

5, San Pancrazio,  
Buoino.

31 January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:-

BUZZINI Maria,  
Parish House,  
SAN PANCRAZIO.

Female  
37 years.

Who saith:-

I have lived in S. PANCRAZIO for about three years and up to the 29 June, 1944, resided with my husband BUZZINI Ottavio, aged 40 years who was employed by the Parish Priest as farm labourer.

Early on the morning of 29 June, my husband left the house to go and work in the fields, but he returned about 0700 hours and told me there were a lot of German soldiers around the village, and that they had sent him back home. He stayed in the house until about 0900 hours and as he was leaving I saw two German soldiers get hold of him and lead him away. I saw him taken to the village square along with another man named MANNINI Adelmo. During the morning I saw other men being escorted to the village square by German soldiers.

At about 1200 hours I was ordered to leave my house and go away from the village. As I passed by the square I saw my husband alive for the last time. Altogether there were fifty or sixty men being guarded by the Germans.

I stayed outside the village till evening, when I returned and saw my house on fire. I tried to put out the flames but could not, so I went out of the village and stayed there with the other women in the woods.

After the English soldiers arrived we all returned to live in SAN PANCRAZIO.

Two or three days later I went to the Fattoria PIERANGELLI, where I saw a number of charred bodies being taken from the cellar, but I did not stay very long. I could not say if the body of my husband was amongst the corpses recovered, but I heard afterwards that his body was found in a badly burnt condition and that it was buried in the communal grave along with the remainder.

I have not seen my husband either dead or alive since 29 June, and I was so afraid on that day I could not describe any of the soldiers who were in the village.

(Sgd) X MARK OF BUZZINI Maria.

I have had this statement read over to me and it is true and correct. I am unable to write or read but I herewith append my mark.

(Sgd.) X MARK OF BUZZINI Maria.