

**Abstract:**

The thesis analyses the role of legionaries who served in the gendarmerie corps and in the context of the First Republic era. The timeframe of the thesis is defined from the establishment of the Republic in 1918, respectively from the beginning of the recruitment of the first legionaries to the Gendarmerie Corps, until the end of the First Republic, with the addition of an outline of the situation in the Protectorate. Research questions include whether state-guaranteed benefits were applied in practice. Whether the legionary background helped gendarmes to advance in their careers and, last but not least, whether their service differed from that of other gendarmes (e.g., in the form of exemptions). Attention will be paid to the evaluation of the performance of legionary gendarmes by their commanders and subsequent comparison with the performance of other gendarmes. Time-wise, the thesis is divided into three blocks, according to the relevance to the phenomenon. In order to answer these questions, primary sources were worked with, especially the fonds of the General Commander of the Gendarmerie in the National Archives. In addition, sources stored in the Military Central Archive and the archives of the Ministry of the Interior were used. Secondary literature on the subject is, with few exceptions, lacking. The connection of the two phenomena - gendarmerie and legionary - has been rather neglected in the literature. Snippets of information can be found in contemporary periodicals.

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gendarmerie, Czechoslovakia, legionnaires, First Republic.