



THE BOMBAY CITY AMBULANCE CORPS

(FOUNDED 1930)
[Registered under Acts XXI of 1860 and XXIX of 1950]

BRIGADE GAZETTE

GRATIS

No.626

May, 2013

PART - I CORPS ORDER

Efficient Service Certificate 2012 - 2013

No.1 of 2013-14 — The following volunteers of the 'A' division of the corps, having attended 75 per cent of the total number of parades (i.e. 78 parades out of 105) conducted during 2012-13, are awarded the Efficient Service Certificate 2012-13 :-

Lance Corporal Chittaranjan N. Mehta.
Lance Corporal Milkhasing H. Bedi

NOTIFICATIONS

Instructors' Courses

The next Specialist Instructors' Courses in First Aid to the Injured and Home Nursing (July-December 2013 term) in English medium, will be conducted under the aegis of Jamsetji Tata Ambulance College from Sunday, July 7, 2013 for 2 hours in the evening on Mondays and Thursdays in First Aid and on Tuesdays and Fridays in Home Nursing.

Admission is open to teachers, factory supervisors, and approved social workers. Graduates and those with aptitude for teaching are preferred. Enrollment will be at the sole discretion of the Commandant of the College. Those desirous of enrolling in either of the two courses should call in person at the College office between 6 and 8 p.m. from June 1 to 25, 2013.

NEWS

New Year Honours Parade

The New Year Honours Parade of the Volunteers of the Corps was held at the Head Quarters on Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 10-30 hours when the Officer Commanding, Captain Abid B. Khambaty, took the salute and unfurled the Corps flag.

One Day Workshop on First Aid

One day workshop on First Aid to the Injured was conducted on April 4, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for 14 participants volunteers of Chirag a project of Nirmala Niketan College of social Work.

Public Duty

Ambulance Car 12 (MH-01-L-9420) with trained staff and equipments such as First Aid box, extra stretcher, oxygen cylinder etc., was posted at Football Ground for football matches as under :

Sr. No.	Organizer	Date 2013	Time
1.	Catholic Gymkhana	March 1 and 2	6 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
2.	Mumbai District Football Association	March 1, 3, 17, 24 and 31	11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
3.	Soccer School	March 3 and 17 April 3, 7, and 21	8 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

One Day Seminars on CPR

No.	Date 2013	No. of Participants	Participants from
12/S/CPR/38	March 9	31	K11 Fitness Management
12/S/CPR/39	March 30	37	K11 Fitness Management
13/S/CPR/1	April 13	28	K11 Fitness Management
13/S/CPR/2	April 20	31	K11 Fitness Management
13/S/CPR/3	April 27	30	K11 Fitness Management

CORPUS DONATIONS

We have received 1. On 21st March, 2013 Rs.2,500/- from Harjivan Vassonji Charitable Trust and 2. On 28th March, 2013 Rs.10,000/- from The Verma Trust for the prevention of Industrial Accidents and Occupational Diseases as Corpus donations for the earmarked fund for Service Station.

Donations to General Fund

We have received following donations to the General Fund of the Society :

Date 2013	Amount (Rs.)	Donations Received from
March 1	80,500/-	K-11 Fitness Management
March 11	1,00,000/-	Mahalakshmi Temple charities

APPRECIATION

President and Members of the Managing committee of our Society appreciate and place on record debt of gratitude to the Trustees of Mahalakshmi Temple Charities for periodic increase in the Annual donations year to year. It started with a donation of Rs.5,000/- in the year 1983 and this year it has reached to Rs.1,00,000/-, this year.

We welcome and appreciate a donation of Rs.10,000/- from new annual donor Fulchand Manekchand Shah Charitable Trust.

While we thank the above donors we look- forth and we wish other philanthropic trust also extend the helping hand.

Donations to Service Station Fund

We have received following donations to the Service Station Fund of the Society :

Date 2013	Amount (Rs.)	Donations Received from
March 4	7,000/-	Mrs. Hilloo R. Damkevala
March 7	10,000/-	Fulchand Manekchand Shah Ch. Trust
March 9	1,000/-	Mr. Ramchandra Rao Mohan
April 1	3,000/-	Catholic Gymkhana
April 4	1,000/-	Chirag- Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work
April 4	4,400/-	Participants of CPR
April 15	7,500/-	Mumbai District Football Association
April 25	7,000/-	Soccer School of Excellence
April 25	1,000/-	Jitendra Champaklal Vakil (Husband of late Surbala Vakil)

PART II

THE CRY OF SOLFERINO (May 8 International Red Cross day)

June 24, 1859 the first day of the Battle of Solferino is a landmark in the history of the human conscience. It was while accidentally visiting this battle field that Henri Dunant, a Swiss banker, first glimpsed the vision of what is today the greatest humanitarian organization in history the Red Cross.

There are many sensitive men who, when coming face to face with suffering, are so deeply touched that they resolve to do something about it. But once the even tenor of their lives is resumed, they either forget about it or dismiss it as a ghastly memory, Henri Dunant was not one of these; once his soul get on fire he never rested till his idea had been put into practice and he had made the nations of the world realize the inhumanity of war.

It may surprise some that the man who first conceived the idea of the Red Cross was not a philosopher with a prophetic vision but an average, middle-class business man. Henri Dunant, born in Geneva on May 8, 1828, showed no remarkable traits in his youth. He was a banker by profession and was widely traveled in Europe as well as in North Africa. It was on one of his journeys, when he was traveling through Northern Italy, that he chanced to pass the blood stained battle field of Solferino where he came face to face with all the horrors and sufferings of war. Thousands upon thousands of wounded, dying and dead lay there, unattended and uncared for, Dunant ceaselessly strove for three nights and three days bringing whatever comfort he could to these stricken souls.

GREAT PROPAGANDIST

In order to arouse the conscience of the world, Dunant wrote a book called A Recollection of Solferino in which he vividly described all that he had experienced on the battle field. The book created a sensation throughout Europe and Dunant's name became known in every capital. In February, 1863, a "commission" consisting of five members, General Dufour, Dr. Maunor, Dr. Appia, Gustave Moynier and Dunant was formed. These five, who may be called as the originators of the Red Cross, and the adoptor of a uniform emblem.

Dunant was a great propagandist and he knew how to mould public opinion. It was mainly due to him that a resolution discussed at a five man committee in Geneva was transformed into a world movement. He made both militarists as well as pacifists agree to the basic ideas of the Red Cross.

Strangely, the first significant support to him came from Prussia, the most warlike nation of Europe. The idea of the Red Cross appealed most to those who were usually thinking about war. The Russians, who had the best organized army, wanted "civilized" warfare Dunant met King John of Saxony who promised to give him his support, "for surely any nation which does not participate in this humanitarian work will be outlawed by European opinion." He then met Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria who considered it a "splendid idea" Other monarchs of Europe-Napoleon III of France, Queen Isabella of Spain and the British Government agreed to send representatives to the Conference which was to meet at Geneva.

On October 26, 1863, the First International Red Cross Conference was held in Geneva with 62 delegates from 16 nations. A conference was held again on August 8, a year later, to frame the Geneva Convention defining the status and treatment of soldiers who fall in the battle-field. The agenda has been reduced to just one formula by General Dufour who presided. He declared. "We want one thing only-the neutralization of the ambulances and sanitary personnel by the belligerents." On August 22, the first Geneva Convention with the following clauses was signed.

- 1) The wounded or sick of the armed forces shall be sent to hospital and cared for;
- 2) Ambulances and military hospitals shall be safeguarded and respected, as well as their personnel;

- 3) The Red Cross on a white background is adopted as the distinctive emblem.

The Geneva Convention also safeguarded the life and liberties of the local population who brought help to the wounded on the battlefield. By the end of 1868, the convention had been ratified by 22 states.

Very soon after the Conference of 1864, the official representatives of the Red Cross were called upon to put the Geneva Convention into practice when the Prusso-Danish War broke out. At first a "neutral" arriving in the theatre of war aroused much suspicion and hostility on both sides - Danish as well as Prussian - but gradually it disappeared and the Red Cross representatives were allowed to make some headway. Again in 1866, war broke out between Prussia on one side and Austria was not a signatory to the Geneva Convention, so she refused to let a neutral observer enter the battle-field. But Dunant's tact and diplomacy won the day and Austria and her allies signed the Convention. The Red Cross brought its full organizational strength in this war and ably demonstrated its efficiency.

Clara Barton, later founder of the American Red Cross, has given a verdict on the work of the Red Cross; "When I saw the work of the Red Cross in the field, when I saw how, through systematic organization, it accomplished in four months. Without its help we were unable to accomplish in four years-no confusion, but order, abundance, cleanliness and comfort wherever the little flag made its way - a whole continent organizing itself under the Red Cross. When I saw all this, I said to myself; 'if ever I return to my country alive I shall strive to make my people understand the Red Cross.

After 1867 when he became bankrupt, having spent his private wealth on his life's mission, Dunant spent many years in obscurity. In 1890 he settled in the Swiss village of Heiden and it was here that he received the homage of princes and prelates and the reward for his life-work-the Nobel Prize for Peace. Having got used to poverty, he gave away the prize money to philanthropic societies. The great humanitarian died on October 30, 1910, at the age of 82 and was buried in Zurich.

— NAJOO BILIMORIA
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FREE FIRST AID AND AMBULANCE SERVICE STATION SERVICE STATION STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2012 - 2013						
Months	Calls Registered	Removal Services Performed	Service Without Donations	Donations Received		Run of Amb. Car No.12 in K. metres
				Removal Services (Rs.)	Station Fund (Rs.)	
April 2012	27	26	11	4,700-00	25,900-00	232
May 2012	11	16	06	1,550-00	4,400-00	169
June 2012	07	11	03	1,140-00	22,550-00	208
July 2012	18	33	17	5,850-00	31,150-00	370
August 2012	31	53	26	10,100-00	4,000-00	619
September 2012	20	30	16	5,700-00	2,000-00	430
October 2012	17	29	16	3,800-00	1,752-00	330
November 2012	19	29	13	4,650-00	00	1,334
December 2012	11	18	08	4,350-00	14,600-00	354
January 2013	15	25	13	3,900-00	6,936-00	287
February 2013	15	24	13	3,200-00	2,800-00	343
March 2013	16	29	15	5,750-00	18,400-00	410
Total	207	323	157	54,690-00	1,34,488-00	5,086
Total services rendered till March 2013 : 76,710						
April 2013	36	68	35	7,150-00	24900-00	846
Total services rendered till April 2013 : 76,778						

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