5, San Fanorasio, Bucine.

25th. January, 1945.

STATE ENT OF :-

TIEZZI Eride, 5, San Manorazio, Bucine. Female.
Aged 18 years.

Who saith,

I am a single woman and am at present living with my m ther:

About 1000 hours on the 29th, June, 1944, I was in the house along with my father Angelo TIE:ZI, aged 51 years, (now deceased) and my mather; when a German soldier armed with a rifle came in. He ordered my father outside the house and I saw him being marched towards the village square. Shortly afterwards I went out and saw a number of men including my father; formed in the square. Therebwere about twenty or thirty German soldiers guarding them, and there was a machine gun mounted near the church, pointing towards the men.

About this time I saw a number of farmhouses situated just outside the village, being set on fire by the Germans, and other men being brought into the square. Whilst this was going on I spoke to two of the soldiers and one of them said he came from BOLZANO. He spoke Italian fluently and the other one fairly well. I think they were both Italians in German uniform and describe them as follows:

The one from BOLZANO was about 30 years old, 6ft., medium build, thin long face, fresh complexion, dressed in grey green uniform with jack-boots. — e had chevrons on his left sleeve. The other was about 30 years old, 5ft. 6 or 7ins., well built, brown hair, dark complexion, dressed in black shirt, trousers, jack-boots, also wearing a camouflaged jacket. Both had rifles and revolvers.

About 1500 hours the Germans rounded all the women and children up and took us to the top end of the village. As we passed the village square, I saw my father being led away along with about sixty other men. That was the last time I saw my father.

I then went into the woods with the other women and when I returned the following day. I saw that most of the houses had been destroyed by fire. We did not come back to live in the village until about twenty days later. I was present at FATTORIA PIERANGELLI, when the charred remains of human bodies were removed from the cellar, and I saw a leather belt which I recognised as the one my father was wearing when I last saw him.

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

(Sgd.) TIEZZI MIDE.

Statement written do wn in Italian and Signature witnessed by Bdr. GIULIANI, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. Edmondson, both of 78 Section S.I.B. at BAN PANCRAZIO on the 25th. January, 1945.

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