

Oliveto.

12 April 45.

STATEMENT OF:-

GIANNINI Lorenzo, Male.  
Gricciola di Oliveto, Aged 57 years.  
Civitella,  
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I am a farm labourer and have lived at my present address for the past six years.

Towards 18 Jun 44, about ten German soldiers arrived with four vehicles at the villa of my employer, Signor MAZZI, who at the time was evacuated from here. The soldiers occupied a portion of the villa. They wore khaki summer uniforms.

Among these soldiers was an Italian, also in German uniform, who I got to know as 'Sergente Maggiore' CANTINI. He spoke Italian with a Tuscan accent and German. CANTINI told me on several occasions that he was going to CIVITELLA to make enquiries following the killing of German soldiers in that locality. I describe CANTINI as follows:- About 30 years of age, about 1 metre 50-65 centimetres tall, well built, thick set, black hair, close clipped moustache, black eyes, normal nose.

On 29 Jun 44, about 0630 hours, on my arrival here for work, I saw four or five soldiers, including CANTINI, on board a truck. They were armed with rifles and pistols and on the truck they had two camouflaged snocks. The truck left immediately. I did not see the soldiers return as that day was a holiday and I went home about 0900 hours, after having seen to the cattle.

This party of soldiers left here on 30 June or 1 July 44.

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

(Sgd) GIANNINI Lorenzo.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by Mr. GIULIANI, C.A. Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt Grewlow and Roberts, all of 78 Section, 81B, on Thursday, 12th. April, 1945, at OLIVETO.

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

C.A. GIULIANI.