

**GEORGIAN INTERNATIONALISTS FIGHTING ALONG
WITH BASQUES AND SPANISH PEOPLE
IN THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR**

ABSTRACT

The International Brigades were actively engaged in the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939) to defend the Spanish second republic. They have inspired many famous chapters in the heroic history of battles of the Spanish people against Fascism. Especially noteworthy are the Garibaldi Battalion (Garibaldi Brigade), the Thälmann Battalion of the International Brigades, and the Henri Barbusse Battalion who demonstrated greatest examples of international solidarity with the Spanish people .It is generally recognized that until the very end, the International Brigades fought along with the Spanish Republican Army against Fascism.

The article explores newly-identified materials about Georgian volunteers who fought along with Spanish Republicans and Basques in the Spanish Civil War. The author has obtained the above-mentioned materials in museums of military glory and archives in Spain, Moscow, Baku and Tbilisi. The article presents information about five Georgian fighters (they are S. S. Ramishvili, A. I, Katamadze, D. Lomadze, D. Tsotsolashvili and I. Rukhadze). It is believed that among other internationalists, up to 30 Georgian men were engaged in battles in Spain. Unfortunately, no information is available on other fighters. The research continues...

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