

Abstract

The objection of my study was to determine the amount of involvement of professional historians and amateurs in researching the Czechoslovakia pre–world war fortifications between 1948 and 1989 and afterwards. (the members of the Prague military history club) The conditions for research and publishing have been different through the years. For ideological reasons could professional historians not be interested in the fortifications before 1989. It would have been considered as reminding the public of the so – called First Republic (1918 – 1939) and glorifying its military. In 1970's the fortifications became an object of interest for certain enthusiasts who then formed the Prague military history club (PMHC). This club was able to publish materials about the fortifications only after 1989. Research in the official military archives had been limited until then, but in 1980's it was becoming easier. During the socialist era there have been certain individuals who became interested in the fortifications because of their profession and they were gathering information about them. Those individuals have had influence on the PMHC members. Even before 1989 there were fortification museums (for example in Dobruška) and some fortifications had been declared cultural heritage sites. The PMHC role in exploring of the pre – war fortifications is nevertheless undeniable., because its members have been among the first such enthusiasts who did research on location, then published their findings and thus enabled the public to learn about those military heritage sites.