

STATEMENT OF :-

CANTUCCI Giorgio, Male  
44, Via Mazzini, 32 years.  
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I am an engineer and have lived here all my life.

Owing to the Allies bombing AREZZO I evacuated with my family to our villa at TECOLETO on 15 December 43.

About 13 June 44, a German soldier came to the villa and told me that more of their men would be coming in about two days time. He said that they would stay in the wood opposite. He put a sign outside, pointing into my farm-yard before leaving. This board had a letter N painted inside a circle with a figure 3 after it, like this :-



The colours were white and blue but I cannot remember whether the N was blue and the circle white or the N white and the circle blue.

On 15 June 44, these soldiers arrived. They occupied six rooms in the villa and all the barns belonging to the farm. They came in ten or twelve German Army lorries and two Italian cars which were 1500 FIATS. These vehicles they parked in the wood nearby. Altogether there were about sixty men and these were under the command of an officer whom I took to be a lieutenant. When these soldiers arrived at first, they were all dressed in grey-green type of uniform. This they changed however shortly after their arrival for a light khaki summer dress. I remember that on the grey-green uniform they all wore a band around the waist upon which were inscribed the words "HERMAN GOERING".

The officer I describe as :- about 35 years, 1 m. 75 cm. tall, thin build, grey eyes, fair hair, nearly bald. He was always dressed in a grey blue uniform.

I noticed in the days that followed all the vehicles which these Germans possessed bore the same sign as I have described above. The lorries had it painted somewhere on the back and the cars beside the rear left mudguard. During the time that they were here a lot of these signboards were put in various places around the farm.

Allied aircraft at this time, used to come very low over the district and I was afraid they might spot the Germans or their vehicles and burn the villa. On account of this I left with my family on 25 June 44, and went to a farm about two hundred metres away.

On the evening of 29 June 44, I noticed all the lorries lined up outside the villa and guessed that the Germans were leaving. I moved back into my house that evening and

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saw in the farmyard about six dead geese. These geese had been brought in by the soldiers and all had been shot with some firearm.

The following days, whilst I was cleaning out the rooms that had been occupied by the soldiers I found a lot of pieces of paper. When these pieces were put together I found that they were letters and bank cheques belonging to the people of CIVITELLA. These I later sent to Dr. CARDINALI, the Sindaco of BADIA al PINO. I also found a German envelope with a soldier's name "WILFRIED MATTHES" and field post number L51756 written on it. This envelope, now marked EXHIBIT "B" I have handed to Sgt. CLENLOW of the British Special Investigation Branch on 30 March, 45. It could not have belonged to any other German soldier than one of them who stayed here between the 15th and 29th June 44.

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

( Sgd. ) CANTUCCI Giorgio.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by DI DUQA Bragia, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CLENLOW and Cpl. ROBERTS all of 78 Section S.I.B. on Friday 30th March, 1945 at AREZZO.

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

DI DUQA Bragia.