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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1
25th August 1981

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to award the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver) to the undermentioned:
(To be dated 7th August 1981)

Miss Julia Mary WILSON.

Government House, Suva
25th August 1981

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Fiji Ministers, to approve the award of the Military Medal to the undermentioned:

Private Nemani VALENIYASANA (22574), Fiji Military Forces.

Following frequent firing upon a Fiji checkpoint established in South Lebanon to block infiltration by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (P.L.O.) and its associated Armed Elements (A.E.), a U.N. and A.E. agreement provided for two equal posts of 15 men to be sited there in houses 13 metres apart. Just before midnight on

13th January 1981 the A.E. post having been covertly reinforced by P.L.O. elements, the Fiji post came under intense automatic and rifle fire which damaged the machine gun manned by Private Valeniyasana on the balcony. Private Valeniyasana jumped to the ground and, in spite of automatic fire now directed at him, dismounted a machine gun from a nearby jeep and opened fire on the P.L.O. house. He put out of action two P.L.O. soldiers directing rocket-propelled grenades at the Fiji house, and his covering fire subsequently enabled his compatriots to evacuate the house and move to higher ground. When his platoon in turn gave him covering fire Private Valeniyasana re-joined the unit bringing the machine gun and ammunition. When the P.L.O. left their building following a ceasefire their casualties were understood to include 3 dead.

Private Valeniyasana acted with great coolness and courage. His tactical wisdom and promptness saved his platoon from a potentially disastrous situation without casualties and in good order, and his accurate fire almost certainly accounted for the P.L.O. casualties. This brave and resourceful action by a very junior soldier was an inspiration to his Battalion and a credit to the Royal Fiji Military Forces.

Lance Corporal Uraia VECENADAVUI (21744), Fiji Military Forces.

On 21st December 1980 Lance Corporal Vecenadavui was in charge of three men proceeding in a single jeep to