

**LA STORIA DI ANGELITA
NARRATA DAL VETERANO INGLESE
CHRISTOPHER HAYES**

Il 15 febbraio 1961 un certo Mr. Christopher Hayes, da Teddington nel Middlesex, inviò la seguente lettera scritta in Inglese, indirizzata al Comune di Anzio.

Dear Sirs,

I trust you will forgive me writing to you, and also for writing I English but I would like to know Anzio and Nettuno are going on today.

You see I was one of the british troops who landed on Anzio Beach head and our Head Quarters was in the Cork Factory. What I am most interested in is the fact and background of one little girl called Angelita Rossi, then about 5 years of age.

We found her on the Beach crying and the only information we could we tried to find her Parents or Guardians but no one in Anzio or Nettuno could give us any information, so we came to the conclusion that with all the Civilians Killed, her Parents or Guardian were among them; we cared for her and gave her all we had as regards comforts, also with the help of the American Red Cross who were going to adopt her. Later I was awarded the Military Medal. Our Regiment was the Royal Scots Fusiliers. I wonder if anyone now after all those years of silence.

I would like to visit Anzio and Nettuno again and possibly find little Angelita's grave along with other Civilians and troops who were also killed. But I am married now and have 5 children and I cannot afford to visit but I would appreciate any photo of the area and any information, which you can give me. I am sure it is all changed now, let's hope there bwill never be another Anzio through the world.

Thank you for reading this letter.

*Yours faithfully,
S.C. HAYES*