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## **Bulgarians in European Military Training Establishments (1878–1912)**

(Summary)

The paper examines the use of European military training establishments (academies, schools; for the needs of the Bulgarian army. First of all the author sums up the extant scholarly publications dealing with the stages in the development of the problem. More particular attention is paid to the quantitative aspect. For this purpose an extensive study has been made of the documentary archives and of other sources the results of which are systematized in the article - by countries. The simple arithmetic comparison of the figures shows that Russia's share in the training and specialization of Bulgarian military personnel came up to almost three-quarters, while the remaining one-quarter went to the West European states: Italy, Austria-Hungary, France, Belgium, etc. This proportion, however, does not reflect accurately enough the Bulgarian choice, the Bulgarian preferences in putting the accents in using foreign military establishments since during the initial stage not Bulgarians but Russian generals decided these accents. The generalization of the data from 1887 on shows the presence of a much more balanced interest of the Bulgarian War Ministry in the Russian military academies and schools on the one hand, and on the other in the 'West European - Italian, Austrian, French and Belgian.