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INDUSTRIAL MEDICINE PRODUCTION FOR THE ARMY DURING THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR (1936-1939)

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Following the patterns of a central state under the dictatorship of Primo de Rivera, a single center for the industrial production of military medicines was built in 1927, and it was in charge of providing medicines to all military pharmacies of hospitals of the Peninsula, Baleares and Canary Islands, as well as the Protectorate of Morocco.

The Central Laboratory of Medicines for Military Health was built in Madrid, and it worked as expected until the beginning of the Spanish Civil War in April of 1936.

From that moment on and until the end of the war, only one of the two military parts, the Republican Army, would receive medicine supplies from this laboratory, although not without troubles.

The organization of the pharmaceutical service of the Franquista Army, however, was truly complicated at the beginning due to the lack of medicine supplies, since the only center that could provide them belonged to the enemy.