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6 Oct 95

MINUTES OF UNAMIR RELIGIOUS TEACHERS  
MONTHLY CONFERENCE HELD ON 27TH SEP 95  
AT HQ NICOY OPS ROOM NYUNDO

PRESENT

Capt	AG	Tudu	Nicoy Imam	Co-ordinator
Lt(Rev Fr) D	Bangsiibu	Ghancoy Chap	Member	
Lt(Rev) JG	Dodo	Nicoy Chap Prot	"	
WOII	Nuruddin Quaye	Ghancoy Imam	"	
Lt(Rev Fr) AO	Ozoani	Nicoy Chap (RC)	Sec	

ABSENT

AK DN Marthane  
L/HAV Harban Singh

OPENING ADDRESS

1. After the courtesy call on the Nicoy Comd Lt Col SA Katung, the co-ordinator Capt AG Tudu welcomed participants to the conference. He paid tribute to the originator of this conference Major (Rev) Hopper - AUSMED chaplain whose undaunted effort resulted to the continuous existence of the conference even after his departure. The present co-ordinator, Capt AG Tudu pledge to maintain the enviable standard Maj Hopper has set. The aim of this conference was reiterated by the co-ordinator. It is to bring together religious teachers of various Contingents to discuss their common problems and possible solution to them. It is also a forum to share ideas and promote brotherhood and love among follower of different faith from different countries. This conference depicts religious tolerance and harmony in action. He observed that discipline is the bed - rock of the military world wide. Discipline, he said, is of two types - internal or self discipline and external or imposed discipline. The former is the best and ever lasting than the latter and can only be acquired through moral and religious teachings. Therefore the importance of Priests and religious teachers

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in the Armed Forces and their participation in foreign mission like peace-keeping cannot be over emphasised. He encouraged all the participants who may find themselves in another peace-keeping else where to try and organise conference of this kind.

**ACTION****ITEM 1: BRIEF FROM PARTICIPANTS**

2. Nicoy Chaplain(Prot) Lt (Rev) JG Dodo explained that due to the down sizing of UNAMIR troops the attendance at church services has been considerably poor. The extreme utilization of the limited personnel leave the troops with little or no time for Church services. He recorded an average of 35 (thirty five) attendants in his Church during Sunday services. In addition to the Sunday services, they conduct evening prayers on Mondays and Fridays from 1900 - 2100 hrs. Choir practice on Wednesday and Sundays. To strengthen the relationship with the locals, he exchanges visits with the Pastor of Nyundo. He regretted the language barrier that exists between them. This makes it necessary for him to always seek the services of an interpreter to enhance communication. During the month under review his Church presented some essential commodities as gift to the locals Church through their Pastor. He announced that there will be a special Church service on Sunday October 1st 1995 to mark the 35th Independence Anniversary of Nigeria.

Nicoy Chap  
(Prot)

3. Ghancoy Chaplain Lt (Rev Fr) David Bangsiibu in his brief, explained that since they have no Protestant Chaplain in the mission in Rwanda presently, they always have joint services for both Catholics and protestants led by him. There is always a monthly non-denominational religious parade for both Christian and Muslims. During this parade, a topic is chosen for discussion among the followers of these two religions. He gave an example of a topic such as "SALVATION". A Muslim would present an islamic point of view, after a Christian would also present the Christian view on same topic. He mentioned the existence of Ghancoy Choir and Ghancoy Melody group. The muslims presently lack a place of worship, though the authority is making effort to provide a Mosque for them. Finally he said there is good relationship between him and the locals.

Ghancoy  
Chaplain

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4. Ghancoy Imam. WOII Nuruddin A Quaye said although Chaplain Lt David Bangsiibu had almost covered all the issues, since they work hand in hand, that he would like to add few points. He mentioned that during the Friday prayer he delivered the Khutbat (sermon) in Arabic as is the convention. However, he always translates the sermon in English and take some question from the congregation. They have lessons after Isha (night) prayers where he would give an Aya (verse) from the Qur'an for discussion.

**ACTION**

GHANCOY  
IMAM

5. Nicoy Imam. Capt AG Tudu, the co-ordinator presented his brief. He pointed out the cordial working relationship that exists between him and the Nicoy Chaplains. He explained that the Muslim perform their normal five times daily prayers and Friday prayer led by him. He organised lessons for Muslims between Maghrib and Isha prayer. He said he visited the Muslim communities in Gisenyi on Friday 22nd Sep 95. He met the Imam and some Muslim brothers at the new site for their Mosque. The Imam welcomed him and requested Nicoy Muslims to respond favourably to the Mosque appeal fund. Nicoy Imam however promised to convey their message to the Nicoy Muslim Community for possible contribution to the Mosque appeal fund. The contribution has commenced and Mosque committee is to take charge of the fund.

NICOY  
IMAM

6. Nicoy Chaplain(RC) Lt (Rev Fr) A Ozoani began his brief mentioning initial problem of place of worship. He explained that this was solved when he met the Bishop of Nyundo who gave him a chapel for his Parishioners. Since greater population of the country are Catholics, the Chapel is always filled with the locals who join the Nicoy Catholics for masses on Sundays. The Chaplain often pay visits to the Bishop. There is choir practices on Sundays. Nicoy Chap(RC) during masses English and Kinyarwanda songs are rendered by the Contingent choir and the local Parishioners respectively. Within the month under review, the Chaplain ran out of Altar Wine and bread and appealed to the Contingent Commander for fund. who responded positively.

NICOY  
CHAP  
(RC)

**ITEM 2: GENERAL MATTERS**

7. The Nicoy Chaplain(RC) Lt Ozoani encouraged all Chaplain and Imams to maintain the rapport that has been established with the locals and their religious



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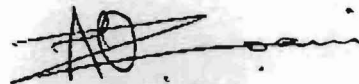
authorities. This according to him, would go a long way in bringing them closer to us and using the opportunity to instil the virtue of forgiveness, brother hood and peaceful co-existence in their mind and hearts. The conference totally agreed with him. Chaplain Lt Ozoani also suggested that the religious teachers should always inform their OPS Offrs of any religious activities, for it to be reflected in the daily SITREP. The Ghancoy Chaplain Lt Bangsiibu said that had been the practice with their Contingent.

**ACTION**

All  
Chaps/  
Imams

**ITEM 3: CLOSING REMARKS**

8. The co-ordinator thanked all the participants once more for their attendance. He regretted the absence of the priests from the Force Engineer Company, NK DN Marthane and L/HAV Harban Singh. He urged participants to Co-ord endeavour to be punctual for conference. The Co-ordinator prayed for their safe return to their various Sectors. The next conference date and venue was announced by the Co-ordinator. This is to be held on 31th Oct 95 at Sector 2 Kibungo Ghancoy HQ. The conference ended at 1220 hrs.



AO OZOANI  
Lt (Rev Fr)  
Sec

**Distribution:****External:****Action:**

GHANCOY (Attn: Lt (Rev Fr) D Bangsiibu and WOII N Quaye)  
HQ Force Engr Coy (Attn: NK DN Marthane and L/HAV Harban Singh)

**Internal:****Action:****NICOY**

(Attn: Capt AG Tudu, Lt JG Dodo and Lt (Rev Fr) A Ozoani)

**Internal:****Information:**

DCOS (SP)

UNAMIR HQ

G3 OPS

**Internal:****information:**

Nicoy Comd

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : SDO (UNAMIR OPS)  
MILOB GP HQ

GH3/IND COY/071/1/A

FROM : GHANCOY 2 *WCH*

DATE : 22 SEP 95

SUBJECT : BRIEFING NOTES - OC GHANCOY 2

1. Attached herewith please find notes of brief delivered by Officer Commanding to DCOS Ops during his familiarisation tour of the Coy on 21 Sep 95.
2. Submitted as requested.

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SEND TO MAJ ABARA  
25/9 MB*

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BRIEF FOR DCOS (OPS) BY OC GHANCOY 2  
ON 21 SEP 95

GENERAL

1. With the downsizing and re-organisation of UNAMIR, Ghancoy 2 was detached from Ghanbatt and tasked to provide security for the International Tribunal for Rwanda in Kigali. Consequently, this Coy deployed on 9 Sep 95.

SCOPE

2. My brief will cover:
- a. Operational Matters.
  - b. Administrative Matters.
  - c. Logistics Matters.
  - d. Conclusion.

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

3. Coy's Primary Task. Ghancoy 2 was formed to provide full protection for the International Tribunal for Rwanda as follows:
- a. Providing security for the Tribunal premises.
  - b. Escorting investigation teams around the country.
  - c. Providing close protection for Tribunal VIPs.
4. Coy's Current Task. As the Tribunal is not fully operative at the moment, we find ourselves performing more static duties like:
- a. Providing security for personnel and premises of UN agencies.
  - b. Providing security for UNAMIR personnel and property.
  - c. Assisting humanitarian agencies in their ops.
5. Coy Organisation. Ghancoy 2 has a total strength of 150 all ranks, organised as follows:
- a. Coy HQ.
  - b. 3 Rifle Platoons.
  - c. Ghanbatt Band/Corp of Drums (Pl Str).
  - d. Combat Support Platoon.

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6. Deployment. We are deployed as fols:
- |    |                       |   |                           |
|----|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| a. | Transit Camp Annex    | - | 2 x Sects                 |
| b. | Brown and Root HQ     | - | 1 x Sect                  |
| c. | UNICEF/Chez Lando     | - | 1 Pl + Coy HQ             |
| d. | Magerwa               | - | 1 x Sect                  |
| e. | Water/POL Point       | - | 2 x Sects                 |
| f. | Transit Camp          | - | Coy Admin HQ              |
| g. | Ghanbatt Transit Camp | - | 1 Pl (Band/Corp of Drums) |
7. Own Activities. Since we arrived on 9 Sep 95 we have been performing day and night guard duties at the various duty posts. We also patrol the perimeters of our camps at night. We transported relief supplies to Rukara on 14 Sep 95 and Byumba on 20 Sep 95. We also escorted supply veh convoys to Kibungo, Gitarama and Byumba.
8. Incidents. There were two instances of theft cases during the period. One took place at Magerwa on 12 Sep 95 where a Brown and Root worker stole some parts of a UN veh and he was arrested. The other one also involved a Brown and Root worker who also stole a heavy duty truck jack at UN Transit Camp and was arrested. Both thieves were handed over to UN Mil Police.
9. Information on Factions. We have not had cause to interact with any of the factions. There was only on one occasion that RPA mounted a snap road block in front of our gate at the Coy HQ one night but we operated independently until day break.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS MATTERS

10. Communication. We have 10 hand-held Motorola sets, on channel 8 linking all duty points and locations. We also have a Plessey set linking us to Ghanbatt HQ (Kibungo). For troops welfare, we have access to the Rear Link facility at Kibungo. We are also on the UNAMIR telephone exchange.
11. Accommodation. Accommodation at three of our duty points are not adequate. Efforts to get them improved did not yield much result. However, the Force Engr Offr has promised to work on them.



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12. Transport. Now the Coy has three pick-up, one chevolette and two TCVs but more would be needed in the near future for escort duties, as the tribunal will take off soon. We will soon put in demand four wheeled armoured vehs like the "Mamba" for long distance escorts.
13. Medical. We have a Medical Officer attached to the Coy but attempts to establish a CAP are proving difficult, however, we hope the FEO will expedite action on this subject as it is one of the problems presented to him.
14. Ration/Water. There is no problem with ration and water.
15. Religious Matters. The Chaplain has drawn a programme on which we will be having a number of Padre's hours, Church Services and Church Parades. In his absence however, we organised our own Church Service every Sunday. Muslims also go to a Mosque near the UN Transit Camp.
16. Durbars. We held our first durbar on Sun 10 Sep 95. Troops reaction was encouraging.
17. Discipline. Standards are very high.
18. PX. We operate a PX system where small items like cigarettes and soft drinks are sold to prevent troops from going to buy by the road side.
19. Pay and Allowances. No problems.
20. Recreation. We have games equipment like Table Tennis sets, Basketball, Football and indoor games like draught, cards, scrabble monopoly and ludo.
21. Leave/Passes. We have drawn a programme for troops to take three days off duty in turns once in every month. The programme takes off on Mon 25 Sep 95.
22. Mails. We receive mails regularly and we also encourage troops to write back home. Just yesterday, we took delivery of Airletter cards and distributed to troops.

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CONCLUSION

23. Though we are faced with a lot of admin problems, troops are doing their best to settle down and get things done professionally.

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