

The Imperial Troops under Tilly Storm Magdeburg (1631)

Abstract

The city of Magdeburg, which had declared itself Protestant in 1524 and joined the Schmalkaldic League in 1531, became a center of Protestant opposition to the Counterreformation. During the Thirty Years War, Imperial troops stormed the city after a ten-day siege on May 20, 1631. Around 20,000 residents perished and Magdeburg became one of the most poignant examples of the devastation wrought by the Thirty Years War.

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