13 PEOPLE HONOURED

Thirteen Fiji citizens were honoured by the Queen in her 1979 New Year Honours List. Mr. Satya Nand Nandan, Fiji’s Ambassador in Brussels headed the list by being made a Commander of the order of the British Empire.

Made Officers of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) are Mr. James Ah Koy, Mr. Kenneth Albert Stuart, Ratu Livai Volavola and Mr. Tilak Kumar Verma.

The Imperial Service Order (ISO) is awarded to Mr. Uttam Chandra.

Five citizens are made Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE). They are Mr. Mark Israel, Mr. Peter Keith Seeto, Capt. Edward Trevor Strode Withers, Major Otto Johansen and Warrant Officer Varea Solomone Mesulama.

The British Empire Medal (BEM) is awarded to Mr. Epeli Vuki Tavai and Staff Sergeant Konisi Ratuva.

Ratu Livai has devoted many years to civic service, notably with the Suva City Council where he served for 15 years as Councillor.

Capt. Withers is now retired and lives at Malolo-lailai in the Yasawa.

Mr. Verma, 58, has given long, dedicated service to the Government in technical, professional and administrative capacities.

He joined the Service as a Temporary Cadet Surveyor in 1942 and worked his way up the ladder in the same department until he reached the very top when he was appointed Permanent Secretary for Lands and Mineral Resources in September 1974.

MAJOR OTTO JOHSEN, MBE (Military Division)

Major Johansen, 51, enlisted in 1959 and was promoted through the ranks to Major this year.

The whole of his military career spanning a period of 28 years has been served in Headquarters dealing in financial and personnel administration.

He was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1957 and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in 1970.

MR UTTAM CHANDRA, ISO

A Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Chandra, 40, has been a tower of strength in the Public Service Commission since it came into being in 1974. Mr. Chandra was first appointed to the Service in 1957 and has

WARRANT OFFICER VAREA SOLOMONE MESULAMA, MBE (Military Division)

Warrant Officer Mesulama, 43, has a record of loyalty and efficiency over 25 years of service with the Royal Fiji Military

This 201 lb black marlin, king of the deep seas game fish, ended a 10-year quest for the species in Yasawa waters by Captain T. S. Withers. Although a baby of the family, it gave him a scrap of over two hours last week, as he fished from his launch Turaga Levo 18 miles west of Yaqeta. It was taken on a 50lb line with a 80lb Tasma rod and 6/0 Penn reel with a lure of Captain Withers own design.