

wounded in the groin and thighs and fell to the ground, unable to move any farther.

Several attempts were then made to rescue Corporal Sukanaivalu but without success owing to heavy fire being encountered on each occasion and further casualties caused.

This gallant N.C.O. then called to his men not to try and get to him as he was in a very exposed position, but they replied that they would never leave him to fall alive into the hands of the enemy.

Realising that his men would not withdraw as long as they could see that he was still alive and knowing that they were themselves all in danger of being killed or captured as long as they remained where they were, Corporal Sukanaivalu, well aware of the consequences, raised himself up in front of the Japanese machine gun and was riddled with bullets.

This brave Fiji soldier, after rescuing two wounded men with the greatest heroism and being gravely wounded himself, deliberately sacrificed his own life because he knew that it was the only way in which the remainder

of his platoon could be induced to retire from a situation in which they must have been annihilated had they not withdrawn.

—
War Office, 2nd November, 1944.

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No. 7354705 Lance-Sergeant David Thomas McKay,
M.M., Royal Army Medical Corps.

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War Office, 2nd November, 1944.

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OF YUGO-SLAVIA.

*The Third Class of the Order of the
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Colonel (local) Stanley William Bailey, O.B.E.
(133406), General List.

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