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POLTAVA PERIOD IN THE HISTORY OF VILNO MILITARY INFANTRY SCHOOL (1915 – 1917), OR "EVEN ONE SOLDIER CAN FIGHT!"

Summary

We consider the fate of Vilno Military Infantry School in the First World War, particularly, the evacuation to Poltava and quartering in the walls of Poltava Theological Seminary. Particular attention is paid to the role of individual college graduates in the development of Ukrainian statehood during the national liberation struggle. Little known archival materials are published on participation of Vilno graduates in the creation of military polling stations in Poltava and preparation for nationwide elections to the Constituent Assembly. For the first time the full list of delegates to the second polling station is published. In fact, among the many surnames of civilian figures mentioned in the list the surnames of Cadets last issue of 1917 are contained. Also the role of the head and spiritual mentor of the school Borys Adamovych is analyzed.

Key words: The First World War, Vilno Military Infantry School, Poltava Theological Seminary, National Constituent Assembly, military polling station.