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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE  
ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
22nd June 1971.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and to approve the awards of the George Medal and the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division) and for the publication in the *London Gazette* of the names of those specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Brave Conduct.

*To be an additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for Gallantry:*

John Patrick KILMARTIN, Assistant Chief Inspector of Explosives, Department of Mines, State of Victoria.

A bomb exploded at a Consulate in Hawthorn. Mr. Kilmartin was called in by the police to assist in an investigation. He went to the Consulate the same night and arranged to return the next morning to continue the investigation in daylight. On arrival next morning he was told that a further live bomb had been discovered alongside an oil storage tank. The area was evacuated and Mr. Kilmartin approached the bomb, from which a ticking sound emanated. He eventually made the bomb safe by removing the detonator. Mr. Kilmartin, by an earlier quick inspection, realized the potential danger that existed. With this full knowledge, and completely aware of the possible consequences, he displayed outstanding courage by approaching the bomb and spending some time on his

knees beside it before finally rendering it harmless.

*George Medal*

Edward Henry NURSE, Inspector, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

*British Empire Medal for Gallantry  
(Civil Division)*

John Douglas WILSON, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Hugh SHAW, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

On the evening of 25th May, Inspector Nurse was the Duty Inspector of Springfield Sub-Division at Springfield Road Police Station, Sergeant Wilson and Constable Shaw were also on duty at the same time. A terrorist entered the Police Station by the Police entrance and threw a smoking case full of explosives into the reception hall. The hall at this time had six people in it, including two children. The bomb was instantaneously spotted by Wilson and Shaw who recognising the appalling danger in which everyone stood immediately raised the alarm and started to move the people out of the hall. Inspector Nurse organised the rapid evacuation of everyone present. In the face of great imminent danger he remained in the Reception Hall until he had satisfied himself that everyone was clear. Having got the children away as far as possible he threw himself over them in order to shield them from the blast which caused him numerous lacerations to the back of the legs, body and head. His gallant and selfless act was in the highest traditions of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The prompt and effective actions of Sergeant Wilson and Constable Shaw, with no thought for their own safety, ensured the orderly evacuation of the hall.