

MY GRANDFATHERS MEDALS STOLON -

LT. COL. G. E. KENT

NEVILLE WEBSTER.

QUEENS SOUTH AFRICA MEDAL } EGT

KINGS SOUTH AFRICA MEDAL } G. E. KENT

1914-1915 STAR - LT. G. E. KENT S.A.E.C

1914-1920 BRITISH WAR MEDAL

1914-1919 THE VICTORY MEDAL WITH
MONTROSE IN DISPATCHES
OAK LEAF.

Demob'd AS SUBSTANTIVE LT. COLONEL.

ALSO TAKEN = LABOUR CORPS CAP
BADGE

BASS BADGES OF RANK

S.A.E.C TUNIC COLLOR BANNERS

S.A.D.F CAP BADGE

ARMOUR'D TRAIN MEDALLION

SERVICE STRIPES.

December 30, 1921

GERMISTON.

**DEATH OF LIEUT-COLONEL
G. E. KENT.**

A Career of Quick Advances

At the Germiston Hospital yesterday the death occurred at the age of 43 of Lieut.-Col. G. E. Kent after a week's illness. In October, 1914, he joined No. 1 armoured train, "Trafalgar," as lieutenant, S.A.E.C. He served with the armoured train in the rebellion, and in December 1914, proceeded to Luderitzbucht, South-West Africa. On January 27, 1915, he was given command of the armoured train attached to the Heavy Artillery Brigade. When the armoured train returned to the base in March, 1915, he was given command of the advance party on railway construction, and two months later was congratulated by Colonel W. W. Hoy on the progress made, the efficiency of the party in his command and was promoted to the rank of captain. During July, 1915, Captain Kent was appointed adjutant, S.A.E.C., 1st Division, and on the 28th of the same month he was promoted to command the S.A.E.C., 1st Division. Towards the end of August, 1915, he was recalled to the Union to resume duty with the railway, and at the same time took over the duties of commandant of the Railways Defence Rifle Associations in No. 14 Military District. His health had suffered greatly owing to the arduous nature of his duties in the rebellion and South-West Africa. He was also suffering from the effects of a collision between two armoured trains at Bethlehem, O.F.S., and was unfit for the firing line. In October, 1916, he applied for permission to proceed to France with the S.A.N.L.C. His request was granted, and he was appointed company commander with the rank of captain in March, 1917. In June, 1918, he was promoted to the rank of major and in July was posted to the 4th Army, Somme, with which he served until the armistice. In August, 1919, he was gazetted lieutenant-colonel, Army of Occupation. With the reduction and amalgamation of the Labour group in the forward areas, he was specially selected to command one of the two remaining groups. His group consisted of 79 units, including all branches of the British Army. At this time orders had been published that Regular Army officers were only to be retained in the higher commands, but he retained his command until the Labour Corps in France was disbanded. During his service in South-West Africa deceased was mentioned in dispatches by the late Colonel Sir George Farrar. Deceased was an excellent sportsman, and was a first-class swordsman, a dead shot with either rifle or revolver, and a good boxer. He and the late Major Webb were close friends and soldiered together in France. After leaving the army deceased was unfit to follow his former occupation and hired a portion of a farm in the Rustenburg district.
