

Villa Maggi,  
San Pancrazio.

31st. January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:-

SPINI Maria,  
Villa Maggi,  
San Pancrazio,  
Bucine,  
Arezzo.

Female.  
Aged 50 years.

Who saith,

I am the widow of SPINI Donato, aged 46 years, the director of the factory PIERANGIOLI and I am a native of TALAMONA. For the past three years I have lived at the factory with my husband.

About 0600 hours on the 29th. June, 1944, as I was dressing, I saw two covered trucks bearing the sign of the red cross, come up the road and stop beneath the factory. A number of soldiers alighted and I went downstairs to the door. I asked one of them if there was some wounded in the trucks and if I could help them and he replied in Italian "NO, NO, WE HAVE NO WOUNDED HERE". I went back into the house and almost immediately soldiers began to enter. Many of them searched the rooms taking anything they seemed to fancy, while some entered the kitchen. One soldier, a young, tall blonde, said to me "PREPARE SOME FOOD FOR THE OFFICER BY 1-30". I remained in the kitchen all morning getting food for the soldiers until 1300 hours when a soldier came and told me to go to the square. I went out into the square in front of the factory and saw that most of the men of the village there surrounded by soldiers. Amongst the men I saw my husband, so I went to him and said goodbye.

The soldiers made me go to the PLAZZA DEL POZZACCIO where I joined the other women. We were guarded by several soldiers who kept their rifles pointed at us, until about 1400 hours when they made us leave the village.

All the soldiers I saw were dressed in camouflage jackets but I cannot describe them further. I did not see the officer.

I went into the surrounding fields where I stayed until 1730 hours, when I returned to the village. All the buildings were in flames and many were destroyed. I tried to reach the factory but it was well alight and it was impossible.

I went to live with some friends in the country for about a month and then again returned to the village. The factory was destroyed and impossible to live in. I did not go to the cellar where the bodies were exhumed but later some children brought two rings to me which I recognised as my husband's. My husband was not a partisan nor had we ever helped them.

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

(Sgd.) SPINI MARIA.

Statement written down in Italian, read over, and signature witnessed by D. CEARONI, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. HALL, both of 78 Section, S.I.B., at SAN

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