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CAPULUI LUI MIHAI VITEAZUL LA TÂRGOVIȘTE (1920)  
ÎN ISTORIOGRAFIA ROMÂNEASCĂ**

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**MEMORY AND HONOURING: THE RETURNING  
OF MICHAEL THE BRAVE'S HEAD IN TARGOVISTE (1920)  
IN THE ROMANIAN HISTORIOGRAPHY**

*Abstract*

After the murder of Michael the Brave, at 9/19 August 1601, on the plain of Turda, his head was brought to the monastery Dealu near Targoviste. During World War I to avoid falling into the hands of the German occupation, at 15/28 oct. 1916, the skull was moved from Dealu Monastery to Iasi where it remained until 8/21 August 1917. From this date until 19 March/1 April 1918 the holy relic was moved to the city Kerson in Russia, from there it returned to Iasi at 3/16 April the same year, remaining there until 23 August/September 5, 1920. Several days later, on 26 August 1920, the voivode skull would definitely return to monastery Dealu where is located today. Bringing back the head of Michael the Brave in Targoviste and from there to Dealu monastery, in 1920, and honoring the memory of the one who performed the first union of the Romanian has been also a concern of Romanian historiography in recent period. Our study aims only to recall and report some of these contributions.

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