



MILICIANES

#IMPACTDOCUMENTARY

The investigation of the identity of the brutally murdered five militiawomen in Mallorca by fascists in September 1936, made us aware of the existence of a revolutionary project; the creation of the Feminine Militias in Barcelona, an independent military unity formed by women, without any men involved in any of the organizations functions.

history

History tends to be written for and by men. This fact, unfortunately, is not a characteristic of just a specific area, it is a universal fact. As a consequence, with the pass of time, stories and tales are only fragmented truths, incomplete and inexact, where women play secondary roles. In this case, the Spanish civil war.

Beyond the stereotypes: the militiawoman, the nurse, the politician, the militant, the mother and the wife; few times women have been presented in a story as a collective, describing the real participation of women at war, with their impact on the on battlefield, socially and politically.

In this way, we continue to lack the knowledge about the complexity in a time, which already was convulsive and much more in terms of the new social position of women.

synopsis

On the 5th of September 1936 at dawn, five militiawomen were executed by fascists, after a night of torture and rape, in Manacor (Mallorca).

Unfortunately, this fact is not extraordinary in a war context. But, the existence of a private diary, written by one of them; and a photo of them taken moments before their execution, makes this story reason of multiple legends. For eighty years, the story and the identity of those five militiawomen was a mystery.

Thanks to an exhaustive investigation, it has been possible to find out the identity of those militiawomen and contextualize and discover the existence of the Feminine Militias, to which they belonged - an amazing story that allows us to increase our knowledge of history.

The faithful women to the emancipation years promoted by the Republic did not want to remain outside the active defence of freedom and democratic rights of the State. They were very conscious that the loss of that war would represent the abolition of their rights as free citizens, reason why their fight was also a combative defence of gender rights. The active and massive participation of female brigade member teaches us that this defence was shared by an international desire to consolidate the policies achieved in favour of women.

Milicianes is an historical research documentary which rescues a fundamental, revolutionary and collective project, to understand the importance of women in the Spanish civil war.

treatment

Milicianes is a historical research documentary in which a voiceover will be the thread to explain and guide us through the events and the plot. The story of the past will be explained with archival footage (photographs, films clips, old press articles, correspondence, etc.) and by the few witnesses still alive. We will film the relevant spaces where we can find traces of the past in the present.

Interviews with experts will give accuracy and correctness to the historical facts and allow us to better understand some of the characters. We will treat the footage using scientific methods and techniques to confirm the identity of some leading figures and to identify the chronology. The interviews will be filmed in natural settings.

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