

The battle of Lenino took place at 12-13 October 1943, in the area of the town of Horki, Republic of Belarus. Soviet 33 Army as a part of the Western Front with subordinate Polish 1st Tadeusz Kościuszko Infantry Division, made an unsuccessful attempt to break through the German defense line, resulting in high casualties of Polish and Soviet soldiers. In the period of the Polish People's Republic, the battle of Lenin was considered a great victory for Polish military power. Between 1947 and 1990, the anniversary of the Battle of Poland was celebrated. Undoubtedly, this is one of the most mythologized battles fought by a Polish soldier in World War II, and to this day is controversial.

The project provide a Tactical-Operational Study of the Orsha Offensive Operation of The Red Army, which began at 12 October 1943. The entire operation of the Western Front of the Red Army, with particular focus on the actions of the 33rd Army with Polish division, will be analysed. Polish attack at Lenino is one of the clashes whole of warfare conducted under one Orsha Offensive Operation. In the literature of the subject, the battle of Lenino is considered as an independent Polish battle with the Wehrmacht without any connection with the whole of the operations in Orsha area. Such an approach of the subject is quite understandable because of the participation of the Polish soldier, however, it involves negative consequences. Without understanding the operational intentions of the Western Front Command, the picture of the battle is incomplete as well as the reasons the failure. The result will be a monograph that will restore the proper proportions of the battle of Lenino without reducing its political aspect and the role of the Polish soldier.

The research work will includes: a broad investigation in the Central Military Archive in Warsaw, Archive of the New Acts in Warsaw, Archive of the Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw, Bundesarchiv-Militärarchiv in Freiburg, Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation in Podolsk, Central Military Library, Museum of the Battle of Lenino in Belarus.

In addition to the archival query, ground tactical studies will be provide. The aim is to acquire a photographic material showing the characteristics of the battle place, which translated into tactics of conducted activities. The results of the research will be presented as a photographic material with tactical symbols helpful to describe the dynamics of the battle.