering the entrance to the valley.

A short while afterwards I heard what appeared to be machine gun fire and saw the house of my neighbours, the ROSSI'S, in flames.

Continuously until about 1700 hours that day I heard the sounds of machine gun and rifle fire from the surrounding countryside and heard several bursts fired by the machine gun posts.

In the following order we saw flames rise from the houses in the vicinity :- First, MOROAGGIOLO, then afterwards BURRONE, CORNIA, and finally SOLAIA.

About four hundred German soldiers got on to their vehicles on the road outside my house at about 1730 hours on this day and were driven away towards MONTE SAN SAVINO. The vehicles

were composed of /....

/SAVINO. The vehicles

were composed of big open trucks, buses and motor cycles; they bore no distinguishing marks.

After they had gone, my wife and I left the house. About one hundred metres from the house we found the bodies of ROSSI Silvio and ROSSI Nello. Both bodies were badly burnt.

In a field near the bridge I saw the dead bodies of GATTI Assuntina, a woman who had previously lived at OGGIANO and the bodies of another man and two women. All of these bodies were very badly burned. They were later removed by their relatives.

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

(Sgd.) TEDIUSCHI Nello.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by FABBRONI Vasco, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CHARLES both of 78 Section SIB. on Thursday 11th January, 1945 at 42, VERNIANO, MONTE SAN SAVINO, AREZZO.

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

Fabbroni Vasco
FABBRONI Vasco.