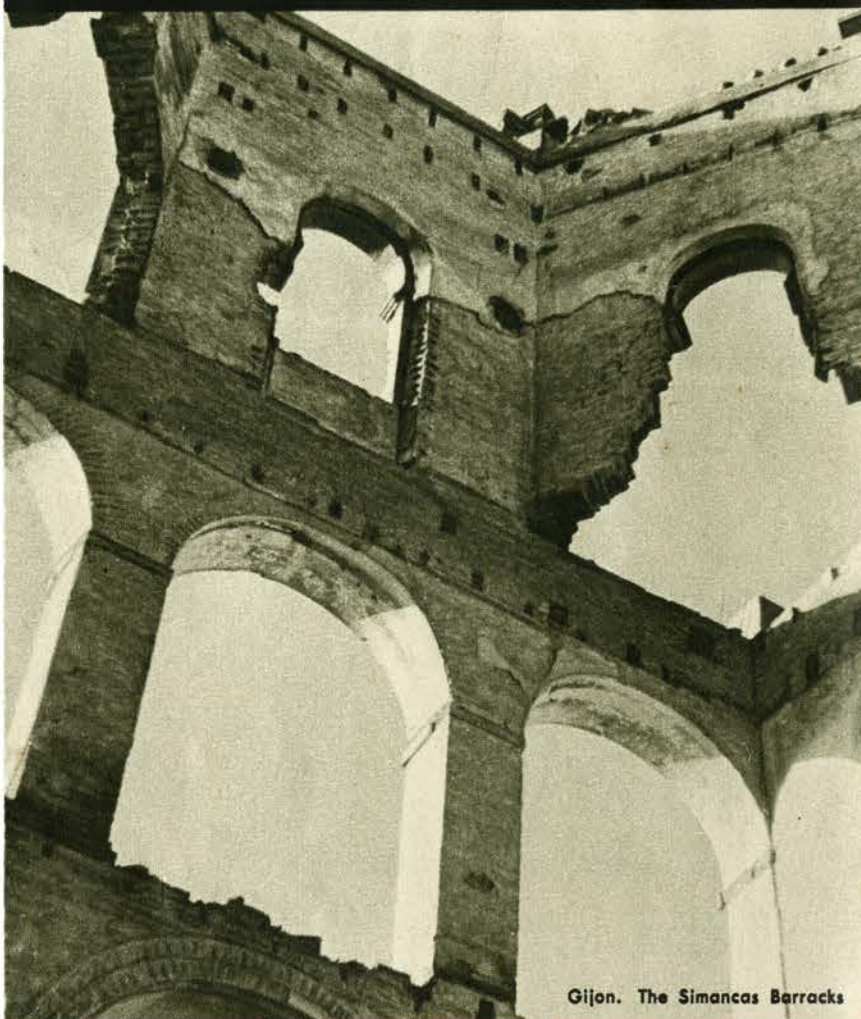


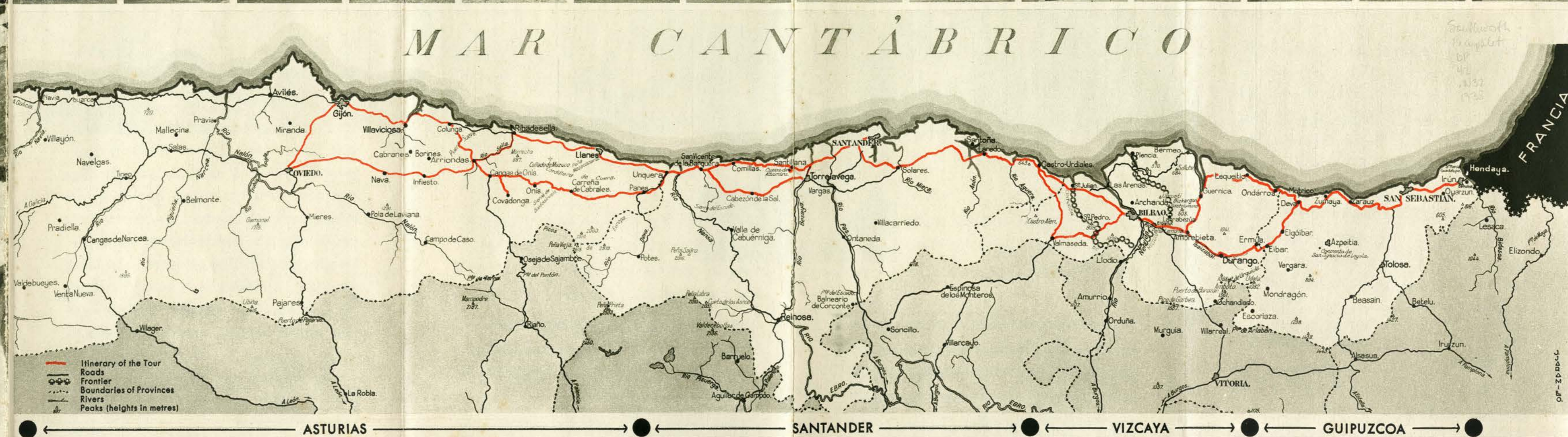
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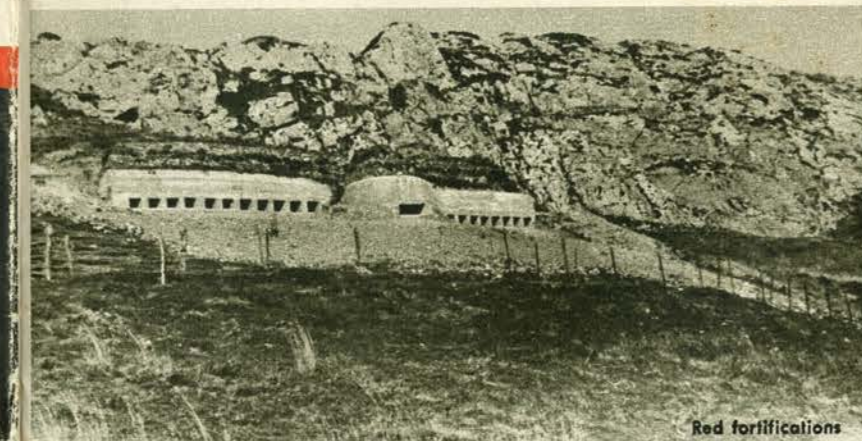
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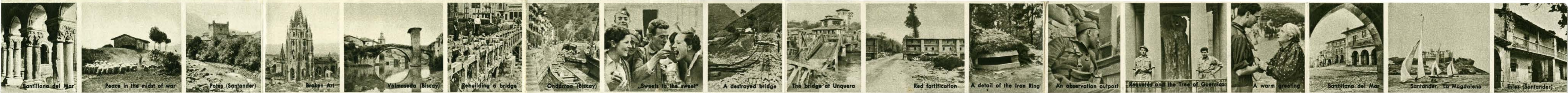


Generalissimo Franco, General Davila, General Vigoa and other chiefs



The harsh ground over which this campaign was fought

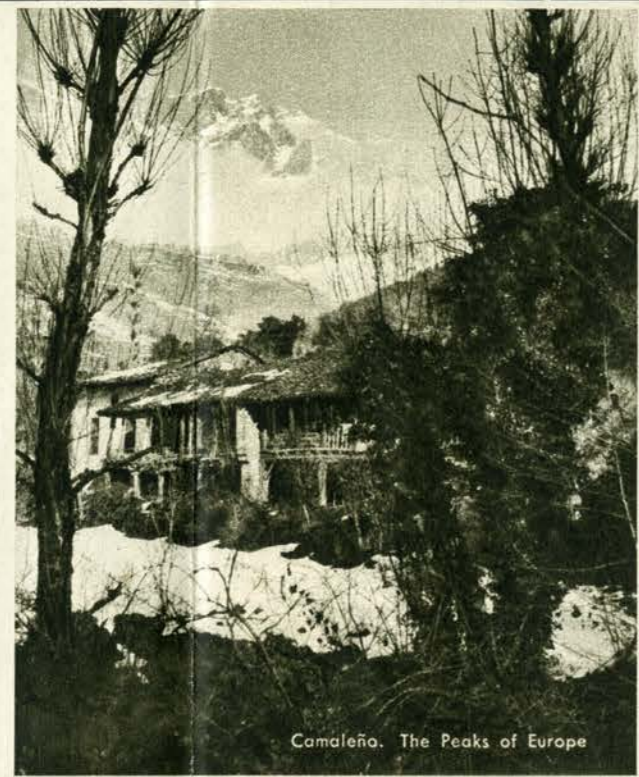




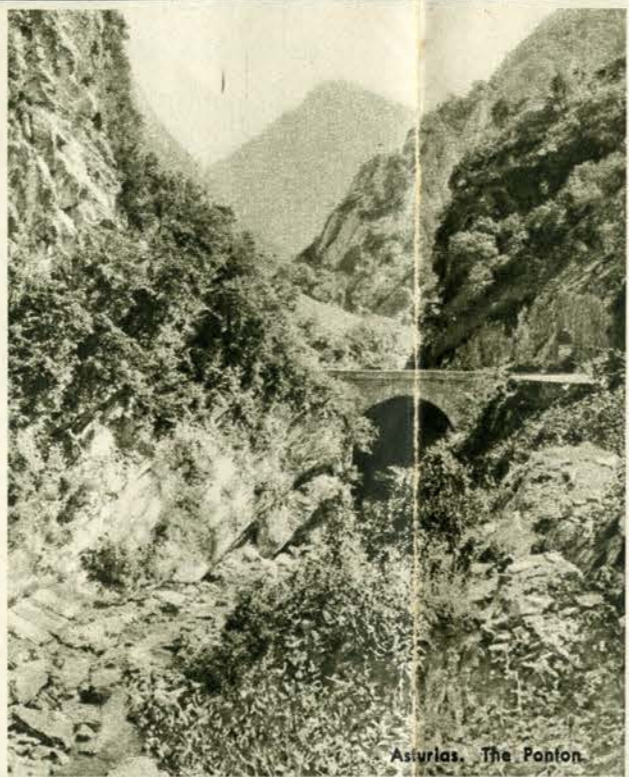
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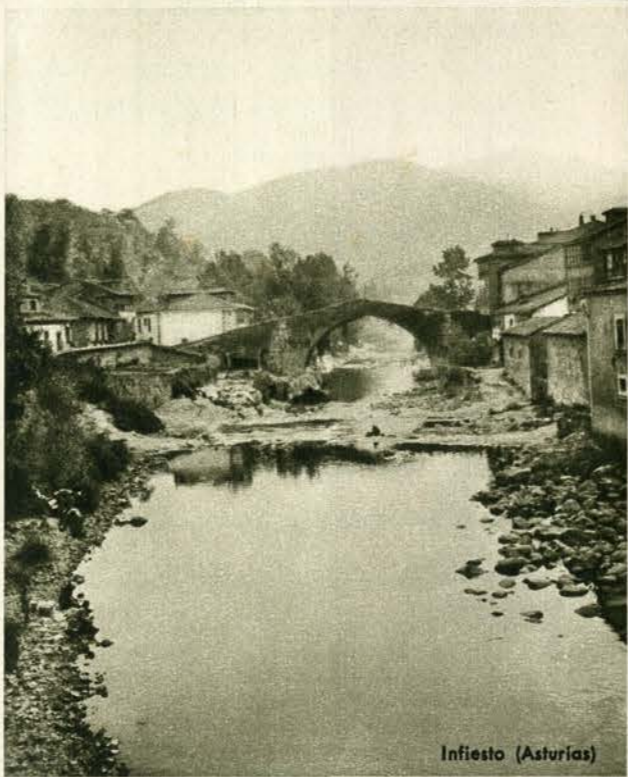
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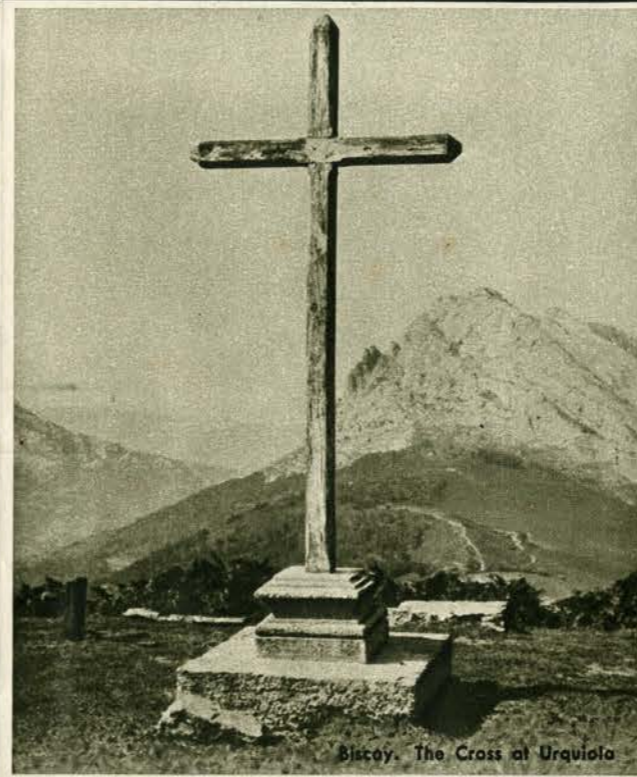
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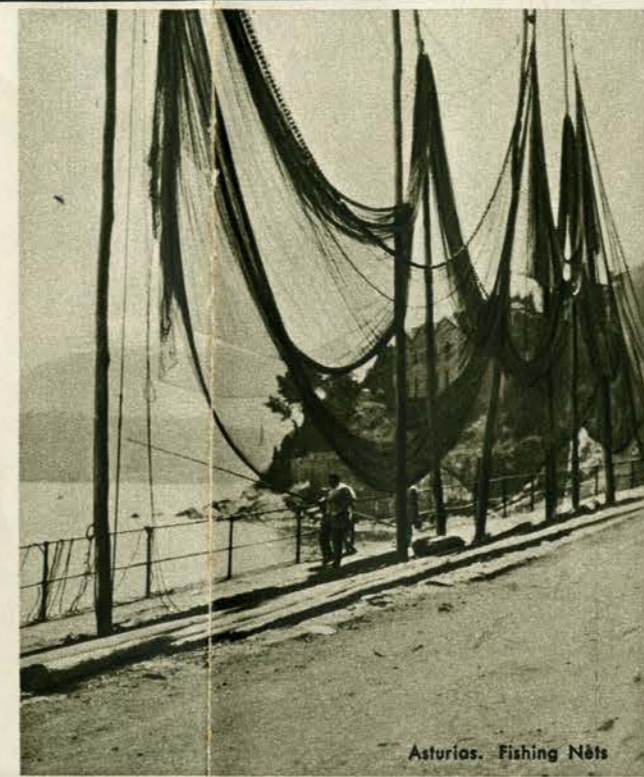
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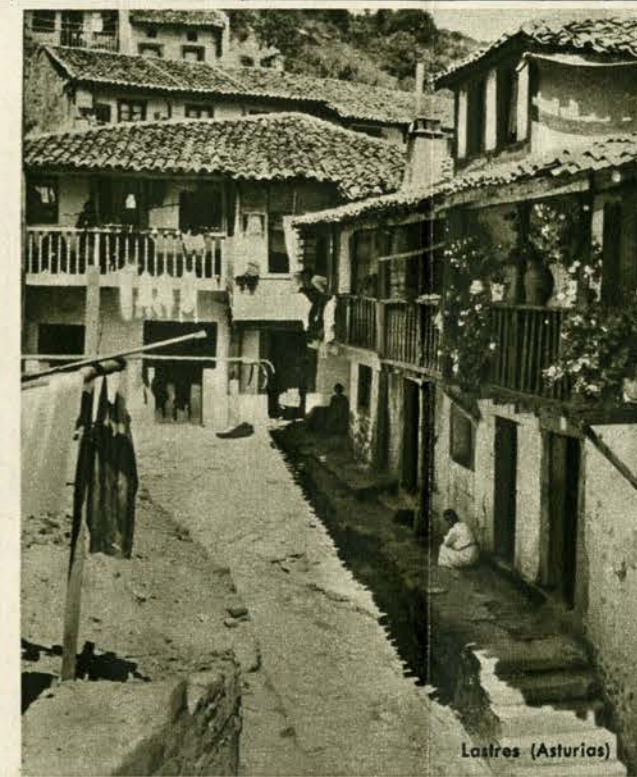
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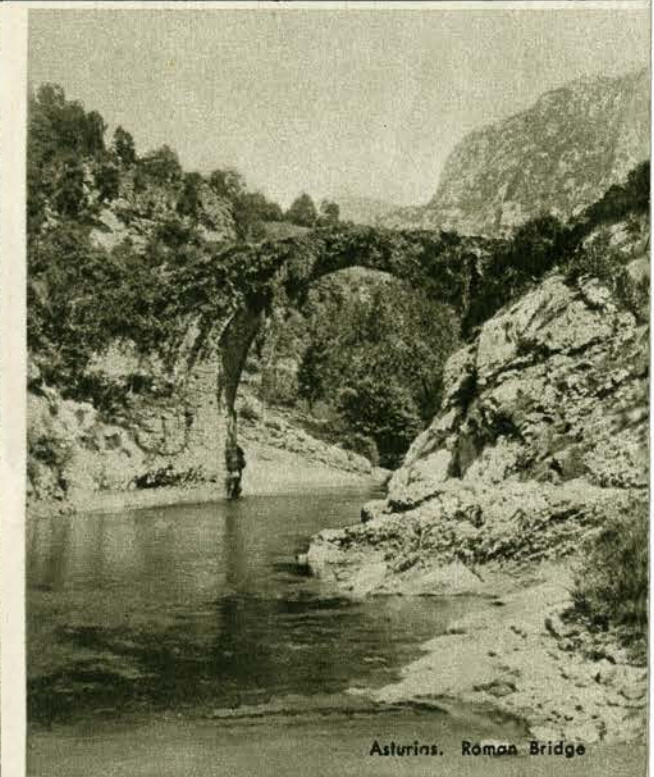
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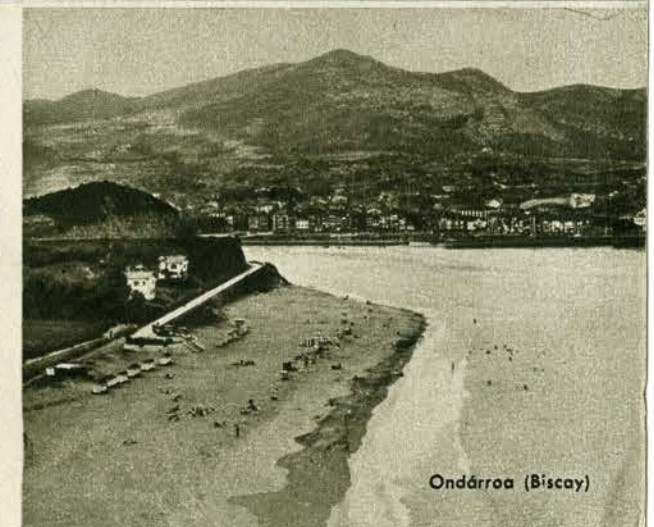
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Covadonga.



Liebana (Santander)



Ondárroa (Biscay)



# THE PATH OF WAR IN SPAIN

**B**attlefields are places where the tourist lays aside mere curiosity and pays homage to the heroic deeds of the fallen. Thus, the Thermopylae, Rocroy and Waterloo; thus the hills, trenches and fields of the Somme and Verdun still preserved and shown by France with legitimate pride.

National Spain is the first country that has organized visits in Wartime to battlefields which are not only the scenes of recent strife but famous in a struggle that has filled the world with its echoes.

Four War Routes will be successively opened to traffic:

No. 1, THE NORTH; No. 2, ARRAGON;  
No. 3, MADRID; No. 4, ANDALUSIA.

One of the maps included herewith shows the itinerary of each Route. The large map gives details of Route No. 1 (THE NORTH OF SPAIN) which will be opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 1938.

For the time being the Routes must be travelled over exclusively by parties accompanied by authorised Guides, in tours organized by the National Spanish State Tourist Department. Comfortable motor-coaches of the newest type, bought specially for the purpose will take visitors along each Route, meeting them at the Irun frontier, which will also be the last stage of the Tour.

Parties will be accommodated at first-class hotels, provided with every modern requirement. (One of the photographs published here shows the Hotel Real at Santander, which will accommodate travellers visiting the Northern Route.)

The National Government has adopted Summer Time (which the Republic had abolished), so that clocks in Spain synchronise with those of other Western European countries.

Route No. 1 (marked in red on map) has a total length of 1,101 kilometres and will be covered in 9 days.



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The fee for this tour, inclusive of fares, accommodation, food (except extras), tips and all other expenses, is (£ 8.0.0.— eight pounds) or its equivalent at the current exchange in liras, marks, francs, dollars, florins or Swiss francs.

veller, pleasing to his eyes and refreshing to his spirit, and display their manifold charms at all points of the road which constitutes the War Route of the North.

Every region, every province — Guipúzcoa, Biscay, Santander, Asturias — has its own



General García Valiño



General Vigón



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The illustrations in this pamphlet are photographs either of places on Route No. 1, or of scenes and aspects of the War in the North, which ended in October, 1937. Some of the latter show a few among the hundreds of bridges destroyed by the Reds and immediately rebuilt by the National troops.

In the following pages we give a brief impression of the most notable aspects of the country through which the First Route travels.

The whole of Northern Spain is an orchard. Its varied mountainous landscapes spread innumerable shades of green before the tra-

individual characteristics within the general beauty common to all.

Guipúzcoa is the smiling land where civilization displays its greatest victories and resources.

Biscay is remarkable particularly for its mining and industrial wealth.

Santander is nature at her best, with a mild climate in which pasturelands grow rich and verdant, and noble cattle thrive.

Asturias (the Spanish Switzerland), has arid mining districts like Biscay, and smiling meadowlands like Santander. It is impossible now to stand in the midst of its wild scenery

without remembering the epic incidents of this War in which Spanish heroes have surpassed themselves.

The "War Route of the North" is chiefly remarkable for the beauty, varied in tone but constant in structure, of its marvellous setting. As the road winds on, striking discoveries are made at every turn. Here it runs along the coast, forming a wonderful long "corniche"; there it is imprisoned between steep mountains; elsewhere, it climbs up to seemingly inaccessible passes; then it descends into deep valleys, passing through villages, every one of which is a picture in itself, as are the skies at sunset, streaked with silver clouds, and the green moss and ivy clinging to the dark walls of romantic houses.

Neither are there wanting outstanding sites with a character of their own.

Above all, the capitals of the four provinces: San Sebastian, the fashionable cosmopolitan seaside resort; Bilbao, which has been called the wealthiest city in the world; Santander, another smart seaside town where golf, fly-fishing and chamois stalking may be indulged in amidst unsurpassed natural beauties; Oviedo, the invincible city which by resisting a desperate siege of fifteen months' duration did so much to decide the war in the North.

Besides the capitals, there are attractive seaside resorts such as Zarauz, Zumaya, Deva, Castro Urdiales, Laredo, Santaña, San Vicente de la Barquera, Llanes, Ribadesella, Gijón, Avilés or Luarca, and romantic and picturesque villages like Motrico, Ondárroa, Lekeitio, Bermeo, Torrelavega, Cangas de Onis, Colunga, Infiesto, Pravia or Villaviciosa.

And, finally, there are tourist centres such as Altamira with its prehistoric caves containing the most remarkable rock-paintings in the world; Covadonga and its valley, famous in Spanish history; and Santillana del Mar, a perfect gem of medieval architecture.



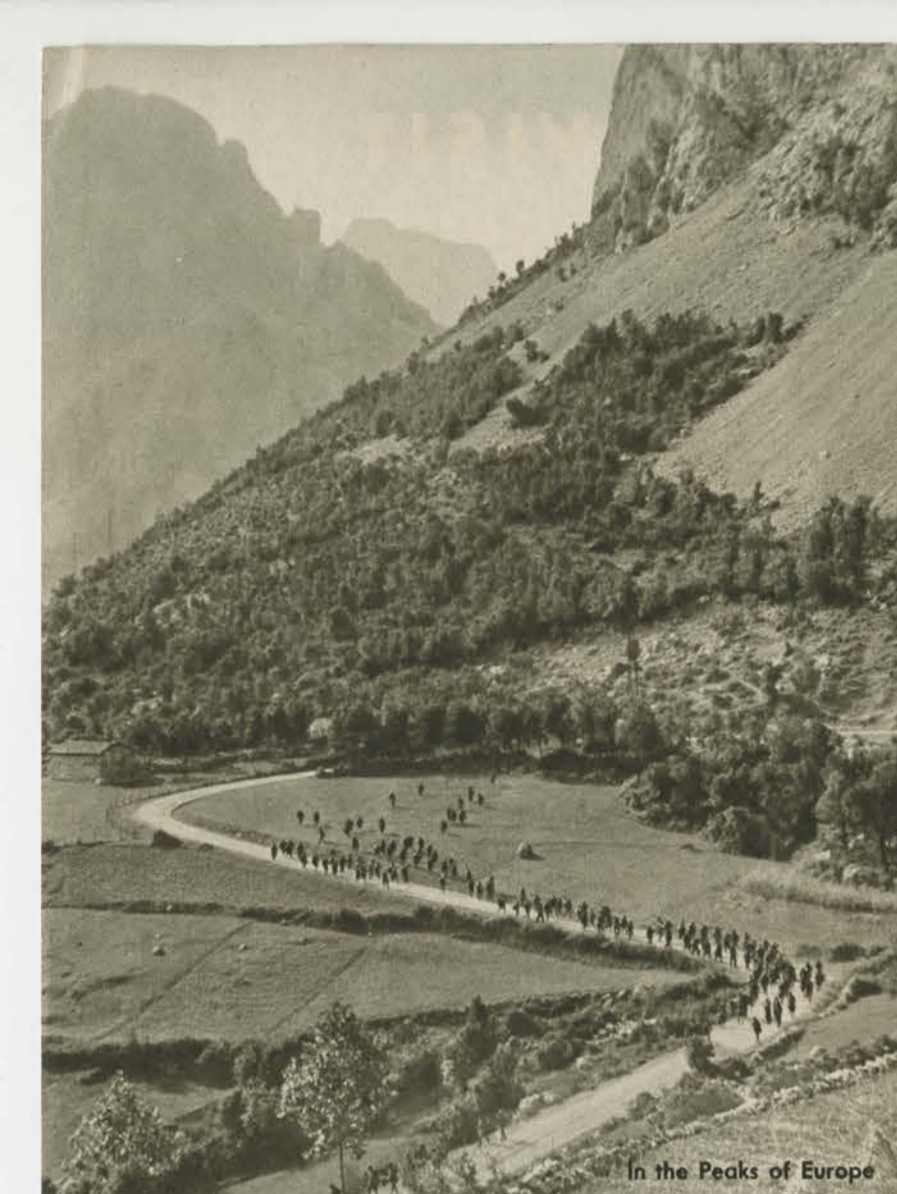
A half by the roadside



Volunteers of the Spanish Phalanx



Amorebieta (Biscay)



In the Peaks of Europe



National soldiers and red prisoners face to face after a National victory



No bridge! But the river must be crossed!



National boats in the Cantabrian



A short halt



Enthusiasm in Santander



Prisoners in Santander Bull-ring