

Villa Maggi,  
San Pancrazio,  
Commune of Bucine,  
Arezzo.

2 February 45.

STATEMENT OF:-

MORI Mia,  
Villa Maggi,  
San Pancrazio,  
Bucine.

Female.  
Aged 36 years.

Who saith,

I am the widow of MORI Sestilio aged 39 years, an agricultural labourer and have lived in SAN PANCRAZIO for the past fourteen years.

About 0600 hours on 29 June 44, I heard rumours that German soldiers were in the village of SAN PANCRAZIO rounding up all the men. My husband at that time was ill in bed, but I informed him of what I had heard and advised him to stay in bed. A short time later two German soldiers entered the house each heavily armed. When they saw my husband in bed they asked if he was wounded. I explained my husband was ill, after which they left the house.

As I was looking towards the village that morning I saw several of the houses on fire. I remained in the house with my husband and about 1330 hours another two soldiers entered. After I told them my husband was ill they ordered me to go at least two kilometres away from the village with him. When we left the house we passed a soldier who allowed us to proceed, but upon going a little further another soldier ordered my husband to return to the village. I pleaded with him but he persisted and I watched my husband go towards the Piazza while I continued on my way into the country. That was the last time I saw my husband alive.

I returned to the village again later that day only to find the place deserted and almost all the houses on fire. I did not see any signs of my husband. Whilst I was in my house I heard the sound of a motor car approaching and being afraid in case the Germans were coming back again, I fled to the country. There I remained until the arrival of the Allied troops some weeks later.

Some time during July 44, I was present when the debris was being cleared at the farm of PIERANGELI in SAN PANCRAZIO. During this excavation I saw a piece of clothing which was identical to part of a coat worn by my husband when I last saw him alive on the 29 June 44. When I realised my husband was one of the victims I fainted and was taken away by friends. I did not go to the cellar again.

I cannot describe any of the soldiers I saw on that day, but I now remember seeing one from the window of my house, take off his tunic and I saw he was wearing a Fascist blackshirt.

My husband was not a partisan and he did not do

any harm to/....

/did not do

any harm to the German troops during the occupation of this area.

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

(Sgd) MORI Pia.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by Sgt SALZMANN, M., Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt Vickers, both of 78 Section, SIB, on 2 February 45, at SAN PANCRAZIO.\*

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

M. SALZMANN.