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The *British Foreign and Commonwealth Office* take on Africa's Great War.

Brian Tarpey has kindly provided a short overview of *Charles Fitcher Smith of the 25th Royal Fusiliers Legion of Frontiersmen*. It has been added to the other *Personal Histories*. More on the *25th Fusiliers* and the *Legion of Frontiersmen*.

Intelligence galantry awards for East Africa by Harry Fecitt.

The *Royal Marines* were involved in the Battle of Trekkoppies in German South West Africa. Here's a little more about *Trekkoppies* and a bit *more academic*, and locally in Namibia: *overview*, *insignia in the desert*. More digging is required to find out what the Marines did though.

A fascinating *collection of items* including Africa during World War 1, items 21-33

Diary of Battery Quartermaster Sergeant GJ Maker: A Narrative of the Right Section, 5th Mountain Battery, South African Mounted Riflemen. Central African Imperial Service Contingent, Nyasaland, 1915 - 1918. *Part 1*; *Part 2*

Keeping with Nyasaland, there's a 1922 summary of the war by SS Murray in the *Handbook of Nyasaland*.

And interestingly on ebay there was a copy of *Karonga Kronicles* for sale during April. Thanks to Julian from Languages World War 1 for the link.

The 1914-1918 Encyclopedia team are looking for articles on Africa in World War 1 - I spotted [4](#) on the list.

For anyone who wants to revisit the 2015 BBC discussion on Tanzania in World War 1, you can do so *here*. Thanks to Steve Eeles for sending in the link.

Sadly, member *Kenneth Steuer* passed away. He was looking into aspects of American YMCA in East Africa during the war. A few of us had the privilege of meeting Kenneth at the 2016 conference in Stellenbosch. Although Africa isn't mentioned, here is a *forerunner publication*.

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