

**OF THE AUSTRIA-HUNGARIAN SAFETY STRUCTURES
IN THOSE OF THE GREAT ROMANIA.
CASE OF THE ARAD OFFICER ILIE MIȘCUȚIA (1913-1924)**

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Abstract. Ilie Miscutia (1893 - ?) was born in the city of Jula (Bichisghiula, Gyula - today in Hungary, at the border with Romania) considered until today “the great city of the Romanians” a Romanian-Serbia family. A graduate of the trade Hungarian School in Lipova; in 1913, he is recruited by the Austria-Hungary army where he attends a Special Course of information. During the Austro-Hungarian-Serbia war (1914-1915), he will be infiltrated as a spy within the Serbia geographical territory.

In 1918, along with the decomposition of the Austria-Hungary he joins the political forces in Transylvania that will prepare the Unification from Alba Iulia. We find him, as an officer in the Romanian military units in Prague, then in Budapest in close to the Romanian Central National Council, and in Arad becomes “the guard body” for Stefan Cicio-Pop.

He accompanies the delegation of the Transylvanian Romanians that shall submit to the King Ferdinand, in Bucharest, the act of Unification of Transylvania with the Romanian Kingdom.

Within the framework of the Diligent Council in Sibiu, the secretary dr. Eugen Bianu is appointed as the head of the Safety Service in Transylvania and Banat. Since 1 January 1919, he is incorporated in the Romanian Army in the framework of the Organizational Section of the Body VII Sibiu Army, named with the rank of sub - lieutenant in the Intelligence Service of the same Army Body. Between 1918-1920 he takes part to the defense of the city and the Committee of Arad and the Committee Bichis (Bekes today in Hungary), against the Hungarian nationalist guards and of the French army of occupation which were playing the game of the governments in Budapest, watching even keeping the Romanian west in the Hungarian state.

In the period March 1920 - September 1924 he is part, as officer, of the Police Prefecture in Arad. He withdraws by his resignation, remaining as civil, a known personality in Arad, in dealing with the management of his own property, where, among other things, arises horses of English and Spanish purebred for riding and profile rides.

During the communist regime, he is persecuted for his past as an officer involved into the political events in 1918-1920, but also as a country gentleman. He is gradually rehabilitated in 1978.

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