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THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1915.

War Office,

18th November, 1915.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, in recognition of their most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty in the field :---

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Angus Falconer Douglas-Hamilton, Reserve of Officers, Commanding 6th Battalion, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty when commanding his battalion during operations on 25th and 26th September, 1915, on Hill 70.

On the 26th, when the battalions on his right and left had retired, he rallied his own battalion again and again, and led his men forward four times. The last time he led all that remained, consisting of about fifty men, in a most gallant manner and was killed at their head.

It was mainly due to his bravery, untiring

energy and splendid leadership that the line at this point was enabled to check the enemy's advance.

Captain Anketell Montray Read, 1st Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery during the first attack near Hulluch on the morning of 25th September, 1915.

Although partially gassed, Captain Read went out several times in order to rally parties of different units which were disorganised and retiring. He led them back into the firing line, and, utterly regardless of danger, moved freely about encouraging them under a withering fire. He was mortally wounded while carrying out this gallant work.

Captain Read had previously shown conspicuous bravery during digging operations on 29th, 30th and 31st August, 1915, and on the night of the 29th-30th July he carried out of action an Officer, who was mortally wounded, under a hot fire from rifles and grenades.