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### **The Trebinje Garrison c.1878-1918 as a Case-Study**

This paper examines as a case-study the relationship between personnel associated with the Habsburg military occupation of the town of Trebinje in Hercegovina and the locality. Although there were few formal places of higher education in the region, this did not mean that the town and greater region were devoid of interest or distractions for curious minds. In particular, the paper analyses the writings of the Slovene soldier Jernej Andrejka, the Moravian naturalist Karel Absolon, the Tyrollean postmaster Leo Weirather and the doctor Robert Doerr. All of these individuals wrote in some detail about their time in Trebinje. Through examining memoirs and scientific writing, we can better understand the relationship between the grassroots and the state. Furthermore, we can understand how the occupation and later annexation of Hercegovina had a profound influence on state modernization: on the development of medicine, ethnography and natural science in the late Habsburg Monarchy.