

# PLAN OF SHELTER 307

..... Drains

..... Route area

External exhibition area

Shelter interior

Later construction (1940)

- 1 Toilets
- 2 Electricity generator
- 3 Water fountain
- 4 Tank and cover
- 5 Sick bay
- 6 Children's room
- 7 Unfinished rooms alongside children's room
- 8 Fireplace
- 9 Toilets
- 10 Former central entrance

Start of visit, Eastern Entrance

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Carrer Nou de la Rambla

Access to Shelter 307

Carrer Nou de la Rambla

End of visit, West Entrance

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**1. Shelter interior**  
Shelter 307  
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**2. Bombardment of the Poble-sec**  
16 March 1937  
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**3. Bombardment**  
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**4. Shelter interior: water fountain**  
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**5. Shelter interior: tunnel**  
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## Introduction

The Barcelona History Museum presents Shelter 307, one of the symbols of Barcelona's contemporary history.

The bombardments carried out by Franco's army behind the battle lines meant that the civilian population had to face up to a new phenomenon. The fighting on the front was some distance away, but when the bombardments began, civilian lives were equally at risk. There was no longer any distinction made between military targets and civilian areas: everyone was a participant in the war. These systematic attacks behind the lines turned civilians' lives upside down, and worsened their living conditions.

In order to deal with the new situation, the Catalan government and local councils organised an efficient and effective defence service. In response to the first bombardments, the Defence Protection Board was set up, together with local defence committees who were responsible for implementing the necessary measures in order to protect civilian lives. The first sites equipped as refuges were basements in homes and metro stations, but as

the bombing intensified, air raid shelters were also built. Shelter 307 is one of more than a thousand which were set up.

The plans for Shelter 307 featured some 400 metres of vaulted tunnels, 1.6 metres wide by 2 metres high, the walls lined throughout. The capacity of the shelter, according to the plans, was for 2,000 people, a figure in excess of official recommendations, which specified one metre of tunnel for every four people.

By the end of the war, and thanks to the efforts of the many people involved, 200 metres of tunnels 2.10 metres high and between 1.5 and 2 metres wide had been dug, with three entrances.

Throughout the length of the shelter, visitors get a glimpse of living conditions in its tunnels, as well as the various facilities: bathrooms, a water fountain, a sick bay, a children's room and a fireplace, among others.

The shelter, built at 169, Carrer Nou de la Rambla, in the Poble-sec district, to defend the populace from air raids, has been restored as a way of illustrating the cruelty of war and its consequences.



### SHELTER 307

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