

This diploma thesis focuses on administration development of five district gendarmerie commands (Benešov, Český Brod, Vlašim, Jílové u Prahy, Říčany u Prahy) which were a part of gendarmerie departement Benešov u Prahy during 1918-1945. The aim of the work is to introduce their form and activities within the whole gendarmerie organization in the Czech lands and try to explain their specifics if there were any. There is emphasise on personalities and careers of district gendarmerie commanders. After introducing character and history of administration since half of the nineteenth century till 1945 there is a chapter which concerns on historical development of Benešov, Vlašim, Český Brod, Jílové and Říčany regions especially during 1918-1945. On the basis of that there will be described and evaluated the command of gendarmerie departement Benešov and five district gendarmerie commands. This thesis is based on comparative, normative-comparative method with an application of some sociological and psychological approaches. The institute of district gendarmerie commanders appeared before 1918 but they were no officers until the establishment of Czechoslovakia. There were two categories for gendarmerie officers – administrative (the higher one) and executive (the lower one). The district gendarmerie commanders became the executive officers. The research of five district gendarmerie commands showed these persons did not reach (with one exception) big carieer growth. But on the other hand it is obvious there was a possibility of social increase and gettting into the circles of regional elites. The existence and character of district gendarmerie commands fully depended on developement of political administration during the period of Czechoslovakia and Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. So after transformation of three former judicial districts into the political ones after 1918 district gendarmerie commands in Říčany, Jílové and Vlašim were established but because of administration reform in 1942 disappeared.