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This photograph was taken by Robert Capa, a wartime photojournalist, this photo was taken in 1936. This is a Loyalist soldier in the Spanish Civil War, which set the stage for the Second World War. In the war there were Nazi backed fascists and Allied backed forces. The Nazi's purpose of supplying the war was to test new equipment that they created, and to destabilize the region enough take over Spain. Instead during World War II the Spanish remained neutral and didn't take a side politically or with force. This was one of the first and the most well-known Robert Capa image, it made him "the greatest war photographer in the world" in 1938. This image is very striking, using all the basic formats of a great photo, rule of thirds and simple background, and it was taken at the perfect moment. This is what makes a photograph excellent, the lucky timing of the soldier getting shot and the ability to see the emotion on the face of the soldier is striking.

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