

## THE NEW ZEALAND BRAVERY DECORATION (N.Z.B.D.)

### **Warren Gilbert SLOSS** **Constable, New Zealand Police**

Date of action: 12 October 1996

Date of award: 23 October 1999

#### *Citation*

On 12 October 1996, Constable Sloss responded to a call from a woman about the presence of her former boyfriend at her house. After accompanying her there from another address, he followed her inside. The boyfriend appeared from behind a door and attacked the woman with a large knife. Constable Sloss intervened and was himself attacked with the knife. The woman, who had suffered repeated blows from the knife in an attempt to kill her, was able to leave the house to get help, convinced that the Constable was about to be killed. Constable Sloss was then engaged in a fight for his life, being stabbed three times in the back, once in the abdomen, once in the right forearm, and a serious injury to his left hand. However, he succeeded in overpowering and handcuffing the man, before calling for assistance. The Constable's actions saved the life of the intended victim at the cost of his own severe injuries.