

Givitella,
Arezzo.

23 January 44.

STATEMENT OF :-

MARZILI Isolina, Female
Givitella, 38 years.
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I am the widow of MARZILI Azello who was aged 40 years and was a shoemaker. We had been married sixteen years and had lived in CIVITELLA all our married lives.

About 0700 hours on Thursday 29 June 44, I left home to attend Mass at the church of S. MARIA ASSUNTA. Before leaving I spoke to my husband who was then in bed. He was then in good health. I have not seen my husband dead or alive since then. During Mass I heard the sound of rifle and machine gun fire from outside Church. Shortly afterwards two German soldiers dressed in camouflaged smocks and steel helmets entered the church. One was carrying a pistol while the other was carrying a machine gun rifle.

They shouted at everyone to get outside and I left the church with the other members of the congregation. Outside the church I saw in the PIAZZA many Germans with machine guns. I cannot say how many.

The Germans were dressed similarly to the ones who had entered the church.

I also saw that most of the men who had attended Mass were being separated from the women and taken to a spot in the PIAZZA near the well.

The Germans told us to go away out of town and I did so. On my way through the streets I saw three houses on fire.

I hid in the woods outside the town until the afternoon when I returned to my house. It was burning fiercely and I was unable to find my husband.

On the morning of Saturday 1 July 44, I returned to my house which was still burning.

The only remains of my husband that I found were three pieces of bone badly charred.

These pieces of bone I buried in the same coffin as that of BALO Giuseppe, my cousin's husband who was buried

in CIVITELLA on/....

/who was buried
in CIVITELLA on Saturday 4 July 44.

My husband was not a Partisan.

This statement has been read over to me. It
is true and correct. I herewith append my signature.

(Sgd.) X MARK OF

MARZILI Isolina,.

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 Tuesday, 23rd.
January, 1945 at CIVITELLA, ABRUZZO.

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

Musicaro Alberto
MUSICARO Alberto.