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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the posthumous award of the VICTORIA CROSS to:—

No. 4347754 Private Eric Anderson, The East Yorkshire Regiment (The Duke of York's Own) (Bradford).

On the 6th April, 1943, a Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment was making a dawn attack on a strong enemy locality on the Wadi Akarit with "A" Company leading.

After some progress had been made and "A" Company was advancing over an exposed forward slope, it suddenly came under most intense and accurate machine gun and mortar fire from well concealed enemy strong points not more than 200 yards away. Further advance in that direction was impossible and "A" Company was able to withdraw behind the crest of a hill, with the exception of a few men who were wounded and pinned to the ground by strong and well directed small arms fire.

Private Anderson, a stretcher bearer attached to "A" Company, seeing these men lying wounded in "no man's land", quite regardless of his personal safety, went forward alone through intense fire and single handed carried back a wounded soldier to a place of safety where medical attention could be given. Knowing that more men were lying wounded in the open he again went out

to the bullet swept slope, located a second wounded man and carried him to safety.

Private Anderson went forward once again and safely evacuated a third casualty. Without any hesitation or consideration for himself he went out for a fourth time but by now he was the only target the enemy had to shoot at and when he reached the fourth wounded man, and was administering such first aid as he could to prepare for the return journey, he was himself hit and mortally wounded.

Private Anderson, by his valour, complete disregard for his personal safety, and courage under fire, probably saved the lives of three of his comrades and his example was an inspiration to all who witnessed his gallant acts.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East:—

The Distinguished Service Order.

Brigadier (temporary) Rupert Tristram Oliver Cary, M.B.E. (16265), late Royal Corps of Signals.
Brigadier (acting) Robert Harry Bertram Arkwright (28043), 12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), Royal Armoured Corps.

The Military Cross.

Captain (temporary Major) Keith Robert Gentles (109235), 6th Rajputana Rifles, Indian Army (Littlehampton).

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