



# OUR FIGHT

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ORGAN OF THE FRONT OF THE XV BRIGADE.

## Health and Hygiene.

Our Comrade, Dr. Pyke, this morning raised some very important questions in regard to sanitation and later, agreed to contribute to "Our Fight" a regular daily feature on Health and Hygiene.

The daily article will deal with all important questions of sanitation both from the angle of the personal responsibility of every one of us and from the angle of what can be done by the command.

But, these short articles will deal with many other aspects of Health and Hygiene. Dr Pyke has promised to deal with a number of extremely interesting and important questions of Health and Hygiene quite outside the narrow scope of these subjects and we have no doubt that these articles will become one of the most popular features of our paper. These will commence almost immediately.

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## News from the Fronts.

New victories on the Southern Front. CARACEJOS and VILLANUEVA DEL DUQUE are in our hands. The Victory nears!

**VALUCIA.** For a week our troops have made great efforts to capture these two towns. During the last few days we have advanced hour by hour, and at 2 A.M. yesterday we captured these two positions. They are very important strategic positions in this sector. This defeat of the fascists is most far reaching. After the fall of Guadalajara, now this of the Southern Front. These victories show the Republican Army is now a formidable force, and very day there are battalions for the Republic. We are on the road to victory, the fascists are demoralised and beaten everywhere.

**GUADALAJARA.** Our troops everyday further strengthen their newly won positions. The enemy is still disorganised. Our aviation bombed several Fascist positions.

**LEAO.** Every day there are fresh portions from the Fascists to our front. This shows the extent of the fascist demoralisation. Another portion on the Asturian front is that the shells do not explode.

**SANTANDER.** The Fascist warship "España" has been bombed by our ships.  
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## International News.

**TOKYO.** There is another crisis between the Militarists and Parliament.

**TOKYO.** In Manchuria, the Partisans attacked a regiment of Japanese soldiers. 200 Chines of Manchuria have been condemned to death, because they have belonged to Republican organisations.

**PARIS.** The Anglican delegation of Friends of the Spanish Republic will shortly arrive in Spain.

**LONDON.** England has declared to Franco that she will not tolerate any control of her shipping.

**LONDON.** In all the foreign newspapers one learns of new attempts against Franco are being uncovered. But these are not the work of individuals but the work of our comrades behind Franco. Enormous arrests have taken place at Malaga, Tetuan etc. even Italian Officers have been shot. But the demoralisation of the Fascists is so great it can no longer be suppressed. The recent victories have greatly encouraged our comrades.

**ALGECIRAS.** A Tetuan more than 1000 persons are involved in the plot against Franco. Even though the Gestapo is directing the arrests, it will not stop this movement against Franco.

**LIVERPOOL.** The National Conference of the League of Youth has demanded the withdrawal of all fascists troops from Spain.

**GLASGOW.** Engineers at a Glasgow works are out on strike, and are holding up armament productions. The Executive Committee is awaiting a reply from the local organisation before officially recognising the strike, and so giving strike pay. The Strike is so well supported that pickets will be withdrawn today. (Unfortunately we have not the name of the works.)

**LONDON.** E. Bevin of T. & G.W.U. has handed in strike notice on behalf of the Bus workers of London, if their demand for 7.1/2 hour day is not granted, by the board. It will take effect on May 1st.



Comrade Jock Cunningham.

Comrades will be very glad to know that comrade Jock Cunningham is progressing very well indeed and when visited two days ago informed our comrades that he proposes to pay us a visit in the next couple of days.

"Jock" is very anxious for news of the situation here and has made up his mind to visit us as soon as he is allowed out.

Comrade Cunningham can be assured of a most hearty welcome back to the front even though his stay, in the present state of his health must be of very short duration.

We are confident that we are expressing the hope of all English speaking comrades in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

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Condolences.

We join all our comrades in condolences to comrade P. Blake whose mother has just died.

Condolences to Comrade R. Brandon, No. 1 Coy. 2 Section, on the death of his father.

Famous Flyers.

Fascist messengers of hell -  
Mercenary vultures of the air -  
Sneaking round and bombing in despair,  
Causing brutal death to many mothers,  
Also killing children - slaughtering others!

Huge patrollers roaring death -  
Spitting poison from machine-gun spout,  
Thinking they can scatter us about.  
Speedily our planes return in sight -  
Boy! and how the Fascists take to flight!

Panic in the sky is seen  
When the monster bombers' tail we chase -  
Thru the clouds in rat-like squeal  
they race:

"Gallant Flyers" of Abyssinian fame,  
Fleeing from our tiny RED STAR planes!  
John TISA.

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The following contribution was penned by the mother of Comrade A. Leppard.

To the Memory of Alec.

Dear Comrade you have given your life for us,  
You died with neither pomp nor fuss.  
We humbly pay our greatest tribute to your memory

Ayuntamiento de Madrid

As we would never to lord, peer or Monarchy.

The deep down in our hearts you're a great loss,

We know that you gave your all for DEMOCRACY.

You believed in DEMOCRACY.

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Spanish Lesson

SER - To be.

I am	yo soy
You are	Tu eres (sing.)
He is	el es
She is	ella es
We are	nosotros somos.
You are	vosotros sois.
They are	Ellos son.

The pronoun TU is used between friends, comrades etc. and denotes intimacy. USTED is used for person just met and with person not intimate.

There are no rules to distinguish the use of SER and ESTAR to translate the Verb "to be". Only by practice will you know when to use them. However the former is always used when speaking of the condition of a person, and profession of a

e.g. I am good Soy bueno.

You are English. Eres inglés.

We are soldiers. Somos soldados.

The latter form "Estar" is used to denote the position of a person or thing

e.g. The river is far.

El rio está lejos.

My mother is in Madrid.

Mi madre está en Madrid.

We are in the Front of Jarama.

Estamos en el frente del Jarama.

There is no need to place the pronoun before the verb, as we have seen in the above examples.

Somos we are, son they are etc.

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Lost.

A pair of glasses has been lost. Will all comrades keep a sharp lookout for them and return them over to the American Battalion.

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VALENCIA, March. The National Committee of the C.N.T. published a report in the press and stated that, in reference to Trade Union unity between the C.N.T. and U.G.T. negotiations are proceeding with utmost energy, and desires that any friction between the trade unions should be avoided in case the negotiations should be retarded. A warning was issued that no one should permit himself to be used as a tool frustrating the alliance.

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