



# OUR FIGHT

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ORGAN OF THE FRONT OF XV<sup>th</sup> BRIGADE.

## SITUATION MEANS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

## NEWS FROM THE FRONTS.

The policy of fusing the International Brigade with the comrades in the Spanish Government militia raises certain problems and additional responsibilities upon our comrades.

Outstanding in this respect is the urgent need for all of us to learn the Spanish language. This is important for military reasons but is also politically important. This change brings us into much closer contact with our Spanish comrades. We are now able to realise, in a new way, the common action against fascism which exists between the Spanish workers and the International Brigade.

We are now literally fighting side by side with our Spanish Comrades. This provides us with an excellent opportunity of understanding the life of the Spanish workers. We shall be better able to appreciate the tremendous sacrifices which they are making in the great cause of Democracy and heroically they are fighting against the common enemy.

We have a duty to perform in regard to this. We must let our Spanish Comrades see that we appreciate the magnificent fight they are making. We need to exchange experiences with them. While they tell us of the life of the Spanish people in Spain, we should be able to inform them of the daily struggles of the working class in the countries from which we come.

This is only possible if we make a strenuous effort to quickly learn their language. We are convinced that the Comrades in the British and American Battalions must not be behind the rest of the International Brigade in achieving this. We shall and try and organise ourselves as soon as possible. Meanwhile those comrades who know the language can assist immediately in

GUADALAJARA. The bombardment of large convoy of enemy camions wrought enormous damage. Altogether we dropped 650 bombs, and 75,000 cartridges were fired at the Fascist. This is a great defeat for the Italian troops.

Our advance still continues in this sector. The localities of Madraz and Utiel, with important war materials have fallen into our hands. Three Fascist planes have been brought down. The latest news of March 21st. states that the villages of Yela and Masegoso de Tajuña have been captured. On Saturday we took 35 prisoners, Sunday 75 and on Monday 61. Italian troops and retiring with heavy losses.

SIGUENZA. Our aeroplanes bombarded the railway station here in which there was a troop train. During the ensuing aerial combat one fascist plane was brought down.

CORDOBA. Three fascist attacks have been repulsed, near Pozoblanca.

OVIEDO. Our troops have made impassable for the fascists the only road to Naranco.

MADRID. A trimotored Italian bomber deserted to the Government.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

ITALY. Resentment is growing against the sending of troops to Spain. Recently this even manifested itself by big demonstrations in Milan.

GERMANY. 35,000 persons have been arrested because of their activity on behalf of the Spanish Government.

MEXICO. The Mexican Government has stated that it will continue to supply arms to the legal Spanish Government.

# FRANCO'S, HITLER'S AND MUSSOLINI'S 23 GOOD POINTS FOR BAD MILITAMEN.

Militamen, if you wish to aid fascism, here is what you must do.

- 1/. Encourage desertion.
- 2/. Flee when we are advancing.
- 3/. Let your rifle and arms rust, or damage so that they will be no good. Waste munition, or leave it lying about, or pull it to pieces for no good reason.
- 4/. Constantly grumble about everything.
- 5/. Always talk about leave, especially when it is completely impossible.
- 6/. If a responsible comrade gives you an order, don't refuse to do it, merely arrange for it not to be done.
- 7/. Show by subtle arguments that the anti-fascist officers are rotten or incapable, and that they needlessly send militamen to their death.
- 8/. Spread false rumours.

For instance say that there are f fascists in the headquarters of the Popular Army, it sounds ridiculous but it can catch on, and so start trouble.

- 9/. If there is no wine at the meal, say that Headquarters or the quarter-master have kept to make themselves drunk.
- 10/. Find every conceivable argument to show that your battalion should dig itself in and should not advance.
- 11/. Play militamen of different parties of the United Front, or of different nationalities against one another.
- 12/. Always unfavourably compare the Spanish soldiers with the international militamen, because in this way you will hinder the unity of the anti-fascist forces.
- 13/. Say that all English, French or other militamen must return home, because of recent decrees.
- 14/. Protest against the lack of food, even when there is a lot, and the quality even when it is good. At the Front everything cannot be perfect, so you can find many pretexts for stirring up discontent.
- 15/. Get drunk every day.

In order to do this better, press your comrades to drink, and get them sufficient drink to make them incoherent.

- 16/. When you change your clothes, throw them away, don't keep them for washing, ~~take~~ them up, so that you can have others, and in this way, you will impoverish the Spanish Government.

## TODAYS NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

The news of the capture by our troops on the Guadalajara Front of the three villages, Collogor, Jela, and Masogeso de Tajuña is confirmed. The bad weather yesterday prevented much fighting.

ESCAMPLERO. A number of fascists deserted to our side.

ANDALOUZIA. Eight fascists were successfully resisted today. By day our troops are becoming more aggressive. A number of fascists deserted. Our aircraft prevented the Fascists dropping supplies to their forces which are surrounded in Virgen de la Cabeza.

MADRID. At the Spanish Communist Party's Congress today, some discussion was begun on the question of the rule be Trade Unions alone, and other such questions. JOSE DIAZ, replying said: First of all win the war and then discuss the different social and political theories. Today we have a Popular Front, is the union of all workers, and any attempts to change this, will only lead to a decrease in our efficiency. At the moment we are engaged in army re-organisation and are achieving unified control. BILBAO. 400 children have been sent into France.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

ENGLAND. The transport strike is now general over the whole of Scotland. A torpedo factory in Southampton is out on strike.

BUDAPEST. Alarming news comes from Hungary. The Nazis are trying to subjugate their ally, Hungary. 100 officers have been arrested following the discovery of stores of arms prepared by the Fascists who are in the closest touch with the Brown House in Munich.

## SPANISH LESSON.

What do you say? Qué dice Usted? (Keh dee-ust) What do you think? Que 'Opina usted? (Keh opeen-ust) You are right? Tiene usted razón? (Tee-ene oost-rah-on)