

EBRO

At the dawn of 25 July a long prepared offensive of the Republican Army was launched. Two Corps crossed the Ebro river and pushed the battalions of the 50 Division of the Nationalist Army to the east. Bridges were about to be built as soon as possible, to let Republican tanks and artillery join the attack.

In reaction General Franco used his bombers to destroy the bridges and the supply routes. The initial successes of the attackers changed into heavy fights for each strengthened position, while Nationalists forces were increasing with every day. The International Brigades' attacks on Gandesa turned out into the biggest battle of this campaign.

SETUP:

NATIONALISTS (u):				Reinforcements:		I Brigade 74. Division	M
Maestrazgo HQ	3506	51 Art.	4011	26 July		Air force: 11 SP	
Sahara battalion	3506	52 Art.	4024	109, 112, 107 battalion	S	29 July	
II Brig./13 Division	3506	1 bcav.	5115	106 battalion	T	3 Tank comp., 3 Art	N
50 Infantry Division		2 bcav.	3217	6 Tank Company	N	Morrocan HQ	N
21 battalion	5410	105 Division		Air force: 8 SP		I Brigade 102. Division	K
17 B battalion	5312	105	Art. 2616	27 July		II Brigade 4. Division	N
7V battalion	5113	106	Art. 1720	105 battalion S		Air force: 13 SP	
4 battalion	4916	108	battalion 1325	1 Tank Comp., 1 Art.	N	30 July	
16 battalion	5122	111	battalion 1422	II Brigade 82. Division	K	4 Tank company, 4 Art	N
17M battalion	4723	110	battalion 1820	I Brigade 84. Division	M	II Brigade 84. Division	M
19 battalion	4325	101	battalion 2119	I Brigade 4. Division	N	Air force: 9 SP	
12 battalion	4418	103	battalion 2519	Air force: 10 SP		31 July	
7A battalion	4026	102	battalion 2818	28 July		5 Art	N
9 battalion	3724			2 Tank comp., 2 Art.	N	4 Tank company	N
37 MG	3716			II Brigade 74. Division	N	I Brigade/13 Division	N
2 battalion	3520			I Brigade 82. Division	K	Air force: 11 SP	
REPUBLICANS:				1 Brig./11 ID	3827	Reinforcements:	
(all units in the fortifications)		31 Brig./3 ID	5221	9 Brig./11 ID	3725	For each destroyed 2 Strength	
XV Corps		33 Brig./3 ID	5022	100 Brig./11 ID	4127	Levels of his units, the Repu-	
HQ	4924	93 Brig./3 ID	5123	10 Brig./46 ID	3119	blican player may enter one	
1 Art	5314	11 Brig./35 ID	4724	60 Brig./46 ID	3220	brigade of 16 ID or one caval-	
2, 3 Art	4726	13 Brig./35 ID	4625	101 Brig./46 ID	3419	ry regiment from his reserve	
1, 2 Tank Companies	4827	15 Brig./35 ID	4826	14 Brig./45 ID	1523	units. Reinforcements may	
3 Cav./2 CavBrig	4326	V Corps		129 Brig./45 ID	2120	enter the game in the next	
59 Brig./42 ID	5215	HQ	3423	12 Brig./45 ID	2719	movement phase from the	
226 Brig./42 ID	5313	3, 4 Tank Companies	3423	151 Brigade	1426	following entry zones: B, C,	
227 Brig./42 ID	5413	2 CavReg/2 CavBrig	3423			D, E and D.	
		1 Art./V	4128				
		2 Art./V	3221				

Victory conditions:

REPUBLICANS:

- **Instant** victory for capture of Gandesa or complete encirclement of the city.
- Victory points:
For each city on the west side of the Ebro: +1 VP

NATIONALISTS:

- Instant** victory if there are no Republican units on west side of the Ebro at the end of the game
- Victory points:
For not using every 8 SP of the reinforcements: +1 VP

Notes:

- Game starts at 25 July and ends at 31 July 1938.
- Initiative: Republicans.
- Supply: Republicans: E, Nationalist: W.
- **#SL** – unit/s starts with number of the strength level lost.
- **U** – unit in the improved field fortifications (red counter) with **+2** modifier.
- **u** – unit in the field fortifications.
- At the 25 July Republican player, in move phase, may place on the board any number of the bridges (he doesn't have to use all in that turn but may save some for later). Destroyed bridge can't be used again and is removed from the game. Rest bridge can be build on rules.
- **II Brigade: 2A and 2B, I Brigade: 1A and 1B.**

GANDESA

When the Republican army reached Gandesa, the town was already prepared for defence . Attack from line of march broke down quickly. Futher attacks, supported by tanks and artillery, caused heavy losses to both sides, but the town remained in the Nationalist’s hands.

Soon after Nationalist forces, reinforced with fresh units, started their counteroffensive, taking the initiative from the Republicans. They begun to slowly push Republican units backwards.

SETUP:

NATIONALISTS:	106 battalion	2818
Meastrazgo Corps	Moroccan Corps	
HQ	HQ	3714
105 Division	2, 12 /50 InfDiv	4613
105 Art.	5, 19 /50 InfDiv	4913
106 Art.	4, 7V /50 InfDiv	5113
112 battalion	21, 17B /50 InfDiv	4111
102 battalion	52 Art.	4811
103 battalion	1 Art.	3414
107 battalion	2 Art.	5206
101 battalion	3 Art.	3714
110 battalion	4 Art.	4113
109 battalion	5 Art.	4611
111 battalion	1, 2 Tank Companies	3911
108 battalion (-1 SL)	4, 5 Tank Companies	3315
105 battalion		1919

84 InfDiv (-1 SL)	3118,
	3217, 3317, 3416
4 InfDiv (-1 SL)	3615, 3716,
	3815, 3915
74 InfDiv (-2 SL)	4011,
	4115, 4215, 4415
1 Brigade / 102 InfDiv	4808
82 InfDiv (-2 SL)	5010,
	5109, 5208, 5308
13 InfDiv (-1 SL)	3610

Reinforcements:
1 VIII:
Air force: 10 SP
2 VIII: 2 Brig./102 InfDivL
Air force: 12 SP
3 VIII:
Air force: 12 SP
4 VIII: 1 Brig./1 InfDiv T
Air force: 11 SP
5 VIII: 2 Brig./1 InfDiv T
Air force: 9 SP
6 VIII: 1 Brig./53 InfDiv K
Air force: 7 SP
7 VIII: 1 Brig./53 InfDiv K
Air force: 5 SP
1 VIII: Air force: 10 SP

REPUBLICANS:	9 Brig./11 ID	3518
V Corps	60 Brig./46 ID	3218
HQ, 1 Art.	10 Brig./46 ID (-1 SL)	
2 Art.		3318
4 Tank Comp.	101 Brig./46 ID	3418
100 Brig./11 ID	14 Brig./45 ID	1523 u
1 Brig./11 ID (-1 SL)	129 Brig./45 ID	2120 u
	12 Brig./45 ID	2719 u

151 Brigade	1425 u
XV Corps	
HQ, 2, 3 Art.	4218
11 Brigade /35 ID	3917
13 Brigade /35 ID	4116
15 Brigade /35 ID	4316
3 CavReg.	4617
31 Brigade /3 ID	4614

33 Brig./3 ID	4914
93 Brig./3 ID	5014
59 Brig./42 ID	5212
226 Brig./42 ID	5111
227 Brig./42 ID	5310
1 Art.	5313
2 CavReg. 1 Tank C.	3825
16 Inf Div.	4724

VICTORY CONDITIONS:

REPUBLICANS:

- **Instant** victory of Gandesa and Fayon are captured
- For each destroyed 1 SP of the Nationalists +1 VP

NATIONALISTS:

- **Instant** victory if Corbera and La Fatarella are captured
- For each destroyed 1 SP of the Republicans +1 VP

Notes:

- Game starts at 1 August and ends at 8 August 1938.
- **Initiative:** Republicans.
- **Supply:** Republicans – E; Nationalist – W, S.
- **U** – unit in the improved field fortifications (red counter) with +2 modifier.
- **u** – unit in the field fortifications.
- Republican’s bridges: 3 heavy, 4 light.



NOVEMBER

Clearing the west side of the Ebro of the Republican units was the last phase of the battle. November's offensive turned out to be final part of the campaign for General Franco. Day by day, Nationalist forces pushed the Republicans to the west. Nationalists tried to disorganize them and to not let them cross the Ebro in order.

Even if the Nationalists weren't about to cross the river, they wanted enemy to suffer as many losses as possible.

Some Republican units begun to panic as they were trying to make their way to the bridges under the constant attacks of the Nationalists.

SETUP:

NATIONALISTS :		108 battalion (-1 SL)	1325	74 InfDiv (-2 SL)	4011, 4016,
Maestrazgo Corps		105 battalion	1919		4217, 4417
HQ	2516	106 battalion	2818	102 InfDiv (-1 SL)	5113, 5114, 4915
105 Division		Moroccan Corps		82 InfDiv (-2 SL)	5112, 5210,
105 Art.	2616	HQ	3716		5312, 5411
106 Art.	1720	1 Art.	3717	1 InfDiv	3011
112 battalion	2515	2 Art.	5311	53 ID (-1 SL)	4517, 4616, 4716, 4815
102 battalion	2618	3 Art.	3717	13 InfDiv (-2 SL)	4018, 4119
103 battalion	2519	4 Art.	4215		
107 battalion	2319	5 Art.	4813		
101 battalion	2119	1 Tank Company	4214	Reinforcements:	
110 battalion	1820	5 Tank Company	3716	Air force:	
109 battalion	1621	84 ID (-1 SL) 3118, 3217, 3318, 3417		14-16 XI: 10 SP	
111 battalion	1422	4 ID (-1 SL) 3618, 3719, 3818, 3918		17-18 XI: 9 SP	
				19-20 XI: 8 SP	

REPUBLICANS:		139 Brigade /45 InfDiv	2120	35 InfDiv (-2 SL)	4120, 4319, 4418 U
V Corps		12 Brigade / 45 InfDiv	2719	3 InfDiv (-1 SL)	4417, 4916, 5115 U
HQ, 1 Art.	3821	151 Brigade	1526	42 InfDiv (-3 SL)	5313
2 Art.	3320	XV Corps		1 Art.	5313 U
46 InfDiv (-2 SL)	3218, 3418, 3619	HQ, 2 Art.	4520 U		
14 Brigade /45 InfDiv	1523	11 InfDiv (-2 SL) 3720, 3819, 3920 U			

VICTORY CONDITIONS

NATIONALISTS:

- **Instant** victory if there are no Republican units on the west side of the Ebro till 20 November
- For each destroyed Republican brigade +1 VP

REPUBLICANS:

- **Instant** victory if at the end of the game there are at last twelve Republican brigades on the west side of the Ebro
- For each Republican brigade on the west side of the Ebro +1 VP

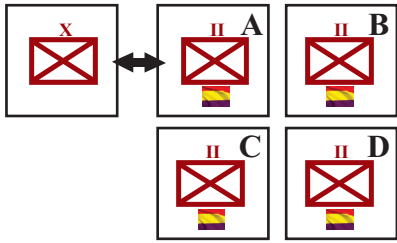
NOTES:

- Game starts at 14 November and ends at 20 November 1938.
- **Initiative:** Nationalists
- **Supply:** Republicans – E; Nationalists – W, S
- U – unit in the improved field fortifications (red counter) with +2 modifier
- u – unit in the field fortifications
- Republican's bridges: 2 heavy, 4 light



ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR GAME:

- It is possible to split brigade into battalions. Player may split:
6 SP into three battalions, 2 SP each
8 SP into 4 battalions, 2 SP each
7 SP into four battalions, with 1 SP last one etc



- Light bridges can be used by infantry units only.
- Heavy bridges can be used by all units.
- Ebro is not a big river when it comes to the movement limitations, but it nullifies zones of control on its other side, just like all the big rivers.
- At the beginning of the game all the bridges on the Ebro are destroyed
- Only Republican player may build bridges on the Ebro
- 1A and 1B = 1 Brigade

NATIONALISTS

mechanized units



tank



Headquarter

non mechanized units



cavallry



artillery



infantry



infantry



infantry



machine gun

REPUBLICANS

mechanized units



tank



Headquarter

non mechanized units



artillery



cavallry



infantry



infantry



infantry



infantry



militia

TERRAIN INFLUENCE

Terrain:	Movement		on Combat
	tank, artillery	non-motorized	
clear	2	1	-
hills	+2	+1	+2
mountains	only by road	+3	+3
forest	+2	+1	+1
city	+1	+1	+2
town	+1	+1	+1
main road	1/3	1/3	-
secondary road	1/2	1/2	-
Ebro	only by bridge	+3	1/2 SP attacking forces
small river	+2	+1	+1

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