

ARR units were restructured and reduced in size after the war. This process included the liaison and courier aircraft. These aircraft were consolidated with the transports into *Flotila 4 transport-legătură* during June of 1945. This mixed unit was renamed *Flotila 7 aerotransport-legătură* and reduced to group strength during August of 1946. Only a handful of Fleet F-10Gs and Fi 156Cs remained in military service by the end of 1947, when the 'reactionary' *Aeronautica Regală Română* was officially disbanded. These surviving aircraft were augmented by so-called 'new Soviet technology' — the ancient Polikarpov Po-2 biplane. The majority of Fleets and Fieseler received civilian registration and were assigned to non-military or paramilitary units, schools, and aero-clubs. The last surviving World War Two-era aircraft soldiered on until the 1960s.



This unnumbered Arado Ar 66C was captured from the Germans, hastily repainted, and then used by ARR as a courier aircraft. The exhaust flame dampeners indicate this aircraft was formerly part of a Luftwaffe night harassment unit — believed to be *Nachtschlachtgruppe 5*. ARR took over this Ar 66C before Rumania's new masters — the Soviets — could seize it in accordance to the armistice convention, which stipulated that all captured Axis men and equipment be handed over to the Red Army. (Bernád)



The Fieseler Fi 156C Storch served with *Escadrila 114 legătură* on the anti-Axis Western Front from September 1944 to May 1945. The flexible machine gun has been removed from its mount in the rear cockpit canopy due to the lack of Axis fighter opposition during the last months of World War Two. The Storch was both imported from Germany and manufactured at I.C.A.R.-Bucharest. (MMN)



This anonymous Focke-Wulf Fw 44 Stieglitz is believed to be an ex-Luftwaffe machine captured by the Rumanians during the confusing days of late August of 1944. The ARR roundel and white rear fuselage band were applied after the Fw 44 was confiscated by the Rumanians. (Bujor)

List of Rank Equivalents

ARR Ranks	Translation	USAAF Ranks	ARR Ranks	Translation	USAAF Ranks
Elevi	Students	Cadets	Ofițeri	Officers	Officers
<i>Elev soldat av.</i>	Student Private Av.	Cadet Private	<i>Sublocotenent av.</i>	Sub-Lieutenant Av.	2nd Lieutenant
<i>Elev caporal av.</i>	Student Corporal Av.	Cadet Corporal	<i>Locotenent av.</i>	Lieutenant Av.	1st Lieutenant
<i>Elev sergent av.</i>	Student Sergeant Av.	Cadet Sergeant	<i>Căpitan av.</i>	Captain Av.	Captain
Subofițeri	Sub-officers	NCOs	<i>Locotenent comandor av.</i>	Lieutenant Commander Av.	Major
<i>Adjutant stagiar av.</i>	Junior Warrant Officer Av.	Staff Sergeant	<i>Căpitan comandor av.</i>	Captain Commander Av.	Lieutenant Colonel
<i>Adjutant av.</i>	Warrant Officer Av.	Technical Sergeant	<i>Comandor av.</i>	Commander Av.	Colonel
<i>Adjutant major av.</i>	Major Warrant Officer Av.	Master Sergeant	Generali	Generals	Generals
<i>Adjutant sef av.</i>	Chief Warrant Officer Av.	First Sergeant	<i>General de escadră av.</i>	General of Air Squad Av.	Major General
<i>Ofițer echipaj clasa a III-a av.</i>	Deputy Sub-Lieut. Av.	Warrant Officer Jr. Gr.	<i>General comandant av.</i>	General Commander Av.	Lieutenant General
<i>Ofițer echipaj clasa a II-a av.</i>	Deputy Lieutenant Av.	Flight Officer	<i>General inspector av.</i>	General Inspector Av.	General
<i>Ofițer echipaj clasa I-a av.</i>	Deputy Captain Av.	Chief Warrant Officer	<i>Maresal de aviație (Regele Mihai I.)</i>	Air Marshall (King Michael I.)	N/A

[Note: 'Av.' means 'aviator'. Ranks of technical NCOs are not listed]