

Summary of the work mgr Huberta Seńczyszyn under the title: MAJOR GENERAL BRONISŁAW PRUGAR-KETLING. MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

The subject of my dissertation is "Military biography of Major General Bronisław Prugar-Ketling". This dissertation was written under the guidance of prof. dr hab. Andrzej Olejko. I undertook to write this work, because this personage was vividly connected with the history of the place in which I live- Babice on the river San. Therefore, combining this motivation with my scientific interests, which mainly include military history, I undertook to write this dissertation. Gen. Div. B. Prugar-Ketling was an extraordinary figure, deserving of remembrance and gratitude of posterity. He was mainly distinguished for a comprehensive approach to the training of his subordinate soldiers. He adhered to the principle that education and awareness of the history of his homeland is as important to the recruit as tactical training.

When writing my work I based myself on a wide range of source material, which I gained, among others, from the resources of the Military Historical Bureau located in Rembertów and the Polish Institute and the Sikorski Museum based in London. I also used the resources of the website of the Polish Museum in Swiss Rapperswil. The son of the general-general Zygmunt Prugar-Ketling also turned out to be a great support in obtaining source materials. He provided me with his private resources free of charge. The book "General Bronisław Prugar-Ketling: memories of his son", which directed the chronological sequence of my work, was also a great support. Among the studies that I used as a source for my work the position of Józef Smoliński "2nd Infantry Rifle Division, France Switzerland" is also worth mentioning.

My dissertation consists of four chapters, which are supplemented with interviews and annexes, as well as a rich graphic design. I based the narrative of my work on a chronological and critical approach to the sources used.

In my work, I focused on the military career of the future general of the Polish Army. First, I introduced the period of the general's service in the Imperial Royal Austro-Hungarian Army, then I presented his career in the so-called "Blue Army", with which he returned to an independent homeland. Next, I focused on his role in the defense of the newly regained independence and in the battles with the Ukrainians, as well as his participation in the Polish-Bolshevik War. During the interwar period and through subsequent promotions, in 1939 he was appointed the independent commander of the 11th Carpathian Infantry Division, with which he bravely faced the enemy during the September Campaign. In the dissertation I present a detailed combat trail of the division, focusing on the most important moments of it,

ie battles on the Krzywicki Hill, or a series of fights in the Janowskie Forests, when the commanding talent of the future general came into sight most emphatically.

In the following chapters, I focus on General Brig. B. Prugar-Ketling's service for the homeland. Through France and the campaign of 1940 as well as the period of internment in neutral Switzerland I tried to show that he was an outstanding commander in the field, but he was also not losing his head when it was necessary to adapt his division to the time of peace and waiting. Such was undoubtedly the period between 1940 and 1945, when through "Work for Switzerland, Science for Poland" he managed the time of internment in the best possible way. In the last chapter, I present the general's return to the Homeland and service in the "new" Polish Army.