

Giorgino,  
Cornia,  
Civitella,  
Arezzo.

21st December, 1944.

STATEMENT OF:-

NASI Caterina,	Female.
Giorgino,	21 years.
Cornia,	
Civitella,	
Arezzo.	

Who saith,

I have lived here all my life with my father NASI Pasquale, sixty seven (67) years, mother PONTENARI ROSA fifty one (51) years and brother NASI Luigi, fifteen (15) years.

My mother was murdered by the Germans on the 29th June, 1944.

On Thursday, 29th June, 1944, I started work at my home about 07.30 hours. About 10.00 hours some children came to my home from MONCAGIOLI and told me that the Germans were shooting everyone and burning the houses there. MONCAGIOLI is about two (2) kilometres south of CORNIA. I went and told my mother of this but she refused to leave the house. My father was at this time at SIENA.

I left at once with my brother LUIGI for a wood which is about a hundred (100) metres south of CORNIA. From the time I left my home and when I was in the wood I could hear rifle and machine gun fire which appeared to come from the direction the children mentioned.

About 11.00 hours I could hear rifle and machine gun fire in CORNIA and later saw the houses burning. I also saw some soldiers who through their dress I took to be Germans. They wore a steel helmet which was camouflaged with twigs, a camouflaged jacket and all were armed. This firing in the village lasted about an hour.

I came out of the wood with my brother and returned to my home about 15.00 hours. When I got back my house was burning furiously. There is a stable underneath the house and I saw a pair of legs sticking out of the doorway. When I looked into the stable, I saw my mother's body lying on the floor. A boar pig had been killed also and this was lying on top of my mother but I cannot say why. My mother's body was naked and badly burned from the waist up. There was a bullet wound in her face and several in the head. Her stomach was out and her intestines lying on the floor.

I could still recognise the body as that of my mother despite all these wounds and the burning. The shock of seeing my mother in such a way and my home being on fire was too much for me. I went back to the wood where I remained for that night.

The following day I left for SAN CARERA 13 and did not return to CORNIA until the British were there. My

brother LUIGI assisted/....

/were there. My

brother LUIGI assisted by VENTURINI PIA (now dead) buried the body of my mother on Friday, 30th June, 1944, in the Municipal Cemetery at CERNIA.

I can say nothing of the Germans who killed my mother.

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

(Sgd) NAMI CATERINA.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by PTE BRAGIA DI DUCA No 4466417, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt GLE LON, both of 78 Section S.I. on 21st December, 1944, at CERNIA, CIVITELLA, AREZZO.

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

BRAGIA DI DUCA.