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Issue # 6 of 2012 titled «Military History of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania» is totally dedicated to the military aspects of the history of the ancient Belarusian and Lithuanian state in the 16th—18th cent.

The issue opens with a preface by the issue's editor — a historian from Minsk **Andrej Macuk**: «The Dimensions of the Military History of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the 16th—18th cent.».

An article by a historian from Warsaw **Andrzej Grzegorz Przepiórka** «From Volunteers to Mercenaries» describes the history of creation and the first period of activity of the so called «lisowczycy» regiment during the war with Moscow which the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth was waging in 1615—1618.

An article by a Minsk researcher **Mikoła Vołkaŭ** «The Niasvizh Castle Artillery at the End of the 16th – the Beginning of the 18th cent.» retraces in detail the process of creation and evolution of the princes Radzivills' private ordnance depot in Niasvizh. The author comes to a conclusion that the depot is an excellent example of providing the fortress with high quality armament.

An article by a Lithuanian historian **Valdas Rakutis** «The Radzivills' Militia in the 18th Cent.» considers some basic aspects of the functioning of the Radzivills' private army, which in the 18th century was the biggest in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and one of the biggest in the whole of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

An article by a law historian from Minsk **Vital Kalada** «The Formation and Development of Statute Military Legislation of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the 16th Century» presents a comparative analysis of the illustration of the country's defense organisation in the three Statutes of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania: of the years 1529, 1566, and 1588.

An article by a Lithuanian historian **Raimonda Ragauskienė** «Sources on the Battle of Ula of 1564. Probable Scenarios of the Event» classifies and scrupulously analyses all the Lithuanian sources survived to our time about this victorious for the army of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania battle of the Livonian War of 1558—1583. The author comes to a conclusion that none of the sources give a detailed image of the battle, which would allow to evaluate this event more precisely and define the contribution of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania's army command authority.

A publication by a historian from Polatsk **Viktar Jakubau** «Provision of the Army of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania during the War in Livonia in 1600—1611» analyses the state of providing the soldiers of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania with everyday food, ammunition, and earnings.

An article by a Polish historian **Konrad Bobiatyński** «Military Activities of the Auxiliary Crown Corps on the Territory of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in 1654—1655» narrates about the military help which the army of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania was receiving at the initial stage of the war with Moscow of 1654—1667 from its main ally — the Polish Kingdom.

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An article by another researcher from Poland, **Krzysztof Kossarzecki**, «Attempts to Create an Appanage Principality of Boguslav Radzivil on the Basis of Podlachia and Slutsk Domains during the Period of the Swedish and Moscow «Deluge» on the Boarder between 1655 and 1656» on the basis of direct and indirect evidence retraces the plans of prince Boguslav Radzivil, one of the most influential magnates of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, to create his own separate state under the protection of the Swedish king in a situation when the Commonwealth virtually ceased to exist as a single state for a certain period of time under the blows of Moscow and Swedish armies.

An article by a Lithuanian historian **Antanas Tyla** «The Battle of Werki (the 21st of October 1658)» thoroughly analyses the procedure and the results of one of the most tragic battles for the army of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania at the time of the war with Moscow in 1654—1667. During the battle, Vincent Gosiewski, one of the then main commanders of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, Lithuanian field hetman, was taken prisoner.

An article by **Krzysztof Kossarzecki** «Slutsk Facing Moscow and Cossack Threat during the War with Moscow in 1654—1667» is dedicated to the everyday life and struggle during the period defined of one of the most important fortified towns of the time in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.

An article by a historian from Warsaw **Piotr Kroll** «Military Activities of Colonel Ivan Nechay in Belarus in 1658—1659» considers the activity of one of the strongest Cossack detachments of the time on the territory of Belarus as an important element of the events connected with the Cossack and Polish treaty of Hadiach of 1658 and the Cossack-Russian war in which the treaty resulted.

Homel based amateur historian **Juryj Łupinienka** in his «Reconstruction of the Shape of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania serviceman in in the 17th cent.» presents five graphic images of officers and solders of than-day Lithuanian army with a short description of their uniforms and armaments

An article by a Polish historian **Tomasz Ciesielski** «Military Activities on the Territory of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania during the War for Polish Legacy in 1733—1735» is dedicated to military events which took place on the territory of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania after the death of August II the Strong, king of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, between the adherents of choosing Stanisław Leszczyński as a successor on the one part and August III, son of the deceased king, on the other.

«The Army and Army Clientelism in the Political System of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the Middle of the 18th Century» by a Polish historian **Mariusz Sawicki** concentrates on the principles of the organisation of the then army of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, when a soldier was simultaneously a nobleman involved into a client relationship and acted in a complex social and political state system of the middle of the 17th century.

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An article by **Konrad Bobiatyński** «Army and Politics — Some Remarks on the Participation of the Army of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the Campaigns against Turks and Tatars in the 70^s of the 17th Century» considers the complicated mutual relations between the commanders of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the other half of the 17th century, when the army was virtually once and for all turned into an instrument for the magnates' satisfaction of their personal political ambitions.

A text by a Belarusian historian **Kirył Karłuk** «Under the Standard of the House of Orange» is dedicated to the first «knightly trip» of Boguslav Radzivil to Western Europe in 1637—1640 and his participation in the military activities which took place at the time on the territory of the Netherlands between Spain and the Republic of United Provinces.

An article by a Polish historian **Andrzej Adam Majewski** «Political and Military Activities of Alexander Hilarion Polubinski in 1646—1654» describes the initial stage of the career of one of the most influential politicians and commanders of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the middle of the 17th century.

A publication by a Hrodna historian **Natalla Śliż** «Heroes, Traitors, and Conformists: Personal Tragedies during the War of 1654—1667» considers the everyday life of the nobility of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania of the time, the nobility's behavior and motivation of actions during the military activities.

The issue closes with an article by a researcher from St. Petersburg **Iryna Hierasimava** «Cants at the Time of the Swedish «Deluge» (1655—1660) in Russian Manuscripts of the Last Quarter of the 17th Century». The article illustrates the Russian fashion for performing religious and secular songs — cants and psalms, which were brought to Russia by the inhabitants of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the 17th century.