

Abstract

Part of the archival material of the Intelligence Service, stored in the Military Historical Archive in Prague, are dozens of protocols with Czechoslovak parachutists, taken in the summer of 1945, immediately after the end of their combat activities. This is quite unique material suitable for a comparative study. From the protocols it is possible, for example, to evaluate matters of a technical nature, such as the equipment of individual groups, their rations, the quality of false documents, the amount of funds, as well as the length and type of training. At the core of the accounts, then, were extensive descriptions of combat activity. An interesting and innovative perspective is the comparison of the differences between parachutists from the West and those who were dropped from the USSR, moreover confronted with the Gestapo's point of view. The aim of the thesis is, based on the same questions of a selected sample of parachutists, to compare selected aspects of special operations, tracing here some phenomena and specificities.