

Casanuova,
Civitella,
Arezzo.

25 January 45.

STATEMENT OF:-

GUALDANI Assunta, Female.
Casanuova, Aged 40 years.
Civitella,
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I am the widow of GUALDANI Aurelio, aged 37 years, a farmer. We had been married for ten years and had lived here all our married life.

About 0600 hours on Thursday, 29th. June 1944, I left home to attend mass at S. MARIA ASSUNTA, CIVITELLA. Before I left home I spoke to my husband. He was then in good health. That was the last time I saw him alive.

During mass we heard shooting outside the church and then two Germans entered and ordered all of us to go outside. These Germans were dressed in camouflaged smocks, steel helmets and carried pistols and rifles.

When I got outside the church I saw many Germans in the Piazza and also two machine-guns, with Germans laying behind them, facing the church. These Germans were dressed the same as the two who had entered the church. They told us to go out of town and I made my way through the surrounding country and spent the night at a neighbouring farm.

In consequence of what I was told the next day I went to the bridge which is about a kilometre from CIVITELLA. I there saw the dead body of my husband. Half of his face and head was missing but I could still recognise him.

My husband's body was carried to CIVITELLA cemetery in a German military lorry driven by two Germans on Friday, 30th. June 1944. With my husband's body on the lorry were fifteen other bodies.

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

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

(Sgd) GUALDANI ASSUNTA.

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by MUSICARO Alberto, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt Charles, both of 78 Section, SIB, on the 25th. January 1945, at CASANUOVA, CIVITELLA, AREZZO.

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

Muscaro Alberto
MUSICARO ALBERTO.