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Civitella,
Arezzo.

23 January, 1945.

STATEMENT OF :-

BALO, Maria,	Female
Civitella,	42 years.
Arezzo.	

Who saith,

I am the widow of BALO Giuseppe, 53 years. He was a contractor at the local quarry. We had been married for fourteen years and we had lived in CIVITELLA all our married life.

About 0600 hours on Thursday, 29 June, 1944, my husband left home after he had told me that he was going to the quarry to dismantle some machinery to prevent the Germans removing it. That was the last time I saw him alive.

I went to Mass at the Church of S. MARIA ASSUNTA, CIVITELLA, shortly afterwards. During Mass I heard shooting outside the church and shortly afterwards German soldiers entered and shouted at us to get outside.

I cannot describe these Germans to you.

When I got outside the church I saw many houses burning and I decided to leave the town. On my way out of the town I saw bodies (two) of male civilians laying in the road but I could not go near them because the German soldiers were shouting at us to go away.

Outside CIVITELLA I saw in the roadway outside the south gate the bodies of three men and one woman but once again I did not go near them because of the German soldiers shouting at us.

I spent the remainder of that day at POGGIALI. About 0800 hours on Friday, 30 June, 1944 I went to the bridge which is about one kilometre from CIVITELLA.

I there saw the dead body of my husband BALO Giuseppe. He had received bullet wounds in the chest.

My husband was buried in the cemetery at CIVITELLA on Saturday, 1 July, 1944. My house was badly burned by the Germans on 29 June, 1944.

My husband was not a Partisan.

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

(Sgd.) BALO Maria.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by MUSICARO Alberto, interpreter, in

the presence of/....