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Pictured at his home following the announcement of his OBE is Mr. James Bell with his wife Charlotte and their Red Setter Rust. Mrs. Bell is retiring from her job as matron of Waltham Abbey War Memorial Hospital on the same day as her husband's retirement from ERDE.

OBE for explosives scientist

A WALTHAM Abbey explosives research scientist has been awarded the OBE.

Mr. James Bell, principal scientific officer at the Government's Explosive Research Development Establishment in Waltham Abbey, was awarded the decoration in the Queen's Birthday Honours list—on the eve of his retirement this month.

Mr. Bell has worked at ERDE for nearly 25 years and has lived all that time in Waltham Abbey act 82, Monkwood Avenue.

His wife, Charlotte, is matron at Waltham Abbey War Memorial Hospital and she is retiring on June 28, the same day as her husband.

Mr. Bell hails originally from the Isle of Man and he is planning to retire there.

He has two sons, Peter, who is currently on safari in Africa and Michael, who is in his last year as a medical student at the London Hospital.

During the war Mr. Bell was an officer in the Special Forces serving in the Middle East. He was awarded the Military Cross.

He said he is particularly pleased to receive the OBE

because he feels he has achieved something both in his Army life and civilian life.

"It is," he said "a very pleasant end to my career."