

No.10 San Pancrazio,
Commune of Bucine,
Arezzo.

31 January 45.

STATEMENT OF:-

PANZIERI Vilma, Female.
San Pancrazio, Aged 16 years.
Bucine.

Who saith,

I am a single girl living in SAN PANCRAZIO with my mother where I have lived all my life. Up to the 29 June 44, my father PANZIERI Ernesto, aged 62 years, a labourer had also lived with us.

About 0600 hours on 29 June 1944 I was awakened from my sleep by some noises in the street. I went to the window and saw two German soldiers escorting my father down the street. I got up and dressed and after about half an hour I went to the PLAZZA to take my father some food and coffee. He was stood with some more men from the village guarded by German soldiers. After my father had partaken of the food I went back home.

Later that morning I saw an armoured car pass along the street containing German soldiers. I was afraid and remained with my mother in the house.

About 1300 hours several soldiers arrived in the village on foot. They appeared exhausted and had come from the direction of CIVITELLA. At their request I took them water. When they had all finished drinking they divided into small groups and went to different houses. Some of them ordered my mother and I away to join other women and children who had been ordered from their homes. We were all ordered from the village by the soldiers and took refuge in the woods. I returned later that day to the village where I found several of the houses on fire. I tried to put some of them out but they were burning too fiercely. I went into one of the houses and saw the burnt remains of ROSSI Temesvaro which were badly burnt amongst the wreckage. After leaving this house I heard the sound of a motor car entering the village so I fled back again to the woods. There I remained with my mother and other women until the arrival of Allied troops, when we were allowed to go home.

During July, 1944 I learnt of the discovery of the men of this village in the cellar at the farm of PIERRANGELI. I went to watch this excavation and whilst I stood there I was horrified to witness the dead body of my father uncovered from the debris. I was able to recognise his features although badly burnt.

I was present when my father was buried in a comunal grave along with several other victims in the village cemetery of SAN PANCRAZIO.

My father did not at any time assist Partisans

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Germans any harm, and I cannot understand why he was killed.

I cannot describe any of the German soldiers
I saw that day.

(Sgd.) PANZIERI Vilma.

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

(Sgd.) PANZIERI Vilma.

The above statement written down in Italian
an signature witnessed by Sgt. Salzmann, N. interpreter in the
presence of Sgt. Vickers, J. both of 78 Section S.I.B. at
SA - PANORAMA on 31.1.45.

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

N. Salzmann. Sgt.