

Battle of Teruel

On December 15, 1937, the Republicans launched an offensive in Aragon aimed at capturing Teruel. By Christmas day, Republican soldiers had fought their way into the town, and on January 8, in appalling freezing conditions, the town was surrendered to the Republican forces.

However, the victory was to be short-lived. Within days, a Nationalist offensive threatened to win back the Republicans' hard fought gains. On January 17, International Brigades were thrown into the battle in a desperate attempt to stem the Nationalist advance. On February 21, 1938 the Republican forces, on the point of being surrounded, withdrew from the town. In all, during the battle the Nationalists lost over 50,000 men and the Republicans more than 60,000.

More information: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Teruel