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CAMPUS BULLETIN

The turbulent seventies have bid adieu; only a bunch of memories about them remain! New hopes, fresh visions and inevitable changes are ushered in with the advent of a new decade. The country awoke from its wintry bed to welcome the change and the new order of things at the Centre. The forlorn RIMC campus too bursts with life and vitality after a spell of silent slumbering during the winter break. Its 'natives' have returned, and life has begun afresh with new determination and dedication. The college family has come full circle as the new cadets arrived on 23rd January. Every sphere of campus life has put on the mantle of competitive spirit creating an ideal climate for sound minds and sound bodies.

NEWS IN BRIEF

20 Jan.

The college reopened after the winter break.

"Pack up Your Troubles", a very amusing and absorbing film of Laurel and Hardy, was screened in the College Convocation Hall.

21 Jan.

The Commandant leaves for NDA & Army Head Quarters on an official visit.

23 Jan.

The "new arrivals" in the college family—twenty one of them, along with their parents, were given a warm welcome by the Vice Principal. The parents had lunch with the cadets in the Cadets' Mess and the college film was screened for them. Later in the day they witnessed the Mugger Match played between Class I vs Class I A. It was followed by tea and refreshment and thereafter by 5. p.m. the parents left.

25 Jan.

SSC results were announced by the Vice Principal. He congratulated all those who brought credit for themselves and for the college. There are twelve first divisions and eight second divisions this time.

26 Jan.

The Commandant returns after the official visit to the NDA and Army Head Quarters, New Delhi.

Republic Day celebrations began with the flag hoisting ceremony at 9.30 a.m. The Vice Principal, who addressed the gathering, pointed out the significance of the auspicious day 26 January and called upon all present to be worthy of the freedom we so richly enjoy in this country. Sweets were distributed to the class IV employees. At the special meeting held in the College Convocation Hall Cadets Sandeep Pal Singh and Suyash Sharma spoke on 'Republic Day', Cadet N.N. Sharma delivered a speech on 'Achievements of India after Independence'. The recital of patriotic poems added colour to the occasion. Mr. O.N. Chacko spoke on "India and Her Neighbours". In his concluding speech the Commandant highlighted the importance of being a democratic, sovereign republic. The freedom we have in this country, he reminded, is enviable; and the system of government we have adopted, he added, is the best for a country with rich cultural heritage.

31st Jan.

Was declared a holiday on account of Id-e-Milad



3rd Feb.

"A movie, "Warship", was screened in the Convocation Hall

10th Feb.

"Sons of the Desert," a hilarious comic film screened in the Convocation Hall provided much fun and laughter for the college family.

MORNING CENTRAL ASSEMBLY

Morning Assembly, which remains to be the moral and spiritual nerve centre of the college, was held twelve times during the last twenty five days. On Mondays members of the staff spoke on various topics, while on Wednesdays and Fridays the Cadets took the opportunity to speak on a variety of subjects they selected. The Assembly Quiz introduced by the Commandant has become a regular item and it provides plenty of scope for intellectual stimulation and thinking.

As the new Cadets were arriving on 23rd January the Vice-Principal reminded the senior cadets to become responsible brothers to their junior ones. He exhorted them to establish healthy and meaningful relationships with their junior cadets.

"The Spirit of Adventure", was a well presented speech on a very admired quality. Captain SP Davray won appreciation from the Commandant for the efforts he had put in to speak in a simple and systematic style. "Satayam, Shivam, Sundaram," the speech in Hindi was another highlight of the second week of February. Mr. SP Bhatia spoke about these concepts with confidence and simplicity of style. Mr. R.C. Chaturvedi spoke on one's responsibility with quotations from Gita and illustrations from the epics, and the Commandant took the opportunity of emphasizing the relevance of the contents of the message delivered by Mr. Chaturvedi.

The following speeches deserve special mention in these columns. "Fighting in Animals" by Cadet U. Tiwari, "No Gas, No Life" by Cadet Vijayakrishna, "Superstitions" by Cadet N. Bhaumik and "Day of the Dark Sun" by Cadet S.K. Jha. They provided humour and wit; they displayed rhetoric and their skill in speech and delivery. The current topics and subjects of academic interest are enriching the Morning Assembly Sessions and this is a platform where everyone learns outside the four walls of the class room, the teachers and the taught. Perhaps, this is the only class where the Masters listen and learn from their students.

APPOINTMENTS

The Commandant is pleased to make the following appointments for the first term, 1980 :-

Cadet Captain : BV Ramana

Cadet Adjutant : Surdip Chand

Section Commaders :-

- (1) GRS Reddy (P)
- (2) Adhir Arora (R)
- (3) YS Meitei (S)
- (4) Chandan Gupta (C)

CADET NCOs

<u>Pratap</u>	<u>Shivaji</u>	<u>Ranjit</u>	<u>Chandragupta</u>
P Pattanath	MB Singh	NN Sharma	Palvinder Singh
RD Sharma	PK Kumaria	S Chakraborty	PK Mitra
JPR Ismail	KS Sudhakar	AJS Virk	RPM Panghal
BS Mehra	S Kamboj	SK Badoh	

INTER-SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP, 1979

The following are the results of Inter-Section Championship 1979.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Sports</u>	<u>O L Q</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Position</u>
Pratap	26.41	53.06	28.00	107.47	I
Ranjit	24.65	15.65	23.50	63.80	III
Shivaji	29.93	5.44	22.00	57.37	IV
Chandragupta	19.01	25.85	26.50	71.36	II

SPORTS ARENA

The flames have been lit again. The spirit of healthy competition prevails everywhere. The cadets continue to strive for greater heights and better records and perfection in the Sports arena.

The following events are worth mentioning in these columns. Class V fought to the end in an exciting limited over Cricket encounter with class VA—but only to be defeated. It was on 31st January. On 3rd February the College XI lost to Institute of Drilling in a friendly cricket match.

Hockey match played between College XI vs Staff XI went in favour of the Cadets' Team. It was the opening match of the season. The boys defeated their elders by 2-1.

Tennis is in full swing, the ladder matches have just been completed. Cadet Vivek Sood has emerged on top of the ladder among cadets.

Mugger Match on Thursdays continues to attract outside teams. A friendly match was played between RIMC team vs 9, Dogra Regiment. The home team won the match. The match played on 14th February between Staff vs Class IV cadets was an excellent one where the boys overpowered their masters by 13-5. They won due appreciation from the Commandant for the skill and spirit they displayed. The match was witnessed by the Sub-Area Commander and his wife.

MAIL BAG

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AJC BOSE ROAD
Calcutta-22
30 Dec 79

Dear Sir,

How are you? I am fine here and so are all the cadets of the 62 NDA. RIMC chaps have made a big name in their course. We all really did well last term as a group and it really splashed the headlines.

It is good to know that all the temporarily medically rejected cadets have cleared their remedical examination and will be joining the wing soon, thanks to you, Sir.

Your visit was another bright moment of our stay at the wing. We had actually prepared plans to have a big Rimcollian get-together at the cafe, but I guess, time did not permit.

We did have two socials during the term. All attended including the two Rimcollian officers in the wing, and their wives.

The College must be really quiet now with no mischief mongers around.

In the wing, all senior appointments during the term were held by Rimcollians. It was grand to have one of us wielding authority over the rest.

Our vacation this time have been cut short by a week. Sad, but it can't be helped. One thing that strikes our minds is that while at RIMC after 20 days of holidays, we used to think of going back. But now one wants to have more and more of holidays. Next term I guess, will be having a solid Reunion on 13 March at NDA. It's good to have so many seniors and juniors all moving together. We were very sorry to hear about the sad demise of Mrs Singhal. God knows why, but in the wing we all felt that bad luck had overtaken the College last term.

Sir, what about results of the championship? Royal Shivaji must have paved the way for others.

Quite a few Rimcols have passed out this term. So College will be flooded next term. There was some problem concerning our Class X certificates not reaching Army HQ. Please send all our Class X certificates to AHQ.

Sir, one promise has not been fulfilled. That is sending our Passing Out photographs May '79. Please send them individually by VPP to us in NDA or home. We would be very grateful because I don't think any of us have got a class photograph of all the old comrades who went through hell and heaven together. We would appreciate it very much.

Thanking you. Best wishes for the New Year and may 1980 be a fruitful hunting ground for all Rimcollians. Brass Hats 62 Course. Love to all.

—Anil Jagtiani.
(62 NDA Course)

VISITS

1. Maj Gen Mohan Lal, Head Quarters, U.P. area visited RIMC on 21st December.
2. Maj Gen YR Dani HQ Central Command visited RIMC on 12 January.
3. Mr. H. Catchpole, former Principal, RIMC, visited us on 18-1-80. He had tea with the Commandant at his residence. We were happy to have such a distinguished visitor who served this Institution so well in the years past.

RIMCOLLIANS

Our heartiest congratulations to the following :—

- (i) Brig. K.S. Kohli, on his being selected to attend the National Defence College, Delhi
- (ii) Col. Y.K. Yadav, on his promotion to a Brigadier
- (iii) Maj. P. Barua (Ex-Adm Officer) on his promotion to a Lt Col

We are grateful to the following for having visited RIMC

- (i) Maj and Mrs G. Sood
- (ii) Maj and Mrs A.K. Sethi
- (iii) Maj and Mrs A.S. Bedi

AH ! SMILE A WHILE !

An old woman in London was having difficulty boarding a bus. The conductor, a Sikh wearing a snow-white turban helped her aboard and showed her to a vacant seat. All the while the old lady kept staring at his turban.

A few stops later, when the woman wanted to alight, the conductor once again came to her assistance. Before the bus moved off the woman thanked him and added sympathetically, "I hope your head gets better soon"

Thought for the Fortnight

"The defect of equality is that we desire it only with superiors"
—Henry Becque

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“Their fate and fame shall be an echo and a light unto eternity”

LT GEN P.S. BHAGAT

Lt Gen Premindra Singh Bhagat, popularly known as Prem Bhagat, recipient of the Victoria Cross and PVSM, was an ardent Rimcollian and one of the most illustrious and distinguished old boys of the College. He made an outstanding military career and rendered distinguished service of the most exceptional order. The saga of his glory and fame is everlasting and is written in golden letters in the history of India.



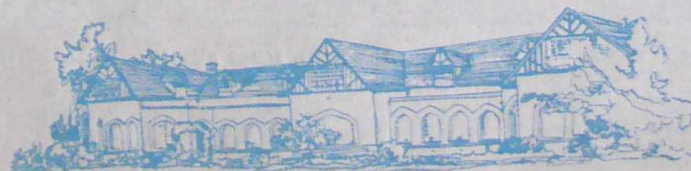
Gen Bhagat was born on 14th October 1918. He joined the RIMC in the January Term 1930 and was placed in the Rawlinson Section (Pratap) and was a section appointment when he left in 1936 to join IMA. There he was known for his courage of conviction, and he is said to have replied, when told that the privilege of wearing the cap at an angle was only that of the Prince of Wales, “I am no less than him”.

Gen Bhagat was awarded the first Victoria Cross ever to be given to an Indian Officer for “most conspicuous gallantry on active service in the Middle East”. He was selected to attend the Staff College, Cambarlay in 1946 where he impressed both staff and students with his bold approach and direct methods. From 1949 to 52 he was the Commandant of Bombay Sappers at Poona. After commanding a brigade for two years he served at the Army Head Quarters from 1959 to 62. In 1970-72 he took over the charge of Central Command, Lucknow and here he was awarded PVSM for saving Lucknow from the rage of river Gomti. In 1972-73 he headed the Indian team during the Indo-Pak delineation talks and on his retirement in 1974 he took over as Chairman of the Damodar Valley Corporation, the last appointment of his life until he passed away on 23rd May 1975.

Lt. Gen. P.S. Bhagat, PVSM, VC.

Gen Bhagat had an immense love for the RIMC and he made every effort to make his beloved College a more beautiful place by helping to rebuild the pavillion, to raise the war memorial and to construct many new roads in the campus. Whenever he visited the college he found pleasure in meeting the cadets and mingling with them. Throughout his distinguished career Gen Bhagat commanded respect and awe of his men, inspired confidence in his officers and remained loyal and devoted to his seniors.

It is fitting and proper that we honour Prem Bhagat by installing his bust at RIMC. It is not just a memorial in bronze, but a solemn reminder of the excellent and best in Indian history. The greater and more memorable part of Prem Bhagat remains with us and around us, like the air we breathe, saturating us with inspiration and pride.



MAJOR SOMNATH SHARMA

Born in 1923 in Jammu as the second son of Maj Gen AN Sharma, IMS. Maj Somnath Sharma had his early schooling at Mussoorie, Shillong and Nainital.

He entered the portals of this College on 31st July, 1934 and was placed in Rawlinson (Pratap) Section. He passed out in May 1941 and joined IMA and was commissioned into 849 Hyderabad Regiment, now 4th Kumaon. Mr. J.G. Scott, the then Principal of RIMC, had this to say about Cadet Somnath, "He made himself a real leader and a most efficient and trustworthy Cadet Officer". His Section Master views him as "a very good cadet who is loyal reliable, and careful".

Maj Somnath Sharma saw operational service in the World War II in Malaya and Burma. During disturbances in August and September he did a commendable job, and when hostilities broke out in Kashmir in 1947 he was placed in-charge of the defence of the Srinagar airfield. After two days of hardwork he organised the defence of the area and established his headquarters at the top of a hill in Badgaum village. On 3rd November 1947 his company sustained heavy casualties and he laid down his life at the altar of the nation while exposing himself to heavy and accurate enemy fire. For this great act of bravery he was very justly awarded the highest gallantry award of the nation—Param Vir Chakra, posthumously.

Maj Somnath Sharma got killed in action at the age of twenty five some thirty two years ago but the memory of his heroic deeds, dauntless courage and indomitable will and determination will continue to inspire and challenge many generations of cadets and officers. The bust of Somnath Sharma that is unveiled will be a constant source of inspiration and motivation to all who enter the four walls of RIMC. He is remembered with great respect and reverence not only by his Alma Mater but also by the entire nation.

"Some love to live, some live to love
But very few love to die to keep others alive."

OLD BOYS CORNER

REUNION 1979

Forty-nine Rimcollians attended the 1979 Reunion. They, old and young, came from far and near, in the true Rimcollian spirit, to re-live their past for a day or two, and to renew the bond of respect and reverence with their Alma Mater. There were a few familiar faces, but many who had not come for years graced the occasion.

HOCKEY MATCH



Old Boys and Cadets with Mrs. Mohini Bhagat



Maj. Somnath Sharma, PVC.

The Hockey Match on March 12 between the Old boys and the College XI was exciting and thrilling. The youngsters were able to steal a march on the elders by winning the match.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY



Air Commodore N.P. Nair paying homage to the martyrs

The day's activities came to a close with the finals of Inter-Section Boxing in the Convocation Hall. It was witnessed by the old boys and many other distinguished guests from the station.

The celebrations of 13 March began with the solemn ceremony of wreath laying at the War Memorial by the senior-most Rimcollian Air Commodore NP Nair (Retd.). The whole college paid tribute to the memory of the RIMC martyrs whose valiant deeds are constant reminders of their sacrifice and love for the country. It was followed by an excellent gymnastic show put up by the cadets.

The traditional Cricket Match played between the Old boys and the College Cricket XI went in favour of the elders and Mrs. Mohini Bhagat gave away the Trophy to Brig Kohli, the Captain of the Old boys team. Then followed the delicious lunch at the Cadets Mess.

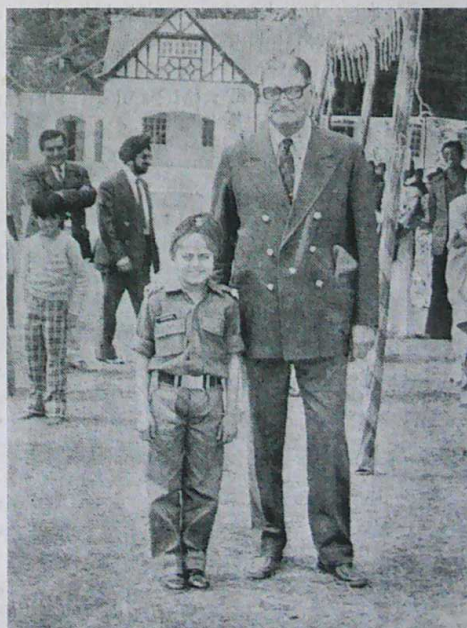
In the evening old boys and their wives went round the various exhibitions put up by the hobby clubs. A number of exhibits from the archives section caught the fancy of the old boys

and many were delighted, and some felt shy, to read what their teachers had written about them in the old dossiers on display.

The Commandant in his address to the old boys enumerated the achievements of the college and made mention of the new and additional measures adopted to improve the results. The One-Act Play, "Refund", staged by the cadets provided plenty of laughter for the old boys.

THE LONG & SHORT OF REUNION 1979

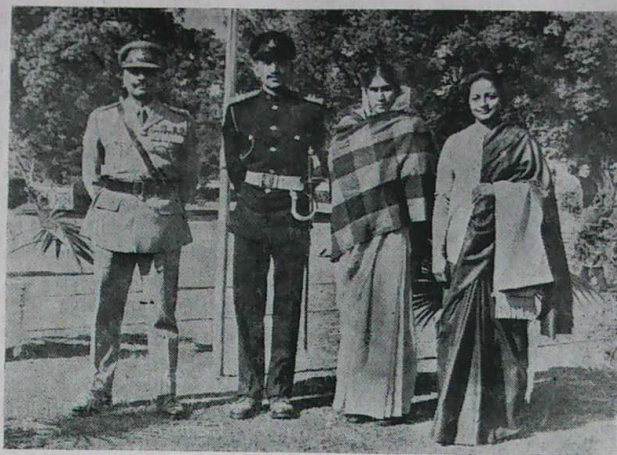
Though the Rimcollians ate a 'dry' dinner the spicy jokes of Air Commodore Nair made the occasion merrier and memorable. On March 14, the Rimcollians held their Annual General Body Meeting. Lt Gen K Surendra Singh PVSM, AVSM, MC and Lt. Col' B.B. Parida were unanimously elected as President and Hon Secretary respectively. The outgoing President and Hon Secretary Maj Gen SC Sinha and Lt Col. KS Khurana were profusely thanked for their excellent services. Thus came to a close the 1979 Reunion, looking forward to 1980.



Ex-Cadet Brig A.K. Kochhar with Cadet Jasbir Singh

A ROSY RIMCOLLIAN—GC BUO JS GILL

(Winner of Sword of Honour—Best All Round Cadet, and Gold Medal, First in Order of Merit Dec 79, IMA).



A proud mother with her illustrious son flanked by the Commandant and his wife

Jitendra Singh Gill, born on 15th January 1959 was admitted to RIMC on 1 Feb 1971. He passed out in December 1975. He was an ace sportsman and had an excellent and outstanding record in academics. He belonged to the Chandra Gupta Section.

GOC-IN-C CENTRAL COMMAND VISITS RIMC

Lt Gen Ram Dharam Das Hira, PVSM, MVC, GOC-in-Chief, Central Command paid an official visit to RIMC on 4th March 1980. The Commandant thanked the Army Commander most profusely for his visit and expressed the sentiments of the college family for his patronage to RIMC. He was presented with the college memento and the Army Commander thankfully acknowledged the gesture. He gave a very inspiring speech and the cadets and other members of the staff were greatly impressed by it. In his address he mentioned how once he himself wanted to enter the portals of RIMC but his age overshoot his aspirations just by two months. However, he got commissioned in the Indian Army soon after. He fully shared and appreciated the views of the Commandant that the strength of RIMC should be raised to three hundred cadets and assured a sympathetic consideration to the proposal. Such a step will be a boon to the future of the institution and the country, he added. He eulogised the rich traditions and standards of RIMC and was all praise for the good work being done by the RIMC.



Signing the Visitors' book in Commandant's Office

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CAMPUS BULLETIN

Due to the fast approaching Founder's Day Celebrations the last two fortnights have been a period of hectic activity in the campus. The Spring had spread out its floral carpets to welcome the old boys, and they still adorn the place. The budding trees and blooming flowers clothe the college campus in an apparel of beauty and splendour. After the eventful weeks of merriment and excitement the cadets are concentrating their time and talents on serious study. The mid-term examinations are on and the mid-term hikes are round the corner. The junior cadets evidently display their great excitement over going on hikes. The senior cadets of classes IVA to VA who remain behind will work hard to win the SSE, SSCE and NDA hurdles race in May and June.

NEWS IN BRIEF

16th Feb. :

Inter-Section Declamation Contest was held on 16th February. Our cadets displayed skill and mastery over their subjects in a distinctive and delightful manner. They spoke with confidence, conviction and with a clarity of expression which kept the distinguished audience in a state of wonder and applause.

Brig. Y.N. Sharma, Deputy Commandant, IMA, who was the chief guest on the occasion, took the opportunity to express his deep appreciation of the standard of performance of the RIMC cadets.

Mrs Y.N. Sharma, gave away the coveted Trophy annexed by Pratap Section and distributed the individual prizes to the winners. Cadet Vivek Sood of Shivaji Section and Cadet Ranjeet Kumar of Ranjeet Section won the first individual prizes in the Senior and Junior Sections respectively.

21st Feb. :

'Silent Movie' was shown in a town cinema hall to the whole college.

2nd March :

Holi celebration on March 2nd stands out vividly in one's memory. The spirit of revelry, music and dance prevailed everywhere. All distinctions seemed to vanish for a day. The sports pavilion stood as the symbol of the revelric mood of the day. The olive green uniform gave way to colourful fabrics of all kinds.

14th and 15th March :

The two days were declared holidays on the request of Mrs Mohini Bhagat, and this 'gift packet' was received in a spirit of ecstsy by the cadets.

24th March :

Ramnaumi was celebrated by the college family. The temple function was attended by the members of the staff and cadets. The Commandant highlighted the importance of the festival and clarified the significance of 'Ram Rajya' in the present day politics. There were bhajans and speeches by cadets. Mr R.C. Singhal spoke on the various aspects of Ram's life.

FLOWERS AND TROPHIES

Our heartiest congratulations to the first Lady of RIMC, Mrs. Jay Chawla and her daughter Miss Neera Chawla ! Both of them took part in the flower arrangement section of the Annual Flower Show held at the Rangers College, Dehra Dun on 23rd March '80. It goes to their credit that all their



entries were prize fetching i.e. 7 prizes in different categories. Besides these, Mrs. Chawla won both the rolling trophies of this year in the Ladies Section. Well done !

MORNING ASSEMBLY

The members of the staff who spoke during the last two fortnights were Captain N.S. Sudesh, Dr. Jagat Singh and Mr O.N Chacko. They spoke on "Courage", "Problems of Adolescence" and "English as a Link Language", respectively.

N.D.A. RESULTS

Ten boys have qualified in the UPSC written examination for the 64 NDA Course. They are :—

1. Cadet GRS Reddy
2. Cadet JPR Ismail
3. Cadet PK Kumaria
4. Cadet AS Virk
5. Cadet S Chakraborty
6. Cadet S Sudhakar
7. Cadet SK Barpanda
8. Cadet Shivander Singh
9. Cadet S Salee
10. Cadet Chandan Gupta

SPORTS ARENA

INTER-SECTION BOXING COMPETITION 1980

Inter-Section Boxing Competition was held on 10th and 12th March in the Convocation Hall.

The standard of boxing was certainly far better than the previous years. All the bouts were keenly contested and there was no let up at any stage. The boxers displayed plenty of courage and grit. The bouts between Surdeep Chand and GRS Reddy in the Light Welter Weight, BV Ramanna and A Arora in the Feather Weight and AK Sharma and PK Kumaria in the Bantam Weight were a treat to watch. Cadet S Khatri of Shivaji Section was adjudged the most Scientific Boxer for the second year in succession. Cadet SK Pandey of Ranjeet Section was adjudged the best loser.

Pratap Section won the Boxing Cup. Congratulations. Brig. LS Negi (Retd) gave away the individual prizes and trophy.

RESULTS

	Winner			Runner Up	
1. Match	(Under 28 Kg)	Jasber Singh	(C)	Ashwani Kumar	(S)
2. Butterfly	(Under 33 Kg)	R Parmar	(S)	R Choudhary	(P)
3. Wafer	(Under 36 Kg)	Rajeev Negi	(P)	SK Pandey	(R)
4. Gnat	(Under 40 Kg)	S Khatri	(S)	RK Yadav	(R)
5. Pin	(Under 43 Kg)	R Bhatia	(P)	Tejinder Singh	(R)
6. Midget	(Under 45 Kg)	A Katoch	(S)	KM Dhir	(P)
7. Fly	(Under 47 Kg)	AK Aukta	(S)	A Kacker	(R)
8. Bantam	(Under 49 Kg)	AK Sharma	(P)	PK Kumaria	(S)
9. Feather	(Under 55 Kg)	BV Ramana	(P)	A Arora	(R)
10. Light Welter	(Under 57 Kg)	Surdip Chand	(R)	GRS Reddy	(P)
11. Open	(Under 62 Kg)	JS Nehra	(P)	S Sinha	(R)

Most Scientific Boxer :— S Khatri (S)

Best loser :— SK Pandey (R)

FINAL POSITIONS

First	Pratap Section	22 points
Second	Shivaji Section	20 points
Third	Ranjit Section	17 points
Fourth	Chandragupta Section	10 points

INTER SECTION CRICKET COMPETITION, 1980.

In spite of the busy schedule of the Rimcollian Meet, the first half of the month saw the battles of willow when the Inter-Section Cricket Competition 1980 ended with Pratap Section emerging as the winners.

The performances of many players remained satisfying and many upcoming and promising players were seen in action—especially among the juniors who will definitely be strengthening the college team in due course.

Juniors :	Played	Won	Lost	Match Points	Position	Points
Pratap	3	2	1	4	II —P	3
Ranjit	3	—	3	Zero	IV—R	1
Shivaji	3	3	—	6	I —S	4
Chandragupta	3	1	2	2	III—C	2

Seniors :	Played	Won	Lost	Match Points	Position	Points
Pratap	3	2	1	4	II —P	5
Ranjit	3	3	—	6	I —R	4
Shivaji	3	—	3	Zero	IV —S	1
Chandragupta	3	1	2	2	III—C	2

Overall positions & championship points

	Juniors	Seniors	Total Points	Final Positions	Championship Points
Pratap	3	3	6	I P	10
Ranjit	1	4	5	II S	8
Shivaji	4	1	5	II R	8
Chandragupta	2	2	4	IV C	4

INTER-SECTION BASKET BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitions were held during the 3rd week of March. Ranjeet Section annexed the trophy by securing the highest number of points in different matches. Pratap and Shivaji Sections came second and third respectively. Chandra Gupta Section came fourth.

RESULTS

Ranjit	5 points	I
Pratap	4 points	II
Shivaji	3 points	III
Chandra Gupta	0 points	IV

REUNION 1980

Thirty two Rimcollians, quite a number of them accompanied by their wives and children, graced the 1980 Reunion. Their deep sense of belonging to the Alma Mater brought them to the college from far and near places.

The Hockey match played between the old boys and the college team on March 12th marked the beginning of the solemn occasion of Reunion. In spite of the moral support lent by the old boys to their team, the college team proved the better of their seniors. The youngsters won the match in a very exciting game of hockey against the old boys. The score being 2-1. Both the teams were photographed with Gen GG Bewoor and the Commandant. In the evening the old boys and their families witnessed the Inter Section Boxing competition finals in the Convocation Hall. There were several masterly bouts and the cadets held high the standards of boxing. Brig LS Negi gave away the trophy to Pratap Section and distributed the individual prizes to the winners and losers.

The wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial by the senior-most Rimcollian. Brig. Gajendra Singh at 9 A.M. on 13th March gave the day a solemnity which the Reunion day demanded. It was followed by the traditional cricket match between the old boys and the present cadets. The college team won against the old boys by seven wickets. Mrs Gajendra Singh, wife of Brig Gajendra Singh, gave away the old boys' cricket trophy to the college team.

In the evening of 13th March the busts of Gen PS Bhagat, PVSM, VC and Maj Somnath Sharma, PVC, two illustrious sons of RIMC, were unveiled by Mrs Mohini Bhagat and Brig VN Sharma respectively. On this solemn and sacred occasion Gen GG Bewoor, the former Chief of Army Staff, reminded all present the significance and greatness of the exceptional service rendered by these two old students of the college who continue to challenge and inspire us.

Then followed the public function in the college Convocation Hall. In his address to the old boys the Commandant outlined the performance and progress that RIMC has made in serving the national cause. He also mentioned the proposed plan for the expansion of the college and sought the

help of the old boys for the same. Thereafter, Brig Gajendra Singh gave away the President's Gold Medal and other medals and prizes. The Hindi play 'Chakkar Hi Chakkar' directed by Mr. GS Bhist and staged by the cadets, proved very hilarious and entertaining. Mrs. Bewoor, wife of Gen GG Bewoor, distributed prizes to the members of the cast.

The dinner which followed in the Cadets Mess was of the true Rimcollian order—sumptuous and satisfying. It was here at the dinner table that the old inter-section spirit of Rimcollians came out in its full force. One could hear old boys swearing by their sections and questioning the credibility of the performance of other sections in the various events in the past.

The President of the Old Boys Association thanked the Commandant and members of the staff for making excellent arrangements for the success of the Reunion 1980. He further added that the old boys should attend the Diamond Jubilee in 1982 in great numbers.

On 14th March Rimcollians held their Annual General Body Meeting. Lt Gen K Surinder Singh was elected President for the second time. Lt Cdr PB Chaudhri was elected Secretary of the Association. Our heartiest congratulations to them.

The scope and time to meet again in this fashion are there for the Rimcollian, thanks to the Rimcollian Association. One always looks forward with greater enthusiasm for such precious moments in life. Looking forward with eager eyes they departed to meet again on the occasion of Reunion 1981.

RIMCOLLIANA

Our heartiest congratulations to the following old boys :

1. Brig VPS Yadav and Col IM Lal for attending the National Defence College, Delhi.
2. Maj RK Manchanda for winning the National Squash Championship for the second year in succession.
3. Captain CS Thapa on his marriage celebrated in March '80.
4. Captain SK Singh who was placed 4th in the National Squash Championship.

OBITUARY

We have received sad news of the demise of Mr. J.C. Pritchard former Principal of RIMC from 1943-1947.

We express our deep felt sorrow at the passing away of Mr. J.C. Pritchard, our ex-Principal in January 80. Our heart-felt condolences to the members of the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.

Thought of the Fortnight

"Facts are Better than Dreams"—Sir Winston Churchill

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CAMPUS BULLETIN

The poet who wrote, 'April is the cruellest month', must have had a taste of the Indian summer which make every Spring blossom to wither away. The sun has mounted on its summer chariot and the temperature is galloping, to make the dales and vales red hot. After the mid-term examinations, came the exciting hikes. They were challenging and sportive experiments to undertake. Trekking, cycling and on wheels they went, they saw, and returned refreshed and renewed. But they came back only to pursue the path of knowledge because they have miles to go and promises to keep. Easter and Baisaki celebrations marked the births of a new season and a new year; these new beginnings remind one of the miles left behind and the miles which remain to be trekked and travelled alone.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The college went on mid-term hikes from 29th March to 1st April. Classes IA and I went to Mussoorie trekking. Mr. Abid Mustaqim and Mr. ON Chacko were the leaders.

Classes II & IV went to Simla. The Commandant and Captain BN Das led the team.

Class IIA under the leadership of Mr. LN Takhur went trekking the Kalsi-Mussoorie route.

Class III was led by Mr. M Samadar. They went trekking the Chakrata-Mussoorie route.

IIIA went all the way pedalling to Chandigarh Mr. RC Chaturvedi led the contingent.

April 4th

'Good Friday' was celebrated by the college family in the College Convocation Hall. There were hymns and songs sung by a local seminary students team and also there were readings from the Bible. Mr. Jacob Chacko spoke on 'Good Friday'. Capt. S Peoples conducted the proceedings.

Immediately after the Good Friday celebrations a magic show was also arranged in the Convocation Hall. 'Great Train Robbery' was screened in the Convocation Hall in the evening.

April 13th

Baisaki Celebrations were held in the College Gurudwara. There were speeches by Cadet JS Kairon and Cadet Arvinder Singh. The Music Hobby Club presented sacred music for the occasion. Captain NS Sudesh spoke on the relevance and historical context of Baisaki. The Commandant addressed the gathering and reminded all present the great ideals behind the Baisaki Celebrations.

MORNING ASSEMBLY

The morning assembly sessions during the last fortnight witnessed many talented speakers among the cadets. Major PKK Raju gave a very interesting talk on 'Wild Life in the Himalayas.' He used specimens to demonstrate explicit knowledge about animals and birds of the region.

APPOINTMENTS

The Commandant is pleased to make the following appointments for 1st Term 1980.

- (a) Cadet Captain GRS Reddy (P)
- (b) Cadet Adjutant PK Kumaria (S)



(c) Sec	Section Commander	Cadet NCOs
P	JPR Ismail	S Salee BV Ramanna P Pattanath RD Sharma JS Nehra
R	AJS VIRK	S Chakraborty SC Barpanda A Arora NN Sharma SK Bandoh
S	S Sudhakar	YS Meitei MB Singh S Kamboj P Bhatnagar
C	Chandan Gupta	PK Mitra RPM Paughal

SPORTS ARENA

The cadets are getting ready for the Inter Section PT Competitions to be held on 18th and 19th of April. Each section is determined to display their best talents in the best form possible.

RIMCOLLIANA

Our heartiest congratulations to the following Ex-Cadets on their being selected to attend the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.

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|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| (1) Maj AK Samantraj | (S) | (5) Maj NS Pathania | (P) |
| (2) Maj D Mukerjee | (R) | (6) Capt PK Sinha | (S) |
| (3) Maj Randhir Singh | (R) | (7) Capt Subash Gupta | (P) |
| (4) Maj HS Gill | (P) | (8) Capt PP Rajagopal | (P) |

Our heartiest congratulations to the following Ex-Cadets for their achievements in various fields of life.

- (1) Lt Col PU Gupta (P) on being appointed Professor of Civil Engineering at College of Engineering, Kirkee.
- (2) Cdr VK Kochar (Retd) (S) on being appointed General Manager of Cursetji & Sons Bombay.
- (3) Capt AK Singh (C) on being selected as a member of the World Sailing Expedition.
- (4) Capt MP Yadav (P) on being selected as a member of the Army Expedition Team to climb Nanda Devi Peak.

BITTER FEELINGS

Aren't the fair flowers
Blooming to grieve one ?
Aren't the green woods
Gifted to pain one ?

Aren't our lively eyes
Bestowed to deceive one ?
Aren't our sensitive ears
Presented to mislead one ?

Aren't those lovely thoughts
Presented to hurt me ?
Aren't those thoughtful hearts
Gifted to desert one ?

To think of all these
Is to think of nothing,
So let's make use of all these
Without any grudging.

Cadet G Vijaya Krishna
Class IV

NO GAS, NO LIFE

Cruel, cruel ! is how I describe a recent report which highlights that the possession of gas figures high in dowry demands. "No gas no wedding", which of course not necessarily ensure a fall in the birth rate. But that is a side issue, non issue to some.

An entirely new vista emerges on the near horizon. Will our films now end with the hero and the heroine wedded, and bliss for life thereafter? Suppose the hero disovcrs just after the "pheras" are completed, that the girl's parents do not have gas ! will he seek divorce right there and then ?

Worse still : suppose the parents have one cylinder and two daughters and further suppose, one of them is their favourite, bound to get the range and the cylinder, but the hero is in love with the other ? Or, if the villain has L.P.G., is in love with the girl who is being wooed by a gasless hero and she will not marry unless there is atleast one cylinder in the house, if not more ?

At one stage in human history, ladies were known to drop their kerchiefs with gay indiscretion and did manage to mesmerize some dumb swains. Today a casually dropped remark like, "gas is a bore, knocks the fun right out of cooking", causes the courting paramour to jump ten notches.

Copy writers in the advertising world will now have to relearn their craft. "Mummy, why does their kitchen smoke so much and ours does not" ? "We use L.P.G., darling. They use fire wood". "Are caste, colour, no bar. Must have L.P.G., for a Tamilian Brahmin engineer serving in government". But I wonder how landlords and ladies would interpret this : "PG Accommodation wanted for a 42 year old bachelor having gas". We may even see something to the effect that a foreign returned match is wanted for a girl from a humble family possessing three L.P.G. gas cylinders.

This new situation throws up immense possibilities. Nilly nilly it will strike the roots of our country's economy, social mobility will change; Indian sociology will need to be rewritten. Planners will need to be re-oriented. Touch any aspect of life, and there in high bold type you will see a board which solemnly states "no gas no life".

Poets will poetise; lyricists will lyricise; singers will sing of L.P.G. The few children born will gaze on an L.P.G. cylinder with a mixture of awe, reverence and ecstasy. Cylinders will find a place in the 'puja' room, will be 'aartied' and garlanded on wedding anniversaries and additions to their number in the house-hold will not be discriminated against, mini cylinders brooches will be worn, and new born babies will wear one as 'tabeez'. As lore gathers around cylinders, history will grant it a separate chapter, and twenty five years later when we revert to wood gathering, cylinders will be passed down as heir looms.

Cadet G. V. Krishna
IV A

AH ! SMILE A WHILE !

The moving targets were activated at the rifle range.

'Fire at will !' commanded the captain.

'Yes, sir !' snapped the sergeant instructor. 'Fire at will !'

'Sergeant ?' asked a little voice.

'What ?'

'Which one's will ?'

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'No,' said the M.O. to the recruit 'I can't possibly pass you with teeth like that.'

'Why not ?' demanded the would-be soldier. 'You passed my brother with them last Tuesday !'

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A young soldier new to battle went to his captain and asked : "Is there anything in particular I can do to keep from being shot ?"

"Yes," replied the officer, "don't remain stationary on the battle-field. Zigzag-just zigzag."

After the battle, the captain, visiting the wounded at a nearby field hospital, noticed the young soldier who had spoken to him.

"I see that you are wounded," said the captain. "Didn't you do as I told you ?"

"I did," replied the soldier, "but I guess I must have zigged when I should have zagged."

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समय की पुकार

हे वीर मुनो अब समय आ गया ,
तुमको तो अमर दीप जगाना है ।
जननी की लाज बचानी है,
अरिदल को मार भगाना है ।

तुम चन्द्रगुप्त के वंशज हो,
है खून शिवाजी का तुममें ।
राणा प्रताप का तेज तुम्हीं,
रणाजीत वीर का बल तुममें ।

आज देश की रक्षा में,
हँसते हँसते चढ़ जाना है ।
राष्ट्र-प्रेम की अमर ज्योति में,
तन-मन धन सर्वस्व चढ़ाना है

जीवन तो उन सपूतों का है ।
जो मर कर भी कभी नहीं मरते ।
वह जीवन भी क्या जीवन है,
जो जिए सदा डरते डरते ।

यह वीर भरत की धरती है,
है राम कृष्ण का देश यही ।
वीर भगत की पावन भूमि,
है वीर सुभाष का देश यही ।

वीर कुमार ए० एस० भुल्लर

Thought of the Fortnight

*"Never give up! it is wiser and better
Always to hope than once to despair"*

—F. Tupper

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CAMPUS BULLETIN

Another eventful term at RIMC has come to a close. How swiftly the bird of Time flies! The senior students did bid adieu to make their exit into a wider arena of life outside the college walls. As they received the mementos from the Commandant at the farewell dinner mixed feelings were writ large on their young faces. The words of wisdom and best wishes from the Commandant gave the finishing touches to such a solemn occasion of leave taking. A few years ago they entered the bright corridors of the college through the Thimmaya gate and now they must leave for the fresh woods and pastures new. They have received so much here and they go out to enrich and enlighten others beyond the gate. We wish them good luck and our prayers go with them as they step out in faith, hope and courage to leave their imprints on the sands of time. Those who qualified themselves in the NDA written examination have left for their SSB examination at various centres. We wish them the best and hope that all of them will clear this final hurdle before they enter the portals of the National Defence Academy. Class VA and Class IVA finished their Board Examination in the last week of April and second week of May respectively. The morning assembly at 8 A.M. on 15th May brought the curtain down, marking the end of another useful scene at RIMC. The sweet homes far away do beckon them and they left the college only to come back refreshed and renewed for the next term. Bon Voyage Boys.

NEWS IN BRIEF

COMMANDANT IMA VISITS RIMC

Maj Gen Rajendra Nath, Commandant, Indian Military Academy, paid a visit to RIMC on 19th April 1980. He was introduced to the members of the staff by our Commandant. A special assembly was held in his honour where he addressed the staff and cadets of the college. In his address to the members of the college family Gen Rajendra Nath highlighted the role played by officers of the Indian Armed Forces. Our country which has made rapid progress in many spheres need disciplined, and well groomed officers, he added. RIMC is engaged in this great solemn task of making officers of a



Signing Visitors' Book in Commandant's Office



very high calibre and quality, he reminded. He paid glowing tributes to the traditions and training at RIMC. He was presented with the college memento and he thankfully acknowledged the token of love and affectionate regard. Later, he went round the college campus. He had lunch with the members of the staff and the cadets. We are so much grateful to Gen Rajendra Nath for his kind visit to this institution and the encouragement we received from him.



Solving a puzzle in the Mathematics Laboratory

SUB AREA COMMANDER VISITS RIMC

Brig NS Tanwar, the Sub Area Commander, paid an official visit to RIMC on 23rd April. In the special assembly held on that day he addressed the cadets and members of the staff. He was presented with the college memento and he expressed his appreciation for the token of regard and remembrance. He called upon all to hold high the standards and traditions of the past and asked the cadets to avail the facilities available to them. He went around the campus and later had lunch with the cadets and members of the staff. We are grateful to Brig Tanwar for his kind visit and the rich patronage we enjoy under his command.

Copy of the DO Letter from Maj Gen Rajendra Nath to Commandant, RIMC

Indian Military Academy
Dehra Dun
21 Apr 80

My dear DK,

It was very kind and thoughtful of you to have invited me to the Rashtriya Indian Military College. I was glad to go round the fine institution of our country which indeed is a cradle of leadership. I was very happy to know the good changes that you are bringing about in the institution, which will have far reaching effect in due course of time. I wish you all the success. You are doing a grand job.

Thanks a million for a lovely lunch and a beautiful memento.

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely,
Raj

Copy of the DO Letter from Brig NS Tanwar to Commandant RIMC

Headquarters
Dehra Dun Sub Area
Dehra Dun
24 Apr 80

My dear DK,

During my inspection of the Rashtriya Indian Military College, on 22nd April 1980, I was glad to note that there has been a general improvement in administration of the College.

It was a pleasure to be with the cadets of your College. I was impressed by their smartness and the disciplined behaviour.

I am also grateful to all of you for the memento of the College you gave me. It will always remind me of my association with the College.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,
Nahar

April 18th 19th

Inter Section PT Competitions were held on 18th and 19th of April. Pratap Section won the coveted trophy.

April 26th 29th

Inter Section Hockey Championship Competitions were held on 26th and 29th of April. Ranjit Section annexed the trophy.

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The college remained closed on account of Budha Purnima.

May 3rd

"House of Cards" a delightful movie was screened in the College Convocation Hall

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May 15th

The last Assembly of the term was held at 8 A.M. The Commandant exhorted the cadets to make the best use of the holidays and asked them to be disciplined and responsible as they travel back to their homes. He wished them good time during holidays, and thereafter they left for their destinations by rail and road. Prizes were given to the cadets who had stood first in their respective classes.

THE OLIVE GREEN ARTISTS !

Our college has won the rolling trophy in the Inter School 'On the Spot Painting Competition', organised by the Col Brown Cambridge School, Dehra Dun. Three individual prizes in Group B and Group C were also won by our cadets. Our proud cadets are :

Cadet Ajay Kumar	I Prize	Group B
Cadet Sunil K Yadav	II Prize	—do—
Cadet Umesh Sood	III Prize	Group C

Our hearty congratulations to these artists who brought credit for themselves and for the college.

THE FIRE-FIGHTING BRIGADE OF RIMC

It was a sleepy Summer Sunday afternoon. Around 4 O'clock on May 11th a fire which broke out and would have caused major damages to the campus, was extinguished by the timely action taken by the Commandant. He was getting ready for a hair cut, the whole campus was being lulled to sleep by the afternoon breeze, and lo and behold what did he see ! The campus bushes being reduced to ashes ! Word went round and the cadets under the leadership of Cadet Captain GRS Reddy arrived on the spot, ready to plunge into immediate action. The fire was dancing like a fierce devil devouring the bush, and the flames were being fanned by the winds. The experienced Commandant's supervision and direction enabled the boys to put out the fire immediately. The extinguishing operations received ample moral support from the First Lady of the College; meantime she had rang up the fire brigade. The towering flames surrendered before the well organised and disciplined 'fire brigade of RIMC' within an hour. Every little flame was nipped in the bud by the hockey sticks with black blades. It took less than an hour to overcome the enemy, which would have assumed unmanageable proportions and endangered the whole campus.

A few boys distinguished themselves in this extinguishing operations. They came out fully clad in black, bearing the marks of a fiery ordeal. They, later we could make out, were Cadets NN Sharma, A Chauhan, S Chand, MB Singh, KM Dhir, Deepak Dhar, PK Mitra, RPM Panghal. Cadet Captain GRS Reddy was there at the front of the line of fire-extinguishers. Sub MP Gurung too did an excellent job. But for the timely and expert supervision of the Commandant the fire squad would, perhaps, have been extinguished instead ! His affectionate pat on our backs gave the much needed relief after the fiery ordeal. We felt encouraged and elated at those moments. The fire brigade consisted of the following :- Cadets S Srivastava, R Antony, RPM Panghal, PK Mitra, VV Raju, ADS Badwal, Deepak Dhar, KM Dhir, S Salee, U Tiwari, RD Sharma, JS Mehra, A Chauhan, AK Singh, Sanjay Singh, P Bhatnagar, MB Singh, YS Meitei, NN Sharma, S Chand, Kanta Singh, K Arunodaya, S Banerjee, S Sinha and S Pagnis.

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SPORTS ARENA**INTER SECTION HOCKEY COMPETITION 1980**

Section	Seniors		Juniors		Overall Position
	Score	Position	Score	Position	
Pratap	2	III	1	IV	IV
Ranjit	5	I	3	II	I
Shivaji	2	IV	6	I	II
C. Gupta	3	II	2	III	III

INTER SECTION PT COMPETITION

Section	Points	Positions
Pratap	7	I
Shivaji	6	II
Ranjit	5	III
Chandra Gupta	2	IV

Cadet MB Singh and Cadet YS Meitei were adjudged as the best PT leaders in the Junior and Senior Sections respectively.

OUTSTANDING AWARDS, MEDALS & CUPS FOR THE YEAR 1979

	First Term	Second Term
Presidents Gold Medal for the best all round Cadet	Cadet Captain J Gamlin (P)	Cadet Captain Ashwani Kumar (S)
Col Haughton's Silver Medal for the 2nd best all round Cadet	Cadet Adj Anil Jagtiani (S)	Cadet Adj S Ghosh (P)
UN Jha Memorial Gold Medal for standing first amongst the RIMC Cadets for entry to NDA	Cadet NCO Rakesh Rai (S)	Cadet NCO RIS Mehta (C)
Lt Cdr Rajat K Sen, VrC, Memorial Silver Medal for standing first in the SSE Examination	Cadet Samir Srivastava (C)	Cadet Pawan Bhatnagar (S)
Major Girish Verma Memorial Silver Medal for standing first in Class XI Examination	Cadet S Biswas (C)	Cadet Adj S Ghosh (P)
Lt Col Onkar Singh Cup for the best turned out Cadet	Cadet Captain BV Ramana (P)	
Maj Gen Hira Lal Atal's Trophy for the best Athlete	Cadet AS Sekhawat (S)	
Darshan Lal Cross Country Race Cup for the best runner	Cadet A Chauhan (P)	
Best Sportsman of the year	Section Commander YS Meitei (S)	
Markers Cup for proficiency in various subjects :-		
(a) Mr JC Scot's Cup for History		Cadet Pawan Bhatnagar (S)
(b) Mr H Catchpole's Cup for English (Seniors)		Cadet PK Mitra (C)
(c) Mr EJ Watson's Cup for Physics		Cadet Captain BV Ramana (P)
The most popular teacher 1979		Mr K Kumar
The artist who designed the busts of Lt Gen PS Bhagat and Major Som Nath Sharma		Shri D Sen
Winners of Class IV lines for Cleanliness Competition :-		
First	Shri Ami Chand	
Second	Shri Johnson Messey	
Third (shared by two persons)	Shri MB Thapa Shri Ram Singh	
Consolation Prizes	Shri Robin Messey Shri Gobardhan Shri Hardwarilal	
Awards for long and Meritorious Service (they have since retired) :-		
(a) Shri SP Thaple, Butler (29 years service)		
(b) Shri Bennet John, Masalchi (29 years service)		

Gen KS Thimayya's Shield for Co-curricular Activities
 Inter-Section Education Cup
 Gen GG Bewoor's Cup for the Inter-Section Character Qualities
 Lord Rawlinson's Inter-Section Championship Cup 1979.

Pratap Section
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RIMCOLLIANA

Our heartiest congratulations to the following Ex-Cadets who are attending the College of Combat, Mhow.

Maj AK Ravikant
 Maj AK Seth
 Maj MM Malick
 Maj PK Chibber
 Maj G Prasad

Our heartiest congratulations to the under mentioned old boys on their appointment on the staff of the College of Combat, Mhow.

Lt Col Madan M Lakhera, instructor in the Senior Command Wing.
 Lt Col Punjab Singh and Lt Col BK Khullur instructor in the Junior Command Wing.
 Lt Col A Luthura, on the faculty of studies.

THE JOYOUS MORN

In the wee hours of morn,
 I looked around and saw the dawn.
 The sun was behind the mountain peaks,
 And crested pines and sals and teaks.
 And soon the sky looked ablaze,
 With wonderous colours wiping the haze.
 The dew drops all around looked as if,
 On the grass was painted a silver motif.
 As the cock invited the sun,
 The wee little birds began their fun.
 Oh, for the blessing of the morning sun,
 Is a joy which one cannot sum.

—Sanjay Singh
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A RIMCOLLIAN'S EYE VIEW OF DSSC WELLINGTON

In the sylvan surroundings of the Blue Mountains (Nilgiris), lies a famous academic institution of the Services, the Defence Services Staff College. In many ways I have found the Staff College resembling the RIMC. Both have very beautiful campuses, essentially belong to all the three Services, have a very fine tradition and many achievements to their credit. Naturally the differences are many. I have been at the faculty of the Staff College for the last one year and would like to share with you some thoughts on this very fine institution.

A Staff College trains an officer for higher ranks in the Services and in the different aspects of "Staff Work", which includes planning for operations, preparing and passing orders, planning and executing the maintenance and administration of an Army in the field, and many such military tasks. In the modern world it also includes a study of military history, military geography, economics, social sciences and management.

The idea of training officers for 'Staff Work' really began in 17th Century under Frederick the Great of Prussia and selected officers were specially trained for such tasks. As a result The Great German General Staff came into existence. They were known for their dedication and devotion to duty, meticulous and detailed planning and for their exceptional competence. They also earned a certain notoriety for war-mongering, but this is strictly not true. Other countries followed suit and the British Staff College at Camberley and the French Academy at St. Cyr also became very famous.

The Staff College for the British Indian Army was located at Quetta now in Pakistan. On Independence it was decided to have our own Staff College and the place selected was Wellington. It proved to be a very wise choice and the College has prospered wonderfully since then. The first Commandant was a famous soldier, Major General Joe Lentaigne, who succeeded Major General Wingate in the Command of the famous Chindits Force during the Second World War. Some of you might have read about the valiant deeds of this Force behind the Japanese lines in Burma.

Well so much about history. What you would really like to know, I am sure, is what the College is like. Well I would say it is very much like a post graduate institution elsewhere in the country. Of course there are many major improvements. It is a very well organised and efficient military institution and the standards of behaviour and discipline are extremely high. The facilities available would also not easily be available elsewhere in India. Classes are from 8.30 in the morning to 1.30 in the afternoon and there are many more hours of own time work after that. Some of this is done at the excellent library in the College. There is very little formal teaching at the College. The system followed is that of a tutorial seminar. About 8-10 students under a Directing Staff (Lt Col) discuss problems on different topics which they have considered earlier. The atmosphere is informal, free and frank, which is most conducive to learning. There are of course some formal presentations, lectures, and various types of war games and military exercises on the map and on the ground, without troops. Another highlight of the College is the many lectures by distinguished people from outside. They are usually very prominent people in public life, like ambassadors of foreign countries, senior government officers and leading people from the leading industry and academic life. The three Service Chiefs also visit the College annually.

Now a little bit about those who attend the College. The officers are usually all Majors, Squadron Leaders and Lieut Commanders. There are a very few one step higher or lower in the ladder. The total strength is now about 300 officers. About ten percent are from friendly foreign countries. In addition to our immediate neighbouring countries of the sub-continent, there are officers from the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, Middle East and African countries. This adds greatly to the value of the Course as the experiences of these officers are very beneficial to others. A recent development is that the academic excellence of the College has been recognised. All those who complete the year's Course are awarded a MSc in Defence Studies from the Madras University.

So much for the official side. With 350 families or more in Station including that of the faculty, the extra-curricular activities are many. There are facilities for all games including even riding to hounds and sailing. There are opportunities for other pastimes like angling, trekking and photography. The Course composition is truly Indian, with officers from every part of the country fully represented, just as in the RIMC. Of course there is also a truly international flavour with officers and families from about 25 countries. There are many social gatherings and parties. Those who come to Wellington be it the husband, the wife, or the children, all agree that the year spent at Wellington is amongst the very best in their lives. Of course we have many Rimcollians attending every year and an indication of their general excellence is that in 1979 we had 5 officers on the Directing Staff. So when you grow up and are a proud member of one of the Services, do make it a point to qualify for the Course at the Defence Services Staff College. Apart from the excellent year at the sylvan surroundings of the Blue Mountains you will also prepare for more important and senior roles in your Services.

Lt Col D Banerjee
(Ex-cadet, Pratap Section)

Thought of the Fortnight

*"The intellect of man is forced to choose
Perfection of the life, or of the work"*

—W.B. Yeats

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CAMPUS BULLETIN

The bells have begun to toll again, ringing in the beginning of another new term at RIMC. The cadets have returned to their pavilions of sacred responsibilities. The whole place smacks of hectic activities—of sports and academics. The overgrown grass and the dark greenery of the campus proclaim the seasonal changes. It is a change for the better, symbolic of a newer dedication and deeper commitment at the outset of another term. The new cadets in their immaculate white are slowly unveiling the 'brave' new world', living with and learning from their elder brothers. The nation is celebrating another Independence Day and on this solemn day we as a family rededicate ourselves to greater and better service to the motherland. The torch of learning and teaching is lighted anew and it has to be carried to its destination. The future holds for us a prosperous and peaceful India and we march on to that tomorrow making available our best for India's highest.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Aug. 1st.

The college reopened after the summer vacation.

Aug. 4th.

The new cadets arrived with their parents. They were shown around the college campus and the college film was screened for them in the college convocation hall. In his address to the new cadets and their parents the Commandant briefly described the history, traditions and routine of the college. He also answered the many questions which were asked by the parents. The lunch at the Cadets' Mess gave the parents a better knowledge of RIMC. The Muggers Match played between Class IA Vs Class I was witnessed by the parents. After the tea and refreshments, which followed the match, the parents left to their respective destinations, leaving their sons to their custodians at RIMC to be trained to the stature of officers in India's gallant Armed Forces.

Aug. 6th.

The film, 'Counter Point', a war-movie, was screened in the college convocation hall.

Aug. 9th.

The customary football match of the season was played between College Eleven Vs Staff team. The seniors had the advantage and benefit of having spirited foot-ballers of yester years. But the young cadets team proved the better of the two by winning the match by 3-2. Mr. R.C. Sharma umpired the match.

Aug. 9th, 10th

Re-tests for those failed in the Terminal Examination were held.

Aug. 13th

Was observed as a closed holiday on account of Id-ul-Fitr.

Aug. 14th.

'The Muggers Match', a specialty of RIMC Sports Arena, has by now, it appears, become a



favourite with one and all. Maj. Gen. Rajendra Nath, Commandant, IMA very graciously came to witness the game played by different college teams on a sunny afternoon on the green carpeted lawns of RIMC. Maj. Gen. Rajendra Nath is now convinced, it is no exaggeration to say, that Muggers has ample scope for popularity and appreciation outside the limits of RIMC. He was seen in excellent spirits cheering up the cadets in action while making himself familiar with the techniques of the game. It, in all probability, may now make its entry in the sports arena of IMA, from where it originated.

Col. and Mrs. P.D. Sharma, Lt. Col. and Mrs. R.B. Sharma, Maj. D.S. Khera—all from IMA, also graced the occasion.

Maj. Gen. Rajendra Nath had tea with the team members and the distinguished gathering of the college family. The young cadets won appreciation and praise from the General for their excellent mastery over the 'Mugger ball'. From the tiniest to the tallest were seen receiving a pat on their backs from the IMA Commandant.

Aug. 15th.

Independence Day celebrations began with the flag—hoisting ceremony at 9.15 a.m. In his Independence Day message the Commandant exhorted all present to be more devoted and loyal in our service to the nation and its people. Sweets were distributed to the Class IV employees and their families. Then followed the special function in the College Convocation Hall. Cadets Deepak Adhar and A.A. Zaki spoke on the topics, 'The Eve of Independence' and 'The Carnage on the Eve of Independence' respectively. The patriotic song recited by Cadet Herkesh Singh of Class I won appreciation of all present. Cadet Suyash Sharma delivered a speech in Hindi. Mr. K. Kumar's speech highlighted the responsibilities of Independent India while Mr. R.C. Singhal's concluding speech reiterated the need for greater commitment on the part of every Indian for a better tomorrow.

The RIMC family get-together on the 33rd anniversary celebrations of Independence was also a time to wish 'many happy returns of the day' to three of our cadets whose birthday falls on 15th August. These cadets can feel proud of the fact that the whole nation joins in their birthday celebrations on August 15th. At RIMC cold coffee and ice cream were available to everybody's hearts' content—marking the birthday and the anniversary celebrations of Independence. These are our proud cadets born on Independence Day.

Cadet Ajay Kaila (C)
 Cadet Anurag Chander (C)
 Cadet Mandeep Pal Singh Gill (S)

Long live the Republic and the republicans born on Independence Day !

MORNING ASSEMBLIES

College Morning Assembly provides so many 'give and take' opportunities. There is always an open forum to 'speak out' and the cadets take time to do so in great earnest. One noteworthy speech of the fortnight was 'Life on Mars' by Mr. R.C. Singhal. The imaginative and scientific thoughts decorated with a sprinkling of humour made it a speech with a difference. It gave food for thought and for dreaming about those distant regions of the universe hitherto untrodden by man.

SPORTS ARENA & HOBBY CLUBS

They are in full swing. The initial enthusiasm and zeal shown are bound to produce very good results during the term.

APPOINTMENTS

The Commandant is pleased to announce the following appointments for the second term 1980.

(a) Cadet Captain : Cadet P.K. Mitra
 (b) Cadet Adjutant : Cadet J.S. Nehra
 (c) Sec. Section Commander
 Pratap Cadet K.M. Dhir

Cadet NCO's
 Cadet A.K. Jain
 Cadet Deepak Dhar
 Cadet K. Arunodaya
 Cadet S. Sahni
 Cadet S. Singh

Ranjeet	Cadet S.K. Bandoh	Cadet B. Roy Cadet S.K. Banerjee Cadet H. Gosal Cadet G.V. Krishna
Shivaji	Cadet P. Bhatnagar	Cadet A. Shekhawat Cadet S.P. Dharkar Cadet R. Puri Cadet K.S. Chabra
Chandra Gupta	Cadet S. Srivastava	Cadet R.P.M. Panghal Cadet V.V. Raju Cadet A. Chandra Cadet D. Adhar

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

When my friend's husband was decorating his study, he decided it was a good place to display the awards and citations that he and his sons had won over the years. Up went his medal ribbons, certificates and sport trophies.

When he was almost finished he remarked to his wife that it was too bad *she* had no awards to contribute—whereupon she produced neatly framed, their three sons' birth certificates.

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A man and his wife had six children, spaced over 23 years. "I have a varied life", he told a friend. "Before I go to bed I have got to see that my youngest son gets his bottle—and that my eldest doesn't get his".

RIMCOLLIANA

We are grateful to the following old boys for their visit to the College

1. Lt. Col. and Mrs. J.D. Desai
2. Maj. and Mrs. C.S. Mann
3. Maj. J.S. Verma

(Col. Desai's son and Maj. Mann's son have joined RIMC to follow the foot-steps of their worthy fathers).

4. Lt. Col. Padmanabhan has been posted to IMA
5. Congratulations to Wing Commander V. Patney for receiving commendation for devotion to duty from Chief of the Air Staff.

MAHATMA GANDHI & LINCOLN

A STUDY IN KINSHIP

Mahatma Gandhi and Lincoln—both stood for Humanity. Peace, Love and Non-violence are the sheet-anchor of their philosophy. The Christians the world over have profound respect for Gandhiji and Gandhian ways of peace and non-violence. Great men whose greatness is the result of their uniqueness, therefore, generally defy classification and comparison. Two such men were Lincoln and Gandhi.

Though born in obscurity without inheritance or wealth or social position, without even systematic education, Lincoln illustrated the possibilities for a free people in a free society. His claim to greatness rests on his faith "Government of the people, for the people and by the people shall not perish from the earth." His practical achievement was the abolition of slavery and the preservation of the Union.

Gandhiji lived and worked among people who had 5000 years of recorded history and tradition behind them. His was a time when 200 years of foreign domination had emasculated the mind and body of the proud people. His country lost its independence about the time the Founding Fathers of America were proclaiming the maxim of "all men being equal." Gandhiji's creed was non-violence. His sword was satyagraha—resistance to evil. He believed in overpowering his enemy not by might, but by appeal to his moral sense and heart.

What then is the comparison between these two great giants? They were separated by nearly a century. They lived and worked under different conditions and historical settings. They had nothing in common in the techniques they adopted. The comparison is in the way they worked for their ideals and in the work they left unfinished, rather than in what they achieved in their own life time.

It may be mere coincidence that brutal assassinations took the lives of both these great men. Both of them were assassinated at the supreme moments of their lives. There is certainly something similar in the inscrutable ways of providence which deprived two countries of the services of their great sons when they were needed most.

Both Lincoln and Gandhi were strategists par excellence. Both passionately believed in the dignity of man and championed his right to determine his own future. Both were able to realise the weaknesses of the enemy and to unite the opposition against him. Both lost battles but won the war.

Both Gandhi and Lincoln had rare charisma not only among the masses but also among the elite. From the point of view of sheer brilliance, the two great leaders were by no means exceptions in their time. Both had excellent contemporaries, yet none of them could take their place or fill their role.

Two great men who did not agree with Dr. Johnson's dictum "politics is the last refuge of the scoundrel", were Lincoln and Gandhi. They brought religion and morality into politics.

Neither India nor America today follows completely the ideals of Gandhi and Lincoln. Gandhi proved that non-violence can be successfully applied in a limited geographical area under limited conditions. The India which Gandhi dreamed of is yet to be. Similarly the inheritors of the Lincoln tradition have made no effort to ensure that 'Government of the people, for the people and by the people' shall not perish from this earth. Thus both their life stories provide a splendid harmony where the past, the present, and the future mingled and blended in a grand aspiration of all races, all creeds and all ages.

S.P. DHARKAR
973-Shivaji

Thought of the Fortnight

*"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander
time for that's the stuff life is made of"*

—Benjamin Franklin

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CAMPUS BULLETIN

The Monsoon is bidding adieu, the sunny days with an occasional shower or two draw us closer to the unborn season in the womb of time. One looks around and sees a couple of hundred minds taking shape. A bundle of teenage logic and illogic, teenage laughter and tears, dreams of adolescence and its trying periods, are put on the anvil of discipline and the pursuit of knowledge. At times the young minds rebel and revolt, then they become submissive and soft to the cool breeze of reason and wisdom. From dawn to dusk the shaping powers of the minds and bodies are at work at RIMC Campus. When the whole world of Doon Valley sleeps the little world of young cadets awakes—awakes to discipline and duty which in the long run make them men of destiny and honour. The Monthly exams have been on and we step in to a new month of hard work and toil.

Such consistent and concerted efforts of all concerned bear flowers and fruits in due time. Over 75% pass in the UPSC Examination bears ample proof for the devoted and consistent work on the part of those who learn and those who teach. It is only fitting and proper that we congratulate those who brought credit to themselves and to the College. They have bettered the record of a couple of years and the great tradition of the College in academics is held high. It is our proud moment and we take pride in grooming another stream of youngmen who will redeem the pledges they have made. We are steering the boat in the right direction and we are sure to reach our haven all the years to come. Hats off to the comrades of 65th Course.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Aug. 16th

The new cadets went round sight seeing. This 'Doon Darshan' under the leadership of Mr. K. Kumar gave them new glimpses of the scenic beauty of the Valley.

Aug. 17th

'Zakhmee', a Hindi film, was screened in the College Convocation Hall.

Aug. 21st

A section of the College went to witness 'Khoobsurat', in a town cinema hall.

Aug. 23rd

It was an exalting experience to lend the ears to the RIMC Mark Antonies. A variety of subjects of their choosing, viewed through their own angles of vision, sprinkled with the pinch of the salt of humour here and there, made the Hindi Declamation Contest a memorable event. The distinguished judges on the occasion were Maj BR Sharma, (IMA), Mr. K. Bahuguna (Cambrian Hall) and Mr. M.C. Joshi (Doon School). Cadet Deepak Adahar of Chandra Gupta Section and Cadet Rohit Kumar Chaudhari of Pratap Section were adjudged the best speakers in the senior and junior sections respectively. Chandra Gupta Section bagged the coveted trophy while Pratap, Ranjeet and Shivaji sections followed in the procession. Mrs. Jay Chawla, the first lady of the College, gave away the trophy and the prizes to the winners.

Aug. 24th

'Barcelona', an English film was witnessed by the Cadets in the Convocation Hall.



Aug. 27th

Maj Gen SC Sinha, Chief of Staff, Central Command paid a visit to his alma mater.

Aug. 30th

'Kurbani', in a town cinema hall was witnessed by the College.

MORNING ASSEMBLY

Mr. G.S. Bisht and Mr. R.C. Sharma, were the two speakers of the fortnight from the Staff side. Mr. Bisht's speech was centred around the topic 'Struggle and Hardwork, the hallmarks of Success'. It was a challenging and inspiring speech. Mr. R.C. Sharma exhorted the Cadets to cultivate the manners becoming the officers of the Armed Forces of India. 'Manners, Maketh a Man', he reminded his audience; and the speech was full of practical wisdom and sound advice to the young cadets.

SPORTS ARENA

A friendly football encounter at home grounds on 20th August with Gorkha Military School team went in favour of the visitors. The cadets went down 2-1.

Swimming away the heat and dirt seems the slogan! There are long queues of half clad cadets nearing the pool almost every day.

It is a pleasing sight to see the entire College practising hard for the Inter Section Cross Country Race which is round the corner.

AN ILLUSTRIOUS SON VISITS HIS ALMA MATER

Maj Gen SC Sinha, Chief of Staff, Central Command accompanied by his wife, paid a visit to the College on 27th August 1980. The Commandant received him and briefed him on the various recent developments of the College, particularly the proposed plan for expansion. Maj Gen Sinha and his wife took a keen interest to see for themselves the busts of Gen Bhagat and Maj Somnath Sharma installed during the last Reunion. The Commandant introduced the members of the Staff and Cadet Appointments to Gen Sinha. A special assembly was held in his honour and the College memento was presented to him by the Commandant. In his address to the Cadets and members of the Staff Gen Sinha called upon the members of RIMC family to equip themselves for greater and harder competition. The struggle has become harder than before, he reminded the cadets, and exhorted them to pursue the path leading to the NDA with greater zeal and diligent and consistent hard work. He said he had greater expectations about his younger brethren who came decades after him to his foster mother for her guidance and blessing. In a busy schedule of long travel and visits Gen Sinha could find time to visit his college. How strong and noble a bond of reverence and love binds an old boy and his college! We had another occasion to measure its depth and height through Gen Sinha's kind visit. We are grateful to him and his wife for making time to visit the college. We are sure that we would continue to enjoy the privilege of his patronage in our onward march to greater glory and excellence as an institution.

OVERHEARD after the 'Doon Darshan'

'We must, after all, know the place where we are living.'

—Cadet S. Jha

'Work is worship, but Doon Darshan too.'

—A. Vadhera

'Apples and biscuits come with us for the darshan.'

—J.S. Brar

We went to the 'deer park.'

—S. Singh

'We saw many old guns and tanks also.'

—T. Roy

'It was an exciting day.'

—A. Kaushik

'We touched the deer and fondled its little ones.'

—D.S. Bhattacharya

'We came back singing gaily.'

—Vikas Kohli

REPEAT THEM RAPIDLY . . .

- (a) The seething sea ceaseth and thus sufficeth us.
- (b) Fanny Finch fried five floundering fish for Francis's father.
- (c) The Sixth sheik's sixth sheep's sick.
- (d) Amid the mists and coldest frosts
With barest wrists and stoutest boasts
He thrusts his fists against the posts
And still insists he sees the ghosts.
- (e) Are you copperbottoming 'em, my man ?
No'm, I'm aluminiuming 'em, mum.
- (f) Six slim slick slender saplings
- (g) A bloke's back brake block broke

AH-SMILE A WHILE !

Gossip columnist Earl Wilson dedicated a book "To the wonderful woman who cooks my meals, darns my socks and rears my son—my mother-in-law".

The U.S. Chief of Protocol, James Symington, tells about his early training for the role. Before his first formal dinner, his mother instructed him on small talk. She told him to ask the woman on his right if she was married and how many children she had, and then ask the woman on his left the same questions.

"I returned from that dinner dishevelled", he says. "I asked the lady on my right if she was married and when she said no, I asked how many children she had ? When the lady on the left told me that she had a number of children, I asked her if she was married".

IMPORTANCE OF TELLING LIES

A famous French writer once quipped, "If there is no God, it would be necessary to invent one." Playing a slight variation on this quote, we might say, "If there were no lies, it would be necessary to invent them." This might read sacrilegious. But, there is logic in this thesis which cannot be rejected outright. We must cast a penetrating look around ourselves before passing the judgement.

There is no denying the fact that telling truth is one of the most commendable moral edicts that has come down to us through the ages. But let's think for ourselves. The truth about telling lies is that all of us lie. We have been doing it for centuries. Things have not improved since the days of the philosopher. Diogenes who took a lantern and set out in broad daylight in search of a truly truthful man. His effort was not rewarded.

Dr. Karpman, an expert on this subject, says, "some verbal deception is essential to contemporary living. Only chaos would result from absolute truth at all times." One cannot but agree with him. Without lying, there would be confusion, friction in social order and many a human relationship would be damaged beyond repair.

Think of a hubby who tells truthfully on his wife's face that she resembles a witch. Think of a lawyer who tells the judge that his client is a murderer.

But mercifully, thanks to our habit of lying, nothing of that sort happens. All these unpleasant things are avoided because we avoid telling the truth.

Diplomacy is the refined art of telling lies. Now consider an ambassador. An ambassador is a man who lies abroad for the good of his country. Similarly, if lying is indulged in the name of improving social and personal relationships, where is the harm ? In other words, we do the needful. We tell lies.

N. TIWARI
Class IV

RIMCOLLIANA

The following ex-Cadets visited the college. Our grateful thanks to them for their kind visit.

Commandant and Mrs. BM Shah (P)

Lt Col HS Mangat (S)

Capt and Mrs Jasbir Singh (R)

A MOONLIT-NIGHT

Lonely I sat
 by the river side
 on a moonlit night
 when one can't hide
 one's desires and love
 for the nature's beauty
 on such a lovely site.
 I could smell the sweet
 fragrance floating in the air ;
 could feel the cool breeze
 blowing my hairand
 I could see the moon
 smiling at me
 Perchance... .. to prove
 it is more beautiful.
 The blinking stars winked
 at me
 When I was looking
 at the moon
 Through the shining surface
 of the river
 and then; I winked back
 but did I ?

CADET B ROY
 Class V A

Thought of the Fortnight

"I am a slow walker, but I never walk back"

—A. Lincoln

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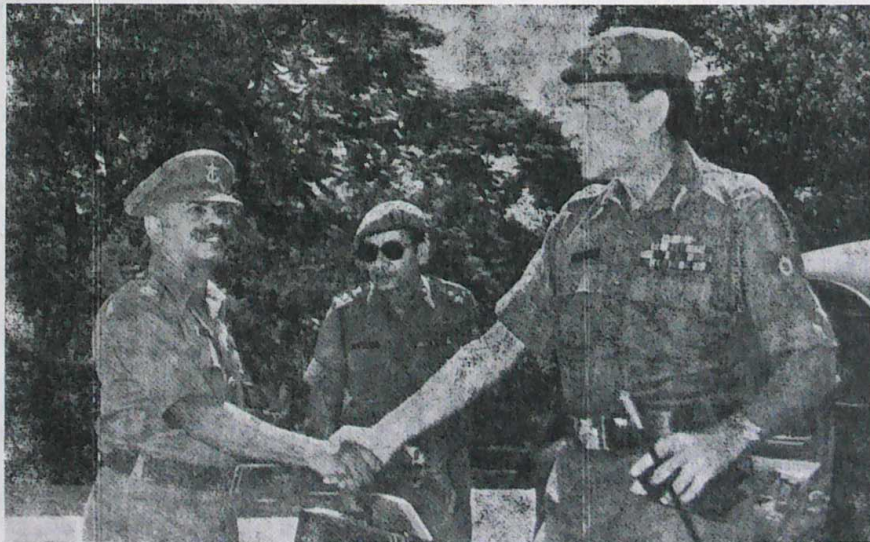
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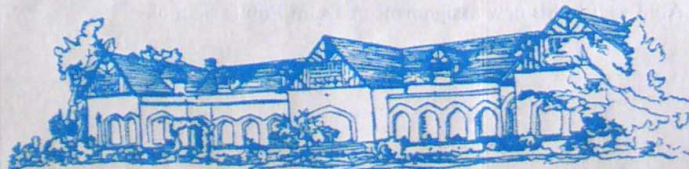
The country is passing through an ugly valley of communal riots and narrow tunnels of regionalism. The forces of disintegration and disruption are playing havoc. But an ideal India in miniature, free from all the ills facing the nation, is in the makings within the four walls of RIMC. There is no place for regionalism and communalism or any such ugly tendencies of the same brood. In a world of plenty and prosperity, an Arcadia, where nature and resources never run short of supplies, these privileged and chosen sons of India are setting an example for the rest of the nation. They come from North, South, East and West of India, they profess and practise their different religions and they speak ten odd languages. Yet they all live under the same roof in harmony, with one accord and in perfect unity. It is a marvellous and beautiful world they are building. These budding leaders of tomorrow will take the Indian Armed Forces to their desired goal and destination. In them lies the hopes and destiny of a great nation.

GOC-IN-CHIEF, CENTRAL COMMAND VISITS RIMC

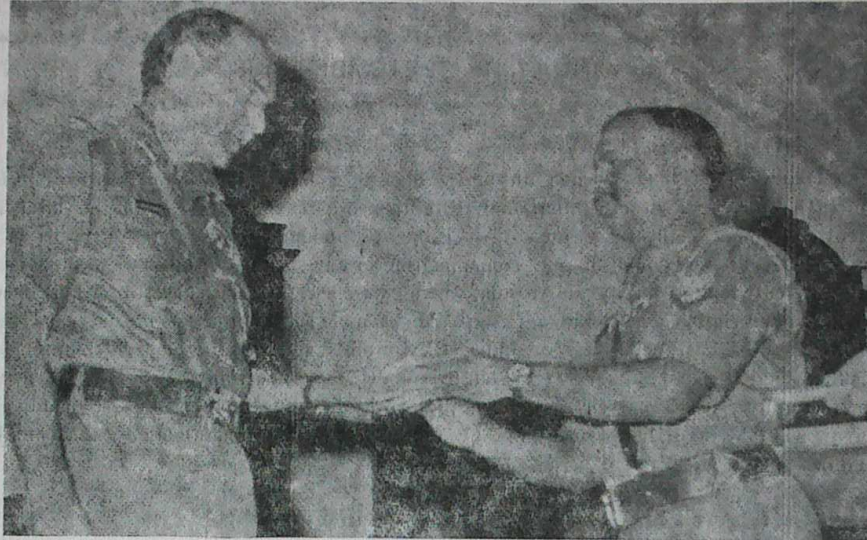
Lt Gen WAG Pinto, PVSM, GOC-in-Chief, Central Command paid an official visit to RIMC on 11th September 1980. The Army Commander was given a very warm welcome by the college. In his welcome speech to Gen Pinto the Commandant expressed the sentiments of the college family for his gracious visit and the rich patronage the college enjoys under his command. The General was presented with the college memento and he expressed his thanks for the gesture of love and regards. Gen Pinto has the unique distinction of having a very brilliant and distinguished record of service. As a Division Commander he did wonders in the Shakar Garh Battle, during Indo-Pak War of 1971.



A Warm Welcome



We are very fortunate to be under his able and kind Command. A brief account of the academic excellence of RIMC and its contributions to the Armed Forces of India was given by the Commandant. Gen Pinto paid glowing tributes to the excellence and unique record of the good work being done by the RIMC. His inspiring and challenging speech reminded the cadets of the great expectations that the country has about them. He called upon the young cadets to uphold the great name of the college through their sincere and devoted work. The Staff and Cadet appointments of the college were introduced to Gen Pinto by the Commandant. He took a keen interest in all the various aspects of college and its welfare. We are grateful to Gen Pinto for his kind visit to a humble place like ours and we hope that we will continue to enjoy the privilege of his patronage.



A token of Love and Regards

NEWS IN BRIEF

2nd Sept. Tuesday

'Janmashtami' was celebrated by the College family. At a simple function held at the College Temple Cadet R. Kumar spoke on the importance of the festival. Bhajans by the Music Club and speeches by Mr. U.N. Singh and Mr. R.C. Singhal made the occasion memorable. The Commandant thanked all those who made the celebrations a great success. Sweets were distributed to all who had gathered.

7th Sept. Sunday

The long awaited Inter-Section Cross Country Championship competition was held. Pratap Section bagged the trophy followed by Chandra Gupta, Shivaji and Ranjit. In the junior section Cadet HS Sandhu came first while among seniors Cadet Anoop Chauhan finished first.

A spine chilling adventurous movie 'The Domsday Flight' was screened in the Convocation Hall.

11th Sept. Thursday

Lt Gen WAG Pinto, PVSM, GOC-in-C, Central Command visited RIMC.

MORNING ASSEMBLY

Mr. K. Kumar's speech, 'Martial Poetry in Hindi Literature' was worth listening to. He recited the various rhythmic tunes to illustrate his points and decked his speech with many examples from history. 'Laser', a speech delivered by Mr. Nene, helped the audience to rise to scientific heights. The practical applications of 'laser' and its further usefulness in a developing world were very clearly brought home by Mr. Nene.

On 6th September a special assembly was held to bid 'farewell' to Mr. Abid Mustaqim on the eve of his joining the Delhi Public School. The Commandant paid glowing tributes to Mr. Abid's services to the College. Cadet Captain Mitra expressed the farewell sentiments on behalf of the Cadets and wished Mr. Abid well in his new assignment at Delhi Public School.

We also bid farewell to Captain Sydney Peoples on 12th September. A farewell party was held at the Staff room. The Commandant wished Capt and Mrs. Sydney well at the new station and Captain Peoples expressed his thanks for the sentiments expressed by the Commandant and to all the ladies and gents at the party.

ON THE VICTORY STAND

(65th NDA COURSE 11th TO 13th JUNE 1980)

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| 1. S.K. Bhandoh | 14. S. Srivastava |
| 2. S.K. Banerjee | 15. R.D. Sharma |
| 3. S. Kamboj | 16. S. Salee |
| 4. P. Bhatnagar | 17. B.V. Ramana |
| 5. R.P.M. Panghal | 18. N.N. Sharma |
| 6. P.K. Mitra | 19. S.K. Barpanda |
| 7. V.V. Raju | 20. Adhir Arora |
| 8. U. Tiwari | 21. Kanta Singh |
| 9. J.S. Nehra | 22. M.B. Singh |
| 10. K.M. Dhir | 23. S. Sodhakar |
| 11. A.K. Jain | 24. R. Anthony |
| 12. D. Dhar | 25. GRS Reddy |
| 13. K. Arunodaya | |

SPORTS ARENA

A Football match was played between the College XI vs Col Brown's School XI on 10th September on the latter's ground. The hosts went down 3-4.

A return match was played against Col Brown's School on 13th September on the home grounds. The latter put a brave fight but bowed out 4-6. It was a hard earned victory for the blooming youngsters of RIMC.

In a return match with the Gorkha Military School the cadets fought back but could not score a win. They lost 1-2.

A Squash match was played on 6th September 80, between Staff Team and the Cadet's Team. The Cadets won the match 4-3.

Results are as follows :-

(1) Mr. R.C. Sharma	won	Cadet V Sood	2-nil
(2) Dr. J.S. Bhatti	lost to	Cadet NS Gosal	nil-2
(3) Mr. L.N. Thakur	won	Cadet R Puri	2-1
(4) Ex-Cadet Rajiv Sharma	won	Cadet R Punghal	2-nil
(5) Mr. R.C. Chaturvedi	lost to	Cadet PK Rai	1-2
(6) Capt AK Jairath	lost to	Cadet S Srivastva	1-2
(7) Capt BN Das	lost to	Cadet S Khatri	nil-2

Ah ! LAUGH A WHILE !!!

The GI was competing in a rifle tournament. When his card was brought to him, it reflected such a poor performance that he in-voluntarily remarked to the Captain, who was scrutinizing it. "After looking at my card, I feel like shooting myself."

To which the captain murmured, still looking at the card, "Better take two bullets."

RIMCOLLIANA

Capt MP Yadav will be doing advanced mountaineering at Gomukh for trials for Everest Expedition in 1984.

The following Ex-Cadets are attending a course at College of Military Engineering.

Capt LK Bhatia

Capt SS Thakar

Capt Juneja

Ex-Cadet Deepak Gosain is doing his B.E. Course at M.S. University Baroda.

Lt Col DK Khuller visited the College.

He will be going to Manna and Deoband under the Gunners Mountaineering Expedition as the leader. We wish him all success.

परीक्षाएं समाप्त होनी चाहिये

रोहित कुमार चौधरी

परीक्षा ! परीक्षा ! परीक्षा ! यह शब्द सुनते-२ तो मेरे कान पक गये हैं। जब से होश संभाला है यह शब्द मेरे जीवन से जोंक की तरह चिपट गया है और मेरे मन की सारी खुशियाँ व शरीर का सारा रक्त सूखे जा रहा है। न जाने किस मूर्खराज ने इस शब्द का निर्माण किया था। क्योंकि यह हम बच्चों का खून चूसने के लिये हर मास, हर सप्ताह व हर साल बिन बुलाये मेहमान की तरह आ टपकती है, और हर बार इससे जूझना ही पड़ता है। काश ! यह परीक्षा न होती ?

जब से होश संभाला है—स्कूल जाने के लिये परीक्षा, उसके बाद परीक्षा, अगली कक्षा में पहुँचने के लिये परीक्षा ! न जाने यह कैसा मजाक है जो हम बच्चों के साथ किया जा रहा है। बचपन से ही मैं इस जुल्म को सहता आया हूँ लेकिन अब और नहीं सहा जाता। यह परीक्षाएं तो समाप्त ही होनी चाहिये। इनका कोई अस्तित्व ही नहीं रहा है।

आजकल तो बच्चों की परीक्षाएं उस समय से आरम्भ हो जाती हैं जब उसे नाक पोंछना व कपड़े पहनना तक नहीं आता। यह कैसा मजाक है ? परीक्षाओं के नाम पर रिश्वत का ही बोलबाला है। आजकल जिस प्रकार की परीक्षाएं हो रही हैं वह सब अच्छी तरह जानते हैं। मेरे से या आप से कुछ छुपा नहीं है। अभी पिछले वर्ष को ही लीजिए हाईस्कूल व इंटरमीडिएट की परीक्षाएं बाद में हुई उससे पहले ही विद्यार्थियों को प्रश्न पत्र पता चल गया था। मेज पर बड़ा सा चाकू रखकर विद्यार्थी परीक्षा देता है। निरीक्षक की तो रूह ही काँप जाती है। जरा भी बोला तो स्वर्ग का रास्ता दिखाई देता है। वह भी क्या करे ? उसके भी तो बाल-बच्चे हैं, उसे भी तो घर जाना है उसकी भी तो अपने परिवार के प्रति जिम्मेदारियाँ हैं। वह चुपपी साध लेता है और चुपचाप नकल के लम्बे-२ कागजों को देखता रहता है। वह परीक्षा के नाम की दुहाई देता रहता है। आजकल जो नया तराका चला है जिसमें चार में से एक उत्तर चुनना पड़ता है उसमें तो लाऊडस्पीकर द्वारा एक का एक, पाँच का दो, सौ का चार जैसे उत्तर घोषित किये जाते हैं।

हाँ ! परीक्षाओं के मामले में हमारा विद्यालय सबसे आगे है। सुबह उठो तो N.C.O. की वर्दी परीक्षा, परेड पर Section-Commander की परीक्षा उसके बाद Section-master की निरीक्षण परेड, कक्षा में जाओ तो अध्यापक की परीक्षा ! मैं तो परीक्षा देते-२ थक गया हूँ।

परीक्षाएं जब भी आती हैं तो मजेदार बात यह है कि कितने ही विद्यार्थियों के हौंसले पस्त हो जाते हैं। किसी को जुलाब, तो किसी को पेटदर्द शुरू हो जाता है, तो किसी का पारा 105°F तक पहुँच जाता है। और क्यों न पहुँचे जब पुरे साल की पढ़ाई दो घंटों में पूछी जाती है। तो गणित के अनुसार, पुरे साल में जितनी बार दिल धड़कता है उतनी बार उन दो घंटों में धड़क जाता है। पुराने विद्यार्थी जो चोटी रखते थे, पढ़ते समय अपनी चोटी को छत से बाँध देते थे ताकि अगर भूपकी आये तो चोटी खिच जाय और नींद भाग जाय। मैं यह बार-२ सोचता हूँ कि क्या यह हम विद्यार्थियों के प्रति अन्याय नहीं है ? परीक्षाओं के नाम पर हमारा शोषण क्यों किया जा रहा है ? यह परीक्षाएँ तो समाप्त ही होनी चाहिये। न जाने वह दिन कब आयेगा जब यह परीक्षाएँ समाप्त होंगी। हम लोगों को इस ढकोसले से छुटकारा मिलेगा व हम चैन की बंसी बजा सकेंगे। माँ-बाप व उस समाज के प्यारे होंगे। दोस्तों में हमारा मान होगा, सम्मान होगा।

Thought of the Fortnight

“Genius is one per cent inspiration
And ninety-nine per cent perspiration”

—Thomas Alva Edison

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RIMCOLLIANA :

Heartiest congratulations to Capt JS Bajwa (S) for getting the ME degree in Structural Engineering from University of Roorkee.

Ex-Cadet KS Puri has become the Financial Secretary and Revenue Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland.

Ex-Cadet HS Butalia has been appointed Commissioner in Nagaland.

Ex-Cadet Ziaul Hussain was adjudged the best footballer in the Inter Public School Football Tournament held recently at Ajmer.

Our heartiest congratulations.

AH ! LAUGH AWHILE !!!

(i) Wife to husband about to hang a picture : "You'll find the hammer in the drawer, the nails in the cupboard, and the bandages in the medicine cabinet.

(ii) The doctor diagnosed the Colonel's illness as hydropsy. What was that ? Too much water in the body, the doctor explained. The whisky-drinking Colonel was indignant. "But I've never drunk a drop of water all my life, doctor!" He paused. Then sadly, he concluded. "Must have been the ice".

RESCUE MISSION NANDA DEVI (25645 ft)-1980

It was the 11th of June '80, the third assault party was attempting the Nanda Devi peak. I was at Camp III situated at 22,000 ft. The assault party left the Summit Camp at 0500 hrs. and was expected to be atop at 1600 hrs. With excitement and anxiety we were glued to our radio-sets for the "long awaited" news of the success which never came. Lady luck and the weather gods were against us.

It was well past 1600 hrs; still no news from the assault party ! Panic and fear gripped the entire Camp. Ultimately at 2200 hrs. I received instructions from the Base Camp to take out a rescue and locate the assault party. I had already warned my party about an impending rescue mission. I, along with two Sherpas, Kami and Mingma, set out from Camp III at 0400 hrs. on the 12th.

The climb was very tough. We were fighting against adverse weather conditions. The blizzards were so strong that any of us could have been just blown off. But with the help of fixed ropes we inched forward. The climb from Camp III to Summit Camp (24,000 ft.), also called Japanese Camp IV, is the most difficult part in this mountain. This patch consists of slaty rocks of 60° to 70° gradient with 6" to 7" of snow and with glaciers at places. After negotiating this hazardous climb, we finally reached the Summit Camp at 1100 hrs. But we were in for a shock. There was no sign of life and the entire Camp wore a deserted look. With no alternative, we made loud noises so as to attract the attention of anyone around. And only at 1300 hrs., did we hear a distant and faint voice—"Hum aa rahe hain".

Immediately I flashed messages across saying that the assault party had been contacted. I sent the Sherpas ahead along with lots of fluids, and a radio set. I stayed back at the Camp to make adm. arrangements and prepare fluids and food for the members. The Sherpas had been climbing since morning and were absolutely exhausted. But with sheer determination and my moral support, they climbed up and at about 1430 hrs., Kami sighted two of the members, one with a red jacket and the other with a green one. We instantly recognised them as Bahuguna and Harshmani. But where was Sharma, the third member ? In a stunned silence we kept waiting and praying to the Almighty. Our prayers were answered when Sharma emerged out of a depression not far behind the leading two.

The two Sherpas finally confronted the party at 1600 hrs., and it was a tearful sight to watch them pouncing on the Sherpas for fluids. And only when they had enough, did they open their mouth to talk. One could have well imagined the condition they were in. They had spent a whole night out in the open braving the hostile weather. It was Kami again, who broke the news and I immediately informed all concerned that the three were alive. I then asked the Sherpas to bring them down without wasting any time.

They reached the Summit Camp at 2000 hrs. and with tears in my eyes I welcomed them. They were completely exhausted and dehydrated. It was sheer will power and determination which had kept them alive so far. I then contacted the doctor at the Base Camp who instructed me administer certain medicines to them. They were then put on oxygen throughout the night.

The problem now was of spending the night at the Camp. We had just one two-man tent and three sleeping bags. And we were six of us. So I decided that the assault party would rest and the rest of us spent the night sitting at three corners of the tent. And only at 0400 hrs., the next day did I and Mingma come out to prepare some tea. When I asked Kami to come out, what I heard was shocking. He cried out that he could not see. He had become snowblind. I now had four people to evacuate with only me and Mingma. Chhibber was kind enough to have sent two Sherpas to us after learning our problem. We reached Camp I at 2000 hrs. with the casualties. Since their condition had deteriorated by then, they were evacuated by air the next day.

A point to note was that I, along with the two Sherpas would have made to the Summit if the question of rescuing the assault party was not involved. The assault party had fixed ropes and paved a path to the Summit.

It gives me immense pleasure to mention about Major SD Mohanti, a Rimcollian who was doing Brigade Major of the local brigade. He sent his greetings to me on wireless quite often. Major Mohanti was a spirited Pratapian who went out of his way to help our team. He was the first officer to have sent his best wishes to me when I led the rescue party.

Capt MP YADAV
(Jan. 67 to Dec. 70).

MAN IS THE ARCHITECT OF HIS OWN DESTINY

You are the architect of your destiny.

If you are not the architect of your destiny then who is? Is it God, some stars or some blind force? No, it is you and you alone.

It is in the hands of man that his future lies and he shapes it with his own doings. It is the will, the perseverance, the conscience, determination and the intellect that help you to become the architect of your destiny. That is why we say, "as we sow, so shall we reap". It is an accepted truth that every action has a reaction and it is that reaction which makes our future. There can be nothing that is not linked by the cause and effect relation and if that is so, then a man's future depends entirely on his own doings, for no one is born a saint or a rogue and yet, strangely enough, they do exist. But why? Because of their own doing. This is what they wanted to be. You are the instrument of your actions; you are the doer. Being so, your destiny depends upon your actions.

We know that life is a challenge and we have to face it and a man's future depends upon how he accepts that challenge, and how much he exerts himself. Therefore we find some men have achieved great distinction in life though most have passed into the deep depth of oblivion.

We find in a classroom several students being taught the same syllabus by the same teacher and yet some fail brilliantly while others fail miserably. It is not because some were destined to fail or pass, but as a result of effort applied by the individual.

Now if we make a survey, we find that Alexander was not Alexander the great. Hitler was not born 'Furhrer'. Gandhiji was not born Mahatma, Shakespeare was not born a dramatist and Tagore was not born with a Nobel prize in his hand but they achieved the distinctions and they did so only on the merit of their actions.

We find man often reaching the level of divinity. For example, Christ, Muhammad, Chaitanya and Ramkrishna were not born gods but even today they are considered so because they have proved themselves by the virtue of their deeds.

I would like to conclude echoing Cassius, "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars but within ourselves."

And finally I call those people cowards, shirkers, escapist, and day-dreamers who dwell in the fantastic realm of "whatever will be, will be" but I prefer to follow the great hero of Mahabharata 'Karna' who boldly claimed, "I may be born anywhere, but my destiny is in my own hands."

Y.R. GARGEY
Class V

अन्तरिक्ष में !

उस घड़ी मैंने अपने आप को एक अनोखे देश में पाया जहाँ सूर्य और चन्द्रमा एक साथ चमक रहे थे । शीतल चाँदनी और सूर्य की सुनहरी किरणों से प्रकाशित होने वाला वह प्रदेश एक मोहक दृश्य प्रस्तुत कर रहा था । यही पता नहीं चल रहा था कि उस समय दिन है या रात ? इस प्रकार मैं वहाँ की नैसर्गिक सुन्दरता को निहार रहा था कि अचानक मुझे ऐसा लगा कि मेरा दम घुट रहा है और कोई मेरा नाम लेकर पुकार रहा है । मैंने पीछे मुड़कर देखा । देखता क्या हूँ ? एक विचित्र दानवाकार प्राणी, जिसका धड़ पक्षियों जैसा था परन्तु चेहरा मनुष्य के समान, मेरी ओर बढ़ा चला आ रहा है । उसके इन्द्रधनुषी पंखों को देखकर तो मैं दाँतों तले उँगली दवाने लगा ।

पलभर में मैंने अपने को एक विचित्र विमान में पाया । उस यान में विचित्र तरह के प्राणी सवार थे । वे आपस में एक अजीब सी बोलों में बातचीत कर रहे थे । मैं कुछ भी न समझ सका । तभी अचानक सारे अन्तरिक्ष में सैकड़ों धुवाँ उगल रहे यान छा गए । मैं एक टक होकर उस भयंकर दृश्य को देखने लगा । भयानक अन्तरिक्ष युद्ध चल रहा था । वायुयान एक दूसरे पर आग बरसा रहे थे । उस युद्ध में प्रयोग होने वाले भयंकर अस्त्र-शस्त्रों की मार को देखकर मेरा रोम-रोम काँप उठा । मैं डर के मारे चिल्ला उठा—'मुझे बचाओ' । 'मुझे बचाओ' ! उसी समय एक उल्का हमारे यान से टकरा गई और फिर.....देखता क्या हूँ कि मेरी माता जी मुझे कह रही है.....बेटा कुम्भकर्ण की नींद सोते ही रहोगे.....आज स्कूल नहीं जाना है क्या ?

वीरकुमार सुयश शर्मा

Thought for the Fortnight

*Laugh and the world laughs with you
weep and you weep alone*

For the sad old earth has borrowed its mirth

But has trouble enough of its own.

—E.M. Wilcox

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CAMPUS BULLETIN

The dreary days of monotonous routine make one and all desire for a change. The human mill needs oiling and overhauling when it gets grinding for days together. Hikes during the mid-term break made the cadets forget the dull and unpleasant task of examination. They went to discover and explore the wide world outside, and they did come back renewed and refreshed and better equipped for hard toil and moil for the rest of the session. It has been a period of numerous activities again. All India Hindi Declamation Contest, Inter-Section Football competitions, hikes and the like of the kind kept the cadets and masters on their toes. The diary of events will tell more about them in detail.

Oct. 01 Wednesday

The Midterm Examinations came to a close.

Oct. 02 Thursday Gandhi Jayanthi

A Public Holiday. The following hike parties set out to their respective destinations:

Class I went to Mussoorie under the guidance of Mr. R.C. Sharma and Captain Davary. The first termers did a good job by trekking their way up from Rajpur to Mussoorie, and down.

Class IA, II set out for Simla Hills by bus. Maj. P.K.K. Raju and Mr. U.N. Singh led the team.

Class II & IIA went their way trekking the Kalsi—Mussoorie route. Mr. Sammadar led the expedition.

Class III and IV went up to the Valley of Flowers. They had the privilege and pleasure of the company of the Commandant. Capt. B.N. Das was in-charge of the hike.

Class III A went pedalling all the way to Chandigarh. Mr. C.A. Joseph and Mr. R.C. Chaturvedi led the team of cyclists of RIMC.

October : 06 Monday

The hike parties returned—of course with a bunch of lingering memories, and the quiet corridors of the college became noisy and active again.

October : 08 Wednesday

The Inter-Section Football competitions started. The cheering crowd of cadets lent moral support to their respective sections. One could see many sitting in the pavilion making gestures, (and sometimes faces) and violent moves to score a goal by kicking someone unconsciously sitting nearby. The sky-rending cheers came to a stand still when the Captain of the Ranjit Section received the coveted trophy from the Commandant. Cadet M.K. Gupta and Cadet S. Khatri were adjudged the best players of the senior and junior sections respectively.

Oct. 10 Friday

“Man, Better still Woman”, was hotly debated on the platform of Doon School. The college team consisting of Cadet S. Dharkar and Cadet Vivek Sood did their best to make their participation felt by the audience.

Oct. 11 Saturday

The All-India Hindi Declamation Contest was held in the college convocation hall. Eleven schools from and outside Dehra Dun participated. Maj Gen Rajendra Prakash, VSM, GOC, 14 Infantry Division and his wife were the the chief guests on the occasion. Mrs. Rajendra Prakash very graciously gave away the prizes and the trophy.



St. Joseph's Academy, Dehra Dun won the ivory shield and the RIMC team came second while Welham Girls School finished third in the contest. Cadet Deepak Adhar, RIMC, was adjudged the best individual speaker. Master Ajay Shukla of St. Joseph's Academy and Master Annuj Malhotra stood second and third respectively. It was a very enlightening occasion when the wit and wisdom of the younger generation of today put up a display for all those who had gathered together.

MORNING ASSEMBLY

'Freedom and Responsibility' was an uplifting sermon for cadets from the Master's pulpit. Mr. U.N. Singh delivered his speech with great conviction and mastery over the subject. So much so the Commandant made frequent references to it in his speech to the cadets. On 15th October the 'hike experiences' were told to the whole college by Ranjit Kumar and Rohit Kumar Choudhry, respectively. Their experiences in Valley of Flowers and Simla were told in a vein of wit and humour much to the satisfaction of a listening assembly.

RIMCOLLIANA

Congratulations to Sqn. Leader Rajbir Yadav on the occasion of his marriage.

AH! LAUGH AWHILE !!!

(i) The bus was already crowded when an enormously fat woman got in. She stood for a moment glaring at the seated passengers. Then she asked, "Isn't some gentleman going to offer me his seat?"

At this a little wisp of a man rose. "well", he said timidly, "I am ready to make a small contribution"

(ii) The wedding took place in the chapel at Naval Air Station, and after the ceremony the young pilot drove through the gate with his new bride. The veteran Marine Sergeant at the gate snapped to rigid attention, saluted smartly and announced, "Sir, your liberty has just been cancelled".

KALSI-MUSSOORIE HIKE

Nature, like a kind smiling mother, lends herself to our dreams and cherishes our fancies. After all those days of cramming and battling with books came the hikes as-when winter comes, could spring be far behind? I don't think so. Hikes for which we had tarried so long had come at last. Class IIA and some spirited boys of class II along with our O.I.C. Mr. Sammadar and 2.I.C. Hav. Rawat were going on a hike from Kalsi to Mussoorie. Our hike was scheduled to leave on 2nd October early in the morning.

On 1st October our hike party was called by our O.I.C. at his residence to collect provisions. He with Hav. Rawat gave us the necessary do's and don'ts and then distributed provisions equally to the cadets. All wished for Shakkar Paras' and those delicious looking condensed milk tins. But to those boys' disappointment they got, instead, kerosene oil and big cans filled with salt boiled potatoes. Anyway, all were happy and took it in the right spirit, as atleast half-boiled potatoes were better than nothing at all! And as it is disappointment is the Course of wisdom. We were to be ready with our packs at 5 A.M. on 2nd October. A restless and exciting night passed.

2nd October :

Our Hike-party was ready in front of the Senior-Ante room bubbling with josh and excitement. We were given packed breakfast-cum-lunch and were given a last minute briefing about our route. We were to go upto Kalsi by bus carry on trekking to Yamuna Bridge; from Yamuna bridge to Kempty Falls, from Kempty Falls to Mussoorie thereafter, we had to trek a distance of over 56 kms.

The bus which was to take us to Kalsi arrived at 5. 15 A.M. We loaded our packs and got into the bus. As soon as the bus started, loud cheers could be heard. All were in high spirits and in a jolly mood. When our bus was reaching Herbertpur we spotted some of the Chandigarh-hike boys on cycles. We waved out to them, which they reciprocated. After a kilometre or so we spotted a lone Abhijit Chakravorty pedalling away to glory. We waved out strongly to him and this spirited Rimcollian left his handle bars and waved back and eventually landed with a bump on his head. For if you throw a lucky man into the sea, he will come up with a fish in his mouth. We were not sure whether Chakravorty licked the soil of his motherland either out of his patriotism or sheer spiritedness. We reached Kalsi at 7.30 A.M. and there we were given our packs, which indeed challenged us, and we remembered what our worthy Commandant always says "A Rimcollian never refuses".

A few minutes later, we proceeded on our way to trek to Yamuna Bridge. We saw many shepherds with their mountain goats. For most of us it was pleasure but for some.

There's sand in porridge
And stones is bed
And if this is pleasure
We'd rather be dead

Near Yamuna bridge we heard a strong rattling in the bushes. All of us looked behind excitedly. Mishra, the 'brave boy' of the hike took out his 'Khuki' only to find a small chicken coming out of the bushes.

We reached Yamuna bridge by 2.30 P.M. There the hikers halted and had some rest. Now, we were quite tired and were reluctant to go on. Just then, thanks to a nearby shopkeeper's radio, some good music put us back into action. With renewed spirit we set off once more. It was a long way to Kempty Falls, a distance of about 18 kms.

Things were going on smoothly, when suddenly my friend Vikramjeet Singh came tumbling down, his face pale with fear and excitement.

On being questioned about his condition, with great difficulty his vocal cords gave out the word 'snake'. We hurried up to the spot where the reptile was supposed to be. We saw a brown coloured cylindrical object hanging from a tree. When some of us threw stones at it, a big black monkey emerged torn and angry, licking the brown object which was its tail.

It was a tough and a risky hike to Kempty Falls. At places we had to take some steep but dangerous short cuts but never was anything great achieved without danger. By the time we reached the Falls it was quite dark. We went straight to our rest house. There the hikers refreshed themselves and had their meals. Kempty is at a height of 1500 meters. Later we had a camp fire and after a bit of sing-song we went to bed late at night.

3rd October :

A bright and sunny day dawned with a cool breeze all over. We had a delicious breakfast of some bread pudding with jam after which we went down to the falls and took some photographs.

We had an early lunch of rice, vegetables and dal. It was well prepared by our 2 I.C. Hav. Rawat. Only that it was saltless and slightly sweet. But expecting a P.T. Instructor to cook is, I think, expecting a bit too much.

We left Kempty at 11.30, Mussoorie is about 7 kms away from Kempty. In the beginning it was a very steep and rugged terrain. It was estimated that we would reach Mussoorie in 3 hrs. But thanks to some I.M.A. hikers we reached Mussoorie—the queen of hills—in less than 2 hrs. On the wayside people stopped and stood gazing at us, and we all the same took out our chests.

We reached 'Sylverton Hotel' by lunch time. There we were given a warm welcome by the first termers. We changed into civil clothes, after refreshing ourselves. The boys were certainly feeling the change from the monotony of the normal olive green to colourful fabrics of all kinds.

We were then given our pocket money and were allowed to go to the market. We roamed about the market place buying things at a reasonable price, visiting the big antique shops and, of course, not to forget those yum-yum softies. In the evening we had a grand dinner and slept soundly.

The next morning we got up late and took our own sweet time to breakfast and most of us went to the movie "Five Crazy Boys". And not to forget, that bird watching hobby was in full swing. After lunch we visited some of the important picnic spots like Lal-Tibba, Gun Hill, Municipal Gardens and Camel's Back and came to know why tourists are so much attracted to Mussoorie.

After our meals we went to bed with heavy hearts as we had to return to Dehra Dun the next day.

5th October :

Then dawned a day which was going to shatter our blissful happiness, which was going to break our joviality into a thousand fragments. It appeared as if the sky were to fall on our heads, we had our breakfast in a very melancholy atmosphere.

Then we got our packs inspected by our Hav. Rawat and we bid a tearful farewell to Mussoorie.

In the beginning the way to Rajpur seemed very easy, but after Jharipani we realised some real tough hiking. It was a steep slope with an extremely narrow terrain. After some time G.M. Reddy had a great fall sustaining only a minor injury. But when misfortune comes it comes not as a single spy but in battalions. One of the hikers could be heard yelling out for help. We could see his trousers stuck in a thorny bush and by the time we got him out, believe me, his trouser could be seen in two distinct halves. I can see my friend Solanki itching to get up and punch me on my nose. Though we got a bit delayed, we reached Rajpur by 3 O' clock. There the R.I.M. C. 3-tonner was waiting for us. We left Rajpur by 3.30 P.M.

We reached R.I.M.C. by 4 O' clock. To conclude, I would only like to say that this hike was a very fine experience for us even, albeit, life is a series of experiences each one of which makes us bigger. Even though sometimes it is a bit hard to realise this.

SPORTS ARENA

Results of the Inter Section Football Championship Competitions

Seniors	Position	Points	Juniors	Position	Points	Overall Positions
Ranjit	I	4	Pratap	I	4	Ranjit I
Pratap	III	2	Shivaji	II	3	Shivaji II
Shivaji	II	3	Ranjit	III	2	Pratap III
Chandragupta	IV	1	Chandragupta	IV	1	Chandragupta IV

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

Adventure is venture

Though the "essence is risk and danger";

That is man's nature

To conquer newer odds and worlds

Where lie the stupendous futures;

Cherish it ever my dear Rimcols !

—Capt SP DAVRAY

Thought for the Fortnight

Activity is the only road to knowledge.

—G.B. Shaw

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CAMPUS BULLETIN

The wintry days are back again. Longer nights and shorter days make the term roll faster, more, so because of the busy schedule of work and study. Last fortnight saw the curtain falling on the annual athletic meet; Dussera came and went, and the next festival is eagerly awaited; those who went for the Services Selection Board Interviews have returned. Soon the Olive green will pave the way for the Angola uniform marking the change in the season and it will be a welcome change for the shivering cadets.

NEWS IN BRIEF

October 17th-21st

The College remained closed for Dussera for the four days. But there was no dearth of activities. The get-together on 19th October was a joyful day for the cadets and staff. Music, Dance and Snacks, Tambola, Carom Board and Cards made the atmosphere lively and jubilant. The cadets sang away and danced away the fatigue of the hard routine and the spartan life style of the Rimcols.

A debate was arranged on 17th October in the Convocation Hall. Class V and VA had a very heated debate on the subject 'Lady teachers are far better than male teachers'. Class VA argued against and Class V for the motion. It looked as though the cadets of Class VA were able to convince their juniors about their fallacy and they won the debate. It was a good experiment and an interesting topic for discussion and debate for the male society in RIMC.

October, 22nd, 23rd, 25th

The College Annual Athletic Meet started on the afternoon of 22nd October. The heats of the events were complete on 22nd and 23rd. The College grounds and pavilion remained well equipped and ready for the finals of the events on 25th October.

Brigadier NS Tauwar, the Sub-Area Commander, accompanied by his wife, was the chief guest on the occasion. There was a distinguished gathering of parents, well-wishers and friends and of course some old boys and their families. Each Section was ready for their best performance in the Annual Meet. The coveted Championship Shield challenged every participant to compete with full and added enthusiasm. The spirited races were captivating and one could never take one's eyes off the track till the time the event was over.

The gymnastic display added more colour and beauty to the day's events. The young gymnasts of RIMC received big applause from the crowd of distinguished guests.

The guests race and old boys' race were enthusiastically cheered up by the young Cadets. In the guest race Capt and Mrs. Chakraborty finished first and Lt Col Padmanabhan proved his mettle by coming first in the old boy's race.

Cadet Ajay Shekhawat led the march past and it was a treat to watch the young cadets marching in perfect harmony to the tune played by the military band.

Cadet JBS Thapa, Cadet SK Yadav and Cadet AS Shekhawat were adjudged the best athletes in A, B and C divisions respectively.

Brigadier Tanwar very graciously gave away the prizes. Then followed the tea and refreshments



in the pavilion. We are grateful to Brigadier Tanwar and his wife for their gracious presence and encouragement given to our cadets on the occasion.

October 27th

"Secret War of Harry Friggs", an English movie was screened in the College Convocation Hall.

MORNING ASSEMBLY

The accounts of the hike—experiences of Cadets were exciting and entertaining. Cadet JS Kairon narrated the experience of the Kalsi-Mussoorie hike. Cadet S Jha and Cadet A Zaki told the tales of adventure in Mussoorie and Chandigarh respectively. The first prize for the best article on hike was won by the Simla hikers.

Mr. S. Samandar spoke on 'Students and Social Service' on Monday the 27th October. He highlighted the need for consistent and constructive social work by the student community.

MEDHAVI BADGE WINNERS 2nd TERM 1980

The following have won Medhavi Badges (Scholar's Badges) for standing first in their respective classes.

Class I	,,	Cadet S Jha
Class I A	,,	RK Nair
Class II	,,	R Bhattacharya
Class II A	,,	Jasbir Singh
Class III	,,	Prasant Gupta
Class III A	,,	H Dharmarajan
Class IV	,,	N Tiwari
Class IV A	,,	Nilanjan Biswas
Class V	,,	SP Dharkar
Class VA	,,	S Srivastava

SPORTS ARENA

The cadets are practising hard for the District Athletic Meet to be held in the first week of November. Rehearsals for the March Past are in progress.

LAUGHTER—the best medicine

When General Amin came to power in Uganda he ordered road blocks to be set up in all parts of the country to check cars for illegal weapons.

Everyday on my way to work I was stopped by soldiers. They would check the car bonnet and then ask to check the inside of my shoes. After a fortnight of this I could conceal my curiosity no longer, and asked one of them what he hoped to find in my shoes.

He shrugged his shoulders. "I don't know", he replied, "but we have orders to search all car bonnets and boots".

Glaring over his glasses at the mousy little man in front of him, the judge sniffed "You're a locksmith, hey? What were you doing in that gambling den when police raided it?"

The littleman looked down sheepishly and said "Your honour, I was making a bolt for the den".

RIMCOLLIANA

Congratulations to the following officers for having done their 'YOs, 32' Commando Course.

- 2 Lt DV Choudhary
- 2 Lt VP Singh
- 2 Lt BK Sinha
- 2 Lt R Ananth
- 2 Lt BS Kohli

Our heartiest congratulations to Lt BS Negi for receiving Johar and Commando Dagger in YOs 30 Commando Course. Congratulations to Capt PS Gurung, Capt SS Jog and Maj Sinha for being Instructors at the Commando Wing.

Col Subba Rao on being appointed as the Commandant of the Maratha Light Infantry Centre.

We are grateful to Fly Offr AK Singh for his short visit to the College.

OUR HIKE TO SIMLA

Examinations are a great botheration for the young generation of our dear nation; but every dark cloud has a silver lining. After the weary and exhausting exams came the enjoyable hikes, a glorious transfer from hell to heaven. Class IA and some lucky cadets from Class II had the pleasure and privilege of going to Simla. We had already been told of the details and on the 2nd of October, Gandhiji's birthday, after a long and impatient wait, we set off in a deluxe bus.

Our journey was not uneventful. The constant cheers from the cadets made it a pleasure. We first went past a canal to Paonta Sahib, known so because of a Gurudwara where Guru Gobind Singh had stayed. Here we went inside for a while, thanks to a mechanical breakdown in the bus. After an hour or so we proceeded. We passed through many captivating places and our joy knew no bounds to be travelling in the hills. The hours dragged by. They were spent in chatting, sleeping and watching the scenery. We passed Nahan and stopped a few kilometres beyond to have our lunch. This was followed by walking two kilometres further so that we do not "cuck-out" as Major Raju said. When the bus came, we thanked God and got in.

We reached Solan at tea-time, had our tea and continued with our journey. We were encouraged, partly to avoid the frown of our A.O., to sing songs, and we did so. After this many of us went to sleep to avoid giddiness and headache.

When we woke up, it was dark. Through the window, one could see a beautiful shimmer of lights. Someone remarked, "There is Simla".

After sometime, we reached the rest house which was farther than we thought. Strange how near objects seem to recede on being approached! Any way we went there and chose our rooms. We were told that six would be staying in one room but we did not mind as long as we got some place to sleep. After this we had dinner and immediately flopped into bed.

Next morning we got up early. We had our breakfast and went for sightseeing. The bus first took us to the Mall from where climbed up to the ridge. It is a beautiful place and the main centre. It has a flat ground where parades are held on important occasions. Here we had a break of 15 minutes and many boys virtually invaded an ice-cream softy parlour. We relinquished ourselves and headed towards Jaku Hanuman Temple.

The way was quite steep and all the way monkeys could be seen. Even at the Hanuman Temple, many monkeys sat in our way. Some monkeys were so cheeky that one of them snatched away Anurag Singh's pullover which he luckily got back unscathed and another put its hand in R.K. Nair's pocket. Thank God, Nair's pocket money was saved. But they were so tame that they ate out of Nehra's hand and Mr. U.N. Singh had the wonderful opportunity of taking a photograph. This was unexpected and they frightened us. After a spot of monkeying, that is, we monkeys vs the brown furred ones, we moved on.

By the time we came back, it was almost time for lunch. We headed back to the rest house where we had our lunch. After this we were left free and we decided to go to the Mall. Again at the ridge, there was a rush for softies. The lucky ones found an almost empty but equally good softy shop after which we went around the shops buying essential items, games, and the like. We marvelled at the beautiful city and came back, tired and happy at the appointed time. The rest of the evening was passed in playing and reading. The call for dinner was greeted with a shout of joy and after dinner, the whole rest house was quiet.

The next day dawn bright with no clouds but with cold breezes, we went to Kufri where we saw Yaks, Musk Deer, and some varieties of mountain goats. Next to this was the Indira holiday home. Going more on top, one can see the starting point for skiers. After this, we went to Wild flower hall where we saw the shooting of a movie "Roohie" in progress. This was followed by lunch at a golf course in Laldera. We reached the rest house at 4.00 after which we relaxed in the rest house till bed time.

5th of October dawned with clear skies and perfect weather. Everybody was feeling excited as we were to be left on our own. After breakfast, the whole hike proceeded to the Mall in their own groups. We roamed about on the ridge. Many boys went to Lakkar Bazaar which is famous for its wood items. Some boys went to the skating rink. At lunch time we ate in the town itself, choosing the best of restaurants which could match our pocket money. Before going, we had rehearsed quite well how to munch and glut Simla apples but the apples were so dear that we kept ourselves satisfied

with the advertisements on the apples found in every nook and corner. The apple juice was there but the lettuce in our pocket could not afford it. We roamed about a bit more and finally returned to the rest house.

In the evening, we had a cultural programme. Some cadets sang songs, solos as well as duets. Mr. U.N. Singh enchanted us by making a sound which resembles that of dancer's bells. Some cadets also imitated the acting of "Roohie" and it was so funny that it set us laughing enough to make our sides ache. When the cultural programme finished, we started packing everything for the day to come.

This bright but dull morning we got up and groaned. Today was doomsday and we had to get back to our Alma-mater. After having breakfast and loading the bus, we boarded it and the bus started.

After a while, the bus was very quiet. It seemed as if prisoners were being taken back to jail after the end of their parole. The rest of the time was spent in dozing or talking. We reached RIMC while preps were going on but there were no shouts of joy or ecstasy. We got down and after everything was sorted out, we went to our dormitories for a well earned rest.

To conclude, we must say that it was a well organized hike and we would love to have such hikes again and again.

ADIEU !

Yet another
Phase !
Of the eventful
Drama of life—
It's dusk again
Time for me to go,
Take leave, 'n' relax eternally
From this languid
Drill of life.
I am tired
Vexed
Of this eventful
Uneventfulness
May I leave
And rest in
PEACE !

Cadet G VIJAYA KRISHNA
Class N.D.A.

Thought for the Fortnight

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

—Robert Frost

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The calling to be a soldier! It demands decision, dedication and discipline. It is inspiring and exciting to be in the olive green and the Angola, it is greener and nobler than its counterparts. When the Mussoorie mountains do still sleep in majestic silence and the Doon Valley is clad in the winter garb the temptation is to linger on in the couch under the woollen blankets. But the call to duty and commitment to a different life style demand the cadets to kick the lethargic thoughts off with their boots and march on to the unknown experiences of the day and its tough routine. As the terminal exams are drawing nigh the cadets are working hard for the same and there is lot of determination and will to finish the unfinished task of studies.

CAMPUS NEWS

Nov. 4th, 5th

The much awaited District Athletics Competition was held on the Doon School Grounds. It was a cake walk for the disciplined youngsters of RIMC. Hard earned though, their victory in 'B' and 'C' divisions and in the traditional March Past competition proved the fact that they are made of sterner stuff. They did a splendid job in carrying off the trophies, thus holding high their traditions in athletics.

Nov. 7th

Closed holiday on account of Deepawali.

Nov. 8th

Deepawali celebrations before the Convocation Hall included refreshments and ice cream. The raffle-draw on the occasion was a great attraction. The coveted prizes were won by Kumari Sharma, Miss Takkur, Cadet R Bashayam, Maj PKK Raju, Cadet KK Agnihotri and Cadet RPM Panghal.

Oct. 12th

An entertaining English movie "Hell with the Heroes" was screened in the Convocation Hall.

THE MORNING ASSEMBLY

The two Masters who delivered their speeches during the fortnight were Mr. O.N. Chacko and Mr. C.A. Joseph. Mr. Chacko spoke on "A New Work Ethics" and Mr. Joseph spoke on "The Role of the Intellectuals in Society". The young cadets continue to enlighten the college family whenever their turn comes to do so. They shed their stage fright and learn to develop confidence and courage on the stage and they slowly but surely learn the art of public speaking from the podium of RIMC.

SPORTS ARENA

The Open Squash Tournament concluded on the 11th of Oct. In the finals Mr. R.C. Sharma beat Cadet Vivek Sood. The tournament was a well organised endeavour by Mr. R.C. Singhal and the response to the same was tremendous. As many as sixty-one entries were made and the standard of the game was very encouraging. Mrs. D.K. Chawla very graciously gave away the prizes to the winners of the finals and of semi-finals.



Inter-Section Squash Tournament was another notable event of the fortnight. It was played on 12th, 13th, 14th of October. Shivajians proved to be too good in this racquet game and they won the Squash Cup for the third successive year. Ranjit and Chandra Gupta Sections shared the second place and Pratapians finished fourth.

LAUGHTER—the best medicine

A Russian lecturer was telling Czech students in Prague about Soviet's wonderful scientific advances. "Already", he said, "We have launched two satellites. In no time at all we will be able to go to the moon. In a matter of few years we will be able to go to Mars, and then to Venus. And later on to all planets. Isn't this a wonderful thing?"

All the students nodded.

"Are there any questions?"

A student raised his hand. "Sir", he asked, "when can we go to Vienna?"

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"For ten long, lean years", the author told the producer, "I've been writing this drama, working on it till my fingers were cramped and aching, my brain and my body weary".

"Too bad", the producer murmured, "all work—and no play".

INDIAN AND ENGLISH PROVERBS

It is commonly believed in India that proverbs were invented by idiots. If this was the case, the idiots of the past must have been richly endowed with practical wisdom. Indian proverbs may not inculcate a high strain of religion and morality, but the maxims of prudence and practicability they contain exhibit a keen insight into human nature. Many of these maxims are confirmed by the proverbs of England and other nations. A Latin proverb tells us to make speed slowly and an English proverb says, "The more the haste the less the speed". An Indian equivalent says, "A hasty man returns twice before he reaches his destination", an observation of truth exemplified in everybody's experience.

An English proverb tells us to cut our coat according to our cloth; in India we are warned to stretch our feet according to our bed. The uselessness of crying over spilt milk is expressed in India by the general precept that "One should not lament over what has happened". Sometimes the Indian proverb gives the illustration and English the general precept. For instance, there is a saying that "delays are dangerous", and warns them not to put off till tomorrow what they can do today while in India, it is said by the case of a foolish man who when his house has caught fire begins to dig a well. "The folly of casting pearls before a swine" in India can be compared to placing a looking glass before a blind man or by asking "what taste has an ass for sugar". The common English proverb which says, "All that glitters is not gold" is reminded in India by saying, "everything that is white is not milk" and that "everyone who is black is not the devil's brother-in-law". The belief that, "speech is silver and silence is golden" is expressed by a Gujrati proverb saying, "The wise man speaks once, the fools at once".

The danger of "falling between two stools" is brought home to us by "the guest of two houses will be hungry" or a man we are told is a guest on the first day, on the second day he is not cared for, and if he stops on the third day he is a senseless man. Therefore from this proverb it must not be supposed that Indian hospitality is more easily exhausted than English hospitality. Sometimes the truth conveyed in India by a proverb is exemplified in England by a typical character. A gentleman gives an amusing account of a lady, who when the sea flowed into her house tried to sweep it out with a broom. The struggle of the lady and her broom against the ocean become the type of folly of using inadequate means to hinder the irresistible course of events. This is said in India by two proverbs. Firstly, "Before a gale the breeze of a fan has no effect" and the other asks "would the sea gulls support the sky if it should fall". In Charles Dickens; "Martin Chuzzlewit" an Indian woman who was the wife of Mark Tapley is supposed to say, "It is just well that my husband has been carried away by a tiger; for he is saved from much forced labour."

The more we compare the English and Indian proverbs the more we understand the opinion of the two people. There may be much difference between manners and customs and between individuals of two nations. But there is an agreement between the judgements arrived at in India and in England on matters of everyday life by the majority of the common people whose opinions have been handed down from generation to generation in the form of popular proverbs.

Cadet GS CHACKALACKAL
Class III A

उपग्रह—क्यों और कैसे ?

पिछले कुछ महीनों में अंतरिक्ष अनुसंधान सम्बन्धी कई सनसनीखेज समाचार प्रकाशित हुए। प्रश्न उठता है कि हम अरबों ₹ खर्च करके अपनी जान और माल का खतरा क्यों मोल लेते हैं ? धरती पर अभी सीधी राह चलना हम सोख नहीं पाए और चाँद और मंगल पर बसने के लिए उतावले क्यों हो रहे हैं ? अंतरिक्ष में हमने हजारों उपग्रह क्यों छोड़ रखे हैं ? क्या उपग्रह सचमुच आवश्यक हैं ?

उत्तर है—उपग्रह आवश्यक ही नहीं, मानव प्रगति के लिए अनिवार्य हैं। उपग्रहों ने एक ओर तो अंतरिक्ष के रहस्य का पर्दा उठा दिया है, तो दूसरी ओर हमें अपनी पृथ्वी के बारे में भी अद्भुत रूप से नई जानकारी दी है। ४ अक्टूबर १९५७ को छोड़े जाने वाले प्रथम स्पुटनिक से लेकर १७५ दिन तक मानव के अन्तरिक्ष में रहने के कीर्तिमान तक का इतिहास हमारी उपलब्धियों का एक अत्यन्त गौरवपूर्ण इतिहास है।

प्रथम अंतरिक्ष यात्री के लिए पोशाक (स्पेस सूट) बनाने का समय यह नहीं पता था कि यह सूट आगे चलकर असाध्य रोगियों के लिए भी जीने का सहारा बन जायगा, समुद्री काई से बनाया जाने वाला अर्मस्ट्रांग और एलड्रिन का भोजन हमारी खाद्य समस्या को हल करने में सहायक होगा।

उपग्रह हमारे लिए सचमुच एक बहुत बड़ा वरदान है। खेती, वनसम्पदा, खनिज पदार्थ इन सबके बारे में, बहुत कम समय में और बहुत कम व्यय पर सारी जानकारी प्रस्तुत करना केवल उपग्रह द्वारा ही संभव है।

जियो-बाटनी के आधार पर हम जानते हैं कि जहाँ सिलेनियम जाति का पौधा होता है उसी के पास यूरेनियम भी हो सकता है। लेकिन इस तरह के धातु सूचक पौधों को जंगल-जंगल छानकर खोज पाना अभी तक संभव न था लेकिन अब लैण्ड-सैट उपग्रह से लिए गए चित्रों के आधार पर कई स्थानों पर यूरेनियम के विशाल भंडार का पता लगा लिया गया है। इसी प्रकार अन्य खनिज पदार्थों की खोज में उपग्रह जबरदस्त मदद कर रहे हैं।

उपग्रह से प्राप्त जानकारी की सहायता से अफ्रीका के सूखा-ग्रस्त क्षेत्र में एक ऐसी नदी का पता चला है जो ऊपर से सूखी है लेकिन जिसमें भूमिगत बहुत अधिक जल है। जंगल में कहीं आग लगी है, कहीं लग सकती है, इस सबका पता उपग्रह से आसानी से लग जाता है और करोड़ों डालर्स की बचत हो जाती है।

कोयले की खान में छत गिरने या पानी भर जाने से अक्सर भयानक दुर्घटनाएँ हो जाती हैं जैसी कि कुछ वर्ष हुए चासनाला में हुई थी। लेकिन उपग्रह की सहायता से इसकी पूर्व सूचना समय रहते ही दी जा सकेगी और दुर्घटनाएँ रोकी जा सकेंगी। शीघ्र ही हमें मानसून के जन्म से लेकर अंत तक की कहानी का आँखों देख हाल पल-पल मिलता रहेगा। आंधी और तूफान की बिल्कुल सही सूचना बहुत पहले मिल जायगी। कब कितनी बर्फ पड़ेगी, कहीं कितनी बाढ़ आयेगी इस सबका सही अन्दाज़ा लग जाएगा।

संचार के साधनों में उपग्रहों ने एक क्रांति ला दी है। दूरदर्शन का क्षेत्र हजारों मील बढ़ा दिया है। एक शिक्षक उपग्रह एक समय में लगभग एक चौथाई भारतवासियों को एक साथ पढ़ा सकता है। शीघ्र ही देश के कोने-कोने में टेलिविजन प्रोग्राम देखे जा सकेंगे।

सामरिक दृष्टि से भी उपग्रहों का महत्व कम नहीं है। युद्धकाल में उपग्रह आक्रामक बन जायेंगे और शान्ति काल में जासूसी करेंगे। भारत और पाकिस्तान के युद्ध के समय, सीमा पर युद्ध की स्थिति का पता दिल्ली में बाद में चलता था और मास्को अपने उपग्रह से उसे पहले जान जाता था। इसी प्रकार अमरीकी उपग्रहों द्वारा लिए गये चित्रों में मास्को की टुकानों के साइन बोर्ड पढ़े जा सकते हैं।

अब तो उपग्रहों से इतने लाभ हो गए हैं कि अंतरिक्ष उद्योग भी एक मुनाफ़े का सौदा हो गया है। सर्वेक्षण उपग्रह लैण्ड सैट से लिए गये असंख्य चित्रों को अन्य देशों को बेचकर तथा संचार के लिए चैनेल्स को किराये पर देकर अमरीका प्रति-दिन लाखों डालर कमाता है।

मनुष्य का अंतरिक्ष ज्ञान जिस तेजी से बढ़ रहा है उससे यह कल्पना अस्वाभाविक नहीं कि वह ब्रह्मांड में कहीं न कहीं अपना बुद्धिमान साथी खोज निकालेगा और हो सकता है कि सपरिवार यात्रा करते हुए कई पीढ़ियों बाद वह उनसे जा भी मिले।

उपग्रह को अंतरिक्ष तक पहुंचाने में बहु-खंडीय राकेटों का प्रयोग किया जाता है। दीपावली पर आतशबाजी के रूप में छोड़े जाने वाले और इन सी मॉटर ऊँचे राकेटों में सैद्धान्तिक भेद अधिक नहीं है किन्तु इतने विशालकाय और बहुखंडीय

राकेट की तकनीकी कठिनाइयों का अन्दाजा इसी से लगाया जा सकता है कि एक किलोग्राम वजन ले जाने के लिए लगभग दस टन भारी राकेट की आवश्यकता होती है और ऐसे एक राकेट में केवल दो मिनट में ही इतना ईंधन चर्च हो जाता है जितनी शक्ति पिरामिड को बनाने में बीस साल में लगी थी ।

यदि राकेट द्वारा अन्तरिक्ष-यान छोड़ा जाता है तो उसकी गति २५,००० मील प्रति घण्टे से कम नहीं होनी चाहिए । इस गति को पलायन गति कहते हैं । और यदि उपग्रह छोड़ा जाता है तो उसकी गति उपग्रह की दूरी तथा परिधि के आधार पर इतनी रखी जाती है कि पृथ्वी के गुरुत्व आकर्षण और उपग्रह की गति से उत्पन्न शक्ति में सन्तुलन स्थापित हो जाय । इसी संतुलन के कारण उपग्रह पृथ्वी का चक्कर लगाता रहता है ।

उपग्रह की पृथ्वी से जितनी अधिक दूरी होगी उसे उतना ही बड़ा चक्कर लगाना पड़ेगा और उसमें उतना ही अधिक समय लगेगा । लगभग ३६,००० किलोमीटर की दूरी पर स्थित उपग्रह को पृथ्वी का चक्कर लगाने में २४ घंटे लगते हैं और यदि उपग्रह भी पृथ्वी की भांति पश्चिम से पूर्व की ओर घूम रहा होता है तो उसकी अपेक्षित गति शून्य हो जाती है और वह पृथ्वी से देखने पर रुका हुआ लगता है । ऐसे उपग्रह को भू-स्थिर उहग्रह कहते हैं । संचार साधनों के लिए ऐसे ही भू-स्थिर उपग्रह अधिक उपयोगी होते हैं ।

प्राकृतिक नियम के अनुसार उपग्रह भूमध्य-रेखा वाली परिधि सरलता से ग्रहण कर लेते हैं । इसीलिए आप मंगल, बुध, बृहस्पति आदि सभी ग्रहों को आकाश मध्यीय रेखा के आस-पास ही घूमता हुआ देखते हैं । किन्तु ऐसे उपग्रह बहुत सीमित क्षेत्र का ही सर्वेक्षण कर पाते हैं । ध्रुव तथा उसके निकट के प्रदेश तो बिल्कुल छूट ही जाते हैं । पूर्ण सर्वेक्षण के लिए ध्रुवगामी उपग्रह अधिक उपयोगी होते हैं । ऐसे प्रत्येक उपग्रह से पृथ्वी की एक-२ इंच भूमि का सर्वेक्षण केवल १८ दिनों में पूर्ण हो जाता है ।

उपग्रह चाहे आकाश मध्यीय परिधि वाला हो, चाहे ध्रुवगामी अथवा भू-स्थिर, सबका अपना महत्व और अपना-२ उपयोग है ।

भारत को भी अपने अंतरिक्ष अभियान में महत्वपूर्ण सफलता मिल चुकी है । रोहिणी उपग्रह ने भारत को संसार के उन छः भाग्यशाली देशों में स्थान दे दिया है जिनके इशारे पर कृत्रिम चन्द्र पृथ्वी के चारों ओर घूमते रहते हैं ।

लेखक—कौशल कुमार

Thought for the Fortnight

*“So walk ye to leave foot prints on the
Sands of Time, for a stream of men follow thee here after”*

—Unknown

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FAREWELL

We bid farewell to Lt Col DK Chawla, our Commandant for the last two and a half years. Col Chawla is being promoted to the rank of a full Colonel and is posted to IMA, Dehra Dun. He will be holding the post of the Head of the Academics Department. We join in his proud moments of joy and congratulate him on his promotion.

While we place on record our deep appreciation of the services rendered by Col Chawla we remind ourselves that he will be missed so much by us, Cadets and members of Staff alike. Col Chawla will be remembered for his exceptional blend of human qualities which he profusely administered during his tenure at RIMC. We, his colleagues and Cadets have had many occasions to come to know of his sterling qualities as a great officer and as a man. His administrative skills and talents, his sportive spirit, his sense of humour and the spirit of understanding of people and situations made him win the esteem, respect, and love from one and all at RIMC. His colleagues and Cadets enjoyed his patronage and guidance in every sphere of college activity. He will be remembered for all he has done for the college and its well being during his tenure as Commandant. It was Col Chawla who introduced the game 'Mugger' in RIMC and we are thankful to him for the brotherhood it fostered as it was continually being played on every Thursday by members of the Staff and Cadets.

We, who so richly enjoyed the patronage and pleasure of his able administration place on record our deep gratitude to Col Chawla and wish him best in his service career. We know that he has many more steps to climb on the service ladder and we wish him the best of luck and health as he leaves behind us and the college which he served so loyally and faithfully to the best of his abilities and powers vested in him. We have a bunch of memories to keep about the good time we spent together, he as the head of this large family and we as members of it. Our prayers and best wishes follow him and his family now and always.

NEWS REEL

17th November

In his speech Captain BN Das outlined 'Leadership qualities' of an officer. The Commandant elaborated on Captain Das's speech and the Rimcols lent a patient hearing to the wisdom of the age.

18th November

'Dostana', a Hindi movie, was witnessed by the College. The jam packed three ton bore ample evidence for the 'Dostana' of the Rimcols.

19th November

A quiet holiday—Moharram in RIMC.

20th November

An exhibition Mugger Match was held. Brig YN Sharma, Deputy Commandant IMA witnessed the game.

21st November

"Prisoners of War" was screened for the future officers at RIMC. It added colour to their imagination about POW'S



23rd November

The Commandant designate arrived. He was received by the AO Maj PKK Raju.

24th November

Morning Assembly was full of the air of expectancy. The gazing eyes of the Cadets were fixed at a point on the platform—Lt Col KN Sardana, the Commandant designate.

Lt Col Chawla formally introduced the VIP to the Cadets and members of the Staff. The Commandant designate briefly expressed his gratitude for the words of welcome. He said, he hoped to improve on the existing glory of the college.

25th November

The finals of the Tennis tournament was an attraction for all. Cadet HS Gosal and Dr Jagat Singh emerged as the 'Lucky Double', while Cadet S Vats and Cadet S Khatri annexed the prize in 'B' Section. Col Chawla, was presented a memento from the Tennis Club.

27th November

A farewell Mugging Match was arranged. These were exciting encounters between members of the Staff and Cadets. The following were adjudged as outstanding Mugging players. Mr. R.C. Sharma, Mr. M. Sammadar, Mr. U.N. Singh, Maj PKK Raju, Hav US Rawat, Cadet RPM Panghal, Cadet PK Mitra and Cadet Atul Rawat. Col Chawla was given a memento and he expressed his thanks for the same. He also gave away a trophy to Cadet Adjutant Mitra to be used as the rolling trophy for Inter Section Mugging Matches.

A farewell dinner was arranged in the Cadets Mess. Col Chawla's services to the College were recalled on the occasion by Cadet Adjutant PK Mitra. Col Chawla thanked the Cadets and Staff for the whole-hearted co-operation and expressed his best wishes for the College and the Cadets.

28th November

In a simple leave taking ceremony Col Chawla, accompanied by his wife and daughter, shook hands with the Cadets, Staff members and Class III and class IV employees of the College.

1st December

Last working day of the term.

The HSC Examinations have started. Terminal Examinations begin from 2nd December.

The examination fever is all over. But the excitement over going home prevails over it. The countdown has already started.

On 10th December after the morning assembly they bring the curtain down marking the end of another eventful session. The NDA Examinations begin on 28th December. Those who stay behind will weather the cold and winter in order to get transformed and re-incarnated in the NDA world. Our best wishes to those Senior Cadets who make the future, that is yet to be.

PARTING THOUGHTS

It has been a great obsession with me now. More so because I am stepping out of its corridors of excellence and glory. My manhood took its birth in its inner chambers, my boyhood melted away within its premises. The oaks, pines and eucalyptus, the mango and leechy trees will bear me out when I speak in such vein. I can vividly recall the long Spartan road I have travelled and the race I have finished during five long winters along with the length of five long summers. It wasn't easy at all but an agonising and lingering ordeal of five years. But it had its healthy and fat compensations to give. I am so thankful. Contentments' cup runneth over and surely. I shall grow more in my devotion to and remembrance of my Alma Mater. RIMC is no romantic illusion for me, for I have been through its alley and street. It is no myth I may demolish some day, but a growing, enduring and beautiful experience of five long years. It made me a man, a scholar and a leader. The hard routine, the endless activities, its varied life style, the hardening games and sports, its healthy and strong attitude to life, its refined and sophisticated air, its beautiful premises, its majestic and royal set up, its glorious past and its excellent present and its beckoning future, made me one of those of the 'Brave New World'. Excellence is its slogan, the best its motto. It is no small experience to inherit all those and much more from a sacred shrine which opens its door only to a selected few.

Streams of men, brave and valiant, have made it what it is today, and me and my comrades share its glory. But I remind myself that I have tread on holy grounds and my life has been transformed and a new generation of a selected band will carry on the torch of Calour, excellence and greatness. One must be more than satisfied with such thoughts. So let me pass by dear College! With folded hands let me depart to the untravelled strands of time where you will continue to shed your beams of light and glory.

Adieu; Adieu!

—CADET ADJUDANT PK MITRA
Passing Out Cadet

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ITS HISTORY

English is undoubtedly the most important of the world's language at the present time. In number of speakers, it ranks second with approximately 275 million native speakers, compared with 610 million native speakers. Spanish comes next with 210 millions, followed by Russian with 140 million and Hindi, Urdu and Arabic with 130 million each. However, importance is not measured only by numbers. The uses to which a language is put and the extent of its international exposures are at least as important as the sheer bulk of native speakers. The worldwide use of English in diplomacy, science and commerce is evidence of its importance in this regard, and serves to explain why many millions around the world find it desirable and sometimes necessary to learn it as a second language.

English is more richer in vocabulary, more flexible in grammar and more expressive than other languages and these qualities, are the results, not the causes, of its importance in the world. Since the 18th century onwards, speakers at first from the British Isles and later from America and the dominions have played a dominant role in colonial expansion, industrial and technological development, and in world politics too. The position of English in the world is the direct result of the history of those who speak it.

English language is a unique human possession, at least in the little corner of the universe. In the first place, English language is very adaptable and versable. Its fluctuation is shown by the fact that all kinds of people, from scholars and mystics to labourers and mechanics can make use of English to carry on their work, their social life, their thoughts and their recreations.

A language is adjusted by long use to the particular needs and the society who uses them. When these needs change the language also changes. That is why, it is in 1500 years—a relatively short time in human history, English has changed from the language of a rough, warlike, rather savage, tribal society like that of the Anglo-Saxons to the typical language of the most complicated technological civilisation yet developed on earth. English language has always been easily adjusted to meet the new needs put upon it by a new religion, a new social system, an age of worldwide exploration, conquest and colonization and a series of political, agricultural, industrial, scientific, technological and electronic revolutions.

Just as new words keep coming in the language, so do old ones keep going out of use and eventually out of memory. The usual reason is that the things they refer to are no longer talked about; the generation born since World War II does not know words like STUKA and PANZER, which refer to modes of warfare that are no longer employed.

When the history of English is traced, there have been a good many changes in the grammar of English, but they have occurred very slowly and gradually over a long period of time.

In the end, I would like to conclude that English has been traced up to its 1500 year history. This is as far as we can go. Tens, perhaps hundreds, of thousands of years of the English history are not retrievable and lost in the mist of time.

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