

Civitella,
Arezzo.

23 January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF :- Female
CALDELLI Corinna, 45 years.
Civitella,
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I am the widow of CALDELLI Virgilio aged 53 years, a shopkeeper who died on 29 June, 1944. We had been married for fifteen years. My husband had lived in CIVITELLA all his life.

About 07:00 hours on Thursday, 29 June, 1944, my husband who had been at work in his shop, returned home and told me that the Germans had returned to CIVITELLA.

After a discussion we decided that we would remain in the house. While we were talking I heard the sounds of rifle and machine gun fire coming from the street of the town.

After a short while in response to repeated knockings my husband opened the front door. Outside in the PIAZZA I saw many German soldiers, four of these were standing outside our door.

They were dressed in camouflaged smocks and steel helmets, all were carrying weapons of some kind.

As soon as my husband opened the door he was seized and thrust against the wall of the house next door. I last saw him alive standing with his hands above his head being searched by German soldiers.

The German soldiers meanwhile shouted to me to go away and I went out of town by the south gate. As I went I saw houses burning and saw the bodies of a man and woman laying in the road.

Whilst I was walking a German soldier rode up to me on a bicycle and asked for the road to CORNIA. He was dressed the same as the other Germans.

I returned to CIVITELLA about 1300 hours the same day and saw the body of my husband laying dead on the ground near the school. The bottom part of his face had been shot away but I could recognise him.

My husband was buried in CIVITELLA cemetery on Saturday, 1 July, 1944.

In my house which was badly burned I found the dead bodies of BERNADONI Zelindo, CACCIALUPI Federigo, CACCIALUPI Giuseppe, CARDINI Antonio, CETOLONI Egidio, GIULIANI Lorenzo, LAMMIONI Dante, MARCHETTI Gino, MILANI Francesco, PASQUI Alfredo, SABATINI Paolo, SCALETTI Dario, and TAVARNESI Agostino. All of these men had been shot in the head.

My husband was not a Partisan.

I have read over this statement. It is correct

and true. I/....