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WAR OFFICE, June 7, 1904.

THE King has been graciously pleased to signify His intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned Officer, whose claims have been submitted for His Majesty's approval, for conspicuous bravery in Somaliland, as stated against his name:—

Corps.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry	Lieutenant Clement Leslie Smith	<p>At the commencement of the fight at Jidballi, on 10th January 1904, the enemy made a very sudden and determined rush on the 5th Somali Mounted Infantry, from under cover of bushes close at hand. They were supported by rifle fire, advanced very rapidly, and got right amongst our men.</p> <p>Lieutenant Smith, Somali Mounted Infantry, and Lieutenant J. R. Welland, M.D., Royal Army Medical Corps, went out to the aid of Hospital Assistant Rahamat Ali, who was wounded, and endeavoured to bring him out of action on a horse, but the rapidity of the enemy's advance rendered this impossible, and the Hospital Assistant was killed. Lieutenant Smith then did all that any man could do to bring out Doctor Welland, helping him to mount a horse, and, when that was shot, a mule. This also was hit, and Doctor Welland was speared by the enemy. Lieutenant Smith stood by Doctor Welland to the end, and when that Officer was killed, was within a few paces of him, endeavouring to keep off the enemy with his revolver. At that time the Dervishes appeared to be all round him, and it was marvellous that he escaped with his life.</p>