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31, San Pancrazio,
Buoino.

31 January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:-

BERNARDI Giulia, Female
31, San Pancrazio. 60 years.

Who saith:-

I am the widow of the late BERNARDI Adolfo aged 64 years and reside in SAN PANCRAZIO.

At about 0530 hours on the morning of 29 June, 1944 my husband got up and went out into the street. He came back immediately and told me there were a lot of German soldiers in the village, and I got up and dressed, and then he went out again. A few minutes later I saw my husband and three other men in the square. There were machine guns either side of the square pointing towards the centre, and a number of German soldiers armed with rifles and revolvers. During the morning I saw a number of men being escorted into the square by Germans.

About 1100 hours I saw the MONTE SAN SAVINO HOSPITAL AMBULANCE containing the driver and CHIEZZI Raffaello arrive in the village. Signora TERESA, mother-in-law of this man was carried on a stretcher into the ambulance, and I saw it drive away.

I stayed indoors until about 1200 hours when a German soldier entered and ordered me to leave the village. My house was situated near the square and as I passed by I saw my husband for the last time. I remained on the outskirts of the village until evening, when I returned and found my house on fire. I then left again and went to stay in the woods with other refugees from the village. With the arrival of the British troops about eighteen days later we all returned to live in the village.

Some days or so later, from what I heard, I went to the Fattoria FIERANGELI, where I saw the charred remains of human bodies. I was not able to identify any of the bodies as being that of my husband. I have since learned that he was seen to go into the cellar of the Fattoria on 29 June, 1944.

I was very much afraid on that day, but I remember a soldier entering my house and he was dressed in a black shirt and khaki shorts, and he had a circular shaped white badge above his elbow. That is all I can say.

(Sgd.) BERNARDI Giulia.

This statement has been read over to me. It is true and correct. I herewith append my signature.

(Sgd.) BERNARDI Giulia.

Statement written down in Italian and signature

witnessed by Bdr./....