

Preteta,  
Civitella,  
Arezzo,

25 Jan. 45.

STATEMENT OF:-

FABIANELLI Settimia, Female.  
Preteta, Aged 68 years.  
Civitella,  
Arezzo.

Who saith,

I am the widow of FABIANELLI Carlo, aged 68 years. We had been married for 45 years and had lived on this farm for 40 years.

With us on the farm were ZELLI Antonio, aged 20 years, and ZELLI Nello aged 16 years, two brothers who had lived and worked on this farm for the last six years.

About 0600 hrs., on Thursday 29 June 1944, after speaking to my husband and ZELLI Nello in the house, I set off with ZELLI Antonio with the intention of attending mass at the church of S. MARIA ASSUNTA, CIVITELLA. We had reached the bridge at the bottom of the hill on which is CIVITELLA, when we were stopped by some German soldiers who were standing there.

One of them told us that there would be no mass at CIVITELLA that morning and made me sit down on some tree trunks by the bridge. We kept there for nearly two hours during which time I saw a lot more Italian civilians brought to the bridge.

After this all the women and children were sent away and I went with them. I spent that night at the farm of my daughter.

The next morning, Friday the 30th. June 1944, I returned to my farm and saw the dead body of ZELLI Nello lying on the ground near my house. He had been shot in the head. I later saw the body of my husband lying near the road a short distance from the house. He had also been shot in the head, and in the back.

Later in the day I saw the dead body of ZELLI Antonio near the bridge where I had last seen him alive. He had been shot in the head.

On the 1st July 1944, all three were buried in CIVITELLA cemetery. Neither my husband, ZELLI Antonio or ZELLI Nello, were Partisans nor had they rendered them any assistance.

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

Her  
(Sgd) FABIANELLI X SETTIMIA  
Mark

Statement written down in Italian and signature witnessed by Alberto MUSICARO, interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. CHARLES, both of 78 Section S.I.B. on 25 Jan. 45 at PRETETA, CIVITELLA.

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

*Musicaro Albert*