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Captain Abid B. Khambaty

B.Sc. (Hons.), Diploma in Ambulance Work, N.K.D.

OFFICER COMMANDING 1993 - 2013

We the officers and Volunteers of The Bombay City Ambulance Corps mourn with profound sorrow the passing away on July 12, 2013 of Captain Abid Badruddin Khambaty, our Officer Commanding and Honorary Joint Secretary.

In him we have lost a social worker, friend, Philosopher, Guide and Educationist.

Bombay City Ambulance Corps was his one of the main interest in his life. He was available any time anywhere for any work of the Corps. He joined the Corps in 1947. He left the Corps for Ethiopia in 1953. After returning from Ethiopia he rejoined the Corps in 1976.

He has put in hard work to evict errant ambulance driver of the Service Station. As it was a court case he had to do lot of sacrifices.

He left behind not only the Corps but his wife, son, and daughter and grandchildren.

We the officers and Volunteers of the Corps pledge on this solemn occasion to serve the Corps to the best of our abilities.

We pray to the Almighty to bestow eternal peace on the departed worthy. We convey our sincere condolences to his bereaved family.

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Another End of an Era of B.C.A.C.

With profound grief and sorrow we record the sad news of the passing away of Captain Abid Badruddin Khambaty at 12.30 noon on Friday, 12th July 2013. The Bombay City Ambulance Corps was plunged into gloom on the receipt of the very sad news. Captain Khambaty Saheb is NO MORE. He has left for his heavenly abode, at an age of 84.

Just before leaving at 12.00 he called up Ambulance Driver and took assessment of working of our Free First Aid and Ambulance Service Station. It was not possible for us to accept the news of the demise.

On July 8th he inaugurated Specialist Instructor's Course in First Aid and conducted an Orientation Lecture. We could not imagine that this is going to be his last lecture.

Captain Khambaty joined the corps as a recruit in 1947. He successfully completed Five years Courses and was awarded "Diploma in Ambulance Work" in 1951.

In September 1952 He left India to take up a post of lecturer in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and he had to resign from the Corps. He was later appointed as Head of the Department of Chemistry, College of Engineering, under the Ministry of Education of Imperial Ethiopian Government at Addis Ababa. His work at the college for about 20 years was highly commended by the erstwhile Government of Ethiopia and in recognition of the social services rendered by him the title of "N.K.D." was bestowed upon him.

With change in the Government at Ethiopia, Captain Khambaty was offered the Ethiopian nationality and continued Government service, but he refused to disown the Indian Nationality. He returned to Mumbai and joined family business Moyce Brothers, Precision Engineering Works and Babson's Paper Box Factory.

He showed keen interest in the work of the Corps and has taken part in two public demonstrations of June 2, 1975 and January 4, 1976. He was guest lecturer and rendered valuable service in training the N.C.O.s and privates at the 24th N.C.O.s training camp. He rejoined the Corps with a rank of Lieutenant as an Officer on Special Duty (Training) on 15th August 1976.

Later he was appointed as Divisional Commander and promoted to the rank of Captain in 1993. He was elected as Officer Commanding at the Ordinary General Meeting of the Society. He was appointed as Honorary Joint Secretary of the Society on 28th August 1997. He was Honorary Officer Commanding and Honorary Joint Secretary till he breathed his last.

Farewell Captain Khambaty our well-wisher, our Hero Another era (after Major Batuk H. Mehta) has ended, for us at B.C.A.C.

May his noble soul rest in eternal peace.

Final Salute to Captain Abid Khambaty

Yes, an unsung Hero, of our Corps; BCAC; is no more. It was midday of Friday (Jumo of sacred Ramzan) which he rightly and did choose as apt one to depart; was 12th July 2013.

His relations with BCAC surely of several decades since early fifties always remained of a devotee volunteer, setting illustrious example for all concerned.

May the 'Almighty Allah' bestow a reserved space in His stardom for Abidbhai, a place to perch and guide BCAC from Above, to stay in peace.

Khuda Hafiz

— Mr. Dinesh Majmudar, Secretary

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