

42, Verniano,  
Monte San Savino,  
Arezzo.

11 January 45.

STATEMENT OF :-

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

Female  
42 years.

Who saith,

I am the wife of TEDESCHI Nello, I have lived here for the past twentytwo years. We have seven children.

About 0600 hours on Thursday 29 June 44, I and the rest of my family were all indoors when I heard a lot of traffic on the main road which runs past the house and afterwards I heard a vehicle enter the farmyard.

Our house is adjacent to the main FLORENCE-MONTE SAVINO Road and stands at the mouth of the valley. CORNIA stands at the top of this valley.

I looked out of a window and saw about twentyfive German soldiers just getting off a large open military lorry which was standing in the yard.

These Germans were dressed in a variety of uniforms some in grey green uniforms, others in khaki drill clothing with shorts. Some wore steel helmets while others wore Field Service Caps.

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

Two of them came into the house and stood looking through the windows towards CORNIA. I spoke to one of them and he told me that they were going into action against the Partisans. They left the house after staying about five minutes after telling us to remain indoors and not to be afraid.

None of my family left the house but from the windows I saw three machine guns with three men to each gun posted near the house as if covering the entrance to the valley.

Shortly after the Germans had left we heard the sound of shots and saw the house of our neighbours the ROSSI'S in flames.

I heard firing in the vicinity all day and heard several bursts of machine gun fire from the direction of the three machine gun posts.

In the following order we saw flames arising from the houses in the vicinity. First the ROSSI'S, then MORCAGGIOLLO, and BURRONE, then CORNIA itself and lastly SOLAIA.

At about 1730 hours I saw a number of vehicles on the road outside my house. There were several big open trucks and buses and a number of motor cycles.

I saw about four hundred German soldiers mount

these vehicles. They /....