

Mugliano,  
Arezzo.

28 March 45.

STATEMENT OF :-

DEL NUONO Guido, Male 67 years.  
Villa Mini, Married.  
Mugliano,  
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I am a retired General of the GUARDIA DI FINANZA. From 1936 to 1943 I lived at AREZZO, but in November, of this year 1943, I evacuated to CIVITELLA where I lived in the house of SABATINI Paolo.

On the evening of Sunday 18 June 44, I was talking to Signore SABATINI in the porchway outside his house. It was then about 2130 hours and we decided to go into the house for supper. We had just entered the house when suddenly there was a burst of machine gun fire. This firing appeared to come from the left of the house, the direction of the DOPO LAVORO CLUB. That evening I heard a lot of commotion in the village but did not go out to investigate.

The following day Monday 19 June 44, I was told of the Germans who had been killed in the DOPO LAVORO CLUB and noticed a lot of civilians leaving the village.

About 1100 hours I saw a German soldier walk down the street and go into the DOPO LAVORO CLUB. I describe him as follows :- One metre 66 centimetres in height, well built, wearing khaki summer uniform. He was armed with a pistol. I also saw a woman whom I knew as Signora CAU from GIBBLA in the village.

On Tuesday 20 June 44, I saw a German Army Lorry come into the village and stop outside the DOPO LAVORO CLUB. There were about eight German soldiers on this truck, some of them were dressed in summer khaki and others in the grey green uniform. All were armed with what appeared to be rifles. Later I saw these soldiers put two coffins on the truck, then all left the village.

About 1630 hours I again saw these soldiers in the village from the house and later saw them firing at something in the hills opposite.

About 1630 hours that evening I was leaving the house when I saw a German soldier standing outside. When he saw me he said "Venire", (Come) but I returned into the house and shut the door. Shortly afterwards there was a loud knocking on the door, so I thought best to open it. When I did so the soldier grabbed me by the jacket and pulled me outside. He then went into the house and brought everyone outside.

This soldier spoke to me but always in broken Italian and it was obvious to me that he was Italian and just trying to cover himself. He spoke with a Roman accent. Later a soldier checked our Identity Cards; then I was taken to the DOPO LAVORO CLUB by a soldier whom I took to be a captain. Standing in the doorway there was another soldier whom I took to be a lieutenant and who saluted the officer I was with.

In the club I was accused of being a bandit by the lieutenant. After I had been shown all the holes in the wall of the club that had been caused by the bullets, I was taken outside. I was then escorted with other civilians to the

/civilians to the

Civitella,

square at the bottom of the village. Here I saw a German Army truck and a 1100 Fiat Italian Car. Standing beside the car I saw the secretary of the Comune of RADIA al PINO, MAMMINI. I spoke to MAMMINI and he was very agitated and worried about something.

The man whom I took to be a captain then shouted three times the name "CONTINI", and a man arrived who answered this name and he talked to the Officers. After a while the captain said to the lieutenant, "Pochi, Via,". Then we were all sent home.

The captain I describe as :- 34 to 35 years, 1 metre 56 cms. in height, blonde hair, light blue eyes, pale complexion, thin build. He was dressed in a military overcoat and wore the peaked cap of a German Officer. The lieutenant I describe as :- 1 metre 78 cm. in height, black hair, black eyes, dark complexion, medium build. He was dressed in a grey German officers uniform with a leather belt, on his epaulettes he had a star but I cannot remember the particular design of his epaulettes.

The man CONTINI, I describe as :- 1 metre 53 cm. in height, thin build, dressed in German Army uniform. He spoke fluent Italian.

The following morning I left for Poggiali and did not return to CIVITELLA until it was occupied by the British in July.

I have read over this statement. It is true and correct. I herewith append my signature. One of these soldiers had a flag NER made of (Sgd.) Generale Guido del BUONO.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by DI DUCA Bragia, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CLEWLOW and Cpl. ROBERTS, all of 78 Section S.I.B. on 28th March, 1945 at MUGLIANO, AREZZO.

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

I went to bed that night about 2100 hours and the remainder of the night passed without event.

DI DUCA Bragia.

About 0500 hours the following morning, Monday, 27th June 1944, my fiancée went to the house and told me of the Germans who had been killed in the DOPO LAVORO Club. I packed my bag and with Sister RIBOLINI, his wife, daughter and my niece, I went to the farm of MARZOLI Francesco. This farm is about two kilometres west of CIVITELLA.

We remained at this farm until about 0900 hours on Thursday, 29th June 1944, when we returned to CIVITELLA.

The people had all returned to the village by this time and everything appeared to be normal.

About two days before the massacre, three German soldiers came into the village in a military car. They took

all the radios

