



# 'XYZ LINE' INTERPRETATION CENTRE



The centre is divided into three inter-related topics: the first puts the conflict into context and explains why we find war-related remains in Almenara; the second explains the course of the fighting and how soldiers lived, and the third deals with the importance of the rearguard in maintaining the front.

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# Al me na ra XYZ line



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The XYZ Line, also known as the Matallana Line, was intended to stop General Franco's troops from advancing towards Valencia.



The XYZ Line was planned on 3 May 1938 by a committee chaired by Tomás Ardid, and construction began rapidly under the direction of the Engineering Corps Command of the Armies of the Central Region Group. It was the most fortified strip of territory in the Battle of the Levant and the setting for the main battles. It runs from La Llosa (Castellon) to Santa Cruz de Moya (Cuenca). Over 14,000 people worked on it, and close to half a million soldiers faced each other over it: some 220,000 on the Republican side and 260,000 on General Franco's side.

The XYZ Line Interpretation Centre has been set up in response to the need to expand Almenara's tourism resources while also addressing the lack of places of remembrance where history can be experienced from a military and social perspective. On the basis of the material heritage of the Civil War, we seek to provide visitors with a factual introduction and historical overview of the conflict, while at the same time appreciating the historical legacy in a way that goes beyond written documents and other sources, i.e. from just looking to physical presence and the causes that led to its existence.