

# The Activities of the Committee for the Preservation of Military Traditions from Turda (THHB)

Vilmos CECH

Representative of THHB from Budapest

István Lajos JÓZSA

Chairman of THHB from Turda

Károly KÉKKÓI

Representative of THHB from Budapest

**Abstract.** The Institute of Military History of the Hungarian Ministry of Defence decided in 2000 to try to find the marked or unmarked graves of Hungarian soldiers killed in World War II. Joining this initiative, József Pataky founded the Committee for the Preservation of Military Traditions from Turda (THHB). Among other things, the aim of establishing the Committee was to discover the identity of the Hungarian soldiers that died in action in the fall of 1944 in Torda (in Romanian: Turda; in the followings, we will use the traditionally Hungarian name of the town: Torda) and its surroundings, find the location where they were buried, and erect a worthy monument to their memory. A Hungarian Soldier Graveyard was created within the Central Hungarian Cemetery of Torda, which has since become a place of pilgrimage. In addition, more than fifty sites of Hungarian soldiers' graves were discovered and in most of the cases properly marked since that time. In 2012, József Pataky was awarded the Hungarian Gold Cross by the Ministry of Defence for his untiring work to discover the places of burial and identify Hungarian soldiers that died in WWII, and for worthily keeping their memories alive.

**Keywords:** Torda, Hungarian, THHB, József Pataky, Battle of Torda, World War II, heroes, soldier, graveyard, cemetery, monument, forced labour, malenkij robot, MoD

'Peace gives birth to abundance,  
Abundance to arrogance,  
Arrogance to contempt,  
Contempt to war,  
War to poverty,  
Poverty to humility,  
Humility to peace.'

(Inscription on the side of the Újtorda Reformed Church)

## Respect and Remembrance

... is due to valiant József Pataky, the founding president of the Committee for the Preservation of Military Traditions from Torda (in Hungarian: **Tordai Honvéd Hagyományőrző Bizottság**, or THHB), who passed away on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2014. Until his death, he tirelessly and successfully worked on organizing the Torda Hungarians, tracing the graves of soldiers killed in action during the Battle of Torda and immortalizing the names of abducted civilians from Torda.

## Preliminaries

During the Ceaușescu Era, authorities made every effort to consign the recent happenings to oblivion. The compelling need to immortalize the names of the heroes killed in action and their place of burial had therefore preceded the formal establishment of the Committee for the Preservation of Military Traditions from Torda.

Several members of the Hungarian community in Torda have searched for the opportunity to present the real history of the Hungarian soldiers' heroic perseverance and the historical events pursuing the battles. Since around 1986, Hungarians in Torda have been searching for the opportunities to record, in a worthy manner, the historical facts. Firstly, they began to gather and organize the data. After the fall of Ceaușescu's regime, more prominent actions have taken place.

## Foundation

The Committee for the Preservation of Military Traditions from Torda was founded in September of 2000. They undertook the task of establishing a graveyard at the burial grounds of the soldiers killed in battle and taking care of it. Around the sites surrounding the battle, they search for previously unknown graves, catalogue them and, depending on the financial possibilities, set up a

monument commemorating the fallen soldiers. On All Souls' Day and on Heroes' Day, they praise the Hungarians' memory and strengthen their national identity and historical knowledge by remembering the heroes of the Hungarian army and the civilian casualties.

## **The Battle of Torda**

Why was the Battle of Torda important? After Romania joined the allies during the final stage of World War II, the Hungarian and German troops halted the advance of the outnumbered Soviet–Romanian troops for nearly one month (between 12<sup>th</sup> of September and 8<sup>th</sup> of October, 1944) as they broke through the passes of the Southern Carpathian Mountains towards Kolozsvár (Cluj-Napoca). They aimed at 'marching' through the valleys of the rivers Maros (Mureş) and Aranyos (Aries) to Kolozsvár (Cluj-Napoca) and then proceed onto the Great Plain. In the region of Debrecen, they wanted to surround the Hungarian and German defences, and with that 'momentum' to occupy Budapest in the fall.

Despite the outnumbered enemy, exploiting the local terrain, the Hungarian military leadership successfully stopped their advance at Torda, leaving around 2,500 casualties. (The enemy's loss was much heavier.)

## **The Activities of the Committee for the Preservation of Military Traditions from Torda**

Since the foundation of THHB, its members and helpers have been collecting historical data, clarifying the sites and resting places of the Hungarian army's victims. They place a plaque commemorating the heroes' names. The memorial tablets are usually placed in churchyards or on walls of temples visited by Hungarians, as the state allowed few public properties on which to commemorate them.

After the establishment of the Hungarian Soldier Graveyard within the Central Hungarian Cemetery of Torda, having newly acquired data and knowledge, THHB places one or more tombstones or memorials every year with the support of the local population. The institutions of the Hungarian Ministry of Defence dealing with war graves aid the Committee's work by clarifying and supplementing the data, adding suggestions as well as providing financial support in many cases.

## **Malenkij Robot Memorial in Torda**

To remind people of the tragic consequences of the war, a wooden headboard was placed at the entrance of the central cemetery of Torda in 1995 in memory of the deported Hungarian civilians died at unknown places. The generalizing inscription on the pedestal of the headboard said: 'In memory of the victims of World War II'.

As a survivor, Professor Elek Csetri, who was invited to the inauguration, recounted the fate of civilians deported for forced labour to the Soviet Union, referred to as 'malenkij robot'. It was the first time that many people heard of the previously obscured and denied tragedies. The families of the deportees who remained at home also had a miserable fate. Many of them left or emigrated from their dear homeland.

József Pataky, the officially declared Head of the Committee, continued collecting the names and researching the fates of the deported civilians from Torda.

On 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014, THHB set up and unveiled two granite columns containing the names of 216 Hungarian victims who died away from home (see Table 2). At the inauguration, Assistant Professor János Kristóf Murádin presented his research, the real history of the deportations. Participants faced the inhumane circumstances of the tragic events as they read the names of children, women, and the elderly who died abroad, at unknown places, buried in unmarked graves.

## **Achievements**

- Several commemorative plaques and memorials have been set up for the soldiers who died a heroic death defending our country (see Table 1).
- We have expressed our grief and solidarity. We have not allowed forgetting the sacrifices of our heroes.
- We have returned the exemplary historical resistance to the memory of the Hungarians.
- We have included the respectful remembrance in the Hungarian community's events at the anniversaries.
- We have strengthened the historical coherence of the Hungarian community and provided an example at our gatherings to the next generation.

## Further Plans

- Transfer of newly acquired data to the Ministry of Defence's Military Heritage and War Grave Care Department. Refinement of data based on the Ministry of Defence's repositories.
- Apprise the Transylvanian Hungarian population's historical knowledge through articles in local newspapers.
- Exploration and public distribution of local memoirs.
- Organization of local people to initiate joint activities. Quality reunions following inaugurations.
- The financial support and participation of the motherland's Ministry of Defence strengthens the national consciousness.
- The population of Hungary can gain an example of acting in collaboration (through the effectiveness of individual, community donations, and the support of the Ministry of Defence).

## Guidance

We wish that the following epitaph provides guidance for all of us:

“They were fathers and soldiers,  
Wielding a pen or a hoe,  
They were all heroes.  
Those who glance at their memory,  
Salute!”

**Table 1. Memorial sites established by THHB**

| Site                                     | Where to find        | Dead | Remarks  |
|--|----------------------|------|--|
| Alsó-felsőszentmihály<br>(Mihai Viteazu) | Unitarian churchyard | 7    | Local militiamen were killed.  |
| Alsójára (Iara)                          | Hungarian Cemetery   | 19   | Concrete frame, covered. Inauguration in 2003.   |
| Aranyosegerbegy<br>(Viișoara)            | Reformed churchyard  | –    | Names on a commemorative plaque on the outer wall of the church. Inauguration in 2005. |
| Aranyosegerbegy<br>(Viișoara)            | Reformed Cemetery    | 60   | Mass grave. Inauguration in 1994. Overbuilt by the Orthodox (?)                        |

| <b>Site</b>                         | <b>Where to find</b>        | <b>Dead</b> | <b>Remarks</b>  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| Aranyosgerend<br>(Luncani)          | Reformed Cemetery           | 35          | Concrete frame.<br>Inauguration in 2005. Black marble commemorative plaque on the inner wall of the church. Inauguration in 2007. |
| Aranyosgyéres<br>(Câmpia Turzii)    | Reformed churchyard         | 17          | Scattered graves.<br>Inauguration in 2005. Marble plaque.<br>Inauguration in 2011.  |
| Aranyoslonka<br>(Lunca)             | Outskirts of the village    | 11          | Needs explanation!?   |
| Bágyon (Bădeni)                     | Unitarian churchyard        | 23          | Mass grave.   |
| Berkes (Borzești)                   | Orthodox churchyard         | 160         | Mass grave. A Hungarian inscription was removed several times. Buried Soviet, Romanian, German, and Hungarian soldiers.           |
| Bonchida (Bonțida)                  | Reformed Cemetery           | 109         | Separate graves.<br>Inauguration in 2008.   |
| Dés (Dej)                           | Public Urban Cemetery       | 82          | Sepulchral mound can be seen. Inauguration in 2011.   |
| Detrehemtelep<br>(Tritenii-Colonie) | Reformed Cemetery           | 60          | Separate graves.<br>Inauguration in 2011.<br>Plaque on the outer wall of the church.<br>Inauguration in 2005.                     |
| Gerendkeresztúr<br>(Grindeni)       | Cemetery of Virághegy       | 26          | 2013.   |
| Gyulafehérvár (Alba Iulia)          | Roman Catholic Cemetery     | 65          | Graves of war prisoners, uncared  |
| Hadrév (Hădăreni)                   |                             | 20          | Inauguration in 2014.   |
| Harasztos (Călărași)                | Reformed Cemetery           | 23          | Mass grave – cared.<br>Inauguration in 2000.  |
| Kolozs (Cojocna)                    |                             | 38          |   |
| Kolozsbos (Boju)                    | Garden of Unitarian rectory | 17          | Combined tombstones, cared. Inauguration in 2006.   |

| <b>Site</b>                      | <b>Where to find</b>                         | <b>Dead</b> | <b>Remarks</b>                                     |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| Kolozskara (Cara)                |  | 11          |  |
| Kolozsvár (Cluj-Napoca) I.       | 'Házsongárd' Military Cemetery               | 251         | Separate graves, cared, all of the names are known |
| Kolozsvár (Cluj-Napoca) II.      | New Jewish Cemetery                          | 68          | Two mass graves – the names are known              |
| Komjátszeg (Comșești)            | Unitarian churchyard                         | 16          | Not yet inaugurated                                |
| Középpeterd (Petrești de Mijloc) | Orthodox Cemetery                            | 11          | Peeled mass grave                                  |
| Kraszna (Crasna)                 | In the yard of the kindergarten              | 3           | Black marble plaque. Inauguration in 2009.         |
| Magyarfenes (Vlaha)              | Reformed churchyard and cemetery             | 13          | They are said to be more, we are researching       |
| Magyarléta (Liteni)              | Scattered graves                             | 5           | Research in progress                               |
| Magyarlóna (Luna de Sus)         | Scattered graves                             | 13          | Research in progress                               |
| Magyarszovát (Suatu)             | Unitarian churchyard                         | 6           | Cared. Inauguration in 2007.                       |
| Margitta (Marghita)              | Reformed churchyard                          | 81          | Inauguration in 2009.                              |
| Mészkkő (Cheia)                  | Outskirts of the village                     | 27          | Unitarian churchyard. Inauguration is delayed.     |
| Mezőbő (Boian)                   | Orthodox Cemetery                            | 37          | Some punk headboards, uncared                      |
| Mezőőr (Iuriu de Câmpie)         | Pasture land on the outskirts of the village | 18          | Planned a cross in a concrete pedestal             |
| Miriszló (Mirăslău) I.           | Reformed Cemetery                            | 6           | Cared  |
| Miriszló (Mirăslău) II.          | Mass grave along the main road               | 36          | Numerical credibility must be clarified!           |
| Miriszló (Mirăslău) III.         | Forest                                       | 6           | Forest between Miriszló and Órménes                |
| Nagyenyed (Aiud)                 | Reformed Cemetery                            | 234         | War prisoners, common grave. Inauguration in 2007. |
| Nagyszalonta (Salonta)           | Urban Cemetery                               | 219         | Soldier graveyard, cared                           |

| <b>Site</b>                         | <b>Where to find</b>           | <b>Dead</b> | <b>Remarks</b>   |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Nyírméző<br>(Mermezeu-Văleni)       | Roman Catholic Cemetery        | 19          | Separate graves – wooden headboard at Torockószentgyörgy with an epitaph. Inauguration in 2006.  |
| Paptamási (Tămășeu)                 | Reformed Cemetery              | 6           | Cared  |
| Segesvár (Sighișoara)               | Roman Catholic Cemetery        | 45          | Hungarian soldiers returned from Soviet prison camp  |
| Sinfalva (Cornești)                 | Near the river Hesdát          | 3           | Commemorative plaque on the wall of the Unitarian church.<br>Inauguration is delayed!  |
| Szamosfalva<br>(Someșeni)           | Reformed Cemetery              | 8           | 5 heroes in the Reformed Cemetery, 3 in the schoolyard   |
| Szászfenes (Florești)               | Hungarian Cemetery             | 20          | Concrete frame, cared  |
| Székelyhidas<br>(Podeni)            | Greek Catholic churchyard      | 12          | The graves are cared.<br>Inauguration in 2013.   |
| Székelykocsárd<br>(Lunca Mureșului) | –                              | 7           | –  |
| Szind (Săndulești)                  | Unitarian churchyard           | 43          | 7 separate graves in the churchyard. Inauguration in 2011.   |
| Torda (Turda) I.                    | Central Hungarian Cemetery     | 216         | Malenkij Robot Memorial at a decorative place. Wooden headboard – inauguration in 1995. Two granite columns containing the names – inauguration in 2014. |
| Torda (Turda) II.                   | Central Hungarian Cemetery     | 224         | Separate graves. Iron fence, 13 white marble plaques with names on them. Cared. Inauguration in 2004.  |
| Torda (Turda) III.                  | Reformed churchyard in Újtorda | –           | Wooden headboard. Remains of 49 exhumed soldiers were buried again in the Soldier Graveyard within the Central Hungarian Cemetery.                       |

| <b>Site</b>                      | <b>Where to find</b>                 | <b>Dead</b> | <b>Remarks</b>   |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Tordaszentlászló<br>(Săvădisla)  | Millennium small forest              | 19          | Black marble.<br>Inauguration in 2008.                               |
| Tordatúr (Tureni)                | Roman Catholic and Orthodox Cemetery | –           | Soviet, Hungarian,<br>German. Uncared.                               |
| Tordatúr (Tureni)                | Unitarian churchyard                 | 52          | White marble plaques<br>with names on them.<br>Inauguration in 2007. |
| Torockószentgyörgy<br>(Coltești) | Roman Catholic Cemetery              | 9           | Peeled graves.<br>Inauguration in 2006.                              |
| Tövis (Teiuș)                    | Reformed Cemetery                    | 11          | War prisoners  |
| Várfalva<br>(Moldoveniști)       | Unitarian Cemetery                   | 2           | Peeled graves, cared.<br>Inauguration in 2012.                       |

**Table 2.** The names of 216 Hungarian victims of ‘malenkij robot’ from Torda who died away from home:

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Age</b> | <b>Name</b>      | <b>Age</b> |
|---------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| ÁBRAHÁM Géza        | (46)       | BERECKI Béla     | (14)       |
| ACHIM Árpád         | (21)       | BLÉNYESI Kálmán  | (22)       |
| ÁCS János           | (43)       | BODA Géza        | (20)       |
| ÁMIRÁS Márton Endre | (39)       | BORBÉLY Géza     | (21)       |
| APÁCZAI Károly      | (20)       | BOTOS Ferenc     | (24)       |
| BABOS Viktor        | (41)       | BÖSZÖRMÉNYI Géza | (45)       |
| BALÁZS János        |            | BRANDEIS Olga    | (21)       |
| BALÁZS Mózes        | (54)       | BRANDOFFER Antal | (44)       |
| BALOGH Béla         | (40)       | CSETRI Zoltán    | (23)       |
| BARÁTOSI Tibor      | (17)       | CSIPKÉS József   | (46)       |
| BARDOCZ Andor       | (31)       | CSUNDERLIK János | (49)       |
| BARDOCZ Béla        |            | DANKÓ János      | (36)       |
| BARÓTI Dezső        | (42)       | DÁVID József     | (21)       |
| BARTHA János        | (17)       | DEÁK István      | (21)       |
| BARTHA Károly       | (42)       | DEMETER Mihály   | (34)       |
| BARTHA Lajos        |            | DÉNES Ferenc     | (24)       |
| BARTUS Károly       | (42)       | DONÁTH Ernő      | (32)       |
| BEDER Árpád         | (17)       | DURUGY József    | (33)       |
| BEDŐ András         | (49)       | ERDEI Sándor     | (39)       |
| BEDŐ Antal          | (45)       | FEDURÁGAI Károly | (18)       |
| BEDŐ Ferenc         | (50)       | FEHÉR Gábor      | (42)       |
| BENKŐ József        |            | FERENCZI József  | (34)       |
| BENKŐ Károly        | (39)       | FINTA Lajos      | (49)       |

| <b>Name</b>          | <b>Age</b> | <b>Name</b>            | <b>Age</b> |
|----------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| FINTA Miklós         | (56)       | KISS Ferenc            | (34)       |
| FODOR Árpád          | (27)       | KISS Sándorné          | (72)       |
| FODOR Egon           | (17)       | KONCZ András           | (48)       |
| FODOR Ferenc (Frici) | (54)       | KONCZ László           | (14)       |
| FODOR István         | (32)       | KONCZ László           | (17)       |
| FODOR István         | (49)       | KORPÁDI Gyula          | (42)       |
| FODOR Jancsi         |            | KÓSA Károly            | (38)       |
| FODOR József         | (17)       | KOSZTA Józsefné        | (58)       |
| FODOR Márton         |            | KOSZTA Mihály          | (15)       |
| FRICZ Ferenc         | (41)       | KOSZTA Miklós          | (14)       |
| FÜSY Gyula           | (44)       | KOVÁCS Albert          | (33)       |
| FÜZÉR Ferenc         | (30)       | KOVÁCS Dénes           | (38)       |
| GALAMBOSI János      | (49)       | KOVÁCS József          | (17)       |
| GALAMBOSI József     | (41)       | KOVÁCS József          | (42)       |
| GÁSPÁR András        | (35)       | KOVÁCSICS Lajos        | (51)       |
| GEGESI Árpád         | (37)       | KÓMÍVES János          | (46)       |
| GERGELY Róbert       | (17)       | KÖNTÖS József          | (52)       |
| GÖNCZI Árpád         | (49)       | KRÓNER Béla            | (49)       |
| GÖNCZI Béla          | (46)       | KUBIK Lajos            | (41)       |
| GÖNCZI Lajos         | (50)       | LÁSZLÓ Lajos           | (16)       |
| GRIM Lajos           |            | LÉHMAN Mátyás          | (39)       |
| HALMÁGYI Pistika     | (19)       | LICKAI Lajos           | (25)       |
| HALMÁGYI Tamás       | (47)       | LOSONCZI Dezső         | (51)       |
| HARTL Lajos          | (22)       | LŐRINCZ Árpád          | (25)       |
| HÁVRANEK Elemér      | (45)       | LŐRINCZ József         | (21)       |
| HOLLUNZER Lajos      | (42)       | LŐRINCZY György        | (38)       |
| HORVÁTH Gyula        | (24)       | MAGYAROSI Sándor       | (60)       |
| IRSAI Ferenc         | (35)       | MAGYAROSY Zoltán       | (49)       |
| ISSZA Zoltán         | (36)       | MAJOR Sándor           | (20)       |
| JAKAB Samuné         | (55)       | MAKKAI Miklós          | (61)       |
| KACSÓ György         | (41)       | MÁTYÁS Albert          | (41)       |
| KANYARÓ Sándor       | (20)       | MEDGYESI Béla          | (27)       |
| KÁPTALAN N. József   | (22)       | MILOTAI Lajos          | (62)       |
| KÉKEDI Árpád         | (17)       | MILOTAI Sándor         | (40)       |
| KÉKEDI Árpád         | (42)       | MOLDOVÁN György        | (10)       |
| KELEMEN Károly       |            | MONITORISZ Ferenc      | (37)       |
| KEMÉNY Tibor         | (42)       | MONOKI Béla (Adalbert) | (34)       |
| KERESZTES Endre      |            | MÓRICZ Miklós          | (42)       |
| KISS Ernő            | (42)       | MÓRICZ Miklós          | (51)       |

| Name               | Age  | Name               | Age     |
|--------------------|------|--------------------|---------|
| NAGY Mátyás        | (43) | SIMONFY Zoltán     | (17)    |
| NAGY Pál           | (28) | SIPOS Gábor        |         |
| NAGY Sándor        | (23) | SZABADOS József    |         |
| NEMES László       | (29) | SZABÓ Ambrus       | (49)    |
| NÉMETI József      | (22) | SZABÓ Árpád        | (47)    |
| NÉMETI Sándor      |      | SZABÓ Ferenc       | (34)    |
| NÓTÁS Károly       | (26) | SZABÓ Ferenc       | (25-30) |
| ORBÁN József       | (19) | SZABÓ István       | (32)    |
| PÁSKULY István     | (29) | SZABÓ József       | (17)    |
| PÁSKULY Márton     | (49) | SZABÓ Tamás        | (17)    |
| PATAKI András      | (18) | SZABÓ Tamás        | (18)    |
| PÉNTEK Balázs      |      | SZAKA Béla         | (33)    |
| PETHŐ Samu         | (17) | SZAKOLCZI Dezső    | (14)    |
| PETŐ Lajos         | (14) | SZÁSZ Zsiga        | (37)    |
| PETRI Béla         |      | SZÉKELY Béla       | (40)    |
| PETRI József       | (23) | SZÉKELY Béla       | (47)    |
| PIFFER Antal       | (17) | SZÉKELY Bella      |         |
| PORZSOLT János     |      | SZÉKELY Gyula      | (20)    |
| PÖFER Antal (Dódi) | (17) | SZÉKELY Gyula      | (50)    |
| RÁCZ Béla          | (17) | ifj. SZÉKELY Gyula | (17)    |
| RAVAI Árpád        |      | SZÉKELY Lajos      | (44)    |
| RAVAI Elek         | (45) | SZÉLL Sándor       | (19)    |
| RAVAI Elemér       | (18) | SZILÁGYI Dezső     | (33)    |
| RAVAI Lajos        | (58) | SZILÁGYI Ferenc    |         |
| RAVAI Miklós       | (54) | SZILÁGYI Gyula     | (22)    |
| RÉZI Mihály        | (39) | SZILÁGYI István    |         |
| ROZENBERG János    | (42) | SZILÁGYI Sándor    | (38)    |
| ROZSOS János       | (51) | SZŐCS Árpád        | (31)    |
| SALAMON József     | (18) | TASNÁDI Márton     | (41)    |
| SÁNDOR Béla        | (42) | TOMPA Lajos        | (43)    |
| SÁNDOR János       | (47) | TOMPA Sándor       | (44)    |
| SÁNDOR János       | (58) | TORDAI József      |         |
| SÁNDOR Miklós      | (50) | TÓTH László        | (41)    |
| SÁNTA József       | (44) | TÓTH Pál           | (57)    |
| SAS Árpi           | (18) | TÓKÉS Béla         | (44)    |
| SCRABÁK Attila     | (19) | TÖRÖK Olga         | (17)    |
| SCRABÁK János      | (46) | TÖRÖK Róza         | (4)     |
| SILÓ Károly        | (28) | TURONY József      | (35)    |
| SIMON András       | (52) | ÜVEGES János       | (18)    |

| Name              | Age  | Name            | Age  |
|-------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| VENCSEL János     | (35) | VESZPRÉMI Lajos |      |
| VERESS Árpád      | (18) | VINCZE Sándor   | (20) |
| VERESS Zsigmond   | (80) | WEKERLE Károly  | (42) |
| VERESS Zsigmondné | (64) | WELMAN Károly   |      |
| VESZPRÉMI Árpád   | (39) | ZALÁNYI Antal   | (40) |
| VESZPRÉMI Ferenc  | (42) | ZILAH Samu      | (49) |
| VESZPRÉMI József  | (36) | ZÜRICH László   |      |



1. Soldier Graveyard in Torda  
on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2014



2. 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary – Battle of Torda



3. Malenkij Robot Memorial in  
Torda on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2014



4. Malenkij Robot Memorial – Inauguration  
on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2014

## THHB is referenced by lots of newspaper articles

- Helikon [Kolozsvár]. 20.11.1995. *A tordai halálmenet – A tordai temetőben 1995. október 29-én, az 1944-ben elhurcolt áldozatok emlékművének felavatásán elhangzott beszéd.* p. 22.
- Magyar Nemzet. 02.11.1998. Magyar égtájak – Őrzik az Erdélyt védők emlékét – *A tordai csatában 1944 őszén hősi halált halt 167 honvéd névsora.* p. 11.
- Szabadság. 05.11.1998. Honvédtömegsír Tordaszelestyén – Az utódoknak kötelessége az emlékezés és az emlékeztetés egyaránt. pp. 1, 6.
- Szabadság. 30.10.2000. Kopjafát állítottak Tordán az 1944-es csatában elesettek emlékére. pp. 1, 8.
- Szabadság. 28.09.2001. Újabb tömegsír Középpeterden – 11 magyar katona nyugszik a közös sírban. pp. 1, 5.
- Szabadság. 20.11.2001. Újabb honvédeket azonosítottak a Házsongárdi temetőben. pp. 1, 8.
- Szabadság. 23.11.2001. Második világháborús tömegsír. p. 5.
- Szabadság. 01.06.2002. Újabb honvédsírok Aranyosgerenden. p. 5.
- Romániai Magyar Szó. 13.06.2002. A tordaiak kegyelettel őrzik halottaik emlékét.
- Szabadság. 21.09.2002. Eltemetetlen magyar katona.
- Krónika. 21-22.09.2002. Rozsdás fémgombok, tízfilléres pénzérme és törött fogú fésű maradt a honvéd után – Tordára temetnék a magyar katonát. pp. 1, 5.
- Szabadság. 28.10.2002. Eltemették a magyar honvédet – Megemlékezés a tordai csatában elesett katonáakra. pp. 1, 5.
- Szabadság. 20.11.2002. Körkép: Újabb honvédsírokra bukkantak – Az idő múlik, az élő tanúk sora fogy.
- Krónika. 03.04.2003. Pénzhiányra hivatkozik a magyar katonai attasé.
- Krónika. 17.04.2003. Síri csendben a hadisírgondozók – Nem foglal állást a Honvédelmi Minisztérium. pp. 1, 2.
- Szabadság. 30.05.2003. Magyar hősökre emlékeztek – Jövőre sírkertet avatnak, p. 4.
- Szabadság. 21.06.2003. Körkép – Honvédsírkert Tordán – Sokan nem vállalják a tordai ütközet emlékét. p. 6.
- Krónika. 24.06.2003. Tordán a magyarok nem felejtenek – Hivatalosságok közönye övezte a hadisírgondozók munkáját. pp. 1, 5.
- Szabadság. 06.11.2003. Sírkeresztet állítottak a honvédek emlékére Tordatúron. pp. 1, 5.
- Szabadság. 13.10.2004. Múltidéző – Tragikus emlékképek a Szentlászlói-medencéből, a Hesdát- és a Jára-völgyből hatvan esztendő távlatából (1944-2004). p. 9.

- Szabadság. 13.10.2004. Honvédtemetőt avatnak Tordán. p. 5.
- Szabadság. 18.10.2004. Sírkertszentelés a tordai csata 60. évfordulóján – Az Aranyosvidéken elesett magyar katonákra emlékeztek.
- Szabadság. 18.10.2004. Sírkertszentelés a tordai csata 60. évfordulóján – Az Aranyos-vidéken elesett magyar katonákra emlékeztek. pp. 1, 4.
- Krónika. 18.10.2004. Erdélyi tudósítások: Felavatták az ótordai honvédtemetőt a tordai csata 60. évfordulóján – Hősként haltak meg egy rossz ügyért.
- Erdélyi Napló. 19.10.2004. Felavatták az ótordai honvédtemetőt. pp. 1, 2.
- Nemzetőr. 03.11.2004. Akik életüket áldozták a Hazáért – „Állták Tordánál a csatát fejtetőig vérben”.
- Egri FEHÉR/FEKETE. 24.12.2004. Megtörtént... p. 15.
- Krónika. 01.09.2005. Dokumentum – Honvédsírokat avatnak a halottak napján – A nagyenyedi fogolytáborban 1945-ben elhunyt 238 magyar katonának készülnek emléket állítani. p. 9.
- Szabadság. 05.06.2006. Emlékezet – Emlékoszlopot avatnak Kolozson. p. 11.
- Szabadság. 12.06.2007. Múltidéző – Újabb siratófal a magyar honvédek emlékére - Tisztelegés a Nagyenyeden elhunyt katonák előtt. p. 8.
- Szabadság. 11.07.2007. Nagyenyed után Tordatúron állítanak emléket a honvédeknek. p. 10.
- Ziarul 21. Oct. 2007. Magyar oldal: Magyar kopjafa magyar honvédoknak.
- Szabadság. 15.10.2007. Újabb kopjafa magyar honvédek emlékére. p. 8.
- Krónika 15.10.2007. Elmenekített emlékhely.
- Szabadság. 05.01.2008. Mozaik: Hol sírjaink domborulnak...
- Szabadság. 26.09.2008. Élő emlékezet.
- Szabadság 01.10.2008. Múltidéző: Honvédek emlékére avattak kopjafát Aranyosegerbegyen.
- Szabadság. 20.12.2008. Múltidéző – Hol sírjaink domborulnak – Az utódoknak kötelessége az emlékezés és az emlékeztetés egyaránt. p. 4.

## THHB is referenced by more than 500 online articles (some of them)

Magyar honvédek a közösségi emlékezetben. <<http://www.erdelyinaplo.ro/aktualis/riportok/magyar-honvedek-a-kozossegi-emlekezetben/print>>

A tordai honvédek emléke. <<http://www.erdely.tv/hirek/tordai-honvedek-emleke>>

A tordai csatára emlékeztek. <[http://www.ekonyvtar.zrinyimedia.hu/cikk/46860\\_a\\_tordai\\_csatara\\_emlekeztek](http://www.ekonyvtar.zrinyimedia.hu/cikk/46860_a_tordai_csatara_emlekeztek)>

Pataky József emlékére (1931–2014). <<http://www.kronika.ro/erdelyi-hirek/pataky-jozsef-emlekere-1931-a-2014>>

„Adassék tisztelet a honvédő katonáknak” – 65. évfordulós emlékezés Tordán. <<http://www.inditlak.com/irasok/hazam-hazam-te-mindenem/85-torda.html>>

Az Aranyos-kanyar ádáz csatái. <<http://www.egrigyalogezred.hu/print.php?news.109>>

Emlékmű a honvédeknek Szinden. <<http://tortenelemportal.hu/2011/09/emlekmu-a-honvedeknek-szinden/>>

Újabb emlékművek honvédek tiszteletére. <<http://www.szabadsag.ro/szabadsag/servlet/szabadsag/template/article,PArticleScreen.vm/id/54248>>

A Magyar Hadisírgondozásért Kitüntető Cím adományozottjai. <[http://www.hadisir.hu/hadisir/a\\_magyar\\_hadisirgondozasert\\_kitunteto\\_cim\\_adomanyozottjai](http://www.hadisir.hu/hadisir/a_magyar_hadisirgondozasert_kitunteto_cim_adomanyozottjai)>

FRIGYESY, Ágnes. *A hazáért mindhalálíg* – Emlékművet állítottak 109 magyar honvéd tiszteletére Bonchidán. <http://kek-soft.hu/frigyesy.htm>

## References

### Literature

\*\*\* 2004: „...Állták Tordánál a csatát fejtetőig vérben...” *Emlékkönyv a „Tordai csata” 60. évfordulója alkalmából*. (They Supported the Bloody Battle at Turda... Memory Book at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Torda). Torda: Tordai Honvéd Hagyományőrző Bizottság

BOLDIZSÁR ZEYK Imre. 2006. *Tragikus emlékképek a Szentlászlói-medencéből és környékéről, a Hesdát- és a Jára völgyéből hatvan esztendő távlatából – 1944–2004* (Tragic After-Images from the Săvădisla-Basin and Its Surroundings, from the Hășdate and the Iara Valleys from Sixty Years’ Perspective). Tordaszentlászlói Füzetek V. Cluj-Napoca: edited by the author.

- BÚS János–SZABÓ Péter. 2001. *Béke Poraikra* (Rest in Peace). II. köt. Budapest: Varietas '93 Kft.
- HOLLÓSY-KUTHY László. 1992. *Élményeim a második világháború alatt, 1939–1945.* (My Experiences during the Second World War, 1939–1945) Székesfehérvár: Fejér Megyei Levéltár Közleményei 14.
- KÉKKŐI László. 2015. *Tűzözön (Ahogyan én láttam)* (Firestream (As I saw it)). Budapest: Zrínyi Kiadó.
- RAVASZ István. 2002. *Erdély ismét hadszíntér, 1944.* (Transsylvania, Battlefield Again, 1944). Budapest: Petit Real Könyvkiadó.

### **Internet Sources**

Committee for the Preservation of Military Traditions from Torda – official website: <http://kek-soft.hu/thhb.htm>