



OUR NATIONAL HEROES

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ROMANIAN
TEAM

Ecaterina Teodorescu

Anti-Communist Heroine

- *Ecaterina Teodorescu's name doesn't mean anything for young people nowadays.*

- *Only for their parents, she is the "heroine from Jiu"*



- Thanks to heroism, without making any kind of military school, she became a subaltern and led her soldiers on the battlefield.

- By determination, courage and heroism, she was promoted to the rank of subaltern, exclusively for her merits.

- Born on 14th of January 1894 in Vadeni, Cătălina Toderiu started primary school in her native village and finished it in Targu Jiu, where the teacher enrolled her in the grade book under the name of Ecaterina Teodoriu.
- Then she went to high school in Bucharest.





• Later she went on to study at a nursing school. At the outbreak of World War I, the young woman enrolled in one of the first scout unit in Bucharest, taking care of the wounded.





“Left alone on this world, I swore to retaliate and i begged to be enrolled in my brother's group. I went on the battlefield, for this time as a soldier, but because I was foolish and I was lacking experience I got captured.

I remember that I still had the revolver; two bullets in the sentinel's head gave me my freedom. I'm taking my gun and I've started running. But I've been spotted, and my right leg got hurt.



“But I ran and at 2 o'clock in the night i managed to get in friendly lines. They wanted to put me in a hospital, but I didn't want to go and got back into the fight. I was part of a bayonet fight where I managed to kill 3 enemies At Barbatesti, a 305 bomb wounded my leg and my left rib, so during retreat I was again in the hospital.”



Now I am well and I got the junior lieutenant rank and I'm going away again to find the bullet on which will be written glory or death for the country...

The heroine has always been close to the front line of Moldova, so it is so tragic that this is how it all came to an end . Catherine Teodoroiu was hit by enemy bullets, her last words were: “Keep pushing, do not leave, you are with me!”



General Ernest Brosteanu noted in the 11th Division's journal: "We lost our heroine, Ecaterina Teodoriu, who fell bravely in front of her platoon, while encouraging them."



We notice that Ecaterina Teodoriu, a heroine of the First World War, gives us a lesson about what means courage and true patriotism. Even at her watershed moment, she wanted to help her country; for this, she is known as the “Heroine from Jiu”.



Toma Arnăuțoiu

ANTI-COMMUNIST HERO

- Born 14 February 1921 in Nucsoara, Muscel County.
- September 1944, he is send to fight in the West, against the Nazi Germany.
- He was the lider of the anti-communist group called “Haiducii Muscelului” formed in 1949.



“I am the remaining
metal,
From the world that crime
turned into ashes,
I am the echo in eternity,
From worlds, from fallen
worlds”

- In January-February 1949, the group is being formed. Toma Arnatoiu is one of the leaders.
- “Haiducii Muscelului” has been the strongest anti-communism group in the entire Europe, with more than 100 active members, including Elisabeta Rizea.

Hunting in the Fagaras Mountains.

Future Partisans





- Other groups like “Haiducii Muscelului” have been found, but the most important ones activated in the Fagaras and Arges areas.
- Even if the groups had the same objective, they never interacted with each other.



**Colonelul
Gheorghe
Arsenescu**



**Locotenentul
Toma Arnăuțoiu**



Petre Arnăuțoiu



**Iancu
Arnăuțoiu**



familia Jubleanu



**Preotul Nicolae
Andreescu**



**Preotul
Ion Drăgoi**

**Haiducii Muscelului
din Nucsoara**

Neamul Românesc



**Iustina Constantinescu
și Ion Constantinescu**

**familia
Constantinescu.**



- The majority of the group had been arrested or killed when fighting against the security groups.
- On 20th of May 1958, the remaining members of the group have been arrested.



- The night of 18 July 1959 is the date that Toma Arnăuțoiu has been executed in the Jilava Penitentiary.
- With him, 15 other people had been killed that night, everybody that helped, including his little brother, Petre.



We are the people. Down with the *system*!