

Salvo D'Acquisto

During the Second World War in Italy precisely in Palidoro Tower near Rome SS troops killed a soldier , Salvo d'Acquisto , who sacrificed himself for the release of innocent people. D'acquisto died young, only 23 years of age and for his heroic sacrifice he was given a gold medal.

All started on September 23^{rd, 1943} . Some SS troops were inspecting an old ammunition depot when there was an explosion. The Germans thought it was an attack so 22 farmers in the area were chosen at random and the same D'Acquisto was taken from the army station where he worked by a team of Germans armed, and was led to the Tower of Palidoro, They were asked to indicate the names of those responsible, D'Acquisto said that the explosion was accidental, the hostages and the other inhabitants of the area were therefore all innocent. The hostages were insulted , kicked and mocked by the Germans , then equipped with spades and forced to dig a big pit for their burial . When he understood that the Germans wanted to kill all those people D'Acquisto declared that he was the only responsible for the attack and that the hostages were innocent, and asked for their immediate release. The 22 prisoners immediately gave to flee already in the pit before the platoon of running. Salvo D'Acquisto was shot, at the age of 23 years. His remains are kept in the first chapel on the left, next to the church of Santa Chiara in Naples.

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