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THE CRUSADES OF WŁADYSŁAW VARNENCHIK AND YANOSH HUNYADI OF 1443–1444 BY THE NOTES OF AN JANISSARY

(Summary)

One of the most frequently used sources by the researchers about the crusades of Władysław Varnenchik and Yanosh Hunyadi of 1443–1444 are the “Notes of the janissary”, written by Konstantin Mihailovich. This source has been already reviewed by H. Kolarov. It also has been used by B. Cvetkova, K. Gagova and others. Till now, the only translation made in the Bulgarian historiography was of chapter XXVIII, revealing the government of the Ottoman Empire. There has been none known translation of the chapters describing the anti-ottoman campaigns from the middle of XV century. In the following paper will be translated chapters XXI, XXII and XXIII, dedicated to those campaigns. Chapter XXI describes the “Long campaign”. In chapter XXII are followed the abdication of sultan Murad II to his son Mehmed II and his later return to the throne. Chapter XXIII is dedicated to the Battle of Varna that took place on 10.XI.1444. The part from the “Notes of the janissary”, concerning the crusades of Władysław Varnenchik and Yanosh Hunyadi of 1443–1444 in its integrity could be accepted as a reliable source. Despite the existence of some inaccuracy in it, the comparison to the other historical data, lead us to the conclusion that this written source could be used by the researchers of this topic.