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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
13th December, 1945.*

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

No. 17308 Sowar DITTO RAM, The Central India Horse (21st King George V's Own Horse), Indian Armoured Corps.

In Italy on 23rd July, 1944, Sowar DITTO RAM was a member of a patrol which had been ordered to occupy a hill. On reaching the objective the patrol ran on to an enemy Schu minefield suffering casualties amounting to five men injured. Sowar DITTO RAM was among those wounded, his left leg having been blown off below the knee. He applied a field dressing and on hearing calls for help from another Sowar who had also been wounded, he crawled forward through the minefield to assist him. Sowar DITTO RAM was fully aware of the danger to which he was subjecting himself.

On reaching the other Sowar, whose left thigh had been shattered, he applied a field dressing to his comrade's wound. He was in the greatest pain throughout, which made the operation both difficult and protracted. Having completed his task, he lost consciousness and died a few minutes later. Sowar DITTO RAM was a very young soldier with only two years' service, nevertheless, besides showing the greatest personal courage and disregard for pain, by crawling through a minefield to help a wounded companion he set the finest example of soldierly comradeship and self-sacrifice. He maintained consciousness only long enough to finish the bandaging of his comrade before he died without a murmur of complaint.

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy:—

*To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:—*

Major-General (temporary) Horace Leslie BIRKS, D.S.O. (22474), late Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps.

Major-General (acting) Charles Hamilton BOUCHER, C.B.E., D.S.O. (1061A), late 3rd Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles, Indian Army.

Major-General (temporary) Alan Colquhoun DUFF, O.B.E., M.C. (10225), late Corps of Royal Engineers.

Brigadier (temporary) Bryan Trevor GODFREY-FAUSSETT, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. (10969), late Corps of Royal Engineers.

Major-General (temporary) Clifford Henry GEAKE, C.B.E. (8896), late Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Major-General (temporary) Minden Whyte Melville MACLEOD, C.B.E., D.S.O. (8884), late Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Brigadier (temporary) Gerrard Francis Hodd STAYNER, C.B.E. (14723), The Leicestershire Regiment.

Major-General (temporary) Henry Martin WHITTY, O.B.E. (10018), late Royal Army Service Corps.

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy:—

*To be Additional Commanders of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Colonel (acting) Graham ACKERLEY, O.B.E. (128019), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Brigadier (temporary) John D'Arcy ANDERSON, D.S.O. (42399), 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, Royal Armoured Corps.

Brigadier (temporary) Brian Mortimer ARCHIBALD, D.S.O., O.B.E., B.A. (38850), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Colonel (temporary) Philip Reginald ASTLEY, O.B.E., M.C. (5940), Life Guards.

Brigadier (temporary) Karl Vere Barker BENFIELD, D.S.O., M.C. (8165), late Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Brigadier (temporary) Ernest Frank BENJAMIN (18035), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Brigadier (local) Edward Rowan BOLAND, O.B.E., F.R.C.P. (128259), Royal Army Medical Corps.

Brigadier (temporary) Reginald Edward BROADHURST, A.M.I.Mech.E. (7631), Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Colonel (temporary) Walter Wallace BROWN, O.B.E. (115531), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Brigadier (temporary) George Philip CLARK, D.S.O. (18800), The Northamptonshire Regiment.