

OVER THE BADIEL-MOSCARDO'S PART IN THE GUADALAJARA CAMPAIGN OF MARCH 1938

During March 1937 The Italian Corpo de Truppi Voluntarii (CTV) launched a mechanized offensive against the Republican 12th Division. But on the other side of the Badiel River a Spanish Nationalist force with WW I style horse foot and guns was on the same errand. Commanded by General Moscardo, the Hero of the Alcazar, they advanced against the left most brigades of the 12th Division.



Cavalry Gruppo Daviega Screens The Advance

This scenario was based on the second or third day of the offensive. Republican reinforcements from the 11th and 14th Divisions were rushed in, so all remnants of the 12th which could be rallied were sent over the Badiel to face Moscardo's command-the Soria Division.

To start the game two reduced Brigata were dug in among ruined villages and farms In the path of the offensive while two more were arriving from over the river. A howatizer battery was dug in while two more field batteries escaped from over the river.



Reserves Dig In Facing the Nationalist Cavalry Screen



Moscardo Directs The Italian AA Battery In Support of Carlist Volunteers



The Soria's Gun Line Supports Infantry Advance-It Was Able to Silence the Republican Howitzer Which Could Have Been Safe on The Revers Slope



Peninsular Army Infantry Battalions Advance



A Panzer Ia Company Leads The Attack On The Right of The Republican Line



The Right Flank Of The First Line Manages to Check the Attack



The Attack Bogs Down With Heavy Losses



But Facing Tanks and Infantry The Republicans Are Ridden Down



The Position Is Overrun And The Fugitives Driven Into the Reserves





Meanwhile The Carlist Requetes Attack The Republican Left



But They Are Engaged In A Firefight Permitting The Battered Republicans To Retreat