



Projects concerning the Spanish Civil War, exile and Francoist repression

Experiences in the recovery of historical memory and the reparation of victims of repression

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Projects of the National Archive of Catalonia on historical memory and reparation of victims

1. The processing of **military judicial proceedings** brought in Catalonia by Franco's regime and the Law on legal reparation for the victims
2. The processing of archives from men's and women's **prisons** in Barcelona
3. The processing of documentation on **Catalans in exile**
4. The recovery of **documentation confiscated** from Catalonia by Franco's regime and its restitution to its rightful owners
5. The **location and entry** of archives on the Spanish Civil War, exile and Francoist repression from all over the world

Spanish Civil War, exile and Francoist repression

1931, April: Second Spanish Republic proclamation

1936, July: general Francisco Franco's military uprising

1936-1939: Spanish Civil War



Spanish Civil War, exile and Francoist repression

Estimated figures about the War and Francoism

- **500,000** deaths during the War and repression
- **140,000** missing people
- **450,000** exiles
- **300,000** political prisoners
- **70,000** people tried on political grounds in Catalonia
- **3,368** people executed in Catalonia



Spanish Civil War, exile and Francoist repression

1978: Restoration of democracy

- Still **140,000** missing people
- Most **victims** have not been identified yet
- Their juridical **rights and dignity** have not been totally repaired yet
- **Crimes** of war and Dictatorship have not been investigated yet



The National Archive of Catalonia and the recovery of documentary testimonies of the Spanish Civil War, exile and Francoist repression

Work streams

- **Identifying** and describing Francoism **victims** in Catalonia
- **Locating and recovering** Catalan documentation that was **dispersed** by war or **confiscated** by Franco's regime
- **Locating and entering** documentary **testimonies** on the War, exile and repression from all over the world

Project 1: Processing of military court proceedings brought in Catalonia by Franco's regime

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CAPITANIA GENERAL REGION MILITAR

"URGENTE"
Artículo 550
DEL C. J. M.

Juzgado Militar núm. 4

ENTRADA 5328
22 MAR. 1942

Remanente 28927

Diligencia previa núm. 27946, instruido contra

Gabriel Casan Galobardá

Delitos situación en épocas rojas.

Dieron principio las actuaciones el día 23 de Noviembre de 1943.

Situación del procesado encastado: En libertad provisional.

En prisión el de

En el de

Domicilio del encastado: Pasaje Rosabella nº 11, 1.º, BARCELONA 1942

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SECRETARIO 24066

El Teniente de Caballería

Bonifacio Gallego Barcelonés
otro
El Coronel de Infantería
D. Enrique Lucas Merandé

Pedro Perdo García.
otro
Soldado de Infantería
Manuel Louca Puig

- A 10-year-project (2003-2013)
- 100,000 military court proceedings (1939-1978)
- In cooperation with other organizations



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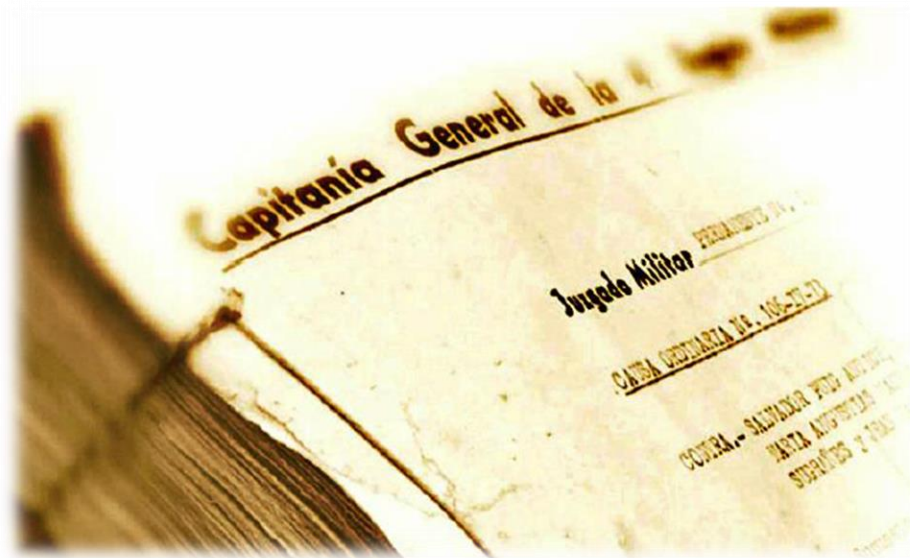
Archive of the Third Territorial Military Court: 100,000 military court proceedings



Project 1: Processing of military court proceedings brought in Catalonia by Franco's regime

Prosecuted people in Catalonia catalogue

- **150,000** records identifying people tried
- **70,000** people tried for political and social reasons
- **3,368** executed



Catalogue data

- Name of the victim
- Age
- Gender
- Date the trial began
- Date of the sentence issue
- Type of crime
- Sentence handed down
- People executed
- Place of birth
- Place of residence

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Project 1: Processing of military court proceedings brought in Catalonia by Franco's regime

Project outcomes

- Documents **preservation** has been ensured
- Citizens' **access** has been made easier
- The catalogue allows to know the **exact number of people tried**
- **Legal reparation** for the victims has been facilitated



Project 1: Law 11/2017 on legal reparation for the victims of Franco's regime

- Passed by the **Catalan Parliament** in 2017
- **Military courts** acting in Catalonia are **declared illegal**
- **Court decisions** on political grounds are **declared null and void**
- **First law in Spain** that declares the nullity of Francoism trials
- In accordance with the international regulations on **human rights**



Project 1: Law 11/2017 on legal reparation for the victims of Franco's regime

- The National Archive of Catalonia is authorised to **publish the list** of Francoism victims
- The prosecuted people catalogue has been an **indispensable tool**

LLEI 11/2017, del 4 de juliol, de reparació jurídica de les víctimes del franquisme Llista de procediments judicials militars: 66.629 persones físiques i 15 jurídiques. Darrera actualització 01/07/2019



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ABEL PLANA, Esteban	- Home	--	--	1939 / 1939	Acabament		40721		
ABEL RIBA, Juan	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	25048	1939 / 1941	Dotze anys i un dia de reclusió temporal	Sis anys i un dia de presó major	23457	
ABEL SERRAT, Antonio	- Home	Consells de guerra []	--	1939 / 1939	Libertat		2379		
ABEL VILA, José María	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumar	021624	1940 / 1941	Sobreseïment		14894	
ABELEIRA RIVERÓN, Nicolás	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	000110	1939 / 1939	Tres anys i un dia de presó menor		37387	
ABELLA ALBERICH, Francisco	- Home	Consells de guerra []	--	1939 / 1939	Mort		executat/da	56045	
ABELLA BEL, José	- Home	Consells de guerra []	--	014026	1939 / 1939	Reclusió perpètua		3986	
ABELLA BLANCH, Pedro	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	000722	1939 / 1939	Vint anys de reclusió temporal	Tres anys de presó menor	52262	
ABELLA BRUGUERA, José	- Home	Consells de guerra []	--	1940 / 1940	Absolt			9511	
ABELLA BUENO, Ángel	- Home	Diligències prèvies		000542	1941 / 1942	Sense declaració de responsabilitats		31817	
ABELLA CABRÉ, Jaime	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	000570	1939 / 1939	Mort		executat/da	52435
ABELLÀ CERVELLÓ, José	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	005309	1940 / 1940	Dotze anys i un dia de reclusió temporal	Indultat	30630	
ABELLÀ CIURANETA, Manuel	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	000110	1940 / 1942	Dotze anys de presó major		46666	
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ABELLÀ COSTA, Serafin	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	024715	1939 / 1942	Sobreseïment		38310	
ABELLA DAURELLA, Pedro	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	0019507	1939 / 1940	Absolt		8823	
ABELLA DOMÈNECH, Miguel	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	002915	1939 / 1943	Libertat		32813	
ABELLA DOMÈNECH, Miguel	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	032874	1944 / 1946	Un any de presó menor		58886	
ABELLA ESCOLÀ, Casimiro	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	002553	1939 / 1939	Vint anys de reclusió temporal		53438	
ABELLA FARRÉ, Francisco	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	002582	1939 / 1939	Vint anys de reclusió temporal		42656	
ABELLA JORNET, Jaime	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	000012	1939 / 1939	Reclusió perpètua		52475	
ABELLA JORNET, Pedro	- Home	Consells de guerra []	--	022539	1940 / 1943	Anxiu		35854	
ABELLA LABERTÍ, Jerónimo	- Home	Consells de guerra	Causa acumulada	000059	1939 / 1939	Dotze anys i un dia de reclusió temporal		53687	
ABELLÀ MATEU, José	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	000234	1939 / 1939	Mort		executat/da	52341
ABELLÀ MINGUILLÓN, Emilio	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	027247	1942 / 1943	Sobreseïment		34580	
ABELLÀ MONTAGUT, Miguel	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	001275	1938 / 1941	Absolt		19607	
ABELLA MUR, Josefa	- Dona	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	019700	1940 / 1943	Sobreseïment		29946	
ABELLA NOGUÉS, Pedro Juan	- Home	Consells de guerra	Sumaríssim	004655	1940 / 1940	Quinze anys de reclusió temporal		21441	

CORRECCIÓ D'ERRADES:

(*) Consells de guerra, Diligències prèvies o similars./

(**) S'indiquen commutacions demanades, a vegades no concedides. Els indults podien ser generals o individuals. I parcials o totals./

■ Persones que no constaven a la llista del 01/06/2019.

■ Esmenes de noms i/o cognoms o d'altres dades de persones que ja constaven a la relació del 01/06/2019.

Darrera actualització 01/07/2019 4 /2608

Project 1: Law 11/2017 on legal reparation for the victims of Franco's regime

Official document restoring the honour, dignity and memory of one of the victims of Franco's courts

leg. _____ exp. _____

APELLIDOS Serra Pujol NOMBRE Ramon

Naturaleza San Pedro Salaminera Provincia Barcelona

Años de edad 49 Hijo de Buenaventura y de Dolores

Estado Casado Número de hijos 4 Profesión Sabrador

Lugar donde residía durante el Movimiento San Pedro Salaminera

Prisión de procedencia Celular de Barcelona

Delito Rebelión militar

Condena impuesta 20 años Conmutación _____

Tiempo extinguido 1 mes de Diciembre de 1948.

Fecha de salida en libertad condicional y Ley o Decreto en que está comprendido a mi favor que se faltan redimir 5220


Si está sujeto a destierro No

Lugar donde no puede residir _____

Si perteneció a la masonería No

Fecha en que le corresponde el licenciamiento definitivo _____

Residencia actual San Pedro Salaminera



Generalitat de Catalunya
Departament de Justícia

Carles Mundó i Blanch
Conseller de Justícia

Faig constar:

La Llei 11/2017, de 4 de juliol, de reparació jurídica de les víctimes del franquisme, aprovada pel Parlament de Catalunya i publicada al DOGC núm. 7406, declara il·legals els tribunals de l'Auditoria de Guerra de l'Exèrcit d'Ocupació, posteriorment anomenada Auditoria de la IV Regió Militar, que van actuar a Catalunya entre l'abril de 1938 i el desembre de 1978. En conseqüència, la Llei 11/2017 declara la nul·litat de ple dret, originària o sobrevinguda, de totes les causes, sentències i resolucions que consten relacionades a l'Anunci publicat al DOGC núm. 7409, entre les quals hi consta el procediment contra

RAMON SERRA PUJOL

I perquè en quedi constància, així ho signo, a Barcelona, el dia 20 de juliol de 2017

El conseller de Justícia



Project 1: Law 11/2017 on legal reparation for the victims of Franco's regime

- Thousands of nullity document requests
- Thousands of visits to our website
- Large number of inquiries attended
- Broad coverage in the media
- Many reactions on social media
- Many open data downloads



Recull de piulades

Avui sí que ja és real. L'Arxiu Nacional fa pública la llista de reparació jurídica de víctimes del franquisme (1938-1978). Avui t'estimo. @CarmeLaboria

He ensenyat a la meva sogra el nom del seu pare a la llista de la reparació jurídica de les condemnes del franquisme i s'ha posat a plorar. @enpepes

He trobat el meu besavi a la llista de represaliats pel franquisme. Avui, més que mai, orgullós de les meves arrels. Justícia i dignitat. @JordiRoigL

Acabo de trobar el nostre avi a la llista de reparació jurídica de víctimes del franquisme (1938-1978). Tants anys! Gràcies govern català! @maringels1

El meu besavi surt a la llista de reparació jurídica de les víctimes dels consells de guerra franquistes. 12 anys de pena, 77 anys d'oblit. @MartaRiusg

He trobat l'avi, emoció immensa. Yayo, Cataluña te ha devuelto tu dignidad! Gràcies Carles Mundó i Carme Forcadell. @AnnaForastier

Today it is real. The National Archive publishes the list of legal reparation for the victims of the Franco regime ... I love you grandpa

I just found our grandfather on the list.... So many years! Thank you Catalan government!

I have found the grandfather. Great emotion. Grandpa, Catalonia has given you back your dignity! Thank you...

Project 2: Processing of archives from men's and women's prisons in Barcelona

- Two of the **most consulted** archives
- They contain the **prisoners' files of Franco's regime**

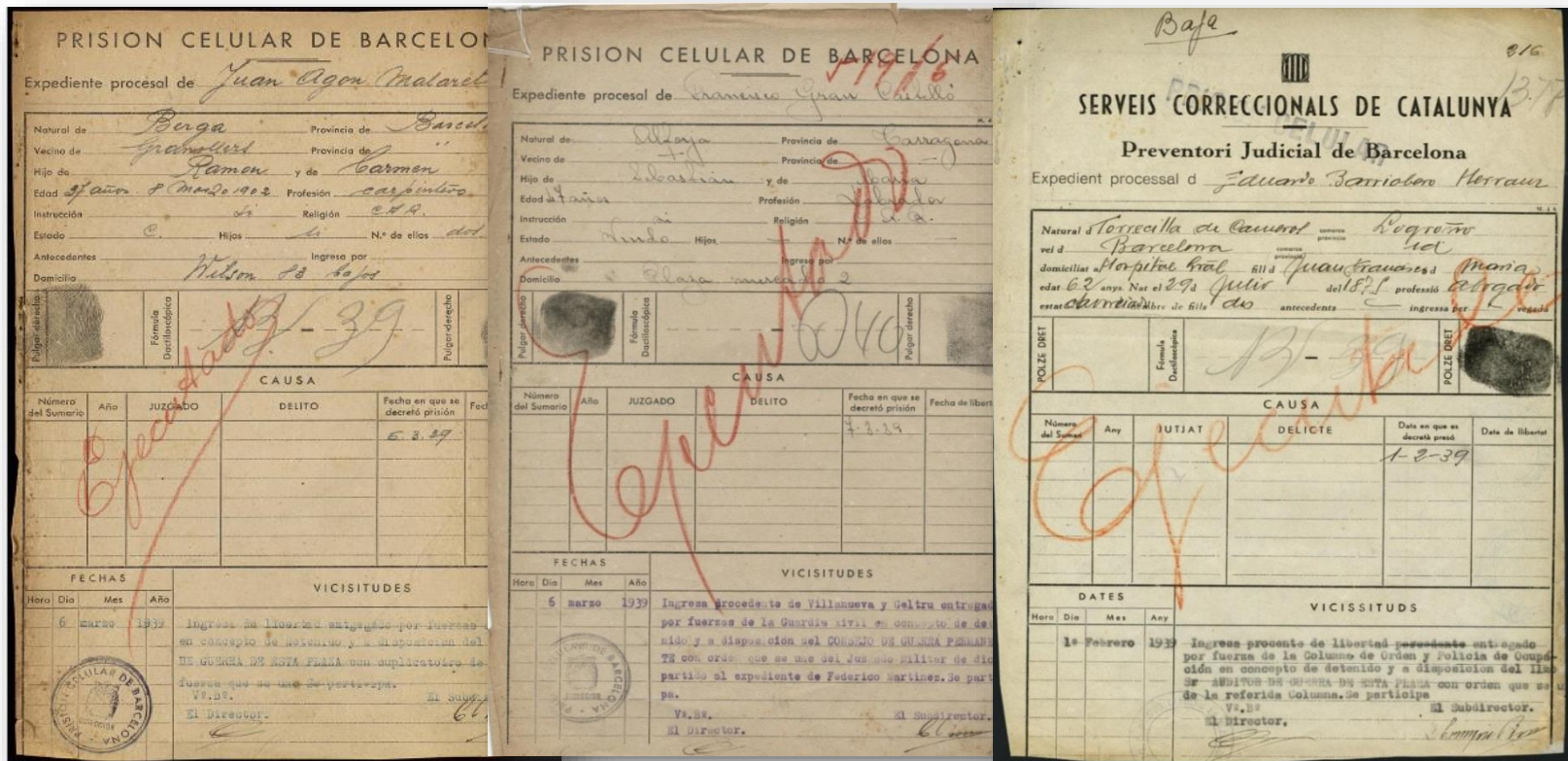


Men's prison of Barcelona

Project 2: Processing of archives from men's and women's prisons in Barcelona

The archive of the men's prison in Barcelona

- Date: 1888-2006
- 200,000 prisoners' files
- Francoist period files predominate
- **130,000** corresponding to **Francoist period**



Files of executed prisoners

Project 2: Processing of archives from men's and women's prisons in Barcelona




The archive of the women's prison in Barcelona

- Date: 1931-2006
- Most of Francoism files are missing
- 13,000 prisoners' files
- **8,000** corresponding to **Francoist period**

Apellidos	SALVO IBORRA	21092
Nombre	Maria	
Naturaleza	Sabadell	Prov. Barcelona
Años de edad	37	Hijo de Pantaleón y de Asunción
Estado	soltera	Profesión sus labores
Delito	contra Seguridad del Estado	
Tribunal sentenciador	Consejo de guerra en Alcala de Henares	
Juzgado	Militar	Sumario núm. Año 1941
Pena	30 años	Destierro de no
Indulto	de la sexta parte	
Población donde residía a la comisión del delito	Barcelona.-calle Calabria num 200	
Prisión que le puso en libertad	Alcala de Henares	
Fecha de la libertad condicional	16 Abril de 1947	
Fecha de la libertad definitiva		
Fecha del indulto		
Residencia al salir de la Prisión	Barcelona.Travesera de Gracia num 26.-4 ^a 2 ^a	

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Barcelona
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c/S. Estibon 3.
20 años 1. Día
21 abril 1944
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Residencia fijada al salir de la prisión



Project 2: Processing of archives from men's and women's prisons in Barcelona

- Project carried out in **7 years** (2007-2014)
- Description of both **political and common** prisoners' files of Franco's regime
- In **cooperation** with other organizations

Project outcomes

- **Two catalogues** containing all the prisoners' files, both men and women
- **140,000** records corresponding to Francoist period



Project 3: Processing of documentation on Catalans in exile

1939, January-February: **450,000** people crossed the French border to the exile



Project 3: Processing of documentation on Catalans in exile

- Confined in large **refugee camps**
- **Boarding** toward America
- **Returned** to Spain
- **Claimed** by relatives
- Admitted in some of the 1,000 **refugee shelters** throughout the country
- **Recruited** into one of the French Companies of Foreign Workers

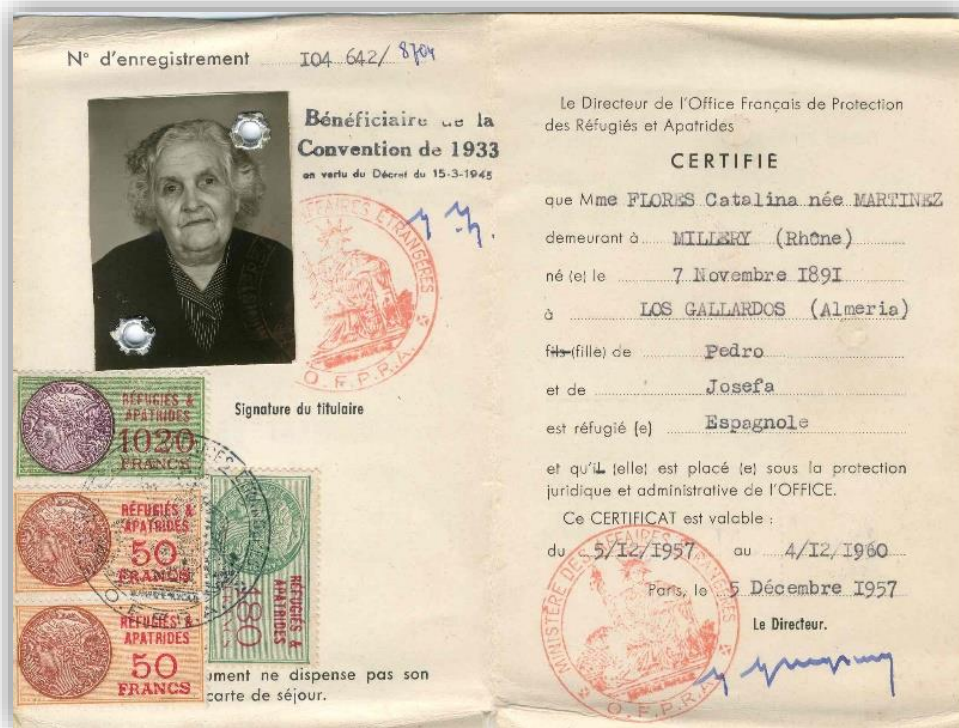


El Barcarès refugee camp (France)

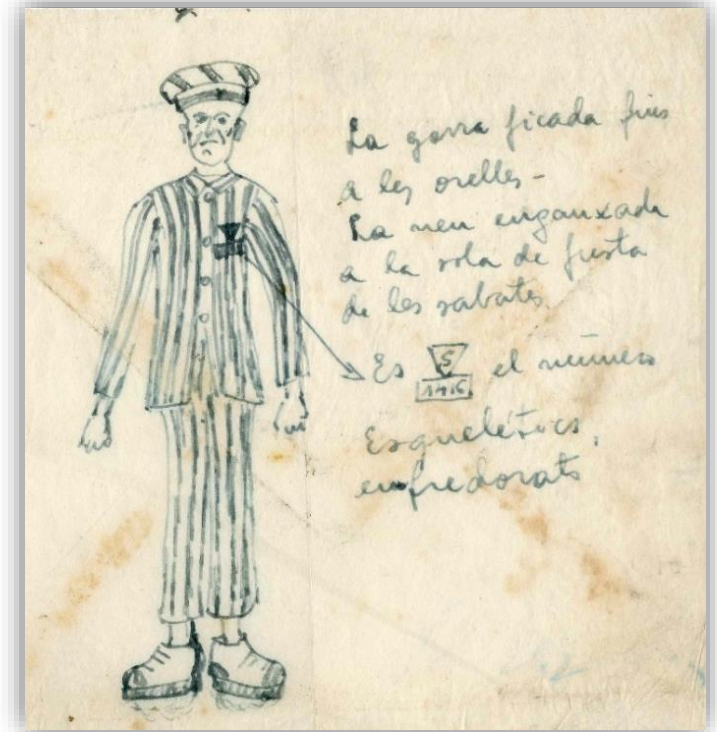
Project 3: Processing of documentation on Catalans in exile

After the German occupation of France, June 1940

- Handed over to the **Francoist authorities**
- Enrolled in the **French Resistance** and the allied forces
- Deported to Nazi concentration camps: **Gusen and Mauthausen**



Certificate of French refugee



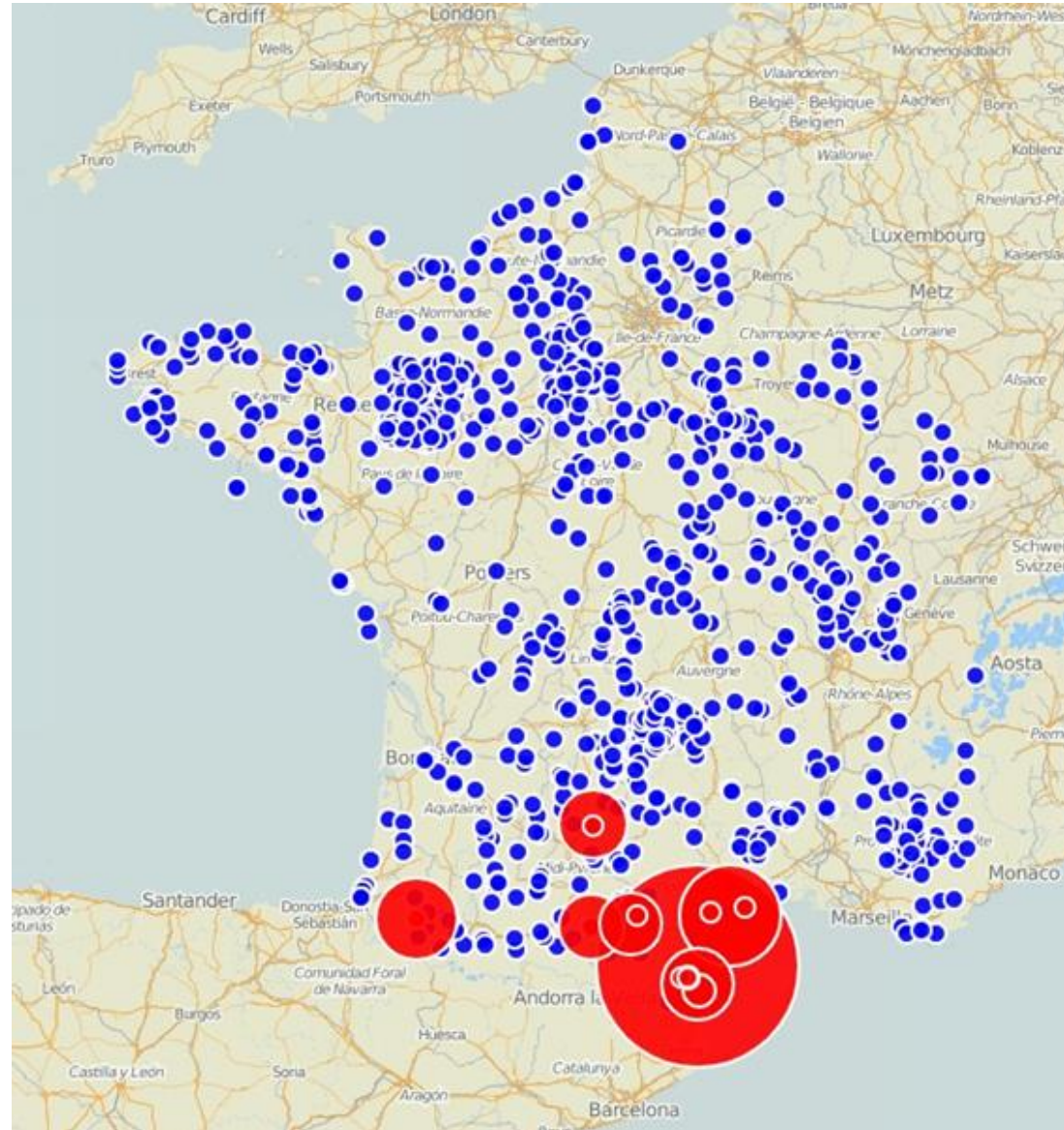
The cap tucked to the ears. The snow stuck to the wooden sole of the shoes. Shivery skeletons

Project 3: Processing of documentation on Catalans in exile

- **23,000** registered refugees
- **1,000** identified refuges and camps
- Refugees' correspondence catalogue: **7,000 letters**

Camps and refuges in France

<https://ja.cat/ElxuT>



Project 3: Processing of documentation on Catalans in exile

1939



Spanish women with children at the Voló station, after crossing the French border

2015



Syrian family on Kos Island, after being rescued from the open sea

Project 3: Processing of documentation on Catalans in exile



Crossing the French border

Project 4: Recovery of documentation confiscated from Catalonia by Franco's regime

Occupation and search of public institutions, political parties, trade unions, all kinds of organizations, the media, publishing houses, private residences,

Solidaridad Internacional Antifascista
SECCIÓN ESPAÑOLA

No. **26793**

Agrupación de Barcelona

El camarada Aurora
Rodríguez de 12 años de edad
natural de Barcelona provincia
de ide perteneciendo
o habiendo pertenecido a _____
Escolas
es afiliado de esta Agrupación, desde el día
de la fecha. de Octubre de 1938

El Secretario de la Agrupación,
[Signature]

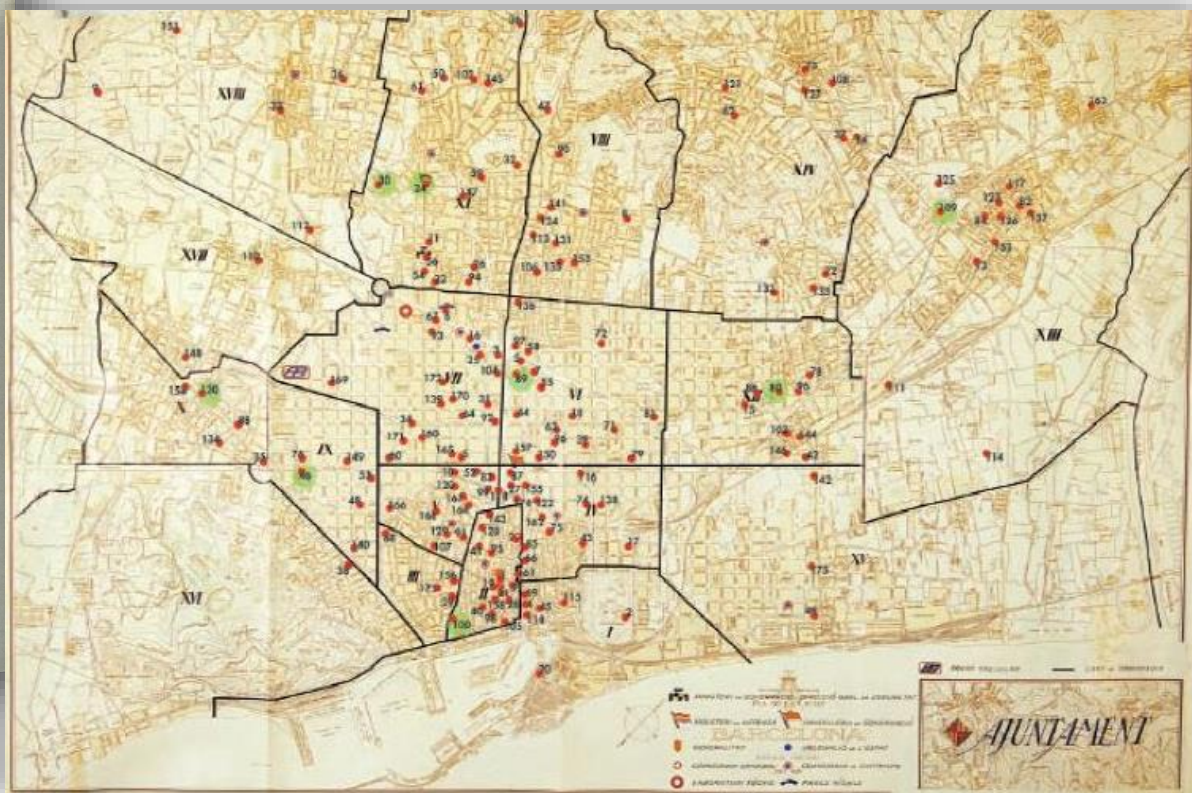
Firma del Asociado:

TÍTULO DE SOCIO
162202
Sello de la Sección Española



Project 4: Recovery of documentation confiscated from Catalonia by Franco's regime

1,700 searches carried out in **Barcelona alone** in the early months of 1939



Places searched in Barcelona

Project 4: Recovery of documentation confiscated from Catalonia by Franco's regime

- Confiscation of documents containing **personal data** to identify dissidents
- Used as evidences to carry out **repression**



Project 4: Recovery of documentation confiscated from Catalonia by Franco's regime

- 1939 – 1940: **tons of seized documentation** are transferred to Salamanca
- **3 million** file cards with data on dissidents

AIGUADE PEDRO **Mayor**
BRUFAU
Figura como Alcalde de Vilanova de Belpuig, afiliado a E.R.C.
Carpeta 1432 folio 465 P.S.Barcelona

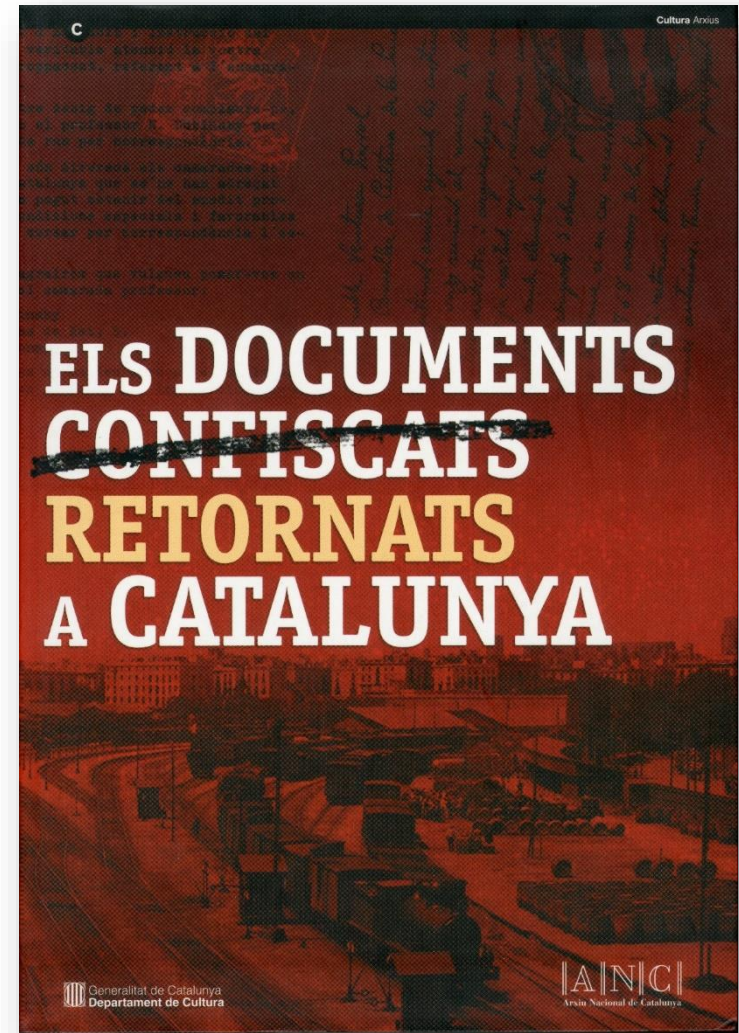
ALVAREZ Ramón **Trade unionist**
CIUA
Afiliado a la F.E.T.E. de Igualada (Barcelona).
(Leg. 2479.- Fol. 59 y 60.- P.S. Madrid).

ALSINA JUAN **Mayor**
CALERO
Figura como Alcalde de Sitges, afiliado al P.O.U.M.
Carpeta 1432 folio 462 P.S.Barcelona

ANDREU José **President of a court of law**
ABELLO
Presidente de Tribunal de Casación de Cataluña, aparece en escrito en Sentencia de Espionaje y alta traición.-P.S.BARCELONA.Carp.836.Fol.170 al 172.

Project 4: Recovery of documentation confiscated from Catalonia by Franco's regime

- 1982-1993: identification and description of **Catalan Government** documentation
- 2003-2006: identification and registration of **private** documentation producers
 - **476** private producers identified
 - **150** linear metres of documents and **900** books described
 - **1.5 million** images digitised
- 2006-2017: **appraisal and approval** of the documents to be returned to Catalonia



Project 4: Restitution of confiscated documents to their rightful owners

2005: Law on return to the Catalan Government of documents confiscated in Catalonia during the Spanish Civil War

- From 2006 to 2014: **6 documentation returns**
- **95%** of the claimed documentation has been returned



Project 4: Restitution of confiscated documents to their rightful owners

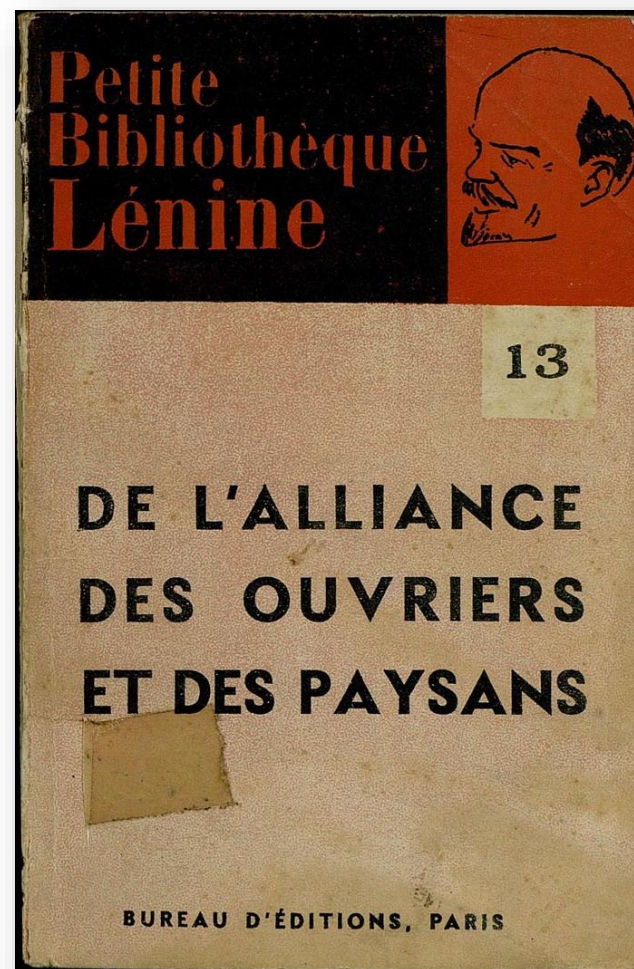


- The 2005 law states the return of seized documents to their rightful owners
- The law entrusts the management of the return to the Government of Catalonia, through the National Archive of Catalonia

Project 4: Restitution of confiscated documents to their rightful owners

Producers according to the volume of seized documentation

1. Trade unions, cooperatives and professional groups
2. Political parties
3. Other organisations of all kinds
4. Individuals, the media, publishing houses



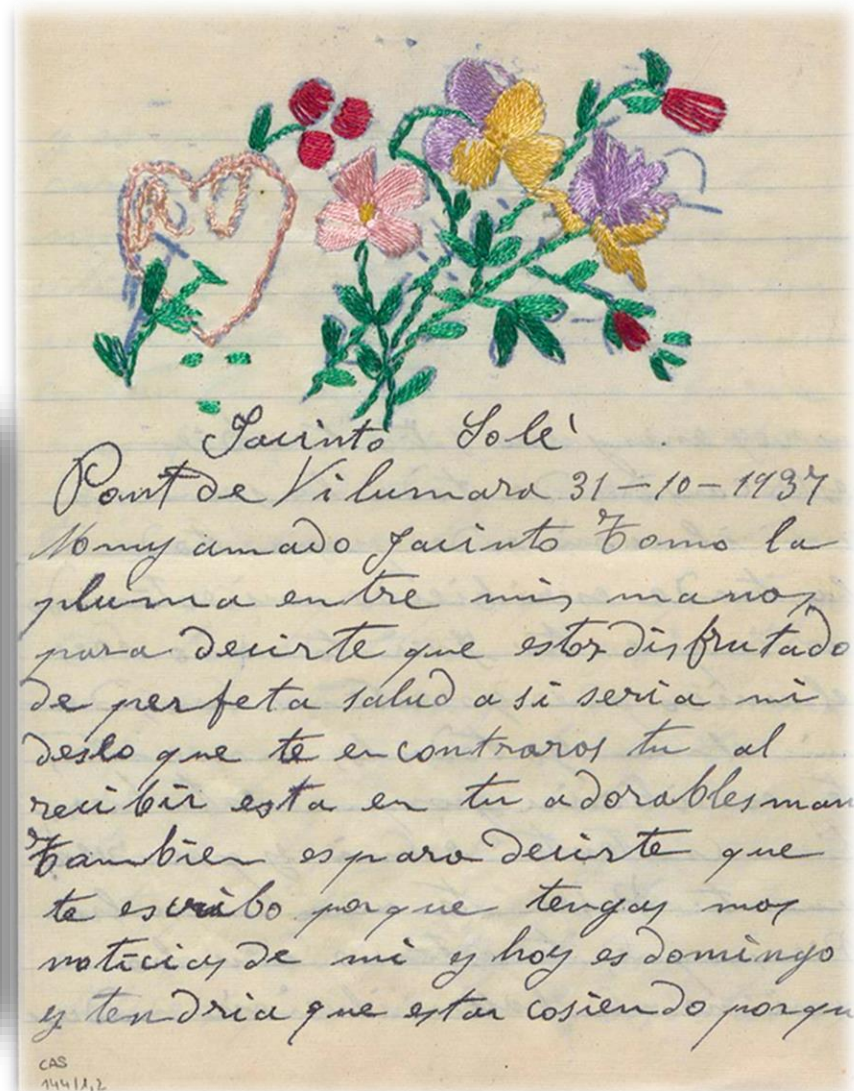
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- 2015-2016: **4 public events** on document restitution
- **96%** of the documentation has been returned to its owners
- Both the returns and the identification tasks of holders are still ongoing



Project 4: Restitution of confiscated documents to their rightful owners

Documents are often testimonies of a past unknown to the victims' families



Letter from a soldier's fiancé

Project 5: Location and entry of archives on the Spanish Civil War, exile and Francoist repression

- One of the **main activities** of the National Archive since its creation
- **Private archives** of people and organisations who suffered exile or are related with it
- There are currently about **250 collections** of this origin and content
- The Catalan archive with the largest number of holdings originating from exile

Documentation entry channels:

- Cooperation agreements with public and private **organisations**
- Cooperation with **people** who facilitate contact with the exiles families

Papers and archives of:

- Prominent figures (public officials, politicians, trade unionists, intellectuals, etc)
- Associations and institutions in exile

Project 5: Location and entry of archives on the Spanish Civil War, exile and Francoist repression

Documentation of Catalan associations abroad

Processing and digitalisation of archives from **six Catalan associations**, in Cuba, Uruguay, Mexico, Paraguay and Argentina



Catalan Association of Rosario



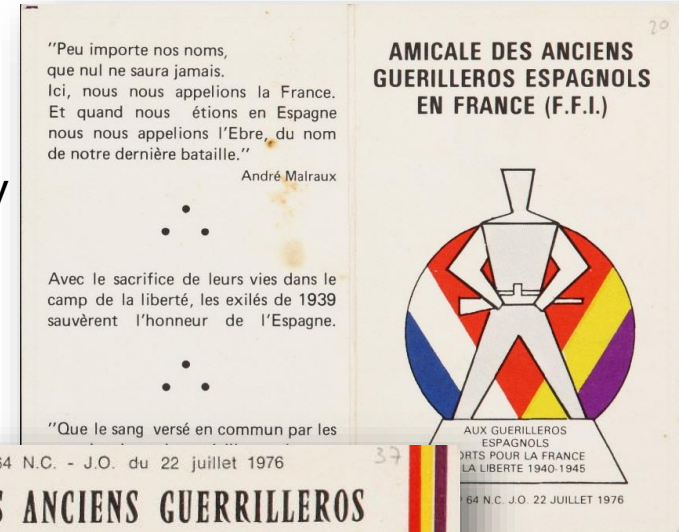
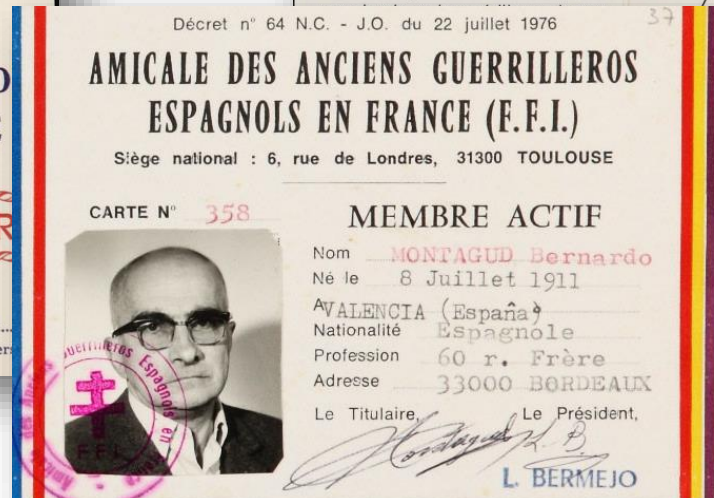
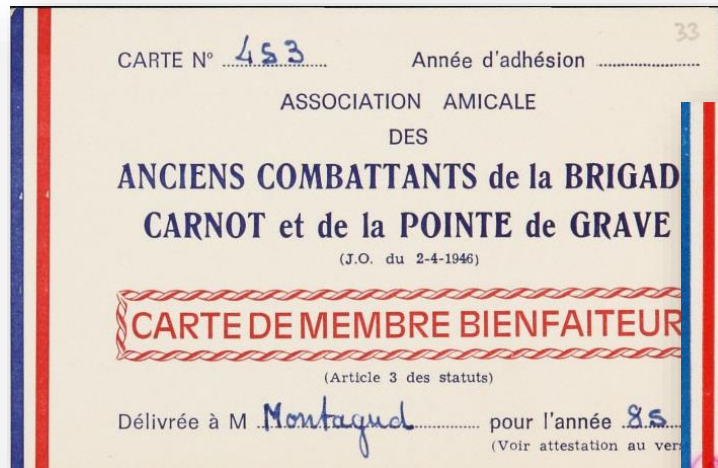
Catalan Association of Havana



Project 5: Location and entry of archives on the Spanish Civil War, exile and Francoist repression

Personal papers from the former Soviet Union and Eastern European countries: 40 collections

- International Brigades members
- Soviet political commissaries
- Officers and soldiers of the Republican army
- Anti-Francoist guerrilla fighters



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Spanish Centre in Moscow

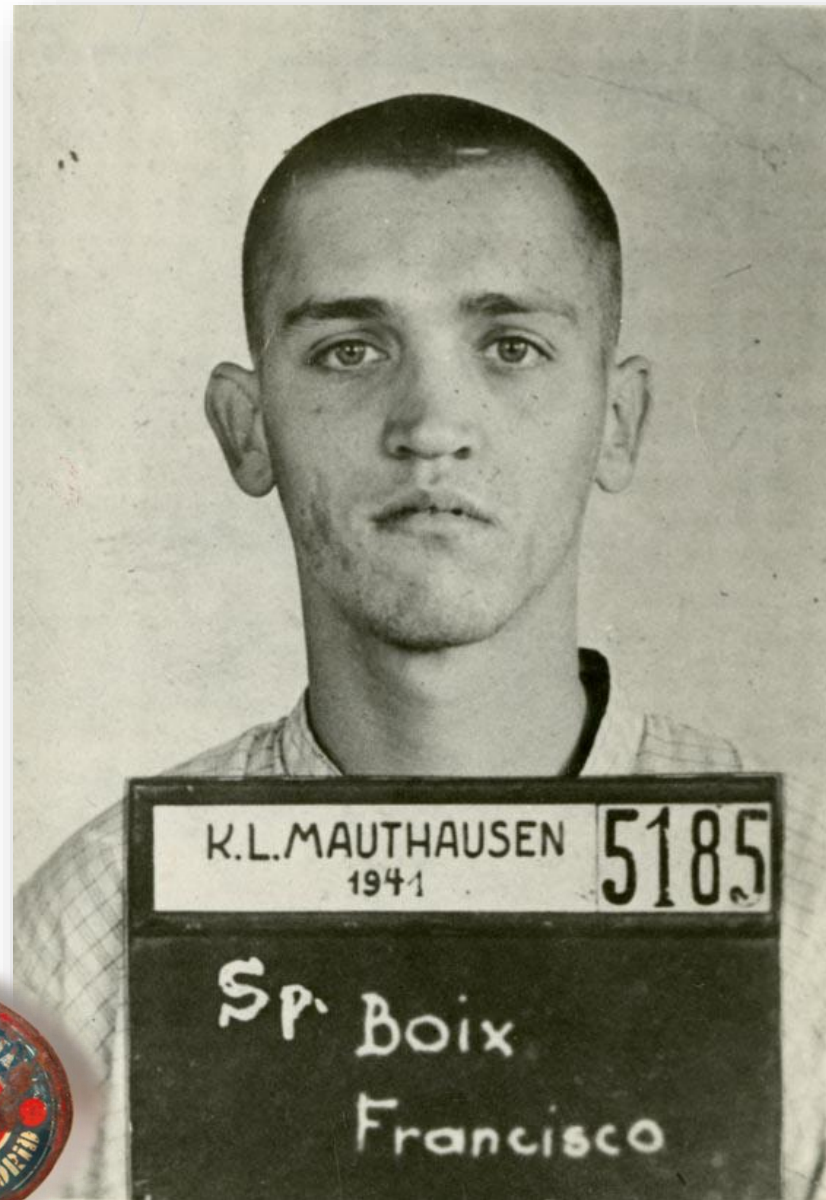
- 15 linear metres of documents and **5,000** photographs
- Documentation on **'Children of War'** stands out



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Francesc Boix photographic Collection

- **1,300** photographs of the Spanish Republic and Civil War periods
- Mauthausen's images served as accusatory evidence in the **Nuremberg trials**



The dissemination of information on the Spanish Civil War, exile and Francoist repression

Outreach activities relating to these historical memory topics

- talks, courses, exhibitions,

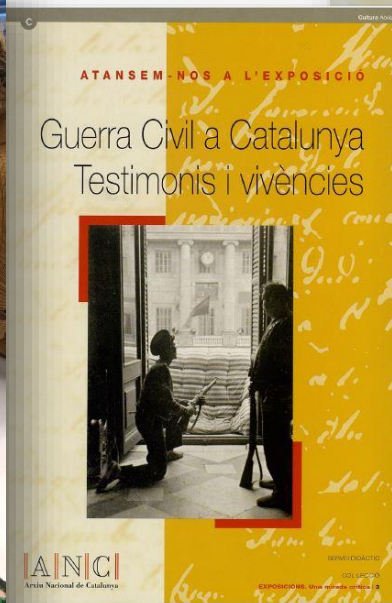


The Educational Service of the National Archive of Catalonia

Activities and materials on historical memory topics

- Thematic **workshops** using documents
- Educational **activity books** to work in the classroom
- Advice for pupils doing **research works**
- Educational **guides for exhibitions** organized by the Archive

<http://sdanc-recursos.blogspot.com/>




Projects concerning the Spanish Civil War, exile and Francoist repression

Archives should become an essential tool for

- Learning about **collective memory**
- Exerting and claiming **individual rights**
- Enabling the legal and moral **reparation of victims**
- Fostering citizens' **critical awareness**
- Achieving a truly participatory and transparent **democracy**



Apellidos	SALVO IBORRA	21093
Nombre	María	
Naturaleza	Sabadell	Prov. Barcelona
Años de edad	37	Hijo de Pantaleón y de Asunción
Estado	soltera	Profesión sus labores



Solidaridad Internacional Antifascista
SECCIÓN ESPAÑOLA

Nº 26793

Agrupación de Barcelona

El camarada Aurora
Rodríguez de 12 años de edad
natural de Barcelona provincia
de ido perteneciendo
o habiendo pertenecido a

Escuelas
es afiliado de esta Agrupación, desde el día
de la fecha.

de Octubre de 38

El Secretario de la Agrupación,

[Signature]

TÍTULO DE SOCIO
162202

Sello de la Sección Española





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