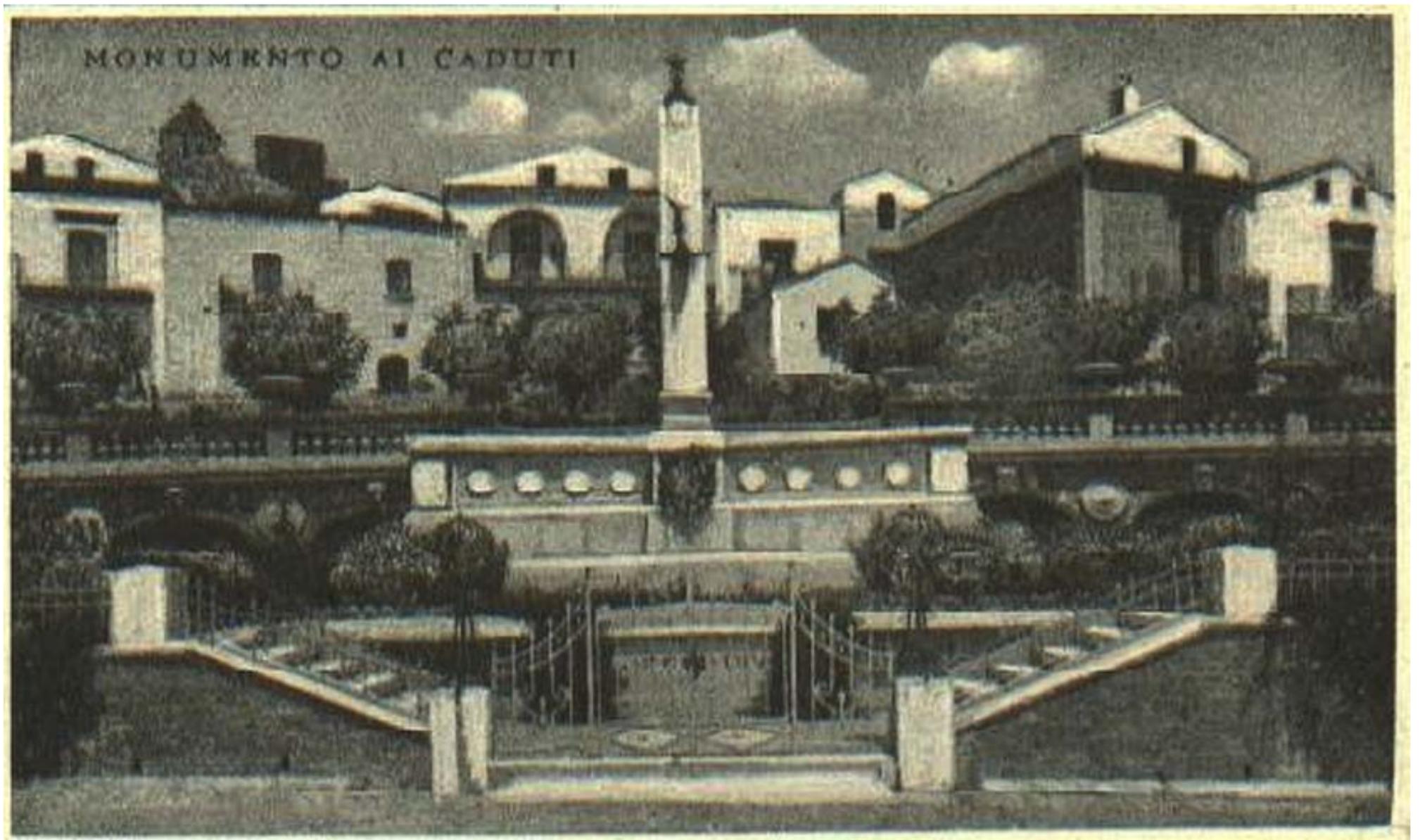


War Memorials Honoring Crachesi





These postcards show the War Memorial Monument (Il Monumento ai Caduti) as it once stood proudly in Craco Vecchio. The buildings shown in the background were inhabited by the following families, in the period just before the frana; from right to left: Giuseppe Iannuzziello, Antonio LoPorchio, Francesco Vitelli, Vincenzo Rinaldi, Antonio Grossi, Giuseppina Parziale, Francesco Gallotti (this home was formerly the church of San Giovanni), and Giuseppe Pucci. There was also a very small laneway that led from this area to the Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II. The history of Craco, *Note Storiche Sul Comune di Craco*, mentions the following about the monument:

About the “civil” monument there is little to write. The War Memorial, in Craco Vecchio, was inaugurated in 1932 with great ceremony. Today, the new monument stands in Craco Peschiera in the green of a beautiful garden.

Italy’s Armistice Day is celebrated on November 4th to commemorate the armistice signed with Austria at Villa Giusti to end WWI warfare on the Italian front. In Craco, the priest would celebrate a special mass to remember Cracotans who had lost their life in WWI or WWII, followed by a remembrance ceremony at the monument led by Colonel Rinaldi. The monument commemorates Cracotans who died in WWI, including both those in the Italian & US armed forces.



The new War Memorial Monument, now located in Craco Peschiera, seen at the left. On the right, is the inscription honoring those who perished in WWI.



Even in America, those who made the ultimate sacrifice are honored. This plaque remains to this day, mounted outside of the Church of the Transfiguration on Mott St., in New York City.



IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS
OF THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
1917-1919

- CARMINE J. APICELLA
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- LOUIS CAPELLINI
- LOUIS COPPI
- JOHN CROCCO
- MICHAEL E. DONOHUE
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- DOMINICK G. FORLINI
- NICHOLAS FRANCAVILLA
- JAMES E. KANE
- CALOGERO MA PLACA
- AUBERT LORENZETTI
- RAYMOND MARCELLINO
- NICHOLAS MINELLI
- LUDOVICUS RUSSO
- JOHN SAUERNO
- JOSEPH SAMPERI
- NICHOLAS SPADAFORA
- AUGUSTINUS SPERI
- VINCENT TORRACE

"ETERNAL REST GIVE UNTO THEM, O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.
AND THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN"
DONATED BY JOSEPH APICELLA