

Bella Vista,
Civitella.

14 Dec. 44.

STATEMENT OF:-

GABRIELLI Cecilia,
Bella Vista,
Civitella.

Female
Aged 47 years.

Who saith,

I am a farmers wife and I have lived at the above address for the last twelve years.

I am the mother of GABRIELLI Gino who was fourteen years of age, and during his lifetime was employed with my husband working on this farm.

On the 29 June 1944, I and my family were living at CAGGIOLLO. We had moved from this farm as it was used as a munitions dump by the Germans and we had received instructions from the Commune to move owing to the danger of explosions.

At about 0600hrs., on that date, I heard German voices outside the house in the street but took no notice and carried on with my housework. My husband and son left shortly afterwards for their work.

Later I was told that my husband and son were captured by the Germans, and at about 0700hrs. I heard the sound of small arms fire from the direction of the bridge near the village. Fearing for the safety of my husband and son, I tried to go to the bridge but when I reached the end of the village I was stopped by some German soldiers who would not let me leave the village.

I later managed to get to the bridge but could see no sign of anybody there. In the following days I searched for my husband and son but it was not until about twenty days later that I found my son lying dead in a ditch about 300 metres above the bridge. His body was badly decomposed and I cannot say whether he had received any bullet wounds. I recognised him by the features and clothes.

I procured a coffin and with assistance carried my son's body to CIVITELLA cemetery where he was buried.

My son was not a Partisan and had never assisted them in any way.

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

Her
(Sgd) GABRIELLI I Cecilia.
Mark.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by Livia MAGINI, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CHARLES, both of 78 Section S.I.B. on 14 Dec. 44. at CIVITELLA, AREZZO.

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

Livia Magini
(Sgd) Livia MAGINI.