

most effectively on several occasions. At the final objective, when all the officers but the company commander and all the senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties, he took over the duties of C.S.M., and was of the most valuable assistance to his company commander. His initiative and devotion to duty were outstanding.

5664 L./Sjt. M. H. Fisher, 4th Bn., S.A. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 17th October, 1918, at Le Cateau. He was in charge of stretcher-bearers, and attended to the wounded in the open under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He worked with untiring energy for forty-eight hours in the treatment of the wounded while the R.A.P. was being heavily shelled. His courageous conduct throughout was a fine example to all ranks.

15543 Sjt. J. G. Mack, 1st Bn., S.A. Infy.

On the night of the 17th/18th October, 1918, when the enemy was still on the railway embankment north-east of the River Selle, he collected and steadied his men under very heavy machine-gun fire at close range, charged the enemy, and drove him from his position. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

9175 Sjt. P. Mundy, 4th Bn., S.A. Infy.

For marked courage and initiative. On 17th October, 1918, during the attack on Le Cateau, an enemy machine gun on the flank was inflicting severe casualties on the advancing troops. On his own initiative he dashed forward for 200 yards across the open to the gun. On reaching the emplacement he released the lever of a bomb, holding it in his hand until the fuse was almost spent, and dropped it in the centre of the gun team, thus preventing any of them escaping. He then turned the machine gun on the enemy, enfilading their position and compelling them to withdraw, thus enabling that portion of the line to advance. He did fine work.

5241 Pte. L. A. Townes, 4th Bn., S.A. Infy.

On the 17th October, 1918, during the attack on Le Cateau, when his company was held up in front of uncut enemy wire, he went forward under heavy machine-gun fire and cut a gap large enough to allow his company to pass through. The platoon officer and all N.C.O.'s of his platoon becoming casualties early in the advance, he took charge and led the men most gallantly to their objective. His fine example contributed greatly to the success of the advance.

X/633 Pte. B. Wellensky, 4th Bn., S.A. Infy.

During the advance on 8th October, 1918, towards Maurois his platoon commander and serjeant became casualties, and he took com-

mand of his platoon, which was the leading wave, and led it to final success. His courage was beyond praise, and the leadership he displayed throughout the attack contributed greatly to the success of the operation.

#### EAST AFRICA.

229 Sjt. Chichasi, Northern Rhodesia Police (E. AFRICA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Fusse's Village on 4th/5th October, 1918: This N.C.O. set a fine example to his section under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire at close range, and by encouraging the young Askari was largely instrumental in breaking off the enemy attack.

#### CORRECTIONS.

The following are the correct descriptions of Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men who have been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal:—

120017 Sjt. M. Capstick, 36th Bn., M.G. Corps.

(London Gazette dated 5th December, 1918.)

G/1927 Lt./Cpl. W. Chapman, R.W. Kent R.

(London Gazette dated 20th October, 1916.)

2068 Pte. G. L. Davis, 1/6th Bn., L'pool R., T.F.

(London Gazette dated 14th January, 1916.)

976 Sjt. A. Gregory, 7th Bn., R.W. Kent R.

(London Gazette dated 12th March, 1919.)

G/11160 C./S./M. J. Prooth, 13th Bn., R. Fus.

(London Gazette dated 22nd September, 1916.)

#### SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

5924 Cpl. P. C. Greeff, Sth. Afr. Mtd. Rif.

(London Gazette dated 30th October, 1918.)

#### EAST AFRICAN FORCE.

98 Pte. C. Boardman, N.W. Rly. Vol. Rif., M.G.S. (EAST AFRICA)

(London Gazette dated 3rd October, 1918.)

56 Cpl. C. Lowe, M.G.S. (EAST AFRICA)

(London Gazette dated 3rd October, 1918.)

94 Sjt. A. E. McNevin, N.W. Rly. Vol. Rif., attd. Bharatpur I.S. Infy.

(EAST AFRICA)

(London Gazette dated 28th March, 1918.)

ID/1445 Pte. Masumbuko Bin Nganga, Int. Dept. (EAST AFRICA)

(London Gazette dated 28th March, 1918.)

The announcement of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned, which appeared in the London Gazette of the 4th May, 1917, and the statements of services published in respect of the same in London Gazette dated 26th May 1917, are cancelled:—

1888 Cpl. Hamis Mohonza, E.A. Pol. Serv. Bn.

1941 Sjt. Mahomed Ahmed, E.A. Pol. Serv. Bn.

3444 3/Const. Ndone Nzemba, E.A. Pol. Serv. Bn.

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