Bethune in Spain: The Canadian Doctor Who Fought Fascism

Norman Bethune was a Canadian doctor who fought against fascism in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. He was a pioneer in the use of blood transfusions and mobile medical units, and his work saved the lives of thousands of people.

Bethune was born in Gravenhurst, Ontario, in 1890. He studied medicine at the University of Toronto and graduated in 1916. After serving in the Canadian Army during World War I, he worked as a doctor in Montreal and Detroit.

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In 1936, the Spanish Civil War broke out. Bethune was deeply moved by the plight of the Spanish people, who were fighting against fascism. He decided to travel to Spain to volunteer his services as a doctor.

Bethune arrived in Spain in November 1936. He was assigned to the Canadian Medical Unit, which was part of the International Brigades. The

Canadian Medical Unit provided medical care to Republican soldiers and civilians.

Bethune was a skilled and dedicated doctor. He was also a courageous and compassionate man. He often risked his own life to save the lives of others. He was known for his tireless work and his ability to inspire others.

In 1937, Bethune was appointed head of the Blood Transfusion Service for the Republican Army. He developed a new method for collecting and storing blood, which made it possible to give blood transfusions on the battlefield. This innovation saved the lives of thousands of soldiers.

Bethune also developed a new type of mobile medical unit, which could be used to provide medical care to soldiers and civilians in remote areas. These mobile units were a vital part of the Republican Army's medical system.

Bethune's work in Spain was cut short when he was killed in action in 1939. He was 49 years old.
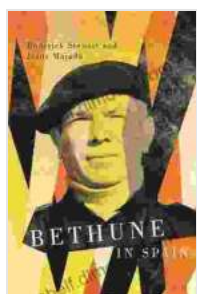
Bethune's death was a great loss to the Republican cause and to the world. He was a brilliant doctor, a courageous fighter, and a compassionate humanitarian. His story continues to inspire people around the world.

Bethune's Legacy

Bethune's legacy lives on in the work of the many doctors and nurses who have followed in his footsteps. His pioneering work in blood transfusions and mobile medical units has saved the lives of millions of people around the world.

Bethune is also remembered as a symbol of the fight against fascism. He was a man who was willing to risk his life to defend the values of democracy and freedom. His story is a reminder that we must never give up the fight against tyranny and oppression.

Norman Bethune was a remarkable man who dedicated his life to helping others. He was a brilliant doctor, a courageous fighter, and a compassionate humanitarian. His story is one of courage, compassion, and sacrifice, and it continues to inspire people around the world.

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