The Ukrainian Museum and Library of Stamford



In the archival section of our Library we have over 100 original color plates painted by the artist Mykola Bytynskyi (1893-1972). These plates were done

by the artist in Prague in the years 1937 and 1939 and were to be published as separate albums: Album of the Coat-of-Arms of Ukrainian (32 Lands plates); Album of the Uniforms of the Ukrainian Army and Fleet during the War for Independence,



MYKOLA BYTYNSKYI

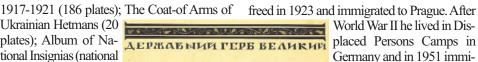
by Curator Lubow Wolynetz

Ukrainian Hetmans (20 plates); Album of National Insignias (national coat-of-arms, flags, standards, national seal). Some of them were published, many were not. Therefore, we are very fortunate to be in possession of the original plates of his work.

The artist Mykola Bytynskyi, a former colonel in the army of the Ukrainian National Republic (1917-1921), was born in Eastern Podillia. He received his primary ed-

ucation in Kamianets-Podilskyi and later continued and completed his studies in Prague. Privately, he

studie d graphic arts and heraldics. During the War for Independence of Ukraine he served in the Ukrainian Army and took part in many anti-Russian battles. He was interned in Polish POW camps from which he was



grated to Canada.

Inasmuch as the month of November is dedicated to the observance of several events dealing with Ukrainian military history, it seems fitting to illustrate these events with some of Bytynskyi's color plates in our possession.

Of special importance is the November 1st Lviv uprising when members of the Ukrainian Sich Riflemen (Ukrainski Sichovi Striltsi) freed the city of Lviv from Polish domina-

tion. The Ukrainian Sich Riflemen were a military unit in the Austrian army 1914-

1918. Later, they became the core of the Ukrainian Galician Army (Ukrainska Halytska Armiia, UHA), 1919-1921 which was the regular army of the Western Ukrainian National Republic (ZUNR) 1918-1921. Some members of this army later created the Sich Riflemen in Kyiv.





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