



MILICA KATIĆ

(Grabovac, Serbia, unknown – Banjica, Serbia, May 25, 1943)

In August 1941, Milica Katić informed partisans about the movement of German forces. Thereafter, **she joined the First Posavina Partisan Battalion with her two sons** (Bojić 1964, 17, 331).

On account of her cooperation with the partisans, Katić was arrested by the *Četniks* (Chetniks). They handed her over to the Germans after torturing her. She was then deported to a Serbian camp in Smederevska Palanka, and to the Banjica camp in July 1942, (Begović 1989, 192; *Жене Србије у НОБ*, 191, 201; Đurić 2007, 85). Records of the Banjica detainees state that she arrived there on June 18, 1942, and was shot on May 25, 1943 (Micković and Radojčić 2009, 425). The following was later written about her:

“Milica Katić, a Roma woman from Grabovac, was also killed due to her connection with the detachment. She became an informant spontaneously. One night the Germans suddenly stormed her area and asked her to take them to a partisan camp. Milica fled and informed the detachment headquarters that they were being surrounded by Germans. The blockade was evaded, and Milica continued to help the detachment units. During the withdrawal of the First Battalion, she went with her 14-year-old son as a fighter of a company. She lost touch [with the partisans] and returned to a village, where she hid with her friends. She was discovered and arrested in February 1942. She was handed over to the special police, where she was tortured terribly. She never betrayed anybody. Sent to the Banjica camp, she was shot on 25 May, 1943, along with a large group of internees.” (Bojić 1964, 335).

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