
Motives of the French army vandalism in Russia in 1812

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The article studies motives behind the French soldiers and officers' acts of vandalism during the aggressive campaign to conquer Russia in 1812. The scientists reveal the attitude of the French society and Napoleon himself to religion and the church on the eve of the French revolution. The authors have come to the conclusion that the influence of the French was predetermined not by disrespect of strange spiritual values, but rather by the time and the environment which they had come from. This environment and time can be referred to as – one word only – revolution.

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