

Civitella,
Arezzo.

9 November 44.

STATEMENT OF:-

BARTOLUCCI Rosa, Female.
Stazione Laterina, Aged 42 years.
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I am the widow of BARTOLUCCI Armando who was an ironmonger. He was killed on the 29 June 44. He was 58 years old and was not a Partisan. We had lived in CIVITELLA all our lives but since the time my husband was killed I have lived at the above address owing to my house being destroyed.

About 2200 hours on Sunday, 18th. June 1944, I was at home with my husband when we heard the sound of shots being fired but we took no notice and went to bed.

The next morning my husband and I left CIVITELLA and stayed at a friend's house in the mountains. We left the town because we were afraid of the Germans conducting reprisals on us. We had heard that some German soldiers had been killed in the DOPO LAVORO Club during the evening of the 18 June 44.

We returned to CIVITELLA on Friday, 23rd. June 1944. The town was quiet. I cannot recollect seeing any Germans in the town and in fact did not see any during the intervening days until Thursday, 29th. June 1944. About 0700 hours on that day I was in my house with my husband Armando and my brother-in-law GIULIANI Lorenzo and our families. I heard shots outside and looking out of my door saw about twenty Germans in the square outside my house.

Some were knocking at doors with rifle butts while others were fixing up machine-guns in the square near the church. Two nearby houses were on fire.

I went back inside my house and remained there until about 0800 hours when I heard a loud knocking on my door. My sister-in-law opened the door and some Germans entered. I cannot remember how many or how they were dressed. We were all sent outside. I saw seven or eight Germans with masks which covered their faces. I cannot describe their uniforms. The Germans kept my husband and brother-in-law in the square and ordered us to go away.

My sister-in-law and I left the town and went into the woods. On the way I noticed that many houses were on fire and just beyond the town gate I saw the bodies of six men and one woman all shot through the head. I could not identify any of them.

We stayed in the woods that night and returned to CIVITELLA next morning about 0900 hours. I saw the bodies of about twenty people lying dead in the streets but I did not recognise any of them.

I found my husband's body with another four

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bodies in a doorway. He had a bullet wound behind his left ear.

I found my brother-in-law's body in another doorway. He had also been shot in the head.

My husband's wallet in which he always carried his money was missing. I know that he had his wallet when he was killed but I do not know how much money was in it.

My house was destroyed on this day and all my belongings with it.

I made coffins for my husband and brother-in-law and with the assistance of neighbours took both bodies to the municipal cemetery where they were buried by some men who were digging graves.

The only bodies which I saw and can identify are those of TAVERNESI Agostini, SABATINI Paolo, MUNGIARINI Alfredo, LAMMIONI Batista and TOZZI Silvio, all men of CIVITELLA. They were all shot in the head.

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

(Sgd) ROSA BARTOLUCCI.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by MASSIMO MAYER, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt Charles, both of 78 Section, SIB, on Thursday, 9th. November, 1944.

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

(Sg) MASSIMO MAYER.