

No. 5. SAN PANCRAZIO,
BUCINE.
25th January 1944.

STATEMENT OF:-

ADA ROSI.
No. 8. SAN PANCRAZIO.

FEMALE.
56 YEARS.

WHO STATES:-

I am a married woman, and have lived in SAN PANCRAZIO together with my husband and family all my life.

At about 1330 hours on the 29th JUNE 1944, I was in the house along with my daughter, and 21 year old son, TIMISVARO ROSI who was an invalid. A soldier entered, and threatening my daughter and I with a sub machine gun, made us go into the street. My son at this time was lying in bed in the room next to the kitchen. As we were coming down the steps leading to the street, the soldier turned back and I saw him go into my son's room, and I heard two shots fired. He then came out, and together with other soldiers took away my daughter and I, and a number of other women to the top end of the village.

I sheltered in the woods just outside the village until about 1600 hours when I returned to my house, which I found to be on fire. I entered my son's room and found the bed completely burnt, and I saw the charred remains of my son's body lying on the framework. I covered his body with a sheet and then went back to the woods where I stayed for about 18 days.

In the meantime I had met my husband who had been in hiding on the morning of the 29th when the Germans came.

On the 20th July, my husband and I placed my son's body in a coffin, and we buried him the same day in the village cemetery.

I think I could recognise the soldier who fired the shots in my son's room, I describe him as being about 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height, medium build, fair hair, long face, fresh complexion, dressed in dark grey uniform, jack boots, no hat.

I have read over the above statement, and it is true and correct.

(Sgd) ADA ROSI.

Statement taken and written down in Italian, by BDR. GIULIANI, Interpreter, in the presence of SGT. EDMONDSON, both of 78 Section S.I.B. at SAN PANCRAZIO on the 25th January 1945.

I certify that the above Statement is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(Sgd) C.A. GIULIANI.