

This diploma thesis deals with formation and activities of the Financial Guard of the Czechoslovak Republic. It was a paramilitary security authority whose primary purpose was to oversee and prevent smuggling in the border area of the Czechoslovak Republic, simultaneously the Financial Guard was tasked with protecting the state border from unauthorized crossing of foreign nationals. The Financial guard existed before the establishment of the independent Czechoslovak Republic, but as one of the many institutes of Austria-Hungary it was also taken over into a new political arrangement. The aim of this work was to get acquainted with the term of Financial Guard. Define its basic functions and activities, and separate it from purely military churches.

This work, in its first part, briefly and clearly talks about the establishment and prehistory of the Financial Guard, and its subsequent development to a fully functioning state body of the Czechoslovak Republic. In relation to subordination to the Ministry of Finance of the Czechoslovak Republic, I also deal with the partial analysis of this ministry in this work.

Next chapter of this work defines the construction of the Financial Guard. Describes the first moments of the Financial Guard in the Czechoslovak Republic and gives examples of equipment of the Financial Guard. There is also an outline and description of the organization and structure of the Financial Guard. Furthermore, the division of functions of the members of the Financial Guard, and the depiction of the Financial Guard Service on specific events.

In the following chapters, we also find a reference to the political crisis in the 1930s, which resulted into transformation of the Financial Guard, and consequently the adaptation of the new Financial Guard activities, mainly in the surveillance of the state borders together with other armed forces of the Czechoslovak Republic. Due to the changing position of the Financial Guard, there is also a mention about the Guard of the State, whose part the Financial Guard in the mid-1930s was, and which subsequently defended the independence of the Czechoslovak Republic.

Another part of this thesis is devoted mainly to the position of the Financial Guard in relation to the Munich Agreement in 1938, which meant an involuntary transfer of part of the border to Nazi Germany and the creation of the so-called Second Republic, which ends with the declaration of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia.

The final part describes the life and harassment of members of the Financial Guard during the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, until the end of the Second World War. In the post-war period, the life of financial guard was very brief, since the end of 1948 and at the turn of 1949 the Financial Guard was dissolved by joining the National Security Council.