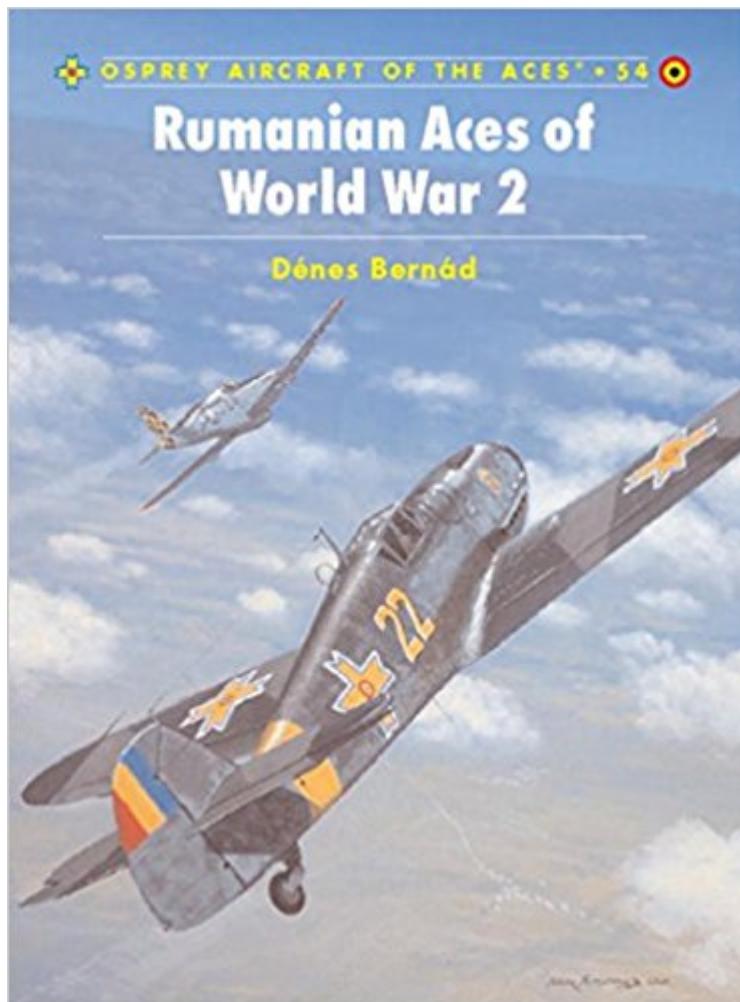


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# Rumanian Aces Of World War 2



## Synopsis

First seeing action in the wake of the German invasion of the USSR in June 1941, the Royal Rumanian Air Force had been allied to the Luftwaffe since the Romanian government signed a Tripartite Pact with Germany and Italy in November 1940. This book reveals how, despite suffering heavy losses to the numerically superior Russian forces, the Rumanians inflicted even greater casualties on the communists. Locked in bitter conflict with the Soviets until September 1944, when the Red Army poured across the Rumanian frontier and forced an armistice, the modest fighter force claimed 1500+ kills using primarily Bf 109's, E's.

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Osprey's Aircraft of the Aces series combines full colour artwork, the best archival contemporary photography, and first hand accounts from aces to bring history's greatest airborne conflicts to life.

Canadian national Dafines Barnad has specialised in studying Romanian and Eastern European military aviation during World War 2 for the past 25 years. A mechanical engineer by profession , he is also a founding member of the Association to Promote the History of Rumanian Aviation (Bucharest, Romania) and Hungarian Association of Aviation History (Budapest, Hungary).

Joining Germany in the invasion of Poland in 1939, the Rumanians were using the Polish PZL built P.11 gull winged plane!The Rumanians needed better aircraft than the Hurricane Mk.I and P.11/24,

such as the Bf-109. Also using the IAR-80/-81, the plane was easily downed by enemy flak or fighters. But the Bf-109 was a tougher nut to crack. The IAR-80 was used 'hard and heavy' by the Rumanians, but with the Yak fighters improving, the Rumanians had to change from their older, weaker, planes to new ones. Being pummeled almost daily by USAAF bombers. The escorts were a problem to the attacking Bf-109s and IAR-80s--especially the P-51! This is the first book from Denes Bernad, and if he publishes any more books like this, I'll buy 'em! I shot threw this book. I couldn't stop reading it! He's almost tied with George Mellinger and John Weal!! The color plates of He-112s, Bf-109s, IAR-80/-81s, P.11/.24s, Hurricanes and a Bf-110 and Hs-129 are very well done. I was happy to see at the end of the book he has the top 4 Rumanian aces. I found this book a pleasure to read. 1 question though: Is it Rumania or Romania?

Great coverage on a little know air force. This book covers aircraft used and location of bases where many pilots flew out of. The Pilots are described with their many kills and the many fighter aircraft used. Toward the end of the war you get to see the air force use the latest german aircraft and rake up impressive amounts of kills

Unlike, say, the same book regarding Hungarian pilots (Hungarian=jingoistic; and I say this having been to Hungary and having enjoyed myself immensely--though pre-financial collapse), this book is a fascinating & even-handed look at the air war over Romania. It was far more than just Ploesti, although it's hard to just devote 10-20 pages (or so) to such a significant event in USAAF-USAF history. Its only with the drop of the Iron Curtain that I've come to appreciate the Me-109 as something more than a 2nd rate FW-190. A very versatile & effective plane!

Purchased for my Dad's birthday. He hasn't read through it yet but he has a few other books from the series that he enjoys and considers to be very informative.

Now I am an retired engineer of Industria Aeronautica Romana - Brasov . Many years ago, (at my 25 years of age), I was very lucky to listen some war air battle stories spoken directly by Romanian Ace Ioan Milu. In that book I found some of those actions absolutely real. This book is a reference book of reality and dramatism for Romanian pilots involved .. Congratulation to the author .

Excellent.

A little-known story of great courage, skill and patriotism! A long awaited publication. Full of interesting details, great photographs and stunning colour plates of World War II planes. A joy to read!

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