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Badia al Pino,  
Arezzo.

3 April 45.

STATEMENT OF :-

BIONDINI Anna,  
132, Spolano,  
Badia al Pino,  
Arezzo.

Female  
46 years.

Who saith,

I am married and have lived at my present address for the past fifteen years.

On or about 21 June 44, some sixty or seventy German soldiers occupied this locality. The majority of them lived under canvas in a wood about two hundred metres distant from my house. The remainder lived in the farm-houses of the neighbourhood.

The majority of these soldiers were in tropical uniform, except one or two who wore black jackets, shirts, and trousers and also black peaked caps on which was displayed a badge in the shape of an eagle. These soldiers had a number of lorries parked in the wood and here, in the farm-yard, some medium sized lorries and two or three motor cycle combinations.

About 0400 hours on 29 June 44, I heard a great deal of noise and movement around the house and later I heard the vehicles leave. I got up about 0700 hours that morning and noticed that there were only six or seven soldiers left. Later that morning I noticed the village of CIVITELLA, which lies about five kilometres distant from my house, was burning.

On that same day, about 1030 hours, I saw two men and a boy standing outside the villa BONECCHI, which is next door to my house. I spoke to these men and they told me that they had been brought by the Germans from CIVITELLA, where the soldiers were killing the civilians and burning the houses. They told me they were evacuees from FLORENCE. One of them said he could speak German and was able therefore to explain their situation.

The remainder of that day I spent in the fields and I did not see the soldiers return. However they stayed here for two or three more days and departed one evening, the date of which I do not remember.

I now remember that one officer and two Maresciallos belonging to the party of soldiers quartered here, were billeted at the villa BONECCHI.

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

(Sgd.) X MARK OF BIONDINI Anna.

Statement written down in Italian and read over and mark witnessed by GULIANI C.A., interpreter, in the

presence of Sgt./....