



# OUR FIGHT

ORGAN OF THE FRONT OF THE XV BRIGADE

July 19th. 1937

## WAR COMMUNIQUE

**CENTRE:** - After heavy preparations of artillery fire, aided by masked aircraft, the enemy made a counter attack on the positions recently taken from them. At dawn a strong force of moorish troops attempted a surprise attack on the positions held by the 18th. Corps. All these counter-attacks were repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy and without then gaining any tactical advantage.

**NORTH:** - The coastal batteries of Santandar were effective in forcing to withdraw the rebel cruiser "Almirante Cervera" away from the Port.

The enemy artillery continues to bombard our positions in Utrillo Orcha and Soquito.

**EAST:** - After a strong preparation of artillery fire, the enemy were able to advance and occupy one of our observation posts in the position of Coscojar.

During the night, the forces of the 26th. Division occupied one of the enemy advance posts and also some fortifications in the district of La Cortillada. These movements bring the Government forces to within fifty metres of the enemy "block houses".

## AIR COMMUNIQUE

**CENTRE:** - Our aviation continues to bomb the enemy aerodromes. Yesterday bombing raids were carried, with great effect, over the aerodromes at the north and also the south of SEGOVIA, at Gamonol and also Aranda de Duero.

At 3.30 in the afternoon our "Chatos" and Moscas entered into combat with enemy aircraft over Madrid. One Fiat was brought down and the pilot, who escaped in a parachute landed in our territory. A trimotor was also brought down but landed in enemy territory near Casa De Campo.

A "Chato" which had participated in a bombing raid in the afternoon failed to return to its base at the time of the communique.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**CHINA:** - The Chinese Government has sent a note to all signatories of the pact stating that Japan has broken the Pact of Nine Powers, The Kellogg Pact and also the Pact of the League of Nations.

The Japanese radio states that the campaign of Japan in Northern China for the purpose of cleaning it of "agents of Moscow" and given favourable conditions will only take a month, however if the Chinese interfere with their work it may take two months.

It is announced that considerable forces, numbering about 100,000, have left Japan for Northern China. The Reuter news agency states that large contingents of Nankin troops have left for Hopei and are now about 16 kilometres from Tientsin awaiting for several divisions of re-inforcements.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** - It is reported from a news agency that the Checo-Slovak government, unable to arrive at an accord over the fixing of a price for bread and flour, has handed in its resignation.

**INDIA:** - Notice has been received of a terrific railway crash on the Calcutta-Bombay line. Up to the present it is estimated that the death toll is over one hundred, with more than two hundred injured. Other details are not available.

**FRANCE:** - "L'Humanité" reports that from reliable source they have received information that the London bankers have lent to Franco the sum of £10,000 pounds sterling. It states that this transaction was carried out by private interest.





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COMMUNIQUE DE GUERRE

NORD: - Les batteries cotières tirent contre le croiseur "Almirante Cerro".  
L'artillerie ennemie canonna nos positions de Pico Utrilla, Oracha et...  
EST: - L'ennemi après une intense préparation d'artillerie, réussit à occuper la position de Coscojar, de notre ligne de vigilance.

Les forces de la 26 Division ont occupé, au cours de la nuit dans le secteur de Villada la coté 302, poste de observation fortifié en quelques points la ligne reste d 50 metres des "Blockaus" ennemis.

COMMUNIQUE DE L'AIR

CENTRE: -Nos avions ainsi que les jours precedent, continuent a faire effective "vols de connaissance, bombardements, mitraillage", hier on a effectue le bombardement des aerodromes de Segovia au nord et de Gamenol et a Aranda de Duero.

A 15 heures 30, six avions de chasse "chatos" et 15 "moscas" à cause de la présence d'avions ennemis sur Madrid. Ils entamerent le combat contre les appareils de chasse, monoplanes, biplanes et Fiats ainsi que les bombardiers, qui étaient protégés par eux. Un Fiat fut abattu, son pilote s'elanca en parachute tomba dans nos lignes, au nord de Madrid. Un triplane fut également abattu mais tomba en territoire ennemi aux alentours de de Campo.

Un seul des avions ayant participé à une de ses opérations n'a regagné sa base.

## NOUVELLES INTERNATIONALES

CHINE: - L'Embassadeur de Chine a adressé au secrétaire d'Etat, M. Hull, déclarant que le Japon a violé le pacte des neuf puissances, le pacte de la Société des Nations et le Covenant de la Société des Nations.

Les experts du departement nord americain, sont en train d'etudier actuellement la presente note. L'ensemble d'un total de 100 000 hommes

On annonce que diverses divisions d'un total de 100,000 hommes parties du Japon pour la Chine du nord et la Corée. Pour ce transport navires ont été nécessaire.

Un portevoix de l'armée niponne déclare que l'armée japonaise la Chine du nord et ne tombera pas dans le piège que prépare Nankin (le Japon) et ayant pour but d'amener l'armée à une campagne contre elle. Il déclare en outre que cette opération durera un mois si elle est favorable, mais deux si les chinois OPPOSENT UNE RESISTANCE.

Le conseiller de l'ambassade du Japon a rendu visite au secrétaire d'Etat de l'Amérique pour justifier à Hull les raisons de l'attitude du Japon contre la Chine.