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The Tutrakan Battle (1916) Reflected in the Communist and Post-Communist Romanian Historiography

(Abstract)

This article represents a brief analysis of the ways in which Romanian communist (especially the nationalistic-communist) and post-communist historiography has dealt with the onset of hostilities in Dobrodja in 1916 and the Battle of Tutrakan and its consequences. We have worked with around 40 articles and studies, a few collections of documents, several contemporary accounts, as well as a historical novel, all these being representative for the Romanian historiographic discourse before and after December 1989. Generally, the approaches of Romanian historians and researchers range between emphasizing and mitigating. In extreme cases, they even cover up almost entirely Romanian faults and weaknesses from 1916, without trying to provide too many information from Bulgarian sources.