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## **Ukrainian and Polish literary sources about volunteering and the Russian-Ukrainian War 2014**

**Streszczenie:** W artykule przedstawiono przegląd ukraińskich i polskich źródeł literackich do celów badawczych w zakresie rozpoczętej w 2014 r. i trwającej do dziś wojny rosyjsko-ukraińskiej w Donbasie oraz działań ochotników wojskowych na rzecz wojska. Najważniejsze aspekty rozwoju ukraińskiego wolontariatu wojskowego, jako sposobu życia etnosu i jego kultury, wciąż wymagają szczegółowych badań ukraińskich i polskich etnologów. Dlatego w pierwszej kolejności należy przestudiować literaturę naukową z zakresu historii, literaturę z zakresu socjologii i pedagogiki społecznej, źródła publicystyczne i inne w odniesieniu do trudnych warunków współczesnej wojny, twórczości wojskowej i wolontariatu. Problem powstawania i ewolucji współczesnego zjawiska ukraińskiego wolontariatu wojskowego jako zjawiska społeczno-kulturowego nie został jeszcze ujawniony w ukraińskiej i polskiej nauce etnologicznej. Dochodzenie to opiera się jednak na literaturze, która ujawnia historyczne przesłanki jego powstania poprzez tradycyjne formy pomocy wzajemnej, dobroczynności itp. dla Ukraińców. Niezbędne jest również przeprowadzenie wrywkowej analizy literatury naukowej i publicystycznej dotyczącej wolontariatu.

Ważną bazą źródłową są wszystkie prace o wojsku i ochotnikach, które są obecnie publikowane w Polsce i w Ukrainie, a dokładniej – prace ogólne o charakterze naukowym (raporty z konferencji naukowych, materiały okrągłych stołów, dysertacje), publicystyka (wspomnienia i wywiady), dzieła literackie (opowieści, eseje, opowiadania i poezja).

**Słowa kluczowe:** ochotnicy wojskowi, naukowa literatura historyczna, literatura z zakresu socjologii i pedagogiki społecznej, publicystyka, dzieła literackie

### **Introduction**

Military culture is always part of the national culture, that its subculture. Ethnocultural traditions of armed protection of the people and military-social mutual assistance

between individual members of the community in the conditions of armed conflict, which have been created for many generations, are an integral part of military culture. This is the current topic of Ukrainian realities in which military volunteering emerged: the people's immediate reaction to threatening challenges and constant dangers that threaten its very existence.

The purpose of the study: to carry out a historiographical analysis of the literature on this topic and create own set of source materials.

The problem of formation and evolution of the modern phenomenon of Ukrainian military volunteering as a socio-cultural phenomenon has not yet been made public in Ukrainian ethnological science. Therefore, there was a need to analyze the scientific literature and journalistic sources on the current state of development of hostilities in the Donbass, military culture and volunteering.

### Scientific literature of history

Sources of historiography of scientific literature include reports at scientific conferences and round tables, analytical reports and dissertations. About the modern army and military volunteers as “an unprecedented manifestation of public self-organization”<sup>1</sup>, during which 32.5 percent of Ukrainians in 2014 transferred funds to the accounts of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, write Oleksandr Kornievsky and Dmytro Gorelov (Analytical report of the National Institute for Strategic Research). They analyze the foreign experience of volunteering and consider modern Ukrainian volunteering in the times of Russia's external aggression.

In the new Ukrainian monograph of Doctor Gai-Nyzhnyk Pavlo *From the Politics of Blackmail and Coercion to War on Takeovers and Attempts at Destruction*<sup>2</sup> presents an analysis of a range of diplomatic and military-political relations between Ukraine and Russia in the context of the geopolitical vectors of Kremlin and foreign policy of Kyiv, domestic and socio-economic situation in Ukraine during 1990–2016, military-political and economic aspects of the Russian-Ukrainian war in line with global world movements and transformations. The author considers the political, geopolitical, cultural and economic features of the annexation of Crimea and hostilities in the Donbass. International relations in the post-Soviet political space, the role and importance of Ukraine in the civilizational confrontation between the European West and the Asian East are described in detail. The researcher summarizes the results of the Russian Federation as an aggressor and sponsor of international terrorism, provides an analysis of today's ways to strengthen the national

<sup>1</sup> D.M. Horielov, O.A. Kornievskyi, *Volonterskyi rukh: svitovyi dosvid ta ukrainski hromadianski praktyky: analit. dop.*, Kyiv 2015, pp. 15–16 (in ukr.).

<sup>2</sup> P.P. Hai-Nyzhnyk, *Rosii proty Ukrainy (1990–2016 rr.): vid polityky shantazhu i prymsu do viiny na pohlynannia ta sproby znyshchennia*, Kyiv 2017 (in ukr.).

identity of Ukrainians, the strategy of deoccupation of Crimea, strengthening the national security of Ukraine.

In the historical monograph *“Brotherhood” Invasion. Wars of Russia Against Ukraine XII–XXI Centuries* examines the chronology of the Russian-Ukrainian military conflicts up to the war for independence that began in February 2014. The Ukrainian authors – Viktor Brekhunenko (ed.), Volodymyr Kovalchuk, Mychaylo Kovalchuk and Vyacheslav Kornienko<sup>3</sup> – trace the origins of military events since the XII century, as well as show the motives and chronicle of wars, the course of military battles, the consequences and their further impact on development Ukraine. The war to defend the homeland of 2014 is considered in the system of analogies between Putin’s aggression and Russia’s strategies of wars against Ukraine from the fifteenth to twentieth centuries.

Studying Polish historiography of this issue, we find that the Polish scientific journal *“Politeja”* in 2015 published an article by Walerij Kopijka, Grigoryj Perepelycia, Magdalena Romanowska about the Aggression of the Russian Federation in Ukraine<sup>4</sup>. They believe that the military aggression against Ukraine was carried out in the form of a hybrid war. The basic composition of Russian hybrid war in Donbas was inspired internal conflict in Ukraine between the center and the separatist regions. The distinction of Donbas hybrid version of the war is to use armed terror, high intensity combat operations, maneuver their character and widespread use of heavy weapons fire power. Włodzimierz Mokry<sup>5</sup> (in *“Studia Politologica Ucraino-Polona”*) notes that the use of the pretense as an untrue reason for waging the war against Ukraine by Russia, is confirmed by the fact that troops of regular and volunteer Ukrainian battalions defended the territory of eastern Ukraine, occupied by the troops of the Russian Federation; 80% of soldiers of the Ukrainian battalions are Russian-speaking, and they consider the war-stricken lands as part of the Ukrainian lands, belonging to undivided Ukraine.

Ihor Rushchenko’s (Ukraine) monograph *Russian-Ukrainian Hybrid War: the Opinion of a Sociologist*<sup>6</sup> seeks to clarify the nature of the Russian-Ukrainian hybrid war, highlights the social component of the war, explores the “subversive social technologies” that the aggressor turned into “soft weapons” and used to capture territories. Different aspects

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<sup>3</sup> V. Brekhunenko, V. Kovalchuk, M. Kovalchuk, V. Kornienko, *“Bratnia” navala. Viiny Rosii proty Ukrainy XII–XXI st.*, Kyiv 2016 (in ukr.).

<sup>4</sup> W. Kopijka, G. Perepelycia, M. Romanowska, *Agresja Federacji Rosyjskiej na Ukrainie – skutki polityczne, prawne i gospodarcze*, „Politeja – Pismo Wydziału Studiów Międzynarodowych i Politycznych Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego” 2015, no. 34/1, pp. 247–258 (in pol.).

<sup>5</sup> W. Mokry, *Językowe, religijne, ekonomiczne i militarne środki ekspansji państwa moskiewskiego na Ukrainę: od zniszczenia Kijowa przez Andrzeja Bogulubskiego poprzez wojnę cara Piotra I z hetmanem Mazepą do rosyjskiej okupacji Krymu, Donbasu i Ługańska*, „Studia Politologica Ucraino-Polona” 2016, no. 6, pp. 43–60 (in pol.).

<sup>6</sup> I.P. Rushchenko, *Rosiisko-ukrainska hibrydna wiina: pohliad sotsioloha*, Kharkiv 2015 (in ukr.).

of the information war, according to J. Hajduk, T. Stępniewski<sup>7</sup> from Poland, seem significant due to the fact that Russia has launched a large-scale and well-planned information war in its struggle for power in Ukraine. By means of diverse instruments, Russia moulds the image of the great Russia which looks after Russians, and manipulates information. Also from Poland J. Darczevska<sup>8</sup> also explores this topic in “Punkt Widzenia OSW”. In her opinion, during the Crimean operation, Russia demonstrated to the world possibilities and potential of information wars. Their goal is to subjugate other elites and societies countries in an imperceptible way, using different secret and open channels (special services, diplomatic, media), psychological impact, diversion ideological and political.

In 2015, Taras Wozniak<sup>9</sup>, editor-in-chief of the Ukrainian culturological magazine “Ї” (Yi), wrote a study entitled Geopolitical Contexts of the War in Ukraine, in which he applied a systematic approach to analyzing the current geopolitical situation in Ukraine, showing the history of Russia’s geopolitical aspirations and its opponents. Except for the Russian Federation, he considers the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Poland, and Turkey to be significant geopolitical parties for Ukraine, whose geopolitical strategies he explores in this work.

The Ukrainian volunteer reconnaissance and information group “Information Resistance”, which includes Dmytro Tymchuk, Yuriy Karin, Kostyantyn Mashovets, Vyacheslav Gusarov, in 2016 published a book *Invasion of Ukraine: Chronicle of Russian Aggression*<sup>10</sup>, which was the result of two years of work groups and initiatives of the Ukrainian NGO “Center for Military and Political Studies”, which began studying the problem of Russia’s military threat to Ukraine in 2008, immediately after the hostilities in Georgia.

Society and legitimate aspects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, origins, content and manifestations of the hybrid war, the need for adequate legal response of the Ukrainian state to Russian challenges, etc. – these and similar topics are considered by the Ukrainian authors in their publications on scientific periodicals: Serhiy Troyan and Alla Kiridon *Georgia 2008 – Ukraine 2014: Parallelism of Russian Strategists*<sup>11</sup>, Genadiy Zhiron *Annexation of Crimea, Causes and Consequences*<sup>12</sup>, Pavlo Khomensky *Ukraine Is*

<sup>7</sup> J. Hajduk, T. Stępniewski, *Wojna hybrydowa Rosji z Ukrainą: uwarunkowania i instrumenty*, „Studia Europejskie” 2015, no. 4, pp. 135–151 (in pol.).

<sup>8</sup> J. Darczevska, *Anatomia rosyjskiej wojny informacyjnej. Operacja Krymska – studium przypadku*, „Punkt Widzenia OSW” 2014, no. 42, pp. 9–10 (in pol.).

<sup>9</sup> T. Wozniak, *Heopolitychni konteksty viyny v Ukraini*, Lviv 2015 (in ukr.).

<sup>10</sup> D. Tymchuk, Y. Karin, K. Mashovets, V. Husarov, *Vtorhnennia v Ukrainu. Khronika rosiyskoyi ahresii*, Kyiv 2016 (in ukr.).

<sup>11</sup> A. Kyrydon, S. Troian, *Hruziia 2008 – Ukraina 2014: zaparalelennia rosiyskykh stratehem*, „Zovnishni spravy” 2014, no. 8, pp. 33–37 (in ukr.).

<sup>12</sup> H.B. Zhyrov, *Anekciiia Krymu, prychnyny ta naclidky*, „Zbirnyk nauk. prats viyck. in-tu Kyiv. nats. un-tu im. T. Shevchenka” 2014, vyp. 45, pp. 68–72 (in ukr.).

*the Front Line of the Struggle for Freedom in Europe*<sup>13</sup>, Andriy Yermolayev *New Realities – New Scenes. Donbass Between Secession and Reintegration*<sup>14</sup> and others.

The process of trying the Ukrainian army from lethargy is described by Polish researcher Mariusz Cielma<sup>15</sup> (*Nowa Technika Wojskowa*), who believes that Ukraine's armed forces remain armies whose potential should not be assessed in numbers. These are, first of all, the remnants of the former Soviet army and its Carpathian and Kyiv military districts. Formally, equipment and machinery were in barracks and warehouses, but in practice this could not be included in the actual combat potential. History of the operation of the 1st Armored Brigade investigates Marcin Gawęda<sup>16</sup> only there. The most modern tank in the Ukrainian Armed Forces, which was used in combat in the fighting in eastern Ukraine, is the modernized T-64B, designated T-64BM Bulat. In addition, Marcin Gawęda<sup>17</sup> is interested in that the first four BTR-4E armored personnel carriers with the BM-7 Parus turret, who were transferred 2014 May 7 to the special forces unit of the National Guard of Ukraine. Two of them were shielded with additional bar screens.

Again, the same Mariusz Cielma<sup>18</sup>, explores winter campaign 2015 in Eastern Ukraine when after several months of relative peace newly saw an escalation. In another of his article *Feralne lato w Donbasie*<sup>19</sup>, this author writes that constantly on a large scale, the separatists were almost openly assisted by troops of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation.

The proceedings of foreign researchers about the problem of Russian aggression, hybrid war and Ukraine's struggle for independence, for example: Thomas Grant (English) *Aggression against Ukraine. Territory, Responsibility and International Law*<sup>20</sup>, Rajan Menon and Eugene B. Rumer (English) *Conflict in Ukraine. The Unwinding of the Post-Cold War Order*<sup>21</sup>, Antoine Arjakovsky (France) *Russie-Ukraine, de la guerre à la paix?*<sup>22</sup>, as well as articles in the Western periodicals.

<sup>13</sup> P. Khomenskyi, *Ukraina ye lintieiu frontu borotby za svobodu v Yevropi*, „Zovnishni spravy” 2015, no. 10, pp. 70–78 (in ukr.).

<sup>14</sup> A. Yermolaiev, *Novi realii – novi stsenarii. Donbac mizh setseciyeyu ta reintehratsiyeyu*, Instytut stratehichnykh doclidzhen „Nova Ukraina”, available at: <http://newukraineinstitute.org/new/544> (in ukr.).

<sup>15</sup> M. Cielma, *Wojna o Donbas*, „Nowa Technika Wojskowa” 2014, no. 8, pp. 12–22 (in pol.).

<sup>16</sup> M. Gawęda, *Bulaty na wojnie. Historia operacyjna 1 Brygady Pancерnej*, „Nowa Technika Wojskowa” 2015, no. 5, pp. 18–26 (in pol.).

<sup>17</sup> M. Gawęda, *BTR-4E dla Gwardii Narodowej*, „Nowa Technika Wojskowa” 2014, no. 7, pp. 48–52 (in pol.).

<sup>18</sup> M. Cielma, *Kampania zimowa we wschodniej Ukrainie*, „Nowa Technika Wojskowa” 2015, no. 3, pp. 12–20 (in pol.).

<sup>19</sup> Idem, *Feralne lato w Donbasie*, „Nowa Technika Wojskowa” 2014, nr 10, pp. 8–14 (in pol.).

<sup>20</sup> T.D. Grant, *Aggression Against Ukraine. Territory, Responsibility, and International Law*, Palgrave Macmillan US 2015 (in eng.).

<sup>21</sup> R. Menon, E.B. Rumer, *Conflict in Ukraine. The Unwinding of the Post-Cold War Order*, The MIT Press 2015 (in eng.).

<sup>22</sup> A. Arjakovsky, *Russie-Ukraine, de la guerre à la paix?*, Paris 2014 (in fr.).

Military ukrainian historians Yuriy Burakov, Pavlo Tkachuk and Oleksandr Turchak of the National Academy of Land Forces named after Hetman Petro Sagaidachny study the information and propaganda activities of the volunteer movement and the types of assistance to the Armed Forces of Ukraine during the Russian-Ukrainian war<sup>23</sup>.

In his dissertation ukrainian researcher Vyacheslav Golub (Kyiv, Ukraine) develops and substantiates the model of relations between the state and society in the field of volunteering in Ukraine and the world in the historical context<sup>24</sup>. According to Liliya Zhuzha (Kharkiv, Ukraine) in her research, the political role of volunteers is aimed at helping the army, to protect the interests of Ukraine and society, and not for personal mercantile gain. Thus, Liliya Zhuzha in the conclusions of her dissertation notes that volunteers are patriots who help Ukrainians defeat the Russian aggressors in the context of Anti-terrorist Operation, raise funds and supply what the army lacks. That is, if there is an organization that performs the functions of the state and acts in the interests of the state, then such an organization embodies an alternative type of power<sup>25</sup>.

Collective scientific monograph *Volunteer Organizations in Ukraine: Administrative-legal Status and Organization of Activity* (Vitaliy Kondratenko, Olga Melnyk, Maksym Olkhovsky, Serhiy Petkov and Yevhen Sobol) reveals the scientific, theoretical, legislative and practical aspects of the implementation of administrative and legal status and development of public volunteer organizations<sup>26</sup>. Scientists of the Institute of Ukrainian Studies named after Ivan Krypnyak in the collective monograph *Between War and Catholicity. Socio-cultural Integration and Adaptation of Migrants from Donbass and Crimea. Western Ukrainian Vector* analyzes the features of socio-cultural integration and the difficulties of adaptation of migrants from Donbass and Crimea in new places of residence<sup>27</sup>.

Understanding of military events in Ukraine is an important part of activity of the Institute of Art History, Folklore and Ethnology named after Maksym Rylsky of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Thus, on July 16, 2014, chaired by Acad. Hanna Skrypnyk employees of the institute held a Round Table on *The role of humanities*

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<sup>23</sup> Yu. Burakov, P. Tkachuk, O. Turchak, *Informatsiino-propahandystska diialnist volonterskoho rukhu dopomohy Zbroinym Sylam Ukrainy u khodi rosiysko-ukrainskoi viyny*, [in:] *Perspektyvy rozvytku ozbroiennia ta viyskovoï tekhniki Sukhoputnykh viysk: Zbirnyk tez dopovidei Mizhnarodnoi naukovo-tekhnicnoi konferentsii*, Lviv 2017 (in ukr.).

<sup>24</sup> V.L. Holub, *Volonterska diialnist v systemi vzayemovidnosyn derzhavy ta suspilstva*, avtoref. dys. PhD, Nats. akad. derzh. upr. pry Prezidentovi Ukrainy, Kyiv 2016 (in ukr.).

<sup>25</sup> L.O. Zhuzha, *Volonterskyi rukh u konteksti antyterrorystychnoi operatsii v Ukraini: politolohichni vymir*, avtoref. dys. PhD, Kharkiv. nats. ped. un-t im. H.S. Skovorody, Kharkiv 2016 (in ukr.).

<sup>26</sup> *Volonterski orhanizatsiï v Ukraini: administratyvno-pravovyi status ta orhanizatsiia diialnosti*, eds. S.V. Pietkov et al, Kyiv 2018 (in ukr.).

<sup>27</sup> *Mizh viynoyu i sobornistiu. Sotsiokulturna intebratsiia ta adaptatsiia pereselentsiv z Donbasu ta Krymu. Zakhidnoukrainskyi vektor*, eds. M. Lytvyn et al, Lviv 2017 (in ukr.).

scientists in helping to stabilize the socio-political situation in Ukraine. It was attended by domestic and foreign scientists, public figures. In particular, Doctor of History, Acad. Hanna Skrypnyk outlines the task of humanities scientists, which is to unite efforts to form a proper information space, to restore stability and peace<sup>28</sup>. Topical issues of transformation of Ukrainian identity and processes of self-awareness of the individual, especially in the Donbass raises PhD Halyna Bondarenko<sup>29</sup>; pro-Ukrainian and pro-Russian information and cultural content of the East is considered by Doctor of History, Prof. Valentyna Borisenko<sup>30</sup> and others. Later, on September 22, 2015, the staff of the institute held another Round Table on “Humanitarian challenges and social consequences of hostilities in eastern Ukraine”, which was attended by scientists and public figures from Kyiv, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Odesa, Mariupol, Simferopol, Slavyansk, as well as from Poland, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada. During the Round Table the issues of geopolitical priorities and behavioral strategies of the population of the occupied and liberated territories (Acad. Hanna Skrypnyk) were considered<sup>31</sup>; educational, linguistic and cultural situation in the country during the war (Prof. Valentyna Borisenko)<sup>32</sup>; information-symbolic sphere in the conditions of war (PhD Halyna Bondarenko)<sup>33</sup>; social arrangement and adaptation of forced migrants, ways to overcome psychological and social traumas (PhD Lubov Bosa)<sup>34</sup> and others.

The article of Taras M. Pereginchuk from Ukraine *Volunteer Activity and Support of Persons of the War (2014–2017) by Means of Art and the Network of the Internet as the Compositson of Military Culture of Ukrainians*<sup>35</sup> presents and analyzes materials collected by the author during a field study conducted mostly in the southern region of Ukraine, for which the following methods were used: included observations, interviews and surveys. The purpose of this article is to see the development and emergence in the Ukrainian militaristic culture of a new level of volunteering – military volunteers. Assistance to our

<sup>28</sup> H. Skrypnyk, *Kruhlyi stil «Rol vchenykh-humanitariiv u sprianni stabilizatsii sytuatsii ta vidnovlennia myru v Ukraini»*, „Narodna tvorchist ta etnolohiia” 2014, no. 4, p. 8 (in ukr.).

<sup>29</sup> H. Bondarenko, *Kruhlyi stil «Rol vchenykh-humanitariiv u sprianni stabilizatsii sytuatsii ta vidnovlennia myru v Ukraini»*, „Narodna tvorchist ta etnolohiia” 2014, no. 4, pp. 39–40 (in ukr.).

<sup>30</sup> V. Borysenko, *Kruhlyi stil «Rol vchenykh-humanitariiv u sprianni stabilizatsii sytuatsii ta vidnovlennia myru v Ukraini»*, „Narodna tvorchist ta etnolohiia” 2014, no. 4, pp. 28–29 (in ukr.).

<sup>31</sup> H. Skrypnyk, *Kruhlyi stil «Humanitarni vyklyky ta sotsialni naslidky viyskovykh diy na Skhodi Ukrainy»*, „Narodna tvorchist ta etnolohiia” 2015, no. 6, p. 6 (in ukr.).

<sup>32</sup> V. Borysenko, *Kruhlyi stil «Humanitarni vyklyky ta sotsialni naslidky viyskovykh diy na Skhodi Ukrainy»*, „Narodna tvorchist ta etnolohiia” 2015, no. 6, p. 68 (in ukr.).

<sup>33</sup> H. Bondarenko, *Kruhlyi stil «Humanitarni vyklyky ta sotsialni naslidky viyskovykh diy na Skhodi Ukrainy»*, „Narodna tvorchist ta etnolohiia” 2015, no. 6, p. 72 (in ukr.).

<sup>34</sup> L. Bosa, *Kruhlyi stil «Humanitarni vyklyky ta sotsialni naslidky viyskovykh diy na Skhodi Ukrainy»*, „Narodna tvorchist ta etnolohiia” 2015, no. 6, p. 78 (in ukr.).

<sup>35</sup> T.M. Pereginchuk, *Volonterska diialnist i pidtrymka biytsiv ATO zasobamy mystetstva ta merezhi Internetu (2014–2017 rr.): yak skladova viyskovoï kultury*, „Istoria nauky i biohrafistyka” 2017, no. 3, available at: <http://inb.dnsgb.com.ua/2017-3/index.html> (in ukr.).

military, the wounded and families of victims, settlers, orphans and children of war are the main areas of work of volunteers. This made it possible to track trends of appearance and availability of military volunteering as part of military culture of modern Ukraine.

Legal aspects of legislative, financial and tax regulation of charitable foundations and volunteer organizations are covered by scientists of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine under the guidance of Associate Professor Leonid Ilchuk in the “Report on Research Work to Study the Practice of Volunteering in the European Union in Order to Implement it in Ukraine”<sup>36</sup>. Abstracts of the international scientific-practical conference “The Phenomenon of Volunteering in the Discourses and Narratives of History and Culture of the Late XX – Early XXI Centuries” (Ukraine), which took place on April 14, 2017 at the Dnipro’s National University of Railway Transport, includes the results of scientific research on the problems of public policy development in Ukraine and the role of regional structures in the formation of the volunteer movement as a potential institution of civil society<sup>37</sup>.

### Literature in the field of sociology and social pedagogy

Volunteering, as a term and as a public movement, first emerged in the West. Its deep roots go back to 1859, when, struck by the tragic consequences of the Battle of Solferino, the French writer Jean Henri Dunant proposed the founding of the Red Cross, an organization that would volunteer and provide first aid to prisoners and wounded. The first function of Canadian volunteering was the fight against poverty, which was studied by Janet Lautenschlager. She believed that the fire in Quebec in 1688 was caused by the problem of mass poverty. Residents of the city began to provide assistance to the victims, resulting in the first voluntary organization in Canada, the Agency for the Poor (Bureau des Pauvres). According to Renald Lessard<sup>38</sup>, its participants collected money, clothes and food for the victims of the fire every month throughout the city.

Since 1964, Germany has been implementing the state program “Volunteer Social Year” (Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr – FSJ), which allows German youth to participate in social or environmental spheres throughout the year, and since 2002 volunteer work has been counted as an alternative to military service: in hospitals – care for the sick, work with children or young people, in homes for the elderly, in children’s institutions, in special institutions for people with disabilities, environmental direction – voluntary work

<sup>36</sup> *Zvit pro naukovo-doslidnu robotu vyvchennia praktyky shchodo volonterskoi dialnosti v krainakh Yevropeiskoho Soiuzu z metoiu ii zaprovadzhennia v Ukraini*, Ministerstvo sotsialnoi polityky, Natsionalna akademiia nauk Ukrainy, Kyiv 2014 (in ukr.).

<sup>37</sup> *Fenomen volonterstva u dyskursakh i naratyvakh istorii i kultury kintsia 20 – pochatku 21 st.*, [in:] *Tezy dopovidei mizhnarodnoi naukovo-praktychnoi konferentsii*, Dnipro 2017 (in ukr.).

<sup>38</sup> R. Lessard, *Le Bureau des Pauvres de Sainte-Famille: l’île d’Orléans (1698–1700)*, „Cap-aux-Diamants: la revue d’histoire du Québec” 1987, vol. 3, no. 3, p. 65 (in fr.).



on farms, forestries, museums, animal shelters etc. This topic was studied by Dmytro Gorelov and Oleksandr Kornievsky<sup>39</sup>.

Ukrainian historiography. The modern form of self-organization of Ukrainians – volunteering and legal support of volunteering in Ukraine since 1992 (when the network of social services for youth begins to develop actively) is considered by domestic scientists Yevhenia Gryshunina, Tetyana Lyakh, Olena Khyzhnyak, Iryna Avueva. In particular, they participated in the preparation of the annual report to the President of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the situation of youth in Ukraine (“Youth participation in public life: experience, opportunities, barriers”)<sup>40</sup>. In addition to them, some features of volunteering were also studied by Ukrainian social psychologists Svitlana Kharchenko<sup>41</sup> and Vadym Shchors<sup>42</sup>.

*Encyclopedia for social workers* edited by prof. Iryna Zvereva contains the most common concepts, categories and terms of social work and social pedagogy, revealing their theoretical and methodological principles, as well as legal, psychological parameters of social institutions<sup>43</sup>. In the collective monograph – Nataliya Komarova, Renate Vainola, Alla Kapska, Svitlana Tolstoukhova and Oleh Yaremenko<sup>44</sup> – the tendencies of development of the volunteer movement in Ukraine are traced. Mykola Lukashevych, Ivan Myhovych and Iryna Pinchuk<sup>45</sup> develop theoretical and methodological principles of social work in Ukraine and, in particular, volunteering, training of volunteers and their role in the implementation of social projects are studied by Iryna Zvereva and Galyna Laktionova<sup>46</sup>, Tetyana Lyakh<sup>47</sup> analyzes the management of volunteer groups, scientists of Cherkasy State University describe innovative forms of tourism and volunteer work. camp “Rosychi”<sup>48</sup>. Volunteering as one of the forms of social work is studied by Victor Andrushchenko and Mykola Lukashevych<sup>49</sup>, Olga Bezpalko gives a classification of the

<sup>39</sup> D.M. Horielov, O.A. Kornievskiy, op. cit., pp. 15–16 (in ukr.).

<sup>40</sup> *Uchast molodi v suspilnomu zhytti: dosvid, mozhyvosti, bariery. Shchorichna dopovid Prezydentu Ukrainy, Verkhovnyy Radi Ukrainy, Kabinetu Ministriv Ukrainy pro stanovyshche molodi v Ukraini (za pidsumkamy 2011 r.)*, Kyiv 2012 (in ukr.).

<sup>41</sup> S.Ya. Kharchenko, *Istoriia, teoriia i praktyka sotsialnoi roboty v Ukraini, Navchalnyi posibnyk dlia studentiv vyshchyykh navchalnykh zakladiv*, Luhansk 2005 (in ukr.).

<sup>42</sup> V.V. Shchors, *Volonterskyi rukh v Ukraini*, „Psykhologichna hazeta” 2009, no. 24 (in ukr.).

<sup>43</sup> *Entsyklopediya dlia fakhivtsiv sotsialnoi sfery*, ed. I.D. Zvierieva, Kyiv 2012 (in ukr.).

<sup>44</sup> N.M. Komarova, R.Kh. Vainola, A.Y. Kapska, O.A. Kuzmenko, S.V. Tolstoukhova, O.O. Yaremenko, *Volonterskyi rukh v Ukraini: tendentsii rozvytku*, Kyiv 1999, pp. 15–47 (in ukr.).

<sup>45</sup> A.P. Lukashevych, I.I. Myhovych, I.M. Pinchuk, *Sotsialna robota v Ukraini: teoretyko-metodychni zasady*, Kyiv 2001 (in ukr.).

<sup>46</sup> *Pidhotovka volonteriv ta yikh rol u realizatsiyi sotsialnykh proektiv, zbirka*, eds. I.D. Zvierieva, H.M. Laktionova, Kyiv 2001 (in ukr.).

<sup>47</sup> *Menedzhment volonterskykh hrup vid A do Ya: navch.-metod. posibnyk*, ed. T.L. Liakh, Kyiv 2012 (in ukr.).

<sup>48</sup> *Innovatsiini formy roboty turystsko-volonterskoho taboru «Rosychi»*, ed. Cherkaskoho DU, 2000 (in ukr.).

<sup>49</sup> *Sotsialna robota*, eds. V. Andrushchenko, M. Lukashevych, 7 ch., Ch. 2, Kyiv 2002 (in ukr.).

main theoretical provisions of social pedagogy, including volunteering<sup>50</sup>, features of professional training of social teachers in the direction of health care children and youth are covered by Valeriy Petrovich<sup>51</sup>.

Nataliya Arkhangel'ska, Svitlana Babaryka and others developed a method of preparing volunteers to work in the service "Telephon Doviry" (Hotline)<sup>52</sup>, Olga Vynogradova, Tetyana Zhuravel and others concluded a program of classes on HIV/AIDS prevention and risky behavior among children in shelters for minors<sup>53</sup>. Anastasiya Anosova, Olga Bezpalko, Valeriy Petrovich and others study the signs of vulnerability and the specifics of family and child support<sup>54</sup>, the volunteer movement "Pensioner to pensioner" traced Elena Stezhenskaya and Nataliya Verzhikovskaya<sup>55</sup>.

The main aspects and organizational and pedagogical bases of volunteering in the centers of social services for families, children and youth are studied by Svitlana Tolstoukhova<sup>56</sup>, and Nataliya Romanova reveals the problems of organization and management of student social services in higher educational institutions of Ukraine<sup>57</sup>. Volunteering as a component of socio-pedagogical orientation in youth organizations is considered by Yuriy Polishchuk<sup>58</sup>.

Exploring Polish historiography on this topic, we were interested of "Textbook of e-volunteering" from Marzena Kacprowicz and Beata Borowiecka<sup>59</sup>. They believe that e-volunteering is free volunteering carried out via the Internet, often also called virtual volunteering or cyber volunteering. There are many activities that can be performed over the Internet: providing free advice, translating documents, searching for information, editing and creating

<sup>50</sup> *Sotsialna pedahohika: skhemy, tablytsi, komentari: navch. posib.*, ed. O.V. Bezpalko, Kyiv 2009 (in ukr.).

<sup>51</sup> V.S. Petrovych, *Osoblyvosti profesijnnoi pidhotovky sotsialnykh pedahohiv/pratsivnykiv do diialnosti zi spriyannia zdorov'yu ditei ta molodi*, „Sotsialna pedahohika: teoriia ta praktyka” 2012, no. 2, s. 85–94 (in ukr.).

<sup>52</sup> *Pidhotovka volonteriv do roboty u sluzhbi «Telefon Doviry»: metod. posib.*, eds. N.P. Arkhangel'ska, S.P. Babaryka, S.Ya. Bieliaieva et al, Kyiv 2003 (in ukr.).

<sup>53</sup> *Zbirka kazok ta opovidan do – «Prohramy zaniat z profilaktyky VIL/SNIDu ta ryzykovoï povedinky sered vykhovantsiv pryutkiv dlia nepovnolitnikh u rehionakh Ukrainy*», eds. O.A. Vynogradova, T.V. Zhuravel, O.M. Lozovan, Kyiv 2005 (in ukr.).

<sup>54</sup> *Sotsialna robota z vrazlyvymy simiami ta ditmy: posib.*, u 2-ku chast., Ch. II, *Oznaky vrazlyvosti ta spetsyfika pidtrymky sim'yi ta dytyny*, eds. A.V. Anosova, O.V. Bezpalko, T.M. Zhuravel, Z.P. Kyianytsia et al, Kyiv 2017 (in ukr.).

<sup>55</sup> *Volonterskoie dvyzheniie v Ukraine «Pensyoner – pensyoneru»: inf. materyaly*, eds. E.Y. Stezhenskaia, N.V. Verzhikovskaia, A.V. Moiseev, Kyiv 1999 (in rus.).

<sup>56</sup> S.V. Tolstoukhova, *Orhanizatsiyno-pedahohichni osnovy funktsionuvannia systemy sotsialnykh sluzhb dlia molodi*, PhD dys..., Kyiv, In-t pedahohiky APN Ukrainy, 2001 (in ukr.).

<sup>57</sup> N.F. Romanova, *Orhanizatsiia i upravlinnia diialnistiu studentskykh sotsialnykh sluzhb u vishchykh navchalnykh zakladakh Ukrainy*, PhD dys... Kyiv, Tsentr. in-t pisladyplom. ped. osvity APN Ukrainy, 2005 (in ukr.).

<sup>58</sup> Yu.Y. Polishchuk, *Sotsialno-pedahohichna diialnist suchasnykh hromadskykh molodizhnykh obiednan v Ukraini*, avtoref. Dr dys., Luhansk 2006 (in ukr.).

<sup>59</sup> M. Kacprowicz, B. Borowiecka, *Podręcznik e-wolontariatu. Praktyczny przewodnik dla osób, instytucji i organizacji, które chcą zmieniać świat na lepsze dzięki wykorzystaniu nowych technologii i współpracy z wirtualnymi społecznościami*, Warszawa 2014 (in pol.).

press releases and articles, setting up support and self-help groups, preparing a newsletter and much more.

In her doctoral dissertation Ewelina Jurczak<sup>60</sup> presents a sociological analysis of volunteering in Poland. The phenomenon of volunteering is embedded in society, triggered and shaped by it. In this regard, she speaks about a certain social sensitivity, and thus awareness built within the socio-cultural system, popularized norms and values, and social control.

According to Ewa Kantowicz<sup>61</sup>, the characteristic features of volunteering are mainly related to the fact that the focus of its interest is the person needing help. And although the history of social assistance shows many examples of the relationship between volunteering and professional social work, a contemporary volunteer cannot be equated with a social worker.

Some authors in their works about social work give a special place to the study of volunteering. Eg Małgorzata Ciczowska-Giedziun<sup>62</sup> focused her search to moving away from looking for deficits or pathologies in families to discerning strengths – family resilience – is part of the developing moss of positive psychology. There is a study of the nature of effective functioning and adaptation, taking into account the possibilities and systems of adaptation of individuals and families.

There are two main subjects raised in the article Mikołaj Brenk<sup>63</sup> *Od społecznika do profesjonalisty – ewolucja zawodu pracownika socjalnego w Polsce*, meaning the development of the occupation of a social worker and the pursuit to make the work for the ones in need professional. He considers a question whether and in what extend may the practice of the following decades be used to build the occupation of a social worker, which will gain a status of a profession.

## Journalistic sources

However, another source for scientists is the national press, polls analysts, interviews from military volunteers and websites of volunteer organizations in Ukraine, which thanks to active and organized manifestations of their charity have won the respect and support of the people: Charitable Foundation “Povernys’ Zhyvym” (Come Back Alive), Charitable Foundation “Kryla Feniksa” (Wings of the Phoenix), Group “COMBAT-UA”,

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<sup>60</sup> E. Jurczak, *Wolontariat w Polsce. Analiza socjologiczna działalności ochotniczej*, doctoral dissertation Kraków, 2011, available at: [https://ruj.uj.edu.pl/xmlui/bitstream/handle/item/52267/jurczak\\_wolontariat\\_w\\_polsce\\_analiza\\_socjologiczna\\_2011.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](https://ruj.uj.edu.pl/xmlui/bitstream/handle/item/52267/jurczak_wolontariat_w_polsce_analiza_socjologiczna_2011.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y) (in pol.).

<sup>61</sup> E. Kantowicz, *Rola wolontariatu w kształtowaniu przyszłych kompetencji profesjonalnych w polu pracy socjalnej*, ResearchGate, November 2017, available at: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/326553694\\_Rola\\_wolontariatu\\_w\\_kształtowaniu\\_przyszlych\\_kompetencji\\_profesjonalnych\\_w\\_polu\\_pracy\\_socjalnej](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/326553694_Rola_wolontariatu_w_kształtowaniu_przyszlych_kompetencji_profesjonalnych_w_polu_pracy_socjalnej) (in pol.).

<sup>62</sup> M. Ciczowska-Giedziun, *Praca socjalna z rodziną oparta na zasobach*, „Roczniki Socjologii Rodziny” 2011, vol. 21, pp. 213–228 (in pol.).

<sup>63</sup> M. Brenk, *Od społecznika do profesjonalisty – ewolucja zawodu pracownika socjalnego w Polsce*, „Kultura – Społeczeństwo – Edukacja” 2012, no. 2, pp. 135–149 (in pol.).

Group “IT sector”, Volunteer Association “Narodnyiy Tyl” (People’s Rear), F.O.N.D. of Diana Makarova, Charitable Foundation “Sestra Myloserdya” (Sister of Charity), Group “ARMY SOS”, Volunteer Project “Heroyi ATO” (Heroes of the ATO), Charitable Foundation “Blaha Nadiya” (Good Hope), Group “Narodna Dopomoha Armiyi “Peremoha 91/1” (People’s Aid to the Army “Victory 91/1”), Charitable Foundation “Za Ukrayinu” (For Ukraine) and many others.

One of the volunteer sites, namely the site of the Red Cross Society in Ukraine, interested us especially with its informative richness on our topic. Volunteering has been an integral part of the International Red Cross Movement from the very beginning. And his volunteers work in various fields. These include helping the elderly at home, working with young children, participating in campaigns and actions aimed at combating the spread of socially dangerous diseases (HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis) and other areas<sup>64</sup>. The Red Cross Society of Ukraine is an all-Ukrainian voluntary public humanitarian organization that assists the state in providing medical and humanitarian assistance during armed conflicts and in peacetime, participates in providing international assistance in case of disasters and emergencies, provides medical and social assistance to vulnerable groups population<sup>65</sup>.

From the first days of the armed conflict in the country, the Red Cross Society of Ukraine provides internally displaced persons from the Crimea, Donetsk and Luhansk regions, hospitals and hospitals, as well as citizens living in the eastern regions, financial assistance, food, detergents, blankets, bedding linen, clothes, shoes, medicines, etc.<sup>66</sup> The company in the process of its activity: collects various types of humanitarian aid from legal entities and individuals, international organizations for those who need it in Ukraine; conducts activities to provide assistance to the wounded, sick and other persons affected by armed conflicts; works to protect the population from the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and the medical service of the Armed Forces<sup>67</sup>.

Thus, as of August 20, 2019, 696 people from the category of families of displaced persons and demobilized servicemen took part in the project of psychosocial support of the Vinnytsia Regional Red Cross Society. Volunteers organize creative classes, art therapy, mini-trainings and lectures for the participants. In Vinnytsia, such a project of psychosocial support was launched in February 2019, its goal is to overcome the stress caused by the military conflict in the east. Over the four years of the project, more than 4,000 people from eleven regions of Ukraine took part in it.<sup>68</sup>

<sup>64</sup> *Tovarystvo Chervonoho Khresta Ukrainy*, available at: <https://redcross.org.ua/volunteer> (in ukr.).

<sup>65</sup> V.P. Nahrebelnyi, *Tovarystvo Chervonoho Khresta Ukrainy*, [in:] *Yurydychna entsyklopediia*, u. 6, eds. Yu.S. Shemshuchenko et al, Kyiv, 2004, available at: [https://leksika.com.ua/14120110/legal/tovarystvo\\_chervonogo\\_hresta\\_ukrayini](https://leksika.com.ua/14120110/legal/tovarystvo_chervonogo_hresta_ukrayini) (in ukr.).

<sup>66</sup> *Tovarystvo Chervonoho Khresta Ukrainy*...

<sup>67</sup> V.P. Nahrebelnyi, op. cit.

<sup>68</sup> *Tovarystvo Chervonoho Khresta Ukrainy*...

Now that we have reviewed the activities of the Red Cross Society, we consider it appropriate to study other journalistic materials from Ukraine on our topic.

In the collection *Oral History of the Russian-Ukrainian War (2014–2015)*<sup>69</sup> edited by Vladyslav Moroko shows the results of surveys of participants in the war in eastern Ukraine in 2014–2015 by researchers at the Faculty of History of Zaporizhzhia National University and the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory. The first issue of this series includes memoirs of soldiers of the 79th and 55th Brigades of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, servicemen of the National Guard of Ukraine and volunteers. To the 2nd issue of this series<sup>70</sup> included memoirs of military men of the 55th Separate Brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – the largest artillery unit from Zaporizhzhia. In their memoirs, the soldiers recall some specific moments of participation in the war of their artillery unit. The context of the stories is complemented by combat photographs from the scene. The third issue of the collection includes interviews with the military and civilians: gunner, paratrooper, rescuer, military medic, displaced persons, chief of staff of self-defense. The third collection<sup>71</sup> – the narrative text of the “trench truth” of the defenders of the Motherland.

The book *Girls cut braids*<sup>72</sup> is a memoir of 25 women who fought during the Russian-Ukrainian War in the different brigades of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and volunteer battalions in 2014–2018 as a sniper, medic, machine gunner, mortar, etc. In their memoirs, they recall the military operations of different years in Luhansk and Donetsk regions, the liberation of Ukrainian towns and villages from the occupiers, remember their comrades, local residents and about military life. Military correspondent Yevheniya Podobna recorded all their stories from November 2017 to July 2018. The collection of memoirs *Girls cut braids* was prepared within the project of the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory “Oral History of the ATO”.

The collection of testimonies about the Russian annexation of Crimea in 2014 “People of the «Gray Zone»: Witnesses of the Russian Annexation of Crimea in 2014”<sup>73</sup> are memories of the history of the so-called “Crimean spring”, which is silenced or deliberately distorted by Russian propaganda. These stories refute the myths about the bloodless annexation of the peninsula, that “the Crimean people did not try to resist, but voluntarily

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<sup>69</sup> *Usna istoriia rosiisko-ukrainskoi viiny (2014–2015 roky)*, eds. V. Moroko, R. Moldavskiy, S. Bilivnenko, O. Shteinle, V. Linikov, M. Volobuiev, M. Pavlenko, vyp. 1, Kyiv 2015 (in ukr.).

<sup>70</sup> *Usna istoriia rosiisko-ukrainskoi viiny (2014–2016 roky)*, eds. H. Vasylchuk, V. Moroko, R. Moldavskiy, S. Bilivnenko, O. Shteinle, V. Linikov, M. Pavlenko, vyp. 2, Kyiv 2016 (in ukr.).

<sup>71</sup> *Usna istoriia rosiisko-ukrainskoi viiny (2014–2016 roky)*, eds. V. Milchev, V. Moroko, R. Moldavskiy, S. Bilivnenko, O. Shteinle, V. Linikov, M. Pavlenko, vyp. 3, Kyiv 2017 (in ukr.).

<sup>72</sup> Ye. Podobna, «*Divchata zrizaiut kosy*», Ukr. in-t nats. pamiaty, Kyiv, «Liuta sprava», 2018, available at: <https://uinp.gov.ua/elektronni-vydannya/divchata-zrizayut-kosy-knyga-pro-zhinok-na-viyni> (in ukr.).

<sup>73</sup> *Liudy «siroi zony»: Svidky rosiiskoi aneksii Krymu 2014 roky*, uporiad. A. Andriievskia, O. Khalimon, Kyiv, Ukr. in-t nats. pamiaty, 2018, available at: <https://uinp.gov.ua/elektronni-vydannya/lyudy-siroyi-zony-svidky-rosiyskoyi-aneksiyi-krymu-2014-roku> (in ukr.).

chose Russia”, how Crimea actually came under Russian rule and the consequences for its inhabitants, the methods of Russian special services and security forces against civilians on the peninsula.

In 2014 the reference almanac “Volunteer”, compiled by Lubomyr Krupnytsky<sup>74</sup>, was published in 50,000 copies. It contains contacts of the most active volunteer initiatives, information on local army aid centers throughout Ukraine, background information on military hospitals, useful information for refugees, the wounded and the families of military men. Recently (2020) Natalka Pozniak-Khomenko<sup>75</sup> from the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory presented a new book *Volunteers: The Power of not Indifferent*, which describes the process of charity of conscious Ukrainians involved in building and providing troops and helping activists create a powerful combat unit of the army – air reconnaissance.

In the book of memoirs *Chaplains. In the Service of God and Ukraine*<sup>76</sup> describes the peculiarities of chaplaincy on the front of today’s war against Russia, and the stages of institutional formation of chaplaincy in the Ukrainian army. This new edition includes memoirs of 13 chaplains of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, three military priests of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, three Protestant chaplains, two representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, one member of the Muslim Religious Community “Mercy” and one of the Zhytomyr’s Jewish Messianic Community. Among the narrators are two women, also chaplains. Memoirs of military chaplains were recorded from May 2018 to June 2019. This is another book from the project of the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory “Oral History of the ATO”.

We find quite a lot of reports about the Russian-Ukrainian war in the Polish press and television. So, Grzegorz Kuczyński<sup>77</sup> talks about Russia and the Crimean separatists implementing its policy, whom ignore domestic and international law.

Tomasz Szela<sup>78</sup> describes the events of February 24, 2014. Then in Kerch in the Crimea, despite the opposition of the authorities, the crowd took off the Ukrainian flag during the protest and hung out the Russian one. Demonstrations under Russian flags also took place in Odessa and Sevastopol.

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<sup>74</sup> *Volonter. Almanakh-dovidnyk*, uporiad. L. Krupnytskyi, available at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8UY1VGvrXxndXBCcXhIM2tUQTg/view?pli=1> (in ukr.).

<sup>75</sup> N. Pozniak-Khomenko, *Volonteriy: syla neбайдужykh*, Ukrainyskyi instytut natsionalnoi pamiaty, Ternopil 2020 (in ukr.).

<sup>76</sup> *Kapelany. Na sluzhbi Bohu i Ukraini*, uklad. T. Kovtunovych, T. Pryvalko, Ukr. in-t nats. pamiaty, Kyiv 2019, available at: <https://uinp.gov.ua/elektronni-vydannya/kapelany-na-sluzhbi-bogu-i-ukrayini> (in ukr.).

<sup>77</sup> G. Kuczyński, *Rosja i separatyści działają nielegalnie. Oto 6 dowodów*, <https://tvn24.pl> (in pol.).

<sup>78</sup> T. Szela, *Na Krymie wywieszono rosyjską flagę*, <https://wiadomosci.onet.pl> (in pol.).

Crimean realities in November 2016 are covered by Wojciech Górecki<sup>79</sup> on the pages “Punkt Widzenia OSW”. The Ukrainian state power is considering a strategy for the return of Crimea and actual action on this issue – a limited blockade of the peninsula. Such actions are supported by the Crimean Tatars, more precisely, the blockade of access roads to the Crimea.

“Tygodnik Powszechny” in December 8, 2015 publishes *Raport o rosyjskich zbrodniach* from Wojciech Pięciak and Adam Nowak<sup>80</sup>, who documenting Russian crimes in Ukraine interviewed almost 70 people during a series of trips they made to the anti-terrorist operation zone since April 2015.

About activity military and volunteers whose fate is related to the Russian-Ukrainian war in Donbas, we find information in “Dziennik Kijowski”<sup>81</sup> etc.

### Works of literature (prose and poetry)

Studying the literature on Ukrainian military volunteers, we trace a wide range of genres, styles and themes of creative achievements. Thus, the collection of competition works *Ukrainian: woman-volunteer, woman-hero* (2017), includes essays, poems and interviews of the winning authors from different regions of Ukraine: Tatiana Lisnenko, Svetlana Patra, Olga Lishchuk, Kateryna Kovalchuk, Khrystyna Dychko<sup>82</sup>. Authors of a collection of poems and short stories *Volunteers. Mobilization of Good* (2015)<sup>83</sup> – Halyna Vdovychenko, Kateryna Babkina, Larysa Denysenko, Irena Karpa, Iryna Slavinska, Gaska Shiyan, Iren Rozdobudko, Andriy Lyubka, Max Kidruk, Serhiy Zhadan – depict the everyday life of a volunteer who collects money provides shelter to those who have left their homes, feeds, drinks, warms.

The author of stories and essays about volunteers Zinaida Hrushko-Kolinko *Volunteer Weekdays* (2017) met her future characters while raising funds and things for the needs of Ukrainian soldiers, and then wrote about these good and brave people<sup>84</sup>. Well-known volunteer Lyudmila Okhrimenko presented her book with stories about everything seen at the front. *Volunteer Stories* (2019)<sup>85</sup> – is a book about our lives and the war. All her heroes are real people, real patriots of their Motherland, whom she met in the rear and

<sup>79</sup> W. Górecki, *Półwysep, czyli wyspa. Krym w trzecim roku po aneksji*, „Punkt Widzenia OSW” 2016, no. 61 (in pol.).

<sup>80</sup> W. Pięciak, A. Nowak, *Raport o rosyjskich zbrodniach*, „Tygodnik Powszechny” December, 8, 2015 (in pol.).

<sup>81</sup> *Dziennik Kijowski – Aktualności*, <https://www.dk.com.ua › cat> (in pol.).

<sup>82</sup> *Ukrainka: zhinka-volonter, zhinka-heroi: narysy, virshi, spohady, svitlyny, Zhinoche t-vo im. Olhy Besarab ta Oleny Telihiy*, uklad. N. Buhai, Lubny 2018 (in ukr.).

<sup>83</sup> *Volontery. Mobilizatsiia dobra: zbirka*, H. Vdovychenko, K. Babkina, L. Denysenko, uklad. I. Karpa, Kharkiv 2015 (in ukr.).

<sup>84</sup> Z.D. Hrushko-Kolinko, *Volonterski budni, Dorozhni spovidi-opovidi*, Dnipro 2017 (in ukr.).

<sup>85</sup> L. Okhrimenko, M. Kashchavtsev, *Volonterski istorii: zbirka*, Kharkiv 2019 (in ukr.).

at the front. Her characters did everything possible to ensure that their homeland was free and that people living in peaceful territory did not know the horrors of war. The collection of poems *Volunteer Muse*<sup>86</sup> (2017) includes poetic works about volunteers and poetry of the volunteers themselves.

Polish scientific journal “Studia Polsko-Ukraińskie” appeals to the literary diary titled “Zhyttia P.S.” [The Life P.S.]<sup>87</sup>, written by a soldier participating in the Russian-Ukrainian war in Donbas, and some features of the work provide evidence that it is a hybrid war.

In July 2015, Polish musician Maciej Malenchuk, together with the Ukrainian band “Haidamaki” and Russian rock musician Andriy Makarevych, recorded a song called “Тільки Любов Залишить Тебе Живим” [Only Love Will Leave You Alive] on anti-war themes. The lyrics are written in three languages – Ukrainian, Russian and Polish:

Czystej nie znajdę tu drogi.

Wciąż muszę kłamać, muszę grać.

Plączą mi nogi złe bogi. Na horyzoncie mgła. [Performed by Maciej Malenchuk]<sup>88</sup>

Another song “Brat za Brata” by Kozak System is an unusual combination of Polish-Ukrainian musical forces in solidarity with the Ukrainian society fighting for freedom and democracy. This protest song is a joint work of Kozak System (Ukraine), Enej and Maleo Reggae Rockers, artists with a strong position in the music market.

Свій на свого не здійме руку!

Брат на брата не скаже злого!

Прийме удар, піде на муку

Брат за брата, свій за свого!<sup>89</sup>

[Friend to another friend don't hit with your hand!

A brother will not say a bad word to his brother!

Everyone will take the blow, will worry

Brother for brother, for each other!]

<sup>86</sup> *Volonterska muza, zb. poezii, Yedyni volonter. tsestr, uporiad. S.A. Lepiavko, Chernihiv 2017 (in ukr.).*

<sup>87</sup> O. Pukhonska, *Literaturnyi shchodennyk yak sproba avtoterapii travmy viiny (za knyhoiu Zhyttia P.S. Valerii Burlakovoi)*, „Studia Polsko-Ukraińskie” 2020, vol. 7, pp. 210–222 (in ukr.).

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## Conclusion

This research reviewed the sources of the Ukrainian and Polish historiography on the Russian-Ukrainian War in the Donbas (beginning in 2014) and the activities of military volunteers. That is, works on scientific literature of history and literature in the field of sociology and social pedagogy (conferences, round tables and dissertations), journalistic materials (memoirs and interviews) and works of literature (stories, poetry, etc.) were considered. Thanks to such a detailed consideration of the historiography of the problem, we have outlined the source base, which will be the basis for a future broader study of the uniqueness of the cultural artifact – Ukrainian military volunteering.

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**Ukrainian and Polish Source Literature on Volunteerism and the Russian-Ukrainian War of 2014**

**Summary:** The article analyzes Ukrainian and Polish source literature on the war over the control of Donbas that has been waged by Russia and Ukraine since 2014, and military volunteers who participated in the conflict. The evolution of Ukrainian military volunteerism as a way of life of the ethnos and a cultural phenomenon merits further ethnological research in Ukraine and Poland. For this reason, historical literature, literature on sociology and social pedagogy, journalistic sources and other source literature should be analyzed to explore difficult war circumstances, new military traditions and volunteerism. The establishment and evolution of military volunteerism in contemporary Ukraine as a social and cultural phenomenon has not yet emerged as a major topic of ethnological research in Ukraine or Poland. The article draws upon literary sources that lay the historical foundations for volunteerism through mutual assistance and acts of good will on behalf of Ukrainian citizens. Scientific literature and journalistic sources concerning volunteerism should also be reviewed.

Academic papers (reports from scientific conferences, political negotiations, dissertations), opinion journalism (memoirs and interviews) and literary works (novels, essays, short stories and poetry) published in contemporary Poland and Ukraine constitute important sources of information about the armed forces and military volunteers.

**Keywords:** military volunteers, scientific historical literature, literature on sociology and social pedagogy, opinion journalism, literary works