

Civitella,
Arezzo.

26 January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF :-

CALDELLI Anna,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

Female
42 years.

Who saith,

I am the widow of CALDELLI Vittorio aged 46 years. He was a mechanic at the local quarry. We had lived in CIVITELLA all our lives and had been married for nineteen years.

About 0600 hours on Thursday 29 June, 1944, my husband left home to go to the quarry. Before he went I spoke to him. He was then in good health. That was the last occasion on which I saw him alive.

Shortly after 0700 hours I heard shooting in the streets of CIVITELLA. I did not go outside but remained indoors with my children Barcella, aged 18 years, and Valdo aged 13 years.

There was a loud knocking on the door and on opening it I saw about fifteen Germans outside in the street.

These Germans were dressed in steel helmets, camouflaged smocks, some of them wore blue grey uniforms. One of them entered my house and searched all the rooms. After he had done so he ordered my children and I out of the house.

We walked through the streets and I saw some of the houses burning fiercely. We passed one dead body of a man outside the hospital and before we reached the south gate of the town, by which exit we left CIVITELLA, we passed about fifteen other bodies. I recognised none of them.

Near the south gate we passed some more German soldiers but I was too frightened to take much notice of them.

I returned at 1800 hours the same day and found many houses on fire including my own. I did not search for my husband then because I thought he might have escaped as he was not inside the town during the massacre.

I spent the night at POGGIALI and the next morning Friday, 30 June, 1944 in consequence of what I was told I went to the bridge at the foot of the hill on which CIVITELLA stands.

I there saw the dead body of my husband laying about twenty metres from a pile of dead bodies. He had four or five wounds in his head but I could still recognise him.

His body was taken to the chapel inside the cemetery the same night and buried in the local cemetery on

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My husband was not a Partisan and had never
rendered them any assistance.

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

(Sgd.) CALDELLI Anna.

Statement written down in Italian and signature
witnessed by MUSICARO Alberto, interpreter, in the presence
of Sgt. CHARLES both of 78 Section S.I.B. on Friday 26 January,
1944, at CIVITELLA, AREZZO.

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

Musicaro Alberto
MUSICARO Alberto.